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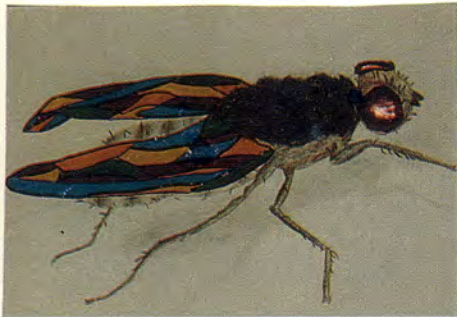


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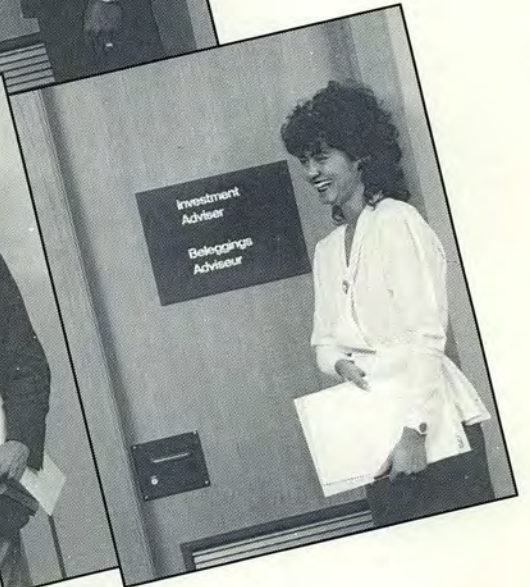
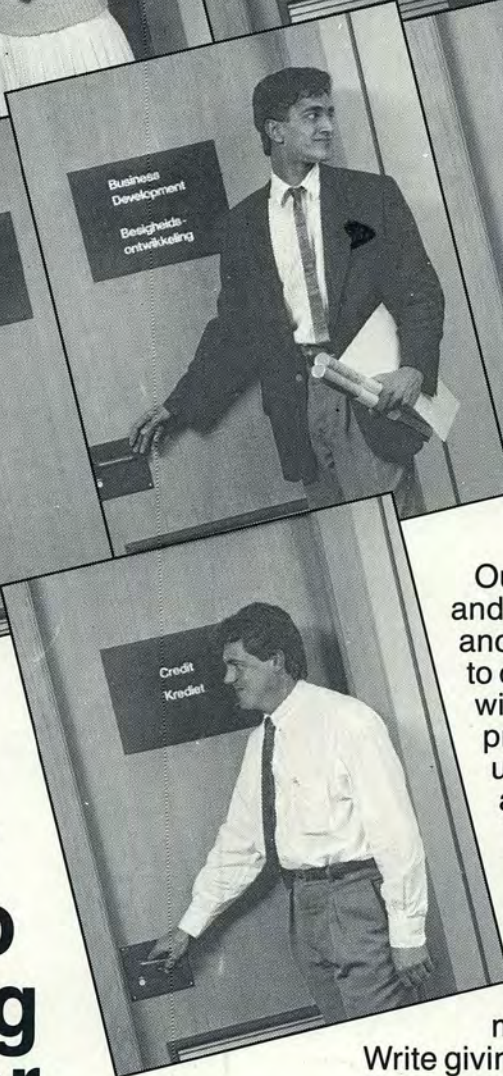
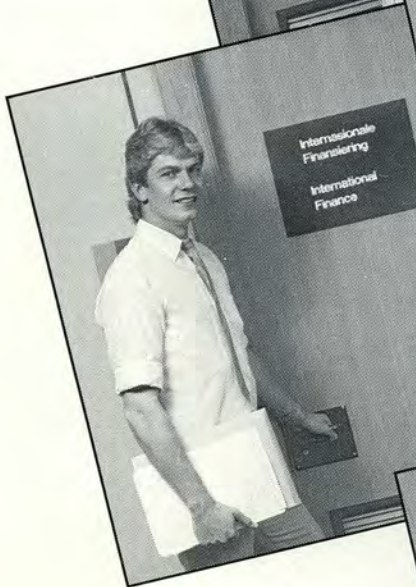
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N MC FARLAND
Acting Headmaster



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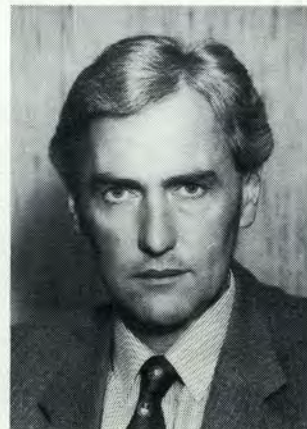


D I N A M I E S T O E K O M S G E R I G

Chairman's Report: Bryanston High School Management Council - 1991

The year past will be recorded as a watershed in the history of Bryanston High School.

In keeping with the changes sweeping through the entire socio economic and political order of our country, ninety-seven percent of the parent body voted for the Model B option, enabling the school in future to determine its own admission criteria without forfeiting the current levels of State subsidisation. In determining the minimum requirements for admission to the school, Management Council, in consultation with parents and academic staff, elected to serve primarily the community in which the school functions without compromising its cultural, academic, linguistic, sporting and financial ecology. It was decided that the school should address the needs of the new South Africa without succumbing to them.



1991 was also a year in which it became abundantly clear that any notion of education being free, and an obligation of the State to taxpayers, is now little more than a nostalgic memory. As South Africa moves towards parity of education for all under a single education department parents will have to contribute more directly and more onerously to the provision and maintenance of the educational facilities they wish their children to enjoy. The national vision for the future places greater emphasis on vocation-based training and the quality of the educational service available will be directly proportional to the amount of money parents are inclined to invest in it.

I am pleased to report that in 1991, more Bryanston High parents paid their School Fund and Trust Fund contributions than in any of the previous five years. While the school has sympathy for and structures to accommodate those parents who, either temporarily or permanently, cannot meet their total obligations, there has been a distinct hardening of attitude to obdurate evaders of moral responsibility.

The immediate priority for our school is to pay off the Media Centre debt to Nedbank and to establish a reserve fund of approximately R100,000:00 to maintain and upgrade the school's existing facilities. During the year, we were pleased to welcome Mr Rolf van der Merwe as the resident estate manager of our valuable assets.

Following the opening of new schools in the Bryanston area, pupil enrolment this year stabilized at about 840. With 190 matriculants leaving at the end of the year, and the same number expected to exit at the end of 1992, we need to attract an annual intake of approximately 180 pupils to maintain a total complement of 900, which is considered appropriate for the kind of school we wish Bryanston to be. For this reason, applications will continue to be considered and even canvassed from outside our feeder area provided that the pupils meet our minimum criteria for admission.

1991 will also be remembered for its farewells to two wonderful people with a rich tradition of service to Bryanston High. Val Andrews is retiring after a monumental career in Biology teaching, while Lorraine Stafford, who for so many years led the mothers of the school in catering and functions, is finally handing over the reins. The service and commitment of these two ladies has generated a debt of gratitude which the school will never be able to repay.

For the greater part of the year, Mr paige was absent on post graduate study leave at Rand Afrikaans University and we thank Mr McFarland for acting as Headmaster in his absence. The numerous achievements recorded both curricularly and extra murally during the year testify to an excellent Captain having handed over to an equally outstanding First Officer. I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues on the management Council, the Parents' Association, the Trustees, the Staff and the Mothers' Group for their support and valuable contribution to the effective running and growth of the school.

The challenges of 1992 will be daunting but I believe that Bryanston High is well positioned, not only to face them, but also to make a meaningful contribution to the emergence of the new South Africa.

Jacques Sellschop
Chairman

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION

It seems almost unbelievable that 1991 is so rapidly drawing to a close. In trying to remember all that has happened on the Parents Association this year, the events are so fresh in my mind that they could have occurred yesterday, and yet they took place at the beginning of the year.

At the A.G.M. this year, four new members were elected: Jeff Smith, Peter Acutt, Brian Huskisson and Brian Ormond, while the old stalwarts Alex Niven, George Muller, Bill Eatwell and John O'Reilly were re-elected.

Brian Huskisson has served admirably as secretary this year, and I would like to thank him most sincerely for his efforts in this regard, but also for the friendship and support he has given me throughout the year.

Brian Ormond took over from Steve Robinson as treasurer and his hard work is much appreciated. It is no easy matter managing a budget which is always stretched to its limit and at the same time to keep parents, pupils and staff happy by providing the much needed requirements to keep the school running smoothly.

John O'Reilly has served as vice-chairman, but his hard work with regard to the School magazine and arrangements for the Fun day we had with the Blarney Brothers, deserve praise indeed. Thank you John for the excellent way in which you've succeeded in turning the magazine into a profit making venture. Much of the credit in this regard undoubtedly goes to the ladies on the Mother's Committee who are responsible for selling the advertising, in particular Joanne Clarke who has really worked hard - she's a natural saleslady!!



The goals for the P.A. this year have been twofold: to try and involve parents more in activities at the school, and to try and raise some much needed money to help finance certain projects.

To this end we held a very successful and enjoyable dance at the Bryanston Country Club on 30th August. This was attended by a record number of parents - we were setting extra places at tables at the last minute! Most of the credit for this superbly arranged evening must go to Lorraine Stafford, chairlady of the Mother's Committee and her wonderful band of mothers. Lorraine my sincerest thanks to you for all your help and support this year.

We also hold a very successful Golf Day at Kyalami Country Club, very ably arranged by George Muller. My deepest gratitude to George and all who assisted him, as well as to the very generous sponsors and donors of prizes.

This report would not be complete if some of the P.A.'s achievements this year were not mentioned, notably the tiling of the area between the hall and tuckshop, and the purchase of the bakkie for the new Estate Manager, Mr Rolf van der Merwe. Mr van der Merwe is doing a sterling job beautifying and maintaining our grounds and buildings and is a real asset to the school. We hope he will be with us for many years to come.

The P.A. and Management Council have forged closer ties this year and worked together for the benefit of the school. The P.A. and Mother's Committee were responsible for assisting with the voting earlier this year, to determine the type of model our school would function as in the new South Africa. Once again I must express my gratitude to those ladies who braved the chilly early mornings to ensure that parents could vote from the comfort and convenience of their cars.

One of the highlights of the P.A. calendar is the cricket match between parents and staff. A certain headmaster, who shall remain nameless, fielded a team which was reputed to be going to inflict a sound defeat on the parents. However, the parents turned the tables and came off the field worthy victors. The said headmaster, who crowed and clucked incessantly last year when his team won, was noticeably quiet this year. However, the last word has not yet been had, because a return match has been arranged for the end of the year. Watch press for details! Who will be the ultimate winners?

To end on a more serious note, I would like to thank my committee for all their help and support this year. To Mr McFarland, our acting headmaster, I must say a special word of thanks for his support and guidance. His advice has been invaluable and I hope his first year at Bryanston High was as happy from his point of view as it was from ours.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Paige back in November and anticipate an exciting year in 1991 with his invaluable experience and input to draw on.

May I wish all the Matrics every success in their exams and wish them well in their chosen careers.

It remains only for me to wish all of you involved in the Bryanston High School a joyous Christmas, a restful holiday season and a blessed and peaceful 1992.

Caroline Hugget

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MOTHERS COMMITTEE REPORT

As 1991 rapidly draws to a close the Mothers Committee can reflect over an extremely busy, rewarding and happy year together.

Besides the numerous sporting events, there were many other meetings, courses and functions held at the school this year which had to be catered for - the one I considered being the most important this year was the "Evening for the future Std VI pupils and their Parents" - the event was most successful and here I must thank my committee for their outstanding contribution.

Once again I seem to be saying farewell to a tremendous committee who have supported me throughout the year and who have also upheld the good name of Bryanston High School to parents and visitors alike.

Leight Eaton deserves a very big thank you for the time and hard work she has put into running the Tuck Shop so efficiently for the past two years. Leigh will be taking over as Chairlady of the committee for 1992.

Thanks must also go to Joanne Clark for the difficult task she undertook in selling the advertising for the 1991 school magazine.

To Dee Clarke for her willingness in always creating beautiful floral arrangements - as I've said before Dee, "In all my years at Bryanston High School, the flowers have never been so magnificent".

To Wendy Bartlett who gives up time during the week and school holidays to work in the garden a special feature Wendy undertook this year was the paving and landscaping of the area outside the staff room.

To Geraldine Stegmann for the minutes which help to keep us on our toes.

To Margaret Ronaldson who no longer has children at the school, who undertook to keep our Lost Property and Swop Shop open when at the beginning of the year we had nobody to hand this very important service over to. Many, many thanks Margaret, we could not have done without you.

To Sandy de Villiers who was always willing to help with last minute notices.

To all the dedicated mothers who help in the Tuck Shop and sports functions, your efforts are greatly appreciated by the different sports convenors, teachers and pupils.

Lastly I cannot put down in words the thanks and appreciation I feel for the 1991 Mothers Committee. They have made me very proud to be Chairlady of such a hard-working and happy committee. Thank you all most sincerely for your unstinting support throughout the year.

Lorraine Stafford



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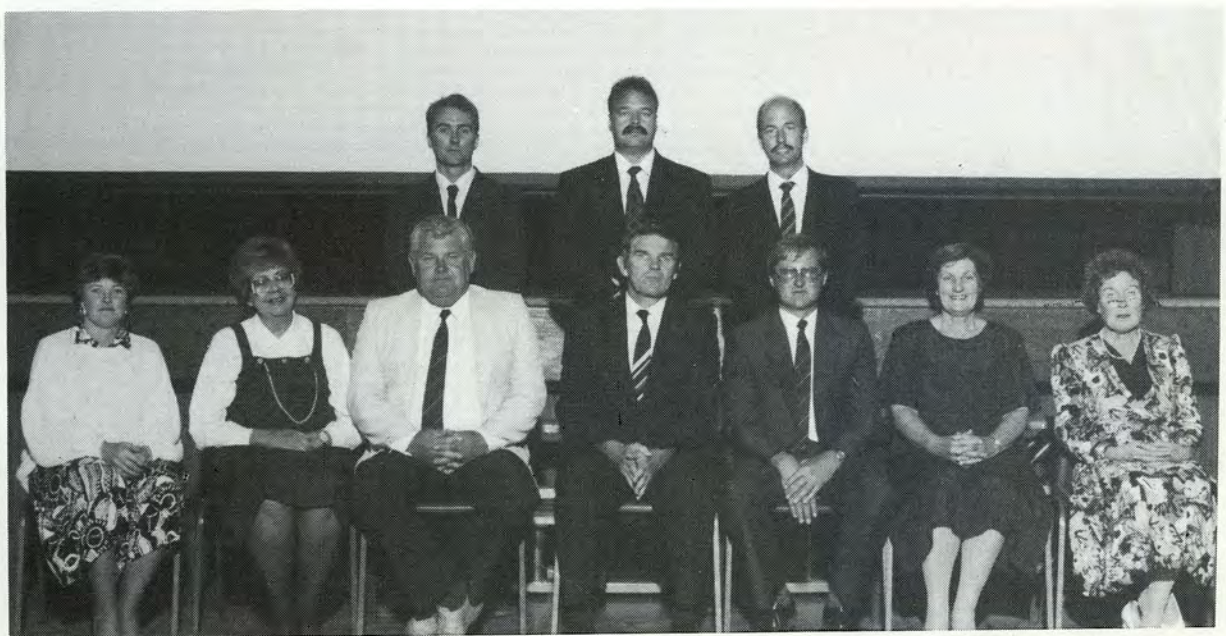
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HOME ECONOMICS

HOME ECONOMICS REPORT

As usual we have had a busy year with many beautiful articles having been produced by pupils from Stds. 6 - 10. Four of our girls took part in the Pantry Pride Cookery Competition and all were expected to go through to the final round. Lyneth Tetley and Vanessa van Rooyen were highly commended and Andrea Hugget and Bronwyn Clark came third overall in the Transvaal Regional final, bringing home many beautiful prizes and a microwave oven for the Bryanston High School's kitchen. Eight girls took part in the Home Economics Olympiad exam in July and our congratulations go to those girls for representing our school.

Mrs B Weir

STD 10 GIRLS' LUNCHEON : FRIDAY 15 MARCH 1991

Who says that the Ides of March portend assassination, bloodshed, civil strife and general cosmic disorder? (Shades of "Big Julie")

On the afternoon of Friday 15 March 1991, the Standard 10 girls proved their solidarity as a group by organising and participating in a luncheon in the school hall.

The weather was bleak but it was totally eclipsed by a spirit of warm "togetherness" and conviviality. A varied and tasty four-course meal provided "fuel to the fire" and thoughtful gifts and prizes in a draw added to the festivities.

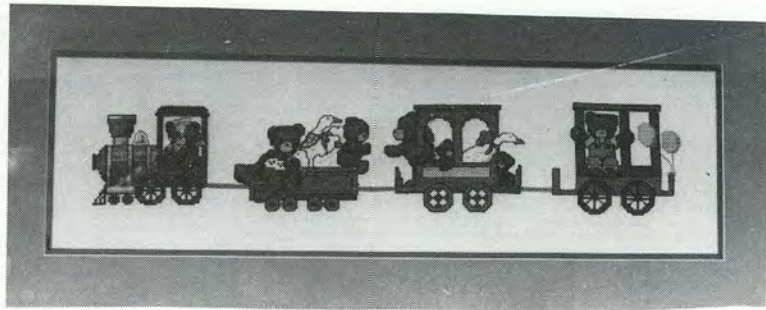
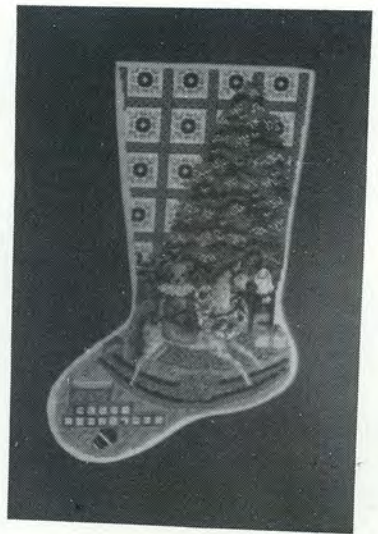
Entertainment was provided by the two "nightingales" Nicky Quick and Tracy Bailes. Miss Traviss as guest speaker, an ex-Head Girl from 1985, proved a popular and much loved Bryanston High School personality.

Miss Saayman thanked the outside caterer, praised "the indefatigable Mrs Stafford" for her expert advice ("nothing less than perfect!") and lauded the committee of nine girls who had worked tirelessly for success: Birgit Reprich, Tracey Bailes, Lindy-Lee van Eyssen, Nikki Acutt (over-worked Head Girl1), Sharon Mounsear-Wilson, Hazel Begley, Kerry McWilliams, Natalie Boshell and Toni O'Brien.

The latter, in particular, was singled out and compared to a bull terrier for the tenacious way in which she had got her teeth into the project and never let up!

Thank you girls, for all your loyalty and support. I am very proud of you.

J Saayman



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POTTERY CLUB

Every Monday after school the pottery club meets at the art class where Mrs Looij teaches us how to make our own clay bowls, ornaments, masks and clay lamps. Now that the school has bought a wheel we have been learning how to throw a pot. Our first efforts were quite a laugh, but we are getting better with practice. We have all enjoyed pottery this year and would like to see more people giving it a go in the future.

Ashleigh Arnett

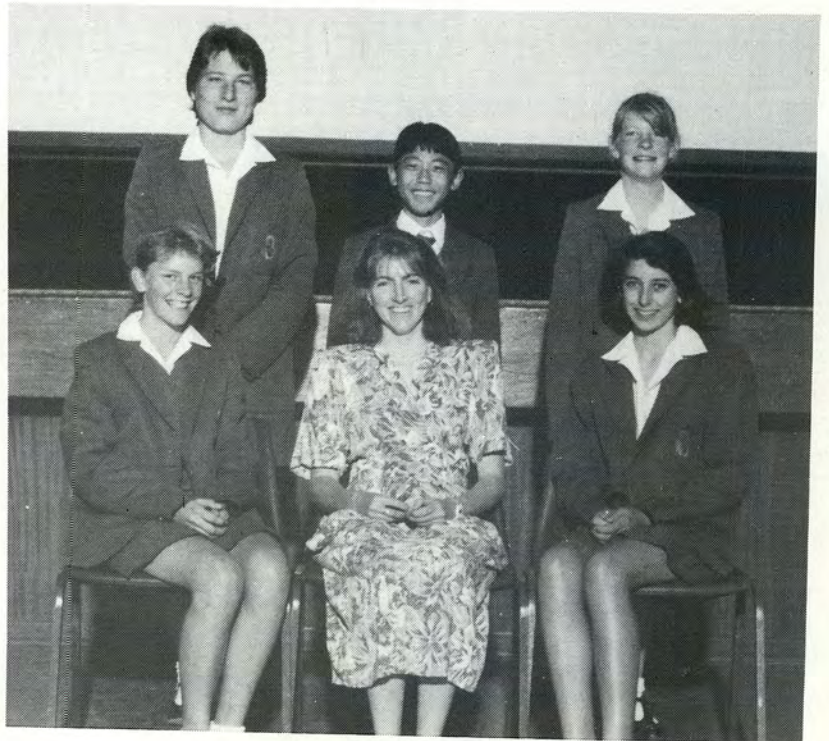
WILDLIFE

The wildlife club consisted of eight people, three of them from local primary schools. During the year we went to the Snake Park and to Delta Park and its museum.

We joined up with Redhill School in their project involving cleaning up a small portion of the Sandspruits river bank, and took part with them in the Caltex Rivers and Ridges competition, where we were placed second. We were involved in researching the birds found along the Sandspruit and some of us gave a talk on one of the birds. We met the mayor of Sandton, Councillor Ernies Sacks and his wife, and various conservationists and environmentally aware citizens of Sandton at a walk, talk and tea hosted by Redhill along their project stretch along the Sandspruit.

We have enjoyed our activities this year and hope the club will continue happily next year.

Anya Mortimer



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This year has seen Bryanston High pupils and teachers in a variety of places. Amongst others the Wolkberge (Cloudy Mountains) and Magoebaskloof (Grootbosch Trail).

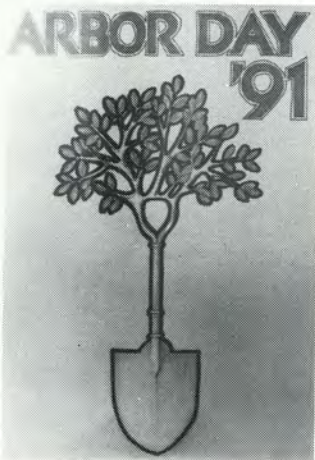
The Wolkberge is a proclaimed Wilderness area - wild and beautiful and at times quite stressful as Natalie Chersich can verify. She found herself clinging fearfully to a chain fixed to a rock wall, with the world dropping away underneath her. We won't mention blisters, garter snakes, puffadders, etc. or sleeping bags hopping out of sight over steep foothills. And yet, comes the new year and hiking trail bookings. I just need to go back there - contrary to everything that I firmly promised myself.

The October break brought (amongst others) Mrs Reyneke, Mrs von Ludwig, Ashley Arnett an old Bryanston High boy, Dave Bristow to the Grootbosch Trail in Magoebaskloof. Hauntingly beautiful. Full of

fairies, tree mosses hanging down and sweeping your face like in some horror movie, the morning fog in the forest, thick carpets of Clivia, the views. Yet such hard walking! But we made it on our last choking gasps up the last steep embankment to our lapas - after we had a soapless (we don't pollute) bath in the icy river. I keep asking myself why I do this to myself. But comes the new year and you'll find me again in some remote and wonderful part of our world - absolutely amazed and enchanted at so much wild and unspoilt beauty.



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STANDARD 9 GEOGRAPHY TOUR (EASTERN TRANSVAAL)

At 7 o'clock on Thursday 22nd August, a group of about 50 Std 9 pupils, together with Mrs Whitfield and Mr Smith, left for the long awaited Geography Tour to the Eastern Transvaal. We were all very excited and were looking forward to a fun filled weekend. It was very fortunate for us that Paul van Jaarsveld, the owner of the bus company, decided to take us and be our tour guide for the weekend.

After packing the bus to capacity, we left the school behind and looked forward to the prospect of missing two whole days of school! It was then that a wide variety of "padkos" emerged from bags, packets and pockets....

The first day of driving didn't seem to yield anything of too much importance, and we arrived at our first port of call, Manoutsa Park Resort, late that afternoon. The thought of having to write a cycle exam later that evening did not seem to dampen the spirit, and much fun was had by all, either wading in the nearby river or sliding down the super tube.

On Friday morning we set off for Blydepoort where we appreciated a hearty breakfast, followed by a scenic walk along the Kadishi River. We then proceeded to the Three Rondawels viewpoint where the drop that was revealed to us, ensure that we stayed well away from the edge. Our next stop was at the Bourke's Luck Potholes where we learnt not only about the history of these potholes, but our friendly guide opened our eyes towards aspects of conservation and told us how we could be friendly towards nature - by hugging a tree!

Then....Bryanston High School's Std 9's descended on Pilgrim's Rest like a plague of locusts. The one and only corner tea shop doubled its annual turnover when we arrived and proceeded to clear the shelves of everything they had to offer. It was also in Pilgrim's Rest that we were taught how the first settlers panned for gold.

That night we stayed at Sabie Youth Hostel which brought new meaning to the word "discipline"....

On Saturday morning we left for Skukuza in the Kruger National Park. As we entered the Park, we all kept our eyes peeled, but all we saw were Impala and more Impala! Later that afternoon, however, we were fortunate enough to see a lioness with a cub, elephant, Black Rhino, giraffe, baboons, crocodile, hippo and many different kinds of buck. We considered ourselves very lucky to have seen so much, especially considering the noise made by the bus and by our screams of delight every time we spotted something.

Just before heading home on Sunday, we stopped at the Sudwala Caves. Our very knowledgeable guide led us through many chambers, one of which was the acoustics chamber, where the B H S girls gave their rendition of "Eternal Flame". Slipping and sliding and crawling and climbing, we made our way back to the entrance. A bus load of tired and penniless pupils then made its way back to Johannesburg and to the mothers and fathers who were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their sons and daughters.

This Geography Tour was definitely one of the highlights of our school career and all thanks must go to Mr Smith and Mrs Whitfield, without whom, this fantastic trip would not have been possible.

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PREFECTS CAMP 1991

"Carry on"

The first weekend back at school, the prefect body set off for a weekend away in the bush. Filled with excitement and anticipation the weekend got off to a great start with much laughter and blushes during Friday nights session of Truth, dare and double dare, along with "get to know you" chats and "star watching".



Saturday morning came with an early morning wake-up-call, and a scenic hike after which most were eager of breakfast especially Richard! Saturday was filled with activities both mental and physical, all enjoyed volley ball, table tennis and Geord's really showed his "stuff" in baseball! I'm sure the highlight was the afternoon famous obstacle course, the guys had such a good time that they challenged the record and broke it. Naturally the girls too rose to the occasion and set down the first ever girls only record.

After serious scrub down sessions, the rest of the evening was spent doing skits and plays and later we gathered around Julia and Tracey with their guitars; and by the end of the evening, we had chosen our prefects' theme "carry on".

Sunday morning was our first formal prefects meeting. We discussed plans and strategies, set our aims and goals, and decided to strive for glory, never to give up, to CARRY ON!



*Nicky Acutt
Headgirl*



1991 JUNIOR TOWN COUNCIL OF SANDTON

We began the year in May really, with a 3 day "camp" at the field and study center which turned out to be a lot of fun. We got to know each other, and elected a junior mayor as well as other executive position holders.

From the beginning we felt the council was a strong team and ever since then we have worked well and organised several productive events.

Counsellors have attended an alcoholics anonymous meeting, synagogue service, fashion show and various other interesting community occurrences. A fruitful movie premiere was held to raise money in March.

During June we held a very successful six-a-side soccer day and also visited the St Josephs orphanage for the opening of their pre-primary school, spending the day with the children.

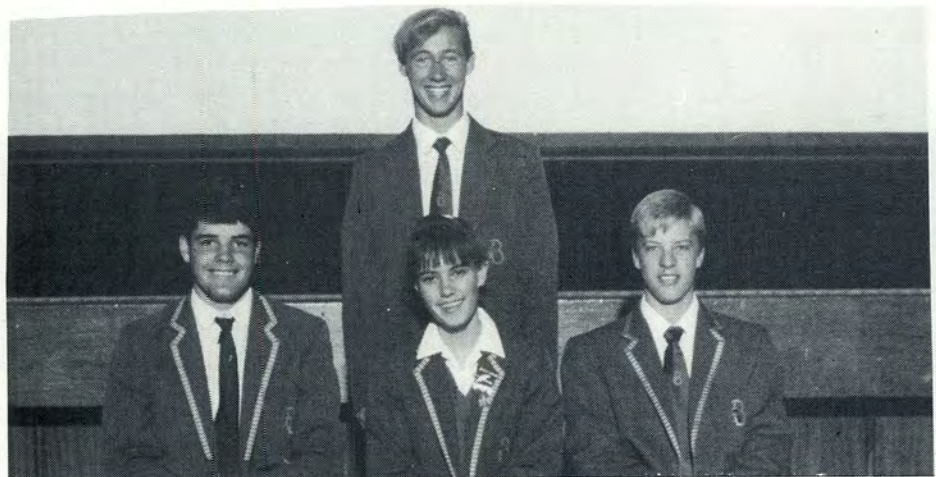
In June, we raised over R1000 in a Stay Awake that we organised be held in Sandton City. The money raised was donated to Nokthula Centre and Mitzuah School. Another interesting event was a wheelchair race held at J.C.E. in August. A Junior Town Council team entered as well as a Bryanston team made up of two of our councillors and two pupils. Unfortunately we didn't get placed at all, but the money raised went to the handicapped.

Also in August a fulfilling day was spent at San Salvador - a home in Rosebank for handicapped women. The day was very productive and all the ladies were sad when the fun had to end. Forest farm as well as various other homes also attended the fun day.

At the moment the councillors are involved with a Debutante Ball to be held in October. All proceeds will be going to Animal anti-cruelty league, Johannesburg children's theatre, Johannesburg Child Welfare Society, Nokothula Centre and Mitzvah School. Bryanston has put forward 3 debs.

The councillors have gained a lot from meetings with talks from various guest speakers. We thank all those who have helped this year, and hope to continue with future projects with as much success and enthusiasm.

Sharon Chapman 8B



SANDTON JUNIOR COUNCIL

D. van Zyl, S. Chapman, G. Knight, A. Klopper (back)

STD 8 CADET CAMP

During the October holidays, twelve Bryanston Boys left their relatively comfortable homes to spend a hectic three days in the veld near Bronkhorstpruit, just outside of Pretoria. On the first day we rendezvous with seven other schools from the north, including Northcliff High - who proved to be our main rivals, and set off on an unforgettable experience.

We arrived at the farm; where we were to stay; just before lunch and, after battling to set up camp, were given instructions on the correct radio procedure and other "army essentials". The rest of that afternoon was spent creatively, trying to think of new and humorous plays or songs and not the cliched ones seen at every Veld School. Our group song proved true to our situation as the first line was: "We're Bryanston, We're Bryanston. We're a long way from home!" Supper that night was supposed to be Spaghetti Bolognais, but too many cooks (all twelve of us) spoiled the broth and it did not turn out as we had planned. The points position that evening found Bryanston coming fourth.

That night we were warned to stay on guard duty at all times and keep our radios nearby. Unfortunately one of us was unable to get out of bed - even after promising to do so and our radio went missing. (As a result of this we dropped to second last and resolved to do something about it). After that we were exhausted and luckily the next item on the agenda was a talk on camouflage, which gave us time to rest. We emerged from the talk looking like a herd of erratically striped zebra.

Directly after lunch we prepared for the hike, one of the main events. It felt as though we were walking in circles and the mid-afternoon sun was almost unbearable. But, after drinking fifteen litres of water we eventually completed the hike

after 2 hrs 6 mins. of seemingly pointless walking. However, all the puffing and panting proved worthwhile as it pulled us up into second position.

The pyrotechnics display that night gave all of us time to ease our weary bones, but the unexpected and ear-blasting "thunderclaps" nearly caused some of us to jump out of our skins. The following activity, which everyone had been looking forward to, was "Stalk the Lantern" where it was every man for himself. Camouflage and stealth proved essential, with several people getting caught out because of their luminous takkies.

We all literally crawled into bed that night! Day Three dawned and, still full of high-spirits, we packed up and left for the obstacle course - part of which involved swimming through the ten year old home of generations of geese. After completing the course in record time we departed for the shooting range. We spent the afternoon firing R4 rifles and achieved first place in the shooting.

With black faces, filthy bodies and fond memories we arrived back home. One of us remarked, "Doesn't that smell good, guys?" We agreed unanimously.

However, there was still more to come. On that Friday we practiced marching for the final parade on Saturday. When Saturday arrived, we handed in our project - which covered everything that had happened - and waited anxiously for the awards and final results. Gareth Jones received the well-deserved best Cadet Trophy and Bryanston came a very close second to Northcliff overall.

Regardless of our position though, we all enjoyed the camp to the utmost and learnt a lot from it. We got to know each other better and met new people. Many thanks go to the teachers who accompanied us - Mr Northmore, Mr Smith, Mr Gillespie, Mr Morrison and Mr Essex-Clark - without whom we would not have had this incredible experience to look back on.

Harlen Henderson 8B





THE GIRLS LEADERSHIP CAMP

A group of Std. 9 girls left on Friday 20th of September for a farm near Brits. The annual leadership camp took on a new form this year as the purpose was to teach us about leadership and allow us to see our peers in different situations. In the previous years pupils were evaluated by teachers for the choosing of prefects. In this new way more girls went on the camp and we were able to assess our peers and have a better idea of who the leaders were and who to vote for prefects.

The bus was a hive of excited screams and laughter as we sat in our groups, dressed to the theme, making up our theme songs.

On our arrival we were faced with the challenging task of pitching tents. Well, as this was the first time many girls had ever seen a tent, the teachers were called in to help.

It seemed as though the circus had arrived when "The Simpsons" put up their 15 man army tent. Although everyone laughed at this monstrosity, "The Simpsons" had the last laugh when the hurricane wind (no exaggeration) flattened and destroyed the other tents.

The "Mickey Mouse Club" using a combination of foodstuffs, material, apparatus and imagination created a dress, a three course meal and a first place in the cooking and sewing competition.

The "Sweetpeas" went hungry after forfeiting their breakfast to Mr Algie after being late for lining up. They did look beautiful though in their designer T-shirts.

The Simpsons' hilarious version of 'a moth to a flame' narrated by Claire Jackson got them a first place for drama. The "city slickers" lived up to their night life name by revealing their singing talents, winning the talent show. They did, however, ease into the role of form girls wearing adorable straw hats, and the "Bush Busters" ingenuity helped the Pigmies cross the river without being eaten by the cannibals!

We ended the weekend on a dizzy note with teachers and pupils spinning around oranges and stumbling back to their teams.

It was a unique, enjoyable, entertaining, amazing and unforgettable weekend.

Samantha Marais





THE BOYS LEADERSHIP CAMP

After weeks of preparation for and excited talk about the Leadership camp, the day finally arrived, so on Thursday 5 September, fifty energetic Standard Nine boys boarded the bus for the long awaited journey.

We had previously been divided into groups, I had the pleasure of being in Group A which was a group strongly bonded together and proved to be a very effective team.

What lay ahead was clouded in uncertainty, but was to prove one of the finest and most rewarding experiences of our schooling careers thus far.

Over the weekend we participated in our groups in several challenging, strenuous and fun activities ranging from heavy pole carrying races, cross country endeavors to tug-o-war events. The many activities taught us all how to work as a group while adjusting to unfamiliar surroundings and tasks.

The male teachers' easy-going nature and youthful attitude created many humorous and unforgettable moments. Our nights and days were filled with raids and pranks, unifying each group and creating a good spirit which will remain with us through the rest of our school careers.

Entertainment at night was provided by the pupils themselves who proved their worth in both spirit filled songs and war cries as well as hilarious plays featuring some clearly gifted stars.

The weekend was not without its mishaps as the bus failed to arrive due to mechanical problems till late on Sunday night, when we finally boarded the bus rather tired, dirty and I am sure smelly, friends.

None of us will ever forget the 1991 leadership camp for the skills and leadership qualities we learnt which will benefit us in the future.

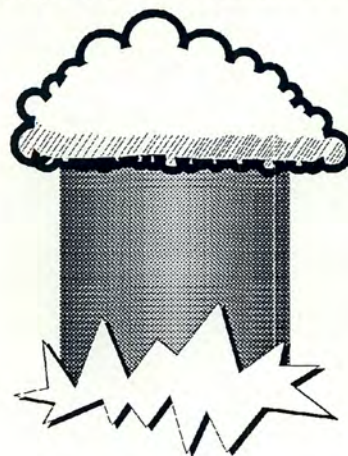
Matthew Chersich



VELDSCHOOL 1991

We left with apprehension in our hearts, and cracked jokes to cover up for our nervousness. After all it couldn't be all that bad...could it? Those who had had previous experience scared those who hadn't, terribly with all their nightmarish stories!

After nine hours, we finally reached Veldschool Schoemansdal, 24 km out of Louis Trichard. We disembarked and filed rather noisily into a hall where we met our allies - Northcliff High. After a welcome speech, we retrieved our bags and placed them in a big room. We walked down to a clearing with lots of red mud where we were divided into our groups and had our first supper. The food I decided wasn't at all bad. Unfortunately it began to rain, and the big room looked as if it had been coated with slushy, lumpy, rusty coloured paint. We were later to learn, that since the Std. 8 boys hadn't yet left, we were to sleep on the muddy floor. Luckily we were all equipped with groundsheets!



We were woken at five having had only a few hours sleep due to certain noises in the night! After dressing and lining up we were given awareness booklets. After awareness, we all returned with rather wet rear ends only to find, that no breakfast was served. We received dry, rock-hard, baked, stale rolls and a cup of sickly sweet coffee.



After this, we walked to the 'volleyball courts' (note the inverted commas!) where we enjoyed many fun group activities which included an egg throwing contest and needless to say, a lot of dirt, nevertheless, there was great team spirit as we sang our original group war cries. After our 10.30 brunch, we had a swim in the reservoir and although it rained during our dip, we needed showers due to all the 'plant life which clung to us, and all the dreaded red mud. Because of the mud caked floors, you left the ablution block even dirtier than when you arrived.

We moved into our dorms, and each group created a flag. That afternoon, we formed committees with each group member being on one, and having certain duties to fulfill. We were given our first "Keep Fit Class" by Hayley that night and then retired to our mouldy pieces of foam which strangely resembled our morning 'rusks'!

Saturday consisted of the usual morning routine followed by a movie on drugs and our Keep Fit Class. We walked a little way up the mountain and saw the spectacular view. In the afternoon we went rafting and played volleyball in the blazing sun. When it was dark, we star gazed and went on a disastrous night march. No-one can imagine what it is like to blunder about in the dark (when your torch is broken, having been scratched by a thousand thorns, retraced your steps again and again, and felt totally lost and isolated) unless they've been through this painful experience themselves, and by painful, I mean literally as well as figuratively.



On Sunday we received very nice food, but still the tuckshop (in which they could afford to overprice everything - a coke costing R1,30) was packed! We made collages and had discussions. That evening we had a slide show, then had a concert where each group had to present something.

On Monday we all went on the Letteria course which was great fun, and mentally taxing. We then had a survival lecture and quiz and had to cook our own brunch which didn't exactly work out too well for me! We were issued with rucksacks, mine of course being damp and mouldy. That night I did night watch at 3.30 a.m., and was so groggy I can't remember much of it. I got four and a half hours sleep which I can promise is pretty exhausting.

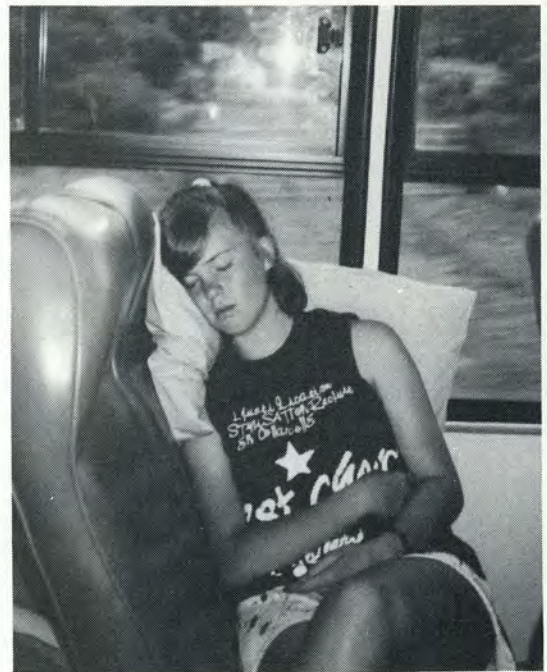


Six hours of Tuesday were spent hiking up and up and up until I thought surely I'd reach the clouds. The trip was made better by a certain Miss MacQuilkan behind us to urge us on, and I can tell you, that with my aching muscles and burning skin, I needed that urging. We arrived at the camp to find that our showers were hosepipes protruding from the wall, surrounded by a sort of sacking cloth. It's amazing how you adapt to these sort of things on veldschool!

We built a big bonfire and cooked our own food which was either eaten burnt or raw, and then to top it all, it rained. All 180 of us (120 being Northcliff girls) cramped into one room not nearly big enough, and somehow got through the night. I could cope with the tin roof which was very noisy, but couldn't quite get used to the leak over my head.

Wednesday consisted of a very muddy, but incredibly fun obstacle course, followed by model-building. We then deconstructed shelters (which demanded certain acrobatic skills) and did compass work. We walked to the edge of the mountain and when we looked down we were filled with an overwhelming sense of accomplishment. It was incredibly satisfying and the view was breathtaking. It is my most vivid memory and made all those mosquito bites and knotted muscles worthwhile. The only con was that it reminded us, we still had to walk down again. Stalk the lantern was the nightmare of the day and when the borehole burst (meaning no showers) and the rain began pelting us, it meant that 180 very muddy girls squashed into "the" room.

On Thursday after inspection, flag parade, etc., we began the treacherous or should I say torturous decline. So much mud clung to our takkies, that it was as if suction pads were attached to my feet! My calves were jellylike when we finally reached our camp. Back to the luxury of showers and mouldy mattresses. Just to walk without a rucksack weighing you down was a wonderful feeling. Our farewell was sad in a way but we were immensely glad to return.



I learnt a lot on veldschool and appreciate everything I have, especially two very special teachers. We all agree that Miss MacQuilkan and Mrs Meikle (nee Robey) were the best teachers to have shared this unrepeatabe (thank goodness!) experience with. We made a lot of friends though quite naturally there were clashes too. I don't think Veldschool is that terrible... in fact it was quite fun, but I also feel lucky it's my last trip.

Good Luck to next years Standard eights!
Sharon Chapman & Liza Kilfoil

We arrived at the school full of anticipation for the few days ahead. Some people were apprehensive, but mostly we were looking forward to an unexpected seaside holiday, for we were going to Glenmore on the Natal South Coast - the best Veld school in the country. (Not a great honor if you know what the other Veld schools are like). But we all agreed, anything is better than spending the same few days in hell (a popular term describing our education facilities). Unfortunately we couldn't escape from school altogether as the first night was spent there running and sweating. We realized that it was far worse than anything they had ever handed out at Veld school.

Those who did not sleep in the gym on the first night suffered mercilessly on the bus, but even those who had slept stepped off at Glenmore with their cheeks still vibrating from leaning against the windows, and feeling aches and pains in places they never knew existed.

We were briefed by "Oom Piet" and "Oom Andre" about the week's programme, sitting on the grass and taking deep breaths of the fresh sea air until the smells from the kitchen wafted our way. We had had our first "taste" of Veld school cuisine.



We were shown to our dormitories and then went down to supper which looked as though it had been shot from the surrounding forest.

Our days began with the "pleasant" sounds of seabirds and "boeremusiek" being played over the intercom to wake us up, and boy, did that seagull wake us up. After we had counted very, very slowly to ten we stumbled out to the parade ground where we yawned out the prayer and national anthem.

Awareness was held before breakfast, but the only thing I became aware of was how tired I really was. We were meant to look, listen, smell and touch to get in tune with our surroundings. I never saw anything because my eyes were still closed. I heard my stomach growling from hunger. I smelt the result of the previous day's sweat and dirt on unwashed bodies, and felt my body go numb as I sat on the cold grass.

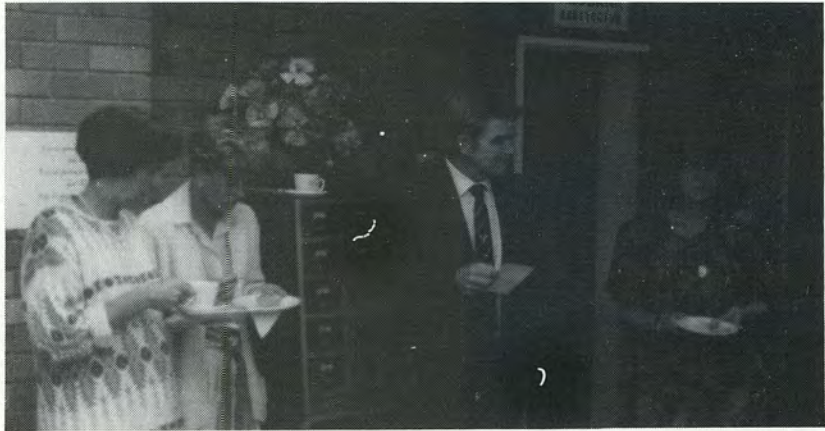
After a jog, breakfast and inspection, we began the day's events - snorkeling, swimming, shell collecting, assault and adventure courses, discussions, lunch and volleyball. Swimming was exciting, if you call swimming in a 20 x 10 metre area swimming. It should have been called scraping, because those that were "brave" enough to attempt bodysurfing came out with either a red rash or a "baggie-ful" of sand. But I guess we were lucky to come to the sea, even though we had to walk two kilometres to get there.

Many good things did come out of Veld school. New friends were made, lessons were learned, and stomachs were made invulnerable to army-style food. We were all very thankful when we returned home to a warm bed, clean clothing and home-cooked food.

Giles Knight

MEDIA CENTRE REPORT

Perhaps one of the most important tasks we set ourselves two years ago was to computerize the Media Centre. To begin with we would have to type in all our books, videos, slides and tapes. Our books alone totalled 7,500. It took a long time! It would have taken longer without the help of two mothers, Marlene Bevan and Liz Jones.



Once the stock and pupils were on the computer, Mr Northmore and I began lengthy discussion about our own library program which he was going to develop. We felt that an "imported" program would not really serve our needs. A year later "Media Monitor" was completed. This is a program designed for our particular needs as also those of the T.E.D. who are so pleased with it that they have recommended it for use by other schools. Several schools in the area are already using it.

Not only do we keep our records in the computer but we run our lending section on it. This is extremely useful in many ways, particularly when a pupil wants to know what books we have on a certain subject, say "Birds!" We can immediately flash a list of all the appropriate books on our screen, or better still print the list and give him the printout which also tells him where to find these books on the shelves, this all in a few minutes!

Another important task linked to our computer is to re-label all the books. The computer has printed out neat uniform labels and with the help of two mothers Marlene Bevan and Annie Bennet, we are working at this and have already relabelled the fiction section of the library.

Apart from the development of the resources of the Media Centre, the Media Committee felt that we had to promote the centre as much as possible. We began a series of "talks" in the Auditorium. These were held at Break and were very well attended. Thanks to the various speakers - Mrs Andrews, Mr Essex-Clarke, Mr Froud, Sarah Lincoln, Melissa Davidson, Sharon Chapman, Harlen Henderson, Judy van Nieuwkerk, Lisa Blignaut and Esther Gibson.

We also organised a poster competition to advertise the Media Centre. This was a big success. Thanks specially to Mrs Looij for her effort in this project.

We all look forward to 1992 in the Media Centre. It is certainly a wonderful centre with extensive facilities which should be well used, appreciated and cared for by all our pupils and staff.

B. Quail
Media Teacher

Winners of the Poster competition



As 1991 draws to a close we think back to Jupiter's efforts, consistency and successes throughout the year.

The year started with the Inter-house gala. The spirit was tremendous and the swimmers gave their greatest effort and excelled accordingly. Victory, however, eluded us, but our performance certainly proved that Jupiter is "HOT STUFF".



JUPITER HOUSE COMMITTEE

Back row: N. Smith, M. Middleton G. Blane, A. Gray, M. Chersich
 Middle row: S. Loomes, A. Churchill, M. Jardim, S. Bailey, C. Loomes
 Front row: N. Quick, Mr I. Morrison, S. Ross (Captain), G. Lunderstedt (Captain), Mrs P. Deacon, A. Edwards

Jupiter showed their consistency once again in the field events. The rugby boys attained third place and the hockey girls and cross-country runners both came in second. The netball and tennis girls showed their true colours by winning both events extremely comfortably.

A great deal of effort went into our house plays this year and earned exceptional results. The junior play "a case for two detectives" achieved first place with Colleen Steytler winning the best Junior directors award. Our senior play "Twentieth Century Lullaby" achieved well. Congratulations to all aspiring Jupiter actors and actresses.

The athletics this year saw many Jupiter members participating and some excelling. Mark Medcalf obtained the senior Victor Laudorum for his stunning performance. Thanks must be extended to Mrs Deacon, Mr Morrison and all the Jupiter teachers who helped and inspired us throughout the year.

Good Luck to the 1992 House Committee. Keep Jupiter's flag flying high.

Sally Ross & Greg Lunderstedt



JUPITER



NEPTUNE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Back row: I. Nicoleta, J. Rapp, A. Robinson, J. Thesen, J. Tanner, L. Humphries, N. van Langerman
Front row: A. Young, Mr C. Northmore, Q. Leech, V. Hancock, Mrs S. West, T. Bailles

Rising from the depths of the ocean Neptune excelled to great heights in 1991, taking first place in five events.

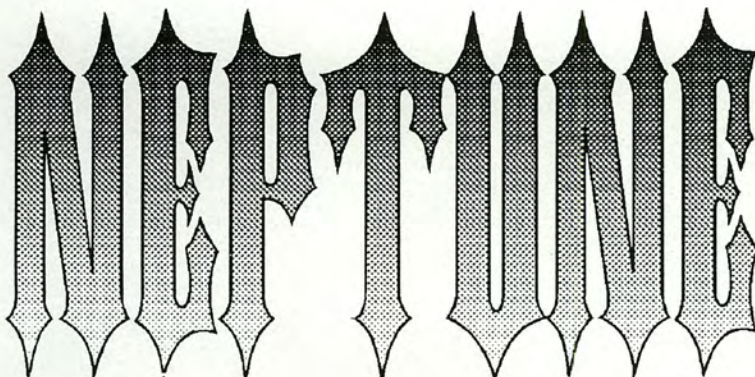
Neptune's first challenge of the year was with the "Ultimate Warrior" at the Inter-house Swimming Gala. Although showing spirit and determination, there was still room for improvement, which was shown by our first place in the girls inter house hockey and followed by winning places in the Cross Country, 3000m running and the squash.

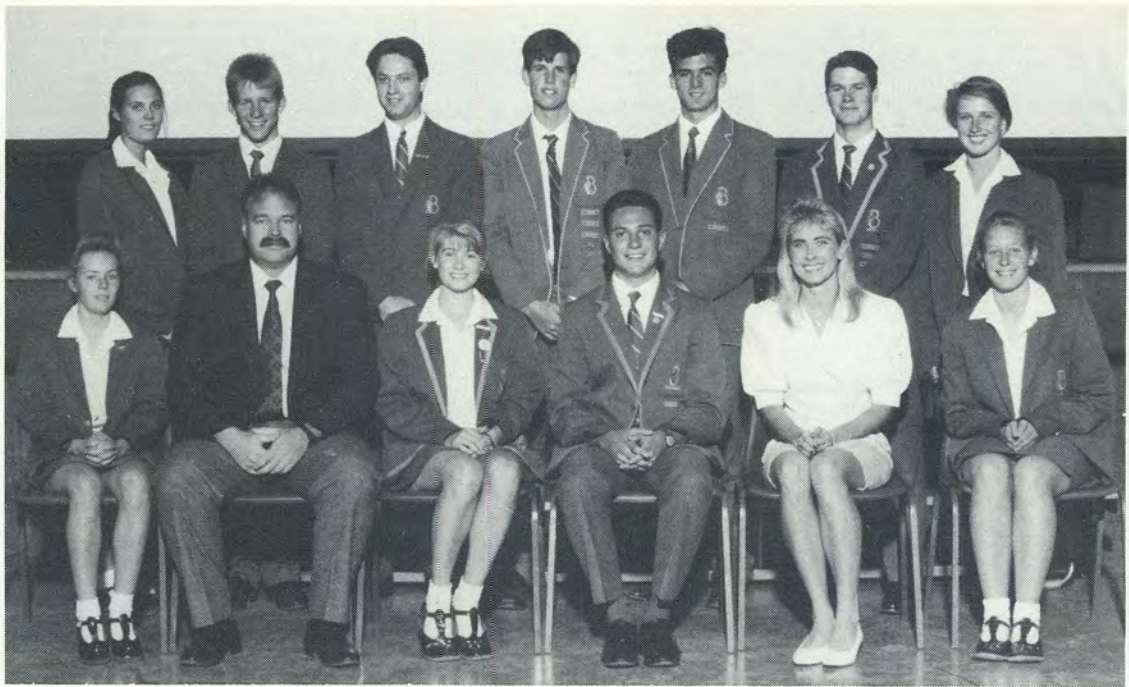
Neptune ended the year with a bang by floating away with the inter house Athletics trophy for the first time in 21 years. With this fantastic improvement Neptune will no longer be considered a joke, but a threat to any house challenging for the hall.

A great deal of thanks must be given to Mrs West and Mr Northmore who inspired us to great heights and to the House Committee for all their help. As Captains we are really proud of Neptune's performance and hope that Neptune can maintain their high standards in the years to come.

Watch out here comes Neptune!

Quentin Leech and Vanessa Hancock





MERCURY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Back row: K. McWilliams, B. Kruise, W. Cloete, D. Kidd, G. Letcher, G. Barrow, K. Scott

Front row: A. Van Heynigen, Mr W. Essex-Clark, H. Begley, P. Ghiselli, Mrs G. Fulcher, T. du Plessis

As 1991 comes to an end, we can say that Mercury had a see-saw year of success. We were either better than the rest, or otherwise we came nowhere at all, but the main thing is that we were always there with a lot of spirit.

Mercury may not have excelled in the bigger inter house events like swimming or athletics, but in the smaller events we showed that we are the best. In the dramatics field, Mercury was placed first in the overall position, we were also placed first overall in the inter house rugby, and our senior hockey girls also proved to be better than their fellow companions in the other houses.

I think the spirit and success that Mercury gained this year, will continue in the future years to come. We have many young up and coming stars in our house, and I hope they will one day bring Mercury back to the number one house in the school.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Fulcher and Mr Essex-Clark, who, together with the many other commitments they have for the school, have spent a great deal of time for Mercury.

Paolo Ghiselli (House Captain)

MERCURY





APOLLO

1991 reflects a fun filled and successful year for all in Apollo.

The year started off with a bang as Apollo, for the second year running took top honours at the Inter-House Gala. Apollo lead the way both in the pool and on the grand stands, the spirit and enthusiasm displayed by Apollo was outstanding.

This "super spirit" continued throughout the years Inter-House events such as Hockey Rugby, Netball, Cross country and Tennis, at the end of the year, though Apollo did not win the athletics, our spirit and enthusiasm again gained us the worthy spirit trophy.

On the cultural side, Apollo as usual excelled at the Inter House Plays festivities. The Senior play, a very successful production for which Apollo received both best supporting actor and actress and best actress in the Junior section.

Congratulations to all Apollo house members, the committee and staff. Best of luck for next year. Keep the SPIRIT going!

*Nicky Acutt
House Captain*



APOLLO HOUSE COMMITTEE

Back row:C. Henschel, R. Alison, D. van Zyl, M. Cabral

Middle row:N. Crowther, B. Reprich, A. Bogatie, A. Huggett, G. de Bruyn, S. Mounsear-Wilson

Front row:L. Panos, Mrs B. Weir, N. Acutt, G. Haynes, Mr D. Smith, T. O'Brien

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SWIMMING REPORT

The 1991 swimming season began with the Inter-House Gala. Apollo who had dethroned Jupiter in 1990 easily defended their title. The final results were:



1st Apollo 571
2nd Jupiter 507
3rd Neptune 499
4th Mercury 402

The special awards were:

Bac Trophy - most promising under 13 Girl : C Routledge
Bac Trophy - most promising under 13 Boy : H Humphreys
McCall Peat Trophy - Senior Girls Individual Medley: B Reprich
Stafford Trophy - Junior Girls Individual Medley : M Russell
Kratz Trophy - Senior Boys Individual Medley : G Lunderstedt
Stafford Trophy - Junior Boys Individual Medley: S Haskell
Victrix Natationis: B Reprich
Victor Natationis: G Lunderstedt
Junior Victrix Natationis: M Russell
Junior Victor Natationis: H Humphreys
Winning Girls House: Apollo
Winning Boys House: Apollo

In the 1991 season we maintained our position over the last few years. The A team finished 2nd in the A league and the B team 5th in the C league (placing them 15 overall). With 38 teams in total participating in the leagues we were very proud of these results. Clearly no other school can challenge us for overall depth as the next best B teams participate in the F league. Congratulations to Mia Russell who represented the senior provincial team this year as well as Candy Routledge and Mia Russell who swam for Transvaal schools.

A notable feature of the season was the fairly large number of records which were broken. These were:

Linda Petersen 100m Open Breaststroke 1min 26,2 sec
Candice Routledge 50m U13 Butterfly 35,9 sec
Mark Beuthe 50m U15 Butterfly 31,6 sec
Mia Russell 50m U15 Butterfly 32,3 sec
Mia Russell 50m U15 Freestyle 29,6 sec
Greg Lunderstedt 100m Open Freestyle 56,9 sec

Our thanks must be extended to the coaches Mr Cuthbertson, Mr Essex-Clarke, Mrs West and Mrs Fulcher as well as the mothers who gave up many hours of their time serving teas and early morning breakfasts. Your contributions made the season so much more enjoyable.

AWARDS

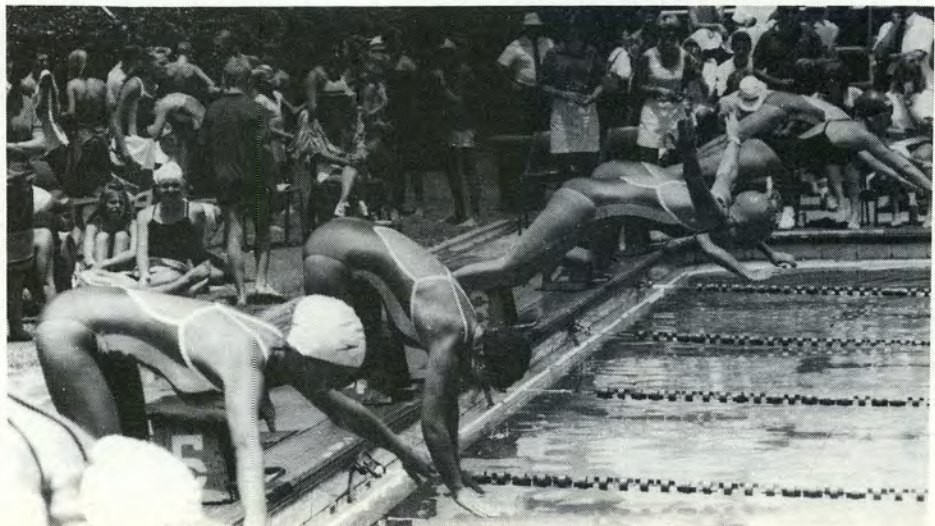
Full Colours: Greg Lunderstedt, Richard Allison, Linda Petersen, Bronwyn Clarke, Gail de Bruyn, Birgit Reprich, Mia Russell

Half Colours: Michael Nel, Nicky Crowther, Andrea Chapman, Keeley Holtom, Kylie Mills, Leigh Blomkamp, Jason Knox, Vincent Freemantle, Roger Donaldson, Paolo Ghiselli, Nicholas Cunningham

Team: Cathy Cronje, Toni O'Brien, Hazel Begley, Sam Harrop, Douglas Browne, Mark Medcalf

Merit: Hartley Humphries, Matthew Spurrier, Jenny Acutt, Pam Prior, Candic Routledge, Natalie Baird, Jill Prior

MR S. CUTHBERTSON





B TEAM SWIMMING

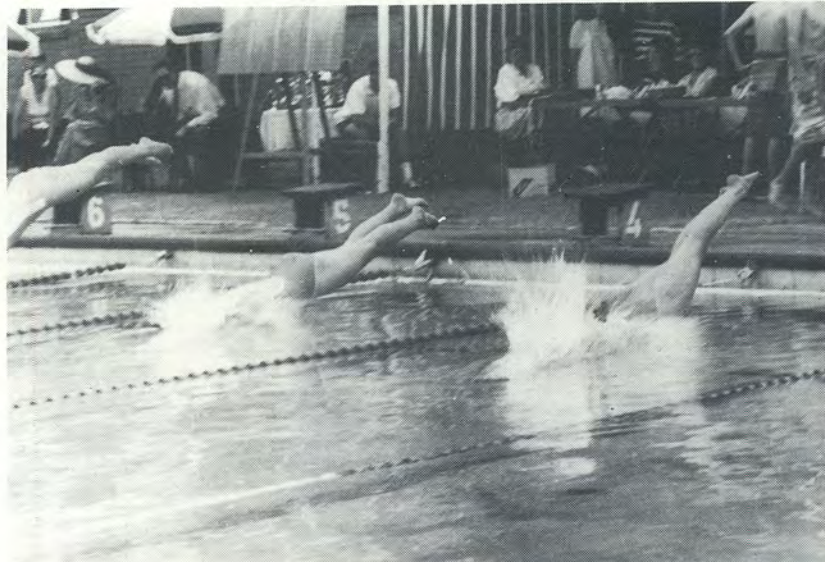


Although the B-Team lost many galas, the team spirit and general participation from all swimmers was fantastic. We all performed to the best of our ability and improved our individual times, which is very important. But, together as a team we encouraged and congratulated each other when stepping out of the pool, and that's what counts!

On behalf of the captains and vice captains, Toni O'Brien, Mark Medcalf, Natalie Van Langermann and Andy Gogane, we would like to say thank-you and well done to all of those who participated and the hard work each person put in. To Mrs Fulcher, thank-you for your hard work and dedication. You were full of enthusiasm and encouragement. We could not have asked for a better coach!

Thank-you to the school teachers, cheerleaders and the mothers for your hard work and fantastic support. To all the B-team swimmers, we wish you luck for next year and the years to come. Swim to the best of your ability and strive as one team to reach the goals of Bryanston High. Aim to win the D-league.

Toni O'Brien




MIDMAR 1991

1.30 Friday afternoon we swam our way to the bus amidst a downpour and settled ourselves down, ready for the nine and a half hour trip down to Durban, made slightly longer by the few road stops that were made in order to necessitate a couple of our weaker bladdered seniors!

We arrived in Durban at 10.30 p.m. and organised ourselves into bedrooms. We were all extremely excited and hardly slept at all on Friday night, waking up at the crack of dawn on Saturday morning with the bright sea-reflected sunlight streaming in through our windows.

Saturday was a "free" day and we could do whatever we liked. The weather was great and even the teachers were found swimming in the sea and soaking up some rays on the beach. That night we went out, spreading out all over the Marine Parade, some went to the Wheel, some to the fun fare and some to both. Curfew was 10.30 p.m., and after



running to get to our rooms on time we received an urgent phone call. The man on the other side said he was from the hotel management council, there had been a robbery and we must check if anything is missing. After alerting all the rooms, and all frantically searching our rooms, we found out that we had just been caught by a Bryanston boys hoax!

Sunday morning, a little nervous we left for Midmar dam, so early that the hotel had to pack breakfast for us. All too soon it was time for the race. We screamed a few war cries for the various television channels around and then the siren sounded and the race was on. The beginning was a mad scramble of people, kicking each other, swimming over one another and in some cases even clawing their way to the front, but by about 200m in, we had all spread out and could relax into our stroke that is if swimming a mile can be relaxing!

The sun was very hot and those of us who swam backstroke can be distinctly recognized by the red faces and "cap-tans" on our foreheads. At last it was all over and as we girls all recovered on the bank, we could all take great joy in watching the guys only just begin their struggle. Greg, however, didn't seem to struggle much, coming through in 18th position!

We started back at approximately 1.30 p.m., but had to stop at the nearest Ultra-City to feed our faces and replenish all that lost energy. Once back on the bus, it was decided by the teachers, sitting at the back of the bus, that it was time for a serenade, and a 2 hour sing-a-long proceeded.



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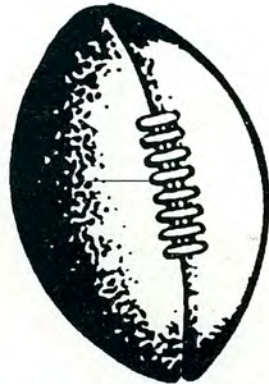
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RUGBY



The 165 players who took up the challenge and represented Bryanston High at rugby this year, played with tremendous courage and pride. These boys re-established our position as one of the finest co-educational rugby playing schools in Johannesburg. The game is becoming harder and more competitive every year and it is pleasing to note that our players have achieved exceptional results. Our Junior A teams scored 116 tries this season and had only 15 tries scored against them. Our second team scored 39 tries as opposed to 17 by their opposition. The first team scored 37 tries as opposed to 18 by their opponents.

Our fifteenth annual rugby dinner was again held at Megawatt Park this year. Richard Allison distinguished himself by achieving Transvaal rugby colours and was also the recipient of the prestigious "Player of the Year" award. The "Roy Paige Shield" for the team of the year went to the Under Fourteen 'A' team. This team was coached by Mr Morrison and Mr Smith.

At Bryanston High we are blessed with a highly competent rugby coaching staff. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the following coaches: Mr Cuthbertson and Mr Duffy, who coached the Under Thirteen teams, Mr Smith and Mr Morrison, who coached the Under Fourteens, Mr Algie and Mr Skelton, who coached the Under Fifteens, Mr Paige, Mr Breytenbach and Mr Northmore, who coached the Thirds and Fourths and Mr McFarland who helped me with the coaching of the Second and First teams. I would also like to extend my thanks to Mr van der Merwe for the excellent work he has done on our rugby fields. To the mothers a special thank you for your loyal support and for the teas that were provided at our home matches. Thanks are also due to our First Aiders and the referees from the T.R.F.U.



THE FIRST XV

At full strength our first team was one of the most talented teams this school has produced. Although we had a successful season, the team's potential was greater than what was evidently displayed. Our First XV was characterised by an immensely powerful pack led by our Vice Captain, Richard Allison, and a highly penetrative back line led by our Captain, Greg Barrow. The players showed a propensity to run the ball and attack at every opportunity. As a result our spectators were treated to some exciting displays of rugby skill.

This years "Player of the Year" award went to Richard Allison. Andrew Bogatie received the "Most Improved Player" award and Craig Swanepoel was the recipient of the "Most Promising Player" award.

This season eight players received full colours : Richard Allison, Andrew Bogatie, Michael Voster, Paulo Ghiselli, Craig Swanepoel, Delain van Zyl, Greg Barrow and Alan Young. Those awarded with half colours were Greg Haynes, Chris McCreedy, Jason Church, Stephen Dovey and Mark Medcalf. Team colours were awarded to Andrew Grey and Jordie Blane.

The second fifteen under the firm leadership of Michael Nel as Captain and David Marcussen as Vice Captain brought great credit to the school by winning eighty per cent of their matches. This was achieved by their strict adherence to the pattern of play that was coached to them.

To our Open rugby players on behalf of Mr McFarland and myself, I would like to express my appreciation for your loyalty and commitment which helped to make this season a great success.

Mr W Essex-Clark



1ST XV

Back row: J. Blane, J. Kilfoil, J. Church, G. McReedy, S. Dovey, J. Knox, C. Swanepoel

Middle row: A. Grey, A. Young, D. van Zyl, P. Ghiselli, G. Bezuidenhout

Front row: M. Medcalf, R. Allison (V.Capt), Mr N. McFarland, G. Barrow (Captain) Mr W. Essex-Clark, G. Haynes, A. Bogatie

UNDER 14a RUGBY TEAM OF THE YEAR

The under 14 "A" side continued the impressive form it showed in 1990 to emerge as team of the year for the second consecutive year. Their record was indeed impressive, having won 10, drawn 2, and only losing a closely fought match with King Edwards; tries for 64 tries against 6. The team played an attractive, effective style of rugby and also showed a great deal of individual skill which brought great pleasure to a motivated and enthusiastic parent group.

We trust that the skills taught this year will be remembered and used in future years. Individuals of special note were Jaques Voigt (8 tries, 27 conversions); Christian Abt (10 tries); Michael Wheeler, Dax Menton and Matthew Spurrier (8 tries) and in particular the inspiring, enthusiastic leadership of Patrick Rolland.

Final thanks go to the parents who gave their support, to the players for their co-operation and commitment and to Mr Smith for his invaluable assistance.

Mr I Morrison

U14 Coach



UNDER 14A

Back row:L. Vivian, J. Blumberg, D. Menton, M. Wheeler, J. Thomas, B. Reid, C. Abt (Vice Captain) (Middle):M. Spurrier
Front row:J. Hockey, C. Waddle, Mr I. Morrison, P. Rolland, Mr D. Smith, M. McCreedy, R. van Zyl



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HOCKEY

BOY'S HOCKEY SEASON

The 1991 First XI had only 5 players from last year's team to provide the backbone for an inexperienced side which excelled as the season progressed.

Our first match - still very rusty, was played against Northcliff. The team did not get off to a good start losing 1-0 in the last 5 minutes of the game.

The disappointing loss to Northcliff encouraged the team to a great victory over Ferndale 2-1. For the rest of the season the teams performance continued to improve including a 2-0 loss to Parktown (traditionally a strong school). The rest of our season went as follows:

- Hyde Park-Won 5-0
- Edenvale-Won5-1
- King David-Won 2-0
- St. Davids-Drew 1-1
- K.E.S.-Lost 0-3
- Sandown-Won 2-1
- St Stithians-Won1-0
- Randpark-Drew 0-0
- Sandringham-Lost 1-3

James Strang, Robbie Blatch and David McMurdo were chosen to attend Southern Transvaal trials. Unfortunately David had encephalitis and could not attend. But Robbie and James did us proud. James making Southern Transvaal and Robbie unfortunately only made the final cut.

In the July holidays the team went on tour to Natal. Unfortunately our coach, Mr Matthew Pitman was unable to come but the team still realised their full potential proving to be a force to be reckoned with. The results were:

- Pinetown-Won 1-0
- Kingsway-Won 3-0
- Kloof-Drew 1-1

We would like to thank Miss Rennie for her contributions during the season and who along with Mr Smith, gave us the chance to go on tour. Without them the tour would have been impossible.

Lastly we would like to extend a special thanks to our coach Matthew Pitman, as well as Miss Rennie for her hard work as manageress in making it a very special season. Thanks

*The First XI Boys Hockey
D McMurdo and R Blatch*

GIRLS HOCKEY REPORT

Once again the season started off with tours. The 3rds and U14's went down to Riverside Holiday Inn for a coaching weekend. This was a great weekend hockey-wise and socially. The girls learnt a tremendous amount of stick work as well as having the opportunity to develop team work, as matches were played on the Sunday. Then in the April school holidays three teams set off in "Gallies" bus for Port Elizabeth. There the 1sts, 2nds and U15's stayed in the Bliss Holiday Apartments and so they learnt to cook! Breakfast is organised by each flat independently, lunch is a group effort and dinner is organised team by team for all with the meals being had in the largest flat. Mornings were spent at places of academic value, such as the dolphin show, while hockey matches were played every afternoon. The hockey in P.E. is of a high standard and so the girls certainly never had it all their own way! As they start hockey in the primary school the U15's were at a tremendous disadvantage but the learning experience was what it was all about. It was a very happy tour, without pressures, and enjoyed by all including the teachers who were kind enough to give up their holidays to take the girls away. Many thanks go to Mrs West, Miss Traviss, Miss MacQuilkan and Mrs Deacon for making the tour possible.

The season started at the beginning of the 2nd term and the teams were rearing to go. It was an up and down season with the potential not always being realised. The will to win is not always obvious and there were occasions when it looked as if it didn't matter that the Bryanston team was down! Skill in hockey is a must but without fighting spirit it is not enough to make champions.

The beginners were very ably coached by Mrs Gorrie and Mrs Hall and we hope there are some budding Springboks in the making. The award for the most improved player went to Romy Strang - well done! Once again Mrs West showed her worth as a coach with the U14's winning many games and being tough opposition to others. Mrs Arderne assisted here and was a great asset. Petra Spoerk was a worthy winner of the most improved player award. We hope this group will be a top first team in a few years time. Miss MacQuilkan is a coach with tremendous drive and enthusiasm and the U14's were very fortunate to have her. Sometimes they didn't seem to appreciate that fact but they must realise that for as long as one plays hockey, there is always something new to learn. Nevertheless they fared well and were second on the log to St Marys - well done! Congratulations go to Robyn Clement for being awarded the most improved player.

Mrs Taylor started off the season coaching a very enthusiastic group of 3rds and 4ths who did exceptionally well under her able coaching. As she decided to take long leave, Miss Traviss, who had been helping with the beginners, took over. She was able to give them a great deal of help from her vast experience and so the group developed tremendously. The winner of the award was Sharon Woodiwiss as the most improved player.

The 1st and 2nd team were both very new sides this season and many of them spent hours practising to improve their skills. It was a pleasure to coach them as they gave their best, developed well, showed enthusiasm and seemed to really love hockey. Many of them were chosen for trails and our congratulations go to Nicky Crowther and Sarah Ross for being chosen for the Southern Transvaal Team and Anthea Edwards for representing us in the Nuggets Team. Bronwyn Hughes played for the Colts side, P

Bowery for the Southern U15 team and Robyn Clement and Leza Kilfoil (captain) for the Wits U15 side. Well done to all these girls.

Hockey does not stop with the playing as Bryanston has a proud tradition of umpires. Over 30 girls started this and they attend various tournaments where they are watched and graded. Only the top few make provincial sides in the end. We are proud to say that only one other school had an umpire sent away with teams, the rest were from Bryanston. Mrs Gorrie and Mrs West spent hours helping the girls and to them go a big thank you! All the girls attending tournaments as umpires received recognition. At the U15 tournament Linda Petersen and Andrea Huggett received excellent reports. Anthea Edwards and Hazel Begley were noted and the two top school girl umpires at the B Tournament and along with Laura Watt and Janet Tanner, received S A Schoolgirls Grade III. At the A tournament Miss Traviss received a re-grade II with Nickey Crowther obtaining a new II and being honored by being asked to umpire the game between the 2 B section teams. Gail de Bruyn, Tessa Knight and Tracey Robinson were given Grade III's. Well done all of you, it is really a tough thing to do and you all came out tops!

The hockey dinner was held on Saturday, 3rd August and our thanks go to Mrs Acutt and Mrs Ross for a fantastic effort. We were honored by having Mrs B Douglas, who is 91 years old, an ex president of S A hockey. One of the 1st Springboks and a S.A. Life Member, with us as well as Lorinda Bryan, an S.A. B player as our guests. Thanks go to all who made the evening such a success. Awards went to Storm Murphy for being the most improved senior and Bronwyn Hughes the most improved junior, with Nicky Crowther receiving the best player of the year trophy. Well done all!

To Mr van der Merwe, our manager of the estate, go our thanks for working so hard on the fields and for your tremendous support; to Mrs Stafford and her team of workers for all the catering done this season and to all the mothers who made tea, supported and transported, we say a big "thank-you".

We are still the top co-ed school hockey-wise and to maintain this position, we will have to work very hard next season. If all continue to give of their best, as well as showing so much enthusiasm and love for the game, I'm sure the challenge to stay there, will be met!

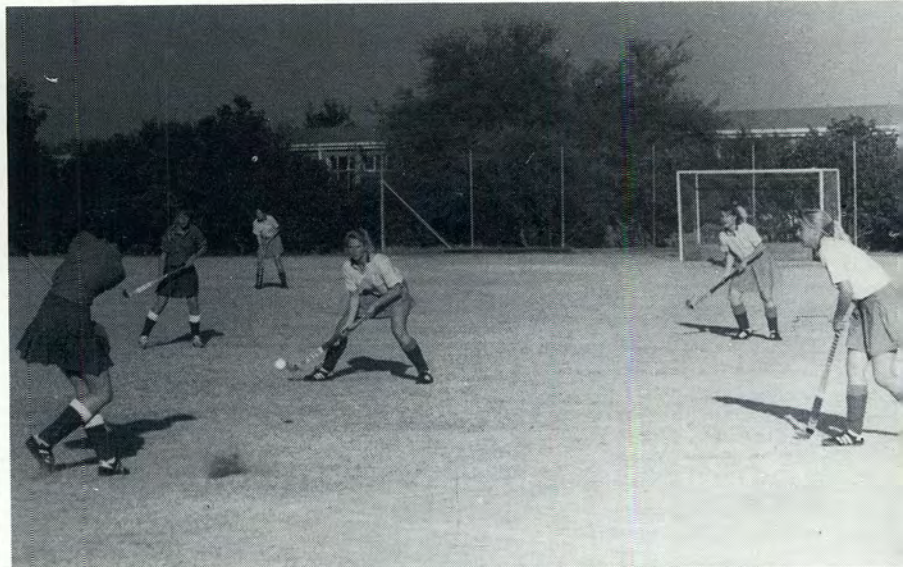
Mrs P Deacon





BOYS 1ST HOCKEY

Back row: R. Blatch, D. McGregor, D. Browne, A. Harris, N. Holtzhauzen
 Front row: T. Benade, C. Henschel, J. Strang (captain), Miss F. Rennie, D. McMurdo (Vice Captain), M. Robinson, D. Bate
 Absent: O. Openberg



GIRLS 1ST TEAM HOCKEY

Front row: B. Hughes, L. Watt, N. Crowther (Vice captain), Mrs P S Deacon (Coach), S. Ross (captain), H. Begley, A. Edwards
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SHOOTING

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The season started off very slowly and the whole team was anxious for Mr Gillespie to get his range officers certificate. When he eventually got it we shot, as he put it, "Hand-uit-'n bos".

The junior team was not that good at the beginning of the year, but as they shot more, their averages came up until most of them were shooting at about a 70% average, which is fairly good for a junior team.

The seniors on the other hand started off the season with a terrible 90%, and by the end had increased it to about a 96 - 97% average throughout the team. Four boys out of the team invested in shooting jackets, which increased their percentage by a further 2%.



SHOOTING TEAM

left front: N. Johnston, A. Wethmar, Mr M. Gillespie, M. van der Merwe, P. Kempen
back left: P.J. Case, B. Bouwer, S. Murphy, M. Roberts, J. Ortlepp, M. Zandt, D. Metsos, B. Wethmar

Due to the slow start to the season we didn't do too well, but we inevitably "drilled" a couple of schools. When it came to the final competition the team didn't fair too well, excepting for Martin van der Merwe who shot a 97, 75% and went through to the Transvaal trials, where he shot a 99,5%. Unluckily he was dropped at the second last trials, before the Transvaal team was chosen. Well done Martin!

Lastly, I would like to, on behalf of the whole team, say a special thanks to our coach Mr Gillespie and to Gareth Smyth who helped with most practices.

A J Wethmar - Captain

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NETBALL

The Netball season of 1991 was much enjoyed by both players and coaches. We participated in an extremely competitive league. Although we didn't win as many matches as we would have liked, we did gain experience and our improvement was shown by our success on tour.

The tour, thanks to Mrs Fulcher's excellent organisation and the support of the other teachers, was incredible. Not only did we get to learn new netball skills, but we were also allowed time to just go out and relax in the good company of our fellow team members and coaches.

In the Junior Section, our combined U13 and U14A team achieved second place, winning R250,00 for the school. Yvette Smith received a second place shooting average (76%) and was named best Goal Attack. Alex Selley was named best centre and Carl Spear best Goal Defence. In the Senior Section, the first team pulled together, after a fairly rugged season, to be awarded third position out of twelve schools, winning R150,00 for the school. Samantha Baillie was placed second in the shooting average competition (79%). Andrea Huggett was named best Goal Attack, Charmaine Baillie best Wing Defence and Nadine Smith best Goal Defence.



All in all it was a wonderful season and successful tour, which, as always, would not have been possible without the support and dedication of the coaches. Special thanks to Miss De Wet, Mrs Meikel and Mrs Marsh, the junior coaches, Mrs Caron and Mrs Fulcher, the senior coaches and to Tracy Spear and Lisa Van den Oever for helping out wherever necessary. We look forward to a great season in 1992.

Nadine Smith (Captain)

Boy's Tennis Report

The first term league was extremely successful, with all but one of Bryanston's five teams being promoted to a higher section of the league. The results of the third term league are not yet available, but the A team won 3 out of their 5 matches, so they should retain their position in the second section, if not be promoted.

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This year 4 top players once again competed in the Ster-Kinekor tennis tournament. They fared particularly well by winning through to the regional semi-finals, before being eaten by King David Linksfield.

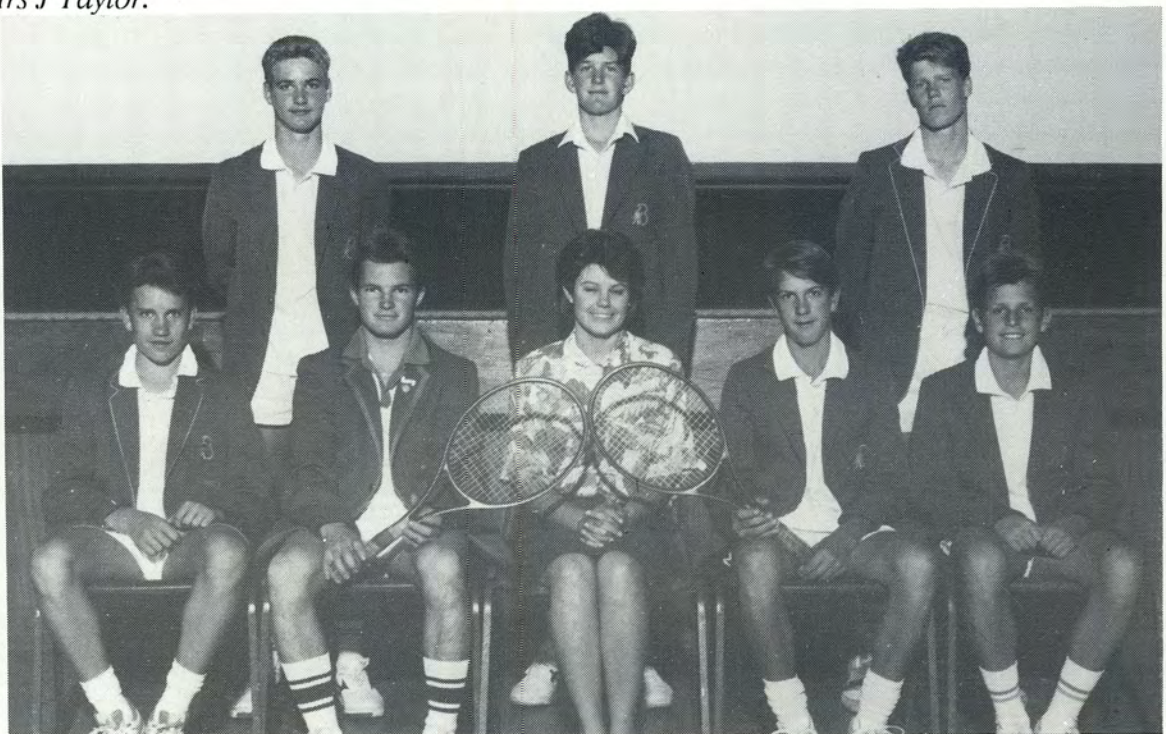
Congratulations to Ryan Sellschop and Pascal Guebert who were awarded half colours. Ryan was chosen to play in the Southern Transvaal B side.

The season culminated in the singles championships. The semi-finals and the final proved to be nail - biting matches. Gareth Hewartson emerged the winner and Hartley Humphries the runner-up.

1992 looks to be a very promising year with a young but formidable A team.

A special thank-you to Mrs Taljaard and Mr Van Rensburg for all their help during the year.

Mrs J Taylor.

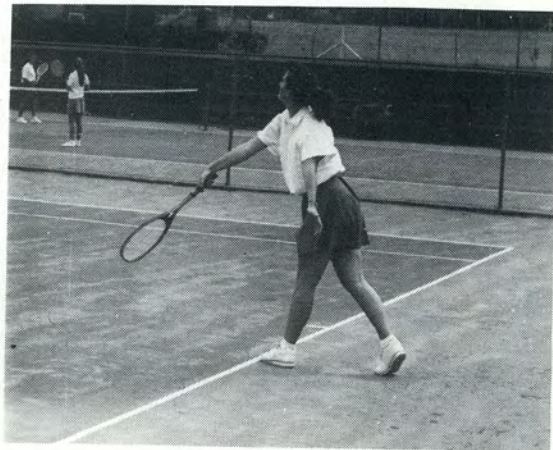


BOYS A TENNIS TEAM

Back row: H. Humphries, C. Williams, P. Guebert
Front row: R. Sellschop, G. Haynes (captain), G. Hewartson, W. Evans



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GIRLS TENNIS 1991

Although this year of tennis has not been the year of victory in Bryanston History, something unique has emerged from 1991. The girls illustrated their determination, enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game. Although we suffered defeats we managed to hold our chins up high and won some nail biting matches. As a result of the first and second teams, we have maintained our positions in the A Section of the Southern Transvaal League. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the help and support they have given me this year, as captain. A big thank you must go to the teachers for their help in organising, encouraging and transporting us to our tennis matches. The best of luck for next year!

*Kirsty Worrall
(Tennis Captain)*



GIRLS' TENNIS 1ST TEAM

Standing: P. Bowery, C. Brunyee

Front row: K. Worrall (Captain), Mrs V.J. Andrews, L. Blanckensee, T. Weir-Smith



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CROSS COUNTRY TOUR 1991

The 1991 cross country tour could not have been more of a success. A weekend of fun, sun and friends not, of course, to forget the running!

We left on Friday afternoon (after much musical chairs over who was going in Mr Kruuse's or Mr Turner's kombis) Destination.....Lowveld High in Nelspruit. We arrived that night, had a braai with the opposition and were in bed by 22h00, dreaming of the day to come.

The next morning we had a huge breakfast although we didn't quite know how we were going to carry all that food around the 2km course! At 9h00 we arrived en masse at the main athletics field. Running shoes on, stretching the muscles, nervous for the race ahead. The junior boys and girls and the senior girls had to run 4 kms while the senior boys had to run 3 times round the course (6 km). I don't know which was worse, running the gruelling course or watching!

Both the junior and senior girls lost to the Lowveld team but Veronique Duiwelshof showed them, and us, what she was made of and was placed second. The boys, however, did very well and beat the Lowveld boys with Gary Kruuse, Ian Drummond and Bernard Kuc coming first, third and fourth in the junior section and Gary Kruuse, Trevor Putterill and Michael Middleton coming first, second and third in the senior. (Please note: Gary ran and won both the junior and senior races!!)

By 10h30 the race was over and we packed our bags back into the kombis and were off to the Kruger National Park for the rest of the day. One thousand impala later we saw a troop of baboons, two thousand impala later we saw a giraffe (sound familiar?) and three thousand Impala later Gary spotted an elephant. (A speck, far...far off in the distance!!)

After a hard days game viewing we left the park to go to the Neriti Huts for the night. It did, however, take a lot of bargaining with Miss Rennie over what time we had to be in bed. We agreed upon midnight but with all the putt-putt to be played, discussions to be had and food to be eaten we were all lucky if we were in bed by two!!

The next day we were up early and ready for a day of exploration. We decided to climb a "small" hill only to find out it was a huge mountain and a few of us decided to take a "short cut" down the side of it on the way back. One hour later we packed ourselves once again into the kombis and were ready to (finally) go.

We then visited God's window and the potholes and after eating, wish making in the potholes and more eating, we packed ourselves, for the last time, into the kombis for the long trip home.

I'm sure the cross country team will agree that without the kindness of Mr Turner and Mr Kruuse our tour would not have been possible. We would like to thank them both once again for giving up their weekend for us.

And lastly, a special word to Miss Rennie, for without her, her hard work, enthusiasm and friendship, the cross country tour or team would not have been possible.

Claire Jackson (Vice-captain)

CROSS COUNTRY

INTER HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

On the 27th June the entire school took part in the annual Inter house cross country. Great enthusiasm was shown by the school as there was a full compliment of runners that took part. Penny Lunderstedt won the junior girls section. Amongst the boys, however, there was some difficult opposition. Vaughan David clinched the junior boy title and Gary Kruise sped past the crowds to win the senior boys section. Congratulations to these winners. The overall results were as follows:

Apollo - 4th
Mercury - 3rd
Jupiter - 2nd
Neptune - 1st!

Leigh Humphreys

INTER-SCHOOL RELAY

Bryanston's annual contribution to the cross country calendar is the hosting of the annual inter-school relay, which marks the start of the cross country season for the Northern District teams. Bryanston fielded 60 of our own athletes, some of whom do not normally run, but gave of their best in the traditional Bryanston High spirit.

We hope that in the future this will grow to be the event of the cross country season.

Trevor Putterill



CROSS COUNTRY

Back row: J. Smith, T. Green, B. Kruse, V. David, C. Kirkby, G. Kruise, A. Derbridge, A. Robinson, H. Humphreys
Middle back: J. Britten, R. Ferrar, D. Dovey, V. Duivelshof, M. Hardern, D. Beardsell, A. Roney, S. Hearn
Middle front: B. Kuc, I. Drummond, A. Tough, N. Winstone, S. Sipman
Front: T. Habib, M. Middleton (captain), L. Humphreys (captain), Miss F. Rennie, C. Jackson (vice captain), T. Putterill (vice captain), D. Alderton

The Cross-Country season started off fantastically this year. Many enthusiastic Bryanstonians arrived at practice to get fit. However, many of these "runners" very quickly decided that running wasn't for them. Thus after starting off with about 65 runners we ended up with approximately 45. Nevertheless, cross country was just as much fun, if not more so, as in previous years.

The following runners were chosen to represent the Northern Districts in the inter-district championships:

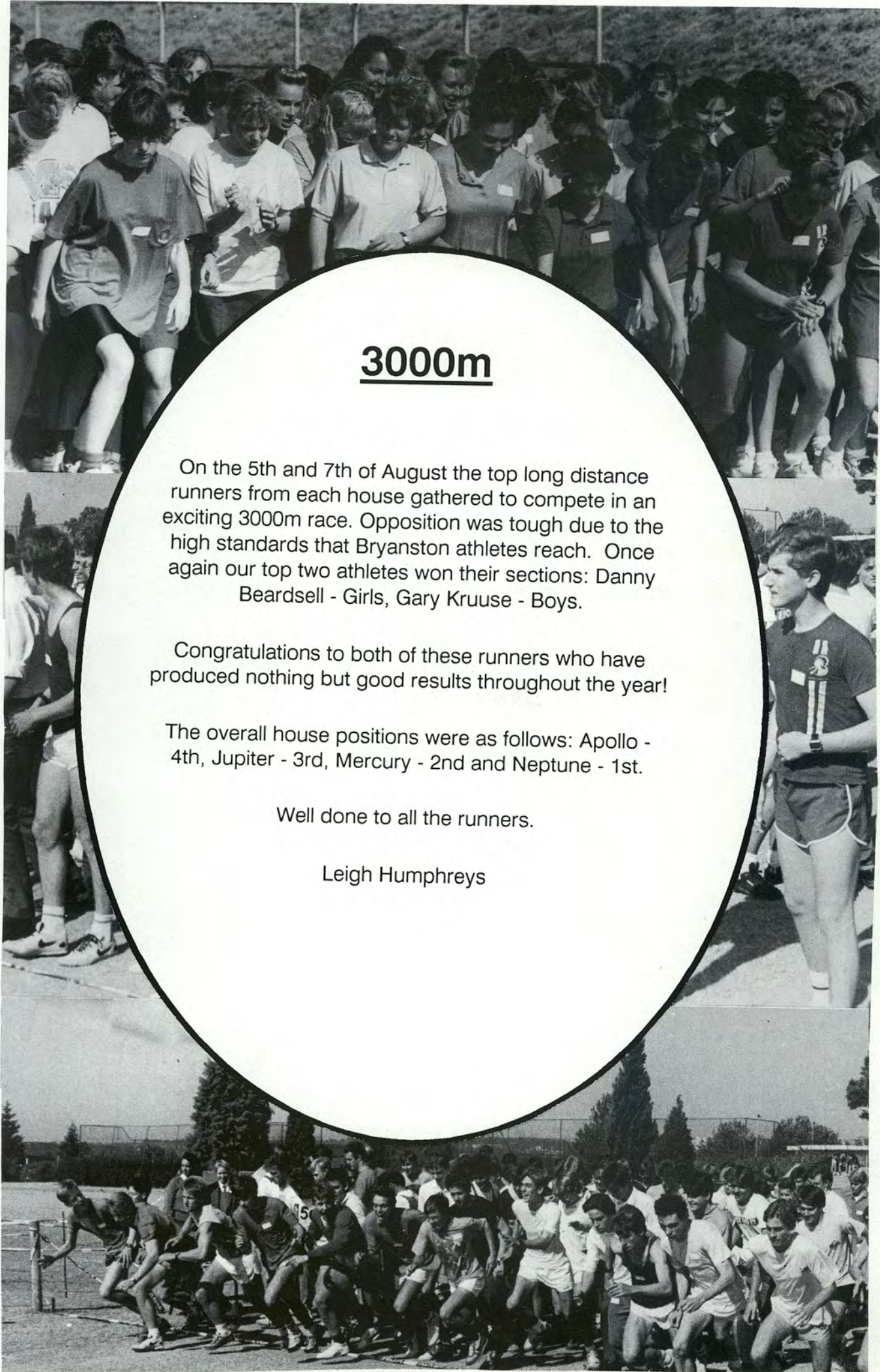
Danielle Beardsell (Senior Girls)
Trevor Putterill (Senior Boys)
Gary Kruise (Senior Boys)
Tracy Habib (Junior Girls)

I would like to congratulate the "drag bags" for coming seventh in the Kelly Girl relay. The team consisted of Shawn Sipman, Andrew Robinson, Traviss Green, Gary Kruise and Michael Middleton. This was an exceptionally outstanding achievement since we had to run with bras, wigs, babies and so on. UNFORTUNATELY the "Bryanston Beauties" (Bryanston Girls' team) felt threatened by the males and pulled out of the race - once again proving that guys are better runners than girls.

We would like to express our thanks to Miss Rennie for all her organising that she has done for the Cross Country Team. The team could not have done without her help and constant support. We would also like to thank her for sacrificing much of her precious time to take us to various fun runs and time trials.

Thank you to all the mothers who helped by providing lifts, we really appreciated your generosity. Finally, I would like to thank the team for their enthusiasm and friendliness. We couldn't have done without any of the runners.

Michael Middleton



3000m

On the 5th and 7th of August the top long distance runners from each house gathered to compete in an exciting 3000m race. Opposition was tough due to the high standards that Bryanston athletes reach. Once again our top two athletes won their sections: Danny Beardsell - Girls, Gary Kruise - Boys.

Congratulations to both of these runners who have produced nothing but good results throughout the year!

The overall house positions were as follows: Apollo - 4th, Jupiter - 3rd, Mercury - 2nd and Neptune - 1st.

Well done to all the runners.

Leigh Humphreys



The 1991 athletics season confirmed that Bryanston High is a force to be reckoned with. After 3 years in the 'B' League, we have finally achieved our rightful place in the prestigious 'A' League.

The season progressed well with Bryanston losing narrowly to only three schools. Two of these were A League schools and the third was Roosevelt, our main rivals in the B League. Although we just lost we were not discouraged as we ran without the Matrics due to the Prelims. This narrow defeat actually encouraged the athletes and they gave of their best, knowing we had a good chance of reaching the A League. We then beat Sandringham, an A League school and the stage was set for an exciting Inter High.

ATHLETICS

The 1991 Inter High athletics meeting was the climax of a rewarding season. Competing against Roosevelt, Sandown and Sir John Adamson, Bryanston ran out winners by 61 points and therefore gained promotion to the 'A' League. Out of the 51 events, Bryanston won 28 as well as winning 6 out of 10 relays.

As always, there were some athletes who excelled during the season and one of the main contributing factors of Bryanston's success, was the strength of the junior athletes. Stars of the season included Hartley Humphreys, Craig Napier, Petra Spoerk, Michael





Wheeler, Robyn Ferrar, Gary Kruise, Danielle Beardsell, Mark Medcalf and Vanessa Hancock. At the Prestige Meeting at RAU, Bryanston came away with 7 gold, 6 silver and 2 bronze medals, a remarkable achievement. But we must realize that these individual performances would not have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of the rest of the team.

Winning the 'B' League would certainly not have been possible without the dedication and patience of the coaches. Thanks to Mr Cuthbertson and Mrs West for coaching the sprinters, and to Mr De Souza and Miss Rennie for helping the middle distance athletes and as always, Mr Algie's constant encouragement from the side, helped many athletes a great deal.

Congratulations to all the athletes and best of luck for the 1992 season.

Andrew Robinson and Vanessa Hancock



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2 foot 9 class

- 1st - Justine Paul
- 3rd - Joanne Doyle
- 4th - Celia Van den Oewa
- 5th - Jenny McKowen
- 8th - Sam Harrop

3 foot 6 class

- 5th - Sam Harrop
- 7th - Alison Muller
- 9th - Charles Wilson

Gymkhana

6th - Team: Sarah Harrop, Jenny McKowen, Lorian Sicket, Natalie Baird, Marie Hadjiandriou, Cindy Foggit.

Fancy Dress

4th - Sarah Harrop, Lorrian Sicket, Natalie Baird, Marie Hadjiandriou

Dressage

7th - Caroline Cuddy, Sarah Harrop

Top Score

3rd - beating Sandown - Bergit Reprich, Charles Wilson, Sam Harrop and Alison Muller with Bergit and Charles achieving very high scores.



CRICKET

1990-1991 CRICKET REPORT

As master-in-charge of cricket I am extremely pleased with the level of involvement of the cricket boys. As a school we fielded nine sides in the first term which is a feat few co-ed schools can equal. In view of our comparative size, I believe this to be an outstanding achievement and a credit to the involvement and enthusiasm of a dedicated staff.

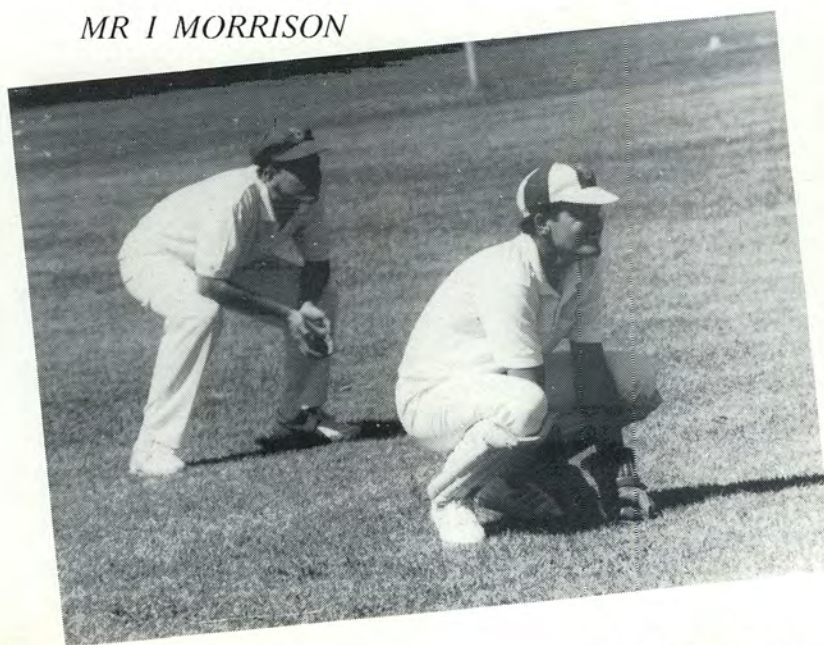
Traditionally our boys put up a splendid fight and this season was no exception. All our sides played with determination and fair degree of success. Mention must be made of our superb Second XI who thrashed most opponents this season to end undefeated. Congratulations again to coach Mr Northmore and captain Quinton Leech.

The re-introduction of the cricket dinner proved to be a most enjoyable evening with guest speaker providing boys and parents with a most amusing and motivating speech. Thanks must go to Messers Haynes, Janovsky, Abraham and Van Zyl for their kind donation of trophies which will help inculcate a sense of tradition among the cricketers.

My admiration and respect must extend to an excellently motivated and proficient team of coaches who are helping Bryanston maintain its high level of performance and achievement, and my appreciation goes to an equally committed group of mothers led by Mrs Abrahams who "re-fuelled" players, parents and coaches so admirably.

My thanks to all for a great season!

MR I MORRISON



FIRST XI

During our 1991 cricket season, we played with great determination and enjoyment. Although our team was changed every now and then, everyone tried their best in the games and we all worked hard during practices. We had our fair share of wins throughout the season and unfortunately we also had some marginal losses. Each game, we had a different member of our team who would save the side from an embarrassing loss. I feel that if each member of our team had performed to his full potential, we could quite easily have been one of the strongest sides in the country. Our season ended with a very enjoyable cricket dinner at the Bryanston Country Club where Craig Hunter was announced as the season's most promising player, and John Kilfoil the top all-rounder. I wish all the future 1st XI cricket teams the best of luck and hope that they too will enjoy their seasons as much as we did.

Thanks to Mr Smith for coaching and encouraging us throughout the season.

UNDER 13A

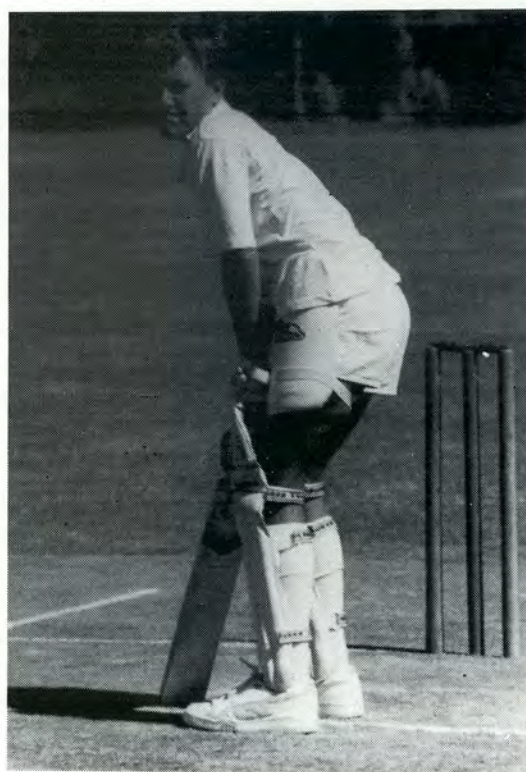
The U13A had a reasonably successful season winning just over half of the games that we played. The team improved tremendously after a very slow start. The highest run scorer was Peter Janovsky, while Murray Clack maintained the best average of the season. The best bowling averages were achieved by Wayne Evans with Brendan Harris and Jurgen Humer also making some good contributions with the ball. Players like Phillip Tomlinson and Nicholas Whittall made sure that the fielding was always of a high standard. We would like to extend our thanks to Mr Duffy for coaching us throughout the season.

WAYNE EVANS

UNDER 14

The season started off with a close match against Randpark which we lost by two wickets. During the season we played nine games of which we won five and lost four. All of these games were very exciting. We saw superb individual performances, with "The Bat", Michael Wheeler, scoring four half-centuries, his highest score being 81. There was also some great bowling figures, Brendon Bevan taking three for ten and Patrick Rolland two for eight. Throughout the season the one thing that we learned, is to play as a team. There was always a good spirit in all our games. We would like to thank Mr Skelton for his time directed towards the team. We would also like to thank our scorers, Anthea Fleming and Judie van Nieuwkerk for their help and support. Congratulations to Christian Abt for receiving the most promising cricketer for U14.

I hope our achievements will improve in 1992 and that we all will return to play "the great game of cricket".





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 We worked on our bowling to create the curves
 The reason we won most of our matches
 Was due to the fact we took some great catches
 "Keep your head down and eyes on the ball"
 This became our motto and was practised by all
 The bowlers bowled well, with a few wides too
 And on the odd occasion a few byes went through
 Our home ground field is very small
 With a flick of the wrist and we lost the ball
 No balls and wides caused the trouble
 of doing 50 push ups on the double
 So thanks to Mr Duffy you're a real great coach
 And we really improved with your enthusiastic approach.



Wayne Evans (captain U13A cricket team)



BADMINTON

GIRLS

The Badminton team of 1991 was extremely enthusiastic and the girls were always willing to give their best. Although we lost some games and won others, the playing was of a very high standard. We are looking forward to another successful season next year. Many thanks to Mrs Liddiard for her help.

A. Fleming

BOYS

The boys' badminton went exceptionally well this year, considering that the majority of the players were beginners. Kevin Roose and Dion Bate were very enthusiastically involved during this season and a very special mention must go to Dion Bate who didn't lose a single game this season.

We are looking forward to another exciting badminton season next year.

K. Roose



GIRLS' BADMINTON

Front row: Lisa Blignaut, Lauren Giovannoni, Andrea Fleming, Mrs S. Liddiard, Sandra Moore
Back row: Kerry-Anne McKay, Judie van Nieuwerker

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BOYS' BADMINTON

left to right: G von Ludwig, K. Roose, Mrs S. Liddiard, M. Anderson (rear), G. Algie, G. Batev



GIRLS FIRST SQUASH TEAM

1st row: T. Weaver, L. Shaw Taylor (Vice captain), Mrs A. Caron, T. Shaw Taylor (Captain), L. Irslinger
2nd row: H. Turner

SQUASH

GIRLS SQUASH 1991

The squash season began with a number of juniors wanting to participate, but because there were so many of them, and so few squash courts, some of them (unfortunately) had to be turned away! We hope that next year they will once again try out for the teams.

Practices were held on Tuesdays, which included challenges and round-robins. The warm-ups were the highlight of the practice! Sjeanne Cawdry (our coach) really likes to work you until you're ready to drop; but all in the name of squash!

Matches were held every Friday afternoon. While everyone else had gone home for the weekend, the squash girls were playing drop-shots, drives and boasting about their boast shots! Everyone played with determination with the aim of having fun, gaining experience (and hopefully winning as well). The important aspect of squash is to never give up, because every point counts!

One of our most dreaded matches this year was against St Marys (an all provincial team) and next year Mrs Caron's advice should be followed - kidnap their squash team and then innocently declare a walk-over!

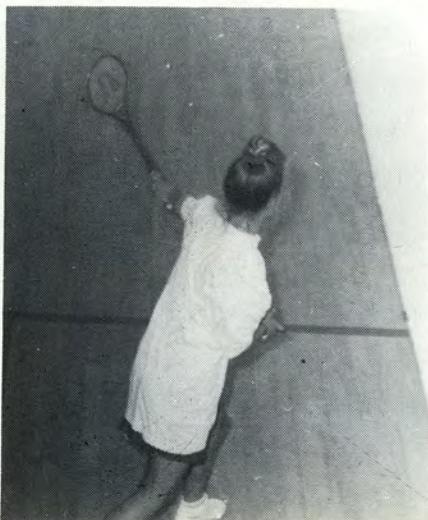
At the end of the season, having played in the A-League, we were placed 4th out of 9 schools.

Congratulations go to Tamsyn and Leigh Shaw-Taylor for receiving full colours, Liezel Irslienger for receiving a merit award and Tanya Weaver for receiving team colours.

We ended the squash season with a wonderful dinner where everyone could relax and socialise. We would all like to thank Mrs Caron, Miss MacQuilkan and Sjeanne Cawdry for their time and unfailing encouragement. Hopefully, next year, the squash girls will still be as supportive and enthusiastic as they were this year.

We hope that next year will be as enjoyable as this year was and that everyone will come and join in the fun!

Tamsyn & Leigh Shaw-Taylor



BOYS SQUASH REPORT

This season was extremely successful with both the Open and U16 teams winning their sections and therefore will be moving up to higher leagues next year.

The Open team consisted of the following four members: Justin Holdsworth (full colours awarded), Colin Kirkby (Full colours awarded), Darryn Kidd (Captain and half colours awarded) and Jacques Theron (Team Colours awarded).

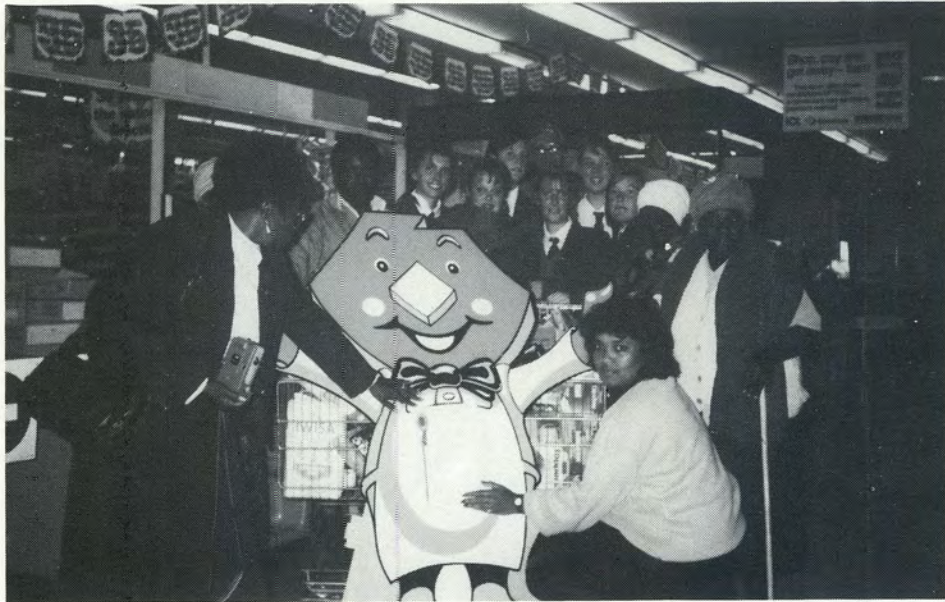
The U16 team consisted of the following five members:

- 1) Dion Bate (captain)
- 2) Ryan Glass
- 3) Atholl Tomlinson
- 4) Miles Bruce
- 5) Elton Abdinor

I hope that next year will be as successful as this year has been

O. Sheppard





INTERACT

Interact has had a very successful year once again. Our theme for this year was "to bring happiness to others", this Bryanston Interact had no problem achieving.

We had parties for very under-privileged children at Bertrams Junior School as well as Nazareth House. We donated baby clothes to a children's home 'Othondweni' in Soweto. We also visited Bramley and Jabula old age home and collected food for our old aged home 'Intokozweni' for which we were awarded a certificate of dedication.

Some of our other projects included Norscot Manor holiday program, our annual carnation sale, collection at Dions Wynberg, Mother's Day Breakfast, food collections and street collections for the Save the Children Fund.

I would like to thank everybody who made my year so successful and I wish Bryanston Interact lots of luck for the future.

Nicky Claven (President 1991)



INTERACT

Back row: L-R L. HJearn, T. Stead, N. von Acker, A. Beyers, S. Vos, L. Begg, T. Blignaut

Front row: L-R: J. Wakefield, M. Hunter, P. Newcombe, N. Claven (President), A. huggett (Vice), Catherine, A. Hider

SCA

The purpose and function of the Students' Christian Association is to provide the pupils of Bryanston High with an opportunity to become more acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ, to learn more about God's Word and how to apply Biblical principles to everyday life situations. The S.C.A. is also there to meet any needs that any pupil may have and to help build strong friendships and relationships in a caring and friendly manner. It is an inter-denominational association and all the pupils of Bryanston are invited to attend.

S.C.A. meetings are usually held every second break on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in Room 102. Prayer meetings are also held every morning from 7h30 - 7h45 as well as "mini Bible studies" leadership training and praise practices at other times during the week. These meetings have proven to be good times of fellowship, and also opportunities to rejoice in what the Living God is currently doing in teenage lives.

Guest speakers are normally invited to speak at meetings and in this regard we are indebted to Barry Bramley, Gavin Browne and Ian Buchan for their time and care. Further thanks should go to Ms Pretorius, Ms Traviss and Mrs Hall - there could not be an S.C.A. without you!

Finally, thank you to Frances Vaughan and Clifford Cargeege for all their help and support and to Shirley Murphy and Kim Saville for their advice and love and hard work! Above all we should not forget to express our complete gratitude on to the Lord for all that He has done for us. We pray that He would continue to look upon with renewed favour in 1992. "So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up the time will come when we will reap the harvest".

Galatians 6:9 (GNB)

David Morgan

(SCA Chairman)



SCA

Front row: S. Murphy, Mrs A. Hall, D. Morgan (Chairman), Ms E. Pretorius, F. Vaughn (Vice Chairlady), Ms C. Traviss, K. Saville
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 2nd row: L. Blignaut, K. Leijenaar, C. Watcham, M. Bowery, K. Walker, D. Fabris, H. Poole, K. McKay
 3rd row: P. McKinley, P. Clarke, O. Geurden, C. Cargeege, S. Harris, G. Millburrow, B. Harris

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FIRST AID 1991

Exciting, thrilling and chilling experiences were had by the First Aid team this year. Injuries on the rugby field were solved with a minimum amount of fuss (the injuries this year were fortunately not that serious). We started out with over sixty individuals (some of whom were not aware of the responsibility of first aid), but were whittled down to a solid team of about twenty five. As there was no formal lecturer, various experienced members took turns to present lessons enabling them to share their knowledge with the group. The knowledge gained was strengthened by outsiders like Paul van de Geest and Steven Boyle and the rugby was overseen by Craig Northmore. A special round of applause



to these gentlemen! The Sandton Fire Department are also to be thanked for their support, particularly during the bomb scare at the end of the second term. Many thanks to the team leaders, Lyneth Tetley, Alona Varcoe, Alison Tetley and Tammy Shaw-Taylor for their

organizational skills. The Bryanston High first aid team would like to thank this year's rugby captain, Greg Barrow, for his smiles, words and support for our efforts. It is always easier to do a job if it is appreciated. Lastly, a word of thanks to Mr Froud for co ordinating first aid this year.



This year's quote during a rugby match: "Lyneth, Robert, come quick! There is someone lying dead on the top field!" (Anonymous (sic))



FIRST AID TEAM

Front: A. Varcoe, P. McKinley, L. Tetley, Mr G. Froud, A. Tetley, A. Klopper, T. Shaw Taylor
 Middle: G. Smith, D. Morgan, L. Smith, L. Derbidge, M. Oshry
 Back: R. Barenbrug, J. Walker, D. Kop, V. Walker, M. Bowery, K. Schwartz



MISS ELEGANCE 1991

This year the Dance Committee decided to hold Miss Pizzazz and Miss Elegance earlier on, so as to avoid the winter chill for those girls modelling. We chose what we hoped would be very open themes, so that the girls could have a wide variety of choices for garments.

For Miss Pizzazz we chose "Girls just wanna have fun" as the theme. Over one hundred girls entered and had a wonderful time. We decorated the foyer with balloons and streamers and tried to promote the 'fun' side as much as possible.

2nd princess: Marie Hadjeandreou

1st princess: Aurea Teixeira

Miss Pizzazz: Lisa Dallas





"A walk down Hollywood Boulevard" was our Miss Elegance theme. We chose red, black and white as the theme colours and decorated the foyer and hall with these. This theme allowed for the girls to wear anything from Film star evening elegance to smart day wear.

2nd princess: Role Beeby

1st princess: Samantha Vos

Miss Elegance: Kerry McWilliams
Miss Elegance has always been a major fund raising event for the Dance Committee and this year proved no different. We got some wonderful prizes donated and were even able to award each of the 40 finalists a hamper. These prizes also helped to attract one of the largest numbers of entrants ever.

A great deal of planning and organisation went into this function and the Dance Committee along with Mrs Fulcher and Mrs West worked extremely hard.

A big thank you to all those involved.

With our record of "Bryanston Beauties" it wouldn't surprise me to see our Miss Elegance entrants up there as Miss South Africa!!

Andrea Huggett



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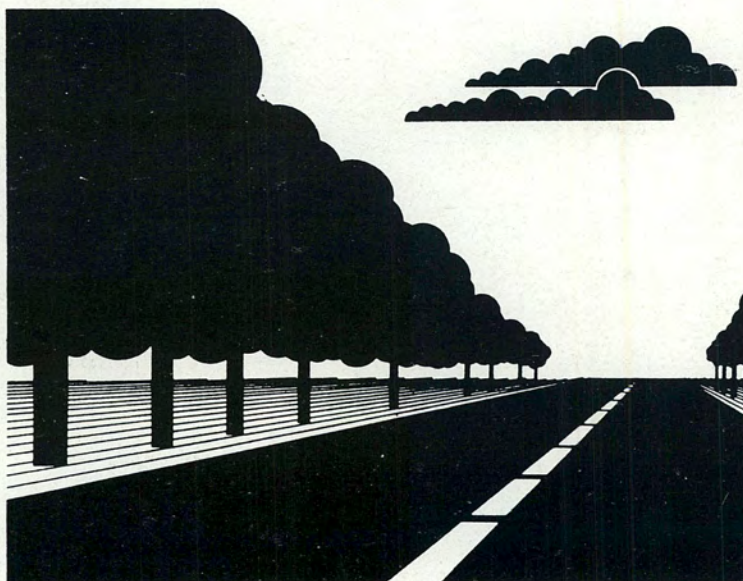
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PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

As usual the Public Speaking teams began the year with the South African Guild of Speech & Drama Teachers Contest in which all teams acquitted themselves well. However, honors went to the Std. 7's who achieved an "A". Trained by Mrs Liddiard, the team consisted of: Brendan Bevan (Chairman), Lynne Gordon (First Speaker), Kathy van Hoogstraten (Second Speaker) and Louise Slater (Third Speaker).

In the second term some of our Std. 8 girls (Cathy Eaton, Leza Kilfoil, Robyn Clement, Sharon Chapman, Angela Panzera, Lauren Irvine-Smith, Role Beeby and Paul Newcombe participated against the black school from "Witkoppen" at Bryanston High School on a Wednesday afternoon. Pupils spoke in both English and Afrikaans and this was a very successful social and Public Relations exercise.

The Senior Best Speakers' were scheduled for the last day of term but it had to be postponed because of a bomb warning until Term 3.

Results of the Senior Best Speakers Contest: 8 August 1991

3. Third Position:

Nadine Smith:

"People's attitudes to victims of AIDS"

2. Second Position:

Cathy Eaton:

Satirical Reflections on "Veldschool".

Cathy was the only Std. 8 pupil participating.

1. First Position:

Sarah Lincoln:

"Love"

Sarah was awarded the "Lorraine Stafford" trophy

Colours Awards for Debating and Public Speaking:

Full Colours

Sarah Lincoln (Re-award)

Half colours:

Catherine Eaton

Team Colours: (Re-award)

Janine Everitt

Andrea Huggett

Nadine Smith

Special Mention (Juniors):

Brendan Bevan

Lynne Gordon

Kathy van Hoogstraten

Louise Slater.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Front row: R. Cooper, Mrs Liddiard, Mrs Schumann, S. Lincoln, Miss Saayman, Miss Traviss, A. Nunan

1st row: N. Manson, S. Chapman, H. Trebiger, J. Everett, A. Dickson, L. Slater

2nd row: J. Ric-Hansen, R. Weinman, M. Cabral, A. Huggett, R. Beeby, R. Clement, L. Gordon

3rd row: B. Bevan, N. Smith, M. Honiball, J. Clarke, T. Green, L. Kilfoil, C. Eaton

A Junior team will participate at "Hyde Park" on Wednesday, 28 August in unprepared debating. A member of the Johannesburg Toastmasters Club will commence the evening with useful hints on this type of speaking. The Junior Best Speakers will take place in Term 4 before the final examinations.

The following members of staff are to be thanked for the valuable assistance and advice they have given: Mrs Liddiard, Miss Traviss, Mrs Schumann and Miss Saayman.

Continue with the good work, BHS!

Miss J. Saayman

J S E BUSINESS GAME

Amidst a fluctuating stock exchange the Bryanston pupils battled to find a consistent portfolio. All of the pupils, however, enjoyed putting their wits against these variable forces. Particularly satisfying for the team was the feeling of controlling so much money. This experience I hope will be invaluable for their future careers.

Mr I Morrison



J.S.E. BUSINESS GAME

Back row: G. von Ludwig, C. Cargeege, M. Simmons, S. Abbott

Front row: M. Oshrey, K. Roose, J. Burns (Chairlady), Mr I Morrison, V. Freemantle, T. Clark, E. Hadjiandreou

RAND YOUTH CHOIR



RAND YOUTH CHOIR

Front: C. Blignaut, J. Everett, M. Cabral, C. van der Merwe, S. Chapman

Back: A. Huggett, M. Osler-Anderson

CHESS

Our chess club has grown in numbers and although our main strength lies in our Std. 9's the Std. 6 league has been instrumental in nurturing the young talent who joined our ranks in 1991. The Std. 6 team has not been too successful, but I am sure that given a year or two, our younger players will be a formidable team.

The year began with a very successful and enjoyable tour to Sundown Ranch near Sun City, where an inter school tournament was held.

Our league results were good but we lacked depth in our team which prevented us from beating some of the stronger sides.



Due to the strength of our top 5 boards we were an unbeatable five-a-side team which reached the final of this prestigious knock out competition where we
a) unfortunately narrowly lost to the 1st seeds, De La Salle
b) convincingly lost to the 1st seeds De La Salle.
I would like to, on behalf of the team, thank Mrs von Ludwig for all her time and effort she so willingly committed to our chess.

Congratulations to all the chess players on a good year and keep it up in 1992!

Matthew Chersich (Chess Captain)



CHESS

Front row: David Morgan, Peter Morgan, Mrs H. von Ludwig, M. Chersich (Captain), Mrs B. van der Colf, Erico Hadjiandreou (Vice-Captain), Bernard Kuc

Back row: Vincent Freemantle, Matthew Stevens, Ryan Smith, Mark Hancock, Monique Bowery, Phillip Prior, Kevin Roose, Mario Lionello, Gustav von Ludwig

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DRIVERS EDUCATION

The S.D.E.P. internal competition was the first challenge to the new era of Bryanston High drivers. The competition comprised a pre trip inspection, a K-53 road test, and a precision yard test. The yard test provided the most laughs and tension, with beacons and tennis balls often feeling the tread of the Golf's tyres. John Kilfoil came third, while the first and second placed, Jason Church and Annett Najdek, went forward into the inter school competition.



After a few extra hours of practice, we set off with Mrs Schumann to N.W. headquarters at Midrand. For an entire morning we competed in the same tests as the Bryanston Competition, but against stiff competition and with strict judges. After having lunch, we watched the teachers having a go at the yard test obstacles. At the prize giving, Annett Najdek received the prize for the second placed girl in the competition. Overall Bryanston fared well. The standard of driving is improving from year to year, and this is all due to the hard work from our teachers, who we thank for their efforts.

Jason Church



DRIVER EDUCATION

Front row: Mrs Whitfield, Mrs van Ludwig, J. Church (School Competition winner), A. Najdek (Competition runner up)
Mrs Schumann, Miss Pretorius

Middle row: T. Stalker, L. Tetley, L. Maher, K. Dickerson, C. Eprecht, V. Duivelshof, J. Wilcox, T. Barrett, A. Arnett

Back row: G. Bezuidenhout, T. Green, N. Hilton, J. Kilfoil, D. Kidd, O. Scholey

TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show was held on 3 September. It is the first time that Bryanston High has held a function of this nature. We have many pupils who have hidden talents and an evening like this provided them with the opportunity of displaying their superb talents.

There were three categories; singing, dancing and instrumental. The response from the pupils was slow to begin with, however, with moral support and encouragement, we managed to get together a number of pupils who entered the show in a fine spirit.

The judges had a difficult task in choosing the winners, as some excellent performances were displayed by the pupils. The results were as such*

Best Dancer: Nicky Acutt

Best singer: Abigail Churchill

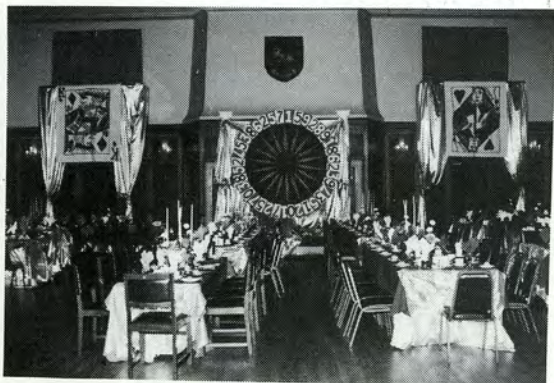
Best Instrumental: Nicholas Schutte

It was an evening that was enjoyed by everyone and I am sure that in the future the Talent Show will be an event to look forward to.

Mrs G Fulcher

MATRIC DANCE COMMITTEE

The Dance Committee was large this year: 28 pupils, which helped to lighten our load and increase our fun. We started this year with a real financial boost, as there was an interclass competition between the Std. 9's to get the ball rolling, but once our committee had been elected, we realized that we still had a long way to go.



Our first action was to plan some fund raising activities. Saturdays, at home rugby games, we sold Boerewors rolls and drinks. In the second term, with rugby and hockey in full swing, we were out on the fields every Saturday morning, providing refreshments.

The first major fund raiser this year, bringing in about two fourths of our gross funds, was Miss Elegance. All the girls had a great deal of fun and it was highly successful because of the level of participation. We managed to get some wonderful prizes donated which made it worthwhile for all the girls.

Halfway through the term we introduced Wednesday as "Popcorn day", which was really a gimmick, but which did add to our funds. The third term was our busiest, as we had to get our ideas together for our ultimate goal - the dance. We chose "Midnight in Monte Carlo" as our theme and set about making our decorations. We held afternoon work parties and achieved a great deal. Before the day arrived, we had one final fund raiser, the Talent Show. This was the first of its kind at Bryanston, and went off well, thanks to all the support it received.

The weekend before the big day, we worked flat out and got much of the main eye catching decorations done. Then during the preceding week, we also worked every afternoon to get our entrance - a large slot machine - and the two large sheets, for the dance, made.

That week culminated in a day of fun and hard work at the Wanderer's ballroom, where we set it all up, to make the night a very memorable one for the matric body.

The night was magical. A band - the Slam Factory - played all the popular music for us to dance to, and a great time was had by all.

We really ended the year on a high and a special thanks goes to all those involved during the entire year to make it so memorable. In particular, we'd like to thank Mrs Fulcher and Mrs West for their hard work and dedication and their unfailing tolerance and care for us, even when disaster and failure appeared to be waiting just around the corner!

We can honestly say that the entire Dance Committee had an absolute 'rave' this year. We had great spirit and now have memories which will stay with us for always!

Andrea Huggett & Michael Nel



MATRIC DANCE

Back row: B. Kruuse, P. Sntheim, J. Knox, L. Blomkamp, R. Donaldson, G. Letcher, D. van Zyl, D. McMurdo
 3rd row: J. Tanner, D. Fabris, C. Loomes, L. Austin, N. Smith, L. Petersen, T. Knight, B. Clarke, G. de Bryn
 2nd row: A. Chapman, J. Everett, B. Sucevic, A. Tough, H. Hays, J. Powell
 Front row: A. Vanheyningyn, Mrs S. West, M. Nel (Chairman), A. Huggett (Chairlady), Mrs G. Fulcher, D. Allan

HOUSE PLAYS

Our annual festival was held on 12 and 14 August this year and was adjudicated by Mr Digby Ricci, RAU lecturer and Weekly Mail critic. Although the standard and behavior on the junior night was not as it should be, the seniors came through to exalt the name of Bryanston. The competition between the seniors was fierce, this brought out the best in our pupils and resulted in a fine standard of performance.

Mercury Senior directed by Janine Everett and Sam Marais scooped many of the awards for their production of "Echoes in an Hourglass". Among their awards were: Best Directors, Best Senior Play, Best Actress (Janine Everett), Best Actor (Harlen Hendson). The Best Supporting actor was Michael Cabral (apollo) and Best Supporting actresses Bergit Reprich and Nicki Acutt (Apollo). In the Junior Category, Colleen Steytler (Jupiter) was awarded Best Director and Best Senior Play for "A case for two Detectives". Patrick Rolland (Mercury) received Best Junior Actor, Jenny Acutt (Apollo) was awarded best Junior Actress. Gareth Algie's performance (Neptune) earned him Junior Best Supporting Actor, and Victoria Stringfield (Apollo) was adjudged Best Junior Supporting Actress.

The plays reflected many hours of hard work and dedication. Generally a fine spirit and sense of fun was shared by the pupils involved and I'm sure that this will encourage more pupils to become involved next year. My thanks to all who participated backstage, on stage, in the lighting box and in the front of the house. We made a fine step forward for dramatics at Bryanston High School this year and hope to do even better next year.

Mr G Froud



BEST SENIOR HOUSE PLAY
: Mercury "Echoes in an hour glass"

Front: Y Dawes, H. Henderson, Mr G Froud, J. Everett, S. Chapman

Back: L. van Heerde, B. Kruise, P. Schertel, M. Davidson

GREASE



From the twenty fourth to the twenty seventh of April this year, Bryanston High School presented "Grease", which turned out to be an experience for all who participated, and for the director, Mr Northmore.

We did not have a lot of time for rehearsals, and even though we got off to a slow start, it was with great dedication and hard work that we were finally able to bring the play together. Of course, there were a few nerves here and there, but once we were on the stage, nothing could stop us from all enjoying ourselves. A lot of time went into preparing our dances, which finally turned out to be a great success, and, like usual, we did have to do a few alterations with the singing.

To have been involved in a major production, was a new experience for a lot of us, and it will be an experience we will never forget, especially for the matrics, as they know they will never be part of dramatics at Bryanston High again, but I hope will be big supporters for the future plays to come.

A special thank you must go to Mr Northmore and his fiance (now wife) Miss Rees, and also to Mrs Reyneke and her band for the music which we so badly needed. I would also like to thank the backstage, front of house and lighting crew for the fine job they did and lastly I'd like to thank all who were involved in the play. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves, and to those of you who aren't in matric, keep up the good spirit!







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CHARITY REPORT

Charity has been pleasing this year as a result of the annual knitting competition which got off to a late start with the deadline being a month later than scheduled.

Pupils Register class teachers, Mothers, Grannies and Aunts rallied and we collected at least 70 blankets, the biggest since I have been at B.H.S. Some blankets were dropped off at my office unlabelled so these obviously could not be included on the results which were as follows:



One blanket

6A 6E 7A 7E 7F 8C 10B
(Mrs Clement) 10C 10E 10G

Two Blankets

7C (Every single pupil contributed)
8A 10F

Three Blankets

7B 9A (Handed in last Term)

Four Blankets

6B 6D 8D 8F

Five Blankets

8B (including one knitted by Mr Froud)

Seven Blankets

6C

15 Blankets

Plus a donation of R50,00:
6F (Miss McQuilkan's Register Class)

Well done to this class who will be rewarded for their efforts.

The response to old clothes, even though not as good as last year, was still appreciable. So our heartfelt thanks go to all contributors.

Both old clothes and blankets were distributed to people of all race groups, including our Child Welfare Cottages in Homewood and impoverished families in Soweto.

Monetary Contributions are coming in weekly and there will be a final drive before figures will be available as a grand total. Thanks once again to Mr Algie.



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EVENING

CULTURAL



On the evening of 25 September, Bryanston High held their first cultural evening under the auspices of newly formed dramatic society. All the pupils were nervous but excited for the performances. The evening started off light heartedly with two well prepared choral verses all about cats and the Lewis Carroll "Jabberwocky". We



then moved on to the amusing Afrikaans performance of "Die Ring" and apart from the ring going missing it all ran smoothly.

The Bryanston pupils proved to be quite fluent in their second language. The Deterrent directed by Mrs Liddiard had the audience in



hysterics from start to finish! The evening ended off on a more serious note with an impressive choral verse performance of N.P.



van Wyk Louw's well known "Raka" that clearly distinguishes between good and evil. The evening was very successful and we look forward to this becoming an annual event at Bryanston High School and that the Dramatic Society will go from strength to strength. Many thanks to all involved, especially to the teachers, many of whom made their stage directing debut.

GREG LUNDERSTEDT - TRIATHLON & DUATHLON RESULTS

Canoe Triathlons (1990-1991)

Health World Triathlon
1st Junior 5th Overall

Tvl Canoe Triathlon Champs
1st Junior 7th Overall

S A Canoe Triathlon Champs
1st Junior 12th Overall

S A Prestige Canoe Triathlon
1st Junior 3rd Overall

* New S A Junior Men's Record time
Awarded TVL colours

Awarded South African Triathlon Federation Junior Colours

Swim Triathlons (1990-1991)

Sun City Triathlon
1st Junior 5th Overall

Con Man Triathlon
2nd Junior 3rd Overall

Wild Coast Sun Triathlon
1st Junior 4th Overall

Inter-provincial Triathlon
2nd Junior 12th Overall

S A Junior Triathlon Champs
2nd Junior

Umhlanga Triathlon (ind. Springbok trials)
2nd Junior 16th Overall

Marine Martinique Triathlon
1st Junior 1st Overall

S A Triathlon Champs
2nd Junior 16th Overall

Sun City Iron Kid Triathlon
1st Junior

S A Prestige Triathlon
1st Junior 12th Overall

Awarded TVL Swim Triathlon Colours
Awarded SATF Junior Colours

Duathlon (1990-1991)

Vereeniging Duathlon
1st Junior 6th Overall

Leeukop Duathlon
1st Junior 14th Overall

Legends Cafe Duathlon
1st Junior 8th Overall

1990 S A Duathlon Champs
1st Junior 18th Overall

1991 S A Duathlon Champs
3rd Junior 25th Overall

S A Prestige Duathlon
2nd Junior 18th Overall

Awarded SATF Junior Colours and selected as Junior Captain

Midmar Mile
18th Overall



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SARAH LINCOLN ACHIEVEMENTS 1991

White honours blazer awarded for 12th in Anglo De Beers English Olympiad

Dramatics: RAPS director - 'Motivation' merit award

full colours

co-director of house play

2nd in National round of Young Historians Conference

Public Speaking: full colours

Senior best speaker

Academic colours

Editor of school newspaper

5 A's in Prelims

Overall second place for Std. 10 Academics

Added to the 1991 Prefect Body

Re-award of white blazer for 4 full colours and prefectship



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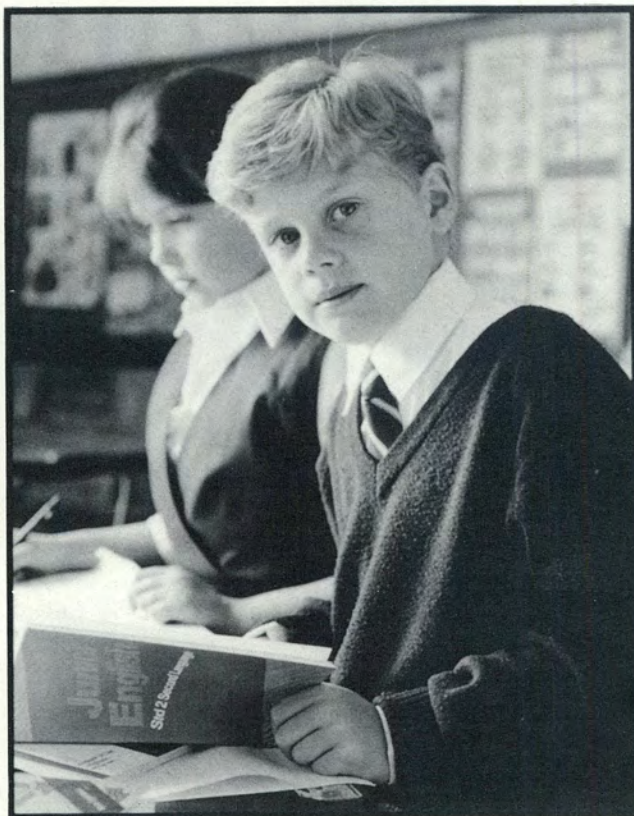
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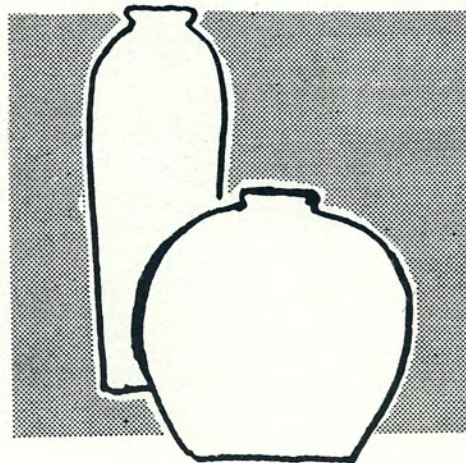
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VALEDICTORY - 1991

ACTING HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS

Good Evening, Ladies & Gentlemen, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you at this valediction service of 1991. To the parents, the Class of 1991, Mr & Mrs Sellschop and members of the Management Council, Mrs Huggett and Mr Huggett and members of the Parents Association, Mr & Mrs Paige, a special thank you to you, to Mr Paige for your support and encouragement, and Mr Haworth, the Superintendent of Education for our unit, thank you also for your support, and finally a special welcome to our honoured guest this evening, Mr Malcolm Armstrong and Mrs Armstrong.

The world is passing through troubled times. The young people of today love luxury. They think of nothing but themselves. They have bad manners and contempt for authority. They sow disrespect for their elders and have no reverence for parents or old age. They talk as though they alone know everything. They contradict their parents. What passes as wisdom with us, is foolishness with them. They tyrannise over their teachers and are impatient of all restraint.

Let me say at once, that they are not my words. They are what Socrates said of the teenagers of his time and Peter the Hermit said of the younger generation of his day in 13 AD. There is nothing new under the sun, an old proverb says, but I would suggest that this proverb is incorrect. Contrary to popular opinion history does not repeat itself for each period in history is unique in itself and subsequently the matric group of 1991 is also unique.

As individuals, you are going to take your place in the new South Africa. A new South Africa which is fraught with anxiety and uncertainty, yet at the same time is filled with challenge, excitement and unlimited potential. This new South Africa must be faced bravely by all of you and its challenges welcomed and willingly taken up. I would suggest if you are going to make a meaningful contribution to the new South Africa, your contribution must be founded on a value system which embraces sound moral principles which are non-negotiable.

It calls for honesty and integrity in your decision-making.
It demands discipline to give you freedom in the pursuit of your goals.

It means only your best will be good enough or acceptable which leaves no room for short cuts or quick remedies. This means you've got to 'run your hills'. It will require of you sensitivity and awareness of cultures which differ from your own. At times, compromise will be necessary and adjustments made which will require maturity and tolerance on your part. Above all, it demands a willingness by you to get involved.

Avoid being a grey man or woman who is but a mere spectator in the exciting times in which we live. Do not be put off by a fear of failure or indeed failure itself. For often failure can make you stronger for the experience. Do not be fearful or frightened by change but contribute to such change by attempting to improve the quality of relationships between races which are different from your own. Make your dreams become realities and in this way you will surely contribute to the building of a nation of which we can all be proud. A nation which will be founded on justice for all where tolerance and mutual respect for all its people are given an opportunity to flourish. Take with you the value system to which I have referred and go forth and make us all proud, for I have great confidence in the youth of South Africa and, in particular, you, the Class of 1991. Finally, I'd like to take leave of you this evening by extending to you the sentiments contained in a simple Irish blessing:

To the Class of 1991

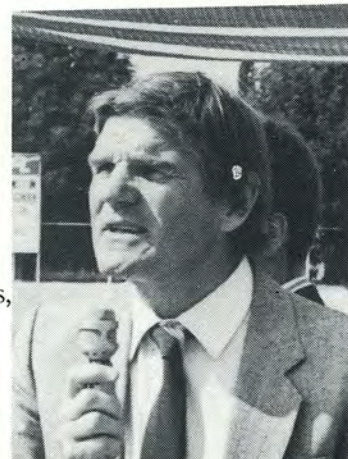
May the road rise to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields,

and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

N. McFarland



VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Good evening, Mr McFarland, Honoured Guests, Teachers, Parents and Friends.

For the matrics, the end of a long road has nearly come to an end, and I'm sure there are a lot of mixed feelings flowing through each and every one of you tonight. I think most of you are very anxious and very nervous. Anxious because you want to reach the end of that road soon, and nervous because you are not too sure what will be waiting for you. If the opportunities arise to make the end of the road look bright for most of you, take them, don't wait for them to come to you. For those of you less fortunate, don't give up, take one step at a time and make these opportunities come to you.

When I think about the year that has gone by so quickly, there are so many wonderful and exciting things I can recall. It makes me reminisce on the time when Michael Cabral came on stage in his latest designed Ferrari during our major production; when Richard Allison swam that last length at Ellis Park to keep us in second place, and with regard to our morning assemblies - well, that's another story. I'm sure all of you have your own special feelings about your matric year. The spirit, the cheering, the shouting : all these things make our school so unique and so special to all of us.

Despite our decreasing numbers, it is surprising to see that we still maintain our high standards. This shows us that more and more people are demonstrating their commitment to the school by participating in more cultural and sporting activities. This was proven when we won the B-League in our Athletics and have now progressed to the A-League. Mr Algie said he wasn't sure what inspired all our athletes. They showed their commitment, they showed they had talent and when these were put together, we came out with the result we wanted.

Our school is still the second best co-ed swimming school. It might have been a lot closer this year, and it may happen again next year, but the commitment will always be there.

The pupils in our school are very privileged to have dedicated teachers coaching us in our sport. We are very lucky to have coaches that set such a high standard. I also think the pupil and teacher relationship in our school is excellent. I heard a very funny joke this year, describing a typical pupil and teacher conversation. This is a teacher I'm sure you all know very well. It goes as follows:

"Sir, Sir - I have a problem"

"do you play Rugby boy?"

"Yes, Sir,"

"Then, what's the problem?"

Mr Essex-Clark is one example of those teachers dedicated to their coaching and he is an example of a teacher with a very good sense of humour.

This year we had a very special person arriving at our school. He showed dedication to his job and is well known amongst many of us. Mr Van der Merwe may be short, but he stands tall when we talk about the way he has improved our school grounds. Our fields are looking greener than ever. He has been a great friend to me and many other people in this school. I would like to thank him and his grounds staff for the hard work they have done for our school.

I would like to thank Mr Cuthbertson, Mr Smith and Miss Saayman who have given a lot of their time and energy to the 1991 Prefect Body. To all the prefects, it has been a tough but good year and I would like to thank you all for your support. To Nicky, thank-you for being there all the time, we have both gone through the good and the bad together, and you have always been a great friend, thank you.

To Mr McFarland, it has been a great experience working with you this year. You have brought many new and wonderful ideas into our school. Mr Paige was not an easy act to follow, but your guidance and support made life a lot easier for all of us.

To all our teachers who patiently watched all our successes - and failures....thank you. I wish you all well with the future of this school.

Lastly, as I recall, when Mr Paige left at the beginning of this year, I remember giving him a blue book known as our homework diary, which I had to check up on regularly. I do not think I have seen that book since he received it. Mr Paige, I hope you have been doing your homework, because I can still get hold of that book.

