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ADMINISTRATION

School Secretaries: Mrs W. Head, Mrs M. Maxfield
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RESIDENT STAFF

Lady Wardens: Mrs E. Weiersbye, Mrs J. Flattery
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Line Hall: Mrs A. Nielsen

Sick Bay: Sister M. Greene

Housekeeper: Mrs P. Nkomo
Laundry Supervisor: Mrs P. Rajbally

Estate Manager: Mr A. Schutze
Handyman: Mr T. Gengan

Caterers: Contract Caterers
Kitchen Manageress: Mrs C. Lamprecht



RESIDENT STAFF

Back Row: Mrs D. Allen, Mrs A. Nielsen, Mrs H. Venter
Front Row: Mrs Y. Cawood, Mrs J. Flattery, Mrs N. Tayler.



BUSINESS MANAGER: Christopher Catchpole

In December 1984 Christopher Catchpole took up the post of Business Manager at Girls' Collegiate School.

He was educated at Cowan House and Michaelhouse and subsequently acquired a Certificate in the Theory of Accountancy from the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg). Having served his articles with a local firm, he was employed by that firm, and later became Financial Director of Barras Construction. It was while working for Barras Construction that his interest in and involvement with computers began. The following year saw him working for Borroughs, the international computer company.

Finance and computers — metal and machines — do not, however, constitute the whole man. Christopher Catchpole also has interests in the soil. He has a small holding at Richmond which is currently being developed for citrus.

As relations of his (a sister-in-law, Valerie Bastard, and a cousin, Sally Fletcher) have attended Collegiate, Christopher Catchpole is not entirely a stranger to the school.

He is married and has two small daughters, Amy and Sarah.

M. Lovell



SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS 1985

PREFECTS

Head Girl: Luanne Grobler
Vice-Head Girls: Kim Sykes, Nicola Winter
Prefects: Lindsay Ayerst
 Elizabeth Bateman
 Patricia Desselss
 Elizabeth Hammond
 Rowena Bett McKenzie
 Sheryl Ogilvie
 Janet Robinson
 Claire Stott
 Nicole Trope

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Bedford : Nicola Winter
Girton : Janet Robinson
Somerville : Elizabeth Bateman

GAMES CAPTAINS

Tennis : Claire Stott
Swimming : Luanne Grobler
Hockey : Elizabeth Bateman
Diving : Kim Webb
Squash : Lindsay Ayerst
Gymnastics : Lisa Nel

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

Dani Cohen
 Charlotte James
 Cathy Gillatt
 Sherran Cooper
 Keri Duys



THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

Mrs A.C. Irvine, Miss B. Addison, Miss V.O. Bindon, Mrs W. Norman-Smith.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Janet Robinson (Girton), Elizabeth Bateman (Somerville), Nicola Winter (Bedford).



PREFECTS 1985

Back Row: Elizabeth Bateman, Janet Robinson, Miss V. Bindon, Patricia Desselss, Elizabeth Hammond
Kneeling: Nicole Trope, Lindsay Ayerst
Sitting: Rowena Bett McKenzie, Sheryl Ogilvie, Nicola Winter, Luanne Grobler (Head Girl), Kim Sykes
Absent: Claire Stott.



RESOURCE CENTRE

*Standing: K. Duys, K. Crowe, L. Muraro, B. Crowe, R. Whittle, S. Cooper, A. Hallé, P. Moor, J. Ente, K. Tack, G. Adams, P. Hanekom, S. Harrison, M. Rudden, C. James, C. Gillatt, D. Cohen.
Seated: Mrs D. Proctor, Mrs J. Watt, Miss Ajodhia, Mrs C. Poole.*

FORM CAPTAINS

First Term

VI A Gail Adams
VI B L. Coughlan
V A L. Welter
V B L. Bouman
IV A R. Brand
IV B S. Oliver
IV C C. James
III A C. Campbell
III B K. Cohen
III C L. Dickson
II A K. Hein
II B J. Orsmond

Second Term

Robyn Stevens
Nicky Armstrong
Alison Quayle
Sherran Cooper
Lesley Adrain
Jean Ralfe
Debbie Sykes
Nadira Jasat
Pippa Cox
Rozanne Edwards
Marion Adrain
Karen Saunderson

Third Term

Kate Oliver
Kim Webb
Sue Howden
Karla Hawkins
Sarah Crowe
Bronwen Pratt
Michelle Prentice
Agnes Msomi
Natalie Buley
Eleanor Fiske
Debbie Philpott
Debbie Pickering

Fourth Term

Emma Kudernatsch
Lesley Badcock
Belinda Crowe
Debbie Stainbank
Lyndsay Ross
Nicola Fynn
Julia Ing
Liesel Hamilton-Brown
Debbie Stranack
Wendy Prosser
Jean Redpath
Robyn Chapman

EXAMINATION RESULTS

NATAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION 1985

Matriculation Exemption Passes

"A Aggregates"

Hammond, Elizabeth (English, Geography)
McKenzie, Rowena Bett (Afrikaans, Mathematics, Biology)
Sharratt, Norma (Afrikaans, Biology, History)
Sykes, Kim (Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology, History, Supplementary Maths)

Pass

Adams, Gail (Mathematics)
Armstrong, Nicola
Arnoldi, Susan (Housecraft)
Ayerst, Lindsay (English)
Bateman, Elizabeth
Coughlan, Lore
Crowe, Caroline
Edwards, Janice
Foliadis, Marianne
Fraser, Tania
Grobler, Luanne (History)
Kaufmann, Tracy

Kudernatsch, Emma
Machado, Gladis
Ogilvie, Sheryl (Afrikaans)
Oliver, Katherine
Platt, Wendy
Robinson, Janet
Rowell, Fiona
Sharp, Olwen (Housecraft)
Stevens, Robyn
Stott, Claire
Tarboton, Liesl
Tilbury, Nicola
Trope, Nicole
Winter, Nicola

Natal Senior Certificate

Desselss, Patricia
Dobeyn, Caryn
Loffler, Trevlyn
Richardson, Lucy
Webb, Kim

RESULTS OF THE 1985 AFRIKAANSE TAALEKSAMENS

VOORBEREIDENDE TAALEKSAMEN

Hoër Graad:

Carmen Castle	Kim Hawke
Leigh Dickson	Soraya Jasat
Eleanor Fiske	Susan Oliver
Samantha Green	Justine Piovesan
Liesel Hamilton Brown	Michelle Steyn

Gewone Graad:

Lisa Beal	Nadira Jasat
Carol Billson	Kim Larkan
Lisa Bouman	Leanne McDonald
Natalie Buley	Susan Mitchell
Kerry Butt	Catherine Moore
Janet Colepepper	Mellany Morkel
Phillippa Cox	Agnes Msomi
Sarah Crowe	Trevlynne Newlands
Patricia Durow	Renate Paetzold
Rosanne Edwards	Wendy Prosser
Lara Eckstein	Lee-Ann Rodwell
Elizabeth Farren	Kerry Rogers
Ailsa Fleming	Debbie Stevens
Nicola Fynn	Belinda Te-Riele
Amelia Gabbiani	Robyn Webb
Theresa Gilson	Catherine Withers
Donna Harley	

LAER TAALEKSAMEN

Hoër Graad:

Hannah Merckel	Debra Stranack
Donna-Joy Nalson	Kim Sykes
Jean Ralfe	

Gewone Graad:

Alice Andersson	Lea-Anne Hooey
Samantha Aucock	Lisa Hudson
Wendy Bruce	Tanya Jacobs
Kirsten Cohen	Roslyne Kearney
Katherine Cohen	Bronwen Pratt
Melissa Edgar	Cherilynn Sutherland
Shane Harrison	Kelly Tack
Tracy-Lon Haumann	Jody van der Post
Karla Hawkins	Robyn Whitaker

HOËR TAALEKSAMEN

Hoër Graad:

Karen Duys	Rowena McKenzie
Angela Halle	Janet Robinson
Elizabeth Hammond	Norma Sharratt
Martha Hanekom	Claire Victoria Sutcliffe
Emma Kudernatsch	Tanya Wootton

Gewone Graad:

Lesley Adrain	Pamela Moor
Lindsay Ayerst	Joanne Poole
Rosemary Brand	Lindsay Poole
Danielle Cohen	Jill Powell
Tanya Cohen	Lyndsay Ross
Sherran Cooper	Mary Rudden
Caroline Crowe	Robyn Stevens
Patricia Desselss	Lynda Stott
Katherine Farren	Liesel Tarboton
Marianne Foliadis	Susan Tasker
Catherine Gillatt	Vanessa Watkin
Nicola Hall-Jones	Liselotte Welter
Catherine Hanekom	Roshane Whittle
Charlotte James	

RESULTS OF THE 1984 AFRIKAANSE TAALEKSAMEN

VOORBEREIDENDE AFRIKAANSE TALEKSAMEN

Passed on the Standard Grade:

Nicola Armstrong	Lucinda Richardson
Samantha Aucock	Cherilynn Sutherland
Katherine Crowe	Kelly Tack
Tracy Kaufmann	Jody van der Post
Lynn Muraro	

Passed on the Higher Grade:

Alice Andersson	Lisa Hudson
Wendy Bruce	Donna Nalson
Loré Couchlan	Brown Pratt
Karen Dunn	Jean Ralfe (distinction)
Shane Harrison	Kim Sykes
Karla Hawkins	Nicole Trope
Lea-Anne Hooley	

LAER AFRIKAANSE TAALEKSAMEN

Passed on the Standard Grade:

Susan Arnoldi	Nicola Hall-Jones
Belinda Crowe	Trevlynne Löffler
Prudence Fieldgate	Pamela Moor

Passed on the Higher Grade:

Lesley Adrain (distinction)	Catherine Hanekom
Rosemary Brand	Joanne Poole
Tanya Cohen	Jill Powell
Sherran Cooper	Lyndsay Ross
Caroline Crowe	Robyn Stevens (distinction)
Patricia Desselss	Lynda Stott
Katherine Farren (distinction)	Vanessa Watkin
Catherine Gillatt	Roshane Whittle
Angela Halle	Tanya Wootton (distinction)

HOËR AFRIKAANSE TAALEKSAMEN

Passed on Standard Grade:

Lindsay Ayerst	Deanne Human
Michele Aucock	Charlotte James
Elizabeth Bateman	Chonell Kinnear
Susan Brooker	Emma Kudernatsch
Mary-Jane Canham	Rowena McKenzie
Danielle Cohen	Sheryl Ogilvie
Denise Cowan	Fiona Rowsell
Karen Duys	Mary-Louise Rudden
Susan Ebbeling	Beverly Shire
Marianne Foliadis	Claire Stott
Karen Gilson	Victoria Sutcliffe
Sharon Glutz	Susan Tasker
Elizabeth Hammond	Liselotte Welter
Julia Herbert	

Passed on the Higher Grade:

Luanne Grobler	Norma Sharratt
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GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Clock for the Library Lionel Blomeyer
Books Donated to the Library .. Mr and Mrs R. Gilfillan
Mrs K. Landon

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF MAGAZINES FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

Inanda Seminary	Girls' High School, PMB
Girls' High School, DBN	St. Anne's
Carter High School	Durban Girls' College
St John's	Voortrekker High School
St Mary', Kloof	Treverton College
Cordwalles Prep School	Hilton College
Russell High School	Epworth School
Wykeham School	

Sixth Form Quotes from "Macbeth"

Adams, Gail	"To make thee full of growing"
Armstrong, Nicky	"Now I am cabined, cribbed, confined"
Arnoldi, Sue	"Your patience is so pre-dominant in your nature"
Ayerst, Lindsay	"Alack, I'm afraid they have awaked"
Bateman, Lulubet	"Under him my genius is rebuked"
Bett McKenzie, Rowena	"I thank you, doctor"
Coughlan, Lore	"She sleeps well"
Crowe, Caroline	"If we should fail?"
Desselss, Pat	"In the great hand of God I stand"
Dobeyn, Caryn	"We love him highly"
Edwards, Janice	"I do forget"
Foliadis, Marianne	"The most diminutive of birds"
Fraser, Tania	"Let us speak or free hearts to each other"
Grobler, Lulu	"Hath borne her faculties so meek, hath been so clear in her great office"
Hammond, Elizabeth	"Thou speakest with all thy wit"
Kaufmann, Tracy	"Those linen cheeks of thine"
Kudernatsch, Emma	"We reckon with your several loves"
Löffler, Trevlyn	"Let me enfold thee and hold thee to my heart"
Machado, Gladis	"Poor prattler, how thou talk'st!"
Ogilvie, Sheryl	"Full of the milk of human kindness"
Oliver, Kate	"The natural ruby of your cheeks"
Platt, Wendy	"Double, double, toil and trouble"
Richards, Lucy	"Be bright and jovial"
Robinson, Janet	"Throw physic to the dogs, I'll non of it"
Rowsell, Fiona	"How now, what news?"
Sharp, Olwen	"A weak, poor innocent lamb"
Sharratt, Norma	"We rest your hermits" and "Why are you so silent?"
Stevens, Robyn	"Worth all the rest"
Stott, Claire	"Out, damned spot! Out I say!"
Sykes, Kim	"Say from whence you owe this strange intelligence"
Tarboton, Liesl	"Be innocent of the knowledge"

Tilbury, Nicky

"Do mock their charge with
snores"

Trope, Nicci

"On whom I built on absolute
trust"

Webb, Kim

"Be large in mirth, anon we'll
drink"

Winter, Nicky
Babcock, Leslie
Miss Bindon

"We delight in physics"
"Why do you make such faces?"
"Give me my staff"

Staff Room
Atmosphere

Matrics

Matric Results

"Hover through the fog and
filthy air"

"What are these so withered,
and so wild in their attire?"

"Such welcome and unwelcome
things at once"

"It is concluded"



SIXTH FORM 1985

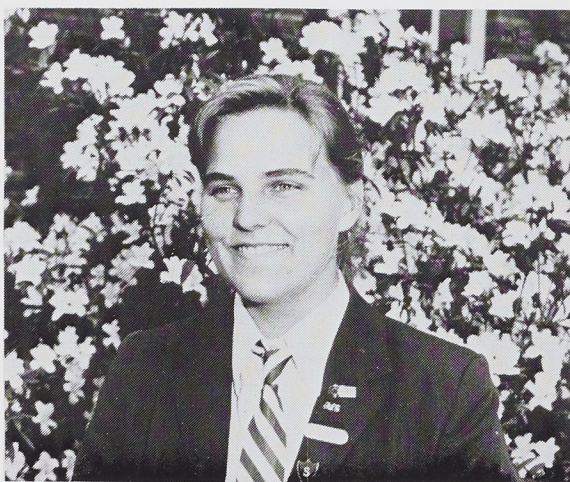
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Third Row: N. Winter, L. Coughlan, R. Bett-McKenzie, P. Desselss, J. Robinson, L. Babcock, C. Dobeyn, N. Tilbury, L. Tarboton, S. Arnoldi

Second Row: N. Sharratt, L. Ayerst, E. Kudernatsch, E. Hammond, Mrs D. Dickson, Miss B. Addison, N. Trope, G. Machado, K. Sykes, E. Bateman

Front Row: M. Foliadis, S. Ogilvie, G. Adams, W. Platt, L. Grobler, K. Webb, K. Oliver, O. Sharp

Absent: C. Stott.



A.F.S. Scholar: Leslie Babcock

Being at Collegiate

I have a vague memory of my first days at Collegiate. I'd arrived in South Africa only a few days before so when school began everything went by in a blue haze of new faces and feelings.

I do remember though, going with my host Mother to meet Miss Bindon and get fitted out in uniform from the Swoop Shop. I saw boarders in white dresses, brown blazers and brown little-girl shoes. Was this my fate? The formal atmosphere frightened me and, to my American ears, the accent sounded English.

On the first morning of school I waited until the very last minute before putting on my Sprig and shoes. Feeling very strange, I would have laughed if anyone told me I would actually LIKE my schooldress. Keri, my host sister, took me to my classroom and introduced me. I was in shock! I made it through the first day, because everyone was nice and friendly — although I had trouble understanding them.

And so the year progressed with its ups and downs, with certain events remaining in my mind. I remember very clearly the trip with the Art girls to the Indian Market in Durban — smelling smells and seeing sights very new to me. That afternoon, coming home on the minibus — a vehicle I would become quite accustomed to — I felt happy with my new friends and my new life for the year.

My first Social was an interesting experience. Was this REALLY my class in their neon skirts and outsize shirts. I'd heard that teen fashion was the same world wide, but I did feel a bit out of place!

By the time the Berg Weekend came about, I could at last understand the accent. And the Matric Dance was definitely a big deal — but I think the planning and chatting beforehand was more memorable than the actual event!

There were of course, not-so-nice times too. Sometimes I would feel totally foreign and just like the cheeky American from the movies. Maybe I was too casual with the "higher authorities" and said words I shouldn't have, in conspicuous places — but they aren't so bad in ole Colorado! The bad things cease to matter though, I've got used to this place, to the stand-up, sit-down of prayers, the uniform, or just being that "rebellious Yankee!"

Things I really loved about school were — the chatter in the common room at tea break, singing in the choir, my Junior School Afrikaans lessons, coffee and tea in the dorms on winter afternoons, forever trying to catch a tan during tea breaks, planning the Somerville Green Peas for the Inter-House gala, Hilton/Michaelhouse Rugby matches and so much more. I owe so much to the school. My School. So many people helped me to do and learn so much. But the most important thing is the sharing. That's what it's all about.

Leslie Babcock
A.F.S. Student

OBITUARIES

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MRS MARGARET BAKER

We have met here this morning to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs Margaret Baker in this short and simple service.

The Chapel was very close to Mrs Baker's heart and it is fitting that this is the first public service to be held in the Chapel.

Margaret Baker (nee McDonald) was born in Bulawayo on 13 May 1912. Her parents moved to the Free State where Mrs Baker spent most of her childhood. She attended Eunice School in Bloemfontein and later the Huguenot University College in Cape Town, where she studied Home Economics before teaching for four years at an African training college in Transkei. Here she was the only White woman teacher and was impressed by the dedicated attitude of the students to their work.

She spent three years at the Indian Grils' High School in Pietermaritzburg and this was followed by a period at Voortrekker High School. She returned to Johannesburg to do her teacher's diploma in Home Economics at the Teacher's Training School. While lecturing there in 1948



she heard that there was a vacancy at Girls' Collegiate. She joined the staff in 1949, and so began a commitment at Collegiate, a commitment which was characterised by loyalty to four successive Lady Principals, and devotion to her subject and the pupils who came under her tuition. She was married to Royal Navy Stoker Petty Officer Bill Baker who had a distinguished war service. She was a proud and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

In 1983 she and Mr Baker celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and Dorothy Clarkson and I were privileged to be present at this happy celebration.

When a decision was taken to close Collegiate in 1961, Margaret Baker was among those who campaigned for it to remain open.

In her own words: "I happened to hear that it had been brought up at a Board meeting that for various economic reasons, the school would have to close. I had always been told not to eavesdrop on other people's conversations, but I could not disregard this piece of news."

She was determined not to allow the school to close. In her own words: "This seemed an impossible decision to have to take" and so Phyllis Liggett, Doreen Owendale and Mrs Baker persuaded the President of the Old Girls' Guild to lend her authority to their cause and together they went to see Mrs Russell, a former Lady Principal, to seek her support and sympathetic intervention with the Board. The decision was eventually rescinded. Mrs Baker was very much involved with the move from Burger Street to the new building in Clarendon and her loyalty to the school ensured that its traditions were carried on.

Mrs Baker always regarded herself as privileged to have been able to work with young people all her life and to watch changes in young people over the years.

From her Scottish parents she imbibed two valuable qualities — a sense of duty and a sense of responsibility. For her, work and her commitment to Collegiate always held priority. Her work was her hobby and she always enjoyed it.

Dressmaking and Food Science were Mrs Baker's particular interests and she firmly believed that her subject, Housecraft, offered something for everyone. A much loved annual event was the modelling of garments

made by her pupils. Anyone who came into contact with Mrs Baker was aware of her love for her subject, understanding of the concern for young people, her sense of humour, and her compassion.

Another annual event was the time set aside for the making and icing of Christmas Cakes for the whole of Form V. As these classes were not very big, she allowed all to participate. Every year her decision was "Never again! Can't stand this mess!" but the custom continued until it gave way to the Dress Parade.

Over the years she taught 19 daughters of her former pupils, and she remembered all of them.

An honorary Life Member of the Old Girls' Guild she gave generously of her time and energy to her task as liaison between School and Old Girls.

Mrs Baker's dedication and concern for Bedford House was very real and deep.

Mrs Baker was Collegiate. She set an example to one and all with her sense of dedication for the task in hand and complete self-giving to help all those with whom she came into contact. Collegiate was incredibly fortunate to have had someone of her calibre on the staff for so many years.

Tradition in the old school was for the unsuspecting leaving staff to go onto the platform after prayers for the Head Girl to say "Goodbye" on behalf of the school. Once Mrs Baker remarked to Miss Williams that this would probably prevent her from ever leaving as she would not have the courage to go through that ordeal.

In conclusion, I should like to quote from a letter I received from an Old Girl in 1982. This letter sums it all up:

"Under the totally invincible team made up of Miss Williams and Mrs Baker, I received a training in character, duty, standards, dignity and self-discipline and the general creation of "steel in the backbone" that has not merely served me unfailingly since then, but has made me somewhat condescendingly sympathetic to those who have had to muddle through life without the benefit of any of it.

I was taught by her from Class Four onward. Her classes were my haven. Strict, tough, totally consistent — these were qualities I valued enormously but her awareness and unexpected humour, I treasured.

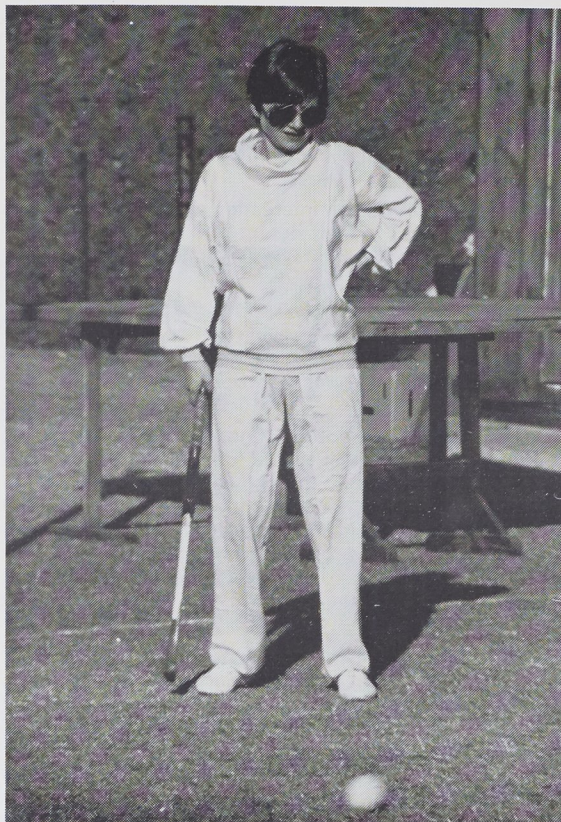
I am well aware she held many of my contemporaries in a thrall close to terror. Quite right and proper — she would brook not the slightest bending of discipline or standards. But in the five years I spent under her thumb, I never entered one of her classes without a combined sense of joy and challenge.

I think that despite all the enormously valuable things I gained from knowing her — the greatest tribute I can pay her is that my joy and pleasure and pride in knowing her is no mere adult hindsight — I looked forward to and enjoyed every class at the time.

I feel so enormously privileged to have known Mrs Baker. Whatever I may have gained from her classes was almost an incidental benefit. What she instilled into my recalcitrant backbone was everything Collegiate stood for — as a result I have very few days without a special reason to be grateful to her."

25 July 1985

V.O. Bindon



Georgie Heaton-Nicholls as we will remember her.

MISS GEORGIE HEATON-NICHOLLS

A loyal and caring friend, Georgie was deeply concerned about the well-being of others. She cared about **people**, not only those she knew personally but also those who were less fortunate than herself, especially the poor and unemployed. A reader, a historian and a lover of justice, she could not help but show her care and deep concern at the injustices which surround us all. She was a vociferous critic of South African political life and was prepared to defend her position at any time and any place, even when the rest of the world considered a polite silence would have been more comfortable or appropriate.

Georgie's family was very important to her and she had a very close relationship with her parents, her brother and her sister.

She travelled widely, delighted in words, loved to know things and loved to learn. She was witty in conversation and had a retentive memory in which was held all manner of interesting and amusing facts and anecdotes covering a variety of subjects. All this, together with a keen sense of humour, made her one of the most interesting people to talk to. She loved discussion and argument.

Georgie was an enthusiastic and skilled crossword puzzle fanatic.

The things that mattered to her were the important things: people, morality, kindness, goodness. She made it very clear that unimportant things like material possessions, red tape, keeping up appearances did not enter into her scheme of things at all.

At the heart of her teaching was her care for the girls she taught, and her concern for their personal development and well being. It was important to her that girls should not be narrow thinkers. But should be trained to think about wider issues beyond the syllabus and the textbook. Herself a great reader and thinker, she wanted to inspire the same qualities in her pupils.

Despite her illnesses, she maintained a cheerful disposition. She was a most tender hearted, compassionate person with a love for little creatures and animals, notably her little dog Jemima.

A tiny person, there was nothing small or mean about her. It was the largeness of her heart and mind which impressed those who knew and loved her. To her friends Georgie was always just Georgie — she was unpretentious, kind, totally without malice and totally honest in all her relationships with people. She was above all, herself.

Memorial Service, Thursday 3 October 1985.

V.O. Bindon

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Awards

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NATAL

N. Tilbury	1st Prize
F. Rowsell	1st Prize
S. Arnoldi	2nd Prize
P. Desselss	3rd Prize

TENNIS

Badges: Katherine Crowe, Vanessa Watkin, Rosemary Brand, Pippa Cox

SWIMMING

Certificates: Keryn Henwood, Jean Redpath, Tammy Cohen, Mandy Kauffman, Rosanne Edwards

Badges: Tanya Fraser, Sherran Cooper, Joanne Poole, Ailsa Flemming

Colours: Marcelle Kinnear, Kim Sykes

Colours (re-award): Luanne Grobler

HOCKEY

Honours (re-award): Elizabeth Bateman

Colours: Katherine Crowe, Sarah Crowe

Badges: Janet Robinson, Rosemary Brand, Susan Oliver, Kelly Hein

SQUASH

Colours: Lindsay Ayerst

Badges: Kelly Hein, Cathy Dukes

MUSIC

Colours: Rowena Bett-McKenzie

CHESS

Colours: Victoria Sutcliffe

Badges: Susan Tasker, Pamela Moor, Eliana Gilfillan, Hannah Merckel

DEBATING

Badges: Elizabeth Hammond, Lindsay Ayerst

AWARDS: FINAL ASSEMBLY 1985

DRAMA

Badge: Danielle Cohen

Colours (re-award): Karen Duys

MATHSKILL CERTIFICATES

Silver: Nicola Perkins

Bronze: Joneta Edwards, Victoria Chapman, Lisa Steinberg

TENNIS

Open Champion and U14 Champion: Pippa Cox

Form VA Champion: Vicky Sutcliffe

Form VB Champion: Kathy Crowe

Form IVA Champion: Rosie Brand

Form IVB Champion: Terri Gilson

Form IVC Champion: Leanne Robertson

Form IIIA Champion: Cathy Withers

Form IIIB Champion: Pippa Cox

Form IIIC Champion: Michele Steyn

Form IIA Champion: Lezill Millican

Form IIB Champion: Debbie Pickering

Most Improved Player

(Certificate and Cup): Maureen Rock

LIBRARIANSHIP

Certificates and Badges: Danielle Cohen, Sherran Cooper, Keri Duys, Julia Ente, Angela Halle, Kelly Tack, Roshanne Whittle

HOCKEY AWARDS

Most Improved Hockey Player (Cup): Kathy Crowe

Junior Hockey Honours (Certificate): Deborah Edwards

"SUPERSPORTSGIRL" COMPETITION

Fitness: Pippa Cox

Games and Ball Skills: Lyall Cooper

Swimming: Keryn Henwood

Supersportsgirl of the Year (Cup): Sue Tasker

MUSIC

Royal Schools

GRADE III Jennifer Gould, Helen Templeton

GRADE V Janet Colepepper

Trinity College

GRADE VI Cathy Moore

Theory Examination Results

GRADE VI Lesley Adrain

GRADE V Belinda Crowe, Vanessa Watkin

GRADE IV Catherine Moore, Helen Templeton

GRADE II Deborah Philpott, Tracy-Lon Haumann

ACADEMIC HONOURS CERTIFICATES: NOVEMBER 1985

Form I: Victoria Chapman, Nicola Perkins, Jillian Slabbert

Form II: Marion Adrain, Diana Brown, Leanne Drummond, Peta Marit Dunn, Kelly Hein, Karen Howard, Philippa Poole, Jean Redpath

Form III: Kirsten Cohen, Roslynne Kearney, Hannah Merckel, Debra Stranack

Form IV: Tanya Wootton

ACADEMIC MERIT CERTIFICATES

Form I (Academic Progress): Karen Moller, Michelle Rottcher, Khanyisile Dhlomo, Deborah Edwards
Form II: Brigid Letty, Jacqui Wootton
Form III: Eleanor Fiske, Donna Harley, Tracy-Lon Haumann, Justine Piovesan
Form IV: Lesley Adrain, Rosemary Brand, Wendy Bruce, Tanya Cohen, Katherine Farren, Lindsay Poole, Lindsay Ross
Form V: Karen Duys, Victoria Sutcliffe

LIFESAVING AWARDS

Bronze Cross

Luanne Grobler (86%)	Nicola Armstrong
Tania Fraser	Deborah Stainbank

Bronze Medallion

Rosanne Edwards (81%)	Catherine Hanekom
Joanne Poole (83%)	Jane von Kauffman
Kim Sykes (80%)	Judy Thompson
Marcelle Kinnear	Jean Ralfe
Angela Hallé	Susan Oliver
Shane Harrison	Lesley Adrain
Caroline Cole	Sarah Crowe
Tanya Cohen	Carol Billson
Jinny James	Leanne Robertson
Amanda Prosser	Wendy Bruce
Melany Morkel	Lisa Hudson
Julia Telford	Jodi van der Post

HOUSE REPORTS

Bedford

Bedford had its first get together in January when the house lunches were held in the school grounds, providing an opportunity for us to meet the new Bedfordnians.

At the Inter-House Gala held in February, the wacries, led by the Sixth Form cheerleaders, went off very well but unfortunately Bedford did not shine in the swimming events and was placed third. However, many races were extremely close, and the stars of the day were R. Edwards, J. Waite and K. Sykes who swam extremely well.

At the Inter-House talent evening held on 16 March, Shane Harrison managed to organise a number of events to present, amongst them being modelling by the Fifth and First Formers, piano playing by B. Pratt, singing and various skits; and Bedford was placed second overall. After a tremendous amount of hard work, Lisa Welter and her cast presented the Bedford play, "Us and Them". The extremely high standard of all three house plays was noted and the Bedford cast is to be congratulated on their dedication and performance.

The Inter-House Tennis matches were held in the Third Term, and the Bedford girls, who played extremely well, were placed second. During the Third Term, the Junior School held their Inter-House Athletics meeting. Events proved very close and once again Bedford came second, being placed one point behind Somerville. After a lot of hard practising the Bedford girls won the well deserved spirit cup.

It was decided this year that each House would raise money for a cause, and Bedford chose to donate funds to the S.P.C.A. A number of fund-raising efforts were held, among them being a cake sale in the First Term and a raffle in the Fourth Term, with the result that Bedford was able to donate more than R100 to the S.P.C.A.

I would like to thank Mrs Joy Watt for her support and encouragement this year, and appeal to the Bedford girls to keep the flag flying high.

Nicky Winter

Girton

1985 has proved to be a year of achievement for Girton.

Special congratulations go to girls who excelled in their particular fields.

Kelly Hein and Cathy Dukes were chosen for the Natal U14 Squash team and Kelly, who captained the team, was later placed in the South African Schools U14 team.

Katherine and Susan Crowe were selected to play in the Natal Midlands "B" and "C" Hockey sides respectively. Once again, Kerryn Henwood excelled in her swimming.

In Inter-House activities, Girton fared best in sport. We won the Gala, keeping up the tradition. The swimmers, organised by Jo Poole and Marcelle Kinnear, were spurred on by the tremendous spirit of their Girton comrades.

The Senior and Junior hockey teams came out "Tops" this year, which is a marked improvement on previous attempts. Well done!

Charlotte James produced "The Insect Play" which had a large cast and included most of the House in some way or another. It was an excellent production and although we did not win, it was truly worthwhile.

In the Talent Evening during the Second Term, many hidden talents were exposed. A great deal of thought and effort was put into it.

For charity, each member of the House knitted three squares. These will be made into blankets and sent to the school Collegiate is helping to build. Gestures such as these are important.

Special thanks go to Mrs Taylor (nee Higgs) who was willing to support me in all I did.

A characteristic, which is perhaps the most important of all, is Girton's spirit which has been significant in every activity we have participated in. It is encouraging to see the enthusiasm of everyone, not only in Girton but in Bedford and Somerville too. To the members of Girton, thank you for your loyal support this year and remember, always "Aim for the Highest".

Janet Robinson

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Cantilena Choir Report

The Cantilena Choir, this year, has been fun and we have all enjoyed ourselves. We have sung at old age homes — our favourite being Sunnyside; at functions at school such as our Easter Service, Musical Evening and Speech Day. The highlight of our activities have been singing in a lunchtime concert in the City Hall and of course our Candlelight Dinner which was held at the Congregational Church Hall.

Mrs Hellberg has been the backbone of our choir. It has always been difficult to find a time to suit everyone, and for her, it has not been easy. We would all like to thank her and would like to let her know how much we appreciate all her hard work. We have all become very close and we are sorry to be losing her at the end of the year.

Intermediate Choir

The Intermediate Choir had a very active year. We sang at the Intermediate Choir Festival at Epworth School and at a Rotary Club, making a group of elderly people very happy.

In the Third Term we attended an Eisteddfod in Durban and were awarded 81%. We also sang in the school musical evening and joined the Senior Choir and Hilton College in the Carol Service in the City Hall at the end of the year. We would like to thank Mr Gordon, our Choir Master and Mrs Kudernatsch who accompanied us on the piano for their interest and enthusiasm.

Kelly Hein



INTERMEDIATE CHOIR



SENIOR CHOIR



SIXTH FORM CHOIR 1985

*Back Row: Leslie Babcock, Rowena Bett-Mackenzie, Elizabeth Hammond, Luanne Grobler, Liesel Tarboton
Front Row: Elizabeth Bateman, Emma Kudernatsch, Gail Adams, Lindsay Ayerst, Kim Sykes, Mrs J. Kudernatsch.*

Chess Achievement

The Collegiate chess team entered the Pietermaritzburg and Districts Schools' tournament. Vicky Sutcliffe did exceedingly well and came second overall. She also won the cup for the best female player. Being a C League

player, Vicky shocked the boys by beating the A League players. She is now seeded number four in Pietermaritzburg and will play in the Natal Championships in Dundee during the Michaelmas holidays. This is a remarkable achievement.

Sue Tasker



Chess: Vicky Sutcliffe



CHESS

*Standing: P. Moor, Mrs Dickson, S. Tasker
Seated: E. Gilfillan, V. Sutcliffe*

Debating Society

1985 has been an interesting year for the Debating Society. All the Political changes and Scientific development over the course of the year provided us with some good debates. The topics under debate included "Marriage is an outdated institution"; "The artistic side of man has been lost to science"; "Women could do a better job of running the world than men". Interestingly enough, the last topic mentioned was versus a team which comprised a Hilton, Michaelhouse and College pupil! They proposed the motion and won! A great victory for us women.

There were three internal and five external debates. They were chaired by Lindsay Ayerst while Elizabeth Hammond, the Secretary, recorded the minutes. 1985 was the first year which Form IV's were allowed to join. They participated enthusiastically and were a definite asset to the Society. They debated confidently, sensitively and researched their topics well. Thank you for your support Form Four. The Debating Society recruited another valuable member during the course of the year. Miss Aulfes joined us as "teacher in charge". Thank you for your enthusiasm and integral part of the Collegiate Debating Society.

Lindsay Ayerst

Social Service Club

Chairlady: Sheryl Ogilvie

Secretary: Olwen Sharp

Treasurer: Katherine Oliver

Meetings were held on alternate Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

At the first meeting of the Club, Mrs Terr Mehuizen from TREE, an organisation which promotes pre-primary education was our guest speaker. The Club decided that its main project would be the making of educational posters and games for Black nursery schools.

During the second term, a group of girls visited Villa Assumpta where the girls entertained the residents and enjoyed the refreshments provided by the staff.

Members participated in the Forty Hour Famine organised by World Vision.

In October, Sheryl and Olwen represented the Club at a special luncheon organised by the Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg East where they were presented with a Youth Merit Award for outstanding charitable endeavour.



DEBATING SOCIETY 1985

Standing: T. Cohen, M. Rudden, J. Poole, D. Cohen, Miss H. Aulfes, Miss B. Addison, R. Brand, A. Hallé, K. Duys, C. James
Seated: K. Oliver, L. Babcock, N. Trope, E. Hammond, L. Ayerst, C. Stott, J. Robinson.

Midlands Schools' Wildlife Association (MSWA)

After attending a leadership course at Umgeni Valley Ranch, Jean Ralfe, Julia Ing, Kate Farren and Tanya Cohen decided to form a Midlands Schools' Wildlife Association.

All Pietermaritzburg schools were invited to the inaugural meeting which was held at Collegiate. It was decided that the delegates needed to get to know one another and this was achieved at a get-together at Umgeni Valley Ranch.

At the next meeting at Collegiate, the Committee was elected. Herman van den Berg from Voortrekker was voted PRO; Petra Sheasby and Connor Cullinan from Maritzburg College were elected to stand on the magazine committee, Steven Bannister from College was elected Vice-Chairman and Tanya Cohen was elected Chairman.

The project for the forthcoming year was decided on — Greenfingers. Each school was to embark on a project to make an area conservationally acceptable.

Report backs on these projects were given at the next meeting at Maritzburg College and again at Alexandra High.

The Association has informed school clubs about activities and is helping new clubs get underway. The main aim of the eleven schools is to co-ordinate school projects. For the future it is hoped that every school in Pietermaritzburg will become an active member of MSWA.

S.C.A.

1985 has been an exciting year for the S.C.A. Our meetings are held every Thursday between 5 and 6 p.m. where more often than not we have had a guest speaker. The rest of the week has been active with various Bible studies and prayer groups. During the course of the year we have attended Christian music concerts at Hilton and St Anne's, a mission day at Michaelhouse, organised by Scripture Union and two fellowship days with Kearsney, all of which were beneficial and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Every Sunday evening the school has gathered in the chapel for prayers led by the S.C.A. These small services have been enjoyed by all who have taken part.

We would like to thank Kate Oliver and Sheryl Ogilvie for their encouragement and the smooth running of the S.C.A. throughout the year.

Catherine Gillatt



WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Back Row: M. Prosser, W. Bruce, J. Ing, C. Sutherland, A. Gabbiani, C. Cole, B. Letty
 Middle Row: E. Hammond, J. Ente, L. Babcock, L. Norris-Jones, P. Watson, J. Ralfe, K. Tack, K. Mackenzie, C. Gillatt,
 R. Chapman, C. Morgan
 Front Row: T. Cohen, K. Oliver, Mrs Taylor, B. Delport, F. Thomson.

Zenith Club Report

The Zenith Club, enthusiastically and ably led by Mrs Pat van Schoor of the local ITC Club, has been a great success among its members. The first of its kind in the Country, the Zenith Club aims to teach girls about public speaking as well as meeting format and etiquette. Meeting once a month, the club, despite being run formally has a very relaxed and happy atmosphere and all members take part in the workshops, speech-making and lessons with vigour.

In the Third Term we decided to pitch our skills against teams from other schools, and in a competition against St Charles, Weston, Hilton College and St John's, gained a third in the impromptu speech-making, a second in the evaluation and a first in the prepared speech section. Our charter dinner is yet to take place, but we are looking forward to becoming a fully registered ITC Club.

We would like to thank Mrs van Schoor for the time and dedication she has put into the club.

Outreach Society

The aim of the Outreach Society is to have a well rounded knowledge of the outside world.

This year, we introduced our Outreach Society late in the second term. We had guest speakers who enlightened us on the serious topic of anorexia, teenagers of today, and the topical issue of marriage and divorce. We thank Sister Nock and the Nurses of the Midlands Outpatients Clinic, Canon David Jenkins and Mr Dickson for their talks.

This small group consisting of twenty four members, showed an interest in this worthwhile club and hope to continue next year with excursions to old age homes, such as Sunnyside and Villa Assumpta and to invite guest speakers to Collegiate.

Kelly Tack



ZENETH CLUB

Standing: M. Edwards, C. Billson, R. Brand

Seated: A. Quayle, N. Hall-Jones, T. Cohen, J. Ralfe, D. Cohen, C. James, K. Duys, L. Nel, S. Robinson.



HOWICK RIVER TRAIL GROUP

*Back Row: C. Cole, C. Sutherland, K. Tack, C. Gillatt, T. Cohen
Front Row: K. Oliver, Mrs Taylor, J. Ente, E. Hammond.*



HOUSE PLAY PRODUCERS

Keri Duys, Liselotte Welter, Charlotte James.

GAMES REPORTS

Tennis

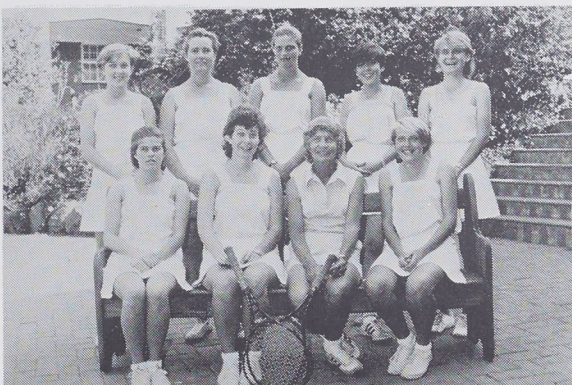
Janet Robinson, Elizabeth Bateman, Vanessa Watkin, Katherine Crowe, Pippa Cox and Rosie Brand were members of the 1st Tennis team for 1985. The 1st team played in two leagues, the Open and Lyle Tennis Leagues. Although the 1st team was up against strong competition, they found their matches very challenging. They found that the strong competition improved their tennis skills. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams also played various matches against the different schools in Pietermaritzburg and managed to come out tops in a number of these exciting matches.

Our enthusiastic U14 team consisting of Pippa Cox, Cathy Dukes, Cathy Withers and Donna Harley, played in the Emily Howard Trophy in the Third Term and won the Floating trophy. Pippa Cox spent her ten day holiday playing in the Natal Witness Tennis Tournament. She won all three sections and was chosen for the Pietermaritzburg team. She also won the Senior School Tennis Championships this year and the runner up was Cathy Withers. Janet Robinson, Pippa Cox, Rosie Brand and



1st TEAM

*Back Row: V. Watkins, P. Cox, E. Bateman
Front Row: K. Crowe, J. Robinson, Mrs R. Stevens, R. Brand*



2nd TEAM

*Back Row: A. Fleming, C. Crowe, J. Edwards, S. Oliver, L. Stott
Front Row: W. Platt, S. Arnoldi, Mrs R. Stevens, T. Gilson*

Ailsa Fleming played in the Natal Schools week and achieved good results. 1985 tennis has been competitive and stimulating.

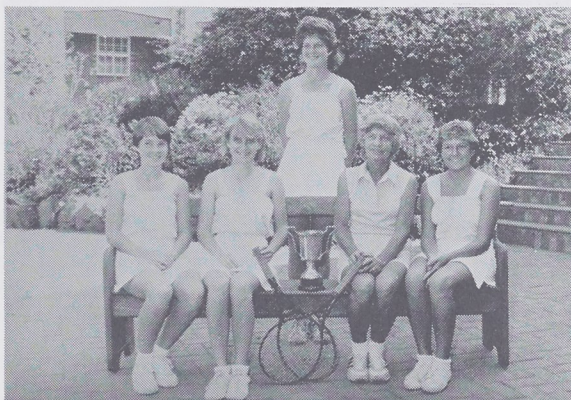
Vanessa Watkin



UNDER 16

Back: P. Cox

Front Row: C. Withers, L. Stott, Mrs R. Stevens, C. Dukes



EMILY HOWARD TROPHY

Back: P. Cox

Front Row: C. Withers, L. Stott, Mrs R. Stevens, C. Dukes



WINNIE LOWE TROPHY

Back Row: A. Fleming, R. Brand

Front Row: J. Robinson (Captain), Mrs R. Stevens, P. Cox

Diving Report

This year has been an exciting one for diving. It has been emphasised more as a sport rather than a pastime. At the beginning of the year, Mrs Fairweather came to coach the few people interested in diving.

Her enthusiasm inspired many budding divers. Her classes were enjoyed as she has a clear way of coaching. She taught us that diving involves great concentration.

At the end of the diving season Kim Webb, Eliana Gilfillan and Julie Orsmond entered the Pietermaritzburg Schools' Diving Competition. Although we are by no means professionals, we thoroughly enjoyed the competitive atmosphere.

In the future, I would like diving to continue being a prominent activity at Collegiate, with many more people attending classes to create a larger diving team.

Eliana Gilfillan



DIVING

Eliana Gilfillan, Mrs L. Fairweather, Kim Webb.

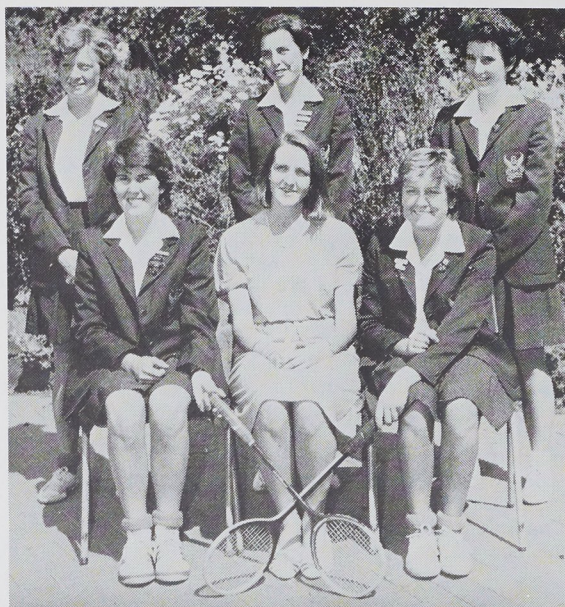
Squash

Enthusiasm for squash has grown this year.

The under 16 and open squash teams played competitive league during the second term and won nearly all their matches. The third team saw a more social league to give the beginners a fair chance. We all benefited from the experience.

Maureen Rock, Kelly Hein, Cathy Dukes and Lindsay Ayerst all went forward to play in the Pietermaritzburg trials held here in 'Maritzburg. Cathy and Kelly went forward to the Natal trials where Kelly gained first position and Cathy was placed number five. Kelly later succeeded in being placed number six in the under 14 age group in South Africa. It was a great delight when our own squash court was eventually opened in August. The whole school has shown a strong response to squash and for the past four months it has been difficult to get an afternoon booking.

I can honestly say that we have come a long way this year.



1st SQUASH TEAM

*Back Row: M. Rock, L. Muraro, L. Millican
Front Row: K. Hein, Miss Walter, C. Dukes*

Gymnastics Report

The season began in the second term and our main aim was to improve our skills for the annual Inter-Schools' Gymnastics competition.

There was much enthusiasm to develop the standard of gym and everyone was well prepared for the competition. It was a great disappointment when it coincided with our Speech Day and Collegiate was unable to participate. The frustration was unavoidable but our hard work was rewarded by the improvement in our skills.

Congratulations to Nicky Perkins who had a very successful year.

Lisa Nel

Indoor Hockey

This year there was a great enthusiasm for indoor hockey. Thanks to Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Fairweather, it was possible for more than three teams to participate in the League. Although we did not win all our games we enjoyed them and we gained experience and knowledge of the game. Jenna-Lee, Mrs Fairweather's baby gave us all the support we needed by yelling enthusiastically on the sideline!

Katherine Crowe and Lyn Muraro

First Team Hockey 1985

We had an enthusiastic start to the season with our tour down the South Coast. We followed an intensive programme of hockey and fun with frequent stops at "Carvell" and the beach. We proved our worth against the Durban schools, coming second in the Durban Schools' Tournament.

The tour not only laid the foundation for a good team but built a united team spirit.

We would like to thank our manager, Mrs Flattery and our Mascot, "Foxie" for their support and encouragement, and Mrs Jenkins, our coach. The tour however, would not have been possible without the kind hospitality of the Batemans, Kotzes and Gilsons. Thank you!

The season that followed proved a great success with many achievements. Three of our players were selected for Natal Midlands teams — Sarah and Katherine Crowe for the C and B teams respectively and Lulu Bateman captain of the A team. Lulu was then selected to captain the S.A. Schools' Girls team. Well done Lulu!

Pam Moor and Grace Kotze

Lifesaving

It was encouraging to see the great increase in interest in lifesaving this year.

A number of girls took part in the Bronze Medallion and two of our girls, Jo Poole and Kim Sykes passed with distinction, while others passed with exceedingly high marks. The Bronze Cross was also written by a number of girls. Tanya Fraser and Debbie Stainbank passed this exam with distinction.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs Jenkins for teaching us and Mrs Watt who judged our practical exam. Thank you to all who have contributed towards this year's lifesaving.

Marcelle Kinnear



1st HOCKEY TEAM

*Back Row: G. Kotze, R. Brand, P. Moor, K. Crowe, S. Oliver, N. Winter, S. Crowe
Front Row: L. Huraro, J. Robinson, Mrs L. Fairweather, E. Bateman (Captain), K. Hein.*

Swimming Report

This year's swimming team, which was captained by Lulu Grobler and Kim Sykes, showed a tremendous improvement and this was reflected in the good results which were obtained at the various galas.

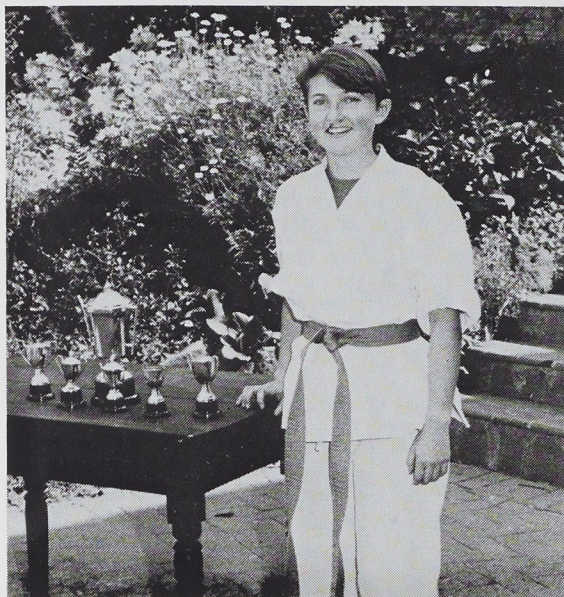
The season opened with the traditional quadrangular gala in which a Collegiate/Hilton College team competed against the co-educational schools of Linpark, Howick and Estcourt. The Collegiate/Hilton combination proved too strong and won the gala for the fifth consecutive year.

Later in February the invincible Collegiate/Hilton combination competed in the Carter High gala. They walked off with the honours after defeating Carter, Howick, Estcourt, Linpark and various private school combinations.

At the Senior Girls Inter-Schools' gala which was held in March, Collegiate did well by coming third after G.H.S. A and Epworth. The under 14 members of the team won all their events and were the only others, besides G.H.S., to walk off with two trophies.

Special congratulations go to Keryn Henwood, Mandy Kauffman, Jean Redpath and Marcelle Kinnear who represented Pietermaritzburg and Districts and later Natal and Districts at the annual competitions.

Marcelle Kinnear



KARATE

Eliana Gilfillan

1985 INTER-SCHOOLS SWIMMING TEAM

L. Grobler	J. Telford
K. Sykes	S. Cooper
V. Strauss	M. Kinnear
L. Drummond	M. Rock
J. Poole	T. Fraser
R. Edwards	J. Redpath
K. Henwood	L. Dickson
J. Cornell	D. Harley
M. Kauffman	K. Jenkins
L. Hudson	L. Eckstein
J. Orsmond	H. Spencer
K. Saunderson	D. Pickering
J. Waite	M. Edwards
L. Ingham	T. Loffler
L. Eckstein	L. Cooper
N. Buley	J. James
P. Hattingh	T. Hauman
J. Wootton	B. Fuchs
L. Nel	N. Fynn
A. Fleming	W. Platt



V. Sutcliff



S.A. Schools Hockey Captain: Elizabeth Bateman.



PROVINCIAL PLAYERS

Cathy Dukes (Squash), Kelly Hein (Squash), Elizabeth Bateman (Hockey), Nicky Perkins (Gymnastics)



GAMES CAPTAINS

K. Webb, L. Nel, E. Bateman, C. Stott, M. Kinnear, L. Grobler, L. Ayerst.

FIRST TERM'S ACTIVITIES

The House Lunches and Fun Gala

The House Lunches were a pleasant start to the new school year and took place on 27 January, the first Sunday of the term. After lunch the members of each house congregated at the pool, where an inter-form fun gala had been organised. Granny races, Chomp the Marie Biscuit and the Crocodile race caused great hilarity and much form spirit. The Fifth Form finally won the gala which was followed by tea and a delicious assortment of cakes provided by the Day Girls.

Lesley Adrain

Inter-Schools Gala 1985

"Ice-cream, soda, banana split . . ." These amongst other cheers made Collegiate's appearance at the Annual Inter-Schools' Gala well noticed. Dressed in vibrant yellow attire, the cheerleaders led the school spectators into bursts of enthusiastic cheering. Although Collegiate did not manage to keep up her reputation to win the Spirit Cup, many of us were left "speechless".

Apart from singing and cheering, Collegiate was well represented by her swimmers, ably captained by Luanne Grobler who ended her swimming career at Collegiate with an outstanding performance. Overall, Collegiate came third.

The U14 relay team won the floating trophy and consisted of Jean Redpath, Karen Henwood, Mandy Kauffman and Rozanne Edwards.

As always the Inter-Schools' Gala will be one of the most memorable occasions for the matrics.

Inter-House Gala

On the 21st February, a scorching hot summer's day, we were able to see the swimming talents of the houses at the annual Inter-House Gala. A new item was introduced, to include the non-swimmers as well.

The 5th Form arranged the gala with Charlotte James announcing and many others officiating. This gave the teachers a welcome and well deserved break and allowed them to sit back and enjoy the gala and spirit of the houses.

The results of a gala like this are only fairly important. The most important thing is to know that every girl gave of her best in both swimming and co-operation.

Congratulations go to Girton on their magnificent swimming and Somerville which won the Spirit Cup.

Marcelle Kinnear, Lyn Muraro, Lisa Nel

Natal Inter-Schools' Windsurfing Championships

A Collegiate team of three windsurfers, Susan Tasker, Grace Kotze and Keri Duys, entered in the Natal Inter-Schools' Windsurfing Championships at Midmar Dam from 2 to 3 March 1985. We entered in the largest class, the Dufow Wing class.

We left school early on the Saturday. We arrived at 9.00 a.m. and had our equipment checked and signed by the organisers. Four races had to be sailed in the two days. The first race was due to begin at 11.00 a.m. but unfortunately there was no wind so it was postponed until the wind picked up.

Eventually at 3.30 p.m. we all set out onto the water. The Dufow Wings started first. We all had relatively successful starts but the wind died down again before any one could finish. We were all stranded on the dam so a mass of windsurfers rowed their boards in. We drove home disappointed.

Sunday was a lovely day with super winds. We started the first race at 10.00 a.m. The races were sailed back to back with a 15 minute break for lunch. We were all exhausted and weak after the third race so nobody completed the last race.

Overall, we came seventh out of twenty teams in our class, which was a very pleasing result. Susan came eleventh, Grace came seventeenth and Keri came thirty fourth.

Next year we would like to enter more teams and try to improve our position. It was a tough but rewarding experience.

First Matric Art Excursion

The artist's role is primarily to interpret and contribute to his environment. South Africa is blessed with a particularly varied and exciting environment and thus on 8 February 1985 the matric girls set out to "absorb their environment" by way of a day in Durban.

It was not all work, however, as we started the day with a delicious breakfast at The Yacht Club. We were unfortunately unable to stay and sketch the yachts (as planned) as it was raining. We, therefore, enjoyed the colours and textures of the Indian market instead. On our return we stopped at the airport to practise figure drawing while bored (and mostly unmoving) subjects waited patiently for their flights.

We all found it refreshing to be in a non-academic setting and agreed that broadening excursions, such as this should remain a part of the syllabus for future girls to enjoy.

Nicci Trope

Sixth Form Berg Weekend

The Berg Weekend is anticipated eagerly by any Form about to enjoy one but it takes on special significance when it is the Sixth Form and one of the last activities to be shared by parents and girls. Our Berg Weekend occurred early in the First Term when we were free from exam worries and could enjoy three magnificent summer days.

There was a united atmosphere and the enjoyment of both the girls and their parent was obvious. When it came to "riding the rapids" in rugby shorts, however, parents declined to join in the fun.

The weekend served numerous purposes; it allowed us to develop an awareness of the beauty of the Berg and to relax among friends but most of all it provided the opportunity for Sixth Formers and their parents to enjoy a lasting impression of the group as a united, happy whole. We would like to thank the Hammonds for making this weekend possible by their superb organisation.

Nicci Trope

The 1985 English Olympiad

Athol Fugard was the centre of our attention this year. Fifteen girls from standards nine and ten participated in the Olympiad. We read and studied a number of Fugard's plays, including "Hello and Goodbye" and "People are Living There". As well as being an exercise in analysis and discussion, our weekly meetings were an enriching experience and an excellent opportunity to study some fine South African literature. We were able to extend our awareness of literature through our studies of Fugard and his works. To give us an idea of how the plays were staged we were able to see a video of "People are Living There". Our thanks go to Mrs Lovell for her enthusiastic support. To indicate our appreciation and enjoyment of the plays four girls, Nicci Trope, Charlotte James, Dani Cohen and Lindsay Ayerst, gained places in the top one hundred in South Africa.

Lindsay Ayerst



ENGLISH OLYMPIAD 1985

*Dani Cohen, Nicole Trope, Lindsay Ayerst
Charlotte James.*

Easter Service

In April this year the annual Easter Service took place and was most enjoyable. The senior, junior and cantelina choirs, as well as the Sixth Form singing group, practised for weeks before and participated to make it the great success that it was. The slide show accompanied by the readings brought the biblical account of the crucifixion to life. Congratulations to those who played the piano, sang solos and contributed

to make it the wonderful evening that it was. Many thanks to Mrs Kudernatsch, Mr Gordon, Miss Addison and Mrs Hellberg and other staff who helped to make the evening a memorable occasion.

Lyndsay Ross, Lindsay Poole

Olivet to Calvary

On 19 March the Pietermaritzburg Cathedral was packed to hear the combined Collegiate and Hilton College Choirs singing a Cantata by Maunder — "Olivet to Calvary". It was the culmination of a term's hard work, practising regularly with the Hilton boys. The programme consisted of twelve songs, describing events which occurred before and after the death of Jesus. We learnt much from the intensive training and many of us discovered that there is an art to singing, especially in sustaining certain high and prolonged notes. We also benefited by singing in a full four-part choir, mostly because we had never sung with male voices before. It was also an opportunity to make new friends. The music was enhanced by the beautiful solos of Errol Girdlestone and Ted Jacobs. Many thanks to Mr Royce of Hilton, Mr Gordon and Mrs Kudernatsch who gave up much of their time in rehearsal and training.

Charlotte James

Inter-House Talent Evening

On Saturday evening in the first term we held our annual Inter-House Talent Evening. Four weeks before, we had enthusiastic house members auditioning and by the time Saturday evening had arrived, each house producer had an interesting and varied repertoire. It was clearly illustrated that Collegiate does indeed possess performing talent. There was some beautiful singing and a very funny satire of P.W. Botha by Jean Redpath which she wrote herself. The standard was high and the judges finally chose Somerville as the winning house.

Dani Cohen

Standard 8 Biology/Geography Excursion

This year the Standard 8's undertook a combined Biology/Geography excursion to Durban.

Our first stop was the Geography Department of Durban University. There we saw a slide tape programme on the sea-shore, followed by a lecture on rock types.

An experienced diamond cutter showed us the art of diamond cutting. After this we set off for the Mangrove Swamps situated to the north of Durban. Laden down with worksheets and materials for our experiments we spent the next three hours learning about the Abiotic and Biotic components of this unique Ecosystem.

We were all very glad to arrive back here after a tiring but stimulating day.

Mrs Whittlesea



Africa Enterprise Evening

During the first term, the prefects were fortunate to attend the Africa Enterprise evening held at Collegiate at which Rev. Michael Cassidy was the guest speaker.

There were many visitors — mainly prefects from other schools in and surrounding Pietermaritzburg — and this facilitated a varied and interesting discussion.

After supper, Rev. Cassidy delivered his speech on the relationships between youths of different races and cultural backgrounds in South Africa. It was a very relevant speech, appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Owing to the success of the evening, it has been decided to make this an annual event.

Rowena Bett-McKenzie



AFRICA ENTERPRISE FELLOWSHIP EVENING



First Team Hockey Tour

At the sound of the final bell to mark the start of the Easter holidays, a very excited hockey team, accompanied by Mrs Flattery and Mrs Jenkins, piled into a mini-bus to challenge hockey teams down Natal's South Coast.

Our team, ably led by Elizabeth Bateman, gained invaluable hockey experience although we didn't win all our matches. We learnt to work together as a team, not as individuals, a lesson which stood us in good stead for our matches during the season. We also learnt to appreciate our hockey fields, which seem like bowling greens compared with some of the fields down the coast!

As important as the hockey experience we gained, was the fun we had as a team, a fact which united us on and off the field despite the difference in the ages of our team-members.

Carvel ice-cream parlours thrived on the arrival of our team in their town, especially when we had won our matches!

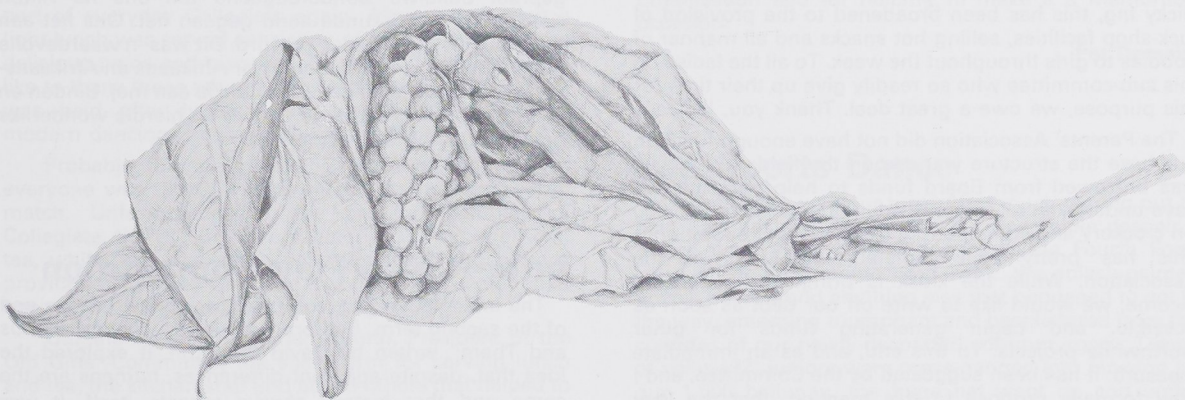
We owe the tremendous success of our hockey tour chiefly to the generous support of parents of team-members and Mrs Flattery and Mrs Jenkins, who participated wholeheartedly in everything we did.

Special thanks must be given to Mr and Mrs Bateman and Mr and Mrs Gilson who accommodated the whole team in their beach cottages in Salt Rock and Margate respectively.

The week we spent together was a time of hard work and hard play and proved to be an experience none of us will forget.



S. Green, IIIA



C. Gilfillan, IVA

SECOND TERM'S ACTIVITIES

Girls' Collegiate School Parents' Association

Chairman's Report for the year 1984/85.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am privileged to be able to present to you my report on the activities of the Committee of your Association for the past year.

At the start I should like to express my thanks to the Lady Principal and the Chairman and members of the Board as well as to many individual members of staff for their ready co-operation through the year.

One of the most important functions of this Committee is, as I see it, as a line of communication between parents and school management. Frequently it is possible to solve a problem or dispel a misunderstanding through reference to members of the Committee, without any rancour or any delay. In this connection I particularly want to express our gratitude to Miss Bindon, who attends most Committee meetings, and to Mr Mathews who has managed to find time in his busy schedule to meet with us. I should also like to express thanks to Mr Lund the caterer, for his readiness to talk over problems.

Among the social activities of the Association this year, the Injasuti Berg weekends for Forms Five and Six proved a great success. Unfortunately the Form Two outing was washed out completely, but we hope to go ahead with the outing later in the year. We are grateful to Miss Bindon and the parents who helped to arrange a last-minute picnic as an alternative. I cannot emphasize strongly enough the value of contact between girls and parents, and amongst parents, such as is enjoyed on outings like these, and I urge parents to give them their full support — as early in their Collegiate "careers" as possible.

The major on-going activity of the Committee has been the creation and development of a refreshment kiosk on the sports fields. The original idea was to provide a venue for the serving of teas at sports functions. Under the very able management of Mrs Nicky Ing, this has been broadened to the provision of tuck-shop facilities, selling hot snacks and all manner of goodies to girls throughout the week. To all the ladies on this sub-committee who so readily give up their time for this purpose, we owe a great deal. Thank you, ladies.

The Parents' Association did not have enough funds to purchase the structure you see on the field, so R499,00 was borrowed from Board funds to help out. This we have undertaken to repay. In addition, we spent R455.00 on crockery and equipment to make the unit operational. This has pretty well depleted the funds of the Association. While the kiosk is bringing in a steady income, we would like to write off our debt as soon as possible, and begin generating funds for other worthwhile projects. To this end, and as an immediate measure, it has been suggested by the Committee, and I now formally propose to this meeting, that the levy charged to parents by the school on your accounts and paid to this Association, should be increased from the

present nominal rate of Two Rands per family per year to Two Rands per family per quarter. This will put the Association in a solvent situation at once, and we can look forward to generating some little capital for further development.

A second on-going project, still in the planning stages, is the involvement of parents in the beautifying and maintenance of the gardens and grounds of the school. I shall ask the Lady Principal to explain more about this shortly, and I do appeal to all who are interested and able, to offer their services. Donations in the form of plants and equipment will also be very welcome when the time arrives.

Donations in kind as well as in cash will also be most welcome towards the further equipping of our kiosk, the Resource Centre, and the new Chapel.

Finally I should like to express my own deep, personal gratitude to the Vice-Chairman of the Association, Nicky Ing, to our secretary, Taffy Haumann, Thora Alva-Wright our Treasurer, and every member of the Committee for all their work and support. I cannot also fail to mention by name Don Ente, with whom I have had a long and happy association both at Collegiate and in other places.

Jenny and I have thoroughly enjoyed our involvement with the Collegiate Parents' Association over the past seven or eight years, and when, at the close of 1985, we cease to be Collegiate parents — after 14 years — that will be an even greater wrench. May I wish the incoming Committee, the Association, and Girls' Collegiate School every success in the future.

D.R. Hammond

Pupil Exchange with Voortrekker Hoërskool

Gedurende die tweede kwartaal het sewe Vorm Vyf meisies 'n week by Voortrekker Hoërskool deurgebring. Elkeen het met 'n meisie in standard nege, en haar gesin gebly. Ons het elke dag saam met ons maat na haar lesse gegaan en gedurende pouse saam met haar en haar maats gesit. Ons het Afrikaans vir die hele week gepraat behalwe Donderdagaand toe ons na Hilton Kollege vir 'n Wiskunde aand gegaan het. Ons het aan die gesin en skool geheg geword. Dit was 'n waardevolle ondervinding en ons het baie oor Afrikaans en Afrikaanssprekende mense geleer. Baie dankie aan mej. Bindon en mev. Dickson wat alles gereël het en hierdie wonderlike geleentheid aan ons gegee het.

Inter-House Play Competition

The Inter-House Play competition was held at the end of the second term. Bedford produced a play called "Us and Them" written by David Campton. It explored the idea that, despite apparent differences, humans are the same and that history always repeats itself. It was directed by Liselotte Welter and consisted of a cast of competent actresses.

The Girton play was an act taken from "The Insect Play" by the brothers Kapek. It was a short play, dwelling intensively on the dictatorship of the ant colony and finally its total destruction after a useless war. The large cast worked excellently together and it was an experience for everyone. It was directed by Charlotte James.

The Somerville play stole the show. It was a once act play and was written by David Campton. It was called "The Cagebirds" and was directed by Keri Duys. It studied institutional life and the conditioning of the individual while living in a small confined space. Dani Cohen and Jane Darow were congratulated by Mr Lovell, who kindly adjudicated, on their excellent performance.

Charlotte James

University Open Day

The school system attempts to prepare us for the future and the University Open Day on 26 April (which we, as Sixth Formers, all attended) provided an excellent opportunity for us to get a clearer view of what the future holds.

We spent an eventful day attending lectures and demonstrations or speaking to students and lecturers. All in all this assured a better understanding of the subjects, opportunities and possibilities involved in Campus life and I think, we all came back feeling more optimistic and full of anticipation for the future.

Norma Sharratt

Old Girls' Day

The annual Collegiate Old Girls' Day was held on 12 May. The day began with morning tea during which everyone was introduced to those they did not know and began their reminiscing. After listening to stories about the 'old days' and much laughter, the Old Girls proceeded to the meeting, the more serious event of the day. During the meeting Miss Bindon spoke of the current affairs in the school, making the Old Girls feel a part of everyday Collegiate again. After the meeting a light lunch was served consisting of cold meat and some delicious patés and biscuits followed by fruit. We would like to thank those who participated in the concert which was held after lunch. There was Spanish dancing, modern dancing, singing and piano playing.

Probably the most exciting event of the day for everyone was the Old Girls' versus the matrices hockey match. Unfortunately for the present members of Collegiate, the Old Girls were victorious. After afternoon tea, which included some delicious cakes and biscuits provided by the Old Girls, the day came to an end. It had been a most enjoyable and amusing day.

Our thanks go to Elizabeth Smith, President of the Old Girls' Committee, the sixth form for serving lunch and tea, the kitchen staff and all the others that helped to make the day a pleasant one.

M. Rudden

Young Historian's Conference

In May, Collegiate participated in the Young Historian's conference. Collegiate was represented by Alison Quayle, Charlotte James and Kate Farren. The Standard 9 topic was "The Changing Face of Society". Alison spoke on "The Changing Face of Black Workers in South Africa", focusing on the migrant worker and Charlotte discussed "The Changing Face of Black Women in South African Society". The Standard 8 topic was Revolutionary and Reactionary Politics and Kate spoke on Sharpeville which was particularly topical, because the same unrest is happening now.

The regional rounds were held at Carter High. We competed against Linpark, Carter and Raisethorpe.

There were many varied and absorbing speeches. Linpark won the Standard 8 section and congratulations to Charlotte who won the Standard 9 Section.

Kate Farren

Sixth Form Housecraft Evening

Snacks, sequences and garments formed the essence of our "Country Girl" theme for the Housecraft Evening on Friday 14 June. The theme lent a festive and natural air and the hall was decorated with an abundance of dried floral arrangements which were simple yet attractive.

The Sixth Formers and their parents were treated to a modelling show of outfits which the Housecraft girls had made. There was a variation of outfits: tailored two-piece suits of different designs; smart dresses; and skirts with matching blouses.

Janice Edwards and Sue Arnoldi are to be congratulated on winning the cup for sewing achievement. Janice made a pair of black tailored trousers and two co-ordinating jackets. Sue made a blue, lined jacket and skirt and a pleated white shirt.

After the modelling sequences, the guests enjoyed snacks ranging from quiches to swiss rolls, which had been made by the Housecraft girls. Mrs Waring, our former Housecraft teacher, was a very welcome guest of honour. Our thanks go to Miss Greathead for all her organisation and for helping to make it a memorable occasion.

Pat Desselss,

The Sports Dance

At long last it was our turn! After much tearing out of hair, headbanging and moments of complete despair a theme was finally agreed upon and the Fourth Form knuckled down to some hard work. We splash-painted boxes, posters and anything else that happened to get in the way, emerging triumphant and besplattered from the confines of our newly-decorated common-room. Teams of willing (?) juniors were press-ganged into blowing up our 1 500 balloons, the huge net went up and under Jean's capable, if somewhat harassed direction the school hall became unrecognizable. Owing to Nikki and

Lesley's able organisation three cases of drinks were forgotten in the kitchen and the sausage rolls were almost burnt to cinders. The excitement reached fever pitch when the buses finally began arriving and the hall had been totally transformed into "Colourby Street". Although the Michaelhouse bus was delayed, the drinks ran out and the evening ended far too early, the experience of "our" Sports Dance will never be forgotten. The aftermath was a sight to behold, in the hall, the common-room and the dormitories, but teams of workers in the form of junior and senior girls cleared the mess with a minimum of fuss and bother. Our thanks to Mrs Laubser for being our friend and adviser, and to Mr Sykes for helping us with the net.

Nikki Hall-Jones

Leadership Course

The Leadership Course was an enlightening experience for all who attended.

Mr Paintin presented the MAST organisation course over a weekend to members of the V Form. We learnt about the art of persuasion, leadership qualities and types of leadership, but most important, each girl learnt about herself and others around her. Because we were all free to say exactly what we felt at any stage of the course, each girl was able to find out exactly how she was seen by the rest of the form. Also, because each girl had to take a close look at herself in order to answer the question asked in the course, each was able to examine her own personality.

We had lots of fun playing games which were actually exercising leadership skills although we did not realize it while we were playing them. Mr Paintin also had fun watching our characters emerging through these games and arguments.

We all left with lots to think about and many resolutions to improve the weak points that we had discovered within ourselves.

Jo Poole

Form II Barn Dance

The Form II Barn Dance was held on Saturday 25 May. The committee supervised the decorating of the hall. Hay bales scattered about the hall gave it a distinct atmosphere. We all helped with the decorating and brought our own eats and drinks. Mrs Weygood was kind enough to come along on Friday evening to teach us some of the dances so that we would not be completely incompetent at the barn dance the following evening. Miss Bindon also had a hand in teaching us some of the dances. It was a new experience for all of us to learn how to waltz!

Our guests were the standard sevens of Hilton College. They were a little surprised when they found out what they were in for, but in the end they enjoyed themselves just as much as we did. We all enjoyed the barn dance very much and appreciated the opportunity of meeting people.

J. Redpath

Inter-House Hockey

On 27 May, the three houses met once again for the annual hockey matches. Two teams had been chosen from each house to play in the Junior and the Senior Sections. This gave more girls an opportunity to contribute towards their house. The matches were enjoyed by the players and the spectators who enthusiastically voiced their support. After an enjoyable morning's hockey, Girton was successful in winning both sections.

Grace Kotze

The Howick River Trail

The first thoughts about the Howick River Trail began in October 1984. Under the able leadership of Miss Higgs and Jim Taylor a committee of interested wildlife girls was formed and the team has since worked well together.

It was decided that the River Trail would lead from the Howick Falls, through a part of the Historical Howick, and eventually, after a very scenic walk, reach the Midmar Dam wall.

The team walked the river numerous times until, finally satisfied, they presented a talk to the Howick Wildlife Society at Umgeni Valley Ranch. Speakers were Elizabeth Hammond, Kate Oliver, Lorna Wynne and Tami Cohen. The talk was successful.

CherylInn Sutherland began working on the questionnaire with help from Caroline Cole and Cathey Gillatt. Results showed that Howick wanted a trail and a fun run to show the public the route along the Umgeni River.

The Howick Town Council was the next move. After much persuasion the team won the Councillors over to their side. The Mayor agreed to give the team a plot of land and money to establish the trail.

Howick High, working in conjunction with the team, had already begun researching into Howick's history. After a meeting with the two schools it was decided that a public meeting would be necessary.

Again the team presented their talk. This time they received many objections. After fiery arguing and staunch support from the mayor and headmaster of Howick High, the team decided that Julia Ente and Kelly Tack could begin work on the fun run which would be held on 23 June.

In August the proposed trail will be entered into the Environmental Symposium. This however will not be the end of our fight for the trail, but merely the beginning of further work to save our rivers and eventually our environment.

Tami Cohen

Rotary Youth Leadership Course

Every July school holidays, the Rotary Club holds a leadership course for Standard Nine pupils from schools in and around Pietermaritzburg. Sue Tasker and Dani Cohen joined thirty eight other pupils for a week of intensive lectures from seven in the morning until five in the afternoon.

The week consisted of lectures on memory training and confidence by Arthur Lees-Rolfe; public speaking by the Toastmasters; and motivation and goal making by Mike Cox. All we learnt was put into practice in the evenings when we got together for various functions.

On the Thursday we were divided into groups of five and we went to various factories where we were shown around and then had an interview with the manager and his team on how they handled leadership, management and the running of the factory. My group went to the Nestle Chocolate factory.

We went to lunch at the Imperial Hotel with the Pietermaritzburg Rotary Club and Professor Booysens spoke to us about the role of the University. In the afternoon we consolidated what we had learnt that morning into a fifteen minute speech. We presented our speeches that night to all the Rotarians and their families which was a nerve-racking experience but was much helped by all the techniques we had learnt during the week.

It was an enriching experience which was enjoyed by all and I thoroughly recommend it.

Dani Cohen

STAFF VERSUS FIRST HOCKEY TEAM



THIRD TERM'S ACTIVITIES

Opening of the Squash Court

The moment that everyone had been waiting for with eager anticipation arrived; the completion of the Squash Court.

The occasion was honoured by Sandy Dodson, well known to us as both the former Azalea Queen and as a past pupil. The day was filled with mixed doubles in tennis, the fathers proving what tennis was really about; hockey matches and of course demonstration squash matches on the new court.

Braais at lunchtime overcame the hunger after the day's exercise and the day was rounded off by a repeat performance of "The Cage Birds", the winning inter-house play.

The day and the relaxed atmosphere were enjoyed by both parents and pupils.

Lisa Nel



Guest of Honour: Miss Sandy Dodson.



Opening of the Squash Court.

Matric Coleford Study Weekend

A study weekend for the matrics, organised by Mrs Rowlands and assisted by Miss Walker and Miss Greathead, was held in Coleford from 3 to 5 August. The aim of the weekend was to teach the matrics how to study for ten hours a day.

Coleford was ideal for the purpose of the weekend as we had the whole camp to ourselves and our relaxation periods could be spent walking near the river and playing tennis. All the girls benefited greatly from the weekend. We would like to thank the three members of staff who made it possible.

Elizabeth Hammond

The Matric Dance

Preparation began in the first term with the raising of money which we accomplished by having a film show, raffles and the selling of coke, cakes and coffee. The theme was eventually decided as "La Bal Masque". The detailed jobs were quickly completed and only the complex jobs remained which were only attempted in about the last week before the dance.

We were all uncertain as to how the final decorations would turn out so we closed the hall on the Thursday before the dance. Once we had completed the roof decorations and hung up a couple of baroque paintings (which we had to steal from the entrance hall without the Matrics noticing so as to keep the theme a secret!) the transformation had begun.

Finally all the candles were lit and we all put on our waitresses' outfits and were very pleased with the final result of all our hard work and effort.

We would like to thank Mrs Grobler for the table arrangements, Mrs Eckstein for the mannequins, Mrs Harrison for the large flower arrangements, the kitchen staff for organising the meat for the buffet and all the people who contributed in any way.

This was a once in a lifetime occasion for us as we hope it was for the Matrics.

Keri Duys

Matric Dance

To any schoolgirl, the Matric Dance is perhaps the highlight of her matric year. Expectations build up to what seem impossible heights but this year's matric dance certainly managed to exceed all those expectations. We could only gaze in wonder at the hall transformed into the theme of a "Masked Ball" with white voile, pink flowers and what seemed, a sea of candles. Supper consisted of a Buffet of cold meats and salads beautifully presented and followed by ice-cream.

But what made the evening so memorable was the evident time, care and effort put in by the Fifth Form to make our evening so special. They were warm and gracious waitresses and we thank them all for making our "dream" matric dance possible.

Luanne Grobler

Vth Form Berg Weekend

On Friday, 16 August, the Vth Form and a number of parents left in a convoy for Injasuti.

On Saturday a few of the men and more adventurous girls went on an exhausting eleven hour walk; others went on a four hour walk to see the Bushman paintings and the remaining parents and girls spent the day in a leisurely fashion. We walked up and down the river and swam in the clear, refreshing berg waters.

On Sunday everybody went on an exhilarating walk down the river and saw some magnificent waterfalls and rock formations.

Throughout the weekend we enjoyed the delicious food organised by the parents and were fortunate enough to have beautiful weather. The organisation of Mr and Mrs Ente ensured a happy, relaxed weekend. On behalf of the Vth Form, I would like to thank all the parents. I would also like to thank all the girls for contributing to the happy spirit.

A. Halle

The Eisteddfod

On Tuesday 10 September, the Senior and Intermediate Choirs set off to sing in the Eisteddfod in Durban's City Hall. We were accompanied by our Choir Master, Mr Gordon and Mrs Kudernatsch. We were encouraged not to use our voices on the bus trip down because of the 'flu at that time of the year.

On our arrival, we began to feel excited and nervous when we saw the other choirs. The Intermediate Choir was the first on stage and they sang "Chikadee" for which they received 81%. The Senior Choir sang three items and won the award for a folk song "Waltzing Matilda". The choir was placed third overall.

It was an enjoyable day and we were all pleased that we had done so well.

Sherran Cooper

Lady Principal's Birthday

Address given by Mr D.V. Ducasse at the party arranged by the members of staff.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a signal honour and privilege for me to have been asked to propose a toast to our very special guest, Val, on this golden day in her life.

For those of us who have long passed the magical 50 we look back on that as being a period when we were probably at our best — when we had graduated through the fearful forties and were now in a position to really make a contribution to the community in which we found ourselves. To what extent we succeeded is a very debatable point, but be that as it may. To those who have not yet made it, it seems to be a time when one has gone over the hill and is positively on the skids trying desperately not to slip away into obscurity or oblivion.

Looking at Val we can see that she is anything but "over the hill". In fact it is very evident that she is going into golden years and I am totally confident that she is going to enjoy them and to make a significant contribution during them.

My association with Val only goes back as long as most of yours does, but I think I have got to know her pretty well during that time, both as a colleague and as a friend and I am sure that you will all agree that Collegiate was fortunate to be able to find such an eminently suitable replacement for Dorothy Clarkson who really was "Collegiate on the Hill".

It is never easy for a stranger from the North to break into the last outpost of the British Empire, let alone to come from the state system into a private school and on top of that to follow such a successful Lady Principal as Dorothy had been. And yet Val has succeeded in doing all three in a remarkably short space of time and with complete humility and dignity. It is a great tribute to her for having done so with such success. She has integrated into this very tight-knit Collegiate family and has been accepted warmly as a worthy member of it.

I hear one little girl went home to her mother and said, "Mummy, Miss Bindon loves me lots". Mother replied, "Does she dear? How do you know?" "Yes, Mummy she really does" said the child gaily "she has put kisses next to all my sums"!!

Well, perhaps she doesn't do that, but I am sure it is true that Val does love her charges lots — but that does not mean that she will let them do as they please — discipline is an essential part of every school and Val has that happy knack of being both strict and disciplinarian and a compassionate person — a rare gift indeed.

But tonight let us forget the school and think only of the lady herself. Val we all wish you a memorable "50th" — I know the day is already well spent but we want you to know that you have our love and best wishes for golden years ahead — may your troubles be few and your joys abundant.

Ladies and gentlemen I give you a toast — "Our Golden Girl, Val".

The IVth Form History Weekend

20 to 22 September 1985

It was with great anticipation of good things to come that we loaded all our bags, bundles and bodies into the mini-bus on Friday 20 September to begin our History tour of some of the famous battlefields in Natal.

We began with Durnford near Estcourt. We were met by Mr Schroeder who proved to be a most knowledgeable and humorous guide. I don't think that there was one person present who did not find his slide tape presentation on the Zulu people intriguing or fail to notice his incredible love for these people shone in his eyes as he talked. He showed us some of the beautiful basket and beadwork made by the Zulu women, and took us on a tour of the dungeon in the fort used when the Hottentots living in the Drakensberg came down to raid cattle and were caught in the act. They were so terrified of the dark, that one night in the ghostly cellar cured them forever! Mr Schroeder also told us about the ghost of Colonel Durnford which returns to the fort every January. Unfortunately, our visit with Mr Schroeder ended far too soon and we were on our way again, headed in the direction of Spioenkop Dam where we were to spend Friday and Saturday nights.

The small chalets were absolutely perfect — each containing eight beds, a tiny kitchen, bathroom and lounge. What luxury to be able to creep into the kitchen early in the morning (or late at night) and make a cup of steaming coffee to carry back to the warmth of the bedroom! We all settled into our borrowed “home” and chatted, giggled and gossiped late into the night.

On Saturday morning we were up early and prepared for our walk up Spioenkop to see where the battle took place. Mr Torlage, who works at the Dam’s small information centre, gave us an interesting introductory talk about the battle and then off we went. We had to drive for about half an hour to get to the correct place to climb and were all rather horrified to see how steep the climb was! With much huffing and puffing we arrived at the top. What a wonderful view we had, in spite of the clouds, mist and light drizzle and we spent a happy time pottering around, looking at the monuments, reading inscriptions on graves and trying to recreate in our imaginations, the battle.

We rose early on Sunday and began a long, long journey back. We stopped at Blood River where we counted the wagons, took photos and saw the Covenant made by the Boers, stating that if they won the battle they would erect a church to the glory of God.

We also stopped at Rorke’s Drift where there was a beautiful model of the battle which helped us to understand the horror of it more easily. The little church there was utterly charming, but unfortunately we could not stay for long as we still had to visit Isandhlwana. (I would not have liked to have been a British soldier faced with a Zulu impi of 20 000 on that lonely hill.)

Our long journey through Zululand was broken for a very short while when we stopped at the Morkel’s beach cottage at Sheffield to stretch our legs and have some tea. We arrived back at school hot, sweaty and very, very tired after one of the best weekends ever and loaded with fun and entertainment and one on which we learned more than we ever would have in the classroom. Our very great thanks to Mrs Sheila White and Mrs Lorna McKenzie for all their organisation and assistance.

Nicola Hall-Jones

IVth Form Biological/ Geographical Outing to Durban — August 1985

Fifty six Fourth Form girls clambered onto a bus bound for the University in Durban.

We arrived in Durban at about 1 p.m. and made our way to the University. We all managed to get to the Geology Department without losing anyone and settled down for a very interesting one and a half hours. We first watched a short slide presentation entitled “A Walk on the Beach” — looking at a beach through a Geologist’s eye, after which we were given a fascinating talk on diamonds, including their mining methods and how the stones were selected and used. After the talk we split into two groups — one watching a diamond being cut and shaped and the other looking at the displays that were there. We also saw a number of semi-precious stones, some of which had been cut and shaped, like a crystal quartz egg which had over 900 facets.

Afterwards we were taken to the Mangrove Swamps. We stopped at a huge block of flats where we disembarked and climbed up 16 flights of stairs to view the swamps.

We split into groups of ten and armed with worksheets and instruments, set out to the site. We studied the trees, which were really fascinating (especially the way they rid themselves of excess salt by dropping leaves which turn yellow when the saline content is too high). We also watched the crabs and conducted some interesting experiments. Having completed our work, we waded across the river onto the beach where we all paddled and splashed around. We all climbed onto the bus, salty, wet and tired, after a most stimulating and interesting day. Our thanks to Mrs Whittlesea and Mrs Moss who organised and accompanied us.

Nicola Hall-Jones

Youth Art Weekend — August 1985

Various schools throughout Natal were represented at an art weekend at Winkelspruit. Lyndsay Ross, Lindsay Poole, Samantha Siedle, Tanya Cohen and Jean Ralfe attended the course.

The weekend involved various exercises: making the students familiar with different art techniques, ranging from water colours and pencil sketching to sign painting. Under professional instruction from artist Marjory Bouman and Roland Hill students were able to experiment and develop their talents and techniques.

Time flew by as they sketched on the beach and socialised with other pupils of the same age and ability. Students found the weekend an inspiration to strive for higher goals in their work.

Jean Ralfe and Tanya Cohen

The Musical Evening

The end of the Third Term was rounded off very well by a well organised and enjoyable Musical Evening. One of the items was the lovely Spanish dancing by Roslynn Kearney and Hannah Merckel. All four choirs contributed and the Sixth Form Singing Group sang a collection of songs written by Rowena Bett McKenzie, Gail Adams and Bronwyn Pratt and arranged by Mr Gordon. Most of the Senior music pupils played their piano pieces. Rowena and Gail played a duet on the piano and flute respectively. The Musical Evening was popular with the parents as the boarders were allowed to go home afterwards.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Gordon, Mrs Hellberg, Mrs Kudernatsch and the pupils who took part, for making this evening a success.

Shane Harrison

Form II Berg Weekend

The Form II Berg Weekend was great fun. Even though it was raining when we arrived at Injasuti, nothing seemed to put a damper on our spirits! We spent the rest of the afternoon getting organised and exploring.

Many brave souls ventured far up the river. That evening we led the parents in song with the help of Marian and Kelly's guitars.

The next day, most of the Collegiate girls left at around 10 a.m. on a short walk while the more energetic amongst us left at around 9 a.m. on a four hour Parks Board hike. After a good lunch we left for The Pool where we spent most of the weekend cavorting in the water and generally getting sun burnt.

On Saturday evening we had a punk disco held in the girls-only cabin. Some intriguing disguises were worn and after a rather short bit of dancing we left for the parents cabin demanding food supplies. After a visit to the food-cabin, we returned triumphant with a good supply of ice-cream.

Sunday was spent at The Pool. After lunch it was time for a quick game of rounders. Then it was time to go back. All we can say is we wish it had been a little longer. We had a great time, lots of laughs, burnt shoulders and some memories for when we think Form II is boring.

Jean Redpath



PINSSA 1985

Standing: J. Slabbert, J. Kearney, L. Drummond, H. Templeton

Seated: J. Wootton, Mrs M. Whittlesea, J. Redpath.

Science Report in PINSSA

On Thursday 25 July 1985 the Standard 5's and 6's attended the Annual Junior Pietermaritzburg and Inland Natal Schools Science Association Conference.

In the Standard 5 group, a book prize was awarded to Jennifer Kearney, and Jillian Slabbert for their research paper entitled "The Effects of Dyes, Heat and Chemicals on Leather."

Certificates were awarded to Sally James, Joneta Edwards and Heidi Grobler for their paper on "Protea Pests".

Nicola Perkins, Caroline Alva-Wright and Deborah Edwards were also awarded a certificate for their research on Jumping animals.

In the Standard 6 group, Girls' Collegiate entered six research papers and were awarded to two book prizes.

Jean Redpath produced an outstanding paper on "Colour" and was awarded a book prize.

Jackie Wootton, Helen Templeton and Leanne Drummond researched "Smoking". With the aid of a model they investigated the amount of impurities given off when different brands of cigarettes were smoked.

Certificates were awarded to Melissa Fynn, Susan Elliot and Philippa Smith for their work on "Beauty without Cruelty"; Kelly Hein for "Mass and Weight"; Jennifer Gould for her study of "Seed Eaters"; and to Phillipa Poole and Jennifer O'Shea for their outstanding research on "The Study of a Compost Heap".

On Friday 26 July, Girls' Collegiate attended the Senior Conference. Tanya Cohen and Lesley Adrain gained fourth place for their research paper entitled "Containers — a wicked waste of our resources".

Crystal Clear

devised by Phil Young

In September 1985 the little known play, **Crystal Clear**, devised by Phil Young, was staged at Girls' Collegiate. The subject of this play is blindness, the strain it places on relationships and the suffering it causes. A related theme is diabetes and its link with blindness.

It is a tribute to the director and the actors that this was a sensitive and deeply moving production that left audiences feeling disturbed.

Keri Duys gave a superb performance as the blind Thom. This was an astonishingly convincing portrayal of blindness — her eyes were simply blank and unseeing. The control, the warmth, the poise, the inner serenity, the ease of movement within limitations conveyed her as a brave and attractive character. This made her breakdown at the end, when she revealed the deep unhappiness behind the mask, painfully poignant.

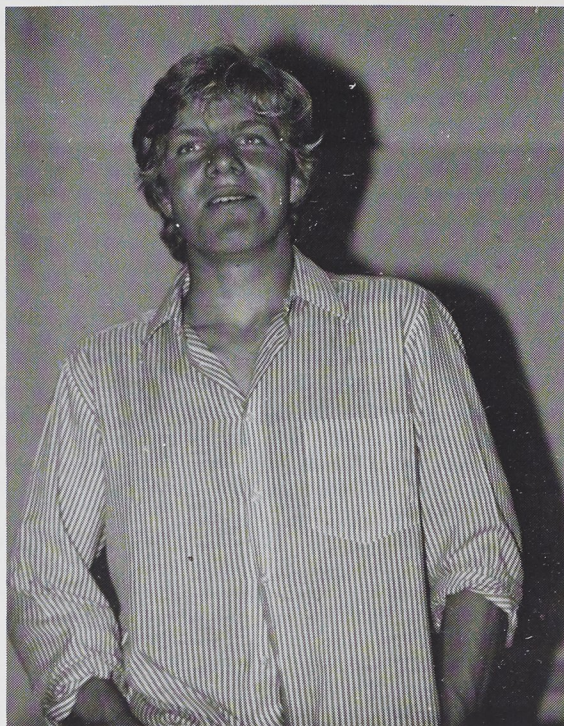
Kevin Turner as Richard was called upon to exhibit an unconventional, absent-minded, artistic temperament, as well as to reveal a gamut of emotions and responses from cynicism to anger, frustration and self-pity. This he did with remarkable conviction. He exacted the maximum humour, through his jaunt cynicism, from the opening exchanges in his untidy and disorganised flat, and gradually moved through the angry bewilderment at his predicament to frustrated self-pity and despair. As convincing as his moods were the blundering movements of a man only just rendered sightless. He was like an outraged and newly blinded animal in a cage. Most convincing of all was his diabetic fit — a marvellous piece of acting.

The third member of this strong trio was Dani Cohen, who brought to an essentially unsympathetic character, the butt of Richard's humour, a measure of realistic compassion. In a competent and believable performance, she conveyed the irritation and frustration that characterised her relationship with the seemingly unreasonable Richard. Driven by her frustration to utter bitter taunts, she alternated with moments of genuine remorse, but she remained unaware of the irony of her blindness in not seeing the hopelessness of her relationship with Richard.

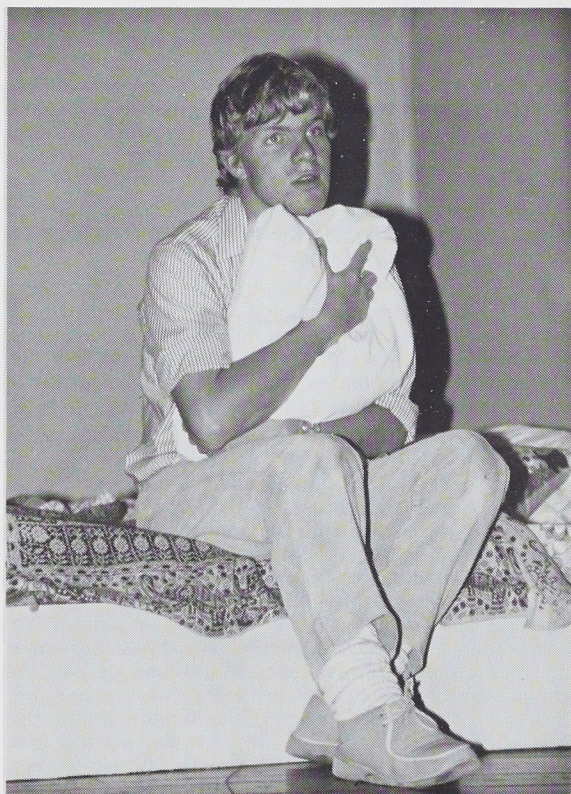
The set and the lighting were simple but effective, the costumes appropriate, the Beatles' music evoked the desperate hedonism and youthful, rebellious unconventionality of the sixties.

Moir Lovell's careful direction, sensitive response to the text and the characters, and ability to inspire outstanding performances from her cast made this a memorable production of a disturbingly sad play.

A.G.L.



"Crystal Clear"



FOURTH TERM'S ACTIVITIES

Speech Day 1985

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

My Lord Bishop, Mrs Nuttall, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Welcome to our 107th Prize Giving and Speech Day at Collegiate — the 21st up on the hill. It is an interesting paradox that this school, whose original name was the Natal Evangelical Protestant Ladies' Association, has in my time as Chairman had a Botha, a Bredenkamp, a le Roux and two Steyns as speakers. Only now are we having an English Evangelical Protestant gentleman to present the prizes. I am sure that this choice will provide a balance and a leavening of the mixture and in the heart of what Tommy Bedford refers to as "the last outpost of the British Empire", it must be appropriate to have Bishop Michael and his wife, Doris, who both went to school in Pietermaritzburg. I will give you a short outline of Bishop Michael's illustrious career when I introduce him formally.

It is always a pleasure on these occasions to have the support of heads from other schools — fewer than usual because today seems a popular choice for speech days, but we welcome Mr and Mrs Bawden, Mrs Cocker, Mr and Mrs Silcock, Mr Edmonson and Mrs Odell.

We are glad to have old and staunch friends of Collegiate here like Mrs Bircher and Dorothy Clarkson. Also we welcome our Honorary Life Governor, Des Ducas.

Finally, I would like to mention Doreen Ovendale and Dr Ian Canham who retired during the year after long and loyal service on the Board. Joyce Mason is unfortunately not able to be here.

The main function of the Board of Governors is the sound financial management of the school, and it is pleasing to report that, even in this depressing depression (I could not think of a better adjective), we are managing to keep our heads above water. In fact, the school with some 360 pupils has never been so full, and has grown from just under 200 pupils in 1980.

During this year two new junior classrooms and the squash court were commissioned and the new chapel was completed. We have had our first weddings in the chapel and, although it has not yet been consecrated, we can perhaps say that it has at least been christened. Our building programme has swallowed over R700 000 in the last three years — a very great achievement for the Collegiate family. We do still owe Barclays Bank some money but the funds from the appeal are flowing in on a regular basis and we are confident that we will be able to meet our commitments in full.

I think we can all be very proud of these material developments (especially the Resource Centre), but they are the more pleasing because they have happily been matched by the concomitant development of the teaching staff.

Their involvement and commitment to high professional standards is matched by their care for each individual pupil. Credit for this goes to each member of staff, but especially to the leadership and guidance of the Lady Principal and her management team of Colleen Irvine, Bev Addison and Wendy Norman-Smith.

Unfortunately I have had to resign after six years as Chairman of the Board because of a relocation in Cape Town for business reasons. In any event, I would have had only one more year because we have made it a rule on the Board that no-one may be chairman for more than seven years, or remain on the Board for more than twelve years.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors a few weeks ago, the Vice-Chairman, Alan Gillett, was elected as Chairman and he takes office tomorrow. I wanted to stay as Chairman in order to be at this prize giving with Bishop Michael and also to be able to introduce Alan Gillett to you. After matriculating, Alan completed his military training at the Airforce Gymnasium and then went on to complete his Masters Degree in Economics at the University of Stellenbosch and then his Chartered Accountant studies at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is at present the very successful managing director of a Pietermaritzburg electronics company which has earned an enviable reputation for its endeavours in the export field. The company has been voted Exporter of the Year on three different occasions, and its Hi-Tec products are used in over 40 countries world-wide. Alan Gillett has been one of the creative-ideas persons behind much of what the Board has achieved over the past few years. It was he who persuaded us to the strategy of strengthening the junior school. It was also Alan's idea to refurbish the dormitories which, I think, has made life very much more pleasant for the current generation than it must have been for their spartan mothers. Alan also applied pressure for the building of the Resource Centre, and insisted on facilities for computer teaching. And one of the boldest decisions we have implemented is the appointment of a Business Manager, Chris Catchpole, an accountant by profession and a part-time farmer. He has become an indispensable part of the daily administration and running of the school as well as being of great assistance to the Lady Principal.

There is just one thing I would like to say about being the sort of absentee Chairman that I have been — first in Durban and for the past fourteen months in Cape Town: it has meant that I have been able to keep a perspective and have not had to answer questions at dinner parties about "why the school lost Mary Jane's track suit". Please allow Alan Gillett to have that same perspective and rather route the lost track suits through the correct channels.

The Governors have been thoroughly supportive over these past years, and through the various committees, everyone on the Board has had a job to do and has, I think, enjoyed doing it.

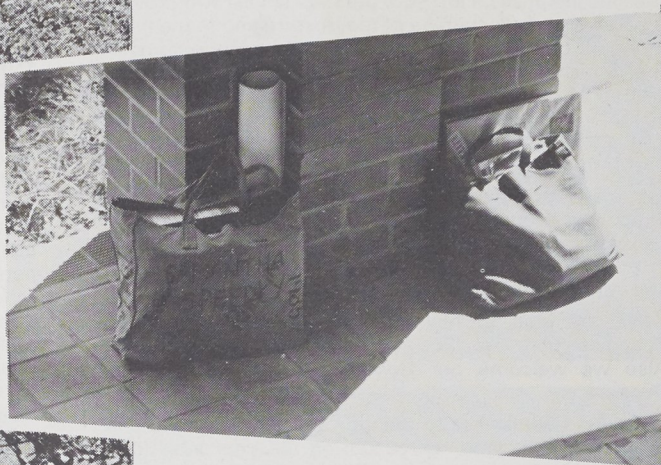
Clive Henderson has been of particular assistance with a sophisticated budgeting system.

A recent new appointment to the Board is Mrs Elizabeth Smith, who is currently also the President of the Old Girls' Guild. Pat Rudden, Brenda Ecstein, Gavin Stott and Nixon Montgomery are the remaining members of the Board, and I thank them for their support and their loyal service to the school.

The Lady Principal will now present her report, and after that, I will formally introduce our guest speaker, Bishop Michael Nuttall.



CENTENARY QUAD



LADY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Chairman, My Lord Bishop, Mrs Nuttall, Members of the Board of Governors, distinguished Guest, Ladies and Gentlemen and Girls.

I join the Chairman in extending a very warm welcome to Bishop Michael and Mrs Nuttall. We are delighted that they are able to be with us this morning.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all today and to present my report for 1985.

The newsletters and school magazine keep you informed of our activities and achievements and I have decided to highlight exceptional achievements and progress in certain areas.

At the beginning of the year, we were delighted to welcome Lesley Babcock, an AFS Scholar from Colorado. We hope she has enjoyed her stay at Collegiate as much as we have enjoyed having her. In the Third Term, Ina Tobler, a Rotary Exchangee from Germany spent a few weeks at Collegiate. In December, Petro Hanekom will be going to Kiel as a short term Rotary Scholar.

In December 1984, Thilo Simadari, one of last year's matrics, was awarded a scholarship to study at Smith College in the United States.

Elizabeth Hammond has been awarded a major AECL Scholarship, one of five to be awarded in South Africa. This scholarship covers all University tuition, residence expenses, pocket money for four years, and provides employment during the long vacation.

Once again, girls have participated in the Mathematics, Science and English Olympiads. Of the seventeen girls who wrote the English Olympiad, four of them, Lyndsay Ayerst, Dani Cohen, Charlotte James and Nicky Trope were placed in the top 100 in South Africa.

In the Victoria League Standard Seven Essay and Spelling Competition, Hanna Merckel came fifth in Natal, while Debbie Stranack, Nicola Watson, Amanda Steiner, Eleanor Fiske and Amelia Gabbiani were awarded over 80% for their essays. Collegiate won the Princess Alice Runner-Up Cup.

Collegiate girls entered the Maximum Mileage Essay Competition which has been held to raise funds for underprivileged children. Nicky Trope's essay won first place in the senior section in Natal and she will attend the prize giving banquet to be held at the Wild Coast Sun where she will receive a medal and the floating trophy from Carol Charlewood.

At the annual Junior Pietermaritzburg and Inland Natal Schools' Science Association Conference, book prizes were awarded to Jenny Kearney and Jillian Slabbert in Form I and Jean Redpath, Jackie Wootton, Helen Templeton and Leanne Drummond in Form II, while certificates were awarded to six other papers presented at the conference. At the Senior Conference, Tammy Cohen and Lesley Adrain were awarded a fourth prize for their paper.

We have had a successful hockey season. Elizabeth Bateman captained the Natal Midlands Schools' Hockey team and was captain of the South African Schools' team which played in the Allied Prestige Matches. Katherine Crowe and Sarah Crowe were selected to play for the Natal Midlands' B and C teams respectively.

We came second in the Senior Inter-Schools' Gala and great was the excitement when we actually won a race against the outstanding G.H.S. team. Kerry Henwood came third in Natal in the under 12 400 metres freestyle event and eighth in South Africa in the same event, a splendid achievement.

Thirty girls have qualified as life savers, twenty six being awarded the bronze medallion and four the bronze cross.

Nicky Perkins was chosen to represent Natal at the Central Circle Junior Gymnastics Competition.

The Standard of tennis continues to improve. The under 14 tennis team has won the Emily Howard Trophy for the second consecutive year. Janet Robinson was chose to play for Pietermaritzburg. In the Natal Witness Tournament, Pippa Cox won the under 14 singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles. Well done Pippa.

Members of the Red Cross have done well. Petra Sheasby and Michelle Prentice achieved the highest marks for elementary and intermediate home nursing respectively, and shared the trophy for general efficiency and duties. Mandy Barnes obtained the highest marks in the elementary first aid examination, while Petro Hanekom has received her five-year medal.

The school has organised a variety of educational activities. Girls have attended plays and musicals put on by other schools, concerts given by the Natal Philharmonic Orchestra, ballet and the PACT productions of "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Don Giovanni". Many excursions have been undertaken.

Form I attended a conservation course at the Umgeni Valley.

Senior history pupils have visited the Holocaust Exhibition in Durban. Senior art pupils attended an Inter-Schools' weekend workshop at Amanzimtoti.

The Biology department has organised excursions to the mangrove swamps and the new crocodile farm. The Geography department arranged a visit to the Geology Department of the University of Natal in Durban to see rock samples, slides and a display of diamond cutting and also organised a Form III mapwork day at Umgeni Valley. In the Second Term, seven Fifth Form boarders spent a week at Voortrekker High School and attended daily lessons as day scholars. In the Third Term, seven Fifth Form girls from Voortrekker High spent a week at Collegiate as boarders. In order to accommodate them in the boarding school, seven of our boarders enjoyed the hospitality of day girls and their parents.

This pupil exchange provided a worthwhile experience for the pupils from both schools and has certainly fostered tolerance and brought about a change in attitude at Collegiate.

The Collegiate Chess Club entered a team in the Chess League and won through to the final round when Michaelhouse proved too good for them. Vicky Sutcliffe was chosen as the number 4 player in the Pietermaritzburg and Districts Chess Team.

The Wildlife Society undertook the Howick River Trail project and this involved presenting their case at a meeting of the Howick Council and later to some rather irate Howick householders who had visions of their privacy being invaded.

The music department has been active. Few will forget the beautiful presentation of J.H. Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary" which the Senior Choir presented with Hilton College in the Cathedral at the end of the First Term. The Senior and Intermediate Choirs participated in the Durban Eisteddfod, the Senior Choir winning the Floating Trophy for their folk song. The Cantilena Choir sang at a Lunch Hour Concert in the City Hall and have sung at Grey's Hospital, Holy Trinity Church, The Congregational Church, Villa Assumpta and Sunnyside. On 1 December, Hilton College and Collegiate will be presenting a combined Carol Service in the City Hall in aid of the Hunger Fund.

This year, we decided to provide the girls with an extension and enrichment programme which would go beyond the normal curriculum. By modifying the Wednesday timetable, we managed to create an hour between 12 noon and 1.00 p.m. for this programme. The topics covered have ranged from money to music, and from personal teenage problems to wider social issues. The Sixth Form, for example, enjoyed a series of talks on "personal finance" given by Mr Mike Ethelstone of Finansbank. The girls have been given valuable advice on how to handle money, cheques, credit cards, hire purchase, medical aid, pension funds to name but a few of the topics covered. Mr Ethelstone included career guidance in the course, giving valuable advice on applications for educational loans, interviews, how to compile a curriculum vitae, post-matric qualifications and general advice on working careers. Mr Ethelstone was pleased with the girls' response, their readiness to participate and the quality of the questions asked.

Other highlights of the "Wednesday Hour" must surely be the two demonstrations of the instruments of the Orchestra given by Mr Errol Girdlestone and members of the Pietermaritzburg and Natal Philharmonic Orchestras and the exciting programme presented by the Amakholwa Choir with their beautiful singing.

In July, thirty Sixth Form pupils accompanied by three members of staff spent two days at the Coleford Nature Reserve where it was hoped to find the perfect conditions for an intensive study programme under careful guidance. Emphasis was on planning a programme which combined concentrated study with periods of exercise and relaxation. Notes and advice were given on methods of study and examination technique.

On their return from Coleford, the staff reported remarkable diligence, absolute co-operation, perfect peace. On the other hand, 80% of the students found the workshop worthwhile, nobody found it a waste of time, 68% found the planning most valuable, while others found the emphasis on concentration and a positive approach most beneficial.

It was heartening to find that most found the workshop too short; many realised for the first time the importance of regular breaks. Other significant comments were:

- * It showed me what I could achieve.
- * It gave me a more positive attitude and more confidence.
- * I did not believe I could learn without cramming.
- * Was this really me — concentrating and enjoying it?

The only negative comment — Too Cold!
(temperature -2°C).

A Zenith Club was established this year. This is a Junior Toastmistresses Club and when this club is chartered later this year, it will be the first in South Africa. I am most grateful to Mrs Pat van Schoor who launched the club for her interest, assistance and enthusiastic support.

International Toastmistress is now known as international training in communication. In Zenith Club, members are assisted to gain the confidence required to stand up and speak, taught about correct meeting format which encompasses planning an agenda, recording of minutes, effective reporting and working within the confines of limited time. Members learn about protocol and public speaking — preparation, presentation and projection, and very important interpersonal communication techniques.

The Inter-House Play Festival provided a delightful evening of entertainment. The overall standard was very high and producers and casts are to be congratulated on the polished performances. Mr Tony Lovell's sound and constructive criticism is always valued and appreciated by the producers and actresses.

Mrs Lovell's outstanding production of "Crystal Clear" lived up to the very high standard she has set for herself over the years, and the acting was superb.

The appointment of Mrs Proctor as full-time Librarian and Anoosha Adhoija as a full-time Library Assistant has meant that it has been possible to make the Resource Centre functional. During the year the Library has acquired a beautiful, functional issue desk, an audio-visual store cupboard, curtains, cushions and twelve "milkmaid stools", the latter kindly donated by the Tuckshop. All these have helped to make the Library functional, attractive and comfortable. Over 4 000 of our books have been comprehensively classified and catalogued and the girls are now able to retrieve information themselves. The books have been processed and housed on clearly marked shelves and we hope the little stools will encourage browsing.

Members of staff and girls are using the Library and in the afternoons it is often full.

We feel that we are beginning to achieve our objective — independent learning, self-sufficiency, encouraging reading and browsing, general integration of resources into the teaching-learning process as well as, and as important, catering for the recreational needs of the girls.

Because we have a long Easter Holiday, but have to teach the full 195 school days required by law, it is necessary to have "Saturday School". At the beginning of the term and after a halfterm weekend, the Saturday is included to make a five day week. Sometimes, however, in the middle of the term we have a six day week and this is a long, tedious week, disliked by both teachers and pupils.

This year we introduced a scheme whereby the dreaded "Saturday School" has become a "Special Day", one which people enjoy and have even come to look forward to. The day is programmed so that one teacher has charge of a whole form for the entire morning. The programme may take the form of a workshop, a special outing or expedition. The Resource Centre is much in demand on these Saturdays and the day has to be carefully co-ordinated.

A word or two about films, videos, slide tape productions: these are valuable teaching aids and are used as such. Every time a teacher uses one of these, it is an integral part of the work. We have had some strange feedback on this subject for example, "My daughter did nothing at school — the class just watched a video." This attitude reveals two things:

Firstly, a conviction the work in order to be real cannot also be enjoyable — if it is fun, it must be wrong.

Secondly, that there is no understanding of the part audio-visual aids play in modern education methods.

Watching videos has become standard entertainment at children's birthday parties, over the weekends and during school holidays. Indiscriminate watching of videos may solve the problems of parents who are at a loss to know how to entertain their children, but they must not make the mistake of thinking that we are doing the same thing. I repeat, a video is used as an integral part of the syllabus.

On the programmed Saturday we also tried to introduce cross curriculum activity. It is sad that by force of circumstances we have to compartmentalise so much so early, and we believe that we should try to overcome this by exposing pupils to areas other than the six subjects they have chosen. For example, we arranged a Historical tour of the Byrne Valley where the History students were joined by the Home Economics pupils. Next year, we hope to do more of this.

This year we have changed the subject choices for those pupils entering Form IV in 1986. Biology is no longer compulsory. This has enabled us to offer a much wider range of choices. Every girl in Form III was asked for her preference and the subject packages were worked out according to the demands of the pupils — no small achievement and something which can only be done in a small, caring school. In many institutions it is very much a case of "take it or leave it."

In discussing subject choices with the girls, some rather worrying factors emerged:

Firstly, some pupils were choosing subjects, not because they wanted to do them, but because "Daddy or Mummy says I must" or "They say . . ."

Secondly, over and over again the question was asked "What can I do with it?"

The answer is, of course, there is very little anyone can "do" with any school subject. What is important is the discipline and kind of training involved in each of the subjects. History, for example, apart from its cultural value, trains pupils in argument, in selecting the relevant facts for a particular purpose, recognising bias, essay writing, training in research methods and so on.

Thirdly, we believe that at this early stage, a well balanced, general education is important. Choices made at 14 or 15 years of age do not only affect Mary Jane here and now. She has to think of the woman she will be at 18, and at 25 and at 45 and she cannot close doors for the woman she will be in the future because she has based her choice on some vocational whim she has now.

Last year the news went round that the Old Collegiate buildings in Burger Street were going to be demolished. The Board, Old Girls' Guild and I appealed to the

authorities and various societies to prevent the destruction of this part of our city's history.

We have just received news from the local branch of the Institute of Architects who have been working in association with the Pietermaritzburg Society and the Natal Provincial Administration on a project to explore ways of using the old Collegiate buildings. The Natal Provincial Administration have agreed to invite public tenders from interested parties who may wish to renovate the buildings and rent them out for a period of up to 25 years. The Institute of Architects have proposed several different types of use to which the buildings can be put based on overseas experience.

The Chairman has mentioned that this is the Twenty-First Prize Giving up on the Hill. Collegiate-on-the-Hill has come of age.

In her reminiscences, Mrs Margaret Baker, a former Vice-Principal, had the following to say about those early years on the Hill:—

"... all crises were met with courage and confidence because the **quality** off the school mattered and many rooms had to have multi-purpose functions. After breakfast, the diningroom tables were cleared and moved, and the room prepared for morning prayers. At one time the stage was used as an art room. Then more ambitious, the diningroom was used as a hall for prize giving, concerts, plays, dress parades — everything being carried out with the same good taste and providing a pattern for the future built on the traditions and achievements of the past. Thus we see a hall is necessary from a practical point of view, but it is not essential. We were all happy "making do", using what initiative we had, knowing that 'Rome wasn't build in a day', but it did require hard word, courage and resourcefulness."

Today, looking at this complex of beautiful buildings on this magnificent site overlooking the city, it is difficult for many of us to imagine Collegiate-on-the-Hill in 1964 and one can only admire and applaud what has been achieved over the last 21 years.

I once heard Mike Mathews say that he accepted the position of Chairman off the Board because he believed Collegiate had all the buildings it needed. He soon realised how wrong he was. In 1982 an appeal was launched, as a result of which the new Resource Centre complex was opened in August 1984, an additional Junior classroom and Resource Centre in January 1985 and a Squash Court in August 1985. The old Library has been converted into an attractive, modern Chapel and eighteen dormitories in Geekie, Tully and Line Halls have been refurbished and renovated.

The Chapel is being used on Sunday evenings and for senior school prayers on Monday mornings. We have had two weddings in the Chapel, one Old Girl coming all the way from the United Kingdom to be married in the school Chapel.

It was fitting that the first public service held in the Chapel was a memorial service for Mrs Margaret Baker who died on 19 July. We were able to pay tribute to her loyalty and devoted service to Collegiate over 34 years. More recently the school held its own memorial service for Georgie Heaton Nicholls in the Chapel.

And so over the years the school has grown. However, we cannot afford to stand still and there is much to be

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done. Education is a dynamic process that involves change.

The other morning when I told the Chairman that I planned to budget for and embark on a systematic renovation of the diningroom and all the classrooms, he told me that I would do down in the annals of Collegiate as "The Spender". I hope it will be as "The Investor".

As from next year, Form I will be taught in the Junior School as Standard 5. In conjunction with the classics department of the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg we are investigating the introduction of Latin as a school subject and twenty eight girls have expressed interest.

Members of Staff have attended in-service courses and conferences and kept in touch with modern trends. These have included in-service courses elaborating on new syllabi for Afrikaans, Physical Science and Geography. There was a seminar for art teachers and Mrs Irvine and the Lady Principal attended a seminar at the University dealing with "Education and the Diversity of Cultures".

It is inevitable in any school that the end of the year will bring about changes in the Staff:

Mrs Anderson and Mrs Gerrard have been helping out in the Afrikaans and Mathematics departments. At the beginning of the year, Mrs Stobie was granted leave in order to take up a post at the University. She has decided to stay on at the University next year and Miss Aulfes has been appointed to the permanent staff in her place. Mrs McKenzie and Mr Stevens have resigned and will be leaving at the end of the year.

All these members of Staff have our sincere thanks and appreciation for the contribution they have made.

Mrs Jenkins will also be leaving and she has promised to introduce us to the reason during the Second Term of next year! She has done much to improve the standard of the swimming and hockey at Collegiate and has given so much of her time and herself. We wish her every happiness.

On 1 October, the whole school as saddened and deeply shocked to learn of the sudden death of Miss Georgie Heaton Nicholls. She was a much loved colleague and teacher and she will be missed. I am grateful to Mrs Sarah Dottridge who has generously stepped into the breach and has taken over teaching Miss Heaton Nicholl's classes.

To all who have contributed to the efficient running of the school, I would like to record my sincere thanks and appreciation —

- * The teaching Staff for their dedicated service.
- * My three Heads of Department for their constant constant support, interest and assistance in so many ways.
- * The Secretaries, Business Manager and Administrative Assistants for their loyalty and co-operation at all times.
- * The Resident Staff, such an important part of a boarding school. We have had a number of changes during the course of this year but we now have a competent and caring team of Lady Wardens and House Mistresses.
- * The Caterers and their Staff who work long hours cheerfully and willingly in a hot kitchen. Having a full-time manageress in the kitchen in the person of Mrs

Lamprecht has made an enormous difference to the school.

- * Sister Greene for the efficient running of the Sick Bay and for answering our calls at any hour of the day or night so cheerfully and willingly. During the first Three Terms of the year, 115 patients have been admitted to Sick Bay. One Thursday afternoon, Sister Greene went into the kitchen to place the meal orders for Sick Bay. On hearing that none would be required for the following day, one of the chefs was overheard to say "because it's Friday!"
- * The Estate Manager, Handyman and their Staff who look after the maintenance and cleanliness of our buildings and work hard to maintain the playing fields and the gardens.

I would like to express my appreciation to the ministers of the various churches where our boarders worship. We are grateful for their pastoral care.

We are fortunate in having a loyal and active Old Girls' Guild and a supportive executive body of parents.

To the many girls who form the backbone of the school, I should like to record my gratitude. They uphold its traditions and reputation, participate fully in school activities and meet their obligations, but their names are seldom mentioned because they do not feature in the awards lists. We value their contribution.

Luanne Grobler, our Head Girl, her deputies Kim Sykes and Nicola Winter, and the prefects have worked hard to uphold the traditions and discipline of the school. To them and the rest of the Sixth Form, we record our gratitude and appreciation for the contribution they have made to the school.

Examinations lie ahead for all girls in the senior school. For the matrics, the examinations which start in ten days time, mark "the end of the beginning" after twelve long years at school.

Most of them have settled down to quiet, conscientious preparation and endeavour, and we wish each one of you success, happiness and fulfilment in the years ahead. We hope you will do yourselves justice in the examinations. And when they are over, that you will go out into the world with confidence, that you will believe in yourself and make the most of your opportunities.

I should like to remind you of the concluding paragraphs of Mr Richard Steyn's address last year:—

"If things do not go quite as well as they should, and you don't entirely live up to your parent's high expectations, take heart from the story about little Johnny who was chided by his father for his less than brilliant symbols. 'Your friend Robert who lives next door doesn't get D's and E's does he?' asked his Father. 'No' admitted little Johnny, 'But he's different. You see, he's got very bright parents'.

Mr Mathews has already told you that he had had to resign as Chairman of the Board. Mike became Chairman in June 1980 and he has been a dynamic, supportive Chairman, and his business acumen has been invaluable. He has been responsible for putting the school on a sound financial footing by encouraging the Board to adopt a business plan.

As a parent, he advocated greater co-operation between parents and the Board. The Board was not to be seen as a remote body, he wanted the parents to feel that they

are part of the school and that they belong. He also advocated that the Staff should be involved in policy making and decisions and it was his idea to hold a symposium last year at which board members and staff could meet and plan for the future of Collegiate. The school owes Mr Mathews a deep debt of gratitude. He has set a tremendous pace and left a firm foundation on which to build. Both Alice and Mike have been sincerely interested in all our activities and it has been a privilege to have been closely associated with them.

Mike, on behalf of the school, we would like you to accept this souvenir album which contains a selection of photographs covering events, achievements and activities during your term of office.

We wish you and Alice good health, success and happiness in the fairest Cape in all the world and hope that you will always regard Collegiate as a place where you will receive a warm welcome whenever you are in Natal.

Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen.

ADDRESS GIVEN BY THE RIGHT REVEREND MICHAEL NUTTALL

It is an honour for me and my wife to be with you here today.

Greatly daring, I want to talk to you about femininity and motherhood. And please note: I draw a distinction between femininity and feminism. Femininity (for me) is a quality; feminism is a crusade, sometimes with some strangely masculine overtones.

Why do I, a man, take such a tricky theme? Partly, I suppose, because of a natural masculine fascination with man's counterpart who is woman. Partly because I am speaking at the Prize Giving of a Girls' School. Partly because the subject of womanhood, motherhood, femininity will always be important; and more particularly, because the subject has something, I believe, of special value to contribute to our country at this critical time, if we are concerned (as we should be) for healing and peace in the land.

What credentials do I have for embarking on such a subject? In one sense, none at all. I am no psychologist. I walk where angels would fear to tread. But I have a mother, I have a wife, and I have a daughter, all of whom have taught me much. I offer this little talk (for what it is worth) as a tribute to them. I also try to be a person of prayer, and I have been very struck by a comment I recently came across from someone who is well-versed in prayer. He said: "When we reach a certain stage in prayer we are all feminine before God." I like that, I find it intriguing. I think I know what he means; and this also gives me courage to speak on my chosen theme.

Motherhood: femininity. What are some of their characteristics? I shall illustrate from three true stories: one about an English-speaking South African woman, one about an Afrikaans-speaking South African woman, and a third about a Tswana-speaking South African woman.

I quote, first of all, then, from Guy Butler's autobiography *Karoo Morning*. It is a story with particular relevance for those of you who are leaving school this year.

"At last the matriculations results were announced and, shortly after, the news that I had been awarded the Alfred Metcalf Scholarship to Rhodes University College, Grahamstown, for three years. Everyone was very proud of me, and I was inordinately proud of myself.

We now turned to the Rhodes University Calendar and Prospectus with renewed interest. Father was very worried. Fees and costs had risen during the past three years, but he said little, apart from pressing me to make up my mind as to what career I wished to pursue and what courses I would take. I shilly-shallied for days. At one meal, I would express a keen interest in Science; I had scored an A for chemistry. At the next, I was all for the Arts: I had scored an A for English — then a very rare mark indeed. In the light of this uncertainty, Father asked: What about Commerce? — still hoping perhaps that I would go into the family business.

'What', asked Father, 'do you want to become?'

That was, indeed, the question, but Mother, quite sure of the correct answer, had no hesitation in supplying it:

'A teacher — Arts or Science — it doesn't matter which.'

'I may have to be a teacher, but I want to be a writer.'

There was a puzzled pause.

'You mean a journalist?' asked Father.

'No. A poet.'

There was an appalled silence. Then Ernest said: 'You don't need to go to university for that.'

Alice looked up from her darning, startled. Ernest went on:

'Until the boy makes up his mind what profession he wishes to enter, there's no point in wasting good money sending him to university. As far as I am concerned there is no profession called poet. Poetry butters no parsnips.'

And he got up and left the room.

I banged my fists on the table and cried out, 'I want to write!'

Alice said, 'You be sensible now, You can write in your spare time. Most writers do.'

Explosions were so rare at The Poplars that they left people paralysed.

I got up, and went to my room. It seemed impossible that my father should go back on his word. For more than two years I had made furniture, I had worked hard, I had won the scholarship. I had fulfilled my side of the bargain. How could he go back on his word? . . .

In a turmoil, I left The Poplars, banging the wicket gate behind me. The river was down, and I leant over the parapet of the bridge. Watching its familiar display of elemental power might relieve my mind. How many million times had it been in flood? . . .

. . . My tears of self-pity and rage fell into the impersonal flood . . .

. . . I was beginning to enjoy my desolation. It was no mean thing to be conscious, to suffer and to think.

But the pain in my stiffening elbows and shoulders brought me back . . . to the awful emptiness of spirit which always overcame me after conflicts with my parents.

I made up my mind as I walked up Church Street from the Gilfillan Bridge: I would enrol for either a B.A. or a B.Sc., depending on the expert advice the university would no doubt offer; and I would undertake to become a teacher or a journalist. This would be my contract with the world as represented by my parents. But I had another contract with myself, not necessarily in conflict with this, but deeper and more determined.

As I reached The Poplars corner I was appalled to see my mother alone on the front stoep. She was on one of those anguished look-outs which she usually conducted in the late afternoon before Father returned. But this time it was me — me she was waiting for. Since she was gazing down Bree Street, she was not aware of my approach until the wicket gate clicked behind me. She spun round and walked quickly towards me. There was an anguished pause in which I tried to speak, to say, 'Yes, I'll be a teacher.' but could not. When she spoke I realised that she had been driven to keep watch less for my sake than for her beloved Ernest's. Gently but very firmly she said:

'You've no business to stalk out like that, my boy. Your father always has done his best for you. He always will, and you know it.'

Then she took my by the hand and spoke with a blend of authority and pleading which I had never heard before. The choice of my career had dwindled to nothing before the threat it posed to the sacred family bonds. 'Your father is very hurt. Go and make things right with him.'

I opened the dining-room door. He was sitting in his accustomed seat, at the head of the family table, without any work in front of him, waiting. He glanced up. As always when tired or under a strain the cast in his eye was more noticeable than usual. I sat down slowly in the nearest chair, which left the whole length of the table between us.

'I'm sorry,' I said with difficulty. 'I'll become a teacher or a journalist.'

'Thank you,' he said very quietly 'It's the money; you see even with the scholarship and the furniture, there's not enough.'

My heart sank.

'You mean I can't go?'

'No,' he said. 'We'll have to borrow, that's all. The university has a limited loan scheme. You'll have to pay it back when you can. As for the rest, well, I phoned Joan. She's saved steadily these last two years, and she'll lend you what she's got. I think we'll manage.'

I could stand it no longer. I put my head on to my arms. Great dry sobs shuddered through me, from somewhere infinitely deeper than my tears on the bridge.

Ernest got up, and briefly, clumsily, put his hand on my head.

'Few people know how much they are loved,' he said and left the room.'

Here is a moving story of conflict between father and son, but I ask you to notice especially the role of Guy Butler's mother. She was practical, intuitive, and above all the bridge-builder paving the way for healing between son and father. 'She spoke with a blend of

authority and pleading which I had never heard before.' It did the trick, and it speaks of a deep and sensible caring with an instinct for reconciliation.

Secondly, I want to tell you of an Afrikaner woman's tears. Her name is Annamie Bosch, wife of Professor Dawid Bosch, a distinguished theologian and teacher of the Dutch Reformed Church. Two Black ministers of their Church were visiting the Bosches in their home in Pretoria. Inevitably they got to talking about the South African situation. Eventually, at 2 a.m. the two visitors said they could see no way out of the deadlock, no way of bridging the gulf between black and white. At this, Annamie Bosch burst into tears and asked if there really was no way. And so the visitors left. At eight o'clock that morning they returned to say that they had continued talking all night and had changed their minds; what had caused them to change was this Afrikaner woman's tears.

I heard Dawid Bosch tell this story at a great conference in Nairobi of Christian leaders from Africa. It was a breakthrough in a conference which, till then, had been heavy going. People streamed forward to greet and embrace Dawid after his address. I sat there in amazement at how God had used an Afrikaner from South Africa to reach through to the hearts of Christian leaders from all over this continent. And more than that, indirectly he had used Annamie Bosch's tears to cleanse and fertilize the soul of Christianity in Africa at that great conference. Tears can be hysterical and self-centred. They can also be a spiritual gift for the healing of our sorrows.

My third story is of an old, blind woman called Margaret Thlotleng, who deeply influenced my life. I quote, first, from a book which hit the headlines in the 1950's, namely *Naught for your Comfort*.

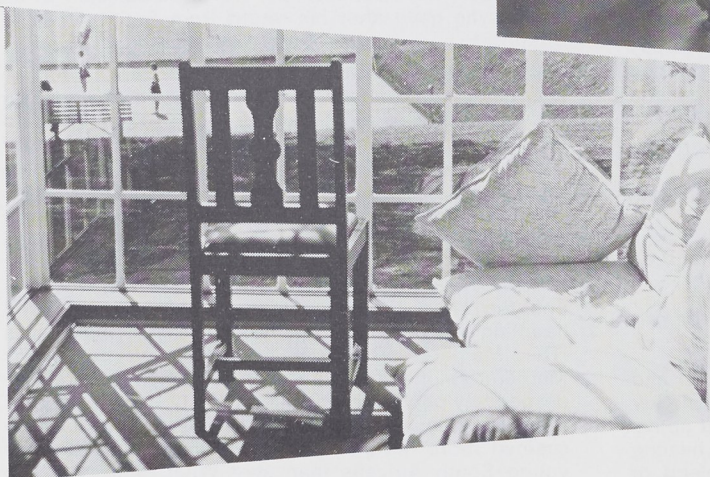
"I can shut my eyes for a moment and see old, blind Margaret, tapping her way along the street in the darkness which has been hers for many long years. Always, half an hour before the early Mass, she will be there in church, prostrate in prayer. Day by day I will find her spending an hour or more before the statue of Our Lady which she has never seen, and, if I stop her in the street, I will be greeted with that wonderful smile and the lifting of her sightless eyes to my face."

Now I add words spoken by Trevor Huddleston in an address he gave after his return from South Africa to Britain.

"Soon after I came back from South Africa I had to speak at a public meeting in Cambridge University. After it I was invited to dinner with a group of young South African undergraduates. They were all Christians and most of them Anglicans. They told me they were determined to form themselves into a society which would stand for Christian principles and practice with regard to the colour question, and that they would hope to be able, on their return to South Africa, to bear their witness bravely. They wanted a suitable title. And the one they had chosen was one most strangely and hauntingly familiar to me. They had called themselves 'The Margaret Thlotleng Society'. And who was Margaret Thlotleng? I will tell you. She was old: she was desperately poor: she was blind: she lives in a back-yard room in Sophiatown. Nothing — no one — could have seemed more remote . . . from Cambridge and those young South Africans than she! What, then, was the



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link? Simply this — that every morning of her life she tapped her way up the hill, across the playground to the Church of Christ the King, to the altar of God: to her Eucharist: her sacrifice: her Liturgy — her Mass. Because there she found and gave all, thousands of miles away, and when she herself was in Paradise, a new and lovely grace was given to her young countrymen of a different colour: and only GOD knows what may be the result.”

What always moves me when I read these words is the realization that I was one of those young South Africans. I thought then that maybe God was calling me to be a missionary back home among people like Margaret Thlotleng. In fact, he had other plans: a university post, then ordination and a parish appointment. Then suddenly, in 1975, I found myself elected to be Bishop of Pretoria, and in that new capacity I was given many Tswana-speaking Margaret Thlotlengs to care for in a large diocesan family.

What do we learn from these true accounts that I have related to you? We learn above all the Alice Butler, Annamie Bosch and Margaret Thlotleng all showed a wonderful sensitivity in the respective situations in which they found themselves. They were receptive, vulnerable, open; they touched and found hidden depths; they brought healing, hope and new possibility, and in these ways they ministered gently but firmly, certainly appropriately to the menfolk with whom they had to do — Alice Butler to her husband and her son, paving the way for their reconciliation; Annamie Bosch to her husband and their two visitors, all of them leading men in the life of their Church; Margaret Thlotleng, old, blind and poor, leaving an indelible impression first on her priest, and then on a group of sophisticated young South Africans, all of them male, studying at Cambridge University.

Here is what I call a focus of caring at the heart of femininity and motherhood: caring, not as some grand or dramatic gesture, but in the midst of life's everyday circumstances, whether domestic or other, with all its challenge and tension. It is a caring which, in motherhood, expresses itself first of all at the time of childbirth and the early nurture of the young. One of the psalms has a beautiful echo of this, when it says: “I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child upon its mother's breast; like a child upon its mother's breast is my soul within me.” This conjures up a picture of deep and intimate caring, of contentment in the embrace of motherly love.

It is a caring which goes also with a strong sense of wonder: wonder at the mystery of life and of death, of people and their needs. Mary, the mother of Jesus and therefore the symbol of true motherhood for us all, had this great quality. We are told more than once how she pondered all these things in her heart. I find the sense of wonder in those who embrace the nursing profession, where, strangely, it exists alongside a wholesome and very down-to-earth realism. A young nurse whom I knew well, wrote the following little meditation after her first experience of death on the ward —

“My last morning of night duty.
It was strange — my first death.
I'd never really known what to expect — only what I'd heard.
Somehow it wasn't the same
Each person is an individual.

I was bewildered — but somehow I'd known she was going although I didn't realize what that feeling was. There wasn't time to think, her going at 5 a.m., and the rest of the patients to tend to. I walked home stunned, numbed by the cold, weary and deep in thought. The sun rose golden to illuminate the Autumn plane trees in the park — it was glorious.
Then I realized how close death and new life are — in fact so interlinked that it is so much part of living. Life goes on.”

Here was a young woman learning the grace of humility and wonder in her demanding work.

I trust I have said enough to indicate the importance of what I have dared to call the characteristics of femininity and motherhood? I have far from exhausted the subject. What I have given is no more than a few hints. If what I have said is correct and true, then this focus of caring and of wonder is a quality vital to us all the time and certainly in the critical times which face us right now in Southern Africa. There is some evidence of courage in political circles at present, courage to reach out, albeit hesitantly and falteringly, towards necessary change. We can be thankful for it. But with the courage, where (one may ask) is the compassion? I see calculation often, rather than caring. And, in our fundamental attitudes towards people, where is the sense of wonder? Too often I see instead a spirit, again, of calculation, of treating people like objects, with an astonishing preoccupation, still, with racial considerations when we should be seeing through these to the humanity and the wonder which lie beyond. “Women for Peace” seems to me to be a movement which has a creative contribution to make amidst our present travail, for here I see caring, compassion, and a sense of wonder; here I see heads clear and hearts warm amidst this tragic time's complexities.

We are, all of us, pilgrims on an arduous, yet exciting journey. I believe we are called to be wounded pilgrims: wounded by a caring which is so deep that it hurts, and by a sense of wonder which finds both joy and pain at the heart of things. Mary, who said “My soul rejoices in God my Saviour”, was also told of a sword that would pierce her heart. To be truly human, to be Christian, is to be a wounded pilgrim.

And so, greatly daring (as I say), I commend to you what after all belongs to you. I commend what belongs, through you, to us all: that is, your own qualities, either actual or potential, of femininity and motherhood. Do not abandon them lightly. Do not try to be what you are not, but aim instead at contributing gladly **what you are** to the common good. And may God keep you in the hollow of his hand.

HEAD GIRL'S SPEECH

Mr Chairman, My Lord Bishop, Mrs Nuttall, Members of the Board of Governors, distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen and Friends.

Bishop Michael, thank you for attending our Speech Day as Guest Speaker. I'd like to give you this gift from the school. Thank you very much.

School! A word which summons up such diverse feelings in pupils. In many ways, our schooling can be seen as a microcosm of the outside world. It can even be

divided into seven stages, each contributing a little to what we are when we leave.

But let us begin at the first stage: which involves our arrival. Collegiate is a new world — exciting, a little frightening and overwhelmingly large: a wonderful place in which to play hide-and-seek and a place where there are no mothers to make one eat one's vegetables. But we soon discover that instead there are matrons to make one eat them and the novelty of hide-and-seek soon wears off as the school grounds become familiar.

Form I heralds the second stage with the long awaited privilege of being able to wear stockings instead of socks to church on Sunday. This is a big event in our lives because stockings are the mark of a senior, if in appearance only. The only problem is finding stockings small enough. One's legs always seem to be forgotten in the growing process.

The third stage: Form II, is when prefects are one's worst enemies and we see them waiting for a chance to spoil our fun and so of course we revel in an opportunity to get the better of them. Such an opportunity arose when, one night, an unsuspecting Form II tiptoed out of the dormitory to make an illegal after lights-out visit to someone in the next room: only to be confronted by a prefect crawling on her hands and knees along the passage. We had always been able to hear her footsteps along the passage so she had resorted to crawling in the hopes of catching us unaware. It was the first and last time that we actually had the enemy at our feet!

The fourth stage or Form III, is perhaps the most difficult. An age of being in the middle: neither a senior nor junior, neither a "lightie" nor a "heav".

And in Form IV, the fifth stage, when one has established that one is a "heav", school is a refuge from parents.

A world of espionage and mystery marks Fifth Form, the sixth stage, where the powers that be scrutinize your every move for future purposes.

And finally the seventh stage: the long awaited matric! Inevitably beginning with feelings of anticipation and apprehension, then hurtling to completion amidst rugby matches, coffee breaks and hard work.

For the matrics our seven stages are over. What has made Collegiate so special for us? I feel that it has provided an atmosphere in which warmth, friendliness, compassion and self-respect can be developed.

This is valuable because the ability to communicate, respond and show love to people is going to influence our futures significantly. After all, most of life is people orientated. I also believe that Collegiate offers equal opportunities to everyone and it is up to the individual to have the courage to make the most of them because it is only through doing this that one grows and attains success and confidence.

Now I must thank the school for being so good to me. It is impossible to put into words what your support and friendship has meant.

Unity and warmth have been very prevalent amongst the prefects this year. The knowledge that they were always behind me no matter what mess I made was reassuring, and I thank them for their support.

Finally, I am proud that I have had the opportunity to give a little back to a school which has given me so much. Collegiate is a school to be proud of and it is, above all, a school to love.

Thank you.

The School's Witness

The aim of the "School's Witness" was to allow young people with an interest in journalism to gain experience in working for a newspaper. We met twice a term to discuss ideas for the forthcoming editions and we also met after an edition had been published, in order to gauge the amount of interest the paper had stimulated. Unfortunately, Collegiate was never particularly responsive, but on the whole we felt the three editions we published were well received. My only disappointment was that we were not shown the practical side of journalism and for that I cannot say it was a well rounded experience, but I am grateful for the chance it gave me and I found it rewarding and worthwhile.

Charlotte James

Maximum Mileage Awards Banquet

The banquet was held on 9 November and there were several notable personalities. Awards were presented by Chris Barnard, Dorianne Berry, Carole Charlewood, Bruce Fordyce and Clive Walker. After dinner and the awards we were treated to the "Celebrity Concert" which included Laurika Rauch singing "Kinders van die Wind", Hal Orlandini and Richard Loring. Peter Chamberlain was the Master of Ceremonies and ensured that all flowed smoothly. Special mention was made of Mrs Hamilton-Brown and the great contribution she has made to Child Welfare through the Maximum Mileage project.

Nicole Trope

Award-Winning Essay: Maximum Mileage Competition

ONE MILE FROM ME, A MILESTONE FROM MANKIND

Man is a social being. The most simple example of this is perhaps that we almost all choose to share our lives in the form of marriage. Through social interaction much has been achieved in the scientific, artistic and humanitarian fields. This is not only because one man's contribution might spark off the imagination of many, but also because each man contributing a little can account for a lot.

Indeed, the maintenance of any community is dependent on the combined effort of its individuals. One need only consider the taxation system where money which is pooled together is used for the benefit of all. This allows for "milestones" such as airports and hospitals. The Kibbutz system, too, allows each man's contribution to be combined for the benefit of a group. This system is obviously effective as Israel's agricultural

produce is now mostly from Kibbutzim. The recent "Music for Africa" charity drive, which brought together some of the music industry's most famous names, raised millions for those starving in Ethiopia. People from all over the world contributed their "mile" and together travelled a considerable distance towards alleviating the problems of Ethiopia.

It is some people's initial mile, however, that spurs others on. These are the leaders; those who clear the first mile of bush and make way for the rest. Abraham, the first man to believe in a single omnipotent God, and Ghandi, one of the few leaders who advocated non-violent resistance, would fall into this category.

Scientists and artists, too, have led the way. The theories of individuals such as Pythagorus and Einstein have been expounded so far over the centuries that man has defied gravity and reached the moon. Playwrights, too, "set the stage" for reform; for example, one man, Athol Fugard writes a play **Statements After an Arrest under the Immorality Act**, a group of actors participate in the production, an audience is educated, a critic reviews it and the public is reached. The Immorality Act has been done away with and one cannot overemphasize the role played by artists in the swaying of public opinion. Indeed, Picasso changed an entire generation's perception of "reality" with the idea that "reality" consists of a number of momentary experiences. De Stijl artists took this even further to the complete simplification of form into horizontals and verticals. This in turn changed the face of modern architecture.

One needn't be a Picasso or Ghandi, however, to contribute one's "mile" — one only needs a conscience. One need only extend one's hand to become part of a long chain of human supports as a teacher one sees to the betterment of intellectual ability; as a nurse to physical comfort; as a personnel manager to job satisfaction. As a person, however, your duty stretches beyond your job to a sensitivity to the suffering of all mankind. A little sensitivity each day means a couple of footsteps more to the "mile" each of us can give.

Nicci Trope

Form III Visit to the Riverbend Crocodile Farm

As part of a "feeding adaptations" study in Biology, Form III went to the Riverbend Crocodile Farm.

The trip was long but enjoyable. Upon our arrival, we were shown a slide show. It was very interesting to learn a little of the history of the farm and some facts about crocodiles. Crocodiles, having originally lived in the wild near Riverbend are now being protected there, in their natural surroundings. They are fed every Sunday, the babies being fed three times a week. It is interesting to note that large crocodiles cost up to R800,00. After the slide show we were taken to the nursery. Many of us were surprised to see the difference in the size and colour of crocodiles of the same age. Care has to be taken to keep the temperature warm as many baby crocodiles die of pneumonia. Many more babies survive at Riverbend than in the wild. We then walked around the farm, seeing the larger crocs. It was quiet frightening to stand

on a bridge spanning a stretch of crocodile-infested water, especially with the crocodiles edging closer at every sound.

The powerful jaws of a crocodile serve to hold its victim tightly while the sharp teeth rip it apart. The back feet are webbed and, with the aid of the strong tail, serve for swift swimming. The eyes and nostrils are adapted for underwater swimming. The nostrils can be opened and closed when the need arises. A transparent membrane covers the eye for protection underwater.

From this visit, we all learnt more about crocodiles. It was exciting and we hope there will be more such visits.

The Sixth Form Housecraft Party

On 24 October the Sixth Form Housecraft girls had the opportunity of exercising their imaginations and their cooking talents and gave a children's party. We did not realise how much hard work went into preparing such novelties as sausage racing cars and biscuit see-saws, until the baking began. The guests were twenty delightful pre-school children from the neighbouring Hilltops Home.

At first they were overwhelmed but soon settled down to talk to and play games with the girls. They left about two hours later, balloons and suckers in hand, having enjoyed themselves as much as the girls enjoyed having them.



Collegiate Parent's Association Medieval Dinner

Because numbers were fewer than anticipated, the venue was changed to the Victoria Club who (believe it or not) allowed our ladies to enter its inner most sanctum (a rare privilege indeed!)

The Lords and Ladies gathered in the bar downstairs at 8 p.m. where our apparel was suitably altered by some delightful wenches who placed bibs on us (so that we could enjoy our meal to the fullest in true medieval fashion, without fear of soiling our clothes) and issued all present with a glass of champagne and orange juice.

At 8.15 p.m. a Herald, having played a stirring fanfare on his horn summonsed us to the diningroom where we enjoyed a meal comprising of "A tastee Barley Broth" followed by "Ye roast buttock of beef with vegetables"

and finally for dessert, "Apple pie and fresh cream" all beautifully prepared and served in a splendid manner by the wenches under the direction of Shaun Islip.

'Thirst' was kept at bay by our wenches serving drafts of ale and wine.

Entertainment was provided by Shaun Islip who took full control from the minute that he summonsed us to the tables. He announced the various courses with a fan fare and entertained us with professional aplomb seldom seen in South Africa (or in the U.K., I believe).

Shaun is a true professional in the art of entertaining at Medieval Banquets (He has in fact been running them in the U.K. for the past 13 years on a professional basis).

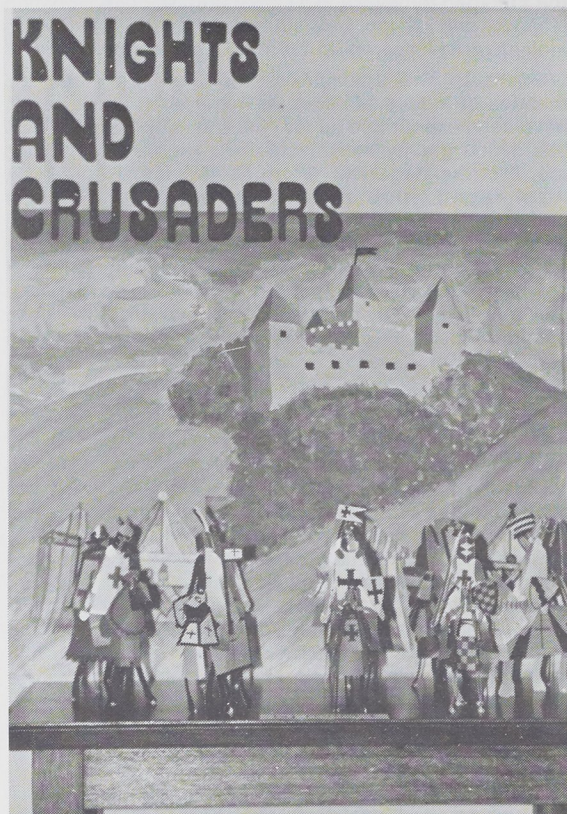
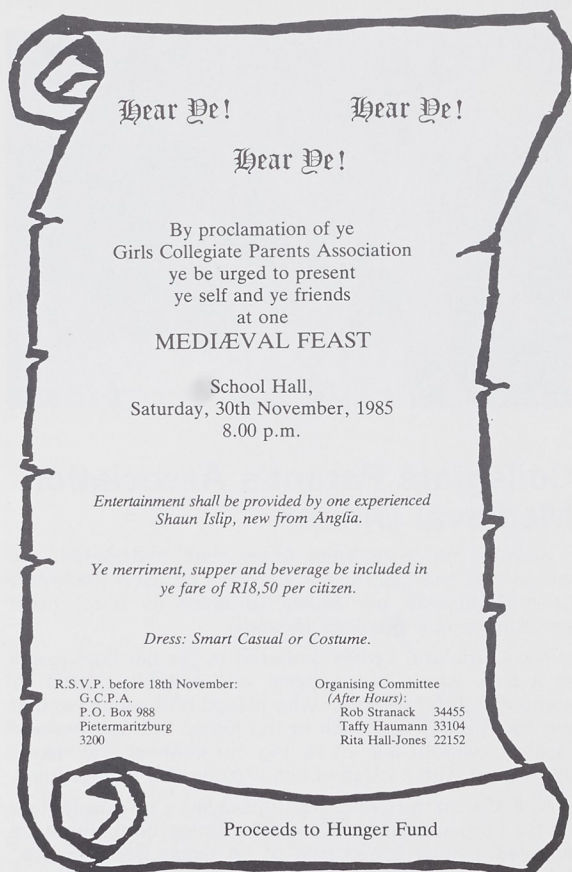
He is tall, dark, good looking and enters dressed in a splendid medieval costume. His talent as a musician is evident and in addition to all this he has a magnificent voice. All in all it was a rare privilege to be entertained by him.

The purpose of our evening was to enable Collegiate parents to come together on an informal basis in order to meet each other and from the proceeds to make a donation to the Hunger Fund. In both respects the evening was a success. We the parents had a ball and the sum of R113,00 was donated to the Hunger Fund.

It would not be right to end this report without advising you of an important occurrence that took place during the evening!

"Our esteemed chairman of the Board of Governors was knighted and is now referred to as Sir Alan Gillett." We understand that he has taken the matter quite seriously, so please be careful when addressing him.

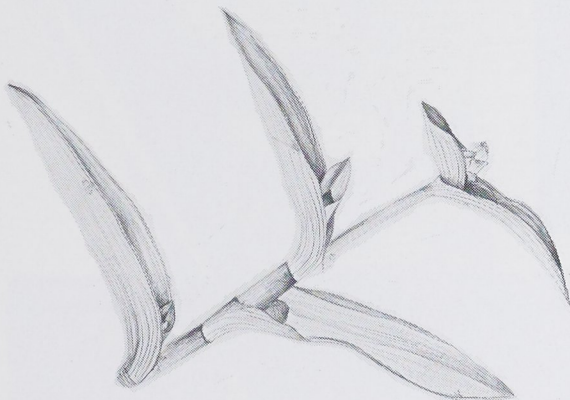
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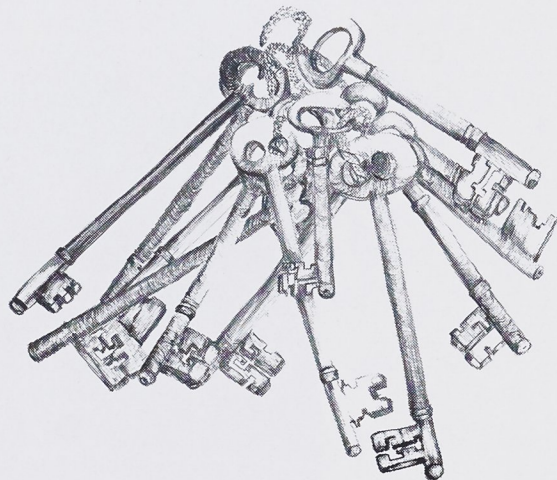
Form I Art/History Project on display in the Library.



Gifts collected for teenagers and children.



C. Cohen, IIIB



S. Crowe, IV

JUNIOR SCHOOL



A quiet corner of the garden.



New hats introduced in 1985.





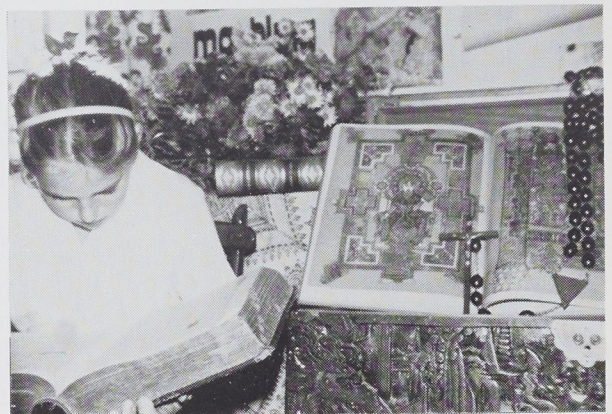
Junior School Gala.



*Junior School
Book Evening*



*Collegiate's beautiful old
books on display in the
Junior Resource Centre.*



Junior School Resource Centre Report 1985

The Library moved to a very pleasant upstairs room during the first term. The first few months were fraught with teething problems associated with most moves!

BOOK EVENING

A very happy and successful "book evening" was held in May, when Miss Bindon officially opened the new library. Many parents gave very generously on this occasion and we would like to thank them very much indeed.

EQUIPMENT

A television and video recorder and a new overhead projector have been purchased. Old machines have been dusted and cleaned and put to good use.

The staff and pupils are making more and more use of the audio-visual aids as software becomes available by either purchasing or borrowing. The children themselves have been involved in making slides with our Ektagraphic Visualmaker and extension projects with individual children have been undertaken.

Mrs Liz Scotcher has been a great help this year and we thank her for enthusiasm and for giving so generously of her time.

Colleen Poole

Junior School Highlights

1985 has been a busy year for the Junior School.

The Junior's participated in the Inter-Schools 'C' Gala and came fourth. Girls chosen to swim in the 'A' Gala are: L. Hall-Jones and S. Gillett.

This year the Junior School held their own Inter-House Gala and this enabled all the girls to participate.

The May Festival was staged on the lawn outside the Standard 2 and 3 classrooms. Jenny Hex was crowned Queen of the May and Sarah Anderson and Mandy Austin were her princesses. After the ceremony, the parents enjoyed team and cream scones. We are grateful to Mrs Frieda Waygood and Mrs Judith Mitchell for assisting us with the music for the country dancing.

The Spring Flower Show was combined with the Music Morning. The theme was "Spring". There were some really lovely original arrangements and the judge had a difficult task deciding on the winning entry in each class. The parents thoroughly enjoyed the musical items presented by each class and after the concert, they were invited to join the staff for strawberries and cream.

In the third quarter Mrs Armitage organised a most successful Athletics meeting, and once again each girl had the opportunity to participate.

On the last night of the school year, the Junior Prize Giving was held. Girls from each class reported on the year's activities and Lori Cohen was a most charming competent co-ordinator. After the prizes had been presented by Mrs Jeanne Gillett, parents and friends enjoyed the very polished performance of "The Christmas Jazz" which was produced by Mrs Bev Winter.



JUNIOR SWIMMING TEAM

*Back Row: A. Gillett, K. Tweedie, L. Sykes, K. Persson, J. Redman, J. Witherden, K. Prosser, L. Roodt
Front Row: J. Siedle, S. Gillett, Mrs Norman-Smith, D. Beaumont, L. Hall-Jones.*



CLASS ONE — 1985

*Back Row: M. van Andel, T. Culverwell, J. Holley, T. Lock,, Mrs Turner, D. Booyesen, V. Hobson, N. Jones, K. Hilcove
Front Row: S. Robinson, S. Thomas, K. Pennefather, H. Landon, D. Gaines, K. Swan, J. Folan, N. Rushin, M. Clucas,
K. Eckstein.*



CLASS TWO — 1985

*Back Row: L. Reynolds, K. O'Shea, A. Evans, M. Ralfe, Mrs S. Armitage, J. Myles, Y. Crawford, K. Duncan, C. Dottridge
Front Row: K. Dempster, M. Bawden, K. Ziervogel, L. Folan, J. Ross, O. Jackson, V. van Aswegen, S. Beveridge,
N. Mouton, J. Cobb.*



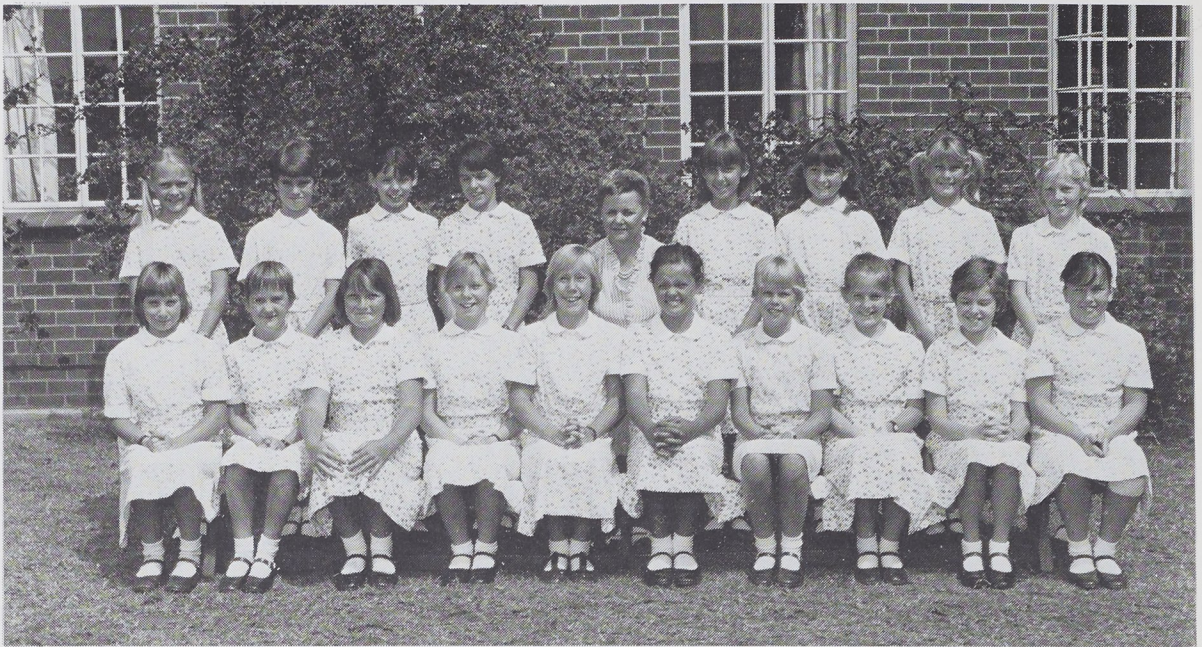
STANDARD 1 — 1985

Back Row: M. Hilcove, T. Ganie, J. Scotcher, J. Morgan, Mrs E. Manson, T. Cosgrove, A. Ward, C. Holdsworth, R. Govender
Front Row: L. Roodt, K. Tweedie, P-L. Kerrich-Walker, N. Jay, A. Evans, T. Booysen, S. Anderson, M. Austin, D. Boy.



STANDARD 2 — 1985

Back Row: B. Tomlinson, N. Bestelink, V. Greene, Mrs W. Norman-Smith, J. Hex, N. Morgan, E. Reynolds
Front Row: A. Gillett, C. Saunderson, K. Chadwick, W. Ralfe, J. Redman, N. Roberts, B. Hoppe, S. Pole.



STANDARD 3 — 1985

*Back Row: N. Clucas, L. Sykes, C. Duff, K. Prosser, Mrs P. Edwards, L. Cohen, K. Chapman, C. Cook, B. McIntosh
Front Row: K. Persson, M. Wilkens, S. Greene, J. Siedle, L. Hall-Tones, N. Wilmot, M. Fly, C. Dempster, S. Bonham,
J. Witherden.*

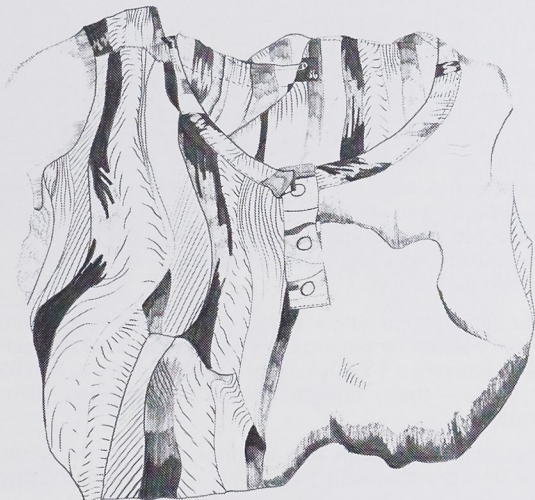
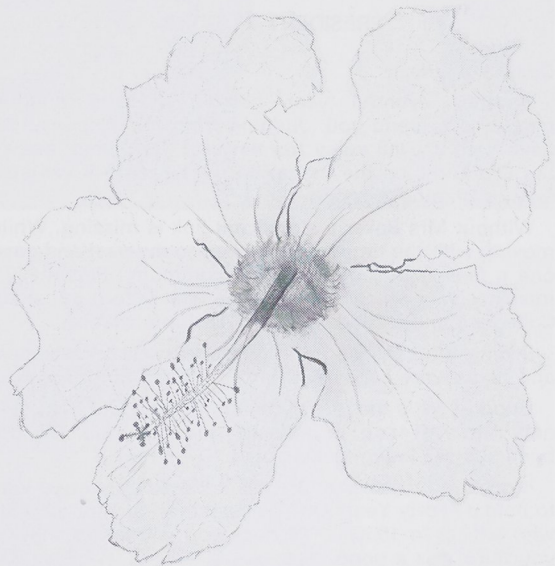


STANDARD 4 — 1985

*Back Row: T. Christie, D. Hackland, J. Hickinbotham, N. Yorke-Smith, N. Thomas, T. Holland, M. Doidge, M. Jassat
Middle Row: M. Barnes, S. Gillitt, C. Hooey, D. Beaumont, Mrs J. Booyens, V. de Jong, S. Jasat, M. Collins, A. du Toit
Front Row: C. Mackenzie, B. Burton, L. Hofmeyr, M-L. Leathern, C. Vorster.*



L. Nel



OLD GIRLS' GUILD

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Guild Membership

Life Member: R20,00

Financial Year: 1st January — 31st December

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Old Girls,

Another eventful year behind us and another magazine to send you. Judging from the response we have had, you all enjoy the news of the School and of the Old Girls, so the magazine is obviously a valuable way of keeping in touch.

Without Mrs Baker a significant link is missing. While moving with the times, she held on to the past and gave one a feeling of familiarity and continuity. Personally I miss her very much — someone with whom to share Collegiate and a fund of stories and information.

During the year we held a most successful cake sale and had a very happy tea party with the Sixth Form.

Good news is that the demolition of the Old School is not imminent and at present possible uses for the buildings are being investigated.

It occurred to me that in 1990 it would be a good idea to hold a "Forty Years On" get-together. Say for all of us who left up to 1950/51. Perhaps you will let us know if you think it is a good idea.

We do enjoy having your news so please keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Smith.

THE CHAPEL

In the flurry of tulle, flowers and confetti, how exciting to know that our chapel has already been chosen by four old girls for their wedding ceremony — starting with the wedding of **Sandra Snyman** in August and followed by those of **Glenda Andrews**, **Bridget Bateman** and **Sandra Oellermann**. For these occasions and in special memory of Mrs Margaret Baker, Miss Bindon has given two white satin cushions.

It was with some misgiving that the Collegiate Old Girls' Committee accepted the invitation of the Board of Governors to undertake the furnishing of the Chapel. They took the plunge and how rewarding their decision

has proved. The pews, replicas of those that were in St Saviours Cathedral (The Cathedral in Commercial Road was demolished but faithfully re-assembled brick-by-brick on a smaller scale, at Midway between Johannesburg and Pretoria, and now stands proudly as the focal point in a turn-of-the-century village planned for this exclusive little community) are of meranti and were built by Service Products. This organisation, started by the Navy War Fund provides sheltered employment for handicapped people and to this day the workshops are in the barracks of the old Oribi Camp. A happy thought that this particular commission gave such worthwhile employment and that those involved derived such obvious pleasure and pride from their work.

The Chapel Appeal publicised and posted to Old Girls met with a most heartening response. Three five metre pews and fourteen three metre pews have been contributed in memory of, or in gratitude for, parents, children, families, friends, staff and the school. For the records those who have to date so generously supported this project are:

Mrs Margaret Baker
Moya Bell (Sherrin)
Fiona Bishop (Gibson)
Joan Brunskill
Ormond and Pat Burne (Gibson), Penny and Suzanne Olive Carstens (Menne)
Marjory Dickie-Clarke (Coster)
Ruth Evans (Guy)
Natalie Gawler (Foxon)
Ruth Gibb (Davis)
Pat Gwillam
Dorothy Hattingh (Beall)
Mrs T.E.B. Hill
Joyce Holmes (Foxon)
Phyllis Liggett (Cope)
Margaret Martin (Peggy Galloway)
Memorial Fund, Old Girls' Guild
Marjorie McKeown (McKenzie)
Judy Odendaal (McKeown)
Susan Odendaal
Doreen Ovendale
Elsa Marshall (Swan), Howard and Barbara Swan (Petrie)
Joan Phillips (Forsyth), Jill Keeping (Forsyth)
Mrs Margaret Phillips
Joan Pilsworth (Shortland)
The Powell Morgan Sisters
Linda and Norma Sharratt
Leigh and Joanne Seymour
Mr Bob Sherwood
Marion Solomon (Harke)
Joan Tapson (Viall) and John
Ethel Tully (Guy)
Mrs Marjory van Aardt
Pam Venton and Shirley Harrison (Venton)
Mrs Walker and Unity Botha (Walker)
The Winter Family

For those of you who may still like to become involved there are seven remaining 5 metre pews at R549,00 each or alternatively a 1 x 50cm 'seat' in these pews at R65,00 per seat — these figures include an inscribed silver plaque.

Matching the design and meranti wood of the pews **Miss Dorothy Clarkson** has given a lecturn and **Ethel Tully (Guy)** has generously given the altar.

THE CHAPEL

The first public service held in the chapel was the memorial service for Mrs Margaret Baker on 25 July, 1985.

The first wedding took place on 24 August 1985 when Sandra Snyman married Richard Muir. Sandra and Richard decided to get married in South Africa and we are delighted that they chose to be married in the Collegiate Chapel.

After leaving Collegiate, Sandra furthered her studies at Natal University, where she obtained a B.A., U.E.D. She was appointed to the staff of Wykeham where she taught History.

In 1976 Sandra went to the United Kingdom where she taught History at Sonar, a girls' public school near Bath. She is now Head of the Career's Department at Stonar.

Sandra and Richard will be making their home in a village near Stroud in Gloucester.

For her wedding Sandra wore a cream silk crepe de chine dress and an exquisite antique cream silk lace veil.



OLD GIRLS WHO WERE MARRIED IN THE CHAPEL

24 August 1985 — Sandra Snyman
21 September 1985 — Glenda Andrews
7 December 1985 — Bridget Bateman
14 December 1985 — Sandra Oellermann



The response to the Mrs Baker Memorial Fund is most generous and really exciting. Secretly it is hoped that this growing fund will stretch to a stained glass window — a special project to which Mrs Baker gave much thought and spoke of so often. Any ideas? When referring to the move from Burger Street it was she who wrote 'A chapel — the heart of a school, will be our final thank you for Collegiate'. How good that in her life she saw this long held hope come to fruition.

MARGARET CATHERINE BAKER
(13.5.1912 — 19.7.1985)

Member of Staff: 1949-1982 Vice-Principal: 1962-1982

Born in Bulawayo on July 19th 1912, the only child of Margaret Jane Burns McWilliam of Galloway in the Burns country and John James McDonald of Edinburgh and the Isle of Skye, Margaret Catherine was taken back to Edinburgh to be baptised in St Giles Cathedral. Her father, an architect by profession, had come out to South Africa during the Boer War and returning to Scotland had met and married his wife. Together they immigrated to Rhodesia, a young country offering endless opportunities.

After the untimely death of her father, Mrs Baker and her mother were disuaded from returning to Scotland and moved first to Cape Town and then to Parys. It was from here that she attended the only English speaking girls school in the Orange Free State — Eunice in Bloemfontein. Mrs Baker never forgot her Alma Mater, remaining a fiercely loyal and proud Old Girl ever grateful for the excellent academic and cultural grounding she had received in those formative years.

Awarded a Caledonian bursary, Mrs Baker went to the Huguenot University College in Wellington, starting in the Science faculty but changing to a three year diploma course in Home Economics. Posted first to Bantu Education she taught in Kokstad where as the only white woman member of staff she remembered the tremendous dedication of the pupils and remembered too ex-president Sigcau riding to College on his horse! She also taught at the Edendale Training College for five years before joining the Natal Education Department. During this time she taught at Russell High School, Voortrekker High School and for three years at the Indian Girls' High.

Married to ex-Royal Navy Petty Officer William Thomas Henry Baker at St Peters in Pietermaritzburg in October 1942, Mrs Baker inherited a ready made family — John, Trevor, Ann and Allan. When the family moved to Johannesburg, she accepted a post lecturing in Home Economics at the Teachers Training College. It was from here that in 1948 she met Miss Ethel Webb-Johnson and applied for the vacancy in the Collegiate Domestic Science department.

Arriving at Collegiate in 1949 Mrs Baker spent the next 34 years in dedicated and concerned service to the school. During these years she not only ably served three successive Lady Principals — Miss Elaine H. Williams, Miss Dorothy J. Clarkson and Miss Valerie O. Bindon but brought to her work a devotion to standards, and a conception of loyalty, duty and discipline that I am sure we are all the better for having shared.

Our lives have all in different ways been touched by hers. To the generations of pupils, including nineteen who were daughters of her former pupils, she taught not only Housecraft but all that was of lasting value in the life and traditions of the School. Her perception, compassion, love and understanding of youth were rare qualities. In her notes on 'Years at Collegiate' she wrote 'I have been privileged to work with young people, I hope I have never been shocked or condemning'. As Tutor of Bedford for almost 32 years, she was, I think justified in a show of pride in the achievements of 'her girls'. To her colleagues she gave valued support, established a trust and genuine concern and readily lent a sympathetic ear. As an Honorary Life Member of the Old Girls' Guild — in recognition of the valued part she played in the continuance of Collegiate — she demonstrated a great capacity for loyal and lasting friendship. In giving friendship she inspired the devoted friendship of others and no friend was ever forgotten. We will remember 'Ma Baker', as she was affectionately known, not only for this attribute but for her keen and sustained interest and involvement in Old Girl affairs, for her unmatched loyalty and her dry sense of humour.

We salute the memory of Mrs Baker and honour her for all she meant, for so long, to our school.

B.P.P.

IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS LIGGETT (COPE)

From your generous response to our appeal we have contributed a pew in the chapel in memory of Phyllis and have invested the sum of R500.00. The interest from this investment will augment the Bursary Fund — an account from which our bursary payments are made.

GREMLINS CORNER

The editor apologises to Tricia Anne Anthony for confusing her identity and increasing her family! — The news should have read:— **Anthony (Merrick) Tricia-Anne** . . . They have a son David and a daughter Sally. Apologies too for the mysterious omission of a number of domestic notes.

THE COLLEGIATE FAMILY

Gail Adams	Daughter of	Jean Anger
Sherran Cooper	Daughter of	Lynette Hill
Lyall Cooper	Daughter of	Lynette Hill
Belinda Crowe	Granddaughter of	Molly Fellowes
Caroline Crowe	Granddaughter of	Molly Fellowes
Katherine Crowe	Granddaughter of	Molly Fellowes
Sarah Crowe	Granddaughter of	Molly Fellowes
Lara Eckstein	Daughter of	Brenda Thompson
Kim Eckstein	Daughter of	Ethne Plenn
Deborah Edwards	Daughter of	Felicity Owendale
Melissa Fynn	Daughter of	Sarah Bruce
Nicola Fynn	Daughter of	Sarah Bruce
Catherine Gillatt	Daughter of	Sheila Johnson
Shane Harrison	Daughter of	Jennifer Downs
Angela Harrison	Daughter of	Jennifer Downs
Lisa Hattingh	Granddaughter of	Dorothy Beall
Paula Hattingh	Granddaughter of	Dorothy Beall
Karla Hawkins	Daughter of	Denise Downs
Carryl-Anne Holden	Daughter of	Pamela Spiers
Karen Howard	Granddaughter of	Isobel Newmarch

Lisa Hudson	Daughter of	Penny Acker
Charlotte James	Granddaughter of	Jean Pinkerton
Janeen James	Daughter of	Antonio Cooper
	Great	
Sally James	Granddaughter of	Lornè Williamson
	Great	
Leanne McDonald	Daughter of	Lornè Williamson
Tanya Malcomess	Daughter of	Marilyn Johnston
Pamela Moor	Great	Anita Brown
	Granddaughter of	Kate Trafford
Susan Mitchell	Daughter of	Barbara Bowley
Lisa Nel	Daughter of	Monica Hobson
Elizabeth O'Connor	Granddaughter of	Honor Hickson
Joanne Poole	Daughter of	Margaret Powell
Fiona Rowsell	Daughter of	Denny Salmon
Mary Rudden	Daughter of	Patricia Crowe
	Granddaughter of	Molly Fellowes
Philippa Smith	Daughter of	Elizabeth Mackenzie
	Granddaughter of	Adalaide Jackson
Robin Stevens	Daughter of	Penelope Dean
Debbie Stevens	Daughter of	Penelope Dean

MARRIAGES

Paige Adam to Peter Berkhout
Glenda Andrews to Christopher Perks
Bridget Bateman to Jonathan Sephton
Clare Christie to Robert Pickering
Karen Mackenzie to Gavin Mollentze
Sue Mathews to Murray van Heerden (1984)
Tracey Norris-Jones to Nigel Murray
Ingrid Oellermann to Andrew Harrison (1984)
Sandra Oellermann to Greg Hale
Wendy Perrott to Ryan Fry
Sandra Pickering to Pat Hoskin
Jane Rowsell to Bill Watt-Pringle
Jennifer Servant to Christopher Adam
Sandra Snyman to Richard Muir
Lisa Stapleton-Smith to Norman Pattinson

BIRTHS

Aadnesgaard (Pickering) Lee, a daughter Kate
Armstrong (Warren) Jean, a daughter Kelly
Artingstall (Power) Lesley, a son William
Bam (Christie) Ann, a son Digby
Barichievy (Murray) Lucinda, a son Ross
Bergh (Brewitt) Susan, a son Ross
Bodill (Oellermann) Karen, a son Justin
Coetzee (Hilliar) Wendy, a daughter Zoë
Coffey (Pepworth) Gail, a son Stuart Robert
Divett (Nissen) Peggy, a daughter Samantha Kate
Fannin (Barker) Lindsay, a daughter Jessica
Kirkwood (Dickenson) Alice, a son Sheldon John
Le Roux (McCall) Hilary, a son Justin Pierre
Masson (Erfmann) Heather, a son Joel
Maskew (Bircher) Sheryl, a daughter Andrea Jane
Nessworthy (Moore) Linda, a son Matthew Stephen
Niland (Brewitt) Janet, a son Michael John
Parker (Anderson) Biddy, a son Matthew Paul
Ridler (Prophet) Dawn, a daughter Aurora Jean (1983)
Shone (McCall) Elspeth, a son James Patrick
Spencer (Hopkins) Katherine, a daughter Bridgitte
Taylor (Johnston) Coral, a son Michael James Stewart (1984)
Walker (Christie) Fay, a daughter Christie

WE REMEMBER

Ada Borchert (Swales)
Mrs Margaret Catherine Baker
Member of Staff 1949-1982
Vice-Principal 1962-1982
Phyllis Hillman-Liggett (Cope)
Member of Staff 1931-1936; 1954-1980
Marjorie McComb (Woods)
Sybil Mackenzie 1984
Jacqueline Quinn
Lucy Willis (Winslow)

1984 Vith FORM

Abbot, Tracey. Hairdressing — Technikon, Johannesburg.
Aacock, Michelle. B.A. University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.
Bateman, Margaret. Fine Arts, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Brooker, Susan. Secretarial Course, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Browning, Felicity. Secretarial Course, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Canham, Mary-Jane. Nursing, Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg.
Cowan, Lee. B.A. University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.
Dent, Amanda. Business College, Pietermaritzburg.
Dixon, Michelle. Training College, Pietermaritzburg.
Durow, Clair. Architecture, University of Natal, Durban.
Dyer, Wendy. Graphic Design, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Ebbeling, Susan. Architecture, University of Natal, Durban.
Fieldgate, Prudence. Where are you Prudence?
Gilson, Karen. Architectural Drafting, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Glutz, Sharon. Modeling, Johannesburg.
Haird, Robyn. B.A. University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.
Hathorn, Marianne. Business College, Pietermaritzburg.
Henderson, Janet. B.Com. University of Cape Town.
Herbert, Julia. B.A. University of Cape Town.
Hillestad, Anthea. Beauty Therapy, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Houison, Cathy. Architecture, University of Natal, Durban.
Houston, Nicola. Secretarial Course, Technikon, Cape Town.
Human, Deanne. B.A. University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.
Kinnear, Chonelle. Textile Design, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Lepan, Susan. Working at the Allied Building Society.
Maritz, Caroline. Beauty Technology, Cape Town.
Morkel, Tessa. Marketing Management, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Nelson, Carol. Secretarial Course, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Norris-Jones, Robyn. Forestry, Umgani Valley Ranch.
Ortlepp, Karen. Photography, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Pilgrim, Lulu. Hairdressing, Durban.
Roberts, Paula. Secretarial Course, Natal Technikon.
Shire, Beverly. Food and Clothing Technology, Natal Technikon, Durban.
Simardari, Thilo. Optometry, U.S.A.
Tasker, Jane. B.Com. University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.
Te Riele, Mandy. Journalism, Rhodes University.
Van der Poll, Debra. B.A. University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

Van Heerden, Susan. Nursing, Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg.

Watkin, Charlene. B.Soc. Science, University of Natal, Durban.

Wilkinson, Treya. Nursing Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Aadnesgaard (Pickering) Lee when not busy with baby Kate helps her husband Michael run their trading store at Msinga in the Tugela Valley. Her father says the postal code is 'Gunjana', a place really behind God's back! Good Luck Lee!

Albertyn (Macgillivray) Janice has become an authority on the indigenous flora of the Bredasdorp area, where she and her husband are wheat farming. She is now busy compiling a catalogue of the many species.

Becker, Heather on the staff of the Standard Bank is a member of one of the four teams responsible for computerising the branches not on line. This operation necessitates continual travelling and Heather writes that her knowledge of South African geography has never been better! In 1980 her sister **Julie** left on a years holiday abroad, but having settled in Beverley Hills, California, first as a receptionist and now as a college student in psychology, in which she tops the class, she returns to South Africa for holidays!

The Bircher boys and girls. Congratulations on your 70th birthday **Molly (Guillod)**. A happy occasion celebrated in November with all her family at 15 Old Howick Road. Molly is still very active in the floral art world being a member of the Natal panel of Floral Art Judges. Her special interest is Ikebana a Japanese form of floral art. **Jennifer** who is enthusiastic about wild life, ecology and bird watching has recently enjoyed a five day Fish River Canyon trail and is planning a walk in the Game Reserve. She and husband Bill van Gruting, a consultant engineer, live in Pretoria. They have three children — Nicola who has matriculated from Pretoria Girls' High and plans to enrol at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, Andrew at Pretoria Boys' High and Oliver, aged 12. **Wendy de Lorm** an Assistant Project Co-ordinator for Amaprop in Johannesburg finds her work demanding, most stimulating and rewarding. Her current project is Barnato Hall for Wits University. Wendy has two boys, Simon who has matriculated from Woodmead School and Marnix aged 16. **Sheryl** and her husband Peter Maskew, who is a manufacturer of component rubber parts, have a son Craig and a baby daughter Andrea. They live in Johannesburg. The **Bircher** boys having attended the Collegiate Kindergarten are all Collegiate Old Boys! **John** a Mining Engineer for Anglo American Corporation and his wife Linda have two daughters, Caryn and Tessa. **Keith** married to Donna lives in Toronto, Canada and is a Chemical Engineer and **Peter** who is teaching Accountancy at Pinetown Boys' High is married to Jennie and has a daughter Sharon.

Bosazza (O'Mahoney) Jeannette. Jean, who recalls having taught **Miss Dorothy Clarkson** at St Mary's Kloof, writes of a childhood memory entitled 'The

Miracle with a Tail' for St Georges News, Christmas 1985. Vol. 8 No. 6. I quote — 'Have you seen Halley's Comet? Well, I have! It happened many years ago when we went out early one cold winter's morning for our exciting annual holiday to beautiful Durban — with its rolling breakers and green grassy verges running down to the beach.

No modern skyscrapers in those days and only one tiny shark-excluded bathing area. Here gentlewomen, in decorous long-legged costumes and mob-caps, dipped their toes in the sea and more venturesome menfolk in very sensible outfits — no hairy chests visible — swam somewhat further out.

But I digress! As I was saying we set out at 4 a.m. in a spanking Cape Cart and I, somewhat bleary-eyed, was cuddled up on my mother's knee. Suddenly she said: 'Jean, look up in the sky!'

I looked, and there emblazoned in the early dawn was the biggest star I had ever seen with a tail that seemed to go on for ever and ever — to me one of God's miracles! What a wonderful memory Jean and how exciting to think you will see the Comet again.

Buchanan (Runcie) Lois and her attorney husband Allan live in Pietermaritzburg where Lois who trained as a Librarian is working at the Natal Provincial Library. They have three children, Janet, married and working at the Medical Research Institute, Donald in the Deeds Office and James 1st year B.A. at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

Folker (born Taylor formerly Harwin) June and her husband Tony have retired from Howick and are now living in Pietermaritzburg. They have both played a very active part in Care of the Aged of South Africa and in the Howick and District Care of the Aged. At present they are President and Lady President of the Howick Lions. June enjoys a weekly one to one therapy hour with her adopted child at the Waterfall Institute.

Forsdyke (Sandy) Clare The acquisition of the Howick Cottage Tea Room proved a most successful venture for Clare this year. Building up a large clientele she catered for teas, lunches, take aways and latterly Christmas fare. Fortunately mother **Lyn Sandy (Hitchins)** was close by and able to assist in caring for baby Susan and baking when supplies fell behind demand!

Gregerson (Birkett) Gwen the daughter of **Irene Birkett (Howes)** a Dux of Collegiate in 1911, is listed among 'Stars Along the Way' as Mrs E.E.M. Russell called those old girls who were pioneers, achieved recognition or excellence in their field of work or interest. Gwen originally earned her position on this prestigious list for her appointment as Medical Superintendent of the Dundee Hospital in 1963 — the first woman Medical Superintendent in Natal. From Dundee, Gwen moved in this position to Stanger and Empangeni. In 1978 she was promoted to Deputy Regional Director in the Department of Health and Welfare in Natal. Today Gwen is the Director of Health Services in the House of Delegates a position carrying the responsibility for the health services of the total Indian population in South Africa. Congratulations!

Griffin (born Guilloid formerly Balding) Jean and her husband Ted live on a farm in the Dargle. Her daughter **Jill Traill** teaches at King Edward High School in Johannesburg and is married to Dr Anthony Traill, Professor of Linguistics at the University of the Witwatersrand. They have three children, Carol, a student at Wits, Stephen who has matriculated from Sandringham High and will be enrolling at Wits and Patrick aged 16.

Hathorn, Fenella (Khoti) graduated from the University of Natal with a B.Proc. Following two years of articles she was admitted as an Attorney in May and is now professional assistant in a firm of attorneys in Pietermaritzburg.

Haynes (Harwin) Wendy and her Radiologist husband, Ian, are moving to Pietermaritzburg next year. They have three children, Hylton, Debbie and Anthony. Wendy is hoping to devote her spare time to the care and interest of underprivileged children.

Hill, Caroline having completed a course in Manufacturing Jewellery at the Natal Technikon in Durban and completed two years apprenticeship with Otto Poulson is now a qualified manufacturing jeweller and will be opening up her own business in Durban next year.

Hoskin (Pickering) Sandra is living in Port Elizabeth where her husband Pat is with a veterinary firm and she manages an International parcel delivery service. Keeping up the Collegiate connection brother Robert Pickering married **Clare Christie**.

Horak (Howard) Valerie and her husband Ivan, who is the Director of the Tick Research Unit at Rhodes University, live in Grahamstown. They have four children, André a legal advisor in the Air Force, Robyn married and doing legal research for a firm of engineers, Louise a B.A. student at Stellenbosch and 15 year old Stephen at home.

Hyslop (Runcie) Shirley and her husband Peter have retired in Cape Town. Their daughter Elizabeth is working at the Red Cross Hospital, son Keith has completed a course in mechanical engineering and Michael is completing his training in the Navy.

Lee (Giesen) Jennifer is living at Umtentweni where she works at the Permanent Building Society. Her son Shane and daughter Kylie are both studying in Durban, her foster daughter Aurelia is a hairdresser and baby Dorothy is in Standard I.

Lewis (Harwin) Susan after graduating with a B.Sc. Physiotherapy from the University of Cape Town, married Dr Adrian Lewis. When Adrian completed his housemanship, they travelled to Australia and America in search of work. In both countries doctors appeared to be 'over supplied' while physiotherapists were still on the wanted list — so it was that Susan's profession finally gained them entry into America. Initially, with their funds extremely low they lived in a two-man tent in a caravan park from where Susan sold time shares in a condominium for survival. After the required lapse of time Susan acquired her green ticket permitting them permanent residence and legalising employment. She rapidly took a position at the hospital in Gainesville, Florida while Adrian registered for a post-graduate course in family medicine.

Now, some years later Susan through her own initiative, ability and determination, has built her own large physiotherapy unit comprising eleven treatment rooms furnished with all the most modern equipment, five physiotherapists and a large administrative staff. Specialising in sports injuries, Susan has presented papers at international conferences and lectured widely in America. Adrian, now specialised, has his own practice and the required five years having elapsed he and Susan have applied for U.S. citizenship. Well done both of you.

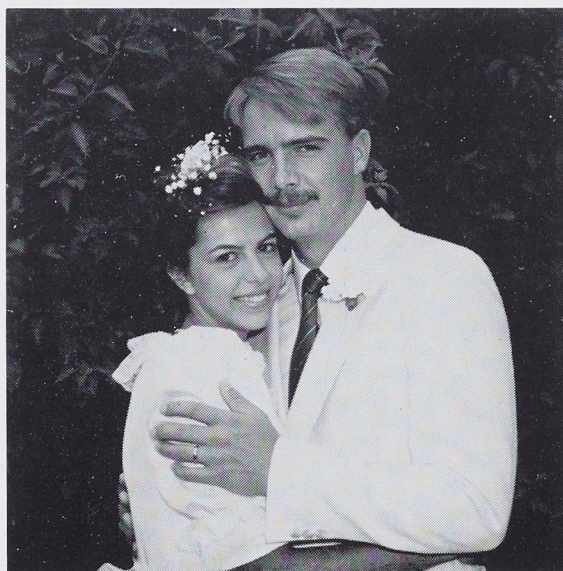
Love, Andrea has been working in London for the past two years as a sales executive at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Pake Lane.

Malan (Hill) Brenda writes that she and her husband have just returned from a years working holiday abroad. They worked in a London pub and at a Watersports centre in Scotland teaching water skiing and boardsailing on a lough! They have now settled at Pennington where her husband has taken over the family insurance assessing business.

Minnaar (Blamey) Allison has three children and has recently opened a home industries shop in Hibberdene.

The Murray Sisters. **Margaret** and her husband John Holmes live in Underberg where they have a Sports shop. Keeping them busy are two sons, four year old Benjamin and Thomas aged two. **Anne** and her Hungarian Canadian husband Anton Kosztyo who are both qualified in the hotel business today enjoy running their own restaurant in Toronto. **Lucinda** who qualified in Interior Design from the Natal Technikon in Durban is married to Tom Barichievsky who has a kitchen design business. Since the arrival of baby Ross, Lucinda plans to work from home on a free lance basis.

Nagle (Love) Georgina married to Dr Frederick Nagle is living in Perth, Western Australia.



Sandra Oellermann to Greg Hale — 14th December 1985.

This is what the **Oellermanns** have done! **Desiree** an insurance broker in Johannesburg has a flat in Linden. **Karen** has two sons, 3 year old Brett and baby Justin. Her husband Greg Bodill is Mayor's Secretary in Pietermaritzburg. **Ingrid** who reports for the Pietermaritzburg bureau of the Natal Mercury is married to Andrew Harrison, the racing editor of the Natal Witness. **Sandra** married in the Collegiate chapel to Greg Hale will be completing her fourth year at the Natal Training College while her husband, a qualified teacher, will be meeting his military commitment. Although not a Collegiate Old Boy, I feel we must congratulate brother Bobby who was in the top 30 of the Natal Matriculants gaining six distinctions and being awarded a Barlow Rand Scholarship.

Pennefather, Libbi (Elizabeth). In August, after many months of researching, preparing and squirreling away her hard earned resources, Libbi drove away from London on the first leg of her 22 500 kilometre, 4½ month Overland African Safari. Scantily equipped with back pack and camera bag, her transport was a 10 ton 'M' series, four wheel-drive, orange and blue Bedford truck. Especially converted with roll back canvas top, individual coach seats and an ingenious system of stowing away £2 000 worth of dry rations, tents, camp bed, tables, cookers, kitchen equipment and long range fuel and water tanks, Libbi says it was surprisingly comfortable.

A seven day journey through France and Spain provided an ideal opportunity to acquaint with her cosmopolitan group of fellow travellers — 14 in number — ranging from mechanics to nurses, teachers and engineers and drawn from Switzerland, Germany, Canada, America, Australia and Britain. It was also an opportunity to become familiar with the rigorous daily routine that was to become the pattern of their lives. Dawn rising, breaking camp, packing, map reading and group decisions on the day's destination — always allowing for detours in response to the unexpected. In the evening pitching camp, gathering wood to conserve the limited gas, lighting fires, cooking the evening meal, baking bread and exploring the neighbourhood.

The Gibraltar crossing from Algeciras in Europe to Ceuta in Africa, accomplished in under an hour, marked the real start of the African adventure — Africa where man, for the most part still conforms to nature's scheme of things — where people of the desert, the plain and forest still preserve the proud ways of their ancestors.

The African campsites contrasted sharply with the sheltered, well serviced areas of Europe and varied from simple sites with cold showers to deserted huts in Niger, open seas of desert sand in the Sahara, rocky enclosures in the Hoggar Mountains, narrow tracks in the jungles of Zaire and a sisal field in Tanzania. In the desert, a canopy of stars in a velvet sky invariably provided sufficient shelter but in the Equatorial regions the tropical rain storms and huge mosquitoes necessitated the added cover of tents. Never quite alone, even in the Sahara, where one night a Tuareg chief appeared from nowhere, offering a bucket of fresh cows milk and the hospitality of his village, or in Zaire where the best thieves were found, unwanted visitors were

discouraged by careful and sometimes constant night watch.

For twenty weeks the shopping on a \$20 a day budget, cooking and guard duties were decided on a roster system with culinary ingenuity and imaginations being stretched to extreme limits when strange, scant or no fresh supplies were available. Libbi wrote that meals became big events each day and water a most treasured commodity — at no time restricted for drinking, never abundant for personal use but in the desert frequently rationed to a litre or less per person per day and sometimes none at all. On arrival home Libbi asked if vegetable water was used for washing dishes!

Glorious weather greeted the travellers in Morocco. A welcome pause in Rabat was spent shopping, sea bathing, and feasting on melons, figs, dates, couscous — a wheaten dish served in a thick pottery bowl with a spicy meat and vegetable sauce — and sipping freshly picked mint tea. Several days spent in the ancient city of Fez — Athens of Africa and Mecca of the West — bustling with traders, craftsmen, veiled women and jalabah clad Moslems responding to the repeated call of the muezzin, proved a rewarding experience. Life centred around the medina, a huge maze of covered passages and shops where woven rugs, brassware, berber pottery, tooled leatherwork, turned woodwork, spices, perfume and flowers were vigorously bought and sold and where hoardes of children running errands, carrying trays of tea and learning the family craft shared the cluttered narrow streets with heavily laden little donkeys. Here Libbi fast learned to counter unwanted advances of amor but fell prey to the guile of a carpet-dealer and bought a wool and silk rug. She also wrote that a most enjoyable sauna and massage made a new person of her!

And so to Marrakech a cheerful city of flat roofed mud buildings and houses nestling in among the palm trees and in the 60's the hideaway for flower power hippies on the drug route and into alternative living. The famed Square is a constant throbbing and thronging hive of activity. In the afternoons, the morning markets, where barbers and tooth puller ply their trade alongside carpet sellers and dealers in potions and herbs, given away to the entertainers. The square is immediately filled with dancers, jugglers, snake charmers piping their music and the ubiquitous water seller ringing his bell and dispensing the liquid from goatskin bottles. At sunset the square transforms into a seething mass of turbaned, white robed men and black veiled women while in the evening it becomes an open tavern with doughnuts sizzling over braziers and kebabs roasting on spits. At nightfall the story tellers take over. Libbi watched this moving kaleidoscope from a roof top overlooking the square.

Leaving the fascinating Berber settlement and Atlas mountains, an entire day was spent crossing into Algeria at the Oasis town of Fuguig. Long, detailed searches and checks seemed necessary in this sensitive military area and only the fluent French spoken by Simon the driver accelerated the process. Official insistence on an untrafficked road for an approaching military convoy caused a further two day delay.

For nearly 4 000 kilometres the desert stretched south, with yellow dunes giving way to barren plateau — days of daunting beauty, driving in temperatures of 45° and upwards on a crumbling tarmac strip, towards an endlessly receding horizon. Skeletons of would be transport that didn't make the journey lay scattered on the sea of sand. A vicious sandstorm driving the biting sand into every crevice and pore followed by a most welcome and unexpected shower of rain in which everyone unashamedly washed; the glorious rising and setting of the sun, the desert moon, refreshing oasis villages with mud houses clustered amongst the olives, date palms and almonds, the smell and feel of running water in village public showers and the sight of a lone figure disappearing into the night carrying shovel, loo paper and bottle of water! Pink raspberry ice-cream dispensed in cones from an Italian machine at isolated In Sallah; and Muslem truck drivers in the middle of nowhere, facing east and prostrate in prayer on their small rugs. These and many more are Libbi's memories of the desert.

In Southern Algeria the Hoggar Massif emerged like a massive uninhabited planet, a curiously lunar landscape of towering volcanic plugs. In the lee of these mountains lies Tamanrasset, the Saharan crossroads where camel caravans and motorised convoys muster en route to oases. Here are found the Nomadic Tuareg — the legendary 'Blue Men of the desert'. Proud and unchallenged, blue robed and turbaned in a 20' long tagilmust with only their eyes showing, armed with a sword and hung with leather pouches. Ignoring international boundaries they guide their camels to the furthest reaches of the desert trading salt for cloth and food and in search of food for their sheep and goats. A precarious existence eking out a living as the unsparing desert encroaches on once fertile land. Sheltering in leather tents and carrying water in goatskin bags, the drought has forced many to seek employment in the towns.

Driving South the remnants of tar disappeared and the desert tracks criss-crossed in every direction as eyes strained for the occasional 44 gallon drum markers, and seemingly unattainable horizons stretched ahead. Reaching the isolated check point of Niger, marked by a tarpaulin strung from an acacia, the customs official overcome by heat announced he wouldn't be available for the next four hours! So at last to the disturbingly threadbare Sahel of the Sahara periphery, an area of scrub and deep wells where one shares the water points with the noisy Fulani people drawing water for their herds of long horned Zebu cattle. Agadez known for hand crafted silver and Niamey for the lucrative Uranium mines, the two major centres of Niger, are inhabited by a cheerful friendly people dressed in gay cloth wrap arrounds, frequently bare topped and selling doughnuts, roasted mealies and bread in roadside stalls. Libbi wrote that it was here she first felt the familiar signs of arriving home, the partition of Arab and black Africa — a relaxed atmosphere, thatched mud villages enjoying solar powered television, crowds of children playing with wire cars, and crying 'cadeaux' with outstretched hands! Nowhere in Africa

were portrait photographers welcome, being frequently abused by stone throwing and spitting.

The greatest challenge was yet to come — traversing the Tchadian desert across the bed of the once sparkling lake where the sand was so soft that the meagre 40km per day progress was only accomplished by hours of sandmatting. No tracks, markers, water or villages exist and accurate direction was only achieved with the aid of a compass. After seven washless days of isolation and uncertainty the excitement at the first sighting of Ndjamena, knew no bounds. The swimming pool showers were instantly crowded and a meal of steak chasseur was enjoyed by all. The French influence is still strong in North and Central Africa. French is commonly spoken by the locals and amazing meals using imported ingredients can be bought, at a price, in the remotest villages.

The end of the desert came surprisingly suddenly and the next week was spent travelling through the contrastingly beautiful aforrested hilly Cameroun. Abundant water, an air of affluence, masses of thatched and gardened villages and plentiful fresh peanut butter, chocolate, vegetables and powdered drinks provided a welcome change from the desert diet of disguised dehydrated meals and from the endless dry heat and sand.

Bangui, a much enjoyed mail collection point and capital of Central African Republic proved outrageously expensive — \$5 for a cabbage and \$1.50 for a glass of beer. A substantial French community and affluent locals support a sophisticated restaurant, where a candlelit meal of crêpes, salads and chocolate mousse — the best ever — is served for \$25! This was the beginning of the real equatorial Africa where the thick primeval forests go unchecked and the Zaire and Niger rivers continue to play their vital and historic role. In the absence of any proper roads the navigable Ubangi provides a natural life-line. Tropical showers and the humidity keep clothes permanently damp and plastic sandals become a necessity. This climate suited to many species of brightly coloured butterflies make the area a lepidopterists paradise.

Recording that the entry into Zaire was perhaps the most nerve-racking, Libbi related that declaration errors, albeit innocent, were viewed sternly and the offenders punished with substantial \$ fines. The discovery of a second passport belonging to an American lass caused near deportation for all. At these times unwanted items were usually secreted away in porridge packs! The unscheduled month long stay in Zaire finally proved to be one of the high points of the journey. Arriving in the rainy season, the untarred single lane roads threading through the uncompromising jungle turned into axle deep bog pitted tracks. Progress was seriously diminished and sand mats became mud mats often in six foot deep orange slush — at times thirtieth in a bog queue and once bogged for the night. On this occasion the same road on which they were forced to camp became a fast flowing river after a torrential downpour and Libbi woke to find her sandals floating past! The bog delays did have advantages — giving time for visits to the local villages, participating in a Sunday

morning 'ladies only' maize beer party and meeting other travellers in the same predicament. Amongst these were other motorised parties, Japanese hitchhikers and a Swiss couple on a motor bike. One bonus occasion was the offer of hospitality from a French construction company complete with air conditioned rooms, food, wine and song! Precarious wooden bridges over the flooded rivers frequently needed rebuilding, sometimes fifteen in a day, the numerous rundown ferries were mostly fueled and powered by the diesel and battery from the Bedford truck while wooden dug-out canoes provided the river transport.

The north east of Zaire, remote from the commercial centres, has no banks and huge bunches of bananas, pawpaws, pineapples and citrus were exchanged for empty tins and bottles! Live monkey brain, dried mummified monkey and fish, grasshoppers and grubs fried and eaten with relish were delicacies, cassava the staple food and bread and fresh peanut butter — were made in all the villages. Hunters with bow and arrow, clad in loin cloths and baskets strapped to their backs were a common forest sight. Septic mosquito bites played havoc with the travellers arms and legs while the addition of huge quantities of banana to the diet together with a course of Flagyl quietened the parasites that plagued their insides!

Tunneling through the undergrowth for six hours led to the pygmy colony at Epulu in the Ituri forest. A fascinating little people, no taller than 4'-4'6" who continuously smoke tobacco or marijuana. Dressed in beaten fig leaf loin cloths, they shelter in mongongo leaf, covered huts. The forest is their trusted and loved environment, giving them food, clothing, protection and healing. Rich in recreations, the pygmy is sustained by fruits gathered in the forest, the harvest of fish drawn in hoop framed nets from the rivers and the rewards of his expertise with wooden bow and poison arrow. An entertaining evening and night using French and sign language to communicate was spent with this little community.

A drive out of the Zaire basin led to the western slopes of the Ruwenzori Mountains, the fabled 'Mountains of the Moon' which separate the great East African plains from the jungles of Central Africa. After crossing the equator where this great dividing line is marked by a simple sign — Ligne de L'Equateur — the domain of the endangered Mountain Gorilla, was approached. A two hour trail, led by a guide through dense forest, was rewarded with an excellent viewing of these shy, gentle giants. Libbi confesses to a flash of fear when she unexpectedly came face to face with a great black male — some of whom reach 5' in height and up to 400 lbs in weight. Living in complete harmony with the forest, the gorillas, now seriously reduced in number and in constant danger of poachers, live in groups ranging from 5-20.

The road into Tanzania, leaving behind the beautiful hilly terrain of Rwanda and Burundi and the magic of Lake Kivu, led to the southern shores of Lake Victoria. A days drive away was the famed Serengeti National Park, a sea of grassland where superb viewing of most animals including lion, Thompson's gazelle,

giraffe and cheetah was enjoyed. A glimpse at the Olduvai Gorge, site of the discovery of the so called missing evolutionary link was followed by a magical visit and stay at Ngorongoro. Ten miles across, this almost sheer sided crater with lakes and woodlands, is a sheltered animal haven containing a huge concentration of grazing herds, predators and birds. Arriving at the migratory season, large herds of zebra and wildebeest were seen on the move.

Enjoying spectacular views of the Great Rift Valley and heading across the northern Masai Steppe, the beaded, spear-armed indigenous Masai were seen. These handsome, nomadic, proud people wander freely between Kenya and Tanzania herding their cattle. The payment of \$120, the hire of plenty of very warm clothing and suitable equipment and the most necessary and able assistance of a happy and proficient band of porters and guides were the only ingredients necessary for a climb up Kilimanjaro. Taking three days up and two days down this long hard uphill climb trails through rain forest, across the grassy slopes of the snow capped extinct volcano to the barren saddle from which the final assault is made. Nights are spent in stilted rest camps growing progressively colder, until well below freezing. The last leg is started at 1 a.m. when the loose scree is frozen and so safer, the would-be climbers are not deterred by the full sight of the daunting task that lies ahead, and the sun presents no problem. Accomplished during the full moon, Libbi wrote that apart from the effects of altitude it was a marvellous experience.

Turning north to Nairobi the arrival in this first real city for months was a huge event. The accumulation of much awaited mail, hot water, fresh and exotic foods and the excellent markets of the local crafts were among the special treats. Laden with wood carvings, finely woven tubby baskets and kakoyos — the attractive fringed cloth worn by the women, the journey continued to Dar-es-Salaam. Today alas, a really tired, shabby, tumbled down city with only one plus going for it — a shop selling superb ice-cream in every imaginable flavour! The excellent black market exchange rate went unused — save for long distance phone calls — for there was just nothing to buy. Travelling through Malawi, one of the few African countries giving an ambience of peace and self-sufficiency, they camped on the shores of the Lake. Leaving Lilongwe, and the markets typical of black Africa where fresh food is sold in little piles or measured in varying sized tin bowls, they turned east to the parks, forests and grasslands of Zambia. Running two weeks behind schedule and with the arrival of Santa Claus imminent Libbi decided sadly to leave the party and fly home from Lusaka, arriving just in time to hang up her stocking! What a journey — one she describes simply as 'fantastic — a tale of self-sufficiency, flexibility and a study of people'.

Pepworth, Gail is in the catering business in Cape Town.

Phelp (Twiggy) Debbie and her husband who is an engineer in the railways have been transferred to Port Elizabeth.

Ridler (Prophet) Dawn. Good to take you off the 'lost' list Dawn and hear all your exciting news. She writes 'I graduated with a first class B.Sc. Hons. in Plant Physiology and received the S.A. Breweries Gold Medal for outstanding performance in the biological sciences. After a year into an M.Sc. I realised my interests were far more commercial than academic and I switched to a Master of Business Administration Course from which I graduated in 1982. I married a fellow Kenyan, Jonathan Ridler and we lived and worked in Northern Mozambique until immigrating to South Africa in 1983. Working in computers I took a short break for the arrival of our daughter Aurora Jean and then returned to the head office of Edgars Stores in Johannesburg where I am now the Merchandise Research Manager and Group Economist.' Well done! Dawn would love to hear from any of the 1974 matric class. Why not have a reunion?

Sandy, Margaret having graduated with a B.Sc. and H.D.E. from the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg has a teaching post at Stanger High School next year. **Brenda** qualified from the Whitehouse School of Interior design and is now with a firm of Interior Decorators in Pinetown.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth (Mackenzie) Smith and Patricia (Crowe) Rudden** on their election to the Collegiate Board of Governors.

Smith, Jill now in England has been the general factotum at an up-market pub near Worcester — her duties ranging from complete control of the pub to feeding the chickens.

Summers (Giesen) Paddy emigrated to Australia and is the Business Manager for a very large private girls school.

Sutton, Brenda settled in her own flat in Durban is with the Department of Trade and Industries. **Sandra** having graduated with a B. Pharmacy from Rhodes University has completed a year at Greys Hospital and will be doing a locum for a Pharmacy in Eshowe next year.

Thompson (Daniel) Elizabeth. Glad to have news of you Elizabeth after several years on the missing list. It was **Betty Janes (Holmes)** who responded from Bexhill-on-Sea in East Sussex to our appeal in last year's magazine. Not only did she give us Elizabeth's Schagan address but wrote again this year with an up-date saying Elizabeth and her husband have moved to the Cape and were living at Meadow Cottage, Constantia. Thank you Betty.

Traill (Borland) Olive. Congratulations to you and Jock on celebrating your Golden Wedding. Olive and her husband have a Granny flat attached to Tony and Jill's home in Johannesburg.

Twigg. The twins have separated with **Allyson** teaching in Durban and **Barbara** in Cardiff planning to start her General Nursing training. Good Luck!

Van Heerden (Mathews) Sue. In July 1985, Sue graduated from Cambridge University with a Masters Degree in Law, and she is currently completing her articles with a firm of attorneys in Cape Town. She completed her first degree (B.A.) at Stellenbosch University, and went on to study for an LL.B. at Cape Town University. It was at UCT that she was awarded the Kway Long Prize which is given annually to the most outstanding final year law student. Two scholarships to Cambridge University followed. In the year in which Collegiate celebrated its Centenary, 1978, Sue was appointed Head Girl, and at the end of that year her academic results were acknowledged in the Dux award. She has had outstanding academic success, and we wish her well in her career.



Van Vuren (Falconer) Mary and her husband are in a partnership running the Westville Hotel.

Welsh, Nicole graduated from the University of Cape Town Medical School and will be doing her housemanship at Addington Hospital. Congratulations!

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Encouraged by your response to this column last year, we are again appealing for your assistance. If the whereabouts of the following missing Old Girls is known to you, we would be delighted if you would address the relative information to Mrs E. Smith, Box 270, Hilton 3245.

To ensure that you remain on the mailing list for your magazine and Newsletters please up-date us on your marital status and address — and for inclusion in the magazine, your news. A post card will do, posted to the above address or to: The Old Girls' Guild, c/o Girls' Collegiate School, Villiers Drive, Pietermaritzburg 3201.

Allen, Patricia	1974
Anderson, Jane	1969
Anderson, Lesley	1971
Arbuthnot, Mrs (Martha Bartholemai)	1913
Boden, Mrs A. (Alexia Rainne)	1912
Bosman, Carol	1981
Briscoe, Jane	1976
Briscoe, Rosalind	1969
Butler, Mrs G.B. (Helen Allen)	1934
Day, Brenda	1981
Evans, Alison	1980
Falconer, Susan	1973
Foster, Mrs (Colleen Harris)	1969

Fraser, Mrs (Patricia Frost)	1965
Froeman, Mrs (Rachelle Waltman)	1964
Gilson, Felicity	1979
Griffith, Carol	1974
Illing, Mrs (Ann Holmes)	1959
Johnson, Paulette	1970
Kaplan, Mrs (Shirley Prag)	1953
Levin, Pamela	1969
Lewin, Mrs (Jean Wood)	1972
Louw, Mrs F. (Felicity Brown)	1966
Lilleby, Mrs (Penelope Heywood)	
Milner-Smythe, Penny	1979
McMenamin, Vivien	1980
Morrison, Pamela	1970
Passett, Mrs N. (Dawn Kirchner)	1954
Payne, Clare	1980
Pollock, Mrs E.M. (Edith Howden)	1932
Ross-Marsh, Mrs G. (Hermione Herwitz)	1969
Russel, Mrs D. (Marybell Sedgewick-Holmes)	1965
Scott, Terry	1975
Shrosbree, Diana	1974
Spence, Julie	1981
Watson, Mrs (Pam Wells)	1934
Weldon, Mrs M. (Rosemary Cockcroft)	
Whysall, Mrs C.V. (Esme Spiers)	1925
Wilson, Mrs (Hazel Know)	1934
Youthed, Mrs G.J. (Gay Morrison)	1970

