

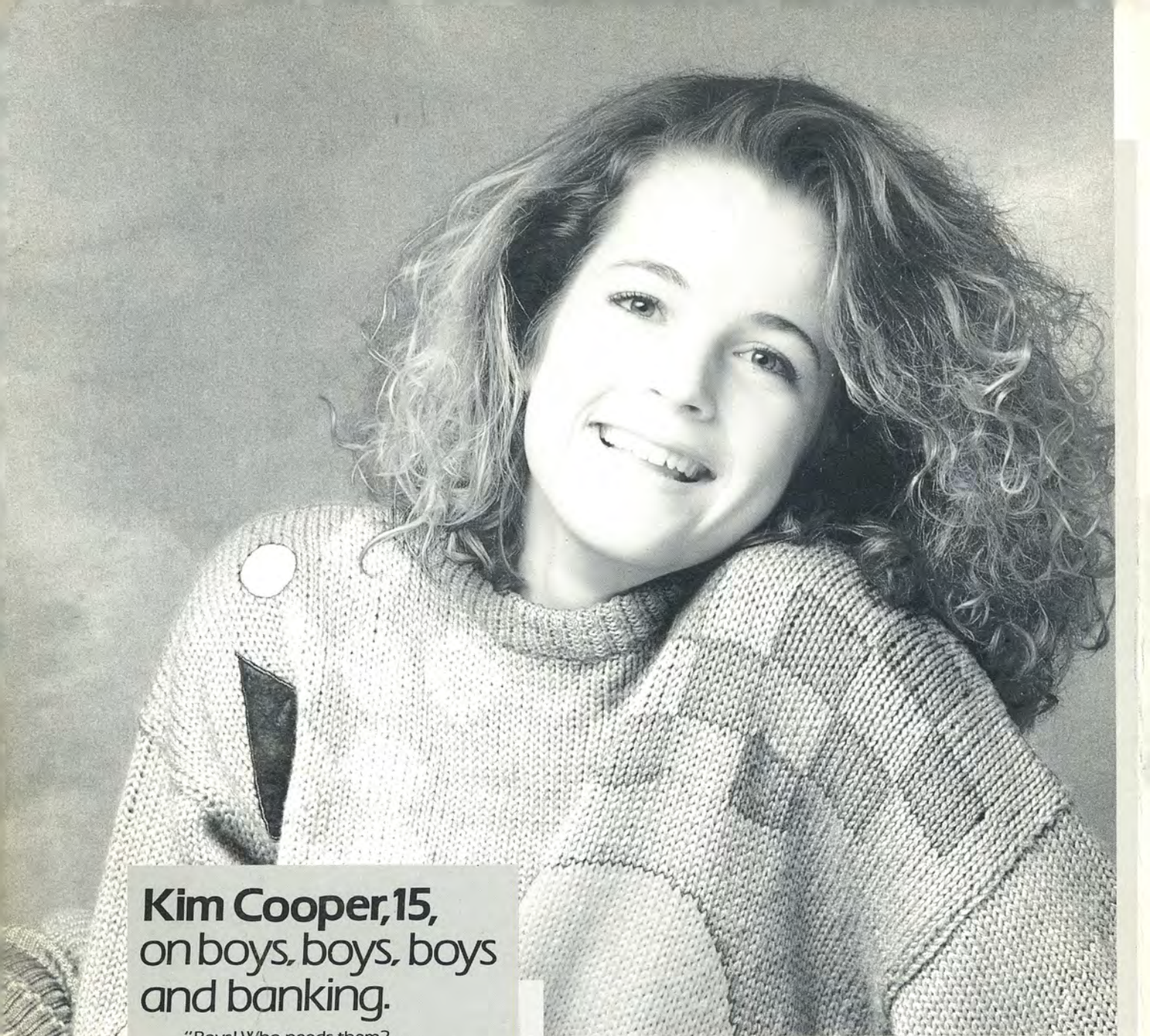
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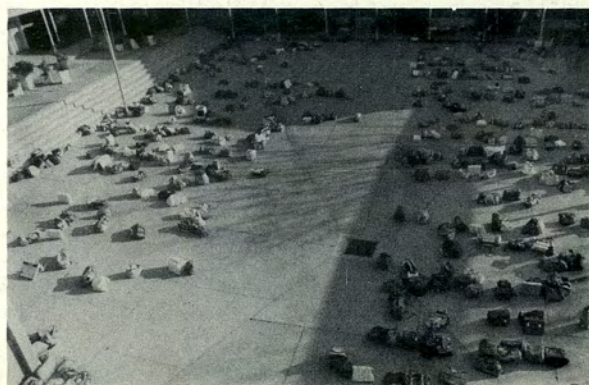
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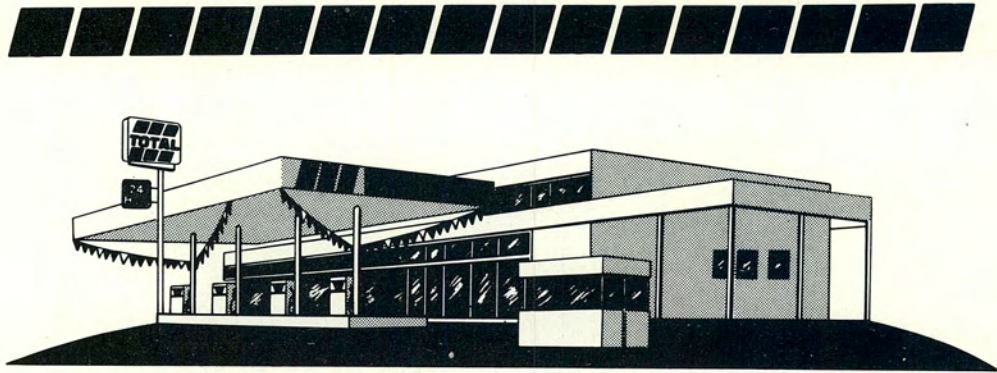
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The prospects and realities of a new South Africa are of deep concern and interest to most South Africans. Changes to society as profound as we are experiencing are unsettling, presenting us with uncertain scenarios for our future. Education is a particularly sensitive area, representing as it does the basis for fulfilling aspirations, maintaining standards, inculcating values and meeting the diverse needs of those in their formative years. Amidst the discontent of the majority of South Africa's youth with the education available to them, it is appropriate for Bryanstonians to reassess our perspectives of the value of what we have.



Once again the school has experienced a successful and dynamic year. In the stable environment of a well established school, our pupils have flourished. Priorities are clear and pursued with vigour. Enthusiasm and dedication have produced a constant stream of impressive achievements. There is an atmosphere of co-operation and common purpose. A steady flow of compliments about the conduct of our pupils and the school itself reaches my office.

The official opening of the Media Centre by the Executive Director, Dr P.H. Bredenkamp, was a culmination of five years planning, plain hard work, and sacrifice. The reward for all involved is the sense of having contributed significantly towards providing our pupils with superb facilities to pursue a meaningful education. In the context of South African education, even against the White community, our pupils are exceptionally privileged in terms of the facilities at their disposal.

Academically the customary high Bryanston standards have been maintained through the services of a dedicated staff. The focus on independent study is producing students well equipped for further study and their careers. In tandem, there has developed a marked increase in a sense of responsibility and leadership performance.

The activities for pupils are far ranging and virtually continuous. There is always something happening, not only during the day, but often at night and over weekends. Staff are unstinting of their time and involvement while the pupils reciprocate by their enthusiasm and high participation levels. Talent and motivation abound, producing once again well over thirty provincial representatives.

This has been the norm at Bryanston High in 1990, an extension of previous years. While an eye of the future is essential in education, our present pupils are being educated NOW and are fortunate that this is so.

As developments such as the alternative models for White schools emerge from the need to change within our society, the desire to maintain the standards and ethos existing within our schools has become a paramount concern. Certainly this will remain a worthy objective, but I suggest that there can be no doubt that the need to meet the aspirations of all South Africans cannot be ignored.

The challenge for Bryanston High is to meet the new era with the resilience and adaptability that has brought the school to its present stature. I am fully confident that we have the staff, parents and pupils to meet the new South Africa, face to face, adjust where necessary, and move forward in acceptance of our role as an educational institution capable of fulfilling our mission. Indeed our mission statement formulated in 1984 could not be more apt for the South African situation in the Nineties:

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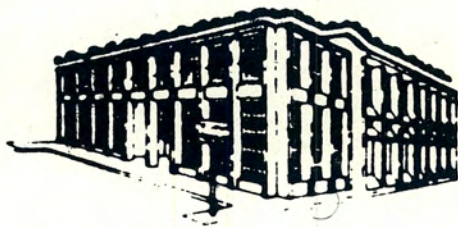
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Another successful year in the life of Bryanston High School has come to an end.

The results for the Matric examinations and for the final tests of the other classes should again show that our school is in among the leaders in the country, both academically and on the sports fields.

It is encouraging to know that the requests for acceptance of pupils from outside our feeding area are ever increasing. It is also encouraging to notice that a post at Bryanston High appears to be a sought after position within the teaching profession. Clearly we have established our name as a school with very high standards.

We thank the Headmaster, Mr Paige, and his competent staff for all their dedication and care shown this year to our children.



During 1990 we celebrated the official opening of our Media Centre - another important landmark in the life of Bryanston High. The last problems were solved and we can now proudly say that our children enjoy the most modern and advanced education possible. The burden left on our shoulders is to repay the loan from Nedbank which enabled us to complete the Media Centre in time.

Many thanks to my colleagues on the Board of Management for their cooperation and support and to the Parents' Association, the Trustees, the Mothers' Group and all others who were so actively involved in the development and running of the school.

May Bryanston High School continue to grow from strength to strength.

**Mr A.A.Brombacher
(Chairman)**



We live in very fast moving and exciting times. The transformation into a new South Africa includes a totally new outlook towards the education of South African Youth in general and of our own children in particular. Proposals have been made by the Government to enable schools to adapt to the new situation. At the time of writing this message we can look back on a very successful Parents' Meeting during which the proposals for the new school models were explained and discussed.

During 1991, all parents will have to become involved in the consideration of these proposals and, what is of far greater importance, in deciding what future to choose for our school and for the education of our children. I call on all parents to participate actively in these developments. Please do not stand on the side line, but let your voice be heard.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMENT

1990 has all but come and gone. It seems like yesterday that I sat down and wrote a report for the 1989 School Magazine. This year has been special for me as, not only am I Chairman of the Parents' Association, but I'm also suffering the pressure of being a matric parent - so next year I'll be joining a team of Bryanston Old Boys who'll be looking back to the good old days at Bryanston.

As with the last few years, the function of the Parents' Association has changed from a fund-raising committee to a committee primarily involved in servicing the needs of the school. Our major function is the distribution of funds which pay for educational and sports requisites and for assisting with the repairs and maintenance of the school buildings and grounds when funds are not available from the Education Department.

I would like to acknowledge my appreciation in particular to Dave Robinson and Jackie Abdinor, who have lived with the problem of lack of funds on a day to day basis; and to John O'Reilly who last year and this year put a lot of time and effort into the School Magazine.

This year we decided to go out and meet the Parents who appear to be a vanishing breed at the school. George Muller, another of our committee members, organised a fantastic Golf Day at Kyalami Golf Club. There were prizes for everyone and a little bit extra in the kitty for Bryanston, but the important thing is that everyone had fun and we will be assured of a full turnout next year!

As funds have been limited we've concentrated our efforts also on the maintenance of grounds and buildings, attending only to the most urgent matters. Here I have to thank Alex Niven, Bill Eatwell and Brian Hunter, who have put in time, effort and contributed materials to maintain the image of the school.



Last, but not least, I look to the ladies. My thanks to my Deputy Chairwoman, Caroline Huggett, who not only is a full-time teacher at another school, but assists in the Tuckshop and has put in time and effort into setting up visits to outside companies for pupils preparing for their post-school careers.

To Louise Lewis and the ladies in the Tuckshop - what can I say? Bravo! You're magnificent and you still make the best hamburgers in town!

In closing, I'd like to say it's been a privilege to be associated with a school like Bryanston High and to have worked with Mr Paige and his staff. Here, I include Mr Abbott and the black staff. I'd also like to thank the girls from Interact and the parents and pupils in Standards Six and Nine who helped at various work days.

My best wishes to all the other matric pupils and their parents. Just remember the sun will still rise in the East and set in the West!

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MOTHERS' COMMITTEE REPORT

It was with tremendous misgiving that I took over the reigns as Chairlady of the Mothers' Committee this year. Lorraine Stafford was a tough act to follow. Fortunately, I was blessed with a fantastic team of ladies, who gave of themselves unstintingly.

The Christmas holidays were quickly forgotten as we were plunged into feverish activity, having no less than six functions to cater for in the first couple of weeks of the first term. All went off extremely well, except for the odd gremlin that crept in, just to remind us that we were human after all!

The highlight of the first term was the official opening of our long-awaited and much talked about Media Centre. This turned out to be a very grand affair, held in the domed area outside the main entrance to the centre.

Other events involving the committee have been the house plays, Inter-House galas and Inter-House athletics. The Valedictory service and the tuckshop ladies' luncheon is still to be.

The above activities at the school involve Mr Abbott and his team, who are constantly having to move tables and chairs for us. I would like to thank Mr Abbott for all his very willing assistance.

Mrs Margaret Ronaldson and Mrs Val Tetley have run the school Swop Shop and Lost Property this year. They have done an excellent job and, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank them very much indeed for all the time they have put into the efficient running of their section.

Leigh Eaton is to be congratulated for managing the Tuckshop so very competently this year. This was an incredible load to carry and she came up trumps. Many hours went into running the show and when shifts were



MOTHERS COMMITTEE

*Back row, left to right: Mrs L. Irvine-Smith; Mrs I Acutt;
Mrs M. Ronaldson; Mrs A Knight.
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The "A" and "B" swimming galas kept us busy, once again providing the customary swimming breakfasts, shaker making etc. Here I must thank Kit Gilmour for her organising of the above. She will be sorely missed next year. The mothers involved in the cheerleader outfits must also be thanked for all their efforts. Bryanston High was once again asked to provide the tea at Ellis Park. The heavens opened up towards the end and it was a very bedraggled committee that acted as hostesses!

The school Operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance", involved our committee in the serving of the teas at interval and the catering for the gala evening cocktail party held in the staff room.

With regard to sports catering, the committee has tried to enlist the help of the participants' mothers, to spread the load. This has worked very well indeed and had the added advantage of drawing more mothers into the system, enhancing all-round co-operation.

short she was always there to help. Leigh and I would like to thank all the mothers who gave up their time to work in the tuckshop. Their efforts have been very much appreciated.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank the mothers of the 1990 Mothers' Committee for the many hours put in to the various functions and for their wonderful support and encouragement. It has been such a pleasure working with you all. You made my task far easier than I thought possible.

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A year has sped by with its sadnesses and joys. At the end of the first term the school bid a fond and somewhat tearful farewell to Mr De Villiers, who, after eighteen years in teaching, decided to enter the business-world as a new challenge in his life. We wish Mr De Villiers a successful and prosperous future.

To our pupils, twenty years is more than a lifetime, but to some on the staff it is a time of lively, generous and dedicated service to the community. Mr Paige and Mrs Deacon were both honoured at an assembly of the immediate Bryanston High community. Mr Haworth, Chief Superintendent, presented them with Long Service Certificates for twenty years or more in teaching. In Mrs Deacon's case, she has spent more than twenty years of her teaching at Bryanston High. We look forward to many more happy years with them, here, at Bryanston High.

In the sports arena, the staff have been very active. The Intrepid Five, Mrs Deacon, Miss Macey, Mrs Fulcher, Miss Rennie and Mrs Veitch, are to be congratulated for their bravery in foolishly entering a relay marathon! Mr Breytenbach once again took full honours in the Staff versus Cleaning Staff race, winning easily, despite giving the opposition a ten metre start. This, however, was no disgrace to them because he went on to win the 100m, 200m and 400m Masters Race at the South African Championships held in Secunda. Bryanston High also boasts four newly qualified Level Two Cricket Coaches. Congratulations go to Miss Rennie, Miss Robey, Mr Morrison and Mr Northmore.

In order to understand their pupils better, some teachers became students themselves and subjected themselves to the terrors of examinations. Mrs Ludik, Miss Rennie, Mrs Von Ludwig, Mrs Whitfield, Mr Algie, Mr Breytenbach, Mr Essex-Clark, Mr Gillespie and Mr Morrison are still busy setting the example for the pupils.

PERSONALS

Some teachers, not satisfied with high school education only, are embarking on careers in infant and pre-primary education as well. Congratulations to Mr Gillespie on the birth of his son and to Mrs Van Der Colf on the birth of her son. We also congratulate Mrs Ludik, Mrs De Vos and Mrs Veitch, who are all "ladies-in-waiting".



It seems that during the house plays "Cupid got loose" and the arrows struck Miss Macey, Miss Robey and Mr Northmore, respectively, who each became engaged, and Miss Forster who "tied the knot" and returned to us, as Mrs Karon.

Staffers who earned the envy of pupils and colleagues alike by taking their long-leave this year were Mrs Ludik, Miss Pretorius and Mrs Whitfield. Mrs Chiappini is satisfying her "wanderlust" by touring the U.S.A.

Mrs Price and Mrs Wethmar, our front ladies, also took a well-deserved break. Mrs Price enjoyed her time in the Americas and England. Mrs Powell and Mrs Abt entered the Space-Age by mastering the intricacies of computerisation.



It is always with regret that we bid farewell to a number of people. Miss Sharples and Mrs Turanjanin have both left the teaching profession to broaden their horizons. After ten years of service to Bryanston High, Mrs Pienaar will be moving nearer home, and Mrs Kable, having given the school five years, is taking up golf!

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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

G.E.C. EXPO FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

This exposition provides an opportunity for the youth to exhibit their scientific skills in the form of a competition. It involves the displaying of a project related to Science or Biology. These may be school projects that have been expanded, for example, insect collections, or it may be a completely personal study such as why some people are taller than others. The competition has two phases. Firstly, sixteen regional finals are held at various centres around the country. Finalists from the regional finals all progress to the National finals, usually held in Johannesburg or Pretoria.

Judging is based on various factors - largely on how much of the project is self-initiated and researched. The standard is extremely high. There are many innovative entries like ecological studies, computer programmes, wind tunnels and solar-power stations. There is no limit to the number of gold, silver or bronze awards in any specific category. If the standard is not high enough, no awards are given.

Blake Turner



Bryanston High has entered for the past three years. Blake Turner won a gold medal in 1988. Blake Turner (Std 9) and Jonathan Clack (Std 10) were awarded silver medals in 1989. This year Bryanston entered six projects. Lauren Irvine-Smith and Jill Prior, Angela Panzera and Alison McConnell were awarded Bronze Certificates for their insect collections. Blake Turner was awarded a Gold Certificate for his Educational Computer Programme on Gasses for Standard Nine. In the National finals Blake received a Silver Medal. Well done to all our budding scientists!

Mr M. Van Heerden

THE CALTEX RIVER AND RIDGES PROJECT

This year the Bryanston High Wildlife Society has successfully tackled and completed a very ambitious project. For the first time, this year, we have entered the Caltex River and Ridges competition. The project has involved choosing a place where we could improve our School's environment, in a way. We chose a triangular piece of ground which we decided to make more attractive and to attract more bird life.

Christopher Williams, Emily Drysdale, Sean Cremen, Robert van Zyl, Warren Vos, Christopher Lotz and Alexandra Fabris have worked over the past few months on weekends and some afternoons, planting indigenous trees, shrubs and other succulent plants. Mr van Heerden and Mr and Mrs Williams have also helped tremendously, along with a few other people, like Mrs Bottome, on Spring Day 1990.

We also erected two feeding trays, strung and nailed bird boxes into trees, as well as an owl box, and placed two water ponds into the ground. To give our 'bird sanctuary' a professional look we even built a hide out of reeds and we even constructed a bench inside! The key can be obtained from Mr Van Heerden or Mrs Quail. There is a bird and tree check-list inside the hide.

The area was developed for use by Bryanston pupils and staff, primarily to watch birds in our own bird sanctuary.

The club was awarded second place at a Cheese and Wine function held at Delta Park. We received a book prize, "King Cheetah", and we won a weekend trip to the Ben Lavin Game Reserve.

Emily Drysdale



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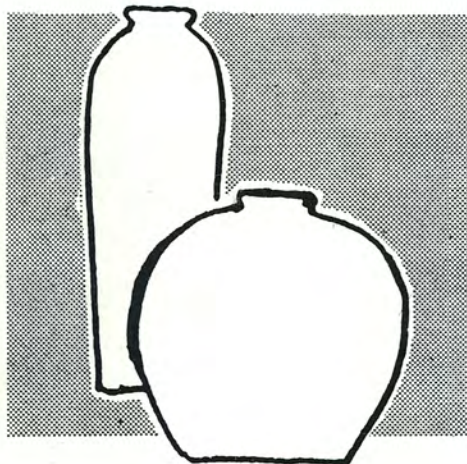


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BIBLE EDUCATION INTER-HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ

On Friday night, the 19th October, the Inter-School Quiz was held here at Bryanston High. Eight schools consisting of thirty two competitors from Northern Suburb schools (like St. Stithians, Fourways, Sandown, Kingsmead and Wendywood) competed against each other. The Bryanston team reached the semi-finals against Wendywood and racing towards an exciting, nail-biting finish, Bryanston won the event scoring a total of 285 points. David Morgan scored a personal tally of 195 points and Hester Turner scored 85, with Clifford Cargeege putting in a special effort, causing Bryanston to win the coveted Bible Schools' Quiz trophy. Well done to the Bryanston team!

Miss E. Pretorius

HOME ECONOMICS

Each year we are proud to be able to make new additions to our home economics honours and this year has proved to be no exception. The year started with two of our senior students, Karen Ter Morshuizen and Tracy Spear, winning the Pantry Pride Cookery Competition and bringing the trophy to Bryanston High Home Economics Department for the second year in succession. The girls won a beautiful microwave oven and a set of stainless steel waterless cooking pots for the school centre which has already been put to excellent use.

In July, four students entered and wrote the 1990 Home Economics Olympiad and we are proud to announce that Kerry Holderness, Lisa Burchell, Samantha Van Rooyen and Lyneth Tetley achieved a remarkable award for the school with the second highest average in this national competition. A four hundred rand book-prize was sent to Bryanston High, including beautiful Home Economics books covering different aspects of the syllabus. These books now hold a proud place in our new Media Centre.



The annual display took place on Wednesday, 17th October, and with much help from staff and pupils proved to be an enjoyable and entertaining evening. Work was displayed by every child and any garment made by a pupil was modelled. We are proud of the high standard set by the pupils in this department and thank you for your effort, enthusiasm and co-operation. Awards were made for academic, practical and modelling achievements as follows:

- Best overall marks achieved in theory and practical Standard 6: Kerri Clarke
- Best overall marks achieved in theory and practical Standard 7: Lauren Irvine-Smith
- Best overall marks achieved in theory and practical Standard 8: Andrea Huggett
- Best overall marks achieved in Theory Standard 9: Samantha van Rooyen
- Best overall marks achieved in Theory and Practical Standard 10: Kerry Holderness
- Best Standard 6 Group of models: Standard 6C
- Best fitting garment Standard 8: Michelle Leck
- Best Standard 8 Model: Katherine Giattas
- Best fitting garment Standard 9: Carrie Arundel
- Best Standard 9 Model: Tracy Woolmington
- Best fitting garment Standard 10: Karen Ter Morshuizen, Kerry Holderness
- Best Standard 10 Model: Mandy Scanlen

Our thanks go to all parents for providing the support your children need to encourage work of this exceptional standard. Well done all home economics students, 1990.

Mrs B. Weir (Head of Department) and Mrs S. Hampton



BIOLOGY PROJECTS



The race to see who could deplete the earth's resources began in the eighteenth century, with the discovery of minerals, stones which shone! Since then man's "land rush" has developed into one of the world's (should I really say world's or rather man's) major industries.

S.A. WILDLIFE SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION

The Wildlife Society of South Africa decided to present the following pupils with World Environment Day T-Shirts for their superb essays:

Alexandra Fabris
Mark Honiball
Uwe Prussen
Wayne Masperio
Travis Green
Julianne Wilcox
Michael Middleton
Michael Cabral
Laura Watt
Stephanie Case
Sarah Loomes
Kirsty Worrall
Gaenor Lewis
Veronique Duiwelshof
Mark Medcalf



South Africa is also a supplier and consumer of natural resources. These major resources, the minerals, are embedded into the foundations of our planet, earth. Initially one could pick these minerals up from the ground (Stone age); then due to erosion by the weather, resistant minerals were freed from the rocks, washed away by water and deposited in lower areas. Today however because, these minerals have been exhausted, man has turned to a more complicated and detrimental method of claiming "his" minerals: by means of mining.

South Africa is unfortunately a type of geological "Garden of Eden." As a result it provides some 40 000 black people with employment. These people are the "diggers" who supply the country with a steady influx of minerals. We must also, however, acknowledge the fact that thousands of engineers and metallurgists rely on the mines for salaries too. Geologists are the backbones of mining as they are the people who discover the mineral deposits in the first place. All of these people are employed by the mines to work as a team to extract minerals from the earth.

The following essay by Tamsyn Shaw-Taylor was amongst the top 10 entries. This ensured her a weekend away at the Pilanesberg Game Reserve.

Standard nine biology project 1990

Mining and the environment. Do the pros outweigh the cons?

Man has survived almost too comfortably in the earth's environment for the two million years of his estimated existence. Perhaps it is his lust for wealth, development, or his gross ignorance that has started to take a foothold in South Africa's open spaces and tremendous varieties of both fauna and flora.

Open-cast mining (prevalent in coal mining) constitutes about a third of the production methods of obtaining minerals in mining. Land, however, is greatly disturbed and altered as a result. Open-cast mining is a type of surface mining and vegetation, wildlife, land structures and ground water resources are disrupted because the soil is upheaved and changed. Originally, when the resources were exhausted, the miners packed up and moved on. The scars of their shovels, dynamite and drills, however, remained behind e.g. The big hole of Kimberley; the gulfs left as a result of copper and iron mining in South Africa. Today, through experience and environmental awareness mining companies employ their own specialist in-house personnel whose task it is to help prevent or possibly minimise any environmental scars from planned mining projects. Resultingly, open cast mines today are re-landscaped or re-built i.e. they are rehabilitated. An example of this is the new Optimum colliery near Witbank.

Underground mining has developed due to the even greater demand for minerals. When a great amount of underground mining occurs, the roof of rock in the mining tunnels is supported by hydraulic props. When the miners move on they allow the area which now contains no minerals, to collapse. This collapse allows the earth strata above to collapse too. These above strata then crack or cave in and can hinder the water supplies to the water table; it can cause plants and trees to topple over and die and therefore cause animals to move away. These mines must therefore also to some extent be rehabilitated.

Because the rehabilitation plans have to suit the region that has been 'dug-up', the costs are very high. The new ecosystem must be as close as possible to its original structure and form as it was before the machinery stepped in. Therefore, much research must be done before a mine can be built. Everything from the nutrient constituents to the drainage system in the area must be established and recorded. Complete rehabilitation to the original untouched area is not always possible because, after mining, the soil's mineral balances are wrong. Nutrients have vanished and the level of acid, sulphur and iron in the soil are much too high for any plant-life to survive in. The land surfaces are often eroded beyond recognition and unbelievably permeable.

Even if the environment is renewed and built-up; the trees from decades before are gone; the established plants and animals have been forced to die or move on and will as a result give way to pioneer plants and animals. The new scenery may look tremendous, but that land was created with its own unique and indigenous fauna and flora. Even though rehabilitation gives it a new physical structure, water level and new inhabitants, it is still man-made. Do we want to live on an earth that is man made?

Because of mining, South Africa's economy is kept alive. Minerals are mined, exported and manufactured and then used to many advantages. Coal, the black gold, is used for fuel and energy. Diamonds, the hardest substance in nature, are used in industry and technology. Uranium is a radioactive element and the prime nuclear fuel. Some elements are mined and used to cultivate crops to feed nations. These form fertilizers with which farmers used to feed their seeds. Such elements are nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Another element which is mined in the Soutpansberg, north of Pretoria, is salt. This is important in the chemical industry. South Africa is the second biggest miner of manganese which is an important ingredient of iron and steel. This is mined in the northern Cape in Kuruman.

All this money influx from mining can be used to feed the millions starving in Africa e.g. in Ethiopia or it can be used to finance medical projects e.g. Aids research. Mining can also be used to nature's advantage. We can establish a zoo bank in which we could keep certain animals and plants which are in danger of extinction. An example where mining has led to the conservation of animals is at the Buffels Game park which is situated between the Orangia and Southern shafts between dumps and diggings.

Another con of mining is the waste problem. Dumps and residual deposits are the most noticeable evidence of mining. To begin with, in mining, the earth, rock and

sediments are dug up from their natural positions and locations where they have a specific role and "dumped" to waste or erode away elsewhere. What about the areas which have had this area of land severed from them, surely they will be affected by the huge gaping holes.

Mining is not only harmful to the environment, but to man too. In the mines, the men inhale large amounts of dust. This causes silicosis and the breakdown of lung tissue which leads to severe breathlessness in only a few seconds. If the soil is not treated properly after mining has occurred, plants sown in this ground absorb certain minerals which are highly concentrated in the soil. It is believed that soil with a high lead content increases the risk of cancer to those who eat plants grown in it.

Colliery discards are a particular contribution factor to acid rain (sulphur dioxide) and should therefore be treated correctly to prevent this matter. Discard dumps are also subject to wind and water erosion which leads to pollution. To prevent erosion the site where the dumping occurs is covered by a "weed cocktail." Seeds are sown on the surface, then lime and a veld grass mulch is added. Rooted plant matter such as thatch or hippo grasses are planted as a holding action, then the 'cocktail' weeds are sown. These include Rhodes grass, couch, cocksfoot, red fescue and paspalum. Leguminous seeds such as lucerne and clovers are grown as well to anchor the soil. The Chamber of Mines were amongst the first to develop this method of planting vegetation to prevent erosion. The idea of planting this vegetation is to obtain a tough, quick growing vegetative cover over the exposed land until the indigenous grasses and trees have enough nutrients and humus in the soil to survive with. But this means that when these weeds pollinate and create seeds, their seeds will be dispersed over the whole area and sometimes over long distances and invade other perfectly cultivated regions e.g. farmland, and take over! "Man is a creature of the earth" (James Clarke) "and can therefore not recreate what he has destroyed". Mining destroys the earth but on the other hand it gives man a source with which to make money and survive. But any other industry could also take over the effect that mining has on the South African economy and supply man with jobs too. If we want to live in a safe and stable environment we must not tamper with our earth. We must not do what we feel like doing or else we will perish just like the dinosaurs did. Mining has many cons on the environment and some pros for man himself. Although we keep our economy alive, our earth suffers. Is it worth living like kings when our earth disintegrates? As Ernest Hemingway said, "A continent ages quickly once we come!"

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THE OUTENIQUA HIKE

During the April holidays, eleven pupils and two teachers from Bryanston High School travelled the 1200 km to Knysna to attempt the Outeniqua Hike in the mountains of that name. We arrived at Karatara State Forest, from where we were to begin our lengthy walk, feeling rather unsure about whether we would survive the five days over which the hike spanned.

The slog from the start to the first hut (Windmeulnek) was 7,5km, which was about half the average for the other days. Even though the walk was short, many of us considered turning back at that stage. Most people regretted having packed their rucksacks so full of stuff.

However, even with our sore feet and sore backs, it was difficult not to appreciate the magnificent scenery. It was truly awe-inspiring being right in the high mountains. That day we walked through Pine Plantations and some Fynbos.

On the second last day, three people (one of them being me), decided to skip the second last hut and go straight on to the last one. We had plans of doing some of the 'Elephant Walk', which starts at the last hut (Diepwalle). We thought that this would be more enjoyable than slogging along on the actual hike, as we could leave our rucksacks at the hut. The following day, however, the rain poured down in buckets. We were scarcely out of bed (not to mention how late that was!), when about five of the hikers in our group stormed into the hut, looking rather cold and wet (and angry - or would it be more accurate to say jealous of us). When they asked us how we had managed to do two days in one, we told them that we had got a lift for about 15 km. However, we still walked about 30 km that day, and that means we 'shunted'! The people who gave us the lift were a group of people in a bakkie, two of whom had been repairing a gate that had been knocked over by the four elephants inhabiting the area. (Unfortunately, no one managed to see these elephants on this trip).

The elephants had been seen by a forester in December. There was one tiny baby, one baby with tiny tusks, and two enormous ones. They were seen in the Gouna/Diepwalle area. This means that they could have been expected in the forests around any of the last three huts on our hike. Although we weren't lucky enough to see these monsters of the forest, we did manage to see one or two other animals and a reasonable number of birds. Many people had good views of the famous Knysna Lighthouse, and, for some, the calling of a pair of Wood Owls at Millwood, which is very close to a cemetery, enhanced the 'spooky' atmosphere.

After a rough but pleasurable five days in the forests around Knysna, we were happy to re-enter civilisation, and we spent the last day of our 'holiday' at Plettenberg Bay, where we could sunbathe (although it was rather windy), swim (although the water was very cold), and, most important of all, have a good meal. All in all, the hike was enjoyed by everyone and I'm sure many of the hikers will willingly grab the next chance of another one (or will this only be when they've forgotten how bad the first one was?)

Christopher Lotz

The hike inspired a poem by Brendon Colley:

NATURE

As I gaze into the starry night
I feel the warmth of Nature's light
as it glows into the deep blue sky
and fills my heart with all her sounds

By just sitting here all alone
on the ground where Nature's animals roam
a strong feeling of love fills my heart
and I don't want to leave because I feel a part

Sometimes I think and wonder why
people still ruin this world of ours
it seems to me the only place
still filled with magic, stilled filled with grace

As I sit here a gentle breeze drifts by
as the shooting stars light up the sky
out here things always seem so right
out here I always feel God's light

I know I can't stay here all the time
but at least it's where I am tonight
out here moments can be found
they're always so special on Nature's ground

I promise myself I'll come back sometime
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HIKING REFLECTIONS

Did you know hiking is alive and well at Bryanston High? A considerable number of Bryanston High School pupils are actually very enthusiastic hikers. We have no official 'Club'; nevertheless, we exist.

One of the trails that has become a 'regular' is the Outeniqua Trail, near Knysna. That one started when 'Kringe in 'n Bos' was first set for the matrics, and we went again this year. Then we went into the Wolkberge, a wilderness area too, partially unknown territory to us, and we were suddenly confronted with the charming prospect of becoming experienced mountain climbers within the next three minutes! It reminded us of our childhood days when we were climbing trees and walls and roof tops. It all came back to us within a flash - all the old know-how and tricks. And there we were, climbing down a sheer rock face with the aid of a chain fixed to the rock. How proud one feels once one is down! It's amazing how one survives these things, but it makes humans out of beings!

Then there is the beauty on our hikes - the Fish Eagle's cry over the Wild Coast, a Bataleur in the Timbavati, parrots in Magoebaskloof. Little duikers stare at you just as surprised as you are, and then dash off. Water-falls and vistas; swimming in the lovely cool pools and rivers. Fanie Botha, Soutpansberge and Cedar Mountains.

You're exhausted half of the time, of having to walk so far, sore from the occasional blister, the heavy rucksack, but for the rest, your heart wants to burst for the lovely world that enfolds around you, the clean air, the stars at night, the companionship of your friends. Try it some day!

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(*Totally Hooked*)



GOLD REEF CITY TOUR

On Thursday the sixth of September, Bryanston High's group of standard nine pupils left for Gold Reef City. When we arrived we were split up into groups and each group was allocated a tour guide, who took us around and informed us of important points. We saw the mint, the gold-pouring, old fashioned mining houses, and many other interesting things. We were also taken down the mine-shaft and were able to experience the feeling of being a mine worker. The highlight of the day had to be the fair ground. Many of the pupils were brave enough to go for a ride on the 'Craby co-co pan', while the teachers stood safely on the ground, laughing at the pupils' terrified faces. All in all a wonderful day was had by everyone and we'd like to thank those teachers who organized and accompanied us.

Lindy-Lee van Eyssen



A VISIT TO THE STERKFONTein CAVES

It was in 1947 that Dr Robert Broom discovered 'Mrs Ples', the virtually complete skull of an early member of the human family, at Sterkfontein, and it was to Sterkfontein that approximately 140 standard nine pupils took themselves in order to learn, not only more of Dr Broom's discovery, but also to learn of the formation of these million - year old cave deposits.

The Bryanstonian rabble descended into the bowels of the earth - and into that surreal world of everlasting night. Despite the fact that man's greed has led to the destruction of many of the cave's natural deposits, there is still an impressive display of stalagmites, stalactites and various other deposits. The most awesome of these is a deposit the size and form of an elephant, which stands in the centre of a large chamber.

The chance to 'see' what one is learning about in Geography made the trip well worth the effort and provided an opportunity which we are all thankful for.

Travis Green

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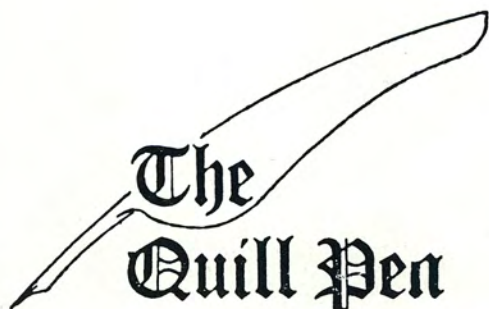
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ENGLISH

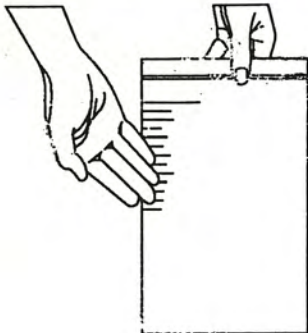
"Augurers" are Julius Caesar's cooks.
"Augurers" are people who argue more than normal.
"Augurers" are the people who hate Caesar and want him killed.
"Augurers" are people in charge of the senate who organise the people who must come.
"Augurers" means like as if he was saying what does the Madam or Master say.
A "play on words" is where you use a sentence or a word from another person and use it for your own justification of the argument.
You can't put a comma there because you can only do that in Afrikaans.
The tunnel had an extremely fowel ouder.
It relates to the poem because only a real idiot of a poet would give his poem a title that is irrelevant to his poem and Wilfred (Owen) is not that type of guy.

AFRIKAANS

My gunsteling sport is kwaspampoentjie. (squash?)

MATHS

Gong blank



HISTORY

The Uitlander had many difficulties. He was a communist and fought in World War II with Mao Tse Tung of the Communist Party.

SCIENCE

Steel ships will float because they will rupture when they stink.

BIOLOGY

Question: What adaptations does a pig have in order to make its nutrition more effective?

Answer: A good round belly so when he falls he can get back up again when rolling in mud.

Question: What adaptations does an ostrich have in order to make its nutrition more effective?

Answer: An ostrich has good hooves which never need replacing.

White blood cells rise other meals.

(Numbers rise after meals?)

Question: How is inter-cellular communication maintained (compact bone physiology)?

Answer: Telephone

Guttation : The process of stringing a tennis racquet.

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Iscor promotes the country with a communication system.

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- 1) gold
- 2) diamonds
- 3) coal

A capital market is a place where you buy capital.

A money market is a place where you buy money.

BIBLE EDUCATION

Noah lead the people in whoreship

The story was narrated by O'Marsharief (Omar Sharif?)

EXAM

it is a cacophony
when you are scared, confused tilting
through the night
between the pages
of chapter 5
Climatology;
the Ovipositor of the female Grasshopper knocks
systematically pushing her eggs into the safe fortress
of your brain -
you see death
as the French Revolution clots bloodlessly so that the
Life Cycle
of the Maize Borer
finds completion
in the hammer blows of your head until you crystallise
in the sugar of sweet sleep

(Anneslie De Vos)

Translated into English from Afrikaans by
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 Second from front: L. Bradley; A. Edwards; L. Watt; C. Emslie; L. Irsigler;; S. Ross; L. Irvine-Smith; N. Melhuish.
 Front row: A. Gordon; D Kruuse; G. Blane; M Parry; G. Lunderstedt; B. Colley; D. Browne.
 (Absent: D. Beardsell; R.Blatch)*



HONOURS BLAZERS: 1990

C. Kamps; S. Cawdry; C. Emslie and M. Konson



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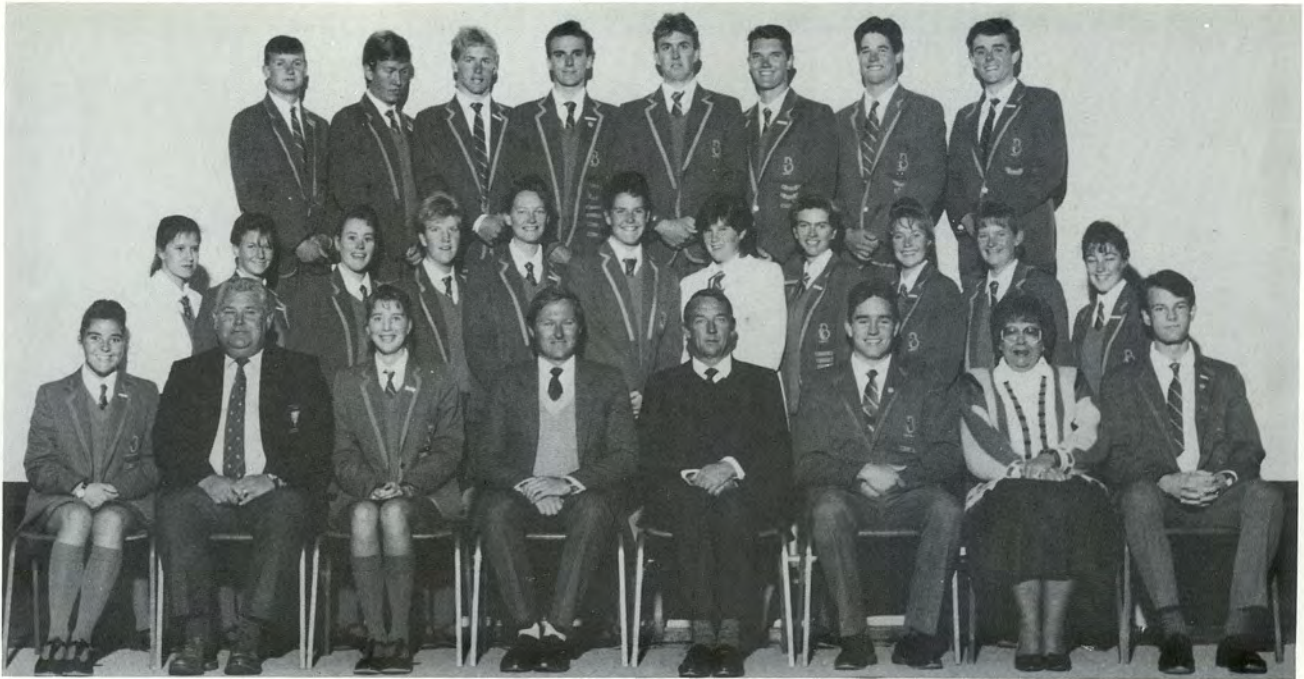
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Middle row: C.Emslie; A.Clack; D.Fitz Henry; S.Aiken; L.Roberts; T.Spear; S.Cawdry; K.Ter Moshuizen; C.van Heyningen;
T.Powell; L.Burchell.*

*Front row: A.Player (Deputy); Mr.B.Algie; A.Roberts (Head Girl); Mr.S.Cuthbertson; Mr.R.Paige (Headmaster);
R.Keenan (Head Boy) Mrs.V.Chiappini; A.Hartdegan (Deputy).*

(Absent: C. Price)

PREFECTS' CAMP

Twenty three members of 1990's keen new prefect body and three very special teachers spent a weekend jam-packed with sun, fun and a lot of special moments at Bushtrails in January this year.

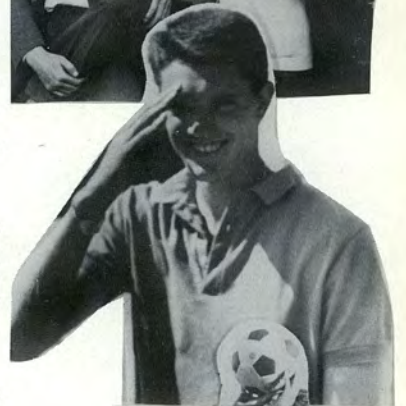
Friday afternoon was spent playing frisbee and swimming. After a wonderful supper we had a "get to know you" session, during which we learnt some fascinating things about each other, as well as about each other's hopes and dreams.

On Saturday we, of course, played more frisbee and revolutionised the game of chess - can't help but mention that Alan and Amanda were beaten by champions Rory and Anna!

Some teenage (mutant?) heroes broke the obstacle course record in the afternoon, after which we enjoyed an exciting game of grapefruit baseball. The star of that activity was definitely "Ashleigh don't throw the bat Clack"!

Saturday evening was spent in a semi-tuneful sing song. By Sunday we were all fully committed to a year of hard work. Many thanks go to our dedicated controllers, Mr Cuthbertson, Mr Algie and Mrs Chiappini and all the prefects for a year without a dull moment.

Anna Roberts
(Head Girl)



SANDTON JUNIOR TOWN COUNCIL

Our Council consists of selected scholars from ten schools in the Sandton area. Our role is to represent and help the youth of Sandton.

This year we held the Annual Choir Festival at Brescia House Convent and had entries from six Primary Schools in Sandton. The evening was most successful and enjoyed by parents and singers alike.

On the tenth of November this year we are holding a Mini-Olympics for physically disabled and mentally handicapped people. This event was enjoyed by participants last year and proves rewarding for the councillors.

In 1991 we are holding a Valentine's Dance at the Sandton Holiday Inn, the proceeds of which will be donated to a drug and alcohol awareness group, Youth Outreach, to help them promote their cause.

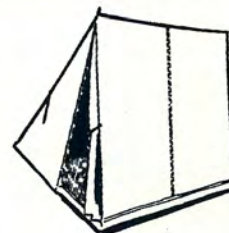
Our six-a-side soccer day will also be held again - an event which our Bryanston team won this year. We look forward to your support next year.

Julia Benadie



SANDTON JUNIOR TOWN COUNCIL

Left to right: M. Honniball; J Benadie; A. van Zyl



BOYS' LEADERSHIP CAMP

The bus, jam-packed with fifty five intrepid Bryanstonians, left at twelve o'clock on Thursday September the nineteenth - destination Terra Nostra (Terror Nasty?); venue for the boys' leadership camp.

We arrived at the game farm at about five o'clock and, as we surveyed our surroundings, we realized it was going to be a long, hot, dusty weekend.

Leadership camp was increased in length by one day this year and the reason soon became apparent. Friday was 'Cadet Day' and we marched and strutted in the sweltering heat of the bushveld sun.

We were told we would not have to walk far to get water. They were right. It could not have been further than three and a half kilometres to the nearest tap!

Saturday dawned. The teachers had prepared various obstacles for us to overcome. It was time for us to pit our wits against theirs. In most cases we thought we won. By Saturday night our meagre rations were almost exhausted. With what we had left we made the strangest concoctions imaginable.

On Sunday morning each group had the pleasure of carrying a seventy kilogram bag of sand over nine kilometres of incredibly rough terrain. This proved to a great spirit-builder!

Once given the command to strike camp our home of four days disappeared at lightning speed and we were in the bus, begging the driver to make haste.

Leadership camp proved to be an unforgettable experience made possible by the male staff who gave up their weekend.

Travis Green and John Kilfoil

STANDARD NINE GIRLS' LEADERSHIP CAMP

The girls' leadership weekend began long before Friday afternoon, with preparations taking place early on in the week. Secrecy was of utmost importance among the groups and nobody was willing to share even the smallest of secrets about their group's identity or uniform.

Friday, directly after school, saw sixty standard nine girls eating everything in sight, believing that they would be totally starved over the weekend. After an hour's bus ride we arrived at our camp, in the Brits district, which was to be "home" for the weekend.



Our first task was to set up camp and this activity left many teachers certain that their groups would be spending the night sleeping "under the stars"! We then prepared and ate supper, which tasted surprisingly good. After supper the dreaded "stalk the lantern" began and this was where group co-operation became essential.

The following morning we were up bright and early to go for a walk, which was supposed to help us "appreciate nature". After breakfast the morning's group activities started - pygmies, landmines, spaceships and school scarves!

In the afternoon our creative minds were set to work when each group was given a box containing food, material, cotton and needles and was told to prepare a three-course meal and make a dress for one of us to model and all in one hour! The results proved interesting, with Mr Cuthbertson telling us that our main course reminded him of "Husky".



That evening we had a quiz in which some groups ended up with minus points! After the quiz each group had to put on a short play and sing the group song. At the end of the evening we had a sing-song which helped unite us.

On Sunday morning we played volley ball and held team relays, including a three-legged race and pushing an orange along the ground with one's nose.

The weekend was a great success and I believe that we are in for a wonderful year next year. We would like to thank Mr Paige and all the staff who accompanied us and who shared in this unique experience.

Laura Watt

VELDSCHOOL!



Gert?



"Good Morning South Africa"

In the bus we drove all day
We left the city and went on our way.
We went to Graskop where we finally arrived,
And thinking back now - how did we survive?

I mean us "chicks" weren't used to the dust
And hairdryers and radios are a definite must!
But after a day there we finally saw
That compared to the rough life all that is a bore.

The obstacle course was the best that we've seen
And soon we forgot what it's like to be clean.
And after climbing that mountain so high
We were all about to drop down and die.
And even though we felt we had been
Walking fifty kilometres, it was only fifteen.

We also built shelters as best as we could
And we spent the night in them: out in the woods.
And in the canoes we went for a ride
But somehow they always went to the side
And the lifeguards would dive in and swim to the site
And rescue the sailors and put the boat right.

We went to Klipkraal and slept in the shed
And found that the ground was quite a hard bed.
Stalk the lantern was a nerve-wracking game
Alone in the dark, looking for one little flame.
Most of us made it and touched the lamp
While a few got lost miles from the camp.
And after a hard day out in the bos
We couldn't wait to get home to our kos!

We saw the world as it is meant to be
And to conserve it as one big family.
Thanks to the "Ooms" what fantastic men
We all wish that we could come back again!

Cathy Cronje

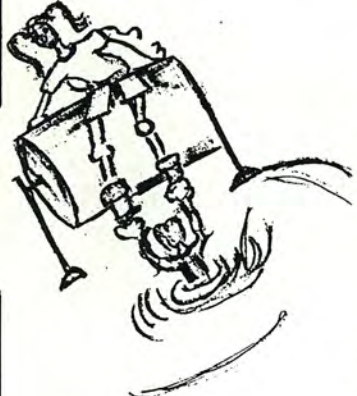
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Tony?



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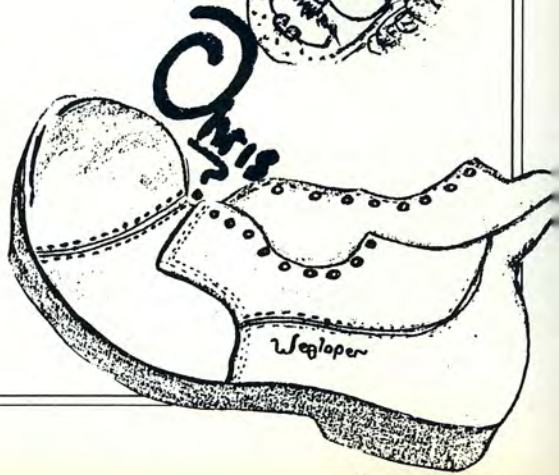


Nico

Shutup



Wakie Wakie
Johan



REFLECTIONS ON VELD SCHOOL

As the bus drew nearer to the Veld School at Graskop in the Eastern Transvaal, we realised that we had arrived at a very beautiful place.

Everything we did was fun. The canoe racing, the obstacle course, building our own shelters from logs, mud fights, breakfast, lunch and supper times, lectures and singing. There wasn't a dull moment. Yet amongst all the laughter and activity, there was that moment that you treasure forever.

I felt the feeling more than once. I felt the feeling lots of times; the feeling of amazement and disbelief; the feeling that I was in the most unique place on earth. Every time I stood at the top of a high hill and looked over the land at the incredible view, and every time we walked through the rainforest, and every time I saw a bird - those were the moments.

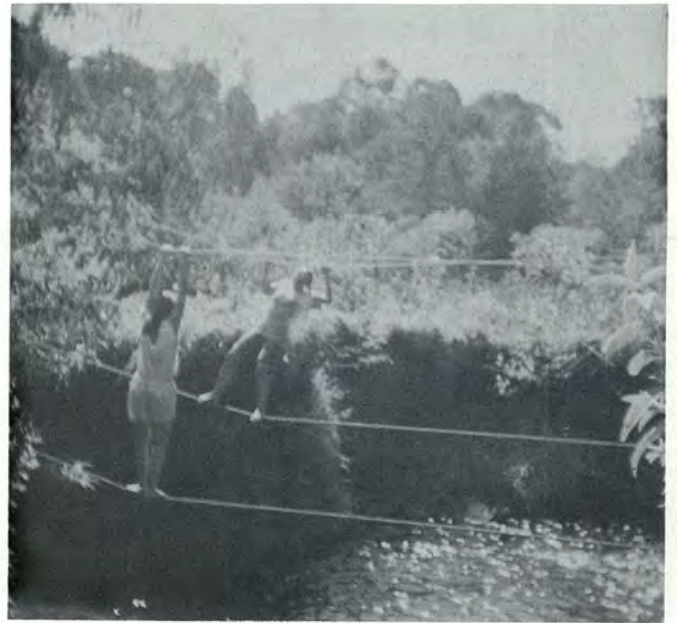
Just seeing Nature as it was always meant to be, was almost like looking at God. So clean and pure. Harmony. Like something out of a fairy tale book. As I walked along, I could almost see the gnomes, elves, pixies and fairies peeping out of their little homes to



watch us go by.

Those moments, engraved in my heart forever, all mine. And when I'm old and grey, I'll be proud to tell my grandchildren, that I once saw Nature.

Cathy Cronje



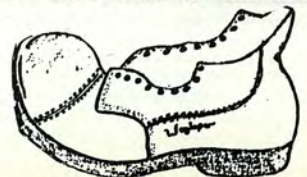
Nervous excitement ran through our bodies as we waited. In just a couple of minutes it would be our turn. Miss Sharples arrived and we were off, running one after another, backward in between the poles. Under, over, under and over yet again, the second obstacle had been no trouble. We passed the third and the fourth with ease; then came the net. I had gone in the wrong way, but this didn't stop us, it was like being reborn as someone grabbed my feet and dragged me painfully out of the hole, scratching my back on the hard, rugged stones.

The next was a water obstacle. Into the clear, yet freezing cold water, we plunged. We had got our first penalty, though, because we were not allowed to swear. Through the water and under the tin shelter we waded, up the ladder and finally, pulling on the rope we made it to the top. As the last one arrived at the next obstacle, Miss Sharples pushed us all into the yellow, muddy, turgid water. Laughing, we quickly pulled our whole group, one-by-one, over the barrel.

Onto the ninth obstacle we sprinted, making it up the muddy drop in a matter of seconds. We had only to wade through the cold water again and up the slippery slope to the finish. When we got to the bottom of the impossibly smooth, plastic slope we found, to our dismay, that at the top, with a hose on full power, stood Daniella and her group. They were going to try to stop us from getting to the top.

Jackie went first, followed closely by the rest of us. Samantha stayed close next to her. Half way up - could we make it? Oh no! Jackie was falling, pushing the rest of us down with her! Samantha made it to the top with ease, followed closely behind by me. The rest of the group followed behind me but Jackie just couldn't get the hang of this last obstacle. Down the side we all went to help her up. In a chain of people we hoisted her up the slope to victory. We had done it, we had completed the course!

Mary van Heyningen



The seconds silently ticked away. My pulse thumped through my body like a large alarm clock. I was running as quick as I could possibly manage, and still, surely it couldn't be fast enough.

Stumbling ahead I reached the next obstacle. Down I slid, onto my stomach, eagerly I slithered forward like a snake stalking her prey. Then all of a sudden, once again like a charging bull I raced to the next obstacle. Time slowed down to almost a standstill, thoughts raced through my mind as I wondered how I was going to survive this experience. Regaining my sense, I waded through the deep, muddy hole with as much speed as possible. I tried to pull myself up, my hand gripped something familiar. Then I remembered by teammates who were now pulling me over a large rotating barrel. On the go again, we were approaching the last and scariest of them all. While we, as a team, clambered up an almost vertical climb with a hose-pipe sprayed at us, all the voices of nature sounded through my head. The whistle of the wind, the singing of the birds and the gentle hum of the river.

Overwhelming shouts of joy were our hello to safe ground. Never have I had so much fun in such a rush for time!

Lisa-Ann Seery



Fountains of chocolate mousse, rivers of hot chocolate and trees growing tender rump steaks and juicy roast porks. These were the thoughts that wafted through my mind the night I lay sleeping on that cold floor, next to the river in the shelter I'd built.

Suddenly my dream world was shattered as some one stood on me, in her effort to wake me up, to do my guard duty, I came back to reality with a thud!

Klm Wiseman



The rules were clear; if a sound was heard, or the flashlight caught sight of a figure, the game was over! If any of the six members was kidnapped by an "Oom" your unity was destroyed!

The night was freezing cold and the wind howled through the trees of the forest. We huddled closely together, not only because of the cold, but also because we had tied our wrists to a length of rope and couldn't move too far away from each other.

After a long walk we reached our starting point. Excitedly, we took our first compass reading, then slowly began our journey in the indicated direction. No-one murmured a sound; only the occasional snapping of twigs broke the haunting sound of the wind. Stop. What's that? A light flashed in our direction. Quickly we squashed behind a tree, no one saying anything, but the tension was felt by all. My heart was beating so heavily that I felt sure everyone else could hear it too!

Then, a heavy sigh of relief sounded as the source of our tension moved elsewhere. Silent indications were given and we fell to the ground, crawling through the veld, not even feeling the thorn bushes as we carried on, determined to reach our destination. The lantern was now in sight. There was only one problem; it was about four metres lower than we were! Slowly the first member of our team lowered herself down the almost vertical drop - it didn't look too difficult. Then, as I looked down, I had to withhold the urge to cry out "No way!" I held my breath and slid down the slope to a soft landing as Andrea caught me at the bottom.

Victory was an arm length away. As Andrea touched the lantern, all our concealed energy and excitement poured out as we simultaneously jumped to our feet. We'd made it!

Nadine Smith



After walking through the threatening forest for over four hours, we all realised that something was definitely wrong. At this time fear was taking over my thoughts and my imagination. Two torch-bulbs had blown, but we still had three torches working. We had a group discussion and we decided, unanimously, to stay still; not walk any further. It was safer-besides, who knew what lay beyond the next layer of trees? We all sat in a tight circle holding hands, hoping for some reassurance that everything would be alright. None came. In the darkness I could feel the tide of panic and hysteria rising, almost overtaking, but then calming down. Sweat trickled down my neck. I could hear catches of words being whispered by some of the girls, praying, moving mouths - asking forgiveness. Suddenly a noise, a flicker of lights through the trees; a car! We were safe - safe from the daunting forest and ready to do it all again.

Justine Jackson

Puffing and panting we returned to our lines from a short run because we were not silent on the count of five. We had been told to sit in rows and to keep quiet. The catch was that all sixty of us had to do this in about eight seconds. Finally, after about the fourth attempt we were ready to eat.

When I eventually made it in front of the server, I was desperate. This moment was one moment I would never forget. He raised his spoon and poured the substance on my plate. I took a slice of brown bread and returned to my place under the tree. Suddenly, I felt no hunger. The aroma of this so-called low-calorie, high-sustenance perfectly-balanced slush made my stomach groan with fear. After a minute of inspection I raised a spoonful of the substance to my lips and gently eased the spoon into my mouth. The food apparently had very little taste, but was not discomforting to eat. After a few more mouthfuls, helped down with some sour bread and "potato peel" coffee, I felt partially revived and satisfied. This was one Veld School cuisine meal I was never going to forget!

Terry Benade



The lights came on at exactly half past five in the morning on Monday 21 May. It was still dark. Instead of the usual groans that greeted the wake-up call, there was an uneasy silence, filled with anticipation and excitement, because today we were going to hike up the mountain. However, it was not the hike which filled everyone's minds; it was the climbing of a chain ladder up a fifty metre vertical rockface that everyone was thinking about. It was the only way to the top.

For the first hour of the hike; we conquered the foot of the mountain slowly, each step bringing us closer to the summit, closer to the ladder. All of a sudden the gradient changed. It became very steep and rocky and you had to think where you wanted to place your foot. I felt like Sir Edmund Hillary, scaling my own personal Mount Everest. The view, even from only half way up was breath-taking. It was like we were on a huge diving-board, and the land below was a vast swimming pool.

At last, we reached the ladder. It looked ominous. After a minute we started climbing. Various thoughts ran helter-skelter through my mind, don't look down; put your foot there, no there; hold on tight; don't slip; only twenty rungs to go!

The ladder started shaking. I don't know if it was my trembling or the boy below me. I held on, waiting, hoping. Finally, it stopped. I resumed my climb, slowly, steadily. Four rungs left; three, two, one, I made it.

Now I understood why men climbed mountains - not for fame or fortune, but for the feeling of conquering the impossible. I was now, like Hillary had once been, on top of the world.

Nick Holtzhausen



House Reports

JUPITER

At Bryanston High, Jupiter is known as the "house to beat" and rightly so! This year we were given the privilege of holding our house-meetings in the hall as we were the overall winners of last year.

Our first challenge of the year was the Inter-House gala. The dominant colour was "RED" and the cheerleaders looked superb. Our swimmers excelled themselves. However, Apollo took the lead and managed to beat us narrowly. Next year we hope that Jupiter will be back on top form and take the trophy again.

The rugby boys were not quite as successful and we had to settle for second place, once again. Well done; you tried your best. The netball and hockey teams were triumphant and Jupiter was victorious again. Congratulations to all players for winning in spirit and in play.

A great deal of hard work, fun and dedication went into this year's Inter-House plays. Our senior play, "Set your alarm for the end of puberty", proved to be the success of the evening, winning the Best Play award. Individual awards were given to Robyn Barker for Best Actor, and Lyle Eagleson and Michael Konson shared the Best Supporting Actor award. The juniors also performed extremely well in their section.

To end off the year with true Jupiter spirit we were once again victorious in the Inter-House Athletics, winning comfortably. The athletes performed well, showing their true colours.



A great deal of thanks should be given to Mrs Deacon, Mr Morrison and the other Jupiter teachers who helped us to maintain our high standards and who inspired us to achieve our highest levels. Thanks should also go to our House Committee for their support and spirit throughout the year. Last, but not least, a very special "thank you" goes to Mr Paige for all his guidance and support he has given us over the last year.



As the House Captains we were really proud of Jupiter's performance this year. We hope that in the years to come Jupiter will continue to keep the "red flag" flying and hold their heads high. Good luck from the 1990 Jupiter matrics.

Tracy Spear and Lyle Eagleson
(House Captains)





MERCURY

As 1990 comes to an end and we look back to mercury's successes we reflect on the themes as well. We started off the year as "Mighty Mercury" and went forth with spirit to the gala.

Throughout the year we have excelled in certain areas. In the sports events in the third term we managed to attain individual wins, e.g. the Cross-Country, but evidently didn't have the depth of field to come out on top. The Senior girls won the Netball, even though they played with the disadvantage of having fewer first team players.

In the dramatics field, Mercury's juniors excelled, winning the Junior Inter-House Plays with Best Set and Best Actor and Best Actress awards. At this stage of the year, the Mercurians "changed skins". We became the "Teenage Mercury Ninja Turtles" and our display board mirrored our spirit. In our opinion, we came out on top in this field!

At the Inter-House Athletics meeting held during school, a tremendous amount of preparation went into the dress of our "turtle representatives". Looking fine we came onto the field and kept our spirit up all day. Even though we did not win, Mercury never gave up.

We would like to thank Mrs Fulcher (a recently ordained Mercurian) and Mr Breytenbach for all their help.

**Dean Kruise and Carolyn van Heyningen
(House Captains)**





APOLLO

Apollo really seemed to excel this year. Not only did the house and house committee try hard in the different activities, but they enjoyed and took part in them enthusiastically.

The Inter-House Gala -for some a wet occasion; for others a rather hoarse occasion - proved to be a great success for Apollo as we won both the Gala and the team-spirit award.

Still on its victorious streak, Apollo won the Senior Inter-House Rugby and Senior Inter-House Hockey. Although Apollo did not win the Inter-House Athletics, once again Apollo kept up enthusiasm and won the team-spirit award again.

When it came to the Inter-House plays, there was no shortage of support from our house. The Apollo Senior play, "The Cagebirds" was an excellent production in which Apollo received a combined Best Actress award and the Best Supporters Actress award. Special mention should be made, here, of our Director, Barnaby Welch, who did an excellent job putting up with eight very temperamental "Birds".

Congratulations Apollo on an outstanding year. May your success continue next year!

Robyn Maclachlan



NEPTUNE

For Neptune, 1990, has been a year of improvement and achievement, wherein we succeeded in reaching 'Most of our Goals'.

The Inter-house swimming gala was only the start of our success. Although we came fourth, we united and sent up a splash of competition, wherein the other houses got their tail feathers wet! In the winter season, Neptune bounced into third position in Netball and, after taking a short corner to our goals in hockey, we tied for second place with Apollo!

The saying goes, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again". In our Athletics, we had a repeat of the 1988 Olympics and only stars and stripes were seen, as our athletes sprinted past, leaving the opposition behind in the dust. Results were, second place in the 3000m and Inter-House Athletics and a first in Cross-Country, where our spirit and unity were at its peak. After these three runs, our cricketers bowled the other houses over and upheld the house tradition in spirit, if not in deed.

Confronted by our public speakers and our dramatic ideas, the other houses were at a loss for words! Congratulations to all Neptune house members and staff. The year is a memorable one, and all the enthusiasm, effort and work eventually paid off! Thank you to everyone concerned and Good Luck for the coming years!

Sandy Aiken and Brandon Leech
(House Captains)



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SWIMMING



The 1990 season was almost a copybook repeat of 1989. We were unbeaten throughout the season in the Thursday galas, but, unfortunately, lost the Inter-High Final to Sandringham. It is interesting to note that the Bryanston "A" team has not lost a Thursday gala for six years!

Forty teams participated in the six co-educational leagues this season. The Bryanston "A" team came second and the "B" team fourteenth, a feat that has never been equalled. To the best of our knowledge no team has ever had a "B" team as high as the "C" league before. We have now been there for three years.

Congratulations are due to a number of swimmers. Mandy Johnson represented the Senior Provincial side this year and Michael Parry was selected for Transvaal Schools. Both Gary Hall and Patricia van der Berg were selected for the "Top Nine" Gala and Michael and Gary swam in the Junior National Championships.

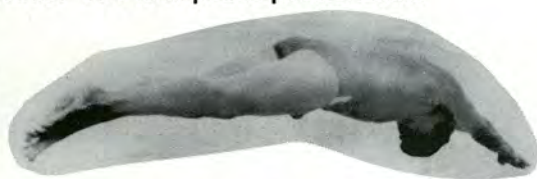
Congratulations are also due to the following swimmers who broke records this season:

Michael Parry 100m Open Backstroke 1m 06,9s
 Gary Hall 100m Open Breastroke 1m 12,6s
 Mandy Johnson 100m Open Backstroke 1m 12,2s
 Richard Allison 100m U16 Freestyle 1m 02,0s
 Greg Lunderstedt 100m U16 Freestyle 58,9s
 Mandy Johnson 100m Open Freestyle 1m 04,3s
 Lisa van den Oever 100m Open Breastroke 1m 26,7s

Thanks to the coaches, Mr Cuthbertson, Mr Essex-Clark, Mrs West, Miss Hall, Mrs Kable, Mrs Bottome and Mr Northmore and the other teachers who assisted at galas. Thanks also go to the Captains, Michael Parry and Cathy Emslie and Vice-Captains, Michael Pain and Mandy Johnson.

The 1990 season began with the Inter-House Gala on Friday, 19th June. Jupiter, who have been champions since 1977, were dethroned by Apollo, who won narrowly by six points. The final points position was:

1. Apollo 533
2. Jupiter 527
3. Mercury 520
4. Neptune 401



The special awards on the day were as follows:

- Bac Trophy - most promising Under 13 girl: L. Siket
 Bac Trophy - most promising Under 13 boy: M. Spurrier/S. Warriner
 McCall Peat Trophy - Senior girls' medley : M. Johnson
 Stafford Trophy - Junior girls' medley : G. de Bruyn
 Kratz Trophy Senior boys' medley: M. Parry
 Stafford Trophy - Junior boys' medley: S. Haskell
 Victrix Natationis: M. Johnson
 Victor Natationis: M. Parry
 Junior Victrix Natationis: S. Haskell
 Winner Girls House: Apollo
 Winner Boys House: Mercury



The swimmers' level of commitment to the sport still continues to astound us. We were not a team of stars this year, as the school is beginning to suffer from the lack of a top professional coach in the area. Swimmers were expected to train at least once a day and the early-morning sessions at Ellis Park continued. Thanks are due to the mothers who provided those welcome early-morning breakfasts.



AWARDS:

Full Colours: Michael Parry, Gary Hall, Clive Hays, Liza van den Oever, Linda Petersen, Greg Lunderstedt, Richard Allison
Half Colours: Peter Siebert, Michael Pain, Paolo Ghiselli, Nicky Crowther, Patricia van der Berg, Cathy Emslie, Nicky Acutt, Sandy Aiken, Birgit Reprich

Team Colours: Vanessa Hancock, Nicholas Cunningham-Morat, Lauren Tomlinson, Sam Harrop, Hazel Begley, Donald Gilmour, Leigh Blomkamp, Karen TerMorshuizen, Keeley Holtam

Merit Certificates: Matthew Spurrier, Jenny Acutt, Penny Lunderstedt, Lorianne Siket, Bronwen Clarke, Gail De Bruyn, Jason Knox

All the best for another successful season.

Mr S. Cuthbertson
 (Teacher in charge)





THE MIDMAR CHALLENGE

The sun was shining and our eagerness was bubbling. It was Friday the 9th of February; a school bus of school pupils and disciplining teachers were on their way to Durban. That weekend we were to brave the Midmar Challenge.

On entering Natal our expectations of a sun-tanning weekend began with the appearance of grey clouds and gentle rain drops on the bus window. The bus eventually drove up and parked outside our "home" for the weekend - Four Seasons Hotel.

Saturday morning saw the dawning of a cloudless sky, but we only noticed the wind while standing on the beach. That day everyone went his or her way, shopping, swimming, tanning and generally mellowing out in Banana Land.

After not very many hours sleep we all got back on the bus and set off for Midmar. To everyone's amazement, it was a very successful and a tired bunch of people were on their way home. The bus ride home consisted of much amusement as we entertained the teachers with songs and poems. It was a great and unforgettable experience for us all.

Vanessa Hancock and Natalie van Langermann



"A" SWIMMING TEAM

Back row, left to right: R. Donaldson; L. Blomkamp; R. Allison; V. Freemantle; G. Hall; D. Browne; J. Knox; G. Lunderstedt; N. Cunningham-Moorat.

Second from back: J. Prior; D. Dovey; L. Petersen; N. Crowther; B. Reprich; L. van den Oever; P. van den Berg; S. Aiken; C. Cronje; P. Lunderstedt; G. de Bruyn; L. Watt.

Third from back: B. Kruse; G. Jones; S. Harrop; C. Hays; M. Beuthe; G. Letcher; P. Ghisclli; P. Siebert; M. Siebert.

Third from front: A. Chapman; M. Spurrier; J. Voigt; S. Haskell; R. Dunb V. David; J. Clack; J. Holdsworth; C. Abt; S. Warriner.

Second from front: C. Poulos; L. Irvine-Smith; J. Acutt; B. Clarke; L. Tomlinson; C. Spear; N. Acutt; V. Hancock; K. Holtom; A. Teixeira H. Begley.

Front row: M. Pain (vice captain); Mrs S. West; M. Parry (captain); Mr S. Cuthbertson; C. Emslie (captain); Mr W. Essex-Clark; M. Johnson (vice captain)

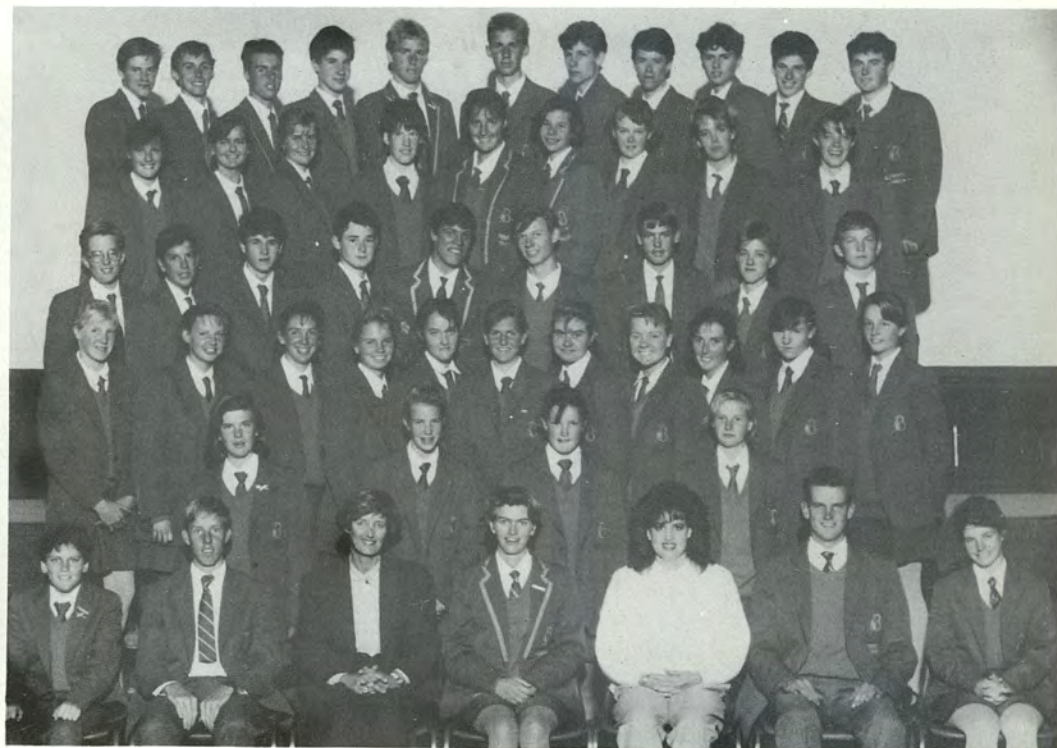
B-TEAM SWIMMING

The 1990 swimming season was very enjoyable and once again our "B" team's performance was excellent and added to the spirit and dedication of the season. The 1990 Captains, Karen TerMorshuizen and Donald Gilmour would like to thank all those who participated, for their hard work throughout the season.

Well done swimmers and especially to those who managed to win their races against such tough competition

In conclusion, I would like to thank the school and cheerleaders for their support, the mothers for the all-important breakfasts and catering after galas. A particular word of thanks must go to Miss Hall, Mr Northmore, Mrs Fulcher and Miss Foster for their hard work and for the hours around the pool preparing us for the all important Inter-High. We would like to wish all the "B" team swimmers the best of luck for future years and may you continue to maintain the high standard that you have established.

Karen Ter Morshuizen



"B" SWIMMING TEAM

Back row, left to right: D.Heeley; O.Scholey; M.Medcalf; G.Viljoen; D.Kruise; J.Ravensborg; B.de Beer; K.Panzer; M.Siddall; P.Kramers; G.van Rooyen.

Second from back: L.Jericevich; G.Payn; R.Davis; V.Duivelshof; N.Smith; L.Kilfoil; V.Stringfield; F.Cullerton; K.Walker.

Third from back: G.Austin; G.Hewartson; B.Emslie; M.Rosa; M.Nell; J.Rapp; M.Bruce; J.Jervis; G.Jones.

Third from front: M.Nolting; H.Hays; J.Tanner; N.von Langermann; G.Lewis; C.Barclay; S.van Rooyen; N.Quick; T.O'Brien; A.van den Berg; D.Fabris.

Second from front: A.Panzer; L.Irsigler; A.Selley; N.Burgess.

Front row: R.Barrow; D.Walker (Vice-Captain); Mrs S.Cable; K.Ter Morshuizen (Vice-Captain); Miss J.Hall; D.Gilmour (Captain); D.McCormick.





1ST XI CRICKET

*Back row, left to right: G.Haynes; D.Wright; I.Baillie; J.Kilfoil;
C.Hunter; M.Pitman.
Front row: C. Mcphail; M Hele; Dean Kidd (Captain); Mr D. Smith; C. Heeley
(Vice-Captain); R.Tregoning; D.McCormic (scorer).*

FIRST XI CRICKET

During the 89/1990 cricket season the First XI developed into a motivated and close-knit team. The season was essentially one of re-building and the team, under the guidance of Dean Kidd proved that talent, combined with dedication and determination, especially at practices will be rewarded in matches. Bryanston players must realise that approach and attitude to the game is a huge component of any sport. The most memorable game was probably against Roosevelt Park which was contested until the last ball of the match. Our Captain, Dean Kidd, and Mark Hele deserve special mention for their performances.

Thanks to our scorers, Peta and Debbie, as well as to all the mothers in the tuckshop and fathers under the trees during the season. All in all we had a very enjoyable summer of cricket, with many memories.

Results:

October/November 89 Won 2 lost 4
Jan/March Won 2 Drew 3 Lost 3

Awards: (Regular team members during Term 1)

Full Colours: D Kidd, M. Hele

Half Colours: C. Heeley, I Baillie

Team Colours: M. Pitman, E. Snyman, S. Strydom,
C. Hunter, R. Tregoning, G. Haynes

Mr D. Smith

(Coach)

UNDER FIFTEEN CRICKET

This age group has shown the potential for providing the First XI with several useful players. Again the "A" side produced the best record of the school, winning five out of seven fixtures. Superb individual performances were provided by Greg Abraham and Dalein van Zyl with the bat, Gareth Letcher with the ball and Robbie Blatch with both! We hope these individuals and the rest of the team will continue to work hard at their game and wish them luck in the competition for a place in the first XI. The side was also ably led by Greg Abraham, who provided an excellent example.

*Mr I. Morrison
(Teacher in charge)*



UNDER FOURTEEN CRICKET

With twenty six boys committed to the sport I was greatly pleased with the involvement of the Standard seven boys. The performances were of the high standard expected and delivered by this group in all aspects of their school career. Of particular note, were the wicket-keeping batting performances of Chad Varcoe and the devastating leg-spin attack of Richard Davidson and Atholl Tomlinson. Unfortunately a sad loss will be the departure of the Captain, Jayson Vowles, who so ably led the side.



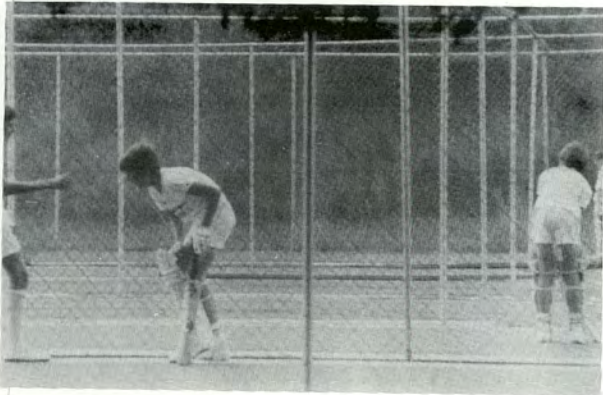
UNDER THIRTEEN CRICKET

This year's Under 13 sportsmen have displayed a wealth of talent and potential, which has enabled them to excel in the sporting arena. The enthusiasm and commitment of the Under 13 'A' side, under the captaincy of Jonathan Hockey, was rewarded with some fine victories during the season. Aside from various individual achievements, the batting and bowling performances of Brendon Bevan, Christian Abt and Michael Wheeler deserve special mention along with the excellent batting and wicketkeeping skills of Jonathan Hockey.

Generally speaking, the season was a very successful one in that the players learnt the value of teamwork, the importance of enjoyment, and ultimately, the fact that victory only follows hard work, determination and team commitment. There is little doubt that the Under 13 sides will enjoy successful futures on the cricket field. Thanks to all the players for their hard work and to the parents for their continual support.

Miss D. Robey

Mr I. Morrison



UNDER 13A CRICKET TEAM

*Back row, left to right: P.Rolland; M.Wheeler; C.Williams; C.Penney.
Front row: J.Parfit; M.McCreadie; B.Bevan (Vice-Captain);
Miss D.Robey; J.Hockey (Captain); C.Abt; G.Austin.*

(Absent: S.Laidlaw; L.Davison)

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RUGBY



Amid all the pressure of a "softened society", negative media reports, and radical changes in rules this year, it is pleasing to note that rugby is alive and well at Bryanston High School.

The challenging thing about rugby is that even after acquiring its technical skills, one requires more courage, being under more physical pressure, than for most team sports. A young man who plays rugby, puts himself into a position where a lack of "guts" can become clearly evident. No one likes to appear cowardly. Perhaps that is why many players drop out. But this is one of the game's important challenges. Rugby gives its players the opportunity to earn self-respect. In so doing, the player earns the respect of his team-mates and his coach.

Our Fourteenth annual rugby dinner was held at Megawatt Park this year, where Michael Parry received the prestigious "Player of the Year" award. The "Roy Paige Shield" for the team of the year, went to the Under Thirteen 'A' team. This team coached by Mr Cuthbertson and Mr Northmore, lost only one game this season. Points scored by them totalled 412 as opposed to 37 points scored against them. They scored 82 tries and had only 7 scored against them. The Under Thirteen 'A' team distinguished themselves by achieving the best Under Thirteen record in the history of this school.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the coaches for their commitment and hard work this season. To the mothers, we give a special thanks for your loyal support and for the teas that were provided after every match. Thanks are also due to our First Aiders and the referees from the T.R.F.U.

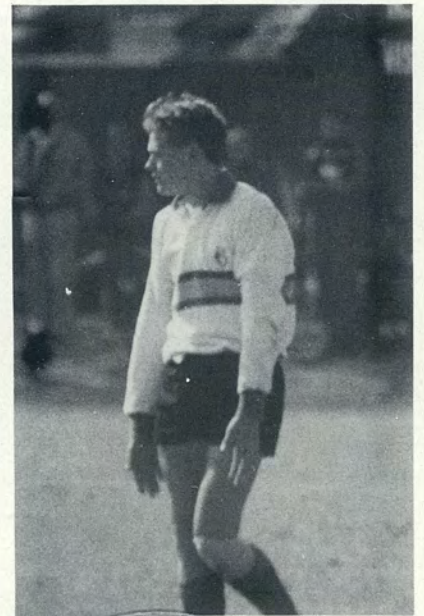
Mr W. Essex-Clark
(Teacher-in-charge)





UNDER 13A RUGBY TEAM (TEAM OF THE YEAR)

*Back row, left to right: R.van Zyl; M.McCreadie; C.Abt; M.Spurrier;
R.Menton; M.Wheeler; C.Williams; L.Ngoma; J.Hockey.
Front row: C. Penney; J. Brumberg; Mr S. Cuthbertson; P. Rolland (Captain);
Mr C. Northmore; J. Thomas; J. Voigt.*



FIRST XV

The First Fifteen's performance this season maintained our status as one of the top co-educational schools in Johannesburg. As a show-piece for our school our rugby gladiators acquitted themselves exceptionally well. Our tours to the Lowveld, the Free State and the South Coast helped to mould and reinforce an enduring unity in the team. Under the firm leadership of Rory Keenan and Vice-Captain Alan Hartegan, our team grew in strength and confidence as the season progressed. Spectators were presented with some of the finest examples of team work and rugby skill by a highly motivated group of players.

This year's "Player of the Year" award went to Michael Parry. Richard Allison received the "Most Improved Player" award and Michael Voster was the recipient of the "Most Promising Player" award.

Six players received Full Colours this season. Those who received their awards were Rory Keenan (flank), Alan Hartegan (full back), Nic Bac (hooker), Michael Parry (eighth man), Michael Voster (fly half) and Richard Allison (prop). Those awarded with Half-Colours were Clinton Kerekis (prop), Stephan Fisher (flank) and Greg Barrow (scrum half). Team colours were awarded to Eugene Snyman (wing), David Marcussen (scrum half), Dallas Wright (lock), Geordie Blane (centre) and Paulo Ghiselli (flank).

The Second Fifteen had a very successful season, winning seventy percent of their matches and supplying the First Team with an excellent reserve of players.

To all our open rugby players I would like to express my appreciation for your commitment and your loyalty which was so evident in your approach to the game this season.

Mr W. Essex-Clark
(Coach)



IST 15 RUGBY TEAM

*Back row, left to right: C.Kerekis; G.Blane; M.Parry; E.Snyman;
R.Allison; D.Wright; S.Dovey; R.Tregoning;
S.Fischer; P.Ghiselli; B.Emslie;
G.Bezuidenhout.*

*Front row: N. Bac; G. Barrow; Mr I. Morrison; R. Keenan (Captain);
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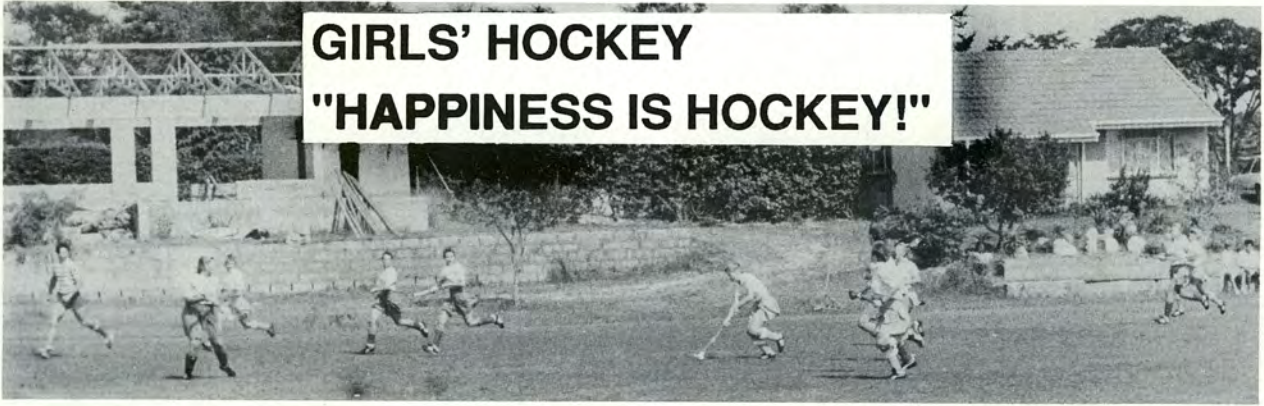
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GIRLS' HOCKEY "HAPPINESS IS HOCKEY!"



Once again the girls had a great season, coming third in the "A" league and continuing to be the top co-educational school in the Southern Transvaal.

Trials occurred in early March, as the league started towards the end of the first term. It was necessary to get fit and start practising, as a tour for the firsts, seconds and Under 15's was on the cards. Thirty eight girls and three teachers set off for East London on Wednesday evening, 4th April, in "Gallies" bus. We made excellent time and were in East London by 8.30 a.m. Our first stop was Checkers, to buy groceries. The girls had to organise the necessary for their breakfasts. We were then able to book in at our holidays flats, unpack, go for a stroll on the beachfront before lunch and then be at Stirling High in time for our match. The weather was superb and so, on Friday, we had a happy day on the beach as it was a Public Holiday. Matches were played on all days after that, with the firsts even set against a club side on the late Sunday afternoon. On the Saturday evening we were entertained to a braai, by my relations. The girls played well, had a great time, were excellent ambassadors for the school and benefitted tremendously, hockey-wise.

The season then went into full swing with matches every Tuesday. Many took up umpiring as well and they found most Saturday mornings busy, with umpiring at the lower league tournaments. A group of Under 14's went on a coaching tour to Harrismith and came back rearing to go on the hockey field.

And then it was time for Provincial Trials for the opens as well as the Under 16's and the Under 15's. Eight of the girls were invited to trials with five of them eventually all being chosen for the Witwatersrand side. Our congratulations go to Ashleigh Clack (Captain), Sjeanne Cawdry, Cathy Price, Nicole Crowther and Sally Ross for representing us so well. A further honour went to Sjeanne, Cathy and Sally for being chosen for the representative team of the "B" section at the Schools' Inter-provincial Tournament held in Durban in July. We were also represented in the Colts and Under 15 sides. Laura Watt (Vice-Captain), Tessa Knight and Gail de Bruyn attended the "B" Inter-provincial tournament in Pretoria, in the Colts team and had a great tournament. Two of our girls, Nicole Melhuish and Lauren Irvine-Smith played for the Under 15 side at the Under 15 Inter-provincial tournament in Potchefstroom and found this a stimulating experience.



GIRLS' 1ST HOCKEY TEAM

*Back row, left to right: T. Powell; C. Price; L. Tomlinson; S. Ross.
Front row: K. Proctor; L. Roberts; S. Cawdry (Vice-Captain); Mrs P. Deacon
A. Clack (Captain); N. Crowther; A. Meara.*





GIRLS' HOCKEY UMPIRES

Back row, left to right: A. Edwards; J. Tanner; N. Acutt; S. Ross; L. Bradley.

Middle row: C. Emslie; G. de Bruyn; L. de Klerk; K. Saville; S. Aiken; T. Knight; H. Begley; L. Watt.

Front row: A. Clack; N. Crowther; Mrs P. Deacon; T. Powell (top S.A. schoolgirl umpire); Mrs S. West; K. Proctor; L. Roberts. (Absent: Mrs J. Gorrie)

Not only did we have many girls playing for Inter-provincial sides, but we also had the top umpiring complement. Tracey Powell, Ashleigh Clack and Nicole Crowther received Southern Transvaal umpiring colours, with Laura Bradley, Lyndsay Roberts, Gail de Bruyn, Tessa Knight, Laura Watt and Anthea Edwards being chosen as umpires for the Witwatersrand side. At the Inter-provincial tournament in Durban, Tracey Powell was nominated the top schoolgirl umpire and Karen Proctor, who attended the "B" tournament as the Nugget's umpire, received the same honour. This is excellent, and our congratulations go to both of them. Kim Saville gained plenty of umpiring experience as she attended the Under 15 tournament in this capacity. Our thanks go to Mrs Gorrie and Mrs West for all they did to help the umpires.

We had about thirty beginner hockey players this season and they received excellent coaching from Mrs Gorrie and Miss Traviss. They played a number of matches towards the end of the season and the excitement was tremendous. We hope they are all going to continue playing the best-ever sport!

The Under 14's fared extremely well under the able guidance of Miss MacQuilkan, kindly assisted by Mrs Blane. They won most of their games, played with tremendous enthusiasm and seem to have a great love of hockey. With perseverance and plenty of practice they will be great players.

Mrs West, once again, inspired her Under 15's to great heights. She is a person who expects much, gives much herself and thus her "girls" give plenty in return. She expects 110% effort from them and thus has a fine side which did extremely well in the league and are the top co-ed group.

Thirds and fourths enjoyed a happy season under the able guidance of Miss Rennie and Mrs Taylor. They played well and had lots of fun.

The first and second sides seemed to have had a constructive, yet fun, season. They played excellent hockey most of the time, with many players showing plenty of ability and skill. The stronger the opposition, the better they played. Ashleigh, as Captain, led, by her own ever-trying efforts, and Sjeanne, as the Vice-captain, played until she dropped. It was a great group to coach, as the talent they showed, enabled them to be led to more advanced hockey. It is my hope that those who are leaving school, continue to play hockey and aim to become Springboks - why not?

Indoor hockey has once again proved to be a great game which also teaches the girls skills they need for outdoor hockey. It gives the team plenty of hockey in a short time, keeps them fit, aids quick reactions and is also fun. Thanks go to Mrs West, Miss MacQuilkan and Miss Traviss for all their efforts to give us such great teams.

To all the parents who supported, transported and encouraged, go our grateful thanks: to those who made tea, thanks; and to all who care about hockey, please don't stop! We need you and we hope hockey becomes an even greater sport!





GIRLS' 1ST INDOOR HOCKEY TEAM

Front row: S. Cawdry (Vice-Captain); Mrs P. Deacon; A. Clack (Captain); Mrs S. West; C. Price.

Back row, left to right: A. Edwards; L. Watt; N. Crowther; T. Knight; H. Begley; S. Ross.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Clack, Sjeanne Cawdry, Sally Ross, Nicole Crowther, Cathy Price, Kerry van Goeverden and Karen Proctor for receiving full colours for playing; to Anne Meara for half-colours and Tracy Powell, Lyndsay Roberts and Lauren Tomlinson received team awards. Umpiring full colours went to Tracey Powell, Ashleigh Clack, Nicole Crowther, Gail de Bruyn, Laura Bradley, Laura Watt, Lyndsay Roberts, Tessa Knight, Anthea Edwards and Karen Proctor; half colours to Kim Saville, Cathy Emslie, Sandy Aiken and Lee-Anne de Klerk and team awards went to Sally Ross, Janet Tanner and Nicky Acutt - well done all!

A great hockey dinner was held at Bryanston Country Club with Mrs Jo Morley-Jepson proving to be an excellent guest speaker. Thanks go to Mrs Clack for her organisation and the great little hockey sticks she personally made.

It was a great season, thanks to all involved. May 1991 prove to be an even better one. Good luck to all in their future hockey careers.

Mrs P. Deacon
(Teacher in charge)



UNDER 14 HOCKEY COACHING TOUR

"Harrismith here we come! is what could be heard when the Under 14 'A' Hockey Team went on a coaching tour to the Harrismith Holiday Inn.

After a rather bumpy ride we arrived at the hotel, all ready for a fun weekend of hockey. What we were expecting, however, is not what we got! At 5.30 p.m. on Friday afternoon we all gathered on the hockey fields, ready for a "short" and "enjoyable" jog - that's what we thought. A half hour later we returned to our rooms, nearly ready to go home, after running up and down over the BMX track outside the hotel!

The rise and shine was early the next morning! After a hurried breakfast, with half the Bryanston High School girls still fast asleep, we reported to the hockey fields for some real hockey. After all that's why we were there! During the morning we were taught many new hockey skills and tactics. We were given the opportunity to put these newly-acquired skills to the test after lunch when we played the first of our matches against the other teams.

The matches continued on Sunday and at the end we were proud to say that we lost only one match! Being the only Under 14's, this was quite an achievement.

After lunch and prize-giving we headed back home, tired, yet, with all the knowledge we'd gained in one weekend. Our thanks must go to Mrs Deacon for arranging the tour, and Miss MacQuilkan for enduring the long weekend with fifteen excited girls, in one bus!

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NETBALL

The 1990 Netball season was very successful for some of our teams. We are in the Premier League, which consists of the top nine schools from the Southern Transvaal region.

A special mention must go to the members of the first team, who excelled themselves. Having been placed third in the Premier League, they then beat Sir John Adamson 41 - 8 in the Quarter Finals, which is a remarkable achievement. The Semi-Finals were very exciting however we narrowly lost by five goals to Randburg Hoër, who are undoubtedly one of the top Netball Schools. This result is indicative of the high standard of Netball and total dedication to the sport. Well done to the firsts! I sincerely hope that there will be more teams, who will follow in their footsteps.

Many of our girls did very well in the Southern Transvaal Netball trials. Anna Roberts and Tracey Spear got through to the second round. Congratulations to Nadine Smith and Lisa Van den Oever, who represented Southern Transvaal. Lisa was the captain of the 'B' team and received highly commended reports. As captain of the school team, she was wonderful and constantly encouraged the team.

The tour to Durban was very successful. The thirty four girls all played superb Netball and had great fun. The results were as follows:

The Under 13/Under 15 team came third in the Junior section.

Best Goal Attack: Andrea Hugget

Best Wing Defence: Leigh Freeman

Highest Goal Average: Laura Austin

The First team was placed second, beating many of the top Netball schools.

Best Goal Defence: Lisa van den Oever

Best Goal Shooter and Highest Goal Average (91%) : Anna Roberts

Newly Found Shooting Skills: Anna Roberts.



The Netball dinner was the final function for the First and Second teams, held at 'Villazzo'. Most of the girls have been together for five years, and have truly been the greatest girls I could have ever wished for. We have had great success and many happy moments.

Various awards were presented to the girls:

Team of the year: First Team

Player of the year: Lisa Van den Oever

Most promising Senior player: Tracey Spear

Most promising Junior player: Andrea Huggett

Special award : Diane Fitzhenry

Netball colours:

Full colours: Lisa van den Oever

Nadine Smith

Tracey Spear

Diane Fitzhenry

Anna Roberts

Half colours: Amanda Player

Kim Atkinson



Well done girls, you are all stars!

A reminder to the girls not to forget the "wild animals" and best of luck for the future.

Finally, a special thank you to all the teachers who were involved in Netball, and here's to a great 1991 Netball season!

Mrs G. Fulcher
(Teacher in charge)



1ST NETBALL TEAM

*Back row left to right: T.Spear; A.Roberts; N.Smith.
Front row: K. Atkinson; D. FitzHenry (Vice-Captain); Mrs G. Fulcher;
L.van den Oever (Captain); A.Player.*



BOYS' HOCKEY

Boys' hockey this year was highlighted by a good deal of success and enjoyment. The attitude which emerged from the players was twofold: "Success if Enjoyment" and "Success generates from enjoyment". With these praiseworthy principles evident the boys improved steadily in both confidence and ability throughout the season. We were able to field two junior and two senior teams.



1st XI BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM

Back row, left to right: R. Blatch; D. McMurdo; M. Robinson; B. Brombacher; R. Smüt; K. Tyghe.

Front row: C. Henschel; M. Hele; M. Pitman (Captain); Mr G. Macnamara; D. Walker; J. Strang; G. Pienaar.
(Absent: D. Baird - Vice-Captain)



JUNIOR HOCKEY

The Under 15A team emerged to be an extremely promising outfit. The team recorded only two losses in their long season to notably respected sides, namely K.E.S. and a talented Rand Park team. The team won praise from all their opponents for their open, attack-minded style of play. This principle was never better illustrated than the 8 - 0 demolition of Hyde Park. However, for all their goals, the team was safely protected by a highly promising goalkeeper, Douglas Browne. The Under 15's were a spirited team, which greatly assisted them in all their performances. Towards the end of the season, five players were selected to attend provincial trials. They were Douglas Browne, Terry Benade, Robbie Blatch, Nick Holtzhausen and Dion Bate. Of the five, Bryanston had Blatch, Benade and Browne selected for the provincial team. These three players represented Johannesburg North at an interprovincial festival in Potchefstroom. The team's analysis reads:

P	W	D	L
16	12	2	2

Garth Smith emerged as the top goalscorer with the respectable target of twelve goals. He was well supported by Giles du Plessis and Terry Benade. Bryanston can be said to have a promising future.

The B team could only manage a few fixtures, but were unbeaten in their four games.

SENIOR HOCKEY

SECOND XI

The second team had a spirited team whose emphasis was enjoyment. The team often did not have sufficient practice together. But, the team produced some entertaining hockey nevertheless. There was evidence of potential amongst some of the younger players and this was matched by the experience of captain Kevin Panzera. Oliver Oppenberg ended up as leading goalscorer, a good goalscorer who was well served by Andrew Robinson, Dominic White and Mark Merryweather.

FIRST XI

The First team this year provided a blend of youth, experience and an entertaining flair. The team improved drastically from the early days of Chairman's Festival to producing a fine perception of the game during the July tour to Natal. They once again competed in the Aitken Trophy, where they recorded the highest score of the event - a 5 - 0 drilling of Highlands. The other highlight was the satisfying defeat of St. Stithians. The team showed an exceptional willingness to learn and thus devoted a great deal of time to practice under the watchful eye of co-coach Peter Davey. Their enthusiasm was duly rewarded when they received praise for their stickwork by the coaches in Natal.

The school captain, Matthew Pitman, became the first player in the school's history to be selected for the Southern Transvaal Boys' Team.

Individual Critiques

Bryan Brombacher (goalkeeper): He is a talented player whose organizational abilities and reflexes provided security to the defence. His effervescent and fun-loving nature gave the team tremendous spirit and earned Bryan the distinct honour of being the first recipient of the WOODEN SPOON award for his mad remarks!

Matthew Robinson: His quiet nature often allowed his steady, patient work to be overlooked. He is a player who was committed to the side and is affectionately known as "my hero" for his physique!

Kenrick Tyghe: A player always prepared to listen and try new advice. He received and handled a good deal of "ribbing" from the team for his saintly connections! Affectionately known as "Pilchards" or "Glenryk".

Mark Hele: A mature person whose quick eye allowed him to perceive dangerous situations effectively. He never panicked and always appeared to have oodles of time, which gave the defence the calmness often required. He scored many goals from his hard-hitting short corners. Known as Squealie for his attempts at Bee-Gee cover versions in the showers!

David McMurdo: Here is an extremely committed player whose pleasant nature always allowed him to learn the finer points of the game. A popular person; reknowned for his resoundingly persuasive tackles and his desire to be where the action was. Hence, he was known as "Rambo" for his special mission "BLUFF".

Robbie Blatch: This is the "baby" of the side, whose smaller size and fewer years never allowed him to be affected by the rigours of First Team hockey. He is not only a tenacious, determined player, but blessed with tremendous stickwork and understanding of the game. He is never one to be overawed by an occasion. Known as "Booger"!

David Baird: Our Vice-Captain and a born leader, he led by example of his determined nature. Incredibly committed to the team, his work-rate was exceptional and often tiring to watch. He is the only "ever-present" in the team.



James Strang: A very talented player who matured greatly through the season. The scorer of a number of quality goals, his quick wit earned him the award of "Chirpiest Player" and a year's free supply of Birdseed! His experience will provide great stability for next year.

Matthew Pitman: As the Captain and alongside Jamie he was co-top scorer. A very, gifted player whose confidence grew as the season progressed. Often relied upon too much by the team, he inspired confidence in others. His undoubted ability caused him to be selected for Southern Transvaal. Known as "Mattheus" after the German football captain of the similar name.

Chris Henschel: An unassuming person, who often surprised us with some clever, unexpected runs. He is a competent player who developed greatly throughout the season and is best known for his goalkeeping exploits in Durban. Known affectionately as "The Great German" because he was born in Zululand.

Derek Walker: "Woody" - as he was known for his striking resemblance to Woody Woodpecker - is a clever player with a better-than-average stickwork. He had a difficult role to fulfil in the side and managed very well.

Ryan Smit: Known as "Speedman" or "Ryan the Lion", for his quick turn of pace and willingness to reach the ball first at "Shorties"; he always gave fully to the side. He still goes on about his goal at Edenglen!

Gavin Pienaar: A player with an incredible knack of scoring goals, he was unfortunate to be struck down with pneumonia at a stage when his form was improving rapidly. Affectionately known as "What's Happening" for his tendency to "forget" practice days and times.

I would like to thank all who participated in and supported boys' hockey this year. May we go to even greater heights!

Mr G. MacNamara
(Teacher-in-charge)

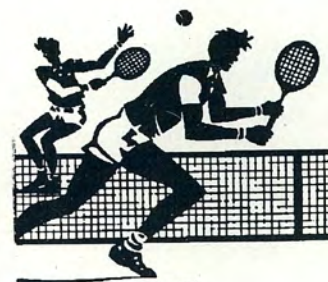


BOYS' TENNIS

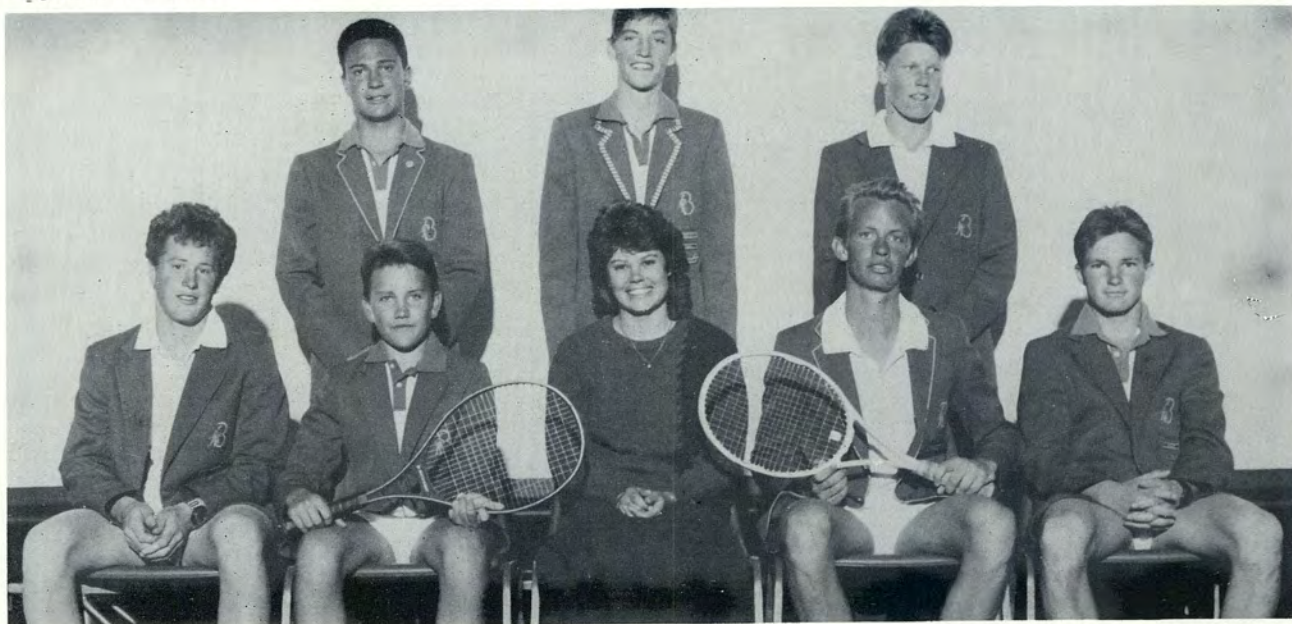
The boys "A" team has done particularly well this year by maintaining their position in the second section of the league (there are six schools per section). Half colours were awarded to Adriaan Gie, the Captain and number one player, a merit certificate to Ryan Sellschop and the rest of the team received team colours. Particular mention must be made of Pascal Guebert, who was chosen for the Southern Transvaal Invitation Team. The other teams, with the exception of the "D" team, have dropped to lower sections in the face of stronger opposition. It was encouraging, however, to see the large influx of standard six players and their enthusiasm for the game of tennis.

The prospects for 1991 look very promising, with the present "A" team only losing one matric player. A special thanks to all the staff who helped with the teams.

Mrs J. Taylor



BOYS' TENNIS 1ST TEAM:



Back row, left to right: P.Ghiselli; J.Strong; P.Guebert.

Front row: O.Oppenburg; R.Sellschop; Mrs J.Taylor; A.Gie (Captain); G.Haynes (Vice-Captain);

GIRLS' TENNIS



Back row, left to right: A.Player; A.Meara.

Front row: J.Sellschop; T.Powell (Vice-Captain); Mrs M.Bosman; C.Kamps (Captain); L.Blankensee.

The girls' tennis teams had a very successful and enjoyable season. Our only defeat in the "A" League was to King David, in a very closely contested match, which won them the league. We also participated in the Ster Kinekor Tournament. We lost narrowly to Sandown on a count out.

Overall an enjoyable season was had by all and many thanks go to Mrs Bosman for her support.

*Claire Kamps
(Captain)*



GIRLS' SQUASH



OPEN GIRLS' SQUASH TEAM

*Back row: A.Roberts.
Front row, left to right: B.McKay; R.Matthews; Miss A.Forster;
M.Strachan; S.Cawdry (Captain).
(Absent: J.Edwards)*

It was pleasing to see the number of girls who turned out to participate in squash this year. It was a great improvement on last year.

The "Opens" started off the season with a bang, but unfortunately could not continue their winning streak throughout the season. We competed against some top class schools who had a number of Southern Transvaal players and considering this, we did extremely well. We eventually finished fourth in the 'A' - league, which was far better than last year.

The Under 16's did very well, compared to previous years, also playing against some top schools. They played with guts and determination, winning matches when the odds were against them. They finished off third in the 'A' - league. As "Opens" next year, they will hopefully be able to continue their good form, doing Bryanston proud, as usual.

Finally, the Under 14's really did us proud, by finishing second in the 'A' - league, losing narrowly in the finals against Rhodan. They played exceptionally well throughout the season, and what looked like a mediocre team at the beginning of the season, turned out to be a great team by the end. A special congratulations should be extended to Liesel Irliger, who did not lose a

match the entire season. Liesel represented the Southern Transvaal 'A' team at Under 14 level. Well done to all the Under 14's and may you continue the good playing.

A squash report would not be complete without a few words on Sjeanne Cawdry. Besides making an excellent captain, Sjeanne achieved wonders once again. Sjeanne represented South African Schools in July this year, also winning the Under 19 National Championships. Last, but certainly not least, Sjeanne was awarded full school colours and her third honours blazer. Congratulations Sjeanne!

Congratulations should also be extended to both Rowan Matthews and Beverley McKay who were awarded Half Colours.

All in all we had much fun and a very special Squash season. Hopefully next year we will see even more girls taking part in squash.

Miss A. Foster and Sjeanne Cawdry





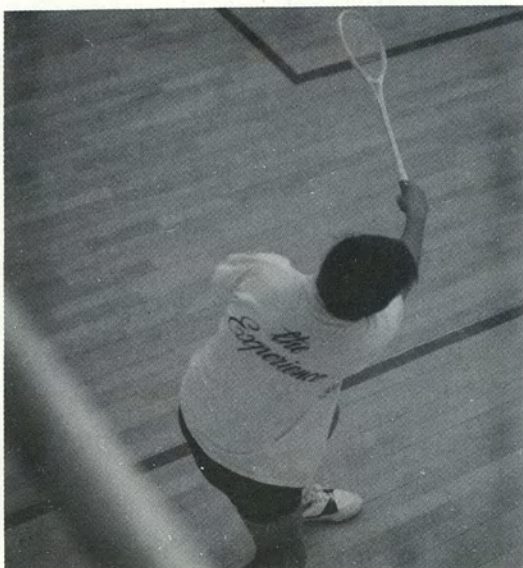
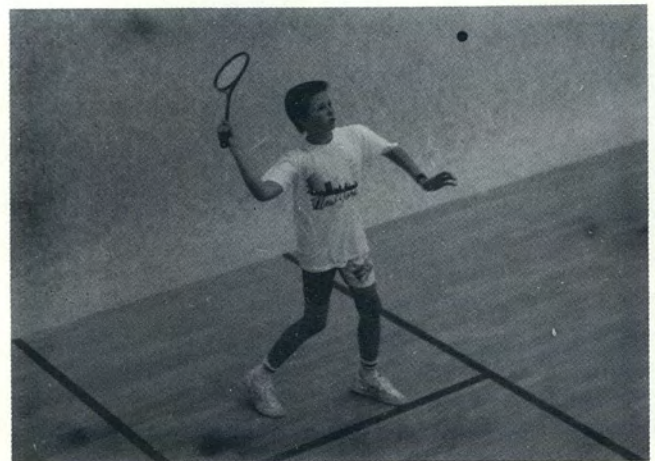
OPEN BOYS' SQUASH TEAM

*Back row, left to right: M.Kelly; J.Theron.
Front row: M.McNally; Miss J.Hall; M.Hele (Captain); Miss D.Robey;
D.Kidd.*

BOYS' SQUASH

We played fifteen matches of which we won eight and lost seven. Special mention must be made of Dean Kidd, Mark Tele, Justin Holdsworth and Colin Kirkby, who played exceptionally well in winning nearly all their matches. We had the privilege of going on a squash tour to Natal, and although there was no lack of enthusiasm we were beaten three games to one, but 1991 is coming up and just watch us next year!

A special thanks must go to Mrs Sheppard, Miss Robey, Miss Hall and Mr van Heerden, for their coaching and well appreciated support and also to Sandy Smith for



arriving for all his matches and his unending willingness to supply the cakes. This year there were three squash teams - the Under 16 'A' (fifth league), Under 16 'B' (eighth league) and the Open team. Captains of the respective teams were Dean Kidd, Justin Holdsworth and Gustav von Ludwig.

Mark Hele was awarded full colours for squash, and Darryn Kidd was awarded half colours for squash. Martin McNally and Jacques Thesen were awarded Team Colours.

Good Luck to everyone for next season.

Gustav von Ludwig
(Under 16 'B' Captain)

BADMINTON



BADMINGTON BOYS' OPEN TEAM Back row, left to right: S.Wright; G.van Rooyen.
Front row: D.Bell (Vice-Captain); M.Parsons (Captain); Mrs.C.Veitch;
D.Campbell; M.Bennet.

Captained by the intrepid Mark Parsons, the boys' badminton team fought valiantly to retain the Inter-school 'A' league title. However, victory proved to be elusive this year and the laurels were not to return to Bryanston. Despite this, our boys acquitted themselves admirably and displayed great sportsmanship at all times. Parsons and Campbell were invited to the Southern Transvaal School Trials and played extremely well. Mark Parsons was awarded his Southern Transvaal Colours, to cap an outstanding season.

Team: M. Parsons (Captain), D. Bell (Vice-Captain)
D. Campbell, M. Bennet, S. Wright
G. Van Rooyen

Our girls' team, under the captaincy of Linda Flemming, also proved to be a credit to the school. Although they were defeated by stiff opposition, they displayed enthusiasm and dedication throughout the season.

Team: L. Flemming (Captain), A. Flemming
S. Moore, B. McKay, L. Downing
J. Van Nieukerk



BADMINGTON GIRLS' OPEN TEAM

Mrs C. Veitch (Teacher in charge) Back row, left to right: J.van Nieukerk; S.Moore.
Front row: L. Downing; A. Flemming (Vice-Captain); Mrs C. Veitch; L. Flemming (Captain); B. McKay.



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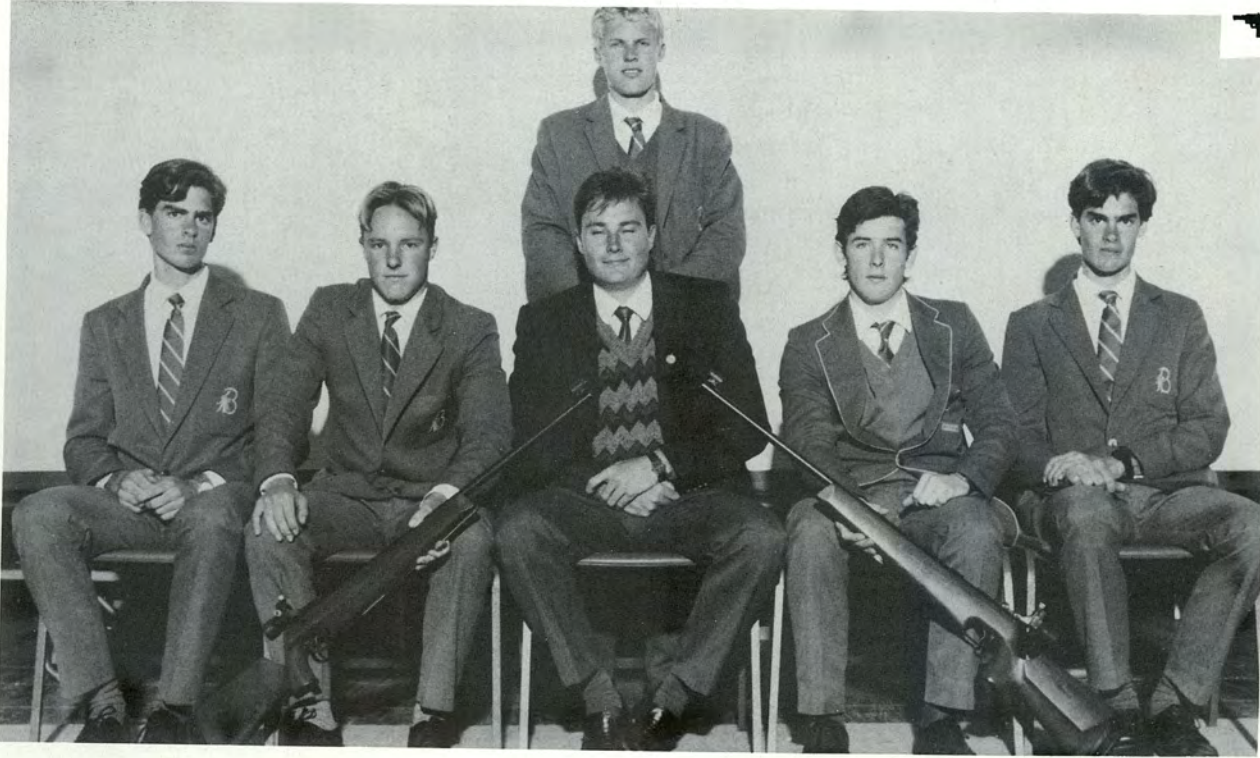
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SHOOTING



SENIOR SHOOTING TEAM

Back row: N. Jones.

Front row, left to right: J. Whittall; B. Leech; Mr P. Botha; G. Smyth (Captain); M. Whittall. (Absent: J. Ortlepp)

During the 1990 season of shooting, many goals were reached by the motivated Senior and Junior teams. Shooting is a disciplined activity in which all the participants must be able to concentrate well and obey safety regulations and instructions at all times.

The teams competed against many other schools during the year in the league. In the final league competition in June at Durban Deep, the seniors achieved an eighth position and Juniors came fourth.

It was a great pleasure being in such a fine team and I am sure that the team for next year will do just as well.

The annual regional cadet competition was held in August at the Leeukop prison shooting range. In this competition the Senior team managed a fourth place, while the Juniors came second. Andrew Wethmar came fifth overall. The Junior team was invited to the Witwatersrand final competition. This consists of the best twenty teams of ten regions. Amongst the top schools of the Witwatersrand they managed an eighth place under adverse weather conditions.

Gareth Smyth
(Captain)



JUNIOR SHOOTING TEAM

Back row, left to right: D. Browne; M. van der Merwe. Front row: P. Kempen; N. Johnson; Mr P. Botha; A Wethmar (Captain); J. FitzHenry

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CROSS COUNTRY

The 1990 Cross Country Season got off to a good start. Training began as usual, early in the first term. The League results were a reflection of the hard work put in by the dedicated athletes. Unfortunately, due to the diminished numbers of juniors in the school, the Junior teams did not reach their full potential. The Senior teams, however, managed to maintain the standard achieved in previous years.

Five of our runners were chosen to represent the Northern districts in the Inter-district championships. Congratulations to Danielle Beardsell (Junior Girls), Gary Kruse (Junior Boys) and Dean Kruse, Greg Lunderstedt and Trevor Putterill (Senior Boys).

The overall results for the season were:

Senior boys: third

Senior girls: fourth

The Junior teams both failed to be placed

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Miss Rennie. Her continuous support and enthusiasm helped tremendously and added to the friendly atmosphere and team spirit. Our thanks go also to Mr Heinzen and all the patient mothers for their help with transportation and for their support.

Lastly, we would like to thank the team for their enthusiasm which made our tasks as Captains easy and the training enjoyable. We would like to wish them the best of luck for the future.

Jenny Palmer and Dean Kruse



CROSS COUNTRY

*Back row, left to right: A.Tough; G.Kruse; A.Gray; T.Putterill;
R.Tough; G. Lunderstedt; A.Robinson; B.Kruse; S.Cremen.
Middle row: A.Edwards; K.Scott; P.Lunderstedt; V.Duiwelshof; C.Jackson;
L.Humpreys; S.Ross; J.Britten.
Front row: D.Beardsell; K.Hearn; J.Palmer (Captain); Miss F.Rennie;
D.Kruse (Captain); M.Middleton (Vice-Captain); S.Hearn.*





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ATHLETICS



The 1990 athletics season saw a continuance of last season's hard work and dedication, with the encouragement and guidance of the staff. Our athletes once again proved that they were a force to be reckoned with. Unfortunately, on the day of the Inter-High, Bryanston narrowly missed victory and promotion to the 'A' league.

During the season, a number of athletes performed exceptionally well, which reflected on their determination and commitment. Twenty seven Bryanston athletes were invited to run in a prestige meeting held at R.A.U. - a record number! Our athletes excelled and "ran" away with six gold, six silver, and three bronze medals. Four of our relay teams were also invited to run. The Under thirteen girls' team performed exceptionally well, winning their relay and making them the fastest Under thirteen team in the Transvaal. The Senior girls' team came second and the Under thirteen boys' team came third. At this meeting, three of our athletes were selected to represent Transvaal. Congratulations to Vanessa Hancock, Danielle Beardsell and Dean Kruise.

One must realize that these individual performances would not have been possible without the spirit and enthusiasm of the rest of the team and if our athletes continue in this manner next season, they will be awarded their rightful place in the 'A' league. Thanks must go to all the staff who played a part in coaching our athletes in order to make the season the success that it was. Best of luck for the 1991 season and may you go from strength to strength.

Dean Kruise and Cathy Price



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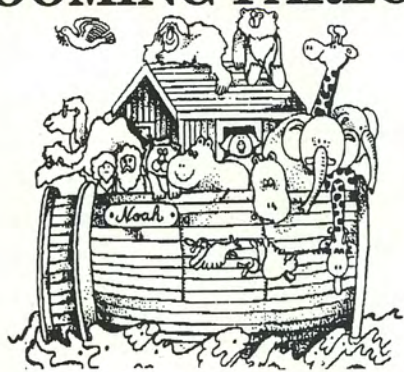
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DEBUTANTES' BALL 1990

On the 8th June 1990 the ballroom of the Sandton Sun Hotel was transformed into a fairyland of lilac, pink, turquoise and white balloons and flowers.

The occasion was the Bryanston High Debutantes' Ball, at which 129 debutantes and 3 squires were presented to the Mayor of Sandton, Councillor Don Forbes.

The Debutantes raised approximately R70 000, which will be divided between the School and Charities supported by the school.

Star of the evening was Nicola Acutt, who raised the magnificent sum of R7 221. Other top fund-raisers were Tracey Bailles, Michelle Jardim, Jeanneane Bevan and Gillian Anderson.

Lorna Potgieter, a Bryanston High "Old Girl" and an ex-Miss South Africa, together with Tracey Falkson, fashion editor, judged the contest.

Tracey Spear was the winner with Karen Ter Morshuizen and Kim Atkinson as first and second princesses. Hermione Pickett and her partner were judged to be the most elegant couple.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs Stafford, Mrs Smart, Mrs Muller and Mrs Proctor for all their hard work.

"Debs" Ball Committee members were Mrs V. Chiappini, Miss J. Saayman and Mrs B. Weir.

Miss J. Saayman





STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION



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 and Tuesdays in Room 127 where we come together, laughing and sharing with each other, what God has done in our lives. The leader of the S.C.A., Tracy, assisted by Francis, begin our meetings by playing their guitars and we start each meeting praising and worshipping the Lord.

On Mondays, guest speakers are normally invited to speak, and on some occasions, members of the S.C.A. bring a personal testimony or teaching from the Bible. Time is also set aside where problems are discussed and we consider how we can cope and deal with them in a Biblical manner, through God's loving power.

On Thursdays, young Christian people from different denominations also come and share the word of God with us. They teach us to be doers, rather than just hearers, of God's Word.

Miss Pretorius and Miss Traviss are also there to give us a word of encouragement and join in our fellowship, helping to build friendships and trust throughout the S.C.A.

The best way to start any day is with the Lord, so early morning prayer meetings are held in Miss Traviss's classroom, where any pupil is most welcome to attend.

We thank the Lord for all that He has done for us this year and pray that His abundant blessing will continue to rest upon us all throughout 1991..

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY FROM THE HEART, for you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God". 1 Peter 1:22.

Shirley Murphy



*Back row, left to right: H.Turner; P.van den Berg; A.Stolarczyk; C.Gargeege; O.Geurdan; M.Davidson; C.Lotz.
Middle row: J.Cairns; G.Smith; K.Saville; S.Murphy; D.Morgan; K.Phipps;
Front row: J.Wilcox; C.Watcham; B.Colley; Miss E.Pretorius; T.Woolmington (Chairlady); N.Boshell; N.Quick.*



(Absent: Miss C.Traviss)

INTERACT

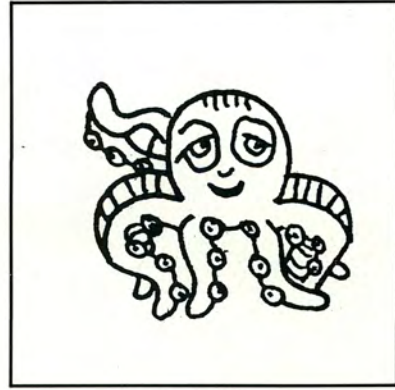
Interact has been very successful once again this year. The highlight of the year was the fashion show, held to raise funds for a microscope for KwaZulu Mission Station Hospital.

There were many projects for this year, successfully completed, and these are just a few: Valentine's Day Carnation Sale; a visit to Bramley Old Age Home; a food collection for Alexandra Old Age Home; and a Mother's Day Champagne Breakfast. We sponsored a Rhino and called it "Bonihir"; we supervised the Norscot Manor Holiday programme; we scraped and painted the wall for the school sign and we are busy carrying out a Short Term Exchange with Germany.

A weekend of fun, Intercon, is one of the district's biggest get-togethers for all the Interact clubs of Witwatersrand. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Interactors. Bryanston once again showed their true colours by winning the Community Trophy. Well done all Interactors of 1989!

We still have a few more projects left for this year (until March), however, and next year promises to be just as exciting!

Kerensa van Dyken
(President)



INTERACT

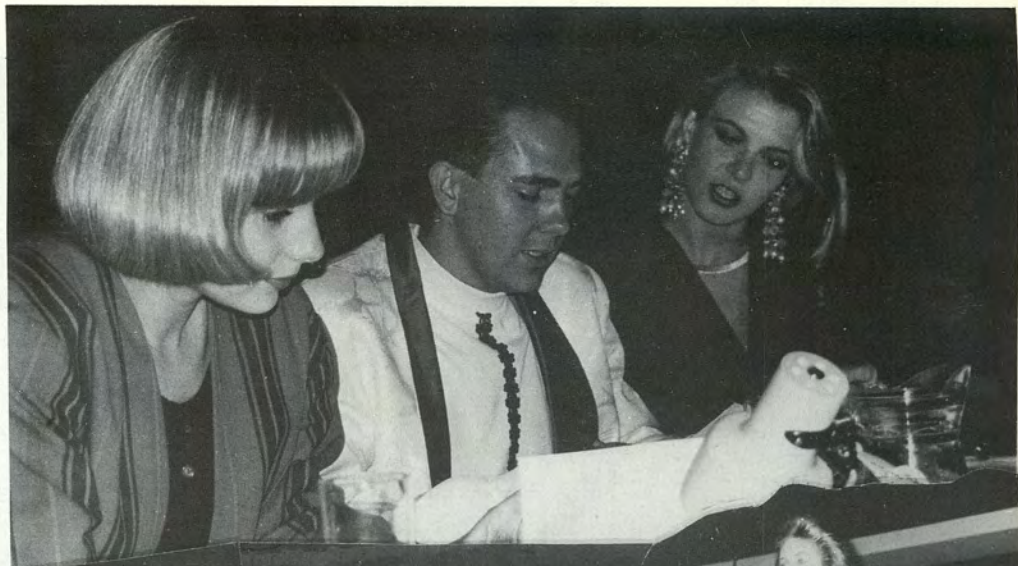
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L.Tetley; L.Watt.*
*Front row: D.Morgan; N.Claven; T.Drummond; K.van Dyken (President);
A.Huggett (Vice-President); P.Muller; S.Benfield.*

MISS ELEGANCE

This year's Miss Elegance was an unqualified success. The three wonderful evenings, divided into a Junior (*Miss Pizzazz*) and Senior (*Miss Elegance*) pageants, were opened by either a sensational High Energy Formation Team Dance by La Rhythmn Dance Studio or by a White Mischief fashion show created and choreographed by the Dance Committee members. This reflected the new and original themes for 1990: Electric Youth and White Mischief.

The creative preparation of building sets, painting, decorating the stage and ramp was undoubtedly a challenging task, which was successfully organized by the committee.





Judges this year came from many professional spheres. We were privileged to have Lorna Potgieter (former Miss South Africa and a former pupil), Karen Davies and Brett Wye (International models), Tasmin Tobbit (International model and former pupil), David Friedman (of Sports Connection), Rob Sterling (Professional photographer) and successful South African Designer, Leonard Joubert, who after judging the first evening came back all three nights and, at the last, minute, sponsored the Miss Elegance winner by donating a Matric Dance dress to the value of R1 500.

The Judges certainly had a hard time choosing winners amongst the 200 entrants. This year saw Bronwyn Webb winning the Miss Pizzazz title and prizes valued at R2 000. Sally Howard was crowned Miss Elegance 1990 and won prizes valued at R3 000.

An enormous amount of work went into organizing this glittering event and the dance committee would like to express a sincere Thank You to Mrs M. Smith and the many other people involved who made it all possible. It was a truly elegant and memorable event for all!

Nicola Acutt and Toni O'Brien





FILM CLUB

I'd had many a Blue Monday in my life until, one day, I decided to join the vibrant society of the Film Club. For the second year now, the Film Club has met in the auditorium every Monday afternoon. This year we have worked on themes and, by sticking to themes, we have learnt to compare and analyse films objectively. We believe that this will stand us in good stead for Film Study in future years.

In the first term we concentrated on Science Fiction with films such as "Aliens", "The Fly" and "E.T.", which were very popular. The Second Term concentrated on Adventure, including films such as "Ladyhawke" and "American Flyers". The Third Term focussed on animations, including "The Rescuers", "The Secret of Nymph" and "Who framed Roger Rabbit?". In the Fourth Term we saw Comedies and moved from slapstick comedy, for example, by Charlie Chaplin, to absurd comedy such as Monty Python.

The Film Club would like to thank Mrs Schumann for her guidance and assistance and also Mr Froud, without whom Film Club would not have been possible.

Samantha Black

FIRST AID

Bryanston High's First Aid Team is relatively small compared to other schools, but we still manage to get the job done.

Ingrid Sellschop was a great leader this year, and her experience and leadership skills will be sadly missed next year as she is presently in matric.

The First Aid Team is indebted to Mrs Barwell for her constant assistance and for giving up her time on Tuesdays to help us get our First Aid Certificates. We also have to thank Craig Northmore, a trained paramedic, for his willing help at Rugby Matches on Saturdays. Mr Van Heerden also deserves our sincere thanks for his support throughout this past year.

Thanks are also due to all the people in the First Aid Team who have all so willingly given up their free time to be available at the Rugby Matches. Without all these people the First Aid Team would not be possible and certainly would not have been as successful as it was, this year.

Lyneth Tetley



FIRST AID

*Back row, left to right: A.Murray; D.Kopp; C.Cargeege; K.Roose;
R.Weinmann; D.Morgan.*

*Middle row: C.Watcham; C.Ferguson; K.Schwarz; N.Browne; E.Drysdale;
L.Derbridge; G.Smith; K.Phipps.*

*Front row: R.Kuhn; L.Tetley; A.Tetley; I.Sellschop; A.Varcoe;
T.Christie; M.Oshry.*

(Absent: T.Shaw-Taylor; L.Smith; Mr M.van Heerden)

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

It has been another successful year for the Public Speaking and Debating teams.

The public speaking teams began the year with the South African Guild of Speech and Drama Teachers Competition, in which both Junior and Senior teams did extremely well. The next important public speaking competition took place at Hyde Park, with four of our senior speakers. Once again Bryanston held their heads high.

In June this year, the pupils of Bryanston were fortunate to see some of our Best Senior Speakers in action. Sarah Lincoln took third place with her speech on "The World Cup". Kerry Holderness came second with "Birth Control" and the Best Senior Speaker Award went to Michael Konson believing that "There is a system". Well done to all those who had the courage to take part in this competition and speak in front of the whole school body.

The Debating teams were also very successful. Both Junior and Senior teams acquitted themselves well against Parktown Boys. The Junior Team was victorious and the Senior Team lost narrowly to a school which is well-known for its cultural activities.

A Senior team also spoke against Rand Park High School in which Bryanston proved themselves by winning.



All in all, it has been a successful year, and thanks and appreciation must be given to all those who took part and all those who supported us. Our success would never have been possible without the help and devotion of our teachers and parents. Thank you, Mrs Ludik, Mr Froud, Mrs Schumann, Mr Northmore and Miss Saayman and to all those parents who were there to support us. The colour awards to Debating and Public Speaking are as follows:

FULL COLOURS:

Michael Konson, Samantha Black and Sarah Lincoln

HALF COLOURS:

Luke Bradley

TEAM COLOURS:

Andrea Huggett, Nadine Smith, Janine Everett, Ashleigh Clack, Cathy Emslie, Kerry Holderness

SPECIAL MENTION (Juniors):

Sarah Hearn, Jenny Loffell and Louise Slater.

Keep it up Bryanston!

Samantha Black



*Back row, left to right: M.Garissino; S.Marais; N.Boschell; C.Eaton;
A.Huggett; V.Springfield; N.Acutt; N.Quick;
L.Allen.*

*Second from back: N.Smith; J.Loffell; S.Chapman; G.Rosa; C.Plunkett;
J.Everitt; C.Mallet; M.Osler-Anderson; C.Lincoln;
L.Slater.*

*Second from front: Mr.G.Froud; S.Hearn; S.Black; L.Bradley; A.Roberts;
K.Holderness; B.Bernard; A.Dickson; Mr.G.MacNamara.*

*Front row: A.Player; A.Clack; Mrs M.Schumann; Mrs C.Ludick; Miss
J.Saayman; Miss C.Traviss; C.Emslie; M.Konson.*

(Absent: S.Lincoln)

WILDLIFE SOCIETY

On the second of February 1990, was the first trip/excursion of the year for the new Bryanston High School's Wildlife Society. After school that Monday we left directly for the Johannesburg Zoo. When we arrived we were warmly greeted by Allison, one of the Zoo's guides. Our main task was to explore the ecological backgrounds of the animals. We saw the camels, and their vulgar habits of spitting on one. We often hear that camels store water in their humps, but we soon found out that this is not true at all. They store proteins and different substances necessary for energy and nutrition. Amongst many other animals we also saw, monkeys, elephants, lion, panthers, white lions. With each animal we examined, we learnt something new, interesting and exciting. The most fascinating animals we saw were



the seals, with their leathery hides and sleek aerodynamic shapes. Our trip to the zoo was interesting, fun and was a change from every day surroundings. We really hope to visit again sometime soon!

Regan Harris
(Chairman)



OUTING TