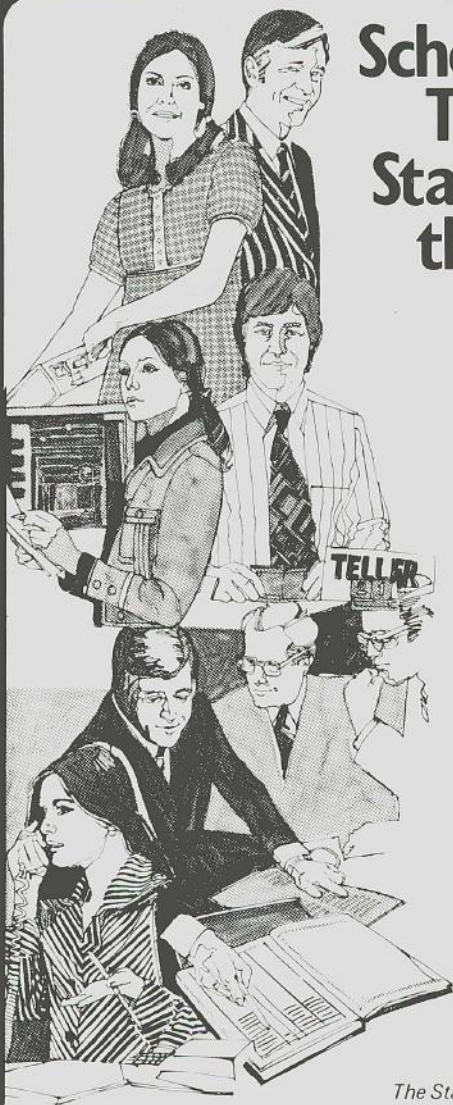




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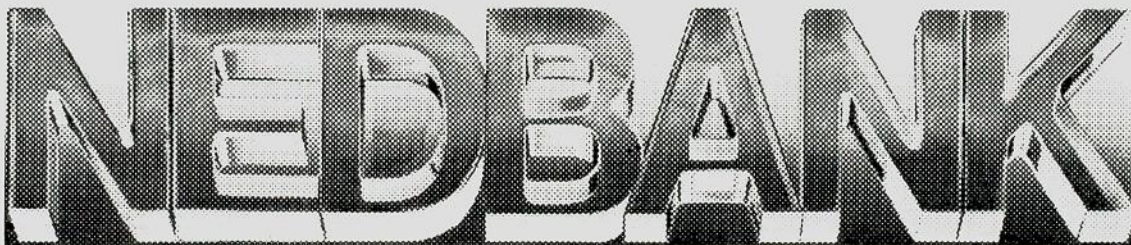
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## Bryanston High School

December 1976

### From The Headmaster's Desk

In the official publication commemorating the centenary of organized education in the Transvaal this year, the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr. S. J. van Niekerk, states: "Every parent and educator plans and ponders ways and means of creating those circumstances that ensure the sound progress to adulthood of every child". The planning referred to is essential for progress in modern education as well as to ensure that the system fits the needs of the Society which it serves.

One aspect that distinguishes our Education from that of 100 years ago is the availability of books. How many of us neglect this important factor in our Education?

In the past the teacher was a well-read person who passed on his knowledge to his scholars — a system that can and does lead to "spoon feeding", and is characterised by the passive role of the pupil concerning his educational development.

The modern teacher is trained to guide his pupils to sources of information so that the pupil by self-study and personal discovery, gains the learning that forms an integral part of his education.

It is my belief that many parents do not realize that this change has taken place in education. Many parents feel that it is the duty of the teacher to ensure that his child progresses. Daily we receive complaints about "not enough homework" and children "have nothing to do".

Written work forms a small part of homework — the bulk of homework lies in reading, research and self-study. Parents must help us to guide their children into self-study and encourage them to use as many books as possible. At present libraries are used by only a few enlightened persons instead of being filled with enthusiastic scholars. This is a situation which both parents and teachers can help to remedy. We must discourage pupils from leaning too heavily on information given to them by parents and teachers and instil in them a desire to find out for themselves. Only in this way will they ever begin to understand knowledge, instead of merely leaving school confused by a head full of unrelated facts drummed into them by others.

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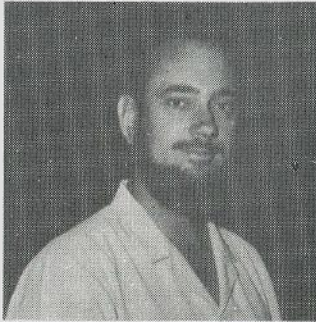
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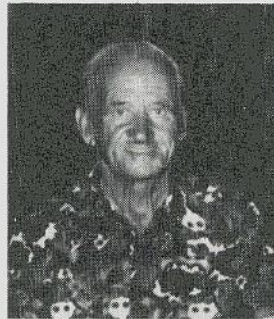


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## Message from the Chairman of the Governing Body

Mr. R.P.H. Wagner's sudden and untimely death towards the end of last year was a sad blow to us all. He brought to the Governing Body a sound and practical approach to our problems and his long and distinguished naval career cultivated in him a desire to serve his country and his church, a desire which transferred itself to our school which he served with distinction. To Mrs. Wagner and the children we express our deepest sympathy.

Several vacancies have occurred on the Governing Body which we have filled by co-opting parents to serve for the remainder of the Governing Body's term of office. It was considered desirable to invite a parent from each of our feeder schools' parent bodies to serve on our Governing Body in order to maintain a closer link between ourselves and our counterparts in the feeder schools.

Before leaving the subject of the members of the Governing Body, I would like to take the unusual step of mentioning one resignation, that of Mr. Harry Cohen who, owing to pressure of business, feels that he cannot devote to our affairs the attention that he would like to be able to devote. He and his wife, Norma, have played a leading rôle in school affairs at Bryanston for a very long time — first at Bryanston Primary School and, more recently, at Bryanston High ever since we opened our doors for 'business'. Indeed, Mr. Cohen was on the ad-hoc committee which was formed to represent the future parents of our school while the building was still under construction. He has from the start been Chairman of our Finance Committee and has played an important part in both the raising and the managing of finances. Thank you Harry and Norma — we will miss you both.

Our founder-headmaster, Mr. Joel Alswang, has suffered a second and very severe heart attack while on official inspecting duty in the Lowveld and spent almost a month in the Nelspruit Hospital. He is making steady progress towards a complete recovery and in typical Alswang manner, is already back in harness.

Mr. Viviers in his report from the Headmaster's Desk last year stressed the important rôle that parents play in the education of their children. The parents of our school have always supported us generously with money and in addition many parents, in particular the mothers, devote much of their time, which is not always 'spare', to the tuckshop, supplying cakes, helping with transport, and in many other ways giving us a helping hand at school. Unfortunately, however, in relation to the total number of parents, the number of such helpers is regrettably small. We would also like to see a far greater turnout of fathers and mothers at our school functions, both those on the sportsfields and those in the hall. It gives both the scholars and the teaching staff great encouragement to see a good attendance of parents. Very many parents could attend the Annual General Meetings of the Parents' Association, if for no other reason than to say 'thankyou' to those parents who are able to and do actively support the school.

I do not think it is generally known that our Governing Body is a member of the Association of Governing Bodies of Transvaal English Medium High Schools, which meets quarterly at Parktown Boys' High School and is attended by representatives from as far afield as Potchefstroom, Vanderbijlpark and the Eastern Transvaal. This association was formed over twenty years ago with the object of furthering the interests of our high schools, particularly with regard to the shortage of teachers and very specially as far as English-speaking



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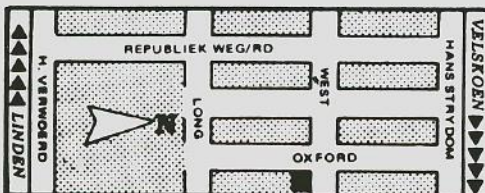


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males are concerned. In April it sought an interview with and addressed a memorandum to the Minister of Education, Dr. Koornhof, on the three main problems facing not only the English Medium High Schools but all high schools, namely, the shortage of male teachers, the shortage of teachers in Science and Mathematics, and the high percentage of teachers in High Schools not qualified in the subjects they are teaching. The Association is pressing for the urgent appointment of a commission to investigate and report to the Minister on some sixteen subjects ranging from teachers' salary scales, fringe benefits, and status, to importing teachers from overseas and the introduction of teaching aids such as closed-circuit television.

The Minister, who had with him Dr. J.T. van Wyk, who is the Secretary for National Education, received a deputation from the Association in August and frank and friendly discussions took place, during which the Minister said he had made use of the memorandum in discussing education matters with his colleagues. He accepted that the position in education was grave and wished to rectify matters. If the suggested commission could achieve anything to this end, he would recommend its appointment. The Minister is seeing a wide cross-section of interested parties and he is intent on trying to bring about improvements as soon as possible.

A matter which is giving us great concern is a proposal to establish an institution for the rehabilitation of youthful drug addicts on a piece of ground to be called Bryanston Extension 22, and which falls within our school area. An application for consent use has been addressed to the Sandton Town Council and we are opposing the granting of such consent as we feel it will have a detrimental effect on our school since it is proposed to treat both males and females between the ages of fourteen and twenty-six years of age and those of compulsory school-going age might well be required to attend our school during treatment.

In conclusion, may I express our thanks to Mr. Viviers and all his staff for what has been achieved during the year, and wish them all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

W. R. HEDDING, Chairman, *Governing Body*.

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## THE PLIGHT OF THE HEADMASTER

If the Headmaster seeks to maintain discipline, he is a sadistic bully; if he does not, he has no backbone.

If he deals firmly with pupils sent to his office, he is hardhearted; if he deals leniently, he is being disloyal to the staff.

If he takes an interest in the details of the pupils' progress, he is interfering; if he does not, he is "no help to anyone" (probably forgotten all he knew, anyway).

If he visits classes frequently, he is a prying nuisance; if he does not, he is not interested in what is being done in class.

If the Headmaster dresses smartly, he is vain or frivolous; if he does not, he has no personality.

If he is friendly and jokes with the staff, he is being 'familiar'; if he does not, he is arrogant and self-opinionated.

If he is charming to visiting parents, he is putting on an act; if he is not, he is an ill-mannered despot.

If he goes away for frequent week-ends, he is shirking his responsibility; if he does not, he thinks he is indispensable.

If he pushes the Parents' Association to do things, he is extravagant; if he does not, he lacks initiative.

If he plays golf or has other outside interests, he is not putting his duties first; if he has none, he is a stick-in-the-mud.

If he is sitting in his office, he is pretending to work; if he is not there, he ought to be.

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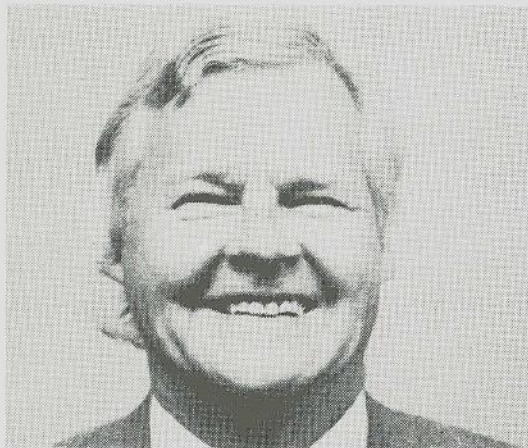
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## **Report from the Chairman of the PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The ninth year since the founding of the school is rapidly drawing to a close and I am sure we can say that it has been a successful year for the school in all spheres of activity, both in and out of the classroom.

Your Parents' Association has made every effort during the year to promote and to maintain the interest of our parents in the work and life of Bryanston High School.

As with all associations who depend wholly on fund raising and donations for their finances, we were faced with the problem of funding the expenditure and capital items and maintenance during the year. Maintenance is, unfortunately, an unavoidable drain on our funds but, thanks to good budget planning, the generosity of parents' annual contributions and the success of the major fund raising project this year, it was possible to meet our commitments. Thank you parents!

The major fund raising project this year was the Debutantes' Ball. Held on July 16, it was a success both socially and financially. It was enthusiastically supported and contributed a commendable amount to the Association's funds.

Your Fund Raising Committee under the skilful Chairmanship of Mr. T.G. Steenekamp and also the teachers, parents and pupils who helped to make this evening such a success, all deserve sincere thanks for the hard work they put into preparing for this function. We must also thank our sponsors, those firms and individuals who so generously gave donations and prizes.

In the middle of this year an enthusiastic group of parents formed what is now known as the Supporters Club. In the main the intention of the Supporters Club is to arouse and maintain enthusiasm in parents and pupils alike to give support to school teams playing matches at home and away. In addition they will raise and administer funds for the employment of professional coaches for the various sports, and to improve or provide sporting facilities wherever possible. The fruits of the Supporters Club are already being enjoyed in some of the branches of sport offered at our school. Good work!

We can be proud of the appearance of our school buildings, the beautiful, well-kept playing fields and other sporting and special facilities. Our ever-enthusiastic Mr. van Zyl and his maintenance staff have earned our praise and thanks.

The school library has acquired more books of reference and here too thanks are extended to parents and teachers who have made this possible.

May I take this opportunity of appealing to parents and past pupils' generosity for more library books and cash donations or book tokens.

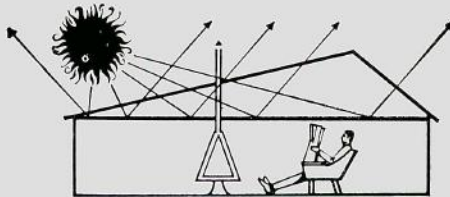
The Mothers' Committee under the able leadership of Mrs. Jane Liddell deserve all our thanks and appreciation for their long hours of unselfish work in the interests of the school.

Mrs. Joan Gray, who is the tuckshop convenor, has informed us that as of the beginning of next year she will not be available. We thank her for her valiant and much-appreciated efforts over the past two years.

I am personally indebted to the Governing Body, to our Headmaster, Mr. Viviers, his staff and his school secretaries, as well as to the members of the Parents' Committee, all of whom have made my task such a pleasure.

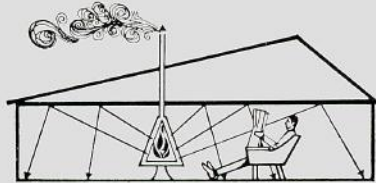
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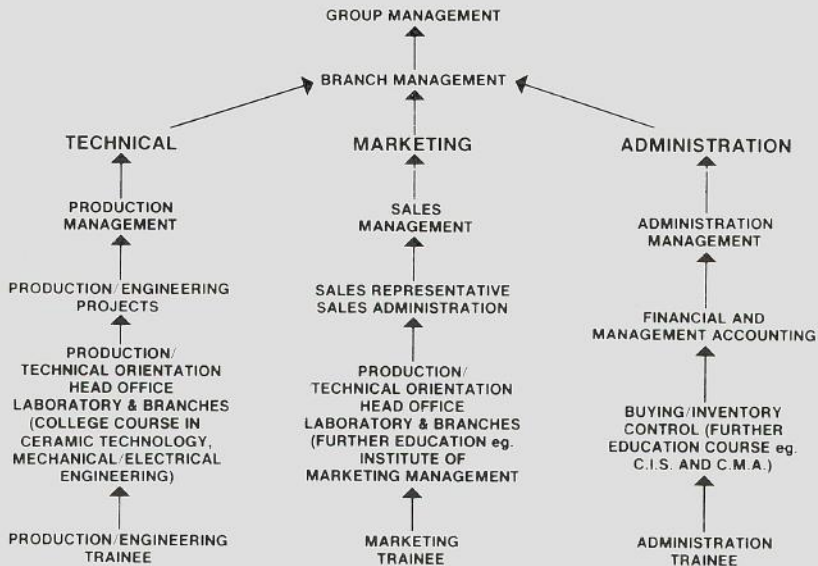
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We saw the building up of school spirit as our main task for this past year and tried to do this by placing more emphasis on sporting occasions, by organising cheerleaders for and buses to interschool functions and by trying to organise inter-class sporting activities.

We would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Viviers, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hartshorne for their guidance and unflinching support throughout the year. We would also like to thank the staff of Bryanston High for their assistance and support.

The 1976 Prefects wish the Prefects for 1977 the best of luck during their year of office.

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*Front Row:* Mr. I. Hartshorne (Vice-Principal), P. van Ammers (Deputy Head Boy), B. Reid (Head Girl), Mr. J. L. Viviers (Headmaster), C. Gold (Head Boy), T. Stitfall (Deputy Head Girl), Mr. D. P. Campbell (Deputy Principal).

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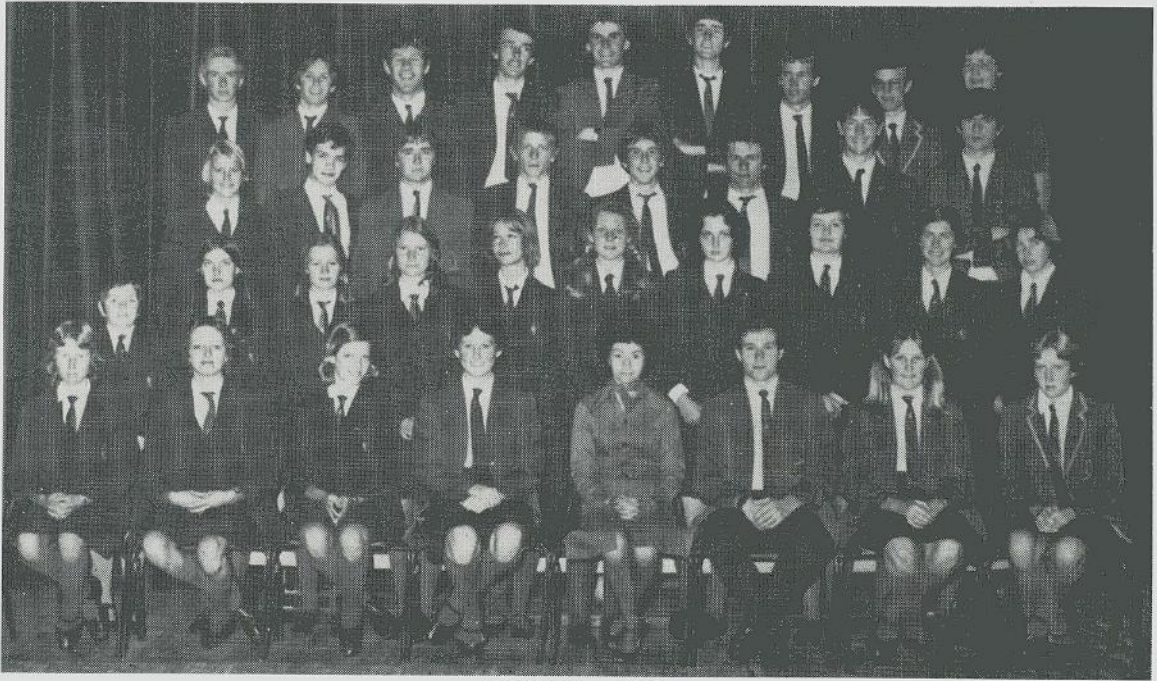
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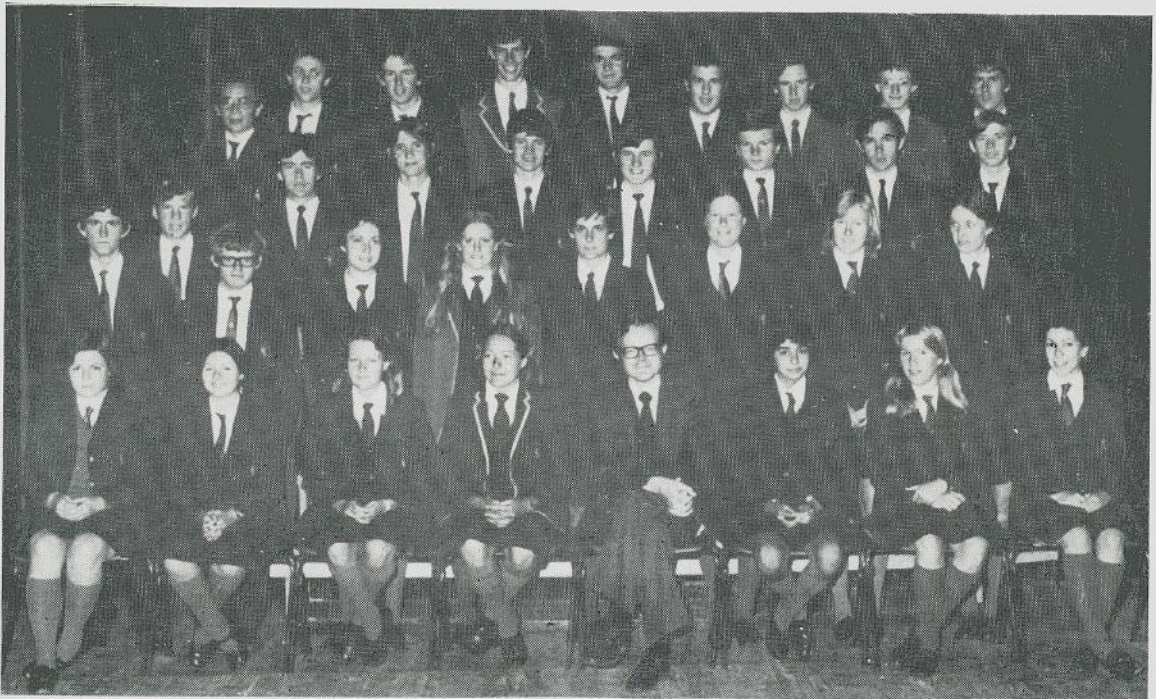
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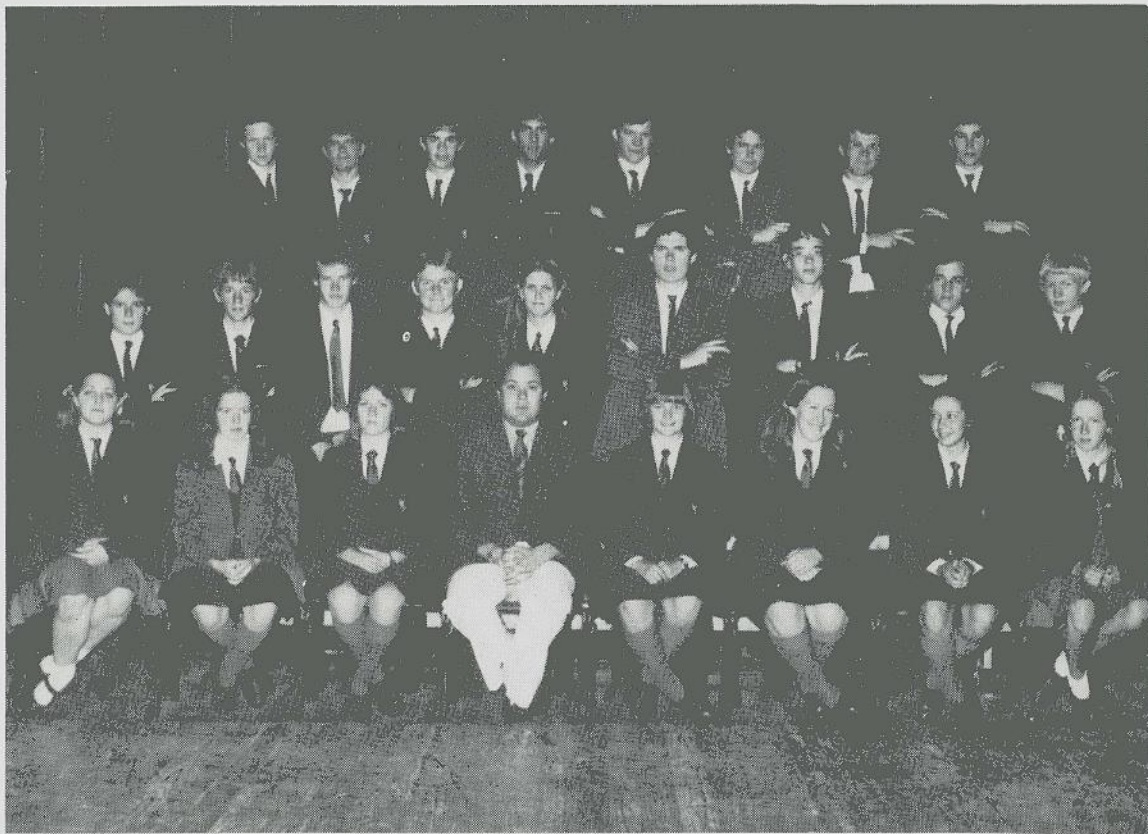
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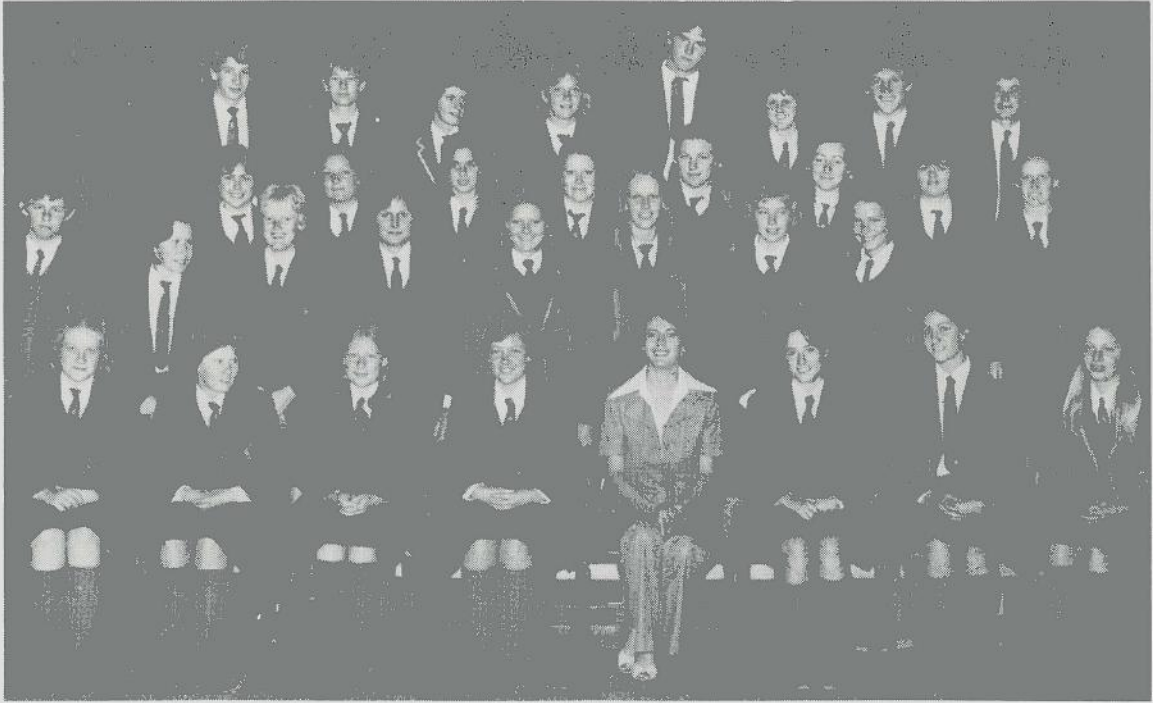
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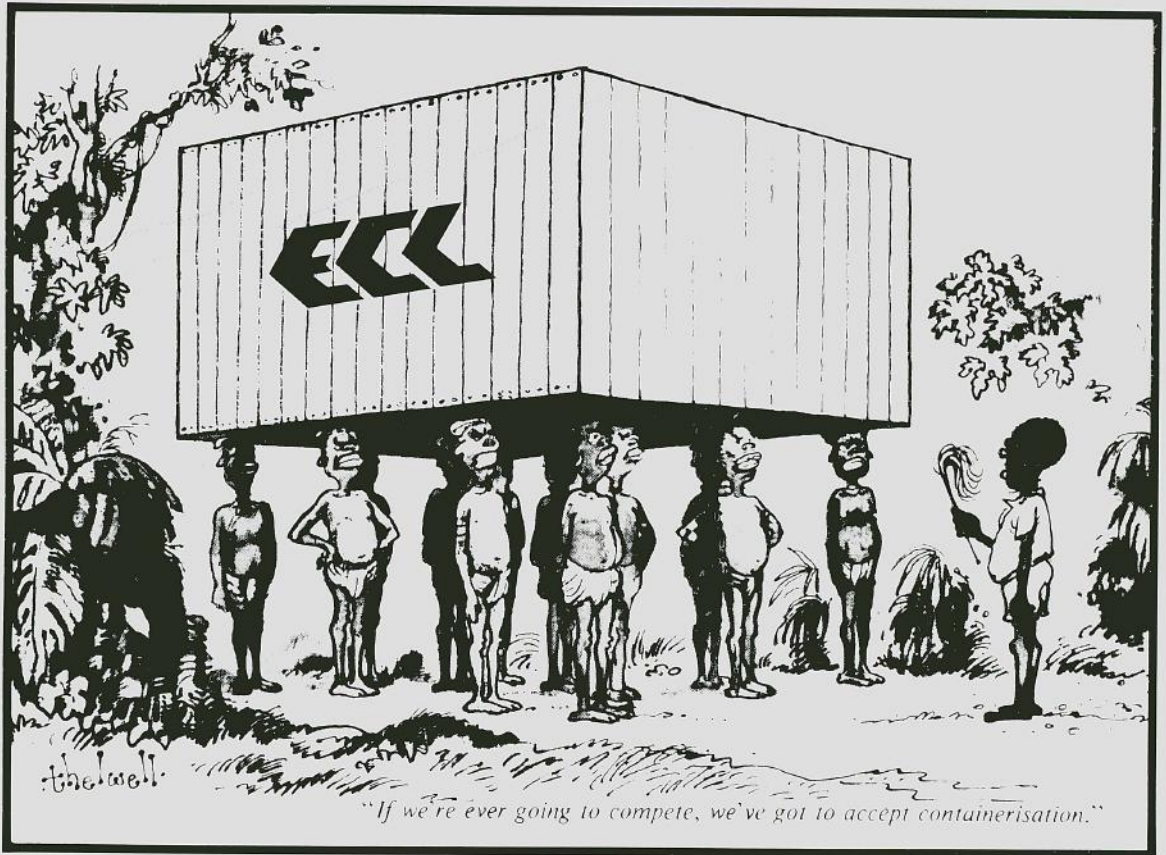
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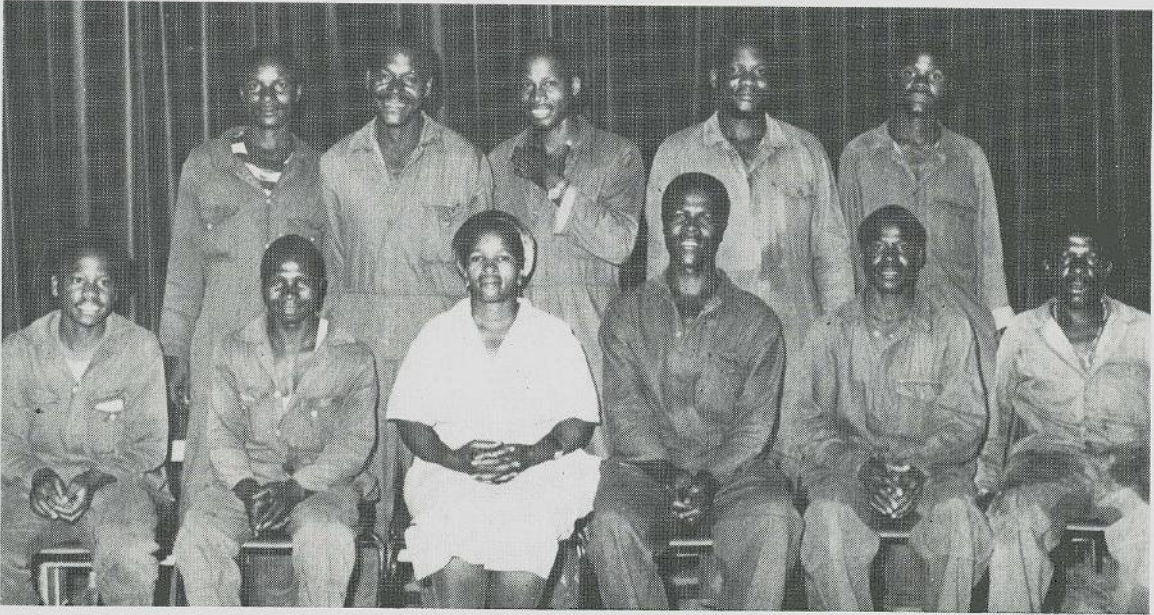
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## APOLLO HOUSE NOTES

**Swimming:** With a very strong team there was very little chance that any other house could have won the swimming! Many members of the school swimming team were members of Apollo.