I hope you will enjoy the rest of the evening.

Thank You

Paolo Ghiselli

HEAD GIRL'S ADDRESS - VALEDICTORY SERVICE

1991 - NICOLA ACUTT

Mr McFarland, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen, teachers, and fellow matrics, good evening.

Tonight really is a special evening for all of us, our own Valedictory Service is one of those "once in a life time experiences, and marks the end of a chapter in our lives and the beginning of a new one.

Though time has passed so quickly for us, if we reflect back to that very first day of Std 6, standing outside those big gates to Bryanston High School, we could only but wonder what the future would hold for us. As my own thoughts wonder across the years from that first day, until tonight, as we prepare to leave those gates for the last time, I realise what a wonderful and fortunate experience we have gained together.



This year many things have changed and we as a group have had to grow along with those changes. For many of us 1991 has been a year filled with opportunity, opportunities to meet new faces, learn about other people, our friends, and family. I think tonight marks the culmination of years of love, encouragement and support from the people who care so deeply, that they have seen us through these last 12 years. I would like to pay a special tribute to our moms and dads out there tonight.

There are also some very important people, sitting right behind me, who have dedicated their lives to preparing us for the big, bad, wonderful world out there. To our teachers, a sincere thank you! I would on behalf of the Matrics, like to extend a special thanks to Miss Saayman and Mr Smith who have been our Form Controllers for the last 5 years. Also a special word of thanks to Mr Cuthbertson for being a constant guide to the Prefect body, your unending support was greatly appreciated by all of us. To Mr Algie for always being there and caring. I'm sure that one day when we are all alone and brooding deeply, our teachers and loved ones won't have deserted us.

Matrics I think we all agree that this year has had its good times and its bad times and many of us have learned invaluable lessons. To the Prefects, you're great and thanks for standing by me, I know that we will all remember (to carry on).

There is another special person I'd like to thank for all he has done this year, for always being a true friend I could count on and for caring. Paolo you're great and you will always keep on shining in whatever you do.

This last year of school has been one certainly jam packed with highlights, low lights, spot lights, and I guess lime light. From morning assemblies to sports practices, Grease and summer loving, fellow studs on the rugby field, the tries, the cheers, Miss Elegance our future Miss South Africas in action, to gate duties, smoking busts, initiation Std. 6's, detention books, rolled skirts and school discos, the Matric Girls' Luncheon, and of course our Matric Dance.

All of these are but a few of the memories and for some of us more than just a collection in a photo album, they are imprints in our hearts.

On behalf of the Prefect body, Paolo and I would like to present this cheque to Mr McFarland be used for the framing of the schools old archive photograph collection so that some of her imprinted memories can be shared.

Matric has especially also been a year of growth and most definitely budding individualism and I think we've all come to realise a greater feeling of freedom and expression. As Head Prefects, this is exactly what we found in the art work of James Yates, a talented young South African artist who has, amongst the mainstream modern artists, (who are merely concerned with the decline of tradition, the collapse of society and the aesthetic criteria), James Yates has however, managed to capture the refreshing aspects of life. His expressive work reflects harmony, gentleness, peace and freedom.

I would like to present this painting by James Yates as a gift on behalf of the 1991 Matric body, to our school, to be displayed in the foyer to remind all those passing in and out of our school, of every aspect in life which the painting stands for.

As Leo Buscaglia once said, "That only you can make the difference", and on this last note I would like to conclude that - "The greatest risk in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, and is nothing".

Last year I came across a passage which has made an unforgettable impression on my life and I would like to share it with you all, and especially with you my fellow Matrics.

The passage is entitled, "The Things I Didn't do"

Remember the day I borrowed your brand new car - and I dented it - I thought you'd kill me - but you didn't.

And the time I dragged you to the beach - and you said it would rain, and it did - I thought you'd say - I told you so - but you didn't.

And the time I flirted with all the guys to make you jealous - and you were - I thought you'd leave me but you didn't.

And remember the time I spilt Blueberry pie all over your brand new car rug - I thought you'd smack me - but you didn't.

And the time I forgot to tell you the dance was formal and you showed up in jeans - I thought you'd leave me forever - but you didn't.

Yes, there were lots of things you didn't do. but you put up with me, loved me, and protected me, and there were so many things I wanted to make up to you when you got back from Vietnam - but you didn't.

Matrics, the future is in our hands! Let's remember, "That to be, is to do, and to do, is to do now, because tomorrow might not be there!"

I wish you all well, in whatever path you follow out of the Bryanston High gates, and may the grace of God be with you all.

Thank You.

Nicola Acutt
Head Girl

VALEDICTORY AWARD WINNERS

1. Business Economics Award - Donna Medcalf
2. Industrial Arts Award - Bruce Russell
3. Bible Education Trophy - Roger Pain Award for an intelligent and enthusiastic response to the subject - Shirley Murphy



4. Pamela Tatz Trophy - Le Prix Francais - Melissa Davidson
5. Zulu Trophy - Tamsyn Shaw-Taylor
6. Housecraft Trophy - Austin Award - Samantha van Rooyen
7. Housecraft Book Prize - Practical work - Lyneth Tetley
8. Stoltz Award (Art) - Sasha Fabris
9. Geography Trophy - Michelle Mason
10. Humanities Award - Top marks in History and Geography - Claudia Epprecht
11. German Trophy (Most promising non-German speaking pupil) - Veronique Duivelshof
12. German Book Prize - Best overall German speaking pupil - Martin Bertoldi
13. English Trophy - (Joint Award) - Travis Green and Sarah Lincoln
14. History Trophy - Martine Scott-Gordon
15. Official Languages Award - top marks in English and Afrikaans - Mark Honiball
16. Beste Prestasie in Afrikaans Trofee - Mark Honiball
17. Time Centre Trophy - Science - Veronique Duivelshof
18. Mathematics Trophy - Laura Watt



19. Hainebach Trophy (Biology) - The best Standard 10 project, awarded for "Investigation into the population dynamics of Bryanston High" - Abigail Church, Lee Panos, Tamerin du Plessis.
20. Davis Trophy for the best student in practical work in Senior Biology - obtaining the highest marks in the practical examination - Veronique Duivelshof
21. Lichtigfield Trophy for the best student in Biology, obtaining the highest mark in the theoretical examinations - Michelle Mason
22. Natural Sciences Award - Top marks in Biology, Science and Mathematics - Veronique Duivelshof
23. Certificates of Merit

History

In view of her outstanding contribution to History both at "Bryanston High School" and in general, in being placed second at "The National Young Historians Conference", this certificate is awarded to Sarah Lincoln.

Art

For outstanding achievement in both practical and History of Art - this award goes to Gaenor Lewis.

Geography

Excellent work throughout the year, achieving a distinction in all her exams and tests, indicative of her dedication to the subject - Hazel Begley

Excellent work throughout the year, achieving a distinction in his exams and tests - Tristan Strever

Mathematics

Top Standard Grade Mathematics pupil throughout the year - Sharon Mounsear-Wilson

Attendance

Tonight there is another achievement that deserves special mention. Two pupils have achieved a 100% attendance record at school since they turned Grade 1. The Transvaal Education Department have a special certificate for such an achievement. We congratulate Darryn Kidd and Guy Lees on their sense of responsibility to education and present them with a special award from "Bryanston High School".



24. TOP TWENTY AND ACADEMIC COLOURS

All recipients have gained Academic Colours:

- 19th Tie 70% Nicola Prins
 - Gaenor Lewis
 - Richard Allison
 - Debra Newcombe
- 15th Tie 71% Trevor Caizerques
 - Jason Abt
 - Carolyn Dolbey
 - Linda Lee van Eyssen
- 13th Tie 72% Terri Stalker
 - Melissa Davidson
- 10th Tie 73% Martine Scott-Gordon





Keralyn Russell
 Laura Watt
 9th 75% Mark Honiball
 7th Tie 76% Tamsyn Shaw-Taylor
 Hazel Begley
 6th 77% Abigail Churchill
 5th 78% John Kilfoil
 2nd Tie 79% Sarah Lincoln
 Veronique Duivelshof
 Michelle Mason
 1st 82% Travis Green



25. Sandton Mayoral Award - Academic Achievement - Girls - Sarah Lincoln

26. Sandton Mayoral Award - Academic Achievement - Boys - Travis Green

27. Round Table No. 128 - Service - Girls Trophy

The recipient is a person who has been involved in a number of activities where she has given of herself unstintingly, without thought of promoting her own interests. Her contribution has not only been on the sports field but also in culturals. Her warm, caring personality, her desire to be of service to others and her humanitarian instincts have endeared her to many.

We thank Hazel Begley for her contribution.

28. Lion's International - Service - Boys' Medallion

The recipient is a person whose contribution in all fields has been unflagging in its dedication. His total commitment, his love of service to others; his basic sincerity and honesty make him an outstanding pupil and citizen, someone who sets a faultless example. We thank John Kilfoil for his contribution.

29. Silver Medallion - Service - Laura Watt

30. Silver Medallion - Service - Gregory Haynes

31. Welsh Cup - Dux Leadership Award - Girl's Trophy - Nicola Acutt

32. Welsh Cup - Dux Leadership - Boy's Trophy - Paolo Ghiselli

32. Sportswoman of the Year Award

This award goes to a young lady who involved herself in a large range of sporting activities both inside and outside of school. She participated in athletics from Standard 6 to 9, attaining team colours. As a swimmer she represented the A team for five years attaining half colours and captaining the team in her final year. As a hockey umpire she excelled and was awarded full colours three years in succession, Witwatersrand Schools colours, Southern Transvaal Schools colours and at the Nationals Schools tournament she was voted the best schoolgirl umpire. As a hockey player she achieved full colours, Witwatersrand and Southern Transvaal colours in both indoor and outdoor, as well as full Transvaal colours when she played against the South African schools team. Well done Nicky Crowther.

33. Sportsman of the Year Award

This young man represented the school at first team level in three sporting activities and attained provincial colours in two of these. Despite his bulk he was an excellent sprinter in athletics. As a swimmer he attained full colours and provincial colours and many of us will remember his outstanding swim in the final relay of the inter-high to win the race. As a rugby player he achieved full colours in two successive years and represented the Transvaal XV at Craven week as a prop. The sportsman of the year award goes to Richard Allison.

34. Cum Laude Awards - The criterion for receiving this award is the achievement of Academic Colours for five successive years - Abigail Churchill, Travis Green and Mark Honiball.

35. Special Awards

Prefects' Trophy

This year's recipient of the Head Prefects' award to the most outstanding prefect of the year goes to a person who has conscientiously performed all the duties allocated to him. He is a worthy example of what prefectship symbolizes. His dedication and commitment have earned him the respect of both his peers and superiors. We, the head prefects, have appreciated his loyal support throughout the year and would like to honour him with this award. Congratulations go to John Kilfoil!

Headmaster's Award

The Headmaster's award has no set criteria other than the Head Prefects are excluded from consideration by virtue of their office. The award this year is made to a pupil who has given fully of himself for Bryanston High School. His great loyalty, commitment and love for the school has been a fine example to us all. Above all he is a fine human being who unselfishly gave of himself for the benefit of others and the school. The Headmaster's award for 1991 goes to Trevor Putterill.

Sarah Lincoln was reawarded the white honours blazer for the second time this year for achieving three sets of full colours in one year and prefectship. This is an unusual and special honour, well done!



PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

1991 has been an exciting year with a very full membership. Many of our beginners have proved themselves to be competent, while many of our experienced photographers have shown their skill. We were able this year to increase our equipment to two enlargers which will allow two groups to use the darkroom simultaneously. Mrs Gay Smith and her husband kindly donated a much needed extractor fan to preserve our health and Mr van der Merwe installed it. Our thanks go to these supporters. One of our highlights this year was the establishment and installation (thanks to Mr Gillespie) of our photographic cabinet outside the staff room. This provides a venue for displaying our ongoing work and has served to popularize photography among the pupils who now crowd around to see out latest offerings. We have been fortunate enough to cover most major events at the school this year and my grateful thanks must go to all the photographers for their support.

1991 saw us entering 10 photos in the Bensusan Photography Museum Inter School competition. Five of these made it through to the exhibition. Clifford Cargeege, Vincent Freemantle and Jeffery Ringwood had works accepted and displayed. Jeffery was awarded a silver award for his photograph of a Mask shop in the Far East, and he apparently narrowly missed the gold. My thanks to all the members for their help, support and enthusiasm, let's make 1992 even more momentous.

Mr G Froud



PHOTO CLUB

Front: J. Magnes, C. Cargeege, Mr G. Froud, J. Ringwood, J. Brittan
Back: S. Fabris, C. Cronje, A. Beyers, V. Freemantle, H. Clark, R. Westphelling, L. van Heerde

YOUNG HISTORIANS' CONFERENCE

The annual young Historians' Conference begun in Natal in 1979 under the auspices of the Natal History Teachers' Association, has become a prestigious event countrywide over the past few years. The competition stipulates a broad theme, syllabus-based, for each standard (8 - 10), and the entrant may interpret and narrow the theme at will, delivering a 10 minute speech with whatever audio-visual aids are appropriate.

At Bryanston, the number of hopeful entrants was so large that an internal elimination round was necessary. Eventually, the 6 entrants for the first round were finalised, and Sharon Chapman, Harlen Henderson (Std 8), Judy van Nieuwkerk, Lisa Blignaut (Std 9), Melissa Davidson and Sarah Lincoln (Std 10) competed against several other schools in a Regional Competition at St Andrews. Although only Sarah Lincoln managed to move through to the Area Competition, the Std 8 & 9 winners, were both National finalists, and the Bryanston entrants acquitted themselves exceptionally well.

Sarah Lincoln eventually came second in the Transvaal finals, and was thus promoted to the National finals in East London on 27 - 29 September, where she was placed second (by one point!) But the standard of all six of the Bryanston entrants' research and public speaking skills seem to point to even greater success in the years to come. Well done to all the 1991 Young Historians, and good luck for future competitions.

Sarah Lincoln



Class of 91



STANDARD 10A

Back row: J. Church, D. Kidd, R. Harris, A. Harris, C. McCreedy, J. Clarke, G. Plunkett

Middle row: J. Kilfoil, G. Blane, G. Lunderstedt, G. Davidson, M. Honiball, P. Ghiselli

Middle row: J. Wilcox, N. Crowther, J. Burd, K. Scott, A. Arnett

Front row: T. Green, S. Barnes, J. Abt (class captain) Mrs J. Taylor, M. Mason (vice class captain), G. Haynes, G. Bezuidenhout

Absent: P. Driessen



STD 10B

Back row: Guy Lees, Trevor Caizergues, Chris Herschel, Richard Allison, Andrew Robinson, Jacques Theron, Sam Harrop

2nd row: Andy Bogatie, Kenric Thyghe, Michael Middleton, Leigh Humphries, Gavin Pienaar, Andrew Gray, Shaun Sipman

Front row: Sarah Lincoln, Laura Watt, Melanie Hardern (captain), Mrs G. Fulcher, Sasha Facq (vice captain), Hazel Begley, Ashley Nunan

Class of 91



STD 10C

Back row: Glenn Keena, Paul Baxter, Craig Wright, Mario Mazzullo, Bruce Russel, Mark Harvey
 Middle row: Leigh Maher, Sarah Benfield, Abigail Churchill, Verenique Duivelshof, Carrie Cave, Leigh Shaw-Taylor, Stephanie Case
 Front row: Lisa Lang, Sasha Fabris, Wayne Cloete, Miss M. Pratt, Peter Siebert, Lyneth Tetley, Sally Ross



CLASS 10D

Front row: J. Britten, L. Panos, J. Veitch (vice captain), Mrs A Caron, T. du Plessis, A. Pitman, T. Stalker
 2nd row: D. Scholey, M. Bertoldi, S. Strachan
 3rd row: T. Barrett, L. Dickerson, C. Epprecht, M. Jardim, K. Russel, M. Frazer
 4th row: Q. Leech, J. Strang, A. Cunningham-Moorat, J. Ravensborg, B. de Beer, M. Robinson, G. Lynch
 Absent: C Hunter, O. Oppenberg, N. Prins (class captain)

Class of 91



STD. 10E

Front row: C. de Sousa, D. Medcalf, M. Kuster, Mrs H. von Ludwig, W. Maspero (Class Captain) M Hall, T. Clark
 Middle row: K. Franklin, S. Le Page, C. Ross, L. Mathie, T. Mann, S. Adcock, A. Phillips, P. Heuer
 Back row: S. Dreyer, T. Putterill, S. Dovey, N. Hilton, A. Wildish, M. Cabral
 Absent: J. Benadie, S. Bowman, G. Corry, R. Jones, D. Golden



STD. 10F

Back row: L. Nieber, A. Young, J. Thesen, M. Medcalf, C. Wilson, B. Brewer, L. Key
 Middle row: K. Saville, S. Hogben, T. Woolmington, J. Burns, A. Hawkes, S. Murphy, C. Ellingford
 Front row: T. Eatwell, K. Aiken, N. Boshell, Mr. C. Northmore, B. Reprich, S. Loomes, T. O'Brien

Class of 91



STD.10G

Back row: Y. Nicolella, R. Letow-Vorbek, U. Prussen, R. Jones, K. Westfehling, R. Westfehling, G. Barrow

3rd row: L. van Eysen, M. Davidson, S. Murphy, P. Muller, K. McWilliams, C. Dolbey

2nd row: N. van der Merwe, J. Doyle, D. Anthony, T. Bailes, M. Vorster

Front row: J. Burness, N. Quick, S. Baillie, Mrs E. Looij, T. Conlyn, S. Mounsear-Wilson, Y. Dawes



STD. 10H

Front row: N. von Langermann, L. Allen, K. Piper, Ms E. Pretorius, A. Edwards, C. Brunyee, Y. Brogan

Middle row: S. van Rooyen, C. Walker, N. Admas, M. Hill, J. da Luz, C. Franklin, S. Holderness, L. Shaw-Taylor

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Absent: J. McQueen

PUNISHMENT ESSAY

ONE PAGE APOLOGY TO MISS TRAVISS, MRS WHITFIELD AND MRS SCHUMANN

When I came from English class, I thought that you were absent and then someone said that you are already here, so we decided to wait, but now I understand that you were in a meeting, well interview, and couldn't get out. I know that if I really had to think about it, I am disturbing other classes because education is the most important thing in my life and here we are destroying education. If we didn't want an education they could just take off their ties and blazers and get the hell out of there, because they've just been spoilt brats. Some people can't afford to let their children go to school, some people can't even afford to live and give their children away, because they love them so much and they can't see them live like this. Now I know for the next time. I'll be one that will try to help keep the class quiet. Because next time I'll think before I do something stupid. I'm just sorry to those teachers who I disturbed and I won't do it again.

J'aime le vingt-huit mars, car
c'est mon anniversaire. Je recois
beaucoup de cadeaux de mes
parents, mes deux soeurs, et mes
amis. Je suis souvent en vacances
ce jour-ci, et je l'aime meme plus
car il n'y a pas d'ecole.

Joanne Henwood 7D



ABSCHIED

Wir sitzen hier schon drei Jahr'
und das Ende ist sehr nah'.
Wir hatten eine recht gute Zeit,
doch manchmal hatten wir auch
Streit.

Der Pauker ist ein guter Mann,
der auch sehr lustig sein kann.
Er lehrte uns mit viel Vernunft
in guter Vorbereitung fur die
Zukunft.

Wir hatten alle sehr viel Mut
und das tat uns allen tierisch gut.
Dieses ist unser letztes Wort,
bald verlassen wir diesen
langweiligen Ort.

I wanted a slip-slop
sometimes called a flip-flop
I was blue, green and white
and boy was there a fight
When we went into the shop
to buy the flip-flop.

And when I got the slip-slop
sometimes called a flip-flop
And when I walked out of the shop
I realised it was my slip-slop.
George Batev and Roland Kuhn 8A



BLACKNESS

The shadows of the dark corners
we seek to hide in.
The saltiness of the unseen tears.
Not the slightest scent as we
envelop all our senses in thought.
The glance away.
Mumbling to try and justify the action,
trying to escape the unescapable emotion.
No place to hide as we are the accused, the
judge
and the guilty.

John FitzHenry 8A

Le cinq novembre, tout le monde achete des feux d'artifice pour allumer a huit heures du soir. On ne peut pas bien dormir cette nuit, a cause du bruit.

Zoe Brocklehurst 7C



WHITE? NOT OUIE!

White.

Pure, unadulterated, endless white. So white, so white. Damn, DAMN!

Then.....

"Movies are very boring compared to a hard, elongated, stiff sensation with a wet ice-cube: mutilation ensues! Passion is happening with Carmanel and Rob a dub dub as well as Mickey Mouse".

Black on White.

Crazy, mad, insane, senile. They call me that and then they write things like this. Big men in white clothes small me, little me, in a fashionable, white wrap-around jacket. But mutilation ensues, always remember that mutilation. No more hard, elongated, stiff sensations with a wet ice-cube, only boring movies.

White. Passion. White-Passion? No, not white....purple. Deep, sinful purple and red, yes red - NO MORE WHITE! And what about Carmanel and Rob a dub dub, three men in a white room. Am I craaaaaazy? Good question. Excuse me, waiter! I'd like to order my starter now - Um, I'll try the Sanity on Melba Toast with White Sauce.

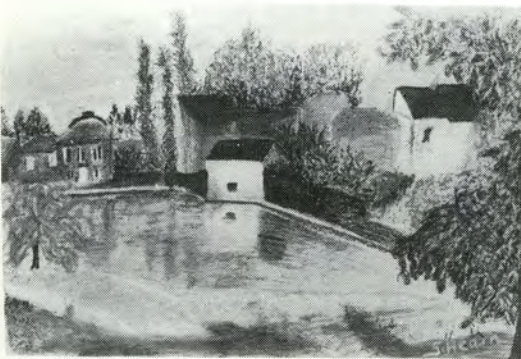
White. Attention! Here we go again. Please fasten your seat belts and extinguish all cigarettes.

Thank-you.

Ice-cubes. Essentially made up of water, H₂O - two Hydrogen molecules, one oxygen. "What colour is water, child?" (stern voice) "Um...um...white Sir. No, no wait! It's clear. Clarity. Yes, clarity of the mind. It is obviously not clear to Them - the big men in white clothes have milky minds, milky, fogged-up minds. No clarity when it comes to reality. Because reality, after all is a mickey mouse substitute for sanity. And all that sanity is, is white.

Pure, unadulterated, endless white.

Cathy Eaton 8F



Ngizokhumbula lelolanga

Ngizokhumbula lelolanga. Ngesikhathi saseduze neKruger National Park. Ngelinye ilanga izindlovu zidansi zasinda. Sethukile. Umzuli waya endlini yami. Umzuli wathi safanele endlini futhi uma izindlovu zabonakala, sabomshaya ocingweni. Umzuli wahamba eKruger Park. Ubaba wazuza isibhamu ngoba izindlovu zazonena engadini. Emini, ubaba nomama bakha ukudla. Masinyane ubaba wamemeza. Izindlovu zasengadini. Umama wabomshaya ocingweni umzuli. Umzuli wathi wazyoya endlini yethu masinyane. Izindlovu zaphakamisa imithi. Umzuli wafika endizamshini ekwazi ukubheka phezulu isasuka phansi futhi ukufika nendoda. Indoda yaphetha isibhamu. Isibhamu sadubula umcibisholo. Umcibisholo washaya indlovu enkulu. Indlovu yawa phansi. Indoda yashaya izindlovu ezinye. Sabomshaya ocingweni eKruger Park futhi bathuma amaloli ukuba izindlovu kukbuyisa. Umndeni wami uyiqhwage.

Mark Parsons 8E

J'adore le douze decembre, parce que c'est presque Noel. Ma famille achete un sapin que nous decorons et mettons dans le salon. Nous ecrivons nos cartes de Noel, et nous esperons en recevoir beaucoup aussi.

Sian Davies 7C

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

The story begins one lekker summer's morning,
As the prospects of a really kief day were adorning.
The three little pigs were removing their nighties,
When ma burst in and evicted the lighties.

The lighties protested, "We have nowhere to dos"
But they threw in the towel when their throats became hoarse.
They picked up their mother and threw her in the trash.
Then they scaled their dad's chevy and stepped on the gas.

They were cruising along when they checked a nice spot,
The booze was free and the chicks were hot.
They were really bushed and had been travelling for days,
So they parked in a restaurant to get some graze.

They skoffed the graze but they weren't to know,
That nobody remembered to bring the dough.
The owner tuned them, "Cough up the money!"
"Why should we, since the food's in our tummy!"

They split from the joint like bats out of hell.
They drove off screaming, "Keep the change my pal!"
They hadn't gone far, just a couple of k's,
When they checked a wolf in the distant haze.

Now, in this version, the pigs are much tougher.
They put pedal to metal and bagged the sucker.
They rode back and forth over the spot where he lay,
He wore womans clothing to their utter dismay.

Man, or woman, they had their doubts.
But a wolf is a wolf, and that's what counts.
They sped from the scene and had a few dops.
In celebration of the mutilated corpse.

On their left front tyre, it's leg was rebounding,
When suddenly, they heard a siren sounding.
They knew they'd come to the end of the line,
But to their surprise, they were given a fine.

They were curious to know as they began to cheer,
Why their sentence was not more severe.
So they peaked at the ticket and realised the reason,
They were fined for killing a wolf out of season!

Jonathan Clack 8D

CINDERELLA

A lank long time ago in this crummy 'ol city,
there lived a chick with a heart full of self-pity
For she desperately wanted to attend
this metalhead party but had no bucks to spend.

Even her scummy sisters who were invited
left Cindy behind working although she was tired.
And as a bawling Cindy collapsed to the floor
this real cool fairy pitched up at the door.

"Chill out babe don't hassel, don't fret,
for most definitely ain't liked yet,"
And with q quick chuck of her firey torch,
She charmed a nearby pumpkin to turn into a porche.

Oh that's rip, that's hip!" cried Cinderella
And with that her gagged threads were replaced with leather.
Before she ducked off in her new car,
She was warned to be back by 12 or she wouldn't get very far

With that she left for the party as quick as a flash
Met a main bloke there and they started to thrash,
But just as the party got into the groove
She heard a clock strike 12 and realised she had to move

Her black leather boot slipped off as she sped down the stairs
Bringing upon herself many disapproving stares.
But the bloke she met snatched up the boot in a gripp'a steel
Vowing to find the broad with the matching heel.

Finally one day he rocked up at Cindy's joint,
Her scaley sisters hopelessly tried on the boot if you get my point
But when the boot slid easily on Cinderella
All her green sisters could do was watch her accept the bloke as her
fella.

DEATH

Dreaded gloom and dark despair
Black clothes, stone crosses,
Slow songs, quiet chants,
Silent prayers, dark clouds.
People crying, broken hearts

ONCE UPON A PERFECT DAY

There we were so warm and calm
We held each other so close in our arms.
Our hearts were pumping rivers of love
Our bodies smooth like a silky white dove
The raindrops fell so softly, so rpinkly
The lake was dark and deep and misty.
The warmth of our heat bellowed inside
The love we felt we could not hide
All of nature was ever so quiet
Life was so relaxing without all the riot.
The summer breeze whistled love songs outside

The trees were saying, "Never say goodbye"
The soft rustling was heard in the grass
The heartbeat so strong in our lusting hearts
I found the strangest beauty in this place.
The mist cleared and the sun showed her face
Diamante sparkles glimmered across the water
Why? I'm such a lucky daughter
But the cold evil civilization called us back
Away from beauty to make havoc
Time is so fast, one cannot lie
Once it's been there, it passes quickly by!

Ngihlala eAlexandra

Ngihlala nomndeni wami eAlexandra ilokishi. Ilokishi lincane. Sihlala endlini encane. Sakha indlu yethu nondongwe. Ngihlala nobaba nomama. Sinekamelo lokulala elinye, nekhishi elincane. Indlu yethu ehlahisa kabi.

Sivuka ekuseni kahulu. Umama upheka ukudla. Umama uhamba kude nomuzi ukusebenza ngoba asinamabhasi.

Umama nobaba basebenza eSoweto. Ngisesikoleni emini. Angithandi esikoleni ngoba asifundi noma yini.

Nginabantwana abangamashumi ayisithupha eklasini lami. Kuyashisa eAlex futhi kukhona amanzi amancane

ukuphuza. Sihamba kude nomuzi ukulanda amanzi. Abantu bayikhulu baqeda ikamelo lokuzilungisa elinye.

Abantu abaningi baqeda amabhakede esikhundleni. Abantu eAlexandra basebenza kahle. Abantwana bathanda

ukudlala imidlalo. Ebusuku ngoMgqibelo, abazali baya ukuphuza futhi ukudansa. NgeSonto, sigqoka futhi siya

esontweni. Ngithanda isonto. Sricula kaningi. Emva kwesonto siya ekhaya. Sidla ilantshi futhi sikhulumana.

Umama nobaba abasebenzi ngeSonto. Sisingila vucuza indlu yethu. Ngithanda abantu elokishi lami.

EAlexandra lincane futhi limpofu, kodwa ngithanda eAlex. Ngizokuya ukuhlala eGoli ngelinye ilanga Ngifuna ukusebenza futhi ngihola imali.

MINA NGINGUJONATHAN

Jacqui Powell 9F

Ngihlala endlini eBryanston. Ngihlala nobhuti nobaba nomama nosisi. Kodwa usisi uhlala eAmerika. Ubaba

usebenza ehovisi eRandburg kodwa umama akasebenzi. Ekhaya sinamakati

amathathu nezinja ezintathu nezinkawu nezimfudu. Nigdlala icricket,

ngiyabhukuda futhi ngidlala itennis

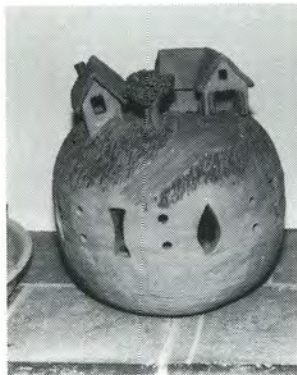
futhi ngidlala ibhola eSandton Football Club. Ngidlala nenja kodwainja iluma

kabhulungu. Ngifunda isiZulu esikoleni. Nginothisha. Ufundisa

isiZulu futhi uthisha umnene. Kodwa uthisha ufuna ukudla amakhekhe

amaningi. Ngifuna ukubuka icricket futhi ibhola e.t.v. Ngifuna ukubona

iLiverpool futhi iTransvaal eWanderers.



C'est le premier avril, le jour des poissons d'avril. Nous jouons des tours a la famille et aux amis. A l'école, les élèves sont mechants et nous ne travaillons pas vraiment. Le vingt-neuf octobre, c'est l'anniversaire d' Adrian et ma. Nous sommes tres contents, car la sacoche du facteur est pleine. Nous recevons beaucoup de cadeaux et plusieurs lettres de nos amis. Ils nous visitent et nous mangeons des gateaux. Les gens chantent "Bon Anniversaire", pendant que nous soufflons les bougies sur le gateau d'anniversaire. A l'école nous ne travaillons pas, mais nous sommes heureux.

Amanda Dickson 7D

Jonathan Clack 8D



Ma famille et moi, nous donnons des chocolats et des bonbons a tout le monde. Les enfants croient qu'un lapin cache des oeufs dans le jardin pour eux. Le matin, on va a l'église et on mange un grand déjeuner apres.

Donna Walters 7D

MODERN DAY FABLES

Once, before the birth of man, when the animals tried to get along with each other (except, of course, at mealtimes), there came upon the land a terrible shortage of food. At that time there lived a fierce but just wolf who ruled over the woodlands. He had a thick, sleek grey coat and his muscles rippled as he walked with perfect elegance. He was, in all aspects, a beautiful creature and second only to the lion, the king of beasts. However, no lions lived in the woods, and there, you could say, he was top dog!

Sadly mealtimes came less and less often and the wolf became very hungry. He had been used to simply catching his meals but suddenly they were staying at home to conserve energy, and he was forced to ask his loyal subjects for food.

First he went to Mr and Mrs Acorn, the squirrels, who kindly offered him two acorns, they only had three left. However, he turned them down, worrying about, "nasty little pieces of 'wood' getting stuck in his throat".

The next day he was weak with hunger. He stumbled along and eventually fell down in front of an ant heap. The helpful ants rushed out and tried to feed him with milk of ten of their precious milk-herd. But he turned it down, the thought of milk from little green rose-eaters was not appealing. He dragged himself to his feet and stumbled on.

During the following week he begged many of his subjects for food, but, he turned down each of them. The bees' honey was too sticky, the birds' worms were not appealing, he could not bring himself to eat the anteaters' ants as they had tried to help him, the horses' hay would get stuck in his throat, the list could go on and on and the wolf got hungrier and hungrier. Finally there was only one creature that he had not asked, and he forced himself to use his last tiny resource to get to the moles' hole and collapsed in their doorway.

He was too weak to chew the roots that they offered him. He took one last shuddering breath and there, he died. The humble moles covered the once proud beast's now thin and wasted mangy body with fresh earth, and placed a tombstone at his head.

The moral of the story is: Beggars cannot be choosers.
Jennie Loffell 7F

ALZHEIMER'S

The room is old, muggy smelling and has damp marks everywhere. Life is hard for the poor woman. Her children are away, far away she knows not where. The disease has struck again. Another generation, another mind.

She sees things, she longs for home. She eats things such as flowers as she knows not better. Her grey hair has been brushed and her drooping, weeping, mournful eyes cry out for peace.

Her bladder she has no control over and she is destined to be brought into this world wearing a nappy and leaving with the same nappy. Even as she sits, she thinks of nothing, absolutely nothing, yet she knows peace is near. Soon she'll be rid of the dreaded disease which has befallen her.

F van den Heever 9G

Les Douze Mois de l'Annee - Mes Jours Speciaux

C'est le premier janvier, le jour de l'an. Je suis tres contente car je reveille l'antiere nuit en nageant, jouant au volley et d'autres jeux. Nous buvons du vin et du champagne a minuit. Bonne Annee, tout le monde!

Ellen Lomas 7C



POEM ON LOVE

This emotion is red or blue,
and involves everyone of you
It tastes sweet,
and is better than everything you can ever eat
It smells like a daisy
and drives you crazy
It normally occurs in the shape of a heart
and you don't have to be smart
to master the art.
It sounds like a Porsche and
makes you feel like you're in seventh heaven.

Leigh MacQueen



LIFE

Life is growing, beckoning and
moaning,
Learning to live
When we all going to die
What is life about? and why?

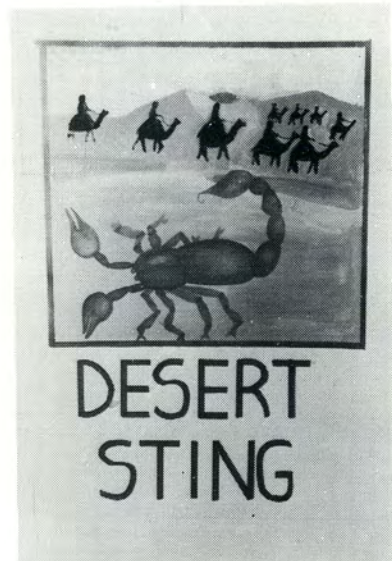
Richard Weinmann and Gareth
Viljoen 8A



WINTER

Soft snow silently slip-slops.
Never knowing nothing near
Over obstacles it offers
Wonderful ways of which one will wonder.

Leza Kilfoil, Angela Panzera and Lauren Irvine-Smith



NEGLECTED AND FORGOTTEN

She sat serenely on her bed, contemplating her future and reminiscing about her past. She remembered fondly the days when she had picnicked in the park and run unperturbed through the daisy fields, on the farm where she'd grown up. She thought of John, 'dear John' who had shared her childhood dreams, her adulthood achievements, and her life's failures and disappointments, and she, she had shared only his suffering at his ending.

She recalled with joy the moment of her daughter's birth and with sorrow the precise instant of her death. She had lived through it all, she had endured it all, and she had risen above it all!

As she sat, a broken, old woman, on her steel rimmed bed, at 'Old Oaks Retirement Village', she wondered just how she'd got to be so very forgotten.

Kim Wiseman 9F



Isikhathi sonyaka engisithandayo

Ngithanda unyaka wonke:

Ngithanda ihlobo ngoba amalanga ashisa futhi ngithanda izulu liyashisa. Ehlobo ngibhukua olwandle emaholideni futhi ngilala phansi kwelanga ukuthi umzimba wami unsundu. Ngithanda ehlobo futhi ngoba uKhisimuzi usehlobo kuthe ngiphiwa izinto eziningi.

Ngithanda intwasanhlobo ngoba umoya musha futhi izimbali eziningi ziphuma engadini yami.

Entwasanhlobo amachwane ezilwane azelwe.

Ngithanda imvula kakhulufuthi entwasanhlobo ilanga lina kakhulu futhi lisula umhlaba wonke.

Entwasanhlobo imithi yonke iluhlaza futhi misha.

Ngithanda ukwindla ngoba amakhasi emithini yonke mahle. Amakhasi anemibala eminingi. Amakhasi ansundu futhi amakhasi abomvu.

Ngithanda ubusika kakhulu ngoba ngithanda ukuhlala eceleni kweziko futhi ukuphuza itiyu. Ngithanda ukudlala inetball ebusika. Ngithanda izulu elimakhaza ngoba ngihlala embhedeni yami kakhulu. Ngithanda ebusika futhi ngoba usuku lokuzalwa lwami lusebusika futhi ngiphiwa izinto eziningi ezinhle.

Nadine Smith 9F



EMBARRASSMENT

Glowing orange, firelight from within,
 Bitter, like cruel laughter,
 Perspiration, nerves and quakes,
 Fear like fire and terror
 Heartbeats pounding, echoing,
 Worm, crawling, hiding, eardrums pounding.

ANGER

Maroon, blood spraying,
 Gritty, salty, burning,
 Tears, blood and hatred,
 Raging fire, molten rock,
 Thoughts stampeding, fists pounding,
 Clawing, bruising, hurting.

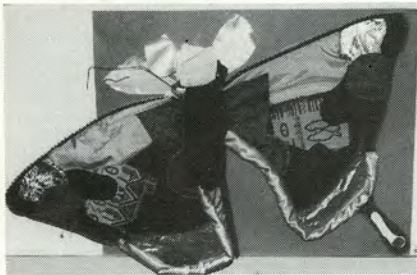
Nicky Flint 8A



INDECISION

Colourless and clad in dull rags
 Tongue numbed with the uninspiring taste of spinach
 Smells like the uncertainty of a cold winter wind
 holding prospective sweetness
 Vision of a leopard, crouched, poised between attack
 and retreat
 The unbearable ringing in your ears, that unavoidable
 silence
 The torturous feeling of two limbs pulled and
 stretched in opposite directions.

Robyn Clement 8D



"Funnies" from essays and exams

Std. 8 Willow: fairies and brownies are pigments of our imagination.

Std. 7 From a book review: Hal and Roger go to India to try and solve the mystery about the Yeti (abdominable snowman)

Std. 9 In this S A I hope to illustrate the strength of John Proctor and his wife's relationship.

Std. 7 She died of namonia.

Std. 8 Report writing on a bank robbery: "while unconscious the accomplices unloaded the volt of its money".

Std. 8 Many of the people were fin, they only cut an archery or vain.

Definition of "begroting" (budget - As jy iemand sien moet jy hom groet. Jy moet jou ma-hulle begroet.

THAT PRIVATE CORNER OF PARADISE

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Then God created the land and the sea, and followed this up by filling them with plant and animal life. God's next move was to create man and when it was all finished he sat back and thought to himself: "This isn't so bad. In fact, it's quite good".

But Man became lonely. Any form of wildlife, no matter how good looking, fails to pass the grade in the art of conversation. God saw man's loneliness and He came up with a remedy for the situation. This was God's biggest mistake; or perhaps it was the most humorous act in world history, for, instead of solving man's problem, he created a new one: woman.

The Bible describes the beauty of paradise, the flowing waters, green vegetation and beautiful wildlife, but fails to mention "that private corner of paradise". Not the place where Adam lived in harmony with Eve, but the place where Adam went to get away from her.

Adam's relationship with Eve went from bad to worse after the apple incident, what with her giving birth to a murderer and then preventing Adam from walking around in his birthday suit. Still, at least the earth seemed bigger in those days, and Adam could retreat to his little corner of paradise when she got too much for him.

As time went by, however, the earth became "smaller" and man found it harder to get away from the "fairer" sex. The "office" proved successful for a few years but then those darn women libbers and their "Equal Opportunity Employment" ruined that one. Now a man had to deal with the one at home and the battle-axe at the office.

The money-makers seized the opportunity and opened their bars to the man plagued by women who wished to spend endless hours guzzling beer with another poor soul in the same situation. The "enemy" was wise to that one, too, and soon the "last outposts" became "ladies" bars.

Even war was no escape from them as they began to demand inclusion on the battlefield. These days, some wise men have come up with the ideal place to hide where no woman would dare go : in the home.

House-husbands choose to stay at home, cherishing the few hours when she's out at the office and thinking on how nice it would have been to have kept that rib back in the old days in that private corner of paradise.

David Anthony 10G

MY BOEK WAT NIE HIER WAS NIE!!

Sou jy daarvan hou om 'n skoolboek te wees wat dag na dag skool toe gedra moet word? Veral as dit in 'n vuil ou tas met week-oue toebroodjies net langs jou is!! Dink net hoe verveeld jy sou raak vir hierdie alledaagse lewe!

Dit is presies hoe my Afrikaanse taalwerkboek gevoel het en dus het ek besluit om hom 'n bietjie van 'n ruskansie te gee. Ek kon dit buitendien nie weerstaan nie, want hy het so gemaklik en gelukkig gelyk terwyl hy lekker op by bank in die son gele en bak het.

Dink net so 'n bietjie hoe die lewe van 'n skoolboek moet wees. Dit moet vreeslik pynlik wees om die skerp punt van 'n pen te he wat hard op jou druk en jou pragtige vel bederf.

Maar ek het besluit dat my boek se vakansie nou oor is. Dis nou tyd om terug te gaan skool toe in die verveelde lewe van 'n skoolboek.

My taalwerkboek wil buitendien mos nie he dat ek weer gestraf moet word nie, net omdat ek hom 'n vakansie gegee het nie.

of hoe????

Leza Kilfoil 8A

Dit het alweer gereen. Warm somerreen wat die ryk geur van die aarde vrygemaak het en deur ons hare gedrup het. Di nag was pikdonker - reenwolke het enige teken van sterre - of maanlig uitgegee - en slegs die sonbesies het saggies in die nat bos geroep. Ons het deur die lang gras gesukkel, ons klere papnat van die soet gras se reenjas en ons skoene dig van die modder. Voor kon ek net-net wit katoen van Elsbeth se jas uitmaak, en net haar diep, gemaklike asemhaling elke sekonde of so hoor.

Dit was 'n Dinsdag, Desembermaand, drie dae voor Kersfees, en ons was hoog in die Zimbabwiese hoeveld, miskien die warmste, vogtigste plek ter wereld in Desembermaand, of so het ons gereken. Snags was dit so warm soos smiddae in Johannesburg, en ons het rakend onder die muskietnette gele en geluister vir die gerommel in die verte wat die reen voorgeloopt het. Die reen het glad nie gehelp om ons af te koel nie : dit was warm, sware reen wat 'n mens net aakliker laat voel het nadat dit weg was. End die nag het ons deur hierdie reen geloop, gesukkel.

Ons het glad nie geweet waarheen ons op pad was nie, maar net dat daar 'n dorpie oos behoort te wees, waar daar 'n wit dokter en 'n telefoon was. Dit het so skielik gebeur : Ian het net een keer van 'n hoofpyn gekla, en plotseling was hy in 'n half-koma, deur die vreeslikste koors oorval, en die sweet het van hom soos uit 'n kraan gerol. Malaria : die vrees van die Afrika binnelande, en hy het vergeet om sy pille te neem. Daar was ons - letterlik in die middel van nerens, en Elsbeth en ek moes die dorpie in die pikdonker probeer vind. Ons het Andre saam met Ian en die eerstehulpgoed gelaat, daardie nag toe ons om Ian se lewe gevrees het.

Ons het al vir drie uur of so geloop toe die reen uiteindelik opgehou het. Dit moes omtrent vyf uur in die oggend gewees het en daar was nog geen teken van die dorpie nie. In die skemer het Elsbeth voor my omgedraai en haar arm voor haar uitgehou te moeg om selfs te praat. Ek het opgehou en, teen die sagte pers-blou van die liggende hemel, het ek die swart lyf van 'n koppie gesien. Ons was te moeg, en dit sou te lank geneem het om daarom te loop, en ons het dus begin om die kwaai koppie te klim.

Die voels het begin om hul sonopkantata te sing, en die vogtige lug het saamgesing dat die son op pad was. Te moeg om enigiets anders te doen, het ons gestap en van ons hoe plek die aarde rondom ons bekyk. Die hemel het vinnig ligter geword, soos dit altyd in Afrika is - daar is geen skemer, net donker en dan lig en bo ons het die sterre een vir een verdwyn. Die eerste strale van die goue son het oor die horison gegly toe ons weer begin klim het, en die misgeeste het een vir een in die oggendlug verdwyn. Ons gedagtes half op die prag van die sonopkoms en half op Ian wat so siek terug in die tent gele het, het ons die toppunt van die koppie genader.

Toe Elsbeth voor my oor die toppunt van die koppie is, het ek haar haar asem vinnig hoor inhaal. Ek het nog 'n ent gestap, en gesien wat sy gesien het. Oor die horison het die goue vlambal van die son gebars, en die hemel was skielik in die mooiste lig gebaai. En ek het neergekyk, en geglimlag.

Stil in die eerste strale van die nuwe son, teen die kant van die koppie soos 'n kind teen haar ma, het die grasdakke van die dorpie stadig wakker geword.

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WINDE VAN VERANDERING EN DIE 'NUWE' SUID-AFRIKA

Ek het besluit om die onderwerp van "Winde van Verandering" tot Suid-Afrika te beperk omdat ons land die afgelope tyd soveel verander het. Die meeste van die veranderings het tot 'n beter leefwyse gelei, maar ook in sommige gevalle tot lyding en haat.

Gedurende die afgelope jaar het baie in Suid-Afrika se politiek verander. Die klasifikasie volgens 'n mens se ras is vryder en politieke organisasies is ontban. Die veranderinge is dwardeer die wereld met 'n positiewe stemming aangehoor en gevolglik het baie deure vir ons land oopgegaan.

Onmiddellik was daar sprake van 'n hernuwing van sportsbande met Suid-Afrika; 'n aankondiging wat al ons sportgeesdriftiges met vreugde laat juig het - ek ingesluit. Dit sal fantasties wees om te sien hoe die Springbokke weer met die Britse Leeus afreken. Al die nuus moet 'n positiewe uitwerking he op al ons sportmense en -vrouens wat graag uitsien na die dag wanneer ons weer tot internasionale mededinging toegelaat gaan word.

Die baie veranderings het ook deure oopgemaak tot internasionale besigheid, mediese tegnologie en die kans om oorsee te gaan studeer. Besighede van oorsee wat geld in Suid-Afrika bele, sal ons ekonomie geweldig versterk en dit sal almal in ons land raak. Hospitale en medeci sal beter toerusting van oorsee kan koop en ook ingelig bly oor vorderings in geneeskunde en snykunde. Die bogenoemde raak my, want ek wil vogende jaar geneeskunde gaan studeer. Nuwe verwickelings sal dus my direk raak en ook vir mense in Suid-Afrika 'n aanwinst wees.

Maar sommige veranderings het gelei tot haat en wraak. Verlede week het ondersteuners van 'n ver-regse-politieke groep 'n vergadering, waarby die Staatspresident betrokke was, probeer ontwrig. Die gevolge was dat 'n aantal mense gesterf het en net meer haat is teweeggebring.

Dus is my gevolgtrekking dat terwyl die winde van verandering 'n positiewe effek in die meeste gevalle het, kan een 'verkeerde wind' alles vernietig wat so lank geneem het om te bou. Dit kan Suid-Afrika nie bekostig nie!

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