**House Plays:** Apollo did very well in this year's Play Festival. Apart from winning the overall competition the Apollo Junior play won its section and Heidi Broll, a member of the junior cast, won the prize for the Best Actress. "Judgement", the junior play, was written by Karen Broll, an ex-member of Apollo.

**Chess:** In spite of heavy competition from the other teams, Apollo put up a great performance and won.

**Debating:** With three-quarters of the school's Debating Society in Apollo, it would have been surprising if we had not done well. In the inter-house debates, Apollo won the junior section and came second in the senior section.

**Athletics:** Apollo came a narrow second to Jupiter after a very exciting meeting. Bridget Gallie, who won the Junior Victrix Ludorum last year, won the Senior Victrix Ludorum this year and was also chosen as Captain of the school's athletics team.

**Rugby:** Even though our team had many First Team players in it and should thus have done well, we only managed to come third in the senior section of this competition.

**Gymnastics:** Our girls won the competition with the outstanding performance of Claire Winterton who is a Southern Transvaal gymnast.

**Cross Country:** Apollo came second with the help of Ross Deisel's and Garth Mitchell's great performances.

**Hockey:** Our senior boys did not do very well in this competition and came in fourth in spite of their hard and keen playing.

**Individual:** Once again this year Apollo had the honour of supplying Bryanston High with a head prefect — in fact, both the Head Boy, Clive Gold, and the Deputy Head Boy, Peter van Ammers, were members of Apollo House.

Peter van Ammers also brought honour to the school and Apollo House when he was chosen, after coming within the first thirty in the Archimedes Science Competition, to represent South Africa at a conference in London.

John Lindoorn represented Bryanston High on the Randburg Junior Town Council.

*Teacher-in-Charge: Mr. G. Kapp.  
Captains: Bridget Gallie and Peter van Ammers.*

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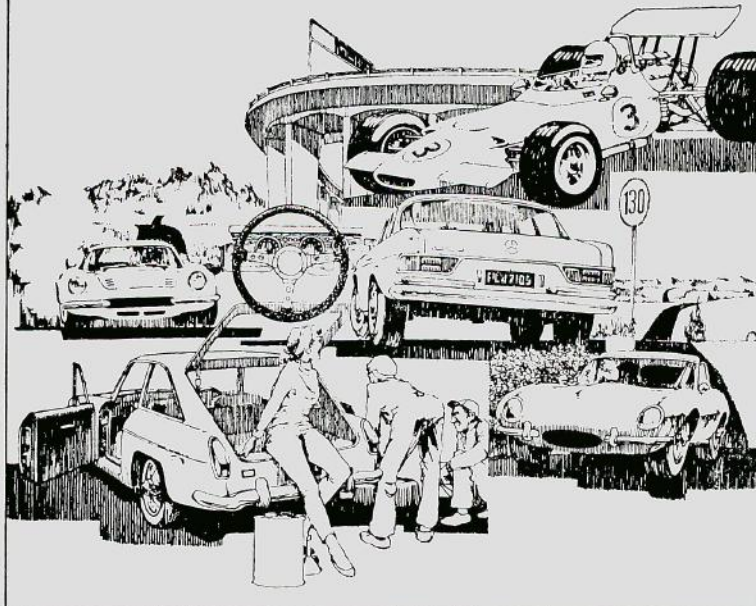
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*Staff members:* Mrs. P. Deacon, Mrs. T. Young, Mrs. I. Platt, Mr. E. Napier, Mr. A. Johnstone, Mrs. P. Hawkins, Mrs. S. Pearson.

*House Captains:* Steven Ellis, Janet Jackson.

Once again this was a very successful year for Jupiter. For the third year in succession Jupiter had the most points after all inter-house activities had been completed. This success was largely due to the keen enthusiasm shown by our two house captains, Steven Ellis and Janet Jackson.

Sadly, though, our house spirit was lacking this year with only a few pupils showing any real enthusiasm. Our matric boys, in particular, were very disappointing and participated in hardly any activities at all.

**Athletics:** In a real cliffhanger Jupiter managed to pip Apollo in the inter-house athletics competition this year. Our boys overshadowed the girls and excellent performances by Ross Collins, Barry Steenekamp and Steven Ellis were largely responsible for our victory. The attendance by Jupiter house members was, however, very disappointing and did not do justice to the performances of our athletics.

**Tennis:** A great effort by our Tennis Team — Mark Dixon, Paul Malcolmsen, Ronelle Roux and Jean Williams — gave Jupiter the Inter-House Tennis Trophy. Matches were played on a round robin basis with Jupiter scoring the most points. Since none of our team members were matriculants we should be in the running for top honours again next year.

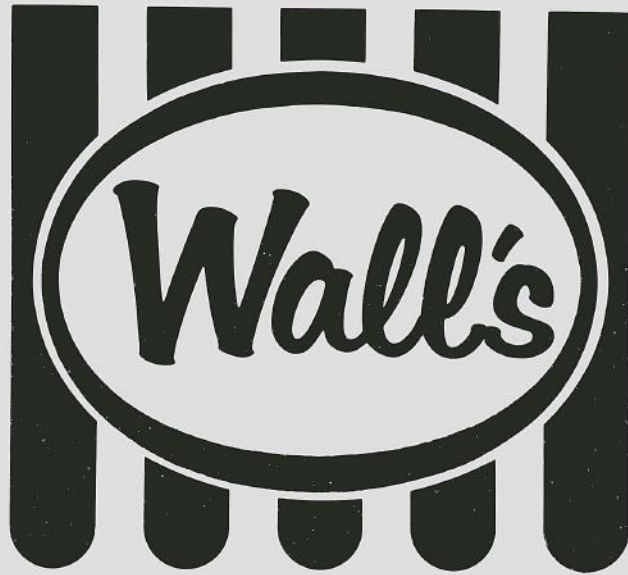
**Swimming:** Jupiter took second place in the inter-house gala this year. We had very good support and swimmers were in excess. The gala was very exciting and Apollo won the gala by only a few points. All the Jupiter swimmers swam exceedingly well and put as much into their swimming as they did into their shouting. Next year we can win the gala if we have a little more support than we had this year. Credit must go to Ronnie Ireland for excellent organisation.

**Hockey:** This year Jupiter won third place after a narrow defeat by Mercury in the semi-finals. In the finals we played Apollo and beat them very convincingly. Andrew Broulidakis scored with a very good penalty flick and another goal was scored from a short corner. A third goal was scored after a very good run by Martin Thomas. All the players played very well and enjoyed the game. We hope to do better next year. Congratulations to the winning house.

**Cricket:** Jupiter won the Inter-house Cricket for the third time in four years. Both the senior and junior teams beat Apollo in the semi-finals. In the finals the seniors did very well to tie with a powerful Mercury team, while the juniors lost to Neptune.

Six Jupiter cricketers played in the First XI this year: Mark Dixon, Steven Ellis, Alistair McKenzie, Deane Thorndyke, Gary Timlett, and Marius Conidaris, who also made the Johannesburg North U15 side. Since none of these players are in matric we should be able to do very well again next year.

**Rugby:** The Jupiter Senior Rugby Team did not fare very well this year, although we had four regular First XV players (Ellis, Thorndyke, Steenekamp and Fuller) and three other players who played in the First XV occasionally (Andrews, McKenzie and Dixon). We lost narrowly (12-10) to the eventual winners, Mercury, in the semi-finals, and 15-6 to Apollo in the play-off. Our juniors, however, fared much better and easily won the junior competition beating Mercury and Neptune in their two matches. The trophy was eventually shared by Mercury and Neptune.



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# MERCURY HOUSE NOTES

*Teacher-in-Charge:* Mr. D. Scott.

*House Captains:* Lynette Farrell, Brian Wagner.

*Prefects:* Amanda van Tonder, Paula Vellet, Elizabeth Barratt, Mark Landby, Grant Futchter.

**Netball:** Although Mercury only came third in the inter-house competition, we can boast of having had the most house spirit. A number of the girls in Mercury were members of the school's netball teams and the Captain of the First Team was Lynette Farrell.

**Girls' Hockey:** Because there was a shortage of hockey players in Mercury our teams in the inter-house competition were not very strong at all but we did manage to gain third place. Our senior team played very well against the star-studded team of Jupiter and we managed to beat them 2-1. The junior team played to the best of their ability and showed great enthusiasm.

Lynn Wagner and Leslie Shelton were the only First Team players in Mercury. Lyn Wagner was awarded full colours and Leslie her team award. Lynn Wagner got into the Southern Transvaal Schoolgirls' side as their umpire and into the Witwatersrand team as a player.

**Swimming:** Unfortunately there was not as much house spirit in swimming as was evident in some other sports but we did manage to raise a team and gain third place in the inter-house competition.

**Athletics:** Although Mercury still has a number of very good athletes, we were not able to maintain our position as the best Athletics house in the school and lost our title to Jupiter with Apollo second and Mercury third. Brian Wagner was captain of the school's Athletics Team.

**Cross Country:** This year Apollo did very well in the Cross Country and won the overall first place. Paul Steyn came third in the Senior Boys' section.

**Boys' Hockey:** We came second in this year's inter-house matches. First Team players were Brian Wagner, who captained the side, and Vice Captain Hugo Kraak. Both were re-awarded their colours.

**Rugby:** Once again we triumphed in this field of sport. We beat a very strong but over-confident Jupiter by 12 points to 10 after having been down by 10 points to 3. The final found us playing an equally over-confident Neptune. We fought back, however, and turned an early defeat into a victory of 18-6. Solid tackling and team spirit formed the platform for victory.

First team players were Ian Rickleton, Mark Landby, Grant Futchter, K. Calder, P. Steyn, C. Rhodes and W. Essex-Clarke.

**Cricket:** The inter-house cricket ended in a draw this year. We played Apollo in the semi-finals and defeated them comfortably. Jupiter got through to play the final against us and in a low-scoring game both teams were dismissed for the same total.

Ian Rickleton captained the First Team and was awarded his full colours for cricket. He also played for the Johannesburg North "B" side.

Grant Futchter and K. Calder played for the First XI and were both awarded their team awards. M. Goch also played for the First XI.

P. Grönn played for the Johannesburg North U15 XI.

**Gymnastics:** On Wednesday 27 October Bryanston High held an inter-house Gymnastics Competition. Mercury, in its usual style, showed great agility, ability and standard. The girls competing for our house were: Daniella Gennrich, Alison de Vries, Kathy Seddon, and Debbie Pienaar.

Their team work was probably the best and so were their floor exercises. Alison de Vries gained third place, Daniella Gennrich fourth, Debbie Pienaar fifth and Kathy Seddon eighth, with Mercury second overall.

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*Master-in-Charge:* Mr. H. Louw.

*House Teachers:* Miss R. Lewies, Mrs. R. Chiappini, Mr. Stulting.

*House Captains:* Annemieke Bakker, Jurgen Wank.

We have the potential to be the best house but, what little we did achieve, was as usual the result of the efforts of a small handful of enthusiastic members. A lack of house spirit is the cause of our not achieving what we are capable of. The other houses often consider us their weakest opponents. Let's do something about that and give them some tough competition.

**Athletics:** We have some excellent athletes in our house but as a result of the lack of spirit and proper support from the rest of the house we had to settle for last place. Grant Renwick did exceptionally well and won the Senior Victor Ludorum as well as being awarded his Athletics colours. Beth Reid won the High Jump and broke the record. Annemieke Bakker won the Welsh Cup for 100 m Girls' Open.

**Swimming:** It seems as though all the members of the school swimming team are in the other houses! Nevertheless, although we didn't win one race, we had a lot of fun just being there and shouting. Better luck next year!

**Boys' Hockey:** Congratulations to our boys' Hockey teams. With Jurgen Wank as our senior team captain it is no wonder that we came first. This victory leaves no doubt that we can win if only we are prepared to try.

**Girls' Hockey:** We lost after a hard game. It was a pity because we did very well considering that we had only ten players. Congratulations to Tessa Stitfall for being chosen to play for Southern Transvaal and for the re-award of her Hockey colours.

**Rugby:** Once again our boys proved what can be done with some enthusiasm. After a gruelling final, however, we had to be content with second place.

**Cricket:** The enthusiasm amongst the boys was so great that we could not even manage to field a team! So much for house spirit.

**Gymnastics:** The inter-house gymnastics competition was a very enjoyable event and, although we lost, we have a lot of talent which can still be exploited. Congratulations to Isa Naafs who came third.

**Netball:** The boys, generally, seem to have done better this year than the girls — we lost the netball as well.

**Cross Country:** This is the event in which no real talent is required in order to win. With a bit of enthusiasm, and a great turn-out, we might have won. Once again, however, the blue vests and ribbons were far too few and we came last. It might be mentioned here that Neptune is the smallest house so we need the full support of every house member even more than the other houses do.

**House Plays:** The Seniors produced an excerpt from 'Midsummer Night's Dream' and the Juniors 'Toad of Toad's Hall'. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely and that more than makes up for the fourth place which we were allocated.





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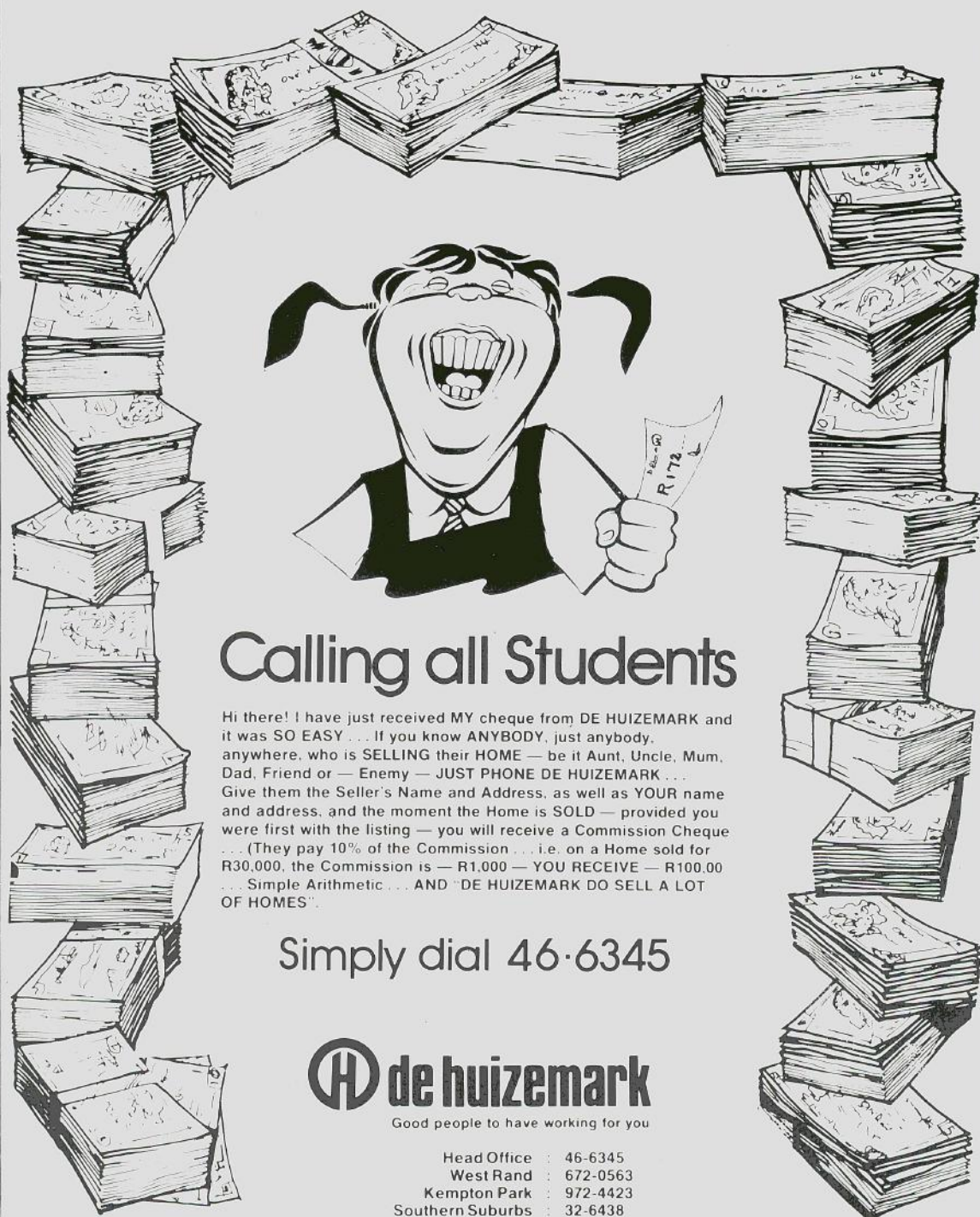
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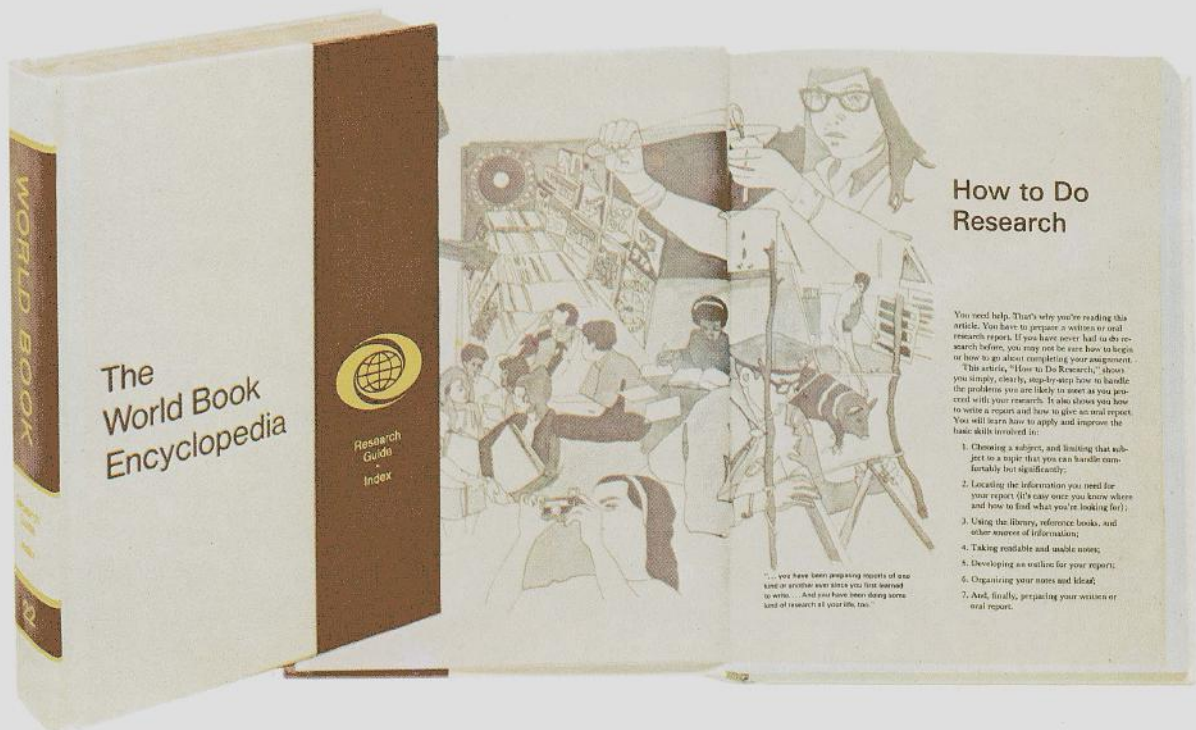
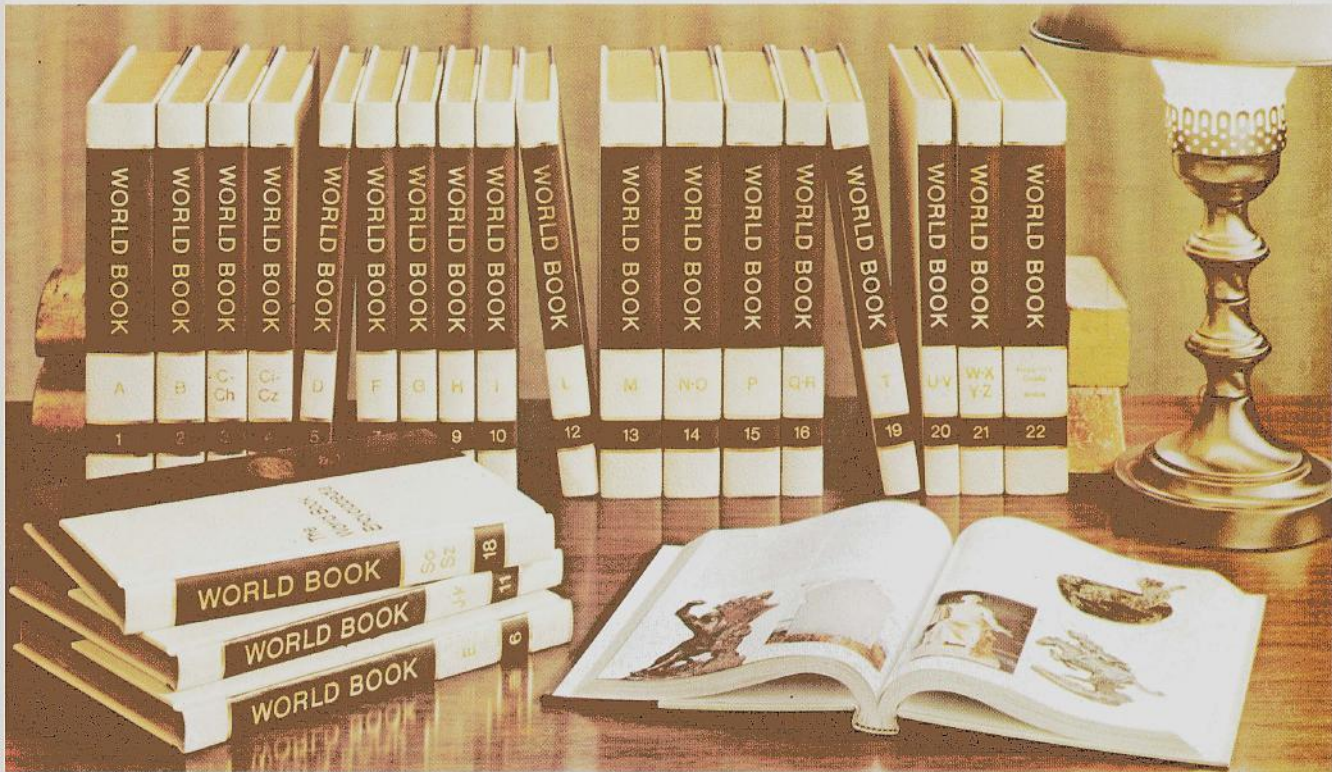
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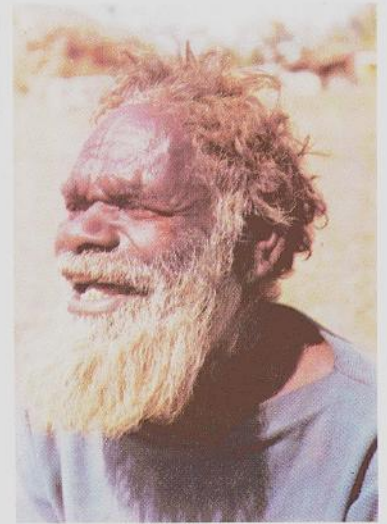
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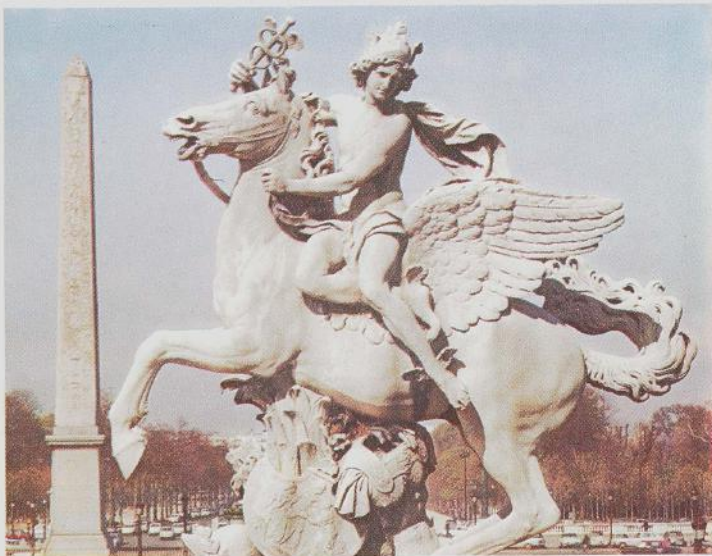
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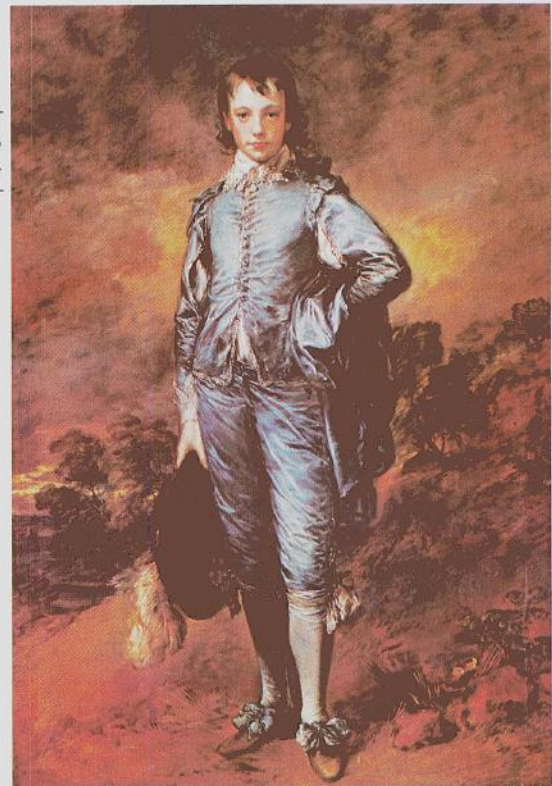
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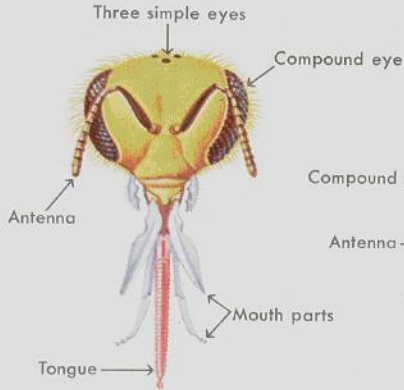
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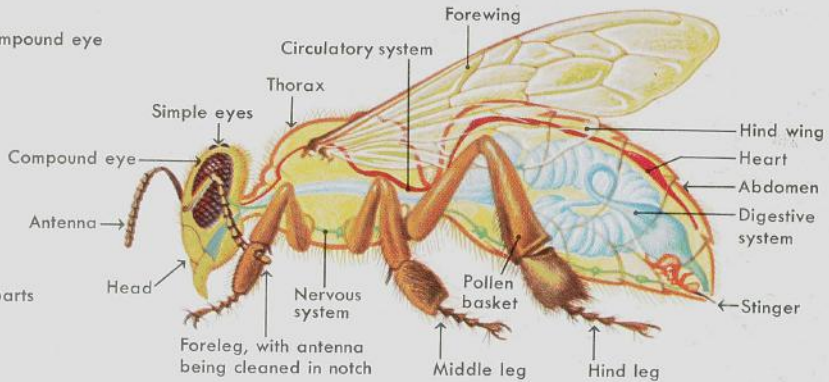
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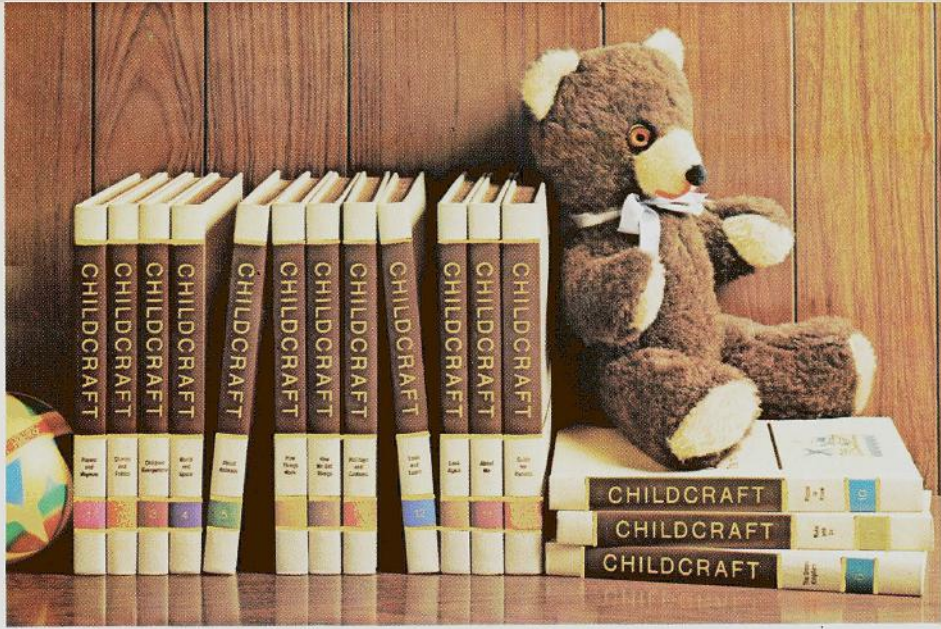
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It was late September 1975; a group of twenty-four Rotary Exchange students-to-be sat in the conference hall of the Morpeth Conference Centre, New South Wales, Australia. After a list of names had been read out, mine was finally mentioned: "Lesley Redpath — to go to South Africa". I will never forget that joy I felt at being able to go to the country I had put first on my choice list!

From that day I became more and more excited about my journey half-way across the world to my new host-country. Once my matric exams — for the Higher School Certificate — were over, I began to read lots about South Africa and speak to people who had lived there. By the time my day of departure — 8th January 1976 — arrived, I had a rough idea about what I was coming to. It was sad to say good-bye to my family and friends, but I knew that I had a year full of exciting and new things ahead of me, so that took away most of the sadness.

I shall never forget that Thursday night when my 'plane landed at Jan Smuts and I saw the beautiful lights of the city. My first thought when I stepped onto South African soil was: "This is it — there's no going back." My mind was so mixed up with fears, anxieties and, of course, excitement. It was so overwhelming to walk through the doors and see about sixteen Sandton Rotarians and about half-a-dozen Bryanston High School students to welcome me.

After the first five hectic days of meeting people, settling into my new 'family', buying school uniforms and generally adapting to my new environment, the day I had been so afraid of arrived — I began at Bryanston High! If you ask me what my first impressions were, to tell you the truth, I can't really remember. The reason for this is that it was such a big change for me, coming from a senior school with 200 pupils to one with over 1 000. After being at school for about two weeks, however, I began to form many friendships and to fit in as 'one of the crowd'. My surroundings and the people of Bryanston soon became familiar especially after I had delivered my speech to the whole school. Now that it's all over I can admit that I was petrified to stand up in front of all those people!

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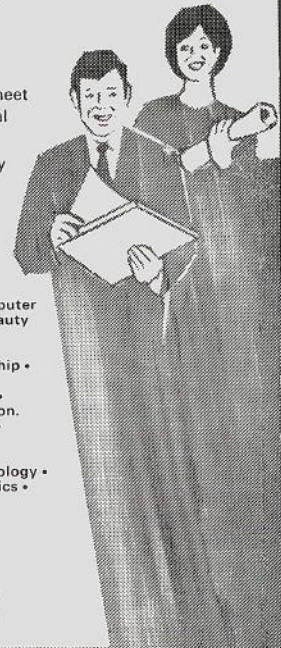
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After the first three months when I moved on to my second and third host families, I began to become more like a South African every day and such expressions as 'Ag shame' and 'Howzit, hey?' became as much part of my life as yours.

Those first few months hold many happy memories for me. There are too many to mention individually but I would like to list a few briefly:

— My trip with some of the Form Five Geography enthusiasts to the Sudwala Caves. I had a fantastic week-end and I gained twenty-two more friends which was best of all.

— Our school dance marathon and our Interact project of helping the Sandton Civil Defence in a mock disaster in which the students of Bryanston High were the 'injured'.

— My three fantastic holidays during the next four months: one to Swaziland, one to the Drakensberg and another to Natal and Zululand together with nine other exchange students in this district.

July was one of the best months. One night which stands out way above the others was the night of July 16th — our Deb's Ball. I was very surprised at the difference between South African and Australian debutantes — our ball is not to raise money and is much more formal. Anyway, it was a really super night.

Friday 23rd brought me a lovely surprise when my fantastic class — isn't that right 5E? — gave me a surprise birthday party. I was so very touched and relieved to walk into the classroom to see tables laden with goodies and all my friends singing 'Happy Birthday', when all the time I thought I was being sent to Miss Lewies for something I'd done wrong! That really was a super thought, 5E, thanks a million for being so great to me.

From the beginning of August until the Third Term started, I was on holiday with my parents who had come from Australia to see me. We went to the Eastern Transvaal, Kruger Park and Swaziland. Like me, they soon fell in love with South Africa. After my parents had left I flew to Cape Town where I spent two weeks. I really loved it there — I think it's a beautiful city. Then I spent the week-end at Delmas with our Interact Club at their annual conference. That was a real fun week-end!

So, as you can see by reading through this brief account of my experiences in South Africa, the life of an exchange student is very hectic but a fulfilling and unique experience to remember always. I am sure, Bryanstonians, that you will have guessed that I had a tremendous time and that I owe much to all of you, both staff and students, for making my year at Bryanston High such a happy one. I'd like to say a special thank you to my class and to my close friends for being so fantastic.

January 7th 1977 will be no happy day for me because it will mark the end of an era in my life — I'll be heading home to an ordinary life again:

There is little left for me to say except 'Adios Amigos', until we meet again and thank you all once again for everything you've done for me. In 'Australian' I'd say: "Hurray coppers, see ya later — an' jus' make sure ya avagoodweegend!"

## **THE EIGHTEENTH LONDON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORTNIGHT**

Early this year I wrote the Archimedes Examination which is organised by the Foundation for Education, Science and Technology, and that is how it all started. It was my second attempt and this time I managed to gain one of the first thirty-five positions and was thus allowed to take part in the International Youth Science Fortnight.

The SAA Jumbo left Jan Smuts Airport on the dot and arrived in London fourteen hours later. From South African winter weather we were met by hot and humid conditions — a pleasant difference. We were whisked off in touring buses from Heathrow to our accommodation, a university residence, which was old, dark, heavily wooded, stone and comfortable.

South Africa was well represented and we cut a good figure, socially as well as at the conferences, and succeeded, I think, in giving a better impression of our country. Of course, one cannot keep away from politics and the South Africans were often approached and asked to explain or throw light upon some of our government's policies and our own attitudes. We were always given a good hearing and it was soon evident



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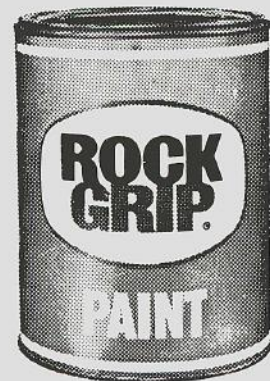
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that we were one of the most prominent 'foreign' countries. Our audiences were generally sympathetic, though critical, which is probably due to impressions given by the mass media in their countries.

To celebrate the opening and termination of the Fortnight, we had a Dance and a Ball. Both were most enjoyable functions with plenty of music, singing and drinks (no casualties!) An international folk evening was also organised to take place halfway through the Fortnight. Each country was expected to deliver something typical of that country and, as most traditional South African songs and dances are Afrikaans, it turned out to be an eye- (and ear-) opener for many of the English-speaking South Africans when they had to sing *Die Stem*, *Ou Kraalliedjie* and other songs in Afrikaans as well as *do Volkspele*.

During our free time, that is, in the evenings and over the week-ends, we met the representatives of the other twenty-three nations. Most participants were either British or European, some of them from behind the Iron Curtain (Bulgaria and Poland). During the free time we could do as we wished. In informal and small groups we walked through London, going not so much to tourist attractions as trying to capture some of the atmosphere of the city. At night we sometimes went to concerts, theatres or films, evenings which often concluded with a chat and a beer in a London pub. I made many friends from all kinds of countries, for such was the spirit of the Fortnight. I found the people refreshingly lacking in dogmatic prejudice or any awareness of social standing. All were interested in finding out about others and we had useful and usually enlightening exchanges on all topics.

Our lectures and discussions were on a variety of topics in which medicine, energy, disarmament, engineering and physics were prominent.

The first forum was on the Pugwash Movement. When we heard of this no-one had any of what it was — migrations of an animal species? We were, however, soon put into the picture. Pugwash is a movement which holds conferences once, or more times, a year, in different places in the world, attended by people from many countries who come as individuals and not as representatives of their countries. Pugwash is a small Canadian town where the first conference was held some decades ago. At these conferences they discuss the effects that science and its advancements have on the people of the world. This includes food, energy, pollution, and especially the arms race.

For some of the days the participants were split into groups. This was done to cater for specific interests, about which we had been asked before we came to London. I was one of a group of thirty who attended a lecture on anti-cancer substances which are extracted or derived from plants. It appears that the most effective method of counteracting cancer or carcinomatous tissues is by means of chemotherapy, or treatment by chemicals, as opposed to radiotherapy or surgery. (The latter is necessary for extreme cases, of course.)

I was also a member of a group which visited EMI Medical Ltd., which has brought onto the market an X-ray scanner which takes X-ray pictures which are displayed on a video screen. Image cutting a thin slice off a sausage, laying it flat and looking to see what it contains. In the same way this scanner takes 'slices' through the human head or body. The process takes twenty seconds per 'slice' and there are no ill-effects. The patient is passed through the arch of a machine on a bench. So sensitive is this new method that even a blood vessel calcification two millimetres long can be detected.

A whole day was put aside for a forum on energy, concentrating on the use of solar, wave, tidal and wind energies as possible substitutes for or aids to the conventional coal, oil and gas, of which a shortage within the near future is imminent. Solar energy seems to be the most promising. The total amount of energy which the world consumed in 1970 is delivered by the sun, shining on the earth, in just fifty-three minutes. It takes the sun just 5,2 days to equal our total fossil fuel reserves. What this means is that to satisfy South Africa's total energy requirements we would have to cover 0,25% or 1/400th of our country with solar cells working at 10% efficiency. There is a great future for harnessing solar energy but much work has yet to be done.

These are just a few examples of lectures and visits. There were many more and most of our personal interests were well catered for.

I learnt much from this Fortnight, both scientifically and as regards fellowship and it is often with nostalgia that I think back to the long discussions we had, youth trying to change the world, while the old pub smiled knowingly down on us.

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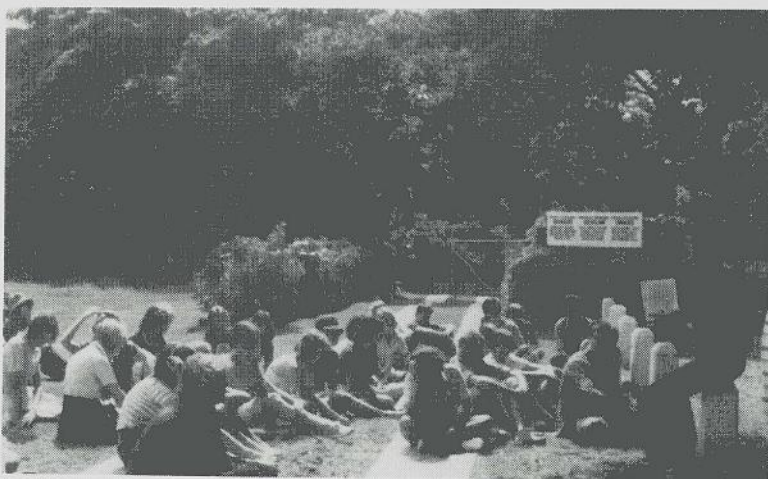
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## THE BIOLOGY TOUR:

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Songs and jokes accompanied this group of Form IV and V pupils most of the way. The bus was a hive of discussion, excitement and anticipation. By nine o'clock the jovial group had become weary. All was silent except for the pitter-patter of rain on the window panes of the bus. Mid-afternoon found us in Ladysmith where we refreshed ourselves. There our enquiries were met with bad news — roads to our destination had been closed by the police because of washaways.

We sat staring gloomily at one another, now and again focussing our attention on our four 'guides': Mrs. Landau, Mrs. Proimos, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Giliomee. Talking quietly in a corner they were discussing our dilemma — should we risk the journey or turn back? Was there some other suitable, nearby place where we could do our study? Then Mrs. Landau made a phone call and returned smiling. "How do you feel about a trip to Durban?" she asked. Screeches of delight and new discussions bubbled.

So, at close to eleven that night, while the rain was still pouring down, we were welcomed by Mrs. Landau's sister in La Lucia. An inexhaustable flow of hot cross buns and coffee seemed to come from the kitchen and long after midnight we all sat down to watch a movie! In the early hours of the morning we bedded down in the lounge, passage, dining room and bathroom and even some of us with a hospitable neighbour. The warmth and hospitality of the family were quite overwhelming.

The next morning early Radio Port Natal welcomed Bryanston High School and wished us a happy stay in Durban. We were taken to the Holiday Inn for breakfast and then to our new abode — the Marine Sands Holiday Flats. Groups of six pupils excitedly organised their new homes. Preparation of food was done by the pupils themselves and all (or very nearly all) the food was eaten with great gusto. Even the boys' groups seemed to be able to fend for themselves.

Saturday's drizzly afternoon saw us touring the museum, art gallery and aquarium. On Sunday morning we watched the Tugela come down in flood, huge trees and roofs of houses being washed out to sea. Then in glorious sunshine we went on to the beach to do our study of ecology. An introductory lecture by Mr. Tomlinson was followed by set tasks for all the groups. We were set a distance within which we had to walk and collect specimens and the long hike along the beach commenced. We accumulated crabs, shells, xerophytic plants and specimens of all shapes and sizes on our way. At the end of the walk we swapped our specimens and held brief discussions. The 'Biologists' were then treated to parfaits at the Botanical Gardens and Bird Sanctuary by our adopted "Uncle Hi and Aunt Val".

The journey home was quiet, each of us being occupied with his own thoughts. It had been such a wonderful week-end.

Although the week-end had not gone according to schedule, I learnt a lot about people, communications and simply getting along. A special thank you must go to all concerned for an unforgettable experience.

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## **BIOLOGY TOUR TO SOLITUDE — SECOND ATTEMPT**

On Friday morning, September 24, 1976, forty-five Form Four Biology students arrived at the school with boxes of food, suitcases, and sleeping bags. We were off to try for a second time to get to Solitude Mountain Resort for three days to make a study of the ecology of the area.

After a hair-raising trip over seemingly impassable roads — impassable even in drought conditions — we arrived at Solitude. We were the only people there and soon settled into our cottages. Fires were built for a braai which we were going to have later.

Everyone assembled around the fires with their meat and the braai-ing began. The braai was not without excitement as later on we had fireworks when someone's meat nearly exploded.

We woke up fresh and happy on Saturday morning to start our stroll over the hill to the Battle Caves. Three hours and sixteen kilometers later, over murderous mountains, we arrived there more dead than alive. Mr. Giliomee was most impressed with Mrs. Dunsford-White's oil paintings which decorated the surrounding rocks! The journey back was much easier — a downhill jog which brought us back to the camp in time to hear the Orange Free State win the Curry Cup.

On Sunday morning we were woken up at the crack of dawn by some imbecile banging on our door. Although this was the so-called day of rest we were dragged off to a glade to enrich our minds in the ecological surroundings. People came back from the glade in dribs and drabs and were all very busy working when the heavens opened and everyone started rejoicing because this could mean a few more days of bliss. On Monday afternoon, after a whole day of rain, starvation started to set in, cottages were flooded and, when we were left with a whole bundle of wet blankets, we began to realise that being stranded at Solitude was not as blissful as we had imagined it would be — but it was still fun.

On Tuesday morning the rain had slowed down to a fine drizzle and by 6.30 a.m. we were all seated in the bus and ready to start the long trip home. Five miles down the road the bus got stuck in the mud on the edge of a mountain and we had to be pulled out by a tractor. By 10h00 the girls had decided that we were going to have another night at Solitude so we started on the long, slippery walk back to the camp. We were very grateful for the two tablespoons of rice and mayonnaise which were offered to us when we arrived at the bungalows. At lunchtime, after travelling thirty-two kilometers on foot over roads thick with mud and mist, the boys returned with some food which they had managed to buy from a trading store. The lunch we had managed to prepare for them was devoured in record time.

On Wednesday morning we awoke to sunshine and at 11h00 we were thinking of the day ahead when all our plans were shattered, as into Solitude drove 3 familiar kombies with three familiar faces and we knew that Mr. Viviers and party would soon have us on our way home.

## **BIOLOGY CLASS TOUR TO ONDERSTEEPOORT**

On Wednesday 4 February Miss Lemkus took our biology class to Onderstepoort. The excursion was organised by Ronnie Ireland. We arrived at Onderstepoort half an hour late as Ronnie had given us the wrong directions. He was so sure that he knew the way that he gave us confident directions which kept us going in circles for at least fifteen minutes. Eventually we stopped at a petrol station and the petrol attendant gave us directions on how to get to Onderstepoort.

On arrival we were shown into a conference room where Dr. Sutton gave us a talk on how the Onderstepoort Institution was founded and on the work they do there, namely making vaccines for domestic and farm animals.

Dr. Sutton then took us on a tour of the institute. First we went to a refrigerated room where the vaccines are kept in large flasks and tanks. We were then shown where the vaccines are bottled and packed.

Across the road is the Veterinary College of South Africa. Dr. Sutton showed us the stables where experimental and infected animals are kept. On a tour of the hospital section of the college we were shown the recovery rooms where animals are left to recover from the anaesthetic after an operation. We were also able to see an operation in progress although we could not see much detail through the small glass window.

After this we visited the college museum where we saw the strangest deformities imaginable; for example, a calf with three hind legs, chickens with four legs and the foetus of a Bushman baby whose brain had developed outside the head. They suspect that this deformity is due to the fact that the mother had taken a drug while carrying the child.

The trip was a tremendous success and was extremely interesting and I am sure that we all learnt something of interest and value.

**HEATHER HOOPER**

## When a Main Joller (MJ) in the Brynie's Furst Team came right

The captain knew there was a weakness in the team. A rare talent. So quick. So deceptive. But — no staying power. Friday nights at the Purple Piggy. And — Saturday mornings — no ProNutro.

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So MJ was the MO at practices (and on Friday nights). But one Saturday!! — MJ could have saved the side. The last minute — Brynie's ahead. Opposition in disarray. Suddenly against the run of play, an opponent breaks through. No one but MJ there to preserve the glorious glory (a tradition since 1968) of Brynie's Fursts. MJ tries the psycho-kick and yells his death-to-the-insects cry — but there's no sound. MJ puts on the heat — but limbs don't move. Disaster. Chaos. Dishonour.

The captain decided, after consulting the de-tribalized youngsters, that there was only one solution, MJ had to be given staying power. Next week was the needle game against St. Hydehouse.

### **The scene:**

2 a.m. Saturday as MJ comes out of the Purple Piggy draped by admirers. A masked band of 5 teammates hiding behind the drudgery. Without a sound, MJ is "mugged". Swiftly taken to bed. Strapped in. Woken at 9 a.m. Force-fed 1 plate of ProNutro. Put to sleep again with a pair of unwashed socks. Woken at 1 p.m. Force-fed 1 plate of ProNutro.

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After half an hour of suspended anticipation the two Trog bugs (numbers 2 and 4) moved off at a steady crawl of two miles per hour. Our pilot, Mr. Champion, and co-pilot, Miss Steyn, took the lead, leaving the number 2 pilot, Mr. Metcalfe, and co-pilot, Mr. Visser, in the lurch. Obviously Trog 4 had the more experienced navigator as Trog 2 zoomed off to Alberton instead of Pretoria! Node after node passed by and six hours later we reached our destination. We settled into our respective bungalows after a warmly-welcomed meal. Mr. Champion then set up his telescope so that we could examine the skies. The evening was rather humid so, after a hurried glance at the stars, we set off in the direction of the swimming-pool.

The following day we did some shopping in Nelspruit. On our return journey to the caves we stopped off at a farm to look at some geological wonders. It was very interesting to see how nature has changed the surface of the farm.

After lunch we got ready for our climb through the caves. We had to hire overalls at 50c a pair which was reasonable when one considers that when we emerged from the depths of the earth again some hours later, our once-blue overalls were chocolate brown, slimy and wet. At last we were ready, though, and we went up to the caves. Astonished tourists looked inquisitively at us as we arrived with torches, overalls and hats. Our guide, Mr. Jackson, took the lead and we disappeared into the icy water, our first experience of the non-tourist route. The water got deeper and we got colder as we slithered, squeezed, poured and bumped our way up, over, down and under rocks. Eventually we reached the Crystal Chambers, having risked our lives and limbs to get there. This was a magnificent sight and I was quite awed by the splendour of nature. One thing marred the beauty, though, and that was that a previous group of people had taken it upon themselves to take home samples of crystals.

We eventually made our exhausted way back up to the entrance and daylight. The torches' beams were very weak and we could hardly see where we were going. To our alarm the watery passage by which we had entered was now a whole inch deeper than it had been when we came in. When we considered the fact that, when we'd entered, we'd had to crawl through some spots on our stomachs, it became apparent that we would now be up to our necks in water! The going was not all that rough, though, and amazingly we all managed to get safely back to the surface.

That evening the owner of the caves, Mrs. Owen, threw a party for us. The next morning we went to the Dinosaur Park where life-sized Dinosaurs have been constructed and set in natural surroundings. After this we were taken on the tourist route through the caves. After our exciting tour of the previous day this was rather disappointing. Later sad goodbyes were said to the people who had made our stay at Sudwala so enjoyable.

We would like to thank Mr. Champion, Miss Steyn, Mr. Metcalfe and Mr. Visser for the most enjoyable and worthwhile Geography tour.

BEVERLEY DAVIES

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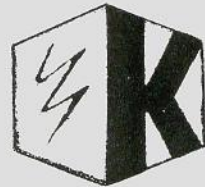
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## FLAG CEREMONIES

As a new South African I was very upset to see the lack of nationalistic feeling shown by the pupils of Bryanston High School. The flag which flies outside the school in the quadrangle flew sometimes all night, it didn't seem to matter that it was dragged along the ground, and it was as dirty as any old dishcloth. To my mind one should not fly a flag if one couldn't care less about it.

So, I had the flag washed and asked a few friends — Russel Thorndike, Mark Thijs and Chris van Rensburg — to help me with the ceremonies. Mr. Visser very kindly offered to help us as well and so we got the Flag Ceremonies going. We raise the flag to the roll of a drum every morning and take it down again immediately after school every afternoon. We are hoping that there will be more people who would like to join us.

There have been some people who have said that we are doing this to attract attention to ourselves — our reply to them is that we are doing it, not for ourselves, not for the flag alone, but for our country, South Africa.

**AARNOUT BROMBACHER**



*Left to Right: A. Brombacher, C. van Rensburg, Mr. J.L.W. Visser, M. Thijs, R. Thorndike.*



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## OPERATION SNOWBALL



Operation Snowball — Tracy Dykhouse, Jackie Leibbrandt, and Christina Wank hold up their blankets.

The winter of 1976 was one of the coldest for many years as many of us who live in warm homes, wear warm clothing and eat our fill can attest. It is not often that those who are more fortunate spare a thought for those who suffer real hardship during winters like these.

The organisers of Operation Snowball, however, not only spare a thought for them but have over the past few years mounted a massive campaign to supply the old and weak of Soweto and Alexandria with warm blankets and scarves.

Once again this winter their appeal went out to the people of Johannesburg for knitted or crocheted squares, blankets or scarves and once again the pupils of Bryanston High more than met the challenge. Together the boys and girls of Bryanston knitted or crocheted 111 blankets, thus keeping up a tradition — and a very high standard — which they have now maintained for three years running.

## THE VELD SCHOOL

At half-past six in the morning we all had to meet at the school. It was still dark. We were very anxious to go because of the things they had told us about the Veld School. After we had waited for about two hours the buses turned up.

We arrived at Amsterdam at about one o'clock and as soon as we got off the bus we had to put out a fire which had got out of hand. This took us about four hours and everybody, except the teachers, was black by the time we finished. They gave us an hour to shower and put on clean clothes and be ready for supper which consisted of cold soup and brown bread. After that we had our first lecture, but it was interrupted because another fire had broken out. While we were putting out this fire some boys came across a baby owl which they took back to camp because its mother had been killed in the fire. At about eleven o'clock we had put the fire out and everybody was black again.

The next few days were spent mainly at lectures, most of which were very boring. Every day we had to wake up at six o'clock although we tried to stay in bed as long as possible — at least until Mr. Visser chased us out of bed with his cane!

We had our first hike which was not very exciting because for half of the distance we had to walk on the main road. Our next hike was better and most of us enjoyed it.

By the time the week was up most of the boys were ready to go home but I am sure that all of us enjoyed the camp. The food really surprised us because we had not expected much for the nine rand we had had to pay!

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## JOHANNESBURG JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL

Last August an announcement was made calling for all Fourth Formers who were interested in becoming Junior City Councillors. The response, as usual, was staggering! There were two boys and one girl. The old councillors, nevertheless, listened to speeches from all the hopefuls and made their choice. We were taken to our first meeting soon after that. The Junior City Council is run by the Johannesburg Youth Council who organise meetings and other functions.

Unfortunately the Junior City Council has little real power and can, therefore, not really achieve much of value. The Mayoral theme this year was: "Tomorrow's Citizens help Yesterday's." To gain funds a dance marathon was held last December. The marathon lasted for about twelve hours and raised R800 but the Youth Council used the money to pay off their debts.

After the December recess there was a trip to Soweto which was missed by the Bryanston councillors owing to our very efficient postal service. We were then asked to collect for Child Welfare which we did. Prior to this I had not realised just how rude some people can be!

Meetings were held every second Friday at Shell House in Braamfontein. Then, seeing as how Youth Council needed money again, we were asked to collect at various drive-ins. We drew the Velskoen. Once again many people were very rude.

Of course, there is a social side to Council and many parties were organised, most of which were most enjoyable. Last November we were invited by the Mayor of Johannesburg to attend the Remembrance Day celebrations at the cenotaph outside the Johannesburg library. Our last social occasion was on the last day of last term when we had a dinner-dance at Ciro's. At this function the deputy-Mayor of Johannesburg presented the Junior Mayor with a new gown and chain of office.

All in all our year in office was most enjoyable and our advice to the new councillors is, enjoy it — it doesn't last long.

P. BLACK  
C. ANDERSON



JOHANNESBURG JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL, 1976-77

*Left to Right:* Jonathan Andrews (1977), Lyn Wagner (1977), Pam Black (1976), Craig Anderson (1976).



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## DANCE COMMITTEE 1976

This year's Matric Dance was a great success and we think that the Dance Committee succeeded in organising the best dance ever held at Bryanston High!

The Dance Committee started to work as soon as we returned to school after the August holidays. This left us with about seven weeks in which to do the hall. We were a little slow to start with but as soon as all the props were built, we all started drawing and painting with great enthusiasm.

This year the theme was "The Villagers". The theme certainly served the purpose which we had intended it to. Many Matrics came to me on the night of the dance and told me that it had been rather a let-down when they had received their invitations, as they had associated the theme with the TV programme of that name. They were pleasantly surprised when they saw the decor which we had based on the illustrations in the Asterix books. The hall was decorated as a Gaulish village. Without Jenny Skeen and Siegfried Strohbach the hall would never have been as really beautiful as it was.

We would like to thank Mrs. Deacon for all her time and assistance and for being such a fantastic person. Mrs. Deacon — without you we would never have been able to do it.

We would also like to thank Mr. van Zyl for all his co-operation and help.

Mrs. Windram and her helpers — thank you for such a great dinner.

Lastly, John and I would like to thank the Dance Committee — you were all really great. We are sure that you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

LYN WAGNER

*P.S. Matrics, please remember to feed your pet rocks!*



## DANCE COMMITTEE 1976

*Back Row (Left to Right):* B. Hsley, M. Dixon, J. Andrews, R. Ireland, B. Wykerd, I. Rickleton, S. Strohbach, R. Diesel. *2nd Row:* A. Broulidakis, P. Steyn, D. Ireland, S. Love, J. Skeen, J. Warner, D. Findlay, K. Bevan. *Seated:* J. Wells (Treasurer), J. Lindoorn (Chairman), Mrs. P. Deacon, L. Wagner (Chairman), J. Etter (Secretary), D. Gennrich. *On Floor:* S. Anderson, J. Kelly, C. Anderson.









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## DEBATING SOCIETY

After starting off on a somewhat insecure footing, Bryanston High School's Debating Society is here to stay, and rightly so. This has been our first full year of existence.

With the very able support of Mrs. Leissner the society is run by a committee of four. This year's committee was: Pieter van Ammers (Chairman), David Esterhuizen (Secretary), Deane Stuart and Brett Zulch.

The main events this year were the Inter-House Debates and the Individual Best Speaker's Contest. In the Inter-House Debates Apollo beat Jupiter in the Junior Final and Jupiter beat Apollo in the Senior final.

In the Individual Best Speaker's Contest the Esterhuizen Trophy (for Junior speakers) was won by A. Bleloch and the Curries Trophy (for Senior speakers) was won by D. Gennrich.

Professional adjudicators were invited to judge both events and it must have been very difficult to choose the winners as the standard of speakers was very high.

This year we arranged two inter-school debates, one against KES and the other against Krugersdorp High School. Although serious topics of debate had been set both evenings turned out to be rather light-hearted and humorous.

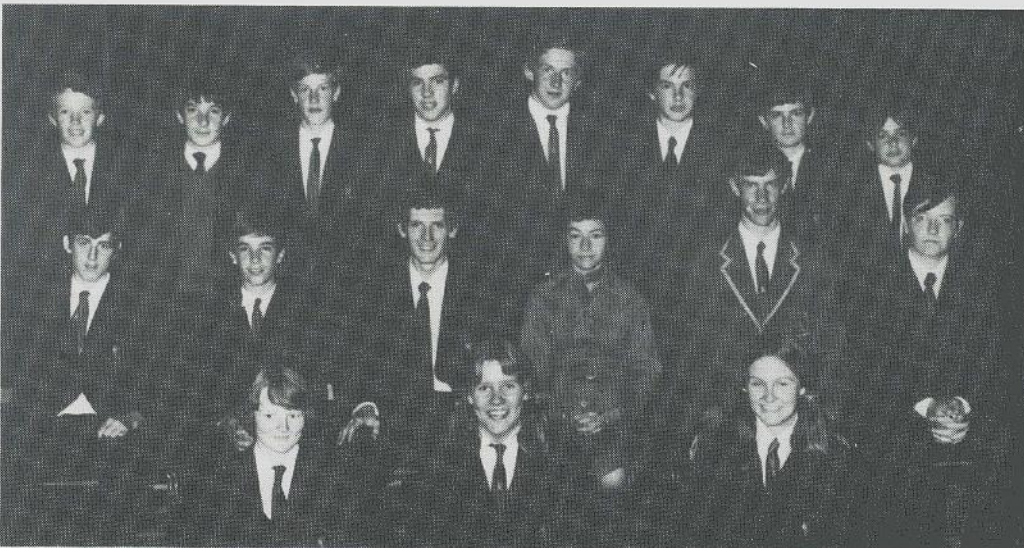
On several evenings during the year experienced public speakers were invited to advise us on and discuss with us techniques of effective public speaking. We have found these evenings a great aid in improving the speaking abilities of the members.

The society has been formed for those of you who wish to face an audience with greater confidence and effect. For each of us there comes a time when we have to appear before others, and then it is pleasant to be able to speak fluently, even if this occasion is only an oral exam in class.

We have a group of enthusiastic supporters who have turned up regularly to the Friday afternoon meetings. At these meetings debates and/or impromptu speeches and discussions on topical subjects were held. These were afternoons which often turned out to be very funny indeed, but, even so, all the members of the society have, I am sure, learnt enough to make them feel confident and relaxed when faced with the task of speaking in public.

I am confident that what we have achieved during this past year, both our successes and our failures, has paved the way for a very enjoyable and rewarding 1977!

P. M. VAN AMMERS



### DEBATING SOCIETY

*Back Row (Left to Right):* C. Tiley, G. Barwood, E. van Ammers, R. Oldfield, M. Hulme, A. Bleloch, B. Stein, S. Wirth. *Second Row:* A. Patrick, S. Caddick, D. Stewart, Mrs. S. Leissner, P. van Ammers (Chairman), B. Zulch. *Seated:* S. Love, D. Gennrich, I. Naafs.



## SENIOR SCIENCE CLUB

At the beginning of this year Mr. Viviers's enthusiasm led to the formation of a science club for senior students. First Mr. Finney and then Dr. Barrett kindly agreed to help us organise excursions to centres of interest, usually university departments, through their many contacts in the academic world.

This year we visited UNISA once and spent an interesting afternoon conducting experiments in Nuclear Physics and Dynamics. Most of our visits were to the University of the Witwatersrand where, on various occasions, we were shown over the Geology Department and did practical work in the Departments of Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry and the Computer Centre. We also paid several visits to AECl where we were instructed on many facets of the chemical industry.

All of these visits and other events were successful mainly because of the enthusiasm of the participants but also because of the excellent and very interesting material provided by the respective professors and lecturers wherever we went.

The society was started for those people who wanted something to do which was 'extra', something 'outside', something complementary to the syllabus. The members may do whatever they wish in the scientific field, as long as it is practical to organise such activities. Be assured that non-members are missing some very interesting material.

The field of science is very broad and this club will give a foretaste of its magnificent scope.

P. M. VAN AMMERS

## JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

The Junior Science Club was started during the second term this year by Miss Lemkus, for all Form I and II pupils who have an interest in Biology and Science. We have a membership of about thirty and meet every Friday afternoon.

We started the club with two film shows after which we discussed plans for future meetings. We decided that the members of the club would be responsible for preparing meetings.



## SENIOR SCIENCE CLUB

*Back Row (Left to Right):* G. Sherwood, R. Keip, I. James, G. Wille, A. Hamman. *Front Row:* S. Estment, H. Knight, Dr. D.R. Barrett, P. van Ammers, H. MacMillan.



Chemistry afternoons have been prepared by Chris van Rensburg and Andrew Stanley. What with hydrogen balloons soaring to the sky and corks shooting up to the ceiling, we are all beginning to wonder if gravity is really a law!

At other meetings we studied reptiles and rabbits. Mark Verseput and Irene Tromp gave interesting talks, accompanied by live specimens. A long-term genetics experiment is under way; we have bred different strains of fruitfly and are now waiting for the results.

A couple of weeks ago members of the club went on a trip to Wits University to see their Zoology Department. We saw many skeletons of animals, new and old, and even a human skeleton. There were also stuffed animals, preserved specimens in bottles and models. Next we visited a marine aquarium where we watched the fish, seaslugs, anemones and seahorses being fed. We saw a colony of rats, oversized frogs, and an experiment to see whether a lucust could be trained to avoid electric shock. By the end of the day we had learnt a great deal and had all had a very interesting time.

On 13 October we went on a tour to the Melville Koppies, accompanied by Miss Lemkus and Mr. Visser. This is a nature reserve of biological and archaeological interest. We were supplied with booklets which helped us to find our way across the nature trail and to identify the plants. We saw iron smelting works from the Iron Age as well as Stone Age and Iron Age implements.

We held a film show entitled "How the Motor Car Works" and we are hoping to obtain more films on this theme from the Shell Film Library.

We have also held study sessions for pupils to discuss any problems they might be having with their classwork. Next year will see an increase in membership, it is hoped, as the new Form I group enters the school. We hope to continue with a varied programme of experiments, lectures, tours and films, and thereby increase our knowledge of the wonderful world around us. Thank you to the committee who have helped to run the Science Club, especially to the publicity agent, Penny Mortimer.

**A. STANLEY  
M. BADRIA**



#### **JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB**

*Back Row (Left to Right):* Mark Thijs, Peter Meyer, Chris van Rensburg, Aanhout Brombacher, Lachlan Harris, David van Gemert, Jurgen Wrogeman, Andrew Stanley, Norman Wellström. *Second Row:* Sally-Jayne Goodwin, Kate Kelland, Marjolein Shortemëijer, Debbie Coetzee, Karen Anderson, Melanie Esterhuizen, Barbara Dürst, Kathy Banghart, Gail Collins, Lynne Verseput. *Third Row:* Cherylynn Sharples, Louise Winterton, Miss S. Lemkus, Mark Verseput, Alexandra Zanziger, Heather Goldie. *Front Row:* Mark Badria, Kevin Pallas, Penny Mortimer, Irene Tromp, Brett Kendall, Walter Ehrlich.



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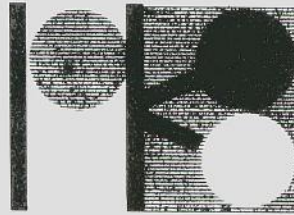
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## SCA — 1976

1976 was a bad year for SCA. Our attendance figures fluctuated drastically. We are sure that this is because there is a need for lively, exciting meetings and the spirit of this community has dropped frighteningly. The committee, too, although it has met its obligations successfully, has not been untarnished by internal disagreements.

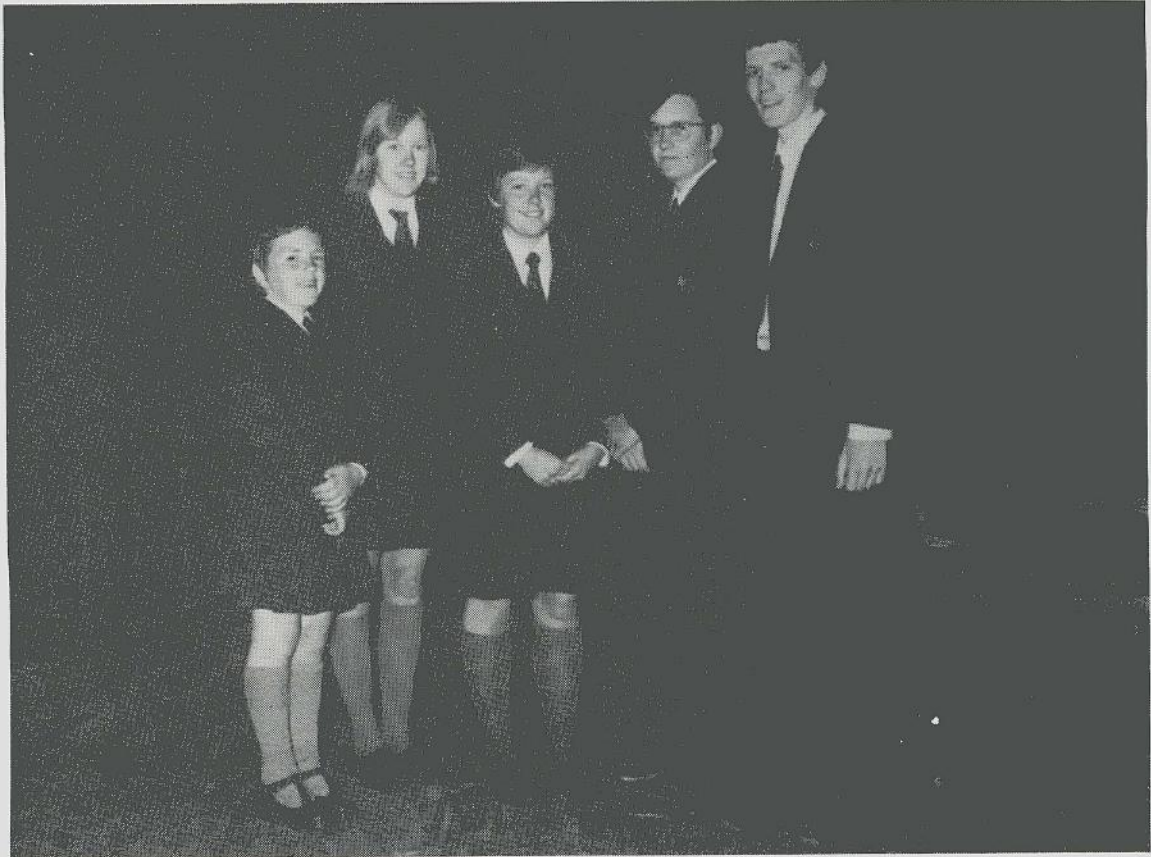
Through our relationship with Scripture Union (in the form of Mellow Gordon) Bryanston High twice became a recruiting ground for Leadership Camps. Our thanks are also extended to Jenny Skeen who represented Bryanston SCA at a Big Walk — which turned out to be a Little Walk! — held in order to raise funds for Scripture Union.

Although we have had a lot of stormy weather — and storms in teacups — don't get the impression that all was dark. On the contrary, we have had some really worthwhile meetings led by people like 'Living Sound' and, more recently, 'Youth for Christ' and the 'Kalk Bay Bible Institute'.

Our Committee for 1976 was: Brett Zulch (Chairman), Sandy Marter (Secretary), Sandy Fellingham, and Deane Stuart.

A word of advice for the 1977 committee: remember Jesus' parable about the brides and the lamps? Refuel your lamps now!

**Report by Chairman.**



## SCA — 1976

*Left to Right:* K. Bowden, S. Fellingham, S. Marter (Secretary), B. Zulch (Chairman), D. Stuart.



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## HISTORY SOCIETY

Two matrices approached Mrs. Scheltema during the year and asked her if she would be prepared to help them organise a History Society. She was most enthusiastic and lost no time in getting the permission of the Headmaster to start the society.

A meeting was called for all those interested in joining the society or 'workshop'. The initial response was good but, unfortunately, enthusiasm has flagged somewhat. At the first meeting P. Wallington was elected President, C. Anderson, Secretary and M. Nicolin, Treasurer. In addition a committee of six was elected.

It was decided to begin building up a museum at school with models and photographs and other objects. (Donations would be most welcome!) Mrs. Scheltema's classroom is to become the museum and also the general meeting room where meetings are held every Friday at 4.30 p.m. This year, unfortunately, we have had to cancel many meetings as a result of exams, apathy and lack of interest on the part of the Fourth Formers. There is still a lot of work to be done and there can only be continuity if there are Fourth Formers on the committee to carry the work forward.

When Jeremy Isaacs visited the country we were able to attend his lecture which was at the time of the 'Genocide' controversy. The lecture was interesting and enlightening.

During the year we held two film shows on a Friday night to raise funds which, unfortunately, went mainly towards paying for the Jeremy Isaacs lecture. The subsidy is only 50c per term per member and much more money is needed for models, films, slides and picture frames, all of which are expensive. We had hoped to have framed several pictures by now but have been hampered by lack of funds.

Should anyone have any old books which they would be willing to allow us to photograph — the school has given us the equipment with which to do this — or any other objects of interest which they would like to donate, could you please contact Mrs. Scheltema at school.

C. ANDERSON



### HISTORY SOCIETY

*Standing (Left to Right):* C. Tiley, M. Nicolin (Treasurer), C. Anderson (Secretary), W. Pitchford, E. van Ammers.  
*Sitting:* E. Barratt, B. Davies, Mrs. C. Scheltema, P. Wallington (Chairman), K. Bowden.

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## VELD AND VLEI

Keith Deats and I left by train to go to George for a month at Veld & Vlei. We arrived early on Saturday afternoon with about 15 other boys. We arrived early so we had to pitch all the tents. The camp is on flat ground and consists of a flagpole, a kitchen and a wooden hut, which was the hall. The other boys arrived on Sunday night and we were put into patrols of 12 to 13 boys.

The course started on Monday morning with a five mile run at 6 o'clock. On our return we cleared up our tent and then had breakfast. The food was wholesome and plentiful.

Our day was divided into 6 period of 45 minutes each. During these periods we were instructed on sailing, obstacle courses, map reading and the training circuit. We also had a 5 to 15 mile cross country before supper. After supper we attended lectures on outdoor living and wild life. We were in bed by 11 o'clock but we soon discovered that we were only going to be allowed 3 hours sleep per night because of our night time activities. These were an 18 mile hike around the vlei, solitude, which was a 12 mile walk to the beach where we had to spend the night on our own, the nearest person being 100 metres away. We also had Orion which was a 10 mile hike using only compass bearings.

I learnt that this was to teach us to work together as a patrol and to teach us endurance, tolerance and to be able to carry on when you are dead tired. It also prepared us for the longer hikes we were to go on.

We had to run everywhere and when you are really stiff from hikes, obstacle courses and circuit training its painful!!

We went on a night hike on Christmas eve which was to rescue an instructor who was supposed to be injured on the other side of the vlei, about 7 miles away. We had to swim across the vlei. One of our patrol couldn't swim so we made him waterwings with out waterbottles and pushed him along. On finding our instructor we discovered that he was supposed to have a broken leg, so we had to find branches so that we could make a stretcher to carry him home on. To get him across the vlei we had to make a raft with reeds and waterbottles. To add to our discomfort it was bitterly cold and raining, especially as most of our clothes had been used to make the stretcher. We arrived back at 6 o'clock on Christmas morning. The day was free and we had a good lunch without the usual trimmings.

On one hike we had to carry a 45lb pack of sand around with us on a compass bearing course, which kept us busy all day.

Our toughest hike was a three day survival hike. We were given no food, water or matches. All we had were the clothes we were wearing. The first day was on land beside the brack water of the vlei, the second day was spent on a raft on the vlei and then 5 hours hike through desert areas.

Another 3 day hike consisted of a day on the vlei in a canoe, a hike along the beach for a day and the last day we paddled back to camp on a rubber raft.

All our training was to prepare us for a 4 day hike to Craddocksburg which is 5 200 feet above sea level, the camp being at sea level.

We left the camp after lunch with each patrol leaving at half hour intervals. The first day we walked along a railway line for most of the day. That day we had to reach a point 18 miles away and we finally arrived there at 11 o'clock that night and made camp. The next day we set off at 3 a.m. and had to walk along a ridge of mountains. It was one of the hottest days we had and by midday we had run out of water. The only water we could drink was out of rock pools. By the time we reached the next point at 10 o'clock that night, it was raining. The next day we began our ascent up the Craddocksburg. The ascent was very slow and steep and the rain and mist, which resulted in a visibility of only a few feet, made it more difficult. After climbing through the clouds, the weather was perfect by the time we reached the top which was at lunch time. We then began our descent to go back to camp but we got lost in the mist and had to spend the night on the mountainside. We awakened to a beautiful day and began our hike to the dam, which was our next check point. From the dam we headed for home. By this time our feet were blistered and very sore. We spent the last night on the beach and arrived back at camp to find that we had to wait until everyone was back before we could eat, consequently we spent the day sleeping.

The day arrived that we had all been waiting for — the day we could go home. When it came to leaving, our hearts were at the camp and we were all very sorry to say goodbye to the camp and the people we had got to know so well during the past month.

## C.C.T.V. STUDIO

Halfway through the year Mr. Metcalfe took over as Master-in-Charge of the TV studio. This year's TV Studio crew wish to thank both Mr. Metcalfe and the TV Studio prefect, Michael Dingemans, for the way they led and helped the members of the crew. At this stage we would also like to thank Mr. Hartshorne for all his help and guidance in the past.

This year the studio entered a new phase. It seems that in the past people have thought that one could only televise activities which took place in the studio. This year we have proved them wrong: we have recorded both the 'Best Speakers' Festival' which was held in the library and the Gymnastics Display which was held in the school hall. Next year we hope to extend the scope of our work as far as the sportsfields — we're sure that most of the pupils in the school would like to be able to see themselves playing sport on television!

The TV studio was built as a teaching aid but, unfortunately, only the Biology department is making full use of it. The Geography Department has now approved of its usefulness and has increased the number of its tapes.

One should not think, for example, that to make a Home Economics programme would take hours of hard work. The subject teacher can hire films about the topic in question and these can then be taped. There are only a few of our own productions in our vast collection of Biology films. If, for instance, the SABC broadcasts an interesting Geography programme, there is no reason why a Geography teacher should not ask us to tape it for him to be used later in class.

Next year we will once again be training pupils to become cameramen, VTR operators and so on and any pupils who are in Forms 3, 4 or 5 who are interested can apply for this training. Interested pupils in Forms 1 and 2 cannot be trained for these jobs but are welcome to work as assistants.

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*Sound Control:* J. Wank

*VTR:* Shand & G. Wille

*Cameras:* P. Malan, M. Hulme, R. Keip, H. Knight

We would also like to thank those other pupils who were willing to help us out in a tight spot.

**J. WANK**

**A Footnote from the Teacher-in-Charge:**

Having only just begun my 'education' with the TV Unit, I feel I should write a few words in addition to Jurgen Wank's report, especially in the light of the developments which have taken place in the last few months.

During this period the TV Unit has been working to capacity. In addition to the events mentioned by Jurgen, we have recorded several English plays — some of them excellent productions. We tried also to record the Horse Show but had trouble with the portable unit's batteries (a borrowed unit, by the way). We also recorded an interview with Derel James of The Star in which he gave us his views on the Rhodesian situation.

Dr. Meyer of the Educational Technology Unit at Wits has shown a great deal of interest in our unit and has offered to train our senior pupils **if** they are prepared to provide him with 'slave labour' in his studio. This is an offer which I do not think we can refuse and several students have already promised to phone him.

In the coming year we will be canvassing departments, other than just Geography, Biology and English. Mrs. Botha will be working on a Book Education programme and we hope to be able to record some more Science experiments. Next year will definitely be a TV year for Bryanston High School if the enthusiasm of the crew this term is anything to go by.



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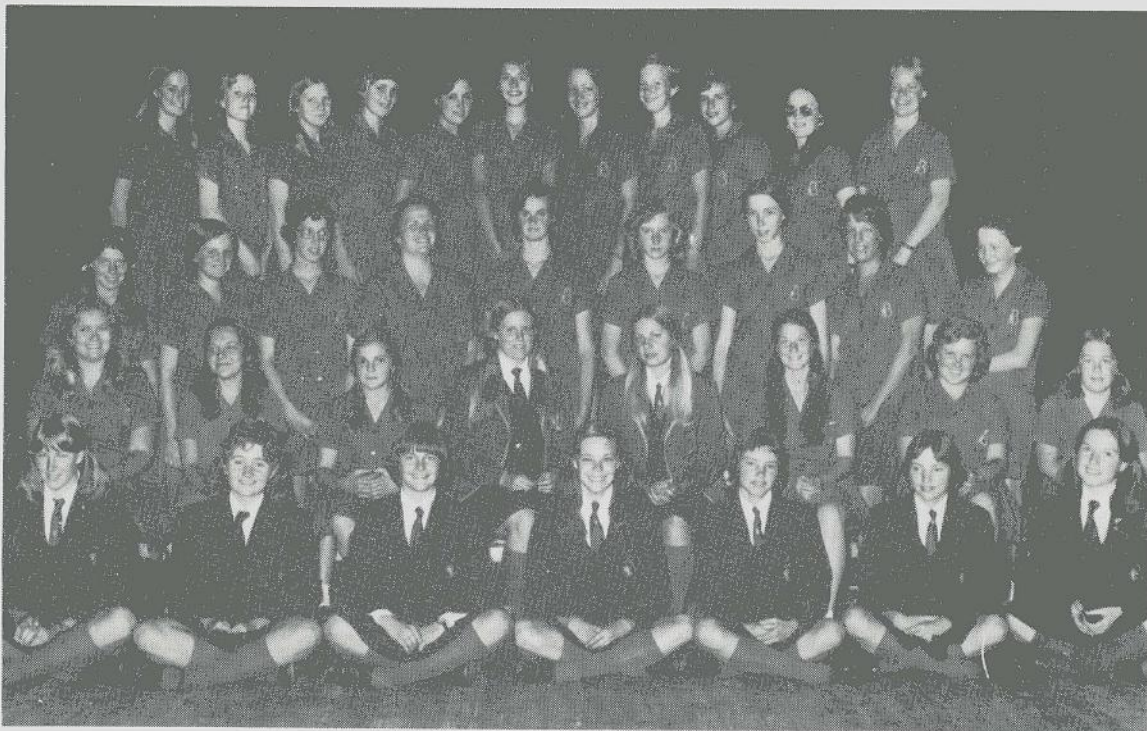
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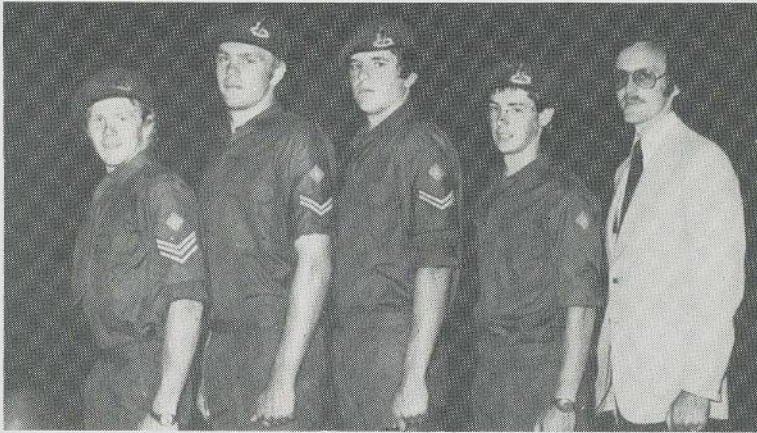
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*Back Row (Left to Right):* M. Bachmann, G. Schnadt, N. Adams, I. James, P. Rishworth, R. Bishop, H. Diesel, W. Diesel, P. Meyer.  
*Front Row:* M. van Zyl, Mr. J.L. Viviers, P. Netscher (Captain), Mr. I. Hartshorne, G. Johnstone.



## ATHLETICS 1976

**Teacher-in-Charge:** Mr. H. Bongartz.

**Assistant Teachers:** Miss L. Steyn, Miss M. Wessels.

**Captains:** Brian Wagner, Bridget Gallie.

It was a rather poor season. We had the enthusiasm and talent but practices were few and far between and **very poorly attended**. Once again the middle distance runners did exceptionally well with Paul Steyn, Ross Diesel, Mark Grey, Jonathan Andrews and Bridget Gallie all bringing honour to their team and their school. In the sprints Grant Renwick, Ross Collins and Steven Ellis all proved themselves amongst the best in Johannesburg. The young athletes with very little experience made up for this lack of their determination.

The climax of the season was the annual inter-house competition. Many records were broken and there were some excellent results. The competition was won by Jupiter, followed closely by Apollo. The Junior Victor Ludorum was won by R. Collins and P. Steyn and the Senior Victor Ludorum by G. Renwick. The Junior Victrix Ludorum was won by C. Dixon and the Senior Victrix Ludorum by B. Gallie.

B. Gallie, R. Diesel, P. Steyn and J. Andrews were all awarded school colours.

In spite of the lack of success it was a very enjoyable season which held good prospects for next year.



### BOYS' ATHLETICS TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right):* B. Steenkamp, G. Mitchell, G. Bishop, E. Wolf, C. Walls, R. Peneluna, M. Mullin, G. Renwick, A. Stylianides, H. Haman.

*Second Row:* R. Collins, P. Steyn, R. Diesel, K. Calder, R. Ireland, J. Andrews, B. Ilsley, S. Ellis.

*Third Row:* R. McKenna, B. Wagner, Miss M. Wessels, Mr. W. Visser, Miss L. Steyn, Mr. H. Bongartz, G. Fatcher.

*Front Row:* M. Gray, M. Woods, M. Wallington, R. Miles, C. Renwick, C. McKellar, C. Seales.





#### GIRLS' ATHLETICS TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right):* A. Taljaard, L. Farrell, J. Smith, H. Wrogemann, M. Boezaard, E. Smith, C. Dixon, L. Wagner, S. Fellingham.

*Third Row:* P. Barnard, M. Haas, C. Stevenson, A. Bakker, J. Warner, S. Fowlds, J. Enslin, W. Thomas, S. Wolfaard, N. Becker.

*Second Row:* T. Stiffall, J. Jackson, Miss M. Wessels, Mr. H. Bongartz, Miss L. Steyn, B. Gallie, B. Reid.

*Front Row:* D. Bell, D. Leibbrandt, E. Travers, J. Williams, B. Dürst, L. Potgieter, T. Kislig.

### CROSS COUNTRY 1976

At the beginning of the 1976 season we had lost two Cross Country teachers, namely, Mrs Chamberlain and Miss Swart. Miss Steyn, therefore, had the mammoth task of taking on the jobs of three people, a task which she carried out most ably.

The number of Cross Country athletes dropped slightly although most of last year's team participated. At the beginning of this season Miss Steyn got a team together, tabled the results of times and improvements and really got the team off the ground. So much so, in fact, that the Open Girls won four meetings out of a possible seven. Our Open Boys' Team suffered from injury, sickness and no fourth runner to make up a full team. They fared a lot better than was expected, though. Garth Mitchell, Paul Whitelaw and Ross Diesel ran well.

Our Inter-House this year was, unfortunately, a dismal affair as a result of cheating which included pupils claiming first position in various events without any grounds to do so at all. A big word of thanks to the marshalls, however, without whom the course would not have been a success. Our course is really considered one of the best and pupils who completed the course properly will testify to its difficulty. The course was two laps for the Open Boys and one lap each for the other sections. Well done Mercury who won the Cross Country overall and also congratulations to D. Pule who won the U14 Girls, M. Shand who won the Open Girls and R. Diesel who won the Open Boys. All the winners' times were recorded this year as it was the first time that our course was run.

Congratulations, too, to Ross Diesel who came seventh in the Southern Transvaal Inter Schools Cross Country Meeting.

Many thanks to the Tuckshop ladies who handled the refreshments so well. We all really appreciated your efforts.

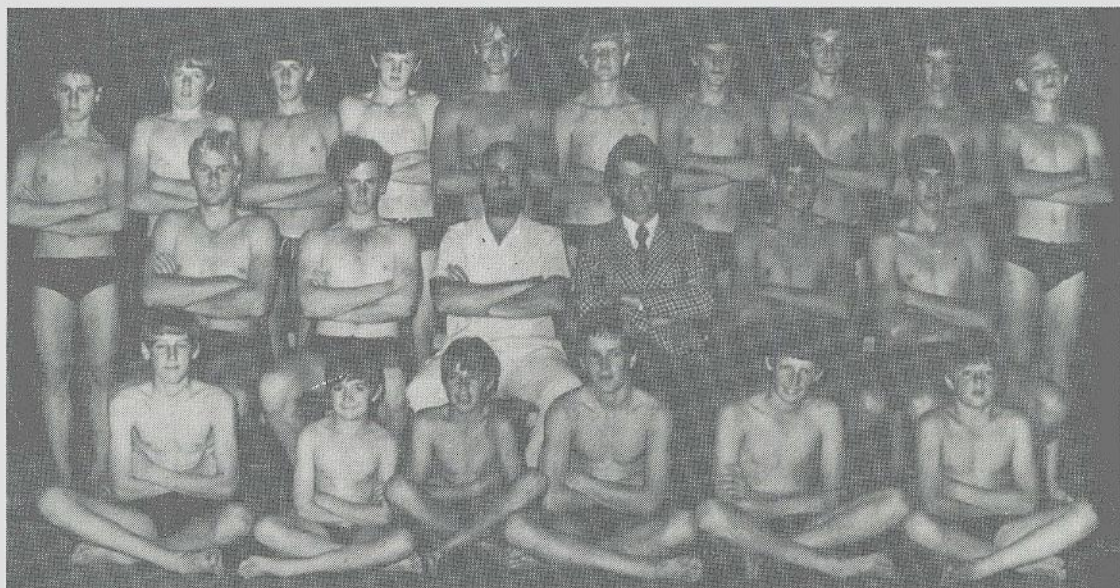
Finally, the team would like to express their gratitude to Miss Steyn without whom our successes would have been minimal. Next year, with the participation of more athletes, our school will become a force to be reckoned with.





**CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

*Back Row (Left to Right):* M. Woods, R. Pender, M. Groves, T. Roniger.  
*Third Row:* M. Shand, B. McBean, N. Ernstzen, D. Pulel, J. Skeen, P. Pender, A. Nurcombe, M. Woolham.  
*Second Row:* M. Gray, H. Diesel, G. Mitchell, Miss L. Steyn, R. Diesel, R. Snyman, B. Jones.  
*Front Row:* P. Whitelaw, W. Woodward, G. Barwood, E. van Ammers, D. Cuppleditch, B. Blackburn.



**BOYS' SWIMMING TEAM**

*Back Row (Left to Right):* B. Broll, M. Forrest, D. Rodda, D. Knowles, R. Penaluna, D. Knight, G. Plakas, B. Wykerd, A. McKenzie, A. Hewson.  
*Middle Row:* J. Lindoorn, M. Landby, Mr G. Giliomee, Mr W. Visser, R. Ireland, E. Wolf.  
*Front Row:* R. Eadie, I. Rae, M. Gray, P. Katz, I. Pond, P. Brown.



## SWIMMING

The 1976 season was our second in the highly-competitive A" League. The Swimming Team did very well to equal if not better the performances of the top teams in our area, being only narrowly beaten by the teams of Greenside and Northcliff in the hotly-contested Inter-High Gala at Ellis Park.

At this point we would like to say a special word of thanks to our Tuck Shop mothers for their willingness to feed the teams and our multitude of loyal supporters, to whom also a big thank you.

Our thanks go to Mr Kapp and Mrs Young for all the afternoons they have spent at the poolside training the swimmers and we wish them, the new captains and next year's team the best of luck during the 1977 season.

The inter-house gala was convincingly won by Appollo this year. This was against our expectations as Mercury has won it every year since the founding of the event.

Victor Natationus: R. Ireland

Victrix Natationus: A. Taljaard

The Individual Medleys were won by Ronnie Ireland and Andrea Tajlaard.



### GIRLS' SWIMMING TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right):* K. Feldhuis, K. Liddell, C. Dixon, P. Barnard, K. Tiernan, R. Pender, K. Barnadie, J. Fowlds, D. Wagner.

*Second Row:* L. Fatcher, C. Gallie, T. Dykehouse, J. Fletcher, M. Kratz, B. Bliagnaut, D. Coetzee, D. Pulé, J. Haas, N. Becker.

*Third Row:* L. Wagner, L. Farrell, Miss E. Hattingh, Mr J. L. W. Visser, V. Taljaard, K. Kelland.

*Front Row:* M. Winkleman, D. Bell, C. Dissel, A. Taljaard, S. Ras, C. Koegelenberg.

## GIRLS' HOCKEY

This winter proved to be a very fruitful one for all our girls' Hockey teams. Altogether we fielded eight teams and had more than seventy beginner players. Nine of the First Team were invited to the Southern Transvaal trials after a tournament which Bryanston won. This is certainly a record and sets a very high standard for any other First Team in the future. All nine of these girls were chosen for one of the representative sides. Our congratulations go to Janet Jackson (chosen as Captain), Tessa Stitfall, Paula Viljoen and Irene Brislin for obtaining top honours — they were chosen for the Southern Transvaal Team. Lynette Wagner was chosen as the first Southern Transvaal schoolgirl umpire and we are very proud of her. Secondly, congratulations go to Rosalind Clynick and Jane Wells for getting into the Johannesburg Team and to Lynette Wagner, Bridget Gallie and Cindy Dixon for being chosen for the Witwatersrand Team.

The First and Second Teams were tremendous sides to coach. They responded to every challenge set them and sportsmanship and interest in their game were shown by all. The standard of hockey in the First and Second Teams was exceptionally high and they won the Johannesburg league by ten points which is a fantastic achievement. Even more so when one considers the fact that most of the opposition comes from girls' schools who are able to have two practices a week as they don't have to share facilities. Also, some schools start hockey in the primary school.

The Third and Fourth Teams were unfortunate to have a change of coach half-way through the season. Nevertheless, they were never without a coach so it is disappointing to note that they did not always attend practices and give of their best. The strength of the school's hockey is reflected by all teams, not just the top two! Our thanks go to Mrs Collier for coaching this group until she left Johannesburg.



### GIRLS' FIRST HOCKEY TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right):* B. Gallie, J. Wells, C. Dixon, K. Windram, L. Shelton,  
L. Wagner, R. Clynick.  
*Seated:* P. Viljoen, J. Jackson (Captain), Mrs P. Deacon, T. Stitfall (Vice-Captain),  
I. Brislin.



Our junior sides did very well and showed tremendous interest and enthusiasm for the game. They played well and learnt a lot throughout the season. This group is the First Team of the future and there is plenty of talent amongst them if they continue to work at their hockey. Miss Stockton is to be thanked for all she did for this group. Our 'nursery' was an extremely enthusiastic group this season. They were led by two equally enthusiastic staff members, Miss Wessels and Miss Bekker. The talent in this group is tremendous and in a few years' time Bryanston should be well represented in the Southern side again.

Remember that practise makes perfect and with a sport like hockey there is always something new to learn and to practise. The challenge is there if you will accept it.

House matches were played at the end of the season and our congratulations go to Jupiter for walking away with the honours.

This has been a hectic season what with a tour to organise and various teams to coach and I am indebted to many of the First Team girls who have coached and umpired on occasions. A special thank you to Janet Jackson for taking over the coaching of the goalies in the school.

My thanks go to all teachers who have coached this season; to all mothers who have transported and spectated and to Mrs Windram and her band of helpers for supplying us with tea. No report would be complete without a special vote of thanks going to Mr van Zyl for looking after our fields so well.

I do hope that the hockey teams will go from strength to strength. Practise makes perfect and enthusiasm is the keynote to success, but remember that "you play the game for the game and not the win" and as long as you do your best and enjoy it, it is all worth it.

**P. S. DEACON.**

### **REPORT ON THE FIRST TEAM**

After the tremendous success of this year's season for our First Team in the 'A' League, it is hard to accept that most of us will not be playing again next year. The majority of the players had built up their skills in the lower teams and had fought their way up to the top together. We were all very united on the field and team work was our motto. At times we did not play as well as we would have liked to have played, but the games were all very enjoyable. There isn't one specific player who should receive recognition for her outstanding hockey as each girl had her own fine moments during the season. Hockey is one of the sports in our school in which a very good spirit has been cultivated. This all starts with the 'beginners' session, in which we are taught the true feeling of sportsmanship. It is a pity that the girls don't have more spectators at their matches, though, because this can really add atmosphere to the game for the players.

Once again we had a super tour during our holidays. We all gained a lot of experience playing people from different provinces and trying to figure out their tactics. I think that special thanks should go to Mrs Deacon for all her hard work and the enthusiasm she puts into our hockey to make it such a great success.

When we leave school hockey behind us, we, the matric players, can only wish the best of success to those who follow up. We will always support your efforts and fine spirit.

Keep up the position we have reached — Top School in Johannesburg.

**JANET JACKSON (CAPTAIN)**

#### **RESULTS**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Points for</b>	<b>Points against</b>
1st	11	10	1	51	9
2nd	9	8	1	27	2
3rd	3 3	—	10	1	
4th	1	—	1	1	3
U15A	7	6	1	22	3
U14A	4	2	2	9	6
U14B	1	—	1	—	1



**GIRLS' SECOND HOCKEY TEAM**



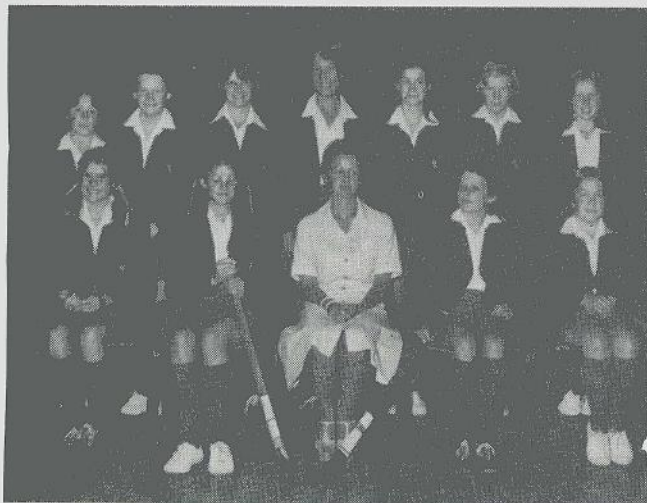
**GIRLS' THIRD HOCKEY TEAM**



**GIRLS' FOURTH HOCKEY TEAM**



**U/15 A HOCKEY TEAM**



**U/14 A HOCKEY TEAM**



**U/14 B HOCKEY TEAM**



## BOYS' HOCKEY

The season started with much enthusiasm and spirit. This year we fielded two senior and two junior teams. The junior teams had a very slow start but, owing to their enthusiasm, ended the season with very good results.

The two senior sides started the season with great determination; however, owing to the lack of organized practices, attendances dropped with the result that few improvements could be made with regard to team combinations. It must be realised that hockey is a TEAM game that requires the participation of all the members of the side. At school level, positional play is very important and for this to be mastered TWO teams are required. This was the downfall of hockey this year. The first team did not have the full support of the second side and as a result no real improvements could be made. I would like to see more effort and enthusiasm put into the practices. In this way the standard of our hockey will improve.

The first team had tremendous team spirit because of the players' enthusiasm and the fact that they played as one team. I'm sure that the team would like to thank Hugo Kraak, our goal keeper, for getting us out of many tight spots, with the help of the backs D. Schwerin and S. Wank. I would like to thank the two winghalves, A. Broulidakis and J. Thomas, for putting up with my constant shouting.

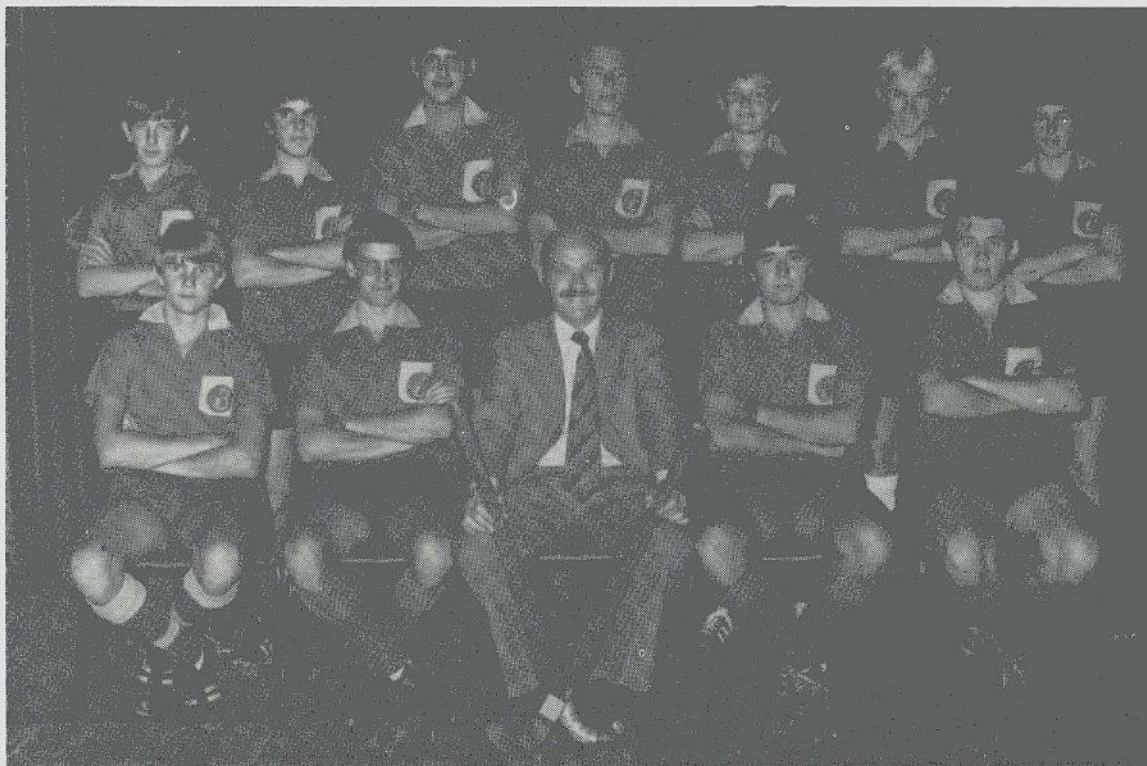
The forward line were very young with J. Wank in the centre, and two very promising inners G. Lance and R. Tekenbroek on either side of him. R. Tekenbroek started playing hockey only this season and played extremely well. We did not have permanent members for the wing positions and I would like to thank R. Ireland, R. v.d. Westhuizen, M. Koen and G. Lang for playing.

On the hockey field the team played a hard game and I am sorry that we did not have more victories. Overall we had 32 goals scored against us and we scored 21.

I really enjoyed being skipper and the team really helped me by playing good, hard hockey.

I would like to thank everyone who helped us with our hockey and wish you all the best of luck for next season.

**B. WAGNER**



### BOYS' FIRST HOCKEY TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right):* M. Koen, A. Broulidakis, R. Ireland, M. Thomas,  
R. Tekenbroek, H. Kraak, D. Schwerin.  
*Front Row* G. Lance, B. Wagner (Captain), Mr I. Hartshorne, J. Wank, G. Lang.  
*Absent:* S. Wank, R. v.d. Westhuizen

## JUNIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

If enthusiasm is anything to go by then the future of boys' hockey at this school is such that it might soon displace Rugby as the premier sport at the school. The junior teams were, on a number of occasions, faced with the task of playing against much bigger boys representing teams billed as third and fourth teams. Since our teams are composed of bona fide juniors they were often beaten, not by more skilled players, but by sheer brute force of the type more commonly associated with Rugby or Netball. This did not deter the players and they acquitted themselves very well in all their games.

A number of pupils started so well that they were soon promoted to the First Team. This weakened the junior sides but it also gave them the chance to make their mark.

Results were as follows:

### U/15 A TEAM:

vs. Krugersdorp	Won	4 - 0
vs. Germiston	Won	2 - 0
vs. Edenvale	Won	2 - 1
vs. Florida	Won	2 - 1
vs. King David	Lost	4 - 1
vs. Roosevelt	Won	3 - 2
vs. Sandringham	Lost	6 - 1
vs. Westridge	Lost	3 - 2
vs. Hyde Park	Drew	0 - 0
vs. Hyde Park	Drew	0 - 0
vs. Northcliff	Won	2 - 1

### BOYS' HOCKEY 1st XI

Parktown	2 : 5
Krugersdorp	1 : 1
Florida Park	1 : 5
Germiston	1 : 2
Old Boys	2 : 4
Forest	0 : 0
Edenvale	2 : 1
Florida Park	0 : 3
St. Andrews	1 : 2
King David	1 : 2
Roosevelt	1 : 3
Sandringham	0 : 1
Westridge	2 : 0
Queens	2 : 1
Krugersdorp	1 : 1
Hyde Park	4 : 1
Germiston	0 : 0
Girls' 1st XI	0 : 0



U/15 A HOCKEY TEAM

U/15 B HOCKEY TEAM



## NETBALL 1976

At last life and hope have been injected into Netball at Bryanston High and with a First Team tour planned for next year, we hope to climb to great heights.

Mrs Pearson supervised Netball this year and coached both Open teams, both the U14 Teams as well as trying to keep the interest of the two U13 Teams. We would like to express our very grateful thanks to her for all she did for us and for Netball.

Mrs Hawkins and her U15 teams did extremely well and their success has done much to ensure that we have a really good First Team in 1977. Thank you, Mrs Hawkins.

Mrs Delgoff of Bryanston Primary School has helped us no end by coaching the two U13 Teams. The U13 A Team went from victory to victory, ultimately emerging from the season the winners of the Transvaal Cup, after beating McAuley House in the Inter-Provincial competition. The U13 A Team was captained by Jean Williams and showed a great deal of spirit and talent. We would like to thank Mrs Delgoff for all her hard work and the time she spent on her teams and congratulate her and her team on their achievement. U13s, let's keep the cup next year!



**NETBALL FIRST TEAM**

*Back Row: (Left to Right): Lyn Wagner, Cynthia Stevenson, Joanne Enslin, Daniela Gennrich.  
Front Row: Beth Reid, Mrs. B. Pearson, Lynette Farrell, Susan Smythe.*



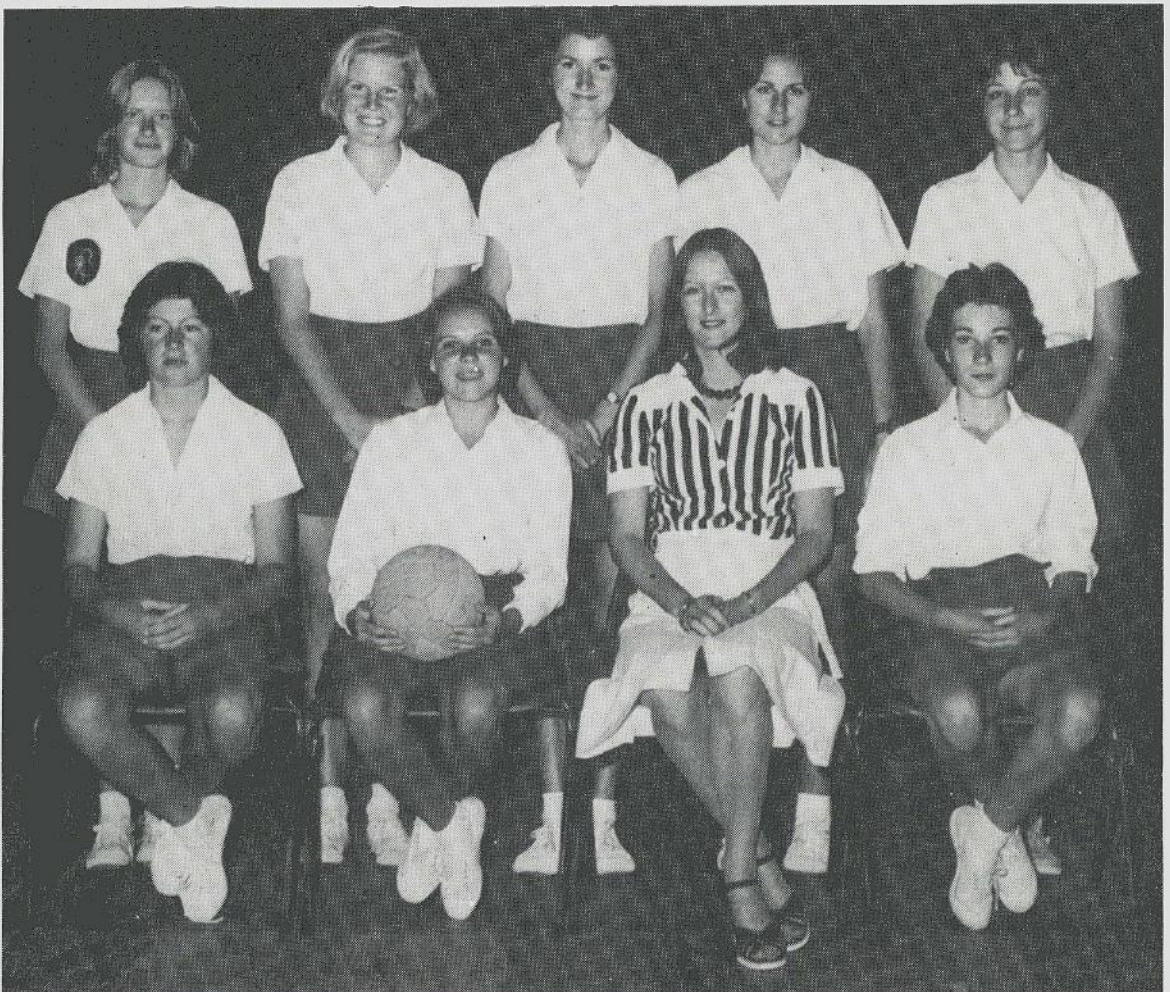
The U14 Teams started the season well but, in spite of having a large group of enthusiastic players, we did not achieve the results we had hoped to. Although results are secondary to spirit we will have to try and do a lot better next year. Cindy Dixon was the Captain of the "A" Team and under her guidance and interest the teams never gave up.

The U15 Teams achieved excellent results this year. Desiree Leibrandt captained the "A" Team who reached the semi-finals (after winning their section) and lost to McAuley House after a well-played match. There is much potential here and a good First Team can be expected for next year.

The Firsts and Seconds tried hard this year, but could have done better. They never gave up but there were too many changes and outside interests which interfered with their development.

We lose our Matrics at the end of the year — Lyn Wagner, Beth Reid, Lynette Farrell and Susan Smythe — but hope that they will continue to play Netball out of school. To Joanne, Cynthia and Daniella — the best of luck for next year. Congratulations to our Captain, Lynette Farrell, who was awarded half-colours for Netball. We hope to have her helping us next year.

We lost a few, we won a few, but we had a very successful season. Our thanks to Miss Steyn and Miss Stockton for umpiring some of our matches and a big thank you to the most important people of all — the mothers in the Tuckshop who supplied us with our teas. Without all the help we received I am sure we would never have been able to achieve so much.

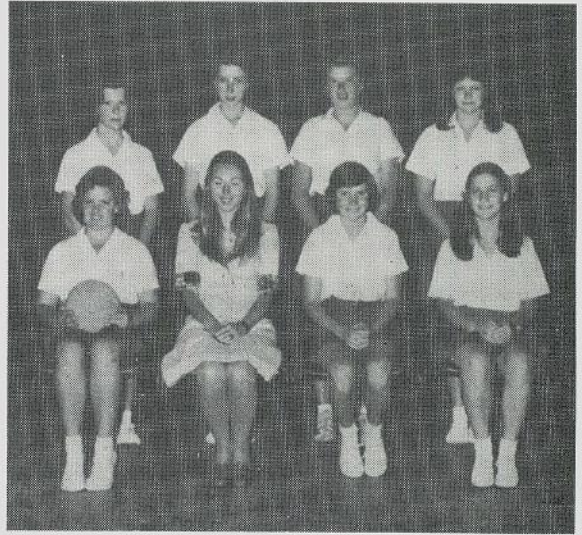


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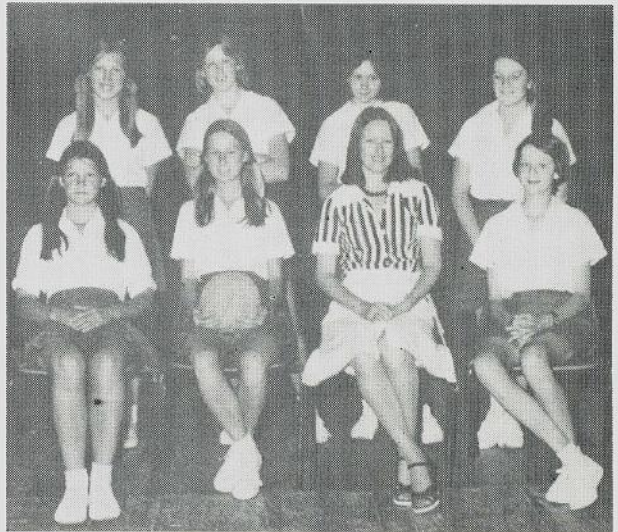
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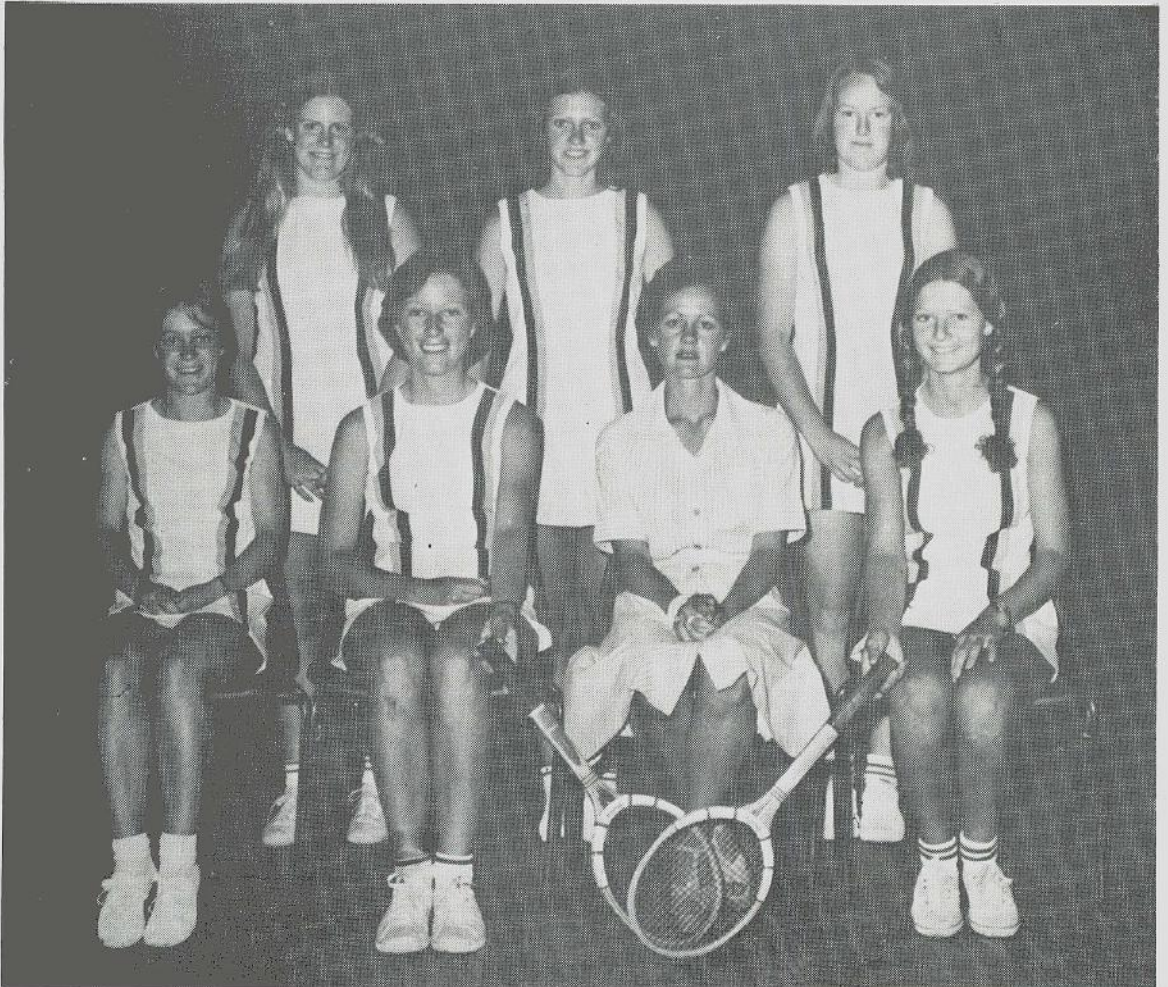
## GIRLS' TENNIS

Once again we are very proud of the fact that we could enter six teams in the Southern Transvaal Schools' League. This was the "A" Team's first year in the first section and this, coupled with the fact that we lost our strongest player, Desiré Drüen, meant that we did not do as well as we have in previous years. The "A" Team came third in the league after losing to Waverley, Hyde Park and Roosevelt. The other teams all did well in their leagues as usual.

Thanks to Miss Stockton we were able to get new school tennis dresses which pleased both the girls and the boys. We are sure that the bright dresses and high spirits helped to make the season such a successful one.

Our thanks go to all the mothers who helped with teas and also to the teachers who gave up their Tuesday afternoons to transport our teams. Special thanks to Miss Stockton for being such an enthusiastic tennis teacher.

TESSA STITFALL



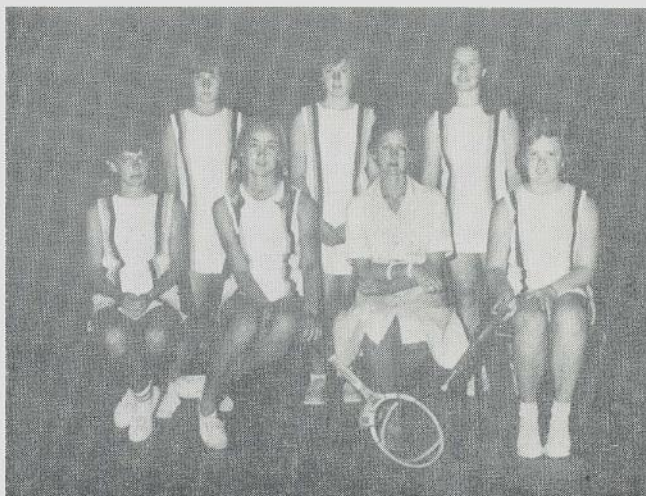
### GIRLS' FIRST TENNIS TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right): K. Gagnon, J. Wells, R. Roux.  
Front Row: J. Williams, T. Stitfall (Captain), Miss N. Stockton, P. Viljoen.*





GIRLS' B TENNIS TEAM



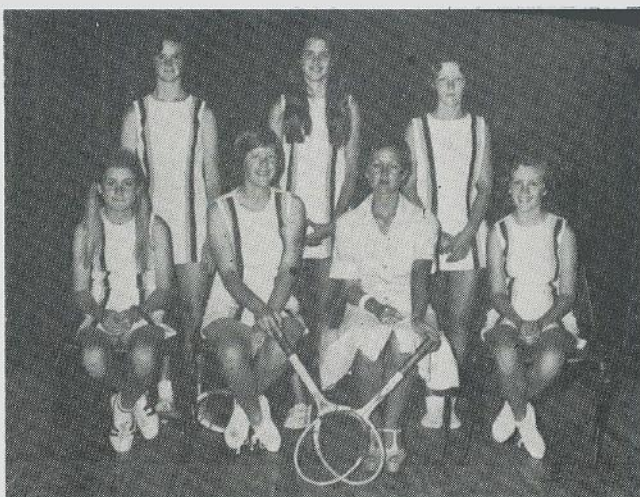
GIRLS' C TENNIS TEAM



GIRLS' D TENNIS TEAM



GIRLS' E TENNIS TEAM



GIRLS' F TENNIS TEAM



## BOYS' TENNIS

**Master-in-Charge:** Mr Katzew

**Captain:** Bruce Ilsley

Boys' Tennis is played during the First and Third terms on a League basis. Promotion and relegation take place at the end of each term.

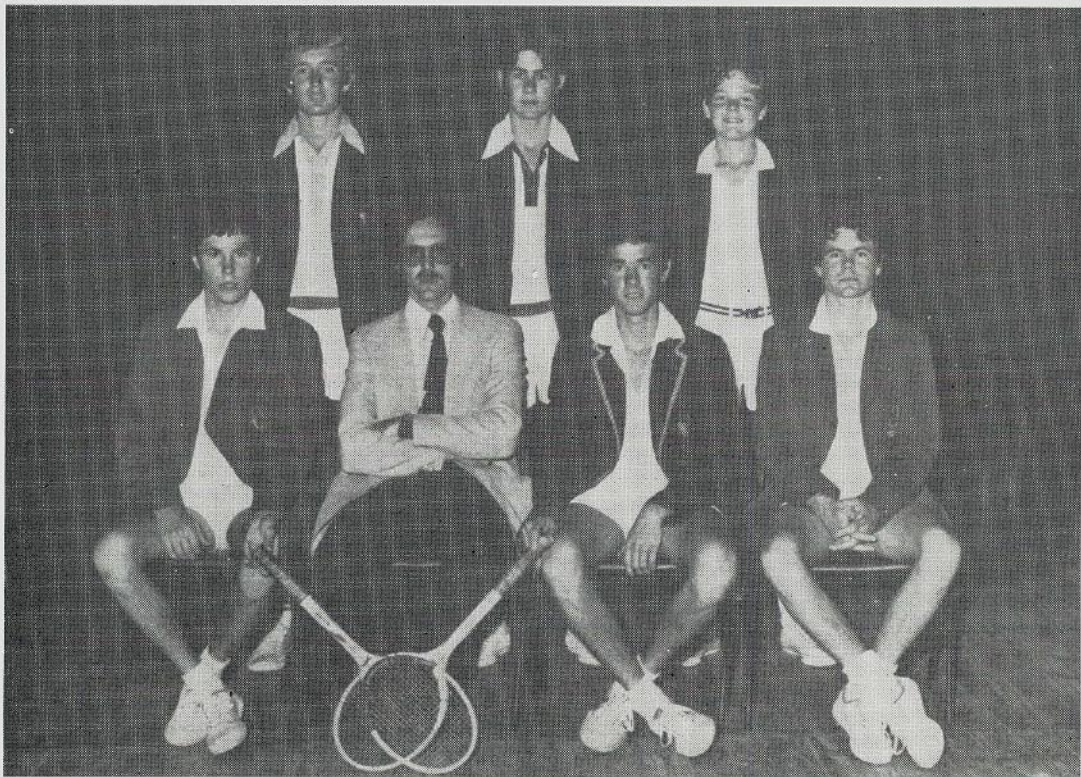
The First term was very successful for Bryanston as the First Team gained promotion from the Second to the First League. Bruce Ilsley, Mark Dixon, Jago Drüen, Roland Tekenbroek and John and David Lachenicht won six out of their seven matches finishing just one point behind Randburg. The Second, Third and Fourth teams maintained their positions in their respective leagues and all finished in the top halves of their sections.

During the Third Term our fortunes changed. The First Team battled to find its feet and although there were some close matches, victory was not to be ours. The team was weakened by the departure of Jago Drüen, although Paul Malcolmson showed tremendous potential and is destined to become a very good player. Although our team will probably be relegated, the standard of Boys' First League Tennis is exceptionally high and the tennis played by our chaps was extremely good and often very exciting.

Our "B" Team had a bad season while our "D" Team won a few and lost a few. The surprise of the season was our "C" Team. They won all their matches, the biggest margin being nine points to three. This was a wonderful achievement and congratulations must go to Athol and Mark Gray, Graeme Johnson, Craig Tiley, Bradley Koen and Graham O'Connor.

I would also like to say thank you to the non-team players who practised on Tuesdays. They were very enthusiastic and there were enough players to constitute five additional teams. Possibly something can be arranged next year.

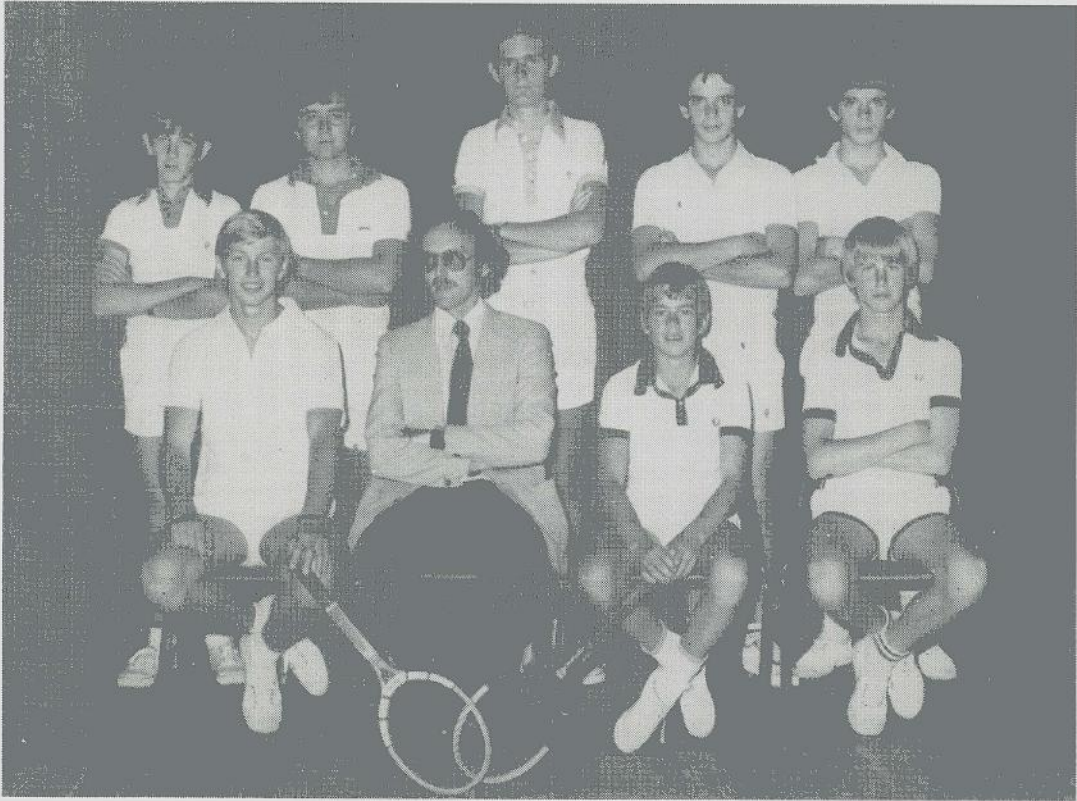
Lastly, I would like to congratulate Bruce and Michael Ilsley who won the Boys' Senior and Junior singles titles respectively.



**FIRST BOYS' TENNIS TEAM**

*Back Row (Left to Right): M. Dixon, P. Malcolmson, R. Tekenbroek.  
Front Row: D. Lachenicht, Mr A. Katzew, B. Ilsley, J. Lachenicht.*





BOYS' B TENNIS TEAM



BOYS' C TENNIS TEAM



BOYS' D TENNIS TEAM



## GIRLS' SQUASH

This year saw the start of the First Girls' Squash Team. The Schoolgirls' Squash League, into which Bryanston was entered, was started in the middle of the first term. There were a great many enthusiastic girls who showed interest in this new sport although not many with much experience. Our first match dawned upon us all too soon and the squash team had to be chosen and finalised as quickly as possible. At the start of the season the girls were not very successful but as the league progressed the necessary experience and tactics were acquired. As we gained confidence we started to win a great deal more of the matches we played. We started using Wanderers Squash Courts as our home ground but towards the end of the season we moved to Wits Centre.

Paula Viljoen (Captain) attained the number one player position and kept it throughout the year as did Jenny Green who was the number two player. Jeanne Fitzhenry, Margaret Ubsdell and Sandra Walsh competed continually for the third and fourth places. Thanks must go to the reserves who helped out in times of trouble.

The squash team was very ably managed and driven to matches and practices by Miss Lewies and Mrs Marnitz. Special thanks must go to Mrs Platt for helping to transport the girls to and from the matches and practices as well.



### GIRLS' SQUASH TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right): M. Ubsdell, S. Walsh, J. Fitzhenry.  
Front Row: Miss R. Lewies, P. Viljoen (Captain), J. Green, Mrs U. Marnitz.*



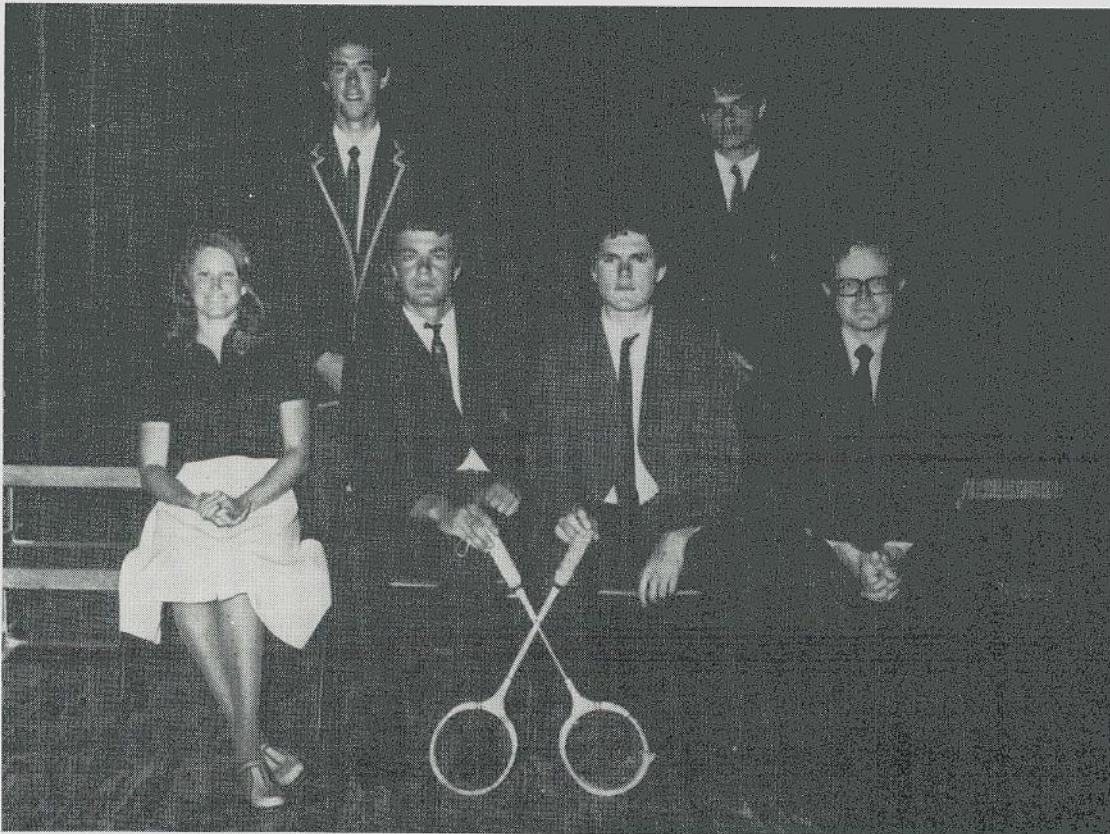
## BOYS' SQUASH 1976

In 1976 we had two Boys' Squash Teams — a First and a Second Team. The Second Team played only a few matches but were fairly successful. The First Team consisted of Keith Deats as Captain and first seed, Deane Thorndyke, Bruce Ilsley and Robert Kühner. The team was surprisingly successful in view of the circumstances — many of the players had to sacrifice squash matches for Firsty Rugby and Tennis Team matches, and substitutes had to be found to take their places. Consequently we lost most of our matches but managed to clinch one match against Roosevelt High's First Team. The rest of the matches proved competitive.

Keith Deats played well but was too heavy a player on the court when faced by light and fast opponents. Deane Thorndyke is a robust and hard-hitting player and will be invaluable to the team next year. Bruce Ilsley started off weakly but towards the close of the season was playing very well. Next year we can expect great things from him. Robert Kühner was also quite heavy on court but managed to scare his opponents.

The Squash Club still has a lot of teething problems to cope with and lacks facilities. Transport and venues were the most difficult to find but these were arranged thanks to Mr Metcalfe, Mrs Platt and Miss Lewies. The venue was usually Randburg Squash Courts but this will have to be changed next year because of a lack of funds. Most thanks go to Mr Metcalfe who very kindly lent us his kombi and transported us to our matches.

**KEITH DEATS**



**BOYS SQUASH**

*Standing Left to Right: B. Ilsley, D. Thorndyke.  
Seated Left to Right: Mrs. Platt, R. Kühner, K. Deats (Capt), Mr. J.R. Metcalfe.*



## INTER-HOUSE GYMNASTIC 1976

Near the end of the second term this year a group of "unlikely girls" (quote from school newspaper) got together to make a second attempt at an Inter-house Gymnastics Competition.

At first there was a lack of interest and spirit was completely non-existent, but thanks to Miss Stockton's hard work and encouragement, the 'unlikely girls' began to develop into gymnasts.

Although we trained hard at least two or three hours a day, sometimes even on Saturdays, we still found time to enjoy ourselves. One rainy Tuesday afternoon we piled into a school kombi to go and watch the USA team and the Springboks practising for their international gymnastics contest. After having got hopelessly lost and finally arriving late, we felt it was all worth it as we left the Film Trust Arena filled with enthusiasm born of inspiration.

Two days before 'D-night' the frantic practising started, as did the tension.

During the competition itself Claire Winterton excelled herself, attaining 35½ out of a possible 40 points. Second place was awarded to Tracey Cole; Alison de Vries and Isa Naafs tied for third place.

The evening of gymnastics went off very well even though not all the girls were at their best. But, all in all, the hours of practice had been well worth it and we were all really sorry when it was over and would like to do it all over again.

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### GYMNASTICS TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right):* M. Dor, D. Liebbrandt, J. Smith, C. Winterton, D. Solomon.  
*Middle Row:* A. de Vries, J. Kelly, I. Naafs, K. Seddon, D. Gennrich (Captain), K. Conradie.  
*Front Row:* V. Grundlingh, T. Cole, D. Prenaar, Miss N. Stockton, H. Dingemans, K. Allan.



## FENCING SOCIETY

Although we have been without a coach this year we have managed surprisingly well. During the first term two fencers, Keven James and Hamilton McMillan, attended a coaching course and became Transvaal Junior coaches. Armed with this knowledge they took over the Fencing Club and their experience at the course soon began to show results.

During the second term there were many competitions and in these P. Landby, Captain of the Girls' Team, proved that she could be an aggressive and skilful fencer. During this time K. Jones and P. Landby were both chosen to represent the Transvaal in the South African Individual Championships. Unfortunately K. James was sick on the big day but P. Landby carried the school's name to honour when she earned sixth place in the South African Girls' Foil and narrowly missed a chance to represent South Africa in the Spitzer Games in Israel.

Then came the Len Spede Cup with K. James and P. Landby both doing very well, in the men's épée and ladies' foil respectively. On 25 September K. James and P. Landby attended another course by Mike Stafford, a coach from England, who later also visited the school.

The next step in the ladder was the Transvaal School Teams' Competition, held at our school on 16 October. This was won by Sandown with Bryanston coming third.

Our main problem during this year has been a lack of equipment or money with which to buy it, but we have many fund-raising projects underway.

### K. JAMES COACH AND CAPTAIN, BOYS' TEAM



#### GIRLS' FENCING

(Left to Right): J. Cooper, J. Heffer, F. Jones, P. Landby.



#### BOYS' FENCING

(Left to Right): A. Brombacher, K. Jones, J. Randal-Smith.



## RUGBY 1976

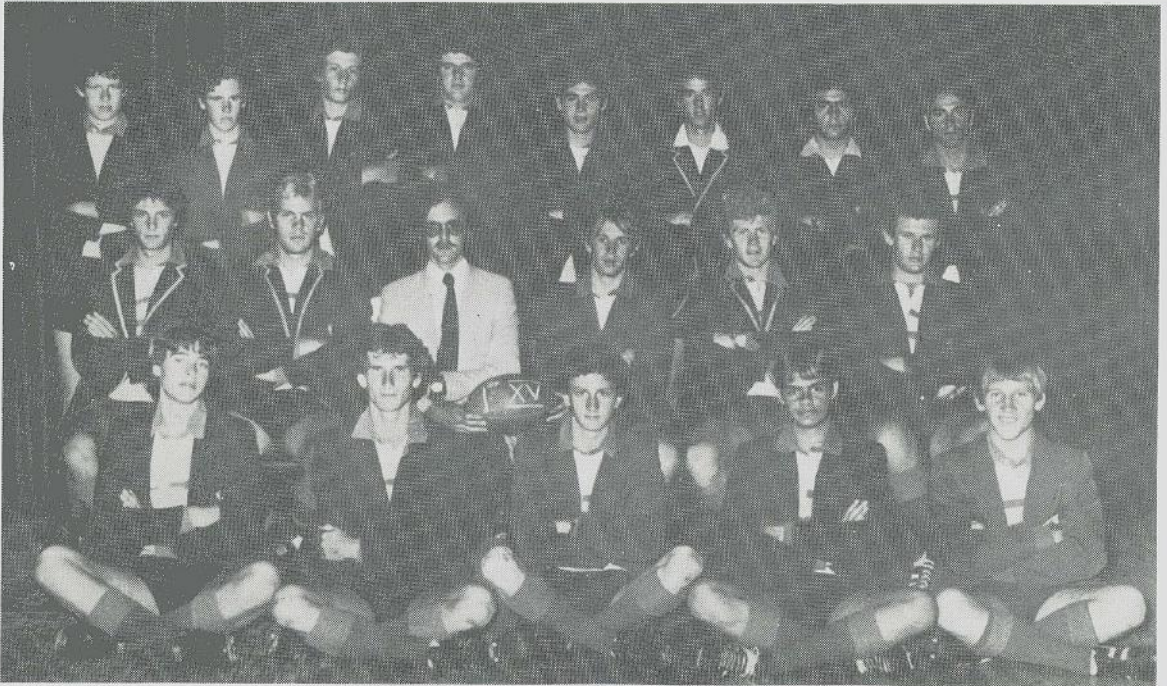
### First XV

A successful season? Some say no, others say yes. If one isolates the results then the answer is no. However, if results alone are to determine the success or failure of a season, then matters are pretty bad.

In fairness to the school, the coach and, most important, the boys, we must look at the First Team achievements in the proper perspective. At any time of the season there were never more than three matric boys in the team, usually even fewer. In fact, nine of the team members had played U 15 the previous year. This means that sixteen-year-old boys were playing against much older boys in nearly all of the matches. Taking this into account and also the tremendous difference between U 15 and Open Rugby, our boys must be said to have performed pretty well. It was the year during which our matrics were not leaders in rugby, but fortunately also a year in which the tremendous potential of the Form Fours was discovered. In 1977 we will have seventeen boys with First Team experience back at Bryanston High so next year's season should be a very good one.

1976 was not a year of individual stars except, perhaps, for John Lindoorn. Although essentially a team player he is a magnificent asset to the team. He also reached the finals of the Craven Week trials. Another player who played very well throughout the season was Steven Ellis who was the leading try scorer. Congratulations to both Steven and John who were awarded school colours.

The season started with a very enjoyable tour to Natal where we played five matches. It was a great tour except for the match against Lyn Park in which we were narrowly beaten in rainy conditions to which we in the Transvaal are not used. Socially, however, even the rain could not dampen our spirits. The boys got to know each other and many friendships developed on tour. Women's Lib was out and on the second day of the tour Harold Arnesen had one of the young female residents at the hotel washing and ironing his rugby kit. After this he was known as "Cool-hand Harry". Rory and Paul were the lover boys of the tour although Paul had a nasty fright when his lass started to get serious! All in all it was a great tour which showed a very good spirit and exemplary behaviour.



### FIRST RUGBY TEAM

*Back Row (Left to Right):* G. Bishop, M. Landby, K. Calder, C. Walls, P. Fuller,  
B. Ilsley, A. Stylianides, B. Steenkamp.

*Middle Row:* A. Rickleton, J. Lindoorn (Vice-Captain), Mr A. Katzew, R. McKenna (Captain),  
S. Ellis, H. Arnesen.

*Front Row:* W. Essex-Clarke, G. Renwick, G. Futchter, D. Thorndyke, G. Ernsten.



## Second and Third XV

Both teams had a fair amount of success with the Seconds winning more than half of their games. One of their best performances was against Greenside. After having been 18 - 6 down at half time, they managed to pull the score up to 18 all by the end of the match and were unlucky not to have won. Players to watch for First Team honours are Mark Silverman, Alistair McKenzie and Lyndsay de Villiers.

### U15 A

As a result of a slightly delayed start to the season, our team lost the first few games. It was still evident, however, that there was a tremendous potential waiting to be developed. The players' fine spirit, assisted by the good captaincy of Jonathan Andrews and Vice-Captaincy of Paul Steyn, quickly developed the team into a winning combination.

Our forwards were seldom equalled and once the three-quarters had found their positions, outstanding and exciting rugby was inevitable.

Matches against Hyde Park and Greenside were highlights of the season, the former for attractive rugby, the latter for hard, efficient and relentless play.

Players deserving mention are J. Andrews, P. Steyn, W. Meyer, R. de Villiers, and Connedaris, although the success of the team was due to a team effort.

### U15 B

Our team took quite a while to settle down and became a winning combination, but we soon found that we matched every team we met. Our forwards were seldom equalled and it was only the isolated handling or defensive error by the three-quarters that cost us our matches.

In the second game we played we lost 84 - 0 and, bad though this might seem, this score forms such a large percentage of the points scored against us, that it can be seen that the team improved tremendously and actually fared very well.

Team spirit was very high, attendance at practices never dropped off and, assisted by good performances from Halligan, Ilesley, Allison and good rugby by the entire team, this season became one which we will not easily forget.



SECOND RUGBY TEAM



THIRD RUGBY TEAM



U/15 A RUGBY TEAM



U/15 B RUGBY TEAM



### U14 Rugby

The U14 A and B Teams had, from the point of view of results, an unsatisfactory season. Of the fifteen games each team played, the A Team managed to win two and the B Team 3. While the teams were, in many cases, admittedly outweighed and outclassed, they were too easily demoralised and refused to struggle after losing the initiative. The results would have looked a lot healthier had the boys shown greater aggression in tackling, a department of the game in which they did not shine.

All was not gloom, however, and some very exciting matches were played. It is hoped that the improvements shown towards the end of the season will be carried forward to next year when the teams campaign as the U15s.

### U13 Rugby

The season started off with big scores against us. The trouble was that our boys seemed so often to be outweighed by their opponents.

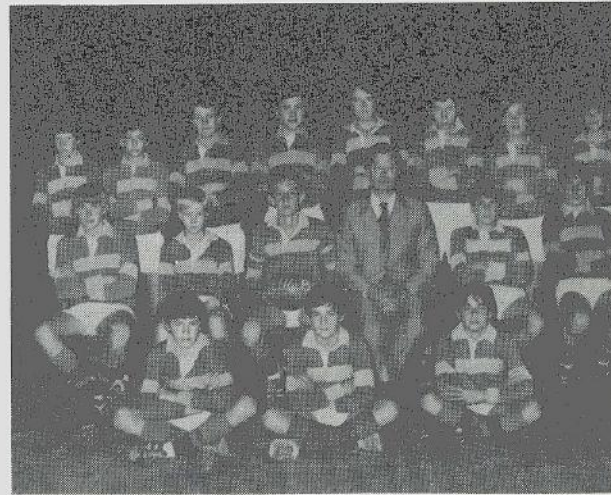
Later during the season, though, things started to look up and they even started to stand up against their bigger opponents.

This was due to the fact that boys made up for what they lacked in size by skill and wits. We also all learned the lesson that fitness counts more than size.

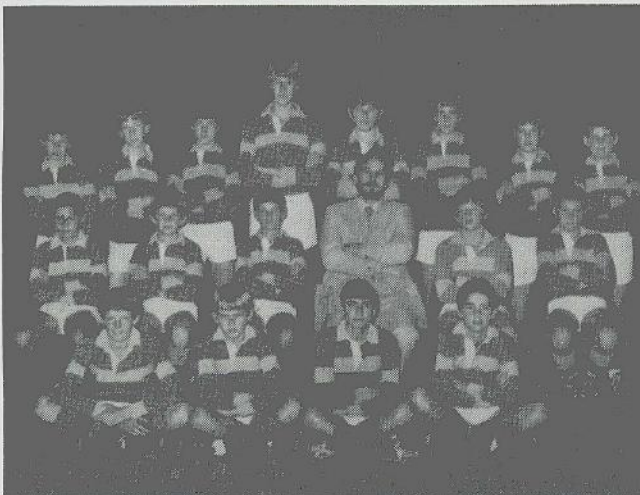
The U13s have a lot of potential and could develop into the backbone of rugby at Bryanston High School.



U/14 A RUGBY TEAM



U/14 B RUGBY TEAM



U/13 A RUGBY TEAM



U/13 B RUGBY TEAM



## CRICKET

### First XI

The First Cricket Team have enjoyed a reasonably successful season. Their technique, confidence and ability have improved as a result of professional coaching. In the first instance we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr Richard Lumb, the Yorkshire opening batsman who was named as one of the outstanding younger players in English County Cricket. Latterly the coaching of the ex-Springbok, Mr Xenophon Balaskas, has proved invaluable.

Our captain, Ian Rickleton, was chosen for the Johannesburg North side for the Ken Viljoen Week and was awarded school colours. Good performances have also been recorded by Mark Dixon, Grant Renwick, Louis Kling, Peter Grönn, Bruce Ilsley, Keith Calder and Colin Gibson.

**Masters-in-Charge:** Mr D. A. Scott and Mr H. Bongartz.

#### RESULTS:

##### vs. HYDE PARK:

Hyde Park — 204 for 6 dec.  
Bryanston — 206 for 4; Kling, 86 n.o.; Renwick 35 n.o.

##### vs. WOODMEAD:

Bryanston — 120 for 8 dec.; Dixon, 38.  
Woodmead — 45 all out; Renwick, 7 - 13.

##### vs. KING DAVID LINKSFIELD:

King David — 144 for 6 dec.  
Bryanston — 55 for 5.  
Match drawn.

##### vs. WOODMEAD:

Woodmead — 94 all out; Rickleton, 5 - 7.  
Bryanston — 96 for 3; Rickleton, 35; Grönn 23 n.o.

##### vs. NORTHLIFF:

Northcliff — 285 for 6 dec.; M. Bacher 235.  
Bryanston — 71 all out; Rickleton, 22.

##### vs. NORTHVIEW:

Bryanston — 152 for 1 dec.; Dixon, 81 n.o.; Rickleton, 55.  
Northview — 62 for 4.  
Match drawn.

##### vs. NYLSTROOM HOERSKOOL:

Bryanston — 160 for 9 dec.; Dixon, 55; Gibson, 22 n.o.  
Nylstroom — 79 all out; Calder, 6 - 30; Gibson 2 - 7.

##### vs. SANDOWN:

Bryanston — 130 for 5 (35 overs); Ilsley, 26.  
Sandown — 131 for 3; Gibson 3 - 31.

##### COMBINED FIRSTS AND SECONDS

##### vs. BLAIRGOWRIE:

Blairgowrie — 54 all out.  
Bryanston — 44 all out; Thorndike, 17.

### SECOND AND U15 TEAMS

These two teams were very enthusiastic and displayed a lot of good team spirit.

There is a lot of potential in both teams and the professional coaching which they received during the season did a lot to encourage players and lay a good foundation for the future.

### U14 XI

This team showed a very good and mature approach to the game and went about both their matches and their practices with a seriousness which would have been commendable in much older players.

They played against some pretty stiff opposition and held their own well with some outstanding bowling spearheaded by Bodley and Renwick. The Captain of the team, G. Lance, set an excellent example to his teammates, both as a cricketer and as a leader.

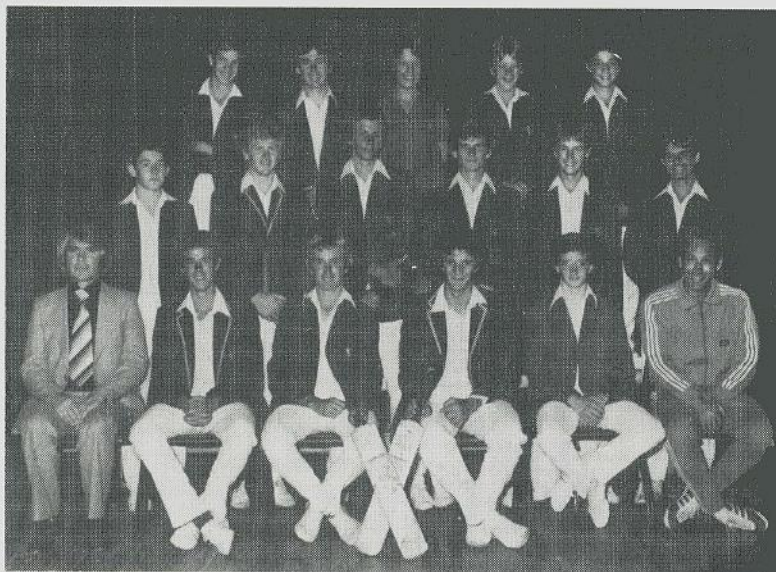
**Master-in-Charge:** Mr H. Louw

### U13 XI

The U13 Team started off a little uncertainly in the first term but it was not too long before the players settled down under the able captaincy of Russell Snyman. A weak batting line-up has often led to the top order batsmen being given the responsibility of scoring all the runs. This has, on occasion, led to a collapse in the batting.

The standard of fielding has generally been good and a number of bowlers appear to be developing into the sort of cricketers batsmen learn to fear.

**Master-in-Charge:** Mr N. Champion.



FIRST CRICKET XI

*Back Row (Left to Right):* M. Goch, L. Kling, C. Benaude, P. Grönn, M. Conadaris.  
*Middle Row:* C. Gibson, S. Ellis, C. Calder, G. Renwick, A. McKenzie, D. Thorndyke.  
*Front Row:* Mr D. Scott, B. Ilsley, M. Dixon, I. Rickleton (Captain), G. Fletcher, Mr H. Bongartz.



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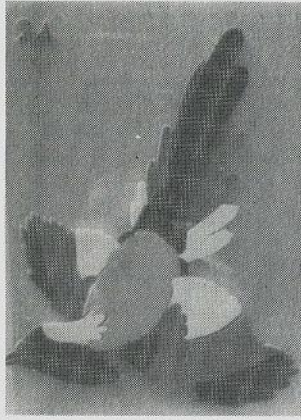
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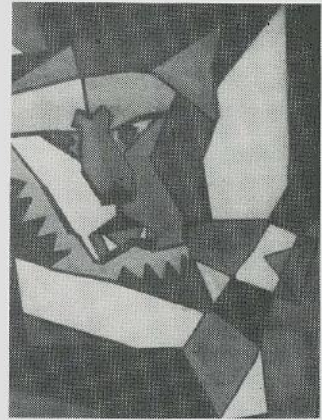
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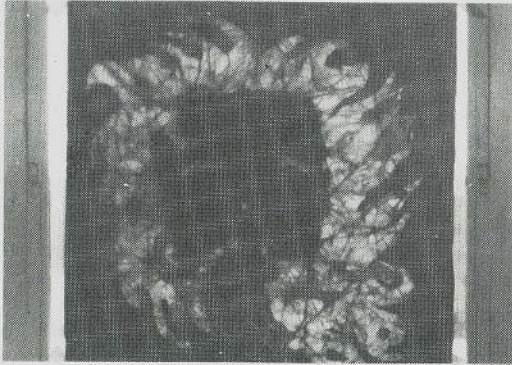
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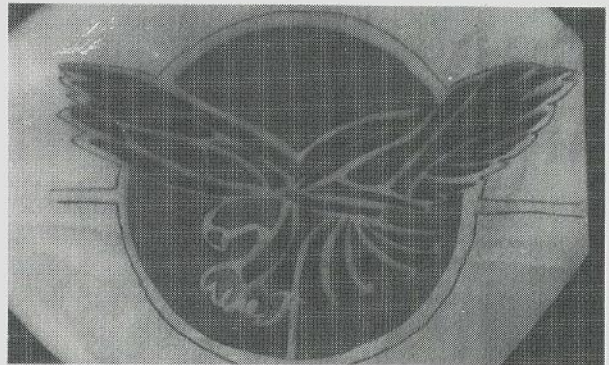
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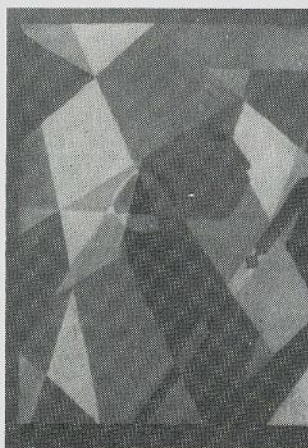
'Batik' Paula Tenty Form III



Stained Glass Window in progress  
Richard v.d. Ham Form III



'The Dancers' Batik  
Suzanne von Hellemoudt



African Design  
Chantal Smuts Form IV



Stylized Owl  
Paula Tenty Form III



## THE LAST SOLDIER

“Number 60429, go to entrance 15. Entrance 15! Red alert — enemy attacking!” Number 60429 ran quickly down the dimly-lit corridors, twisting and turning as they were, and wondered a little who was attacking them this time. But he had little time to wonder because, as he rounded the next corner, he saw the massed fighting ahead. The two sides were barely distinguishable with hand-to-hand combat taking place and the overall effect of squirming bodies.

There seemed to be more of the enemy. Dressed in black, they were slowly pushing their way forward through the red figures, but leaving many dead or dying bodies behind them.

“Number 60429, what are you doing?” demanded the voice in his brain. “Go fight! Go help defend your castle, your home! Why do you just stand up there and watch your friends die?”

“They’re hardly my friends,” 60429 said out loud. “They’re all the same — their clothes, their minds. How can anyone be friends with such automations?” Hardly were the words out of his mouth than he heard the word in his head: “Treason! 60429 is planning treason!”

“No!” he protested loudly, and ran down to join the fight, the chaos.

The red figures were being slowly pushed back and the ones in black had a look of triumph on their faces already. 60429 fought frantically, hitting out at any enemy who came before him. “Retreat!” he shouted to his fellows. “Retreat!”

The voice in his head screamed: “Are you giving up? You coward! Fight where you are! Fight until they walk straight over you but NEVER RETREAT!”

But they had to. The enemy numbers were overwhelming. As 60429 reached a rise in the ground and looked behind the enemy lines his knees nearly gave in. Behind were millions more of these black figures, waving their arms, ready to fight.

60429 looked around — their own numbers were limited. “We must flee,” he thought, but the voice in his head drove him on: “Flee? You coward! Fight! Protect your queen! Protect her with all you’ve got! Fight until the last soldier is dead — FIGHT!”

On they fought, for what seemed like hours, as their masses dwindled and became exhausted. The black soldiers came on relentlessly, never seeming to tire, pushing the small red army before them — back through the thin corridors, and as they got nearer the centre of the castle and the queen’s chamber, the red figures grew more and more frantic. They knew that at all costs their queen was to be protected, even if that cost was their own lives.

60429 turned around and pushed his way through to the back of the soldiers. This didn’t take long. He was exhausted. He realised he was one of the lucky ones since he had not been killed yet but that didn’t cheer him up much.

“It’s useless,” he thought. “We must barricade a doorway, fill up the corridor so that the black soldiers can’t come through.”

He dragged himself on, looking for a place that would suit his purpose.

“60429, what are you doing? Are you walking away from the fight? Coward! Fight! Fight until the last soldier falls. . .” 60429 turned off the voice in his head by ignoring it, and walked on.

He knew the entrance to the queen’s chamber as all the soldiers had been shown it, but never before had any of them been allowed in. Now 60429 walked in boldly. Before him lay the queen looking like a big white slug, her belly extended, laying more and more eggs. There was no-one now to carry them away. 60429 looked at her with disgust. Was this what they had been dying for — this quivering hulk of jelly? He felt sick. He wanted to run and tell the others, all the other red ants, but he could hear that they were finished. The black ants were advancing quickly up the passage now.

“The last soldier,” he thought. “I am the last soldier.” He had a choice — stay and fight for this disgusting queen, or flee to safety. He turned around and walked out at the other side of the chamber. He didn’t look back to see the queen bulging in fear but, with feelers extended, he ran lightly down the passageway.

ELIZABETH BARRATT 5D.



## FREEDOM

Freedom is a word which has been given much prominence in our society. When restrictions are applied those who apply them are accused of bringing about a 'lack of freedom'. When censorship is imposed it is called a 'lack of freedom to decide for ourselves'. When religious intolerance is found it is called a 'lack of freedom to worship'. Very seldom is freedom, as a word, used in a positive sense. Why is this?

Could it be that we, as a society, only notice freedom when it is not there? If so, why have we grown so accustomed to freedom that only the lack of it worries us? People blame it on the permissiveness of society prevalent in the world today. It seem that we, as products of permissiveness, have come to believe that total freedom must be allowed, that total freedom is the only acceptable way of life. But is it freedom when everyone can do his own 'thing'? I put forward the idea that it is not. Let us examine some situations and you, the reader, will come to, I hope, the same conclusion.

To have total freedom one must have no restrictions at all. In this case laws would have to become invalid. There would, then, be nothing to stop the compulsive murderer from 'doing his own thing'. He could murder whomsoever he liked, when he liked, if, for that matter, he liked. It follows quite logically, then, that the rest of society would have no freedom because they would not be free from fear — fear that it could be anyone who was next on the murderer's list. If we have fear then we do not have complete freedom so we must conclude that a lack of any restrictions whatsoever will not give us true freedom.

To have freedom, one could say, there should be no censorship. Every adult should be allowed to decide for himself what he thinks is good and healthy for him to see. There are members of our community, however, who would use this freedom to their own ends and abuse it and there are also others who could be hurt and upset by the blasphemies and other tasteless things which they might have to face. In this case, the latter would not be free from those things which could upset them emotionally.

The communists believe that religion is a threat to their way of life. That is why they persecute the 'believers'. Let us say, now, that we were to insist on freedom of religion in Russia, that everyone in that country should be allowed to choose his religion and practise it freely — would we not, then, be imposing a threat on the beliefs of the communists? They would then be even less free than they are now because they would not be free from the threat of the destruction of their ideal.

The reader will see that, from whichever angle one approaches this subject, there can be no such thing as complete freedom, freedom with no restraints at all, for even what we might consider to be desirable freedom, could adversely affect the freedom of someone else.

In conclusion, I would like to go to the extremes. Time regulates our lives. "You must finish your exam within two hours." In this case time is an oppressor — but total 'freedom' must be free from oppression, therefore, time should be abolished. Imagine what chaos would ensue!

I have gone through four situations in which we could say there would be 'total freedom' and have tried to show that, in each case, the result would be a lack of freedom in other ways. I think, therefore, that we can say that the trend towards total freedom is a useless ideal since it cannot be achieved.

MARC NICOLIN 5D.

## VICTORIA!

Heri Caesar pugnam Galiae superavit. Nullus miles Romanus ex acie fugit. MDXLI Romani ceciderunt et nos MMMMMM barbaris interfecimus. Captivi multi capti sunt et in foro servorum vedentur. Caesar media nocte oppugnavit et hostes superavit. Quanquam Gallis plus virorum fuerent, legio XII fortior erat. Caesar dipium Romuli sex militem suorum tribuit.

### English Translation

## VICTORY!

Yesterday Caesar won the Battle of Gaul. Not one Roman soldier fled from the line of battle. There were 1541 Romans dead and we slayed 7000 of the barbarians. Many captives were taken and will be sold at the slave market. Caesar attacked at midnight and overcame the enemy. Although the Gauls had more men, the 12th legion was braver. Caesar bestowed the Romulus medal upon six of his generals.

E. VAN AMMERS 2G.



## THE LAST SOLDIER

The 1998 war had really begun four years ago. I was fifteen years old then and eager to fight for my country. The only neutral countries in the war were Sweden, Belgium, Switzerland and Norway. All the rest of the world had taken sides and it seemed obvious that Eastern World would win the war but, by some strange twist in fate, the Western Powers had gained the upper hand. There was only one problem — armaments: a serious shortage of rifles, tanks and bombs. Whenever one of the enemy was killed, or one of our comrades-in-arms was killed, we had to retrieve all his weapons and ammunition so that a new recruit could be equipped.

I had just turned eighteen when I was called up to join the army. I joined the new recruits and we boarded an aeroplane which took us to our base in Mexico where we underwent training, without rifles. Every night at about half-past seven an aeroplane would land and off-load uniforms, rifles and other equipment which had all belonged to deceased soldiers. These were then issued to us the next morning. It was dreadful to receive one of these uniforms. They had just been taken off the soldiers and brought to us as they were, torn and blood-stained, without any effort to clean them at all — there was no time. The pockets were not even cleaned out. I remember having received letters from my father about this, and having been horrifyingly thrilled. Imagine receiving a dead man's uniform, filled with a dead man's possessions! Perhaps he had things of value in his pockets! But now that it was a reality, having to wear a dead man's uniform, seeing the dried blood where the bullet had entered and, if the bullet had passed straight through him, the larger hole where it had exited. The men would then wash their uniforms and patch them up as best they could, but there were few who did not feel ill at ease wearing them.

I received my rifle first. I was grateful that it wasn't a uniform because I couldn't face having to turn out the pockets and fix the uniform to make it look new. A few of my friends had received both their rifles and their uniforms and they left with the first batch of soldiers to enter into the war. Like my father, I was over six feet tall and I was informed that I would have to wait until they received a uniform which would fit me.

A week later I was issued with a uniform. There was a bullet-hole on the left-hand side, just where the last soldier's heart had been. The blood had dried and caked around the hole and there was a sash of dried blood where the stomach had been. Gingerly I picked it up. The pockets were still full of his possessions. I went to my tent where I filled a large bath, full of water, to wash myself rather than the uniform. I emptied the pockets onto my stretcher and then threw the disgusting uniform into the water. I found some washing powder and poured nearly the whole packet into the water. The water turned a brownish colour. When I was satisfied that the uniform was clean enough and that all the blood had been washed off, I hung it up to dry.

Idly I went over to my stretcher to sort through the things I had dropped there. A pang of uneasiness went through me. I noticed a watch — I recognised that watch. No! It couldn't be. I picked it up and turned it over to look at the inscription: 'Desmond Walters — 21st November 1968'.

The last soldier who had worn this uniform had been my father.

BEVERLEY DAVIES 5D.

## JUST A THOUGHT

I shuddered. A wispy cobweb melted into my face. The disturbed bats fluttered from their upside-down perches and I groaned. My footsteps seemed to be planted in space, for every step I took would lead me to the unknown.

I suddenly wished that I had eaten every solitary, single carrot that my mother had given me. Perhaps then I would have been able to see in this dark, ominous cave. I wanted to cry, to scream, to laugh, to die. How had I got myself lost here in the first place? What was I doing in this damp, deep hole? I knew then that I should never have entered that tunnel.

A trickle of water brought me back to my senses. Then I stumbled over something. The bats seemed to resent my presence. They suddenly stirred up a raucous commotion. I was scared, I admit.

Then I saw it. I ran toward as does a man toward water in the desert. I knew then that I was not going to die. It was a beam of daylight. I stood beneath the shaft and looked into the bluest sky. I clambered up the wall, trying to pull myself through the small hole, out of the cave and back to life. Then something clawed my leg, pulling it, pulling me back into the cave, pulling my leg — just as I am pulling yours!

A. VAN STRAATEN FORM 3.



## THE BALLROOM

Mozart seems  
alive again  
tapping silver  
shoes swirl  
tuxedos stun  
ladies giggle  
the wallowing music  
fills the room  
with perfume  
wafting flowers  
champagne flows  
atmosphere false  
lights dimming  
scintillating eyes gaze  
white lace and dresses  
carnations red  
pink lips shine  
dainty fans  
fold open  
everyday talk  
highlights evening  
music fades  
it is late.

A. VAN STRAATEN FORM 3.

## AT THE GOING DOWN

Upon that shrine  
of muted stone,  
red poppies haze the early showers  
in their quiet remembrance.  
Across the square  
a box is home.  
And there three days  
Mrs Smail,  
cold yes,  
but no longer frail —  
hard across the kitchen floor  
where she had fallen.  
How can they remember the dead,  
when they don't yet remember the living?

KATHY SEDDON 4C.

## POEM

As dawn was beginning to bloom,  
I found a flower,  
a blue flower,  
and I picked it  
and held it to my lips,  
and wished that God had made my life  
so simple.

KATHY SEDDON 4C.

## JUNE 1976

I worry about boyfriends  
— which one do I like most?  
We sit and skinner. . .  
Those kids worry about their rights  
being told they are to be taught in a second language  
which is not their own,  
could cause them to fail,  
their lives to be ruined.  
They stand and demonstrate. . .  
they can only live where we say they can  
they can only go to certain cinemas  
certain hotels  
certain shops  
they get paid less, even if they work harder.

What do I do about it?

. . . save up and buy

myself a hi-fi.

Full marks.

You're coming on, kid

learning the art of selfishness

learning ways to forget the problems of the world

drowning yourself in petty goals and stupid worries.

No wonder the world's like this if there's more than one of you!

ELIZABETH BARRATT 5D.

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## THE TRAGEDY

“My son, my son — oh, my son! Sixteen years old, in the flower of his youth! The Commies did it — I knew they’d get us; they did it!”

The door opened. “Ellen, Ellen — he is going to be okay.” The man’s grin faded as the vacant stare turned to the wall once more.

“David, my son — they got you, the Commies got you!”

“Ellen, pull yourself together — he’s fine, okay, alright.”

“David, my son, my only son,” she wailed. The men in white coats came to fetch her.

Images flashed through her mind — wild, disconnected images, green men, the hammer and sickle, the motorbike turning over and over, the lad lying limp in her arms . . . colours and images.

“Well, Doctor, when will she come out?”

“You must understand, Mr. Rome, that she does not wish to come out; the regressive tendencies could mean that she will never come out.”

She began to dance, dance with the image of her dead son. He watched her from the observation window; the tears were bottled up inside him . . . he was too old to cry, too young to get drunk with dignity. His father wept unashamedly. The young man broke away and rushed from the sanatorium.

When they found him the gun was still warm; the hole was neat, right through the head.

His father never attended the funeral — in fact, they put him into the cell right next to his wife’s. He was forever using his index finger to shoot himself in the temple; he died a thousand deaths while she danced like a dervish with her son’s image until she dropped. Every Wednesday they were put together in hope, but they never saw each other. He went on dying and she went on dancing to the music in her head.

DEANE STUART 4E.

## COUNTRY OF THE BLIND

We neatly manoeuvred our Jaguar into a parking space, opened the door and stepped gingerly over a puddle. We walked along the pavement wrinkling our noses in disgust at the smell. We were oblivious to everything except our own discomfort.

A few children played in the street. They had no shoes. Their ‘clothes’ were torn. They were dirty. We did not see them.

Above the shops were flats. At a few windows lights were burning. Most of the windows were curtainless or, if there were curtains, they were in shreds. The walls of the buildings were unpainted and cracked. The only spots of colour were provided by the graffiti on the walls and the odd sign proclaiming a sale. Of course, we never saw the buildings.

From one window could be heard the shouts of two people arguing. A warped gramophone record was playing somewhere and a train hooted nearby.

As we hurried along the pavement a grubby little boy asked for some money. We neatly side-stepped, being careful not to brush against him, and hurried on as though we had not noticed him.

At last we reached the theatre. We hurried into a different world, a world of gay, happy people, a world of the rich. Our world. The only world.

After the show we went and ate dinner. There was wine, prawns and, to finish off, ice cream. The prawns were not so nice and, anyway, we were not really very hungry so we left a few over. We talked and laughed and generally pretended that we were the only people in the world.

It was dark outside. It was a little chilly so we clutched our coats tightly around us. A drunk lay across the pavement causing us to sidestep him which was most inconvenient.

From many of the windows came the sounds of people arguing; from others the screams of babies could be heard. Many of the windows were not lighted even though the occupants were obviously at home. There were no street lights, a fact that we cursed as we could not see the puddles.

At last we reached safety. We climbed into our Jaguar and hurriedly drove home. We, like many thousands of other people, had not seen the hungry looks of the people standing at the windows. We never saw the children clothed in rags. Why should we want to see these things? We were blind to them, just as many other people are.

We drove home to Bryanston.

P. NETSCHER 4C.

## RELIEF

The boy shrugs his shoulders as if to throw off the cold winter elements that surround him. He kicks at the dust with his worn shoes and thinks back to yesterday's practice. He wonders if the master will say to him: "Don't bother to come to A-Team practice today." He remembers the try which the B-Team scored. "It wasn't really my fault," he says to himself. He scowls at the ground as he walks into the class. The master looks up and says:

"I'll see you at A-Team practice this afternoon, won't I?"

M. GOCH 3A.

### FIRELIGHT

I like to sit by the fire and stare  
At the curious things I can see in there;  
It's better than pictures in a picture book,  
To sit by the fire and look and look.  
I can't see the things Anne can see — Anne, she's  
seven, but I'm just three:  
Faces and rivers and forests, and all —  
Anne's enormous but I'm quite small.  
But the fire makes a nice sort of creaky song;  
It popsles as if it were running along;  
It talks quite softly and means to say:  
"I know a nice quiet game to play."  
I don't want to jump and I don't want to shout.  
Mummy says: "What are you thinking about?"  
But I'm not thinking, I just like to sit  
Still by the fire and staring at it.

FRITH WALLIS 3A.

### POEM

I told them, "Stay away!"  
I told them, "Don't go near!"  
But no, the gaping bulk of human flesh  
Drew near to the infested, gasping beast.  
"You can do nothing!" I tried again.  
But no, the multitude of crawling people  
Closed in to see the demise of  
An animal overpowered by disease.  
"Go home or you will be the dying ones!"  
But no, the swarming mass of human flesh  
Just had to see the heart give in  
And leave the beast to rest.  
And only, when the gasping beast's last breath  
was heard  
Did the mass of living tissue  
Begin to leave with sullen faces.  
But no, they would be sniggering by the time  
that they got home.

L. DYKHOUSE 3A.

## IF I WERE THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Firstly, I would not like to be the richest man in the world. I would not like to be the poorest either, but 'just sommer' is the right expression to describe it although it is not Shakespearean English. In Shakespeare I suppose it would be:

'Money may be the husk of things  
but not the kernel:  
it brings food but not appetite,  
days of joy but not of peace and happiness.'

But, if I were the richest man in the world, this is what I would do. I would buy an enormous estate and on it I would put some wild-life. The land near the house — correction, 'mansion' — would be beautiful lawns and terraces. At the bottom of the lawns I would have a river with trout in it, flowing down to a dam where the wild-life could come to drink. I would have a few hippos and crocodiles in the dam and have an underwater room where one could go and sit and watch the hippos and crocodiles in the dam.

Now, the mansion: I would have the most antiques in the world, ranging from organs to mirrors, to tinderboxes, to cars. Yes, I would have so many vintage cars that I would have to get a hangar to keep them all in. I would restore the cars myself and then sell some of them.

I would also take flying lessons and have a private landing strip. I would buy a Tiger Moth (an old aeroplane used in World War I) and fly all over the place to go on holidays. I would have so many servants that I would need only to clap my hands and the servants would come running. I would not have to go to work and so all day I would sit on the terrace in the sun being waited on by maids.

I would become fat, lazy, drunk, spotty from all the chocolates I would eat, greedy, divorce my wife, spoil my children and, worst of all, be dead bored. No, I don't think it would be worth it at all.

R. PENDER 1A.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

It is not often that a teacher feels moved to award full marks to a student for a project which he has done. This, however, was the case recently when Martin Groves, Form 3C, handed in an assignment on "Ulcers in the Digestive Tract". Unfortunately it is not possible to print the full text of his assignment but we would like to include an extract from this excellent piece of research.

### **Gastric ulcer — Ulcer of the Stomach**

**Disease:** Ulcer or erosion of the stomach lining. Such ulcers may erode the whole thickness of the stomach wall (perforated ulcer).

**Causes:** When any degenerative change takes place in the mucous membrane of the stomach the part is less able to resist the action of the gastric juices upon it, and is apt to undergo disintegration the more readily. An ulcer is formed. This ulcer is usually of small size, 5 to 25 mm in diameter, of round or oval form, and tends to advance, not superficially, but to penetrate through the coats of the stomach. Its most usual site is upon the posterior wall towards the upper or lower curvature of the stomach and near to the pyloric orifice. This is the point at which the mucous membrane is subjected to most friction by the food as it leaves the stomach. The ulcer may undergo a healing process at any stage. It may leave little trace of its existence. Its scar may produce such an amount of contraction as to lead to narrowing of the pylorus and later dilation of the stomach. Usually there is only one ulcer but sometimes there are more.

**Treatment:** Very careful dieting is required. In the early stages milk is the chief article of diet. It is best mixed with lime-water or soda-water. Small feeds every two hours, starting off with milk, or equal parts of milk and cream, must be given gradually working up to a diet which the individual can take while going about daily work.

Surgical treatment, usually in the form of removal of that part of the stomach containing the ulcer, is indicated: i) in the case of the ulcer perforating; ii) in the presence of severe pyloric obstruction; iii) in the absence of satisfactory response to medical treatment.

## DIE SEE

Die magtige, wydgestrekte see is die mees asemrowende gesig wat ek ken. Dit is asof hy nooit vermoeid is nie en slegs "sy swaar gehyg verneem die tyd". Op 'n winderige dag vlieg die wit wolkies oor die see, Die hemel weerkaats op die water en dit gee mens 'n rustige gevoel in jou hart.

Die golwe spoel oor die sagte sand. Die sussende geluid van die golwe laat jou dink dat die golwe moeg is en wil rus na 'n onstuimige nag. Klein en groot skulpe en wit steentjies glinster soos kristalle op die nat sand.

Elke keer as 'n brander breek, spoel skuim tot op die goue strand. Dit maak 'n rand van wit skuim op die strand. Die volgende brander rol in tot op die sand en stoot die skuim verder weg.

Op die rotse, maak die see-anemone hulle blaartjies toe totdat die volgende golf oor hulle spoel om hulle te wek en te voed. Die seegras wuif vir my. 'n Seemeeu se veer sweef deur die lug totdat dit sag op die strand val.

Op die horison lyk die skepe soos drywende saadjies en hulle lyk so eensaam alhoewel almal êrens heen gaan, waar hulle hartlik verwelkom word.

Die son sit hoog en brand op die goue duine. Die dag word ouer en die woeste krag van die see word aan ons bekend gemaak. Die branders slaan hard teen die rotse, sproeireën word weggeslinger, skuim rol nou wild tot op die strand en 'n seemeeu se kreet weergalm in my ore. Dit is die roepstein van die vloed. Koue sproeireën word berghoog geblaas. 'n Anker en 'n stuk dryfhout van 'n skeepswrak word op die strand gesmyt.

Skemer sak oor die aarde neer en die oseaan trek homself terug. Die maan kom baie stadig op en die see kalmeer asof die maan die aan hom gesê het. Die golwe rol verskrik tot op die strand. Die geluid van roeispane en onbekende stemme van verliefdes vloei saam met die sussende geluide van die see.

Golwe omhels mekaar. Skaduwees verflou. Die water is verlig en die swart lug met sy glinsterende sterretjies weerkaats in die water.

Die groot geel halfmaan hang laag oor die see en sy strale kus die see want in die ooste dans die son. 'n Nuwe dag met sy misterie breek!

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## PADVEILIGHEID

Nie lank gelede nie, was daar 'n artikel in die Huisgenoot oor padveiligheid in Suid-Afrika. Daarin is die mening uitgespreek dat daar te veel ongelukke in ons land voorkom omdat die motorbestuurders nie weet hoe om veilig te bestuur nie. Hiermee stem ek heeltemal saam.

Ongelukke gebeur net omdat 'n bestuurder nie oppas nie of dit nie wil doen nie. By 'n kruising ry baie motorbestuurders teen die rooi lig deur. As die ander motors nou reeds teen geel begin ry, kan daar maklik 'n botsing voorkom. Net so min word ook stopstrate opgemerk. Al hierdie dinge behoort nooit te gebeur nie.

By die snelheidsbeperking van 60 km per uur word hier ook nie gehou nie. As mense te vinnig in stede ry, kan hulle voetgangers en ander motorbestuurders in gevaar stel. Daarby word dikwels baie onskuldige persone beseer. Ek is nie teen 'n hoër snelheid as 80 km per uur op grootpaaie nie, want hulle is daar om vinnig van een plek na die ander te kom. Anders kan ons ook sonder hulle klaarkom.

Die hele probleem van padveiligheid in Suid-Afrika begin daarmee dat 'n mens te maklik 'n rybewys kan kry. Nadat jy self geleer het hoe om te bestuur, kan jy die toets gaan aflê wat eintlik nie moeilik is nie. Daarna kry jy jou rybewys. In Europa moet jy na 'n motorbestuurskool gaan waar jy 'n deeglike opleiding ontvang. Jy moet 'n sekere aantal ure saam met 'n instrukteur in 'n motor ry voordat jy getoets word. Die toets is nie maklik nie want vir elke fout wat jy begaan, moet jy terug na die bestuurskool. Eers as jy werklik 'n motor kan bestuur, kry jy 'n rybewys.

Oorsee is die polisie ook strenger as hier. As jy in 'n paar ongelukke betrokke was, word jou rybewys weggeeneem en jy moet weer na die motorbestuurskool gaan en van voor af begin. Die polisie tree baie streng op as hulle persone wat onder die invloed van drank verkeer agter die stuurwiel vind. Dis ook verstaanbaar, want 'n dronk mens weet nie werklik wat hy doen nie en hy kan groot skade aanrig. Daarom behoort hulle ook nie op die pad te wees nie en dis reg as hulle rybewyse van hulle afgeneem word.

Daar gebeur baie ongelukke net omdat mense nie oppas nie, maar ook omdat hulle te onverskillig bestuur. Elke jaar sterf honderde onskuldige mense vanweë hulle. Teen hierdie mense moet ons iets doen. Padveiligheid is baie belangrik en die mense moet leer hoe om versigtig te bestuur.

**CHRISTINA WANK**

## OUPA VERTEL

Dit was nog altyd vir my baie mooi om my oupa te aanskou as hy rustig op die stoep sit en wieg in sy stoel. Sy pyp is altyd byderhand en sy pakkie tabak is in sy sak. As hy so ver voor hom uitstaar dan kan mens sien hoe bekruipt die ouderdom hom, en hoe die herinneringe van vanmelewe sweem oor sy gesig. Dan gaan sit ek altyd voor hom en vra ek hom om my te vertel van sy gedagtes.

Partykeer vertel hy stories van ossewaens wat getrek het en die fantastiese buitelewe wat daarmee saam gegaan het, hoe sy pa wild geskiet het en hoe sy ma stywe mieliepap gemaak het, sodat jy dit met jou vingers kon eet. Dan vertel hy ook van die Zoeloe-oorloë, hoe die impi's hulle voete gestamp en geskree het as hulle aanval, en hoe die ossewaens laers gevorm het en die vrouens die gewere met kryt in gelaai het. Die herlewing van hierdie gebeure is vir hom so emosioneel, dat hy eintlik bewe. Hy beskryf die lewe van 'n jong seun gedurende 'n tek; asook die rol van 'n sekure familieverstandhouding en bowe alles sy geloof in die Almagtige. Die Trekkers was ongekompliseerde mense en hulle het geveg vir hulle ideale. Die dag waarna al die Trekkers meeste uitgesien het, was gewoonlik die Sondag wanneer daar Nagmaal gehou was. Dan het almal ossewaens ingespan en bymekaar gekom. Daar is Nagmaal gehou en daarna is daar vir 'n paar dae gekuier en fees gevier. Vir die Trekkers was daar niks lekkerder as 'n braaivleis en 'n vuur nie, waar die mans hulle pype kon rook en gesels, en die vrouens op riempie-stoele kon sit en klets.

Dan trek my oupa se gedagtes verder aan deur die jare, en hy vertel van die dood van sy ouers, en die groot Boere-oorlog waarin hy geveg het. Dit was vir hom moeilike jare, hy was ongelukkig, maar hy het sy deel gedoen. Vir hom was oorlog lelik en hy praat nie graag daaroor nie, behalwe om te sê dat kameraadskap jou krag gee.

Hy beskryf ook hoe die wonder van die motorkar hom aangegryp het, en hoe hy tot vandag toe nie kan aanvaar dat so 'n masjien beter as 'n perd is nie. Maar dan word my oupa skielik stil, want die moderne geboue en die tempo van vandag se lewe staan hom nie aan nie en hy identifiseer hom nie daarmee nie. Hy keer terug na die swyende herinneringe waarin hy lewe en dan weet ek dat die storie vir vandag verby is.

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## UN INCIDENT SUR LA PLAGE

Les enfants s’amusaient bien. Le petit Raoul jouait seul au bord de la mer. Sa soeur aînée causait avec une nouvelle amie. Ses parents se relâchent dans l’ombre, sans aucune inquiétude et s’endormaient. Le petit Raoul pourtant, en voyant ses parents endormis et s’ennuyait à mourir de son amusement, tourna vers la mer. Oui, la mer. Scintillante, invitante, captivante, superbe; elle l’attirait comme le fruit défendu. Il regarda autour de lui. Il y avait beaucoup de baigneurs sur la plage. Personne ne le regardait, il prit sa chance, il n’attendit qu’un instant. Raoul plongea dans la belle mer bleue.

Le petit Raoul était seul dans cette immense, profonde mer bleue, il ne voyait personne. Il ne pouvait pas toucher le sable avec ses orteils et il sentit tirer le courant. Soudain, il fut saisi par les épaules! Il fut stupéfié, il ne pouvait pas bouger parce qu’il avait si peur. Que faire? C’était certainement un gros requin noir aux dents jaunes et sanglantes! Mais ce n’était qu’un homme, qui était aussi tiré par les courants dangereux. Tous les deux ne savaient pas nager et ils se tenaient serrés, sans mot dire.

Dans l’intervalle, la mère de Raoul aperçut que son méchant petit fils n’était pas toujours au bord de la mer. En reconnaissant les faibles cris de son fils dans la mer, elle appela les sauveteurs.

Au bout de quelques instants, Raoul et l’autre victime des courants dangereux étaient sains et saufs sur la plage.

La noyade fut évitée!

K. MARINAKI FORM 5A.

## LA TELEVISION EST LA MORT DE LA COMMUNICATION

Cà peut arriver dans certaines familles et dans certains pays; spécialement, dans les pays avec beaucoup de canaux et un grand nombre de bons programmes, cà arrive. La France est un exemple. A Paris il y a quelque chose comme quatre canaux différents, avec des programmes pour tous les goûts. Alors, les familles arrivent à la maison, ils s’asseyent devant le T.V. et ils ne parlent entre eux que pour discuter les programmes qu’on veut voir. La mère est intéressée à un programme, le père aimerait beaucoup si on le laissait voir un deuxième, et les enfants veulent voir un certain film à une heure spécifique. Alors, on commence par discuter amicalement et on finit par se fâcher avec nos enfants et peut-être par leur dire d’aller se coucher. C’est terrible. Je pense qu’il est beaucoup mieux quand il y a seulement un canal. On devrait voir seulement les programmes qui sont vraiment intéressants, parce que si on fait comme les gens qui s’asseyent devant l’appareil à six heures de l’après-midi (la T.V. en Afrique du Sud commence à six heures) et restent dans cette chaise jusqu’à onze heures de la nuit, alors, c’est vrai, toute la communication entre les membres d’une famille est finie. Mais nous pouvons éduquer nos enfants et nous mêmes, pour que, quand nous avons un poste de télévision, nous voyons seulement les bons programmes. Comme cà, je crois qu’on aurait toujours de la communication entre les membres d’une famille.

EUGENIA LISBOA FORM 5B.

## LA PAIX MONDIALE N’AURA JAMAIS LIEU

Dès le commencement des pays, la guerre a toujours été avec nous. Le sentiment mondial de nationalisme d’un certain pays est probablement une grande partie des causes de la guerre. Mais il est aussi vrai que, depuis longtemps, on a essayé d’établir une sorte d’organisation pour contrôler la paix et pour résoudre n’importe quel problème national d’une manière paisible. Surtout, après la Première Guerre Mondiale une telle organisation fut créée, mais celle-là ne réussit jamais complètement. Il était possible de résoudre les petits problèmes entre les plus petits pays, mais quand il y avait des problèmes entre des grands pays importants, l’organisation fut trop faible pour faire quelque chose quand un de ces pays refusa de coopérer.

Encore une fois, après la Deuxième Guerre Mondiale, l’Organisation des Nations Unies fut établie, et reste maintenant en autorité, mais le problème est la même qu’auparavant, avec son précédent — les plus grands pays ne coopéreront pas toujours — seulement quand ils sont sûrs qu’ils ne perdront pas leur prestige.

On ne sait pas aujourd’hui combien d’ans il reste pour l’ONU, mais il y a beaucoup de gens qui croient que son avenir sera comme son précédent — l’échec.

A travers le monde entier, on parle de la paix mondiale, mais à présent, il y a trop de pays qui veulent tous devenir le “meneur de monde” et qui feront n’importe quoi pour réaliser ce but. Et pour faire ceci, il est évidemment nécessaire de battre en conquérant d’autres plus petits pays d’affirmer sa puissance. La paix mondiale viendra seulement si chaque pays commence à se rendre compte du fait qu’il faut travailler ensemble pour vivre paisiblement ensemble, et que la guerre n’est pas toujours la réponse d’un problème. Et même dans un pays, il y a des guerres entre les mouvements différents de ce pays, et c’est évident que la paix mondiale doit suivre la paix nationale — ce qui semble actuellement une impossibilité. R. EVANS 5E.



## AU BORD DE LA MER

J'aime passer le jour au bord de la mer. Quand il fait beau et le soleil brille, je prends mon costume de bain, mes lunettes de soleil et ma serviette au bord de la mer. Je m'assis sur la plage et écoute les cries des goélands qui volent dans le ciel bleu. J'aime aussi le bruit des vagues. Au magasin j'achète une glace — c'est très belle! C'est amusant d'observer les enfants qui jouent avec leur bacs et les châteaux de sable. Sur la mer il y a des bateaux et des yachts. Les enfants rient pendant qu'ils nagent et les grandes-personnes restent sur les serviettes et hâté. Je fais une promenade et trouve des coquilles.

Au bord de la mer tout le monde est heureux, et ils jouent et rient parce que la mer est très agréable et il fait beau!

HELEN TYSON FORM 3F.

## LA FUTILITE DE LA GUERRE

Un des plus grands problèmes de la guerre, c'est la destruction complète de l'industrie et des villes, avec la crise du logement qui résulte. Il faut reconstruire le dommage consécutif à la guerre. C'est une perte d'argent et cela ne vaut rien pour l'économie. Le chômage qui suit la guerre — parce que beaucoup de soldats sont désœuvrés — crée une dépression économique.

Il y a aussi une perte déraisonnable de vie. Pendant la première guerre mondiale il y avait tant de jeunes soldats anglais qui étaient tués, qu'aujourd'hui en Angleterre il y a beaucoup de célibataires. Pendant les deux (dernières) guerres mondiales le nombre des estropiés était astronomique et ceux qui subissaient les effets de rayonnement de la bombe atomique souffraient beaucoup. Aujourd'hui les gens souffrent encore des effets de rayonnement et leurs enfants sont aussi affectés. Les gens ne sont qu'affectés physiquement mais aussi psychologiquement.

La guerre montre le plus mauvais côté de la nature humaine. La privation de nourriture, la peine, la douleur et le chagrin infligé aux gens est affreux.

La guerre ne résout pas les problèmes. Après la première guerre mondiale, la Société des Nations n'accomplissait rien parce que les vieilles différences existaient encore. L'Allemagne, qui était réprimé, n'acceptait jamais se défaite et cela menait à la deuxième guerre mondiale. Les Nations Unies formé après cette guerre manquent à ses devoirs aussi. Donc, on voit que la guerre engendre la guerre.

Mais qui gagne? A la fin de la deuxième guerre mondiale les Allemands et les Japonais étaient vaincus, mais aujourd'hui elles sont des nations très réussies et prospères, pendant que quelquesunes des nations qui les ont vaincus ne prospèrent pas.

SUSAN LOVE Form 4B.

## LUTTONS CONTRE LA POLLUTION

Est-ce que l'homme est l'animal le plus stupide du monde? Quelquefois je le pense. Est-ce qu'il est sourd? Ne peut-il pas voir qu'il profane le seul monde qu'il a et aura jamais? Puis, pourquoi le fait-il? Je pense que c'est sa paresse qui est coupable.

Quelles raisons mais la paresse peut-il avoir pour remplir ses belles rivières avec ses débris affreux. Ca est à cause de la dépense d'une machine qui délivrerait ses débris. Non, il veut acheter avec cet argent un nouveau Mercedes-Benz. Pourquoi est-ce qu'un voyageur jette ses papiers par la fenêtre de son auto? Parce que c'est trop paresseux à porter un sac plastique sous son siège dans lequel il pourrait mettre ses débris. Lorsque nous avons nos pique-niques est-ce que nous cueillons nos débris? Non, nous les y laissons.

Je pense que c'est maintenant que nous devons changer nos vies par nettoyer tout ce que nous avons déjà presque détruit. Et puis il faut réaliser que nous nous tuons un peu chaque fois que nous jetons un bout de papier sur la terre. Il faut apprendre aux enfants que la pollution est le fouet de l'homme et il faut l'arrêter tout de suite. Et si ça ne travaille pas, il faut donner des amendes aux gens qui polluent leur monde. A Londres on le fait, et Londres est donc la cité la plus propre que j'ai jamais vue. Parce que si on ne peut pas communiquer avec les consciences des gens, il faut communiquer avec leurs portefeuilles, où les gens le sentent le plus.

MICHAEL HULME FORM 4D.



## LES SAISONS

Chaque saison a ses avantages et ses inconvénients. Au printemps il y a de jolies fleurs dans les bois mais il pleut souvent.

En été on peut se baigner et faire les pique-niques mais on peut toujours bien dormir parce qu'il faut trop chaud.

En automne la terre est un tapis de feuilles jaunes et il fait du vent. On doit bien tenir son chapeau.

En hiver on peut faire un bonhomme de neige et patiner sur l'étang. Il faut fermer les portes et les fenêtres parce qu'il fait si froid. Ma saison préférée est l'été parce qu'il fait si chaud. **MARIE FLOYD Form 3E.**

## EINE REISE NACH DEUTSCHLAND

Es war im Dezember 1974, als meine Mutter und ich beschlossen eine Reise nach Deutschland und auch nach Österreich zu machen. Wir sollten für zwei Wochen nach Hamburg fliegen, und anschliessend zwei Wochen in Salzburg in Österreich verbringen. In Hamburg wohnen meines Vaters Eltern, und in Salzburg meiner Mutters.

Wir flogen mit einer Lufthansa Maschine zuerst nach Frankfurt — dieser Flughafen ist der zweitgrösste Flughafen Europas — und dann fuhren wir per Zug nach Hamburg. In Hamburg besuchten wir unsere familie, und sahen uns auch die Stadt Hamburg gründlich an. Hamburg ist eine wunderschöne Stadt, mit einem riesigen Hafen.

In Österreich war meine grösste Freude natürlich das Schifahren. Ich war sehr erstaunt dass ich es nach fünf Jahren noch nicht verlernt hatte, und nach ziemlich gut schifahren konnte. Es lag überall dicker Schnee. Dieser war ein Urlaub den ich lange nicht vergessen werde. **MARION MOOSBAUER 4E.**

## IN DER KIRCHE

Wenn man in die Kirche geht, sieht man die bunten Fenster der Kirche. Sie erzählen die Geschichte von Christus. Seine Geburt, seine Taufe und sein Tod. Da ist auch ein Kreuz worauf Christus gestorben ist. Dann sieht man den Altar, worauf heilige Dinge und Blumen sind. Man geht durch das Seitenschiff in die Kirche. Man setzt sich in einen Kirchensitz und hört wie der Organist die Orgel spielt. Hinter jedem Kirchensitz ist ein Psalmbuch und ein Kniekissen (gebraucht wenn man betet).

Der Priester kommt herein und stellt sich hinter die Kanzel und sagt ein Gebet. Dann gibt er eine Predigt und die Gemeinde sagt ein Gebet mit dem Priestern. Der Chor und die Gemeinde singen einen Psalm und so geht der Dienst weiter. Die Gemeinde gibt Geld opfern und der Priester macht es heilig. Dann schließt er den Dienst mit einem Gebet. Der Organist spielt auf der Orgel und die Gemeinde geht aus der Kirche. Der Priester steht bei der Tür und spricht mit jedem wenn er aus der Tür geht.

Jede Religion hat ihre eigene Kirche und verschiedene Versammlungen. Der Katholik, zum Beispiel, hat einen Priester aber die Gemeinden können zu ihm beichten und dann müssen sie tun, was er sagt. Der Katholik hat auch einen Rosenkranz.

Man wird in der Kirche getauft. Man wird in der Kirche konfirmiert und verheiratet und wenn man stirbt, ist der Bestattungsdienst auch in der Kirche. **BEVERLEY DAVIES 5D.**

## DAS KINO

Wenn ich kein Geld habe und trotzdem ins Kino gehen möchte, gehe ich zu meinem Vater und erzähle ihm wie ich so schwer gearbeitet habe, und daß ich keine Hausarbeit habe.

Ich sitze auf einem Stuhl sodaß er denkt, daß ich mich sehr langweile. Nach ein paar Stunden langweilt er sich auch. Er geht in sein Zimmer und kommt wieder heraus. Er isst etwas vom Kühlschrank. Meine Mutter sitzt auf einem Stuhl und schläft, und mein Bruder geht in sein Zimmer und schließt die Tür.

Ich bin glücklich, denn mein Plan ist sehr gut!

Sechs Uhr kommt! „Wo ist die Zeitung?“ fragt mein Vater. Er liest die „Tonight“ Abteilung.

„Bei dem Gala-Kino ist ein guter Film,“ sage ich.

„Ja,“ sagte mein Vater. „Sollen wir dort gehen?“

Alle sagen „Ja!“ und ich bin sehr glücklich. Ich werde am Ende ins Kino gehen!

**SHARON ESTMENT 5D.**

## EDOLOBHENI

Ngomgqibelo ekuseni ngahambela edolobheni elikhulu nomama nobaba abahle. Thina sahamba ngemoto ebomvu kababa. Umama omuhle omncane wagqoka ilokwe eliluhlaza nezicathulo eziluhlaza. Mina ngagqoka ibhulukwe eliluhlaza nehembe elibomvu elimhlophe, futhi ubaba wagqoka ihembe elimpopu nebhulukwe elimnyama. Umthengisi omnyama omnene wenyama wathengisa inyama entsha. Edolobheni elikhulu kukhona abantu abaningi ababi abafuna ukweba.

Emini thina sadla isinkwa esisha nenyama emnandi. Ubaba omude waphuza utshwala obumakhaza kepha umama waphuza ikhofi elinsundu elimnandi. Izulu lashisa. Thina savakashela imakethe. Kwakukhona futhi abantu abalayisa amasaka anzima ezimbewu enqoleni emnyama. Lenqola yahambela endlini encane futhi ubaba wathenga isaka elikhulu lezimbewu.

Kusihlwa ngahamba nabazali bami ukudla idina elikhulu. Sahambela futhi ebhayisikobho elisha ukubuka ifilimu.

Ebusuku ngaphupha ngabantu abaningi. Mina angifuni idolobha elikhulu ngoba kukhona abantu abaningi ababi.

**SABINE KRAMER 2C.**

## EDOLOBHENI

Ngolwesithathu ekuseni ngahambela edolobheni nomama. Ngathanda idolobha elikhulu. Kwakukhona izitolo eziningi nezindawo zokudlela. Ubuhlalu babafazi abamnyama buhle. Thina sathenga ubuhlalu obumpofu obubomvu. Thina sahambela ezitolo ezinye futhi sathenga amapeni amabili aluhlaza, ivula nepotimende. Thina sathenga izicathulo ezimpunga esitolo sokuthengisa izicathulo. Thina sangenela esitolo sokuphuzela ikhofi. Saphuza ikhofi elimtoti elimhlophe.

Emini sathenga amaqanda nobisi nephalishi. Sahambela futhi esitolo sokuthengisa izingubo. Umama wathenga ilokwe elimbomvu elihle, kepha mina angathenga izingubo. Mina ngabona amaphephandaba abantu abamnyama. Abantu abaningi bawathenga. Ngabona futhi izinja zabantu abamhlope namakati awogogo.

Ntambama sadla ukudla okuhle futhi saphuza utshwala obuningi. Ngathanda ukuhamba edolobheni ngolwesithathu.

**LINDA SELLY 2H.**

## EPULAZINI

Ngomgqibelo ngihambe ngesitimela epulazini e Nelspruit. Mina ngifike kusihlwa. Ngalala kahle ebusuku. Ngahlala nogogo endlini enkulu enhle. Ekuseni ngagqoka futhi ngahlamba ubuso. Ngadla ukudla okuningi. Ngadla ipalishi nobisi, amaqanda amakhulu, isinkwa esisha nebhotela, futhi ngaphuza ikhofi nobisi. Bese ngahambukubuka izilwane ezinhle eziningi.

Ngapha izinkuku ezincane ummbila namanzi. Ngabona amaqanda amakhulu amasha. Izikhukhukazi zazalela amaqanda amaningi. Ngathengisa amaqanda edolobheni. Ngenza futhi isinkwa ngempuphu, amaqanda nebhotela.

Abantu abahlanu balima amasimu amakhulu futhi bacanda izinkuni ngamazembe amakhulu, balayisa futhi amasaka empuphu enqoleni. Izinkabi ezine zadonsela ingola edolobheni. Abafana abanye bathengisa impuphu lapho.

Ntambama izilwane zadla ukudla. Izinja zadla inyama nesinkwa namathambo. Kusihlwa abantu baphuza ikhofi nobisi, babhema amapipi amade futhi bakhuluma kakhulu.

Ngithanda ipulazi elidala elihle nezilwane eziningi.

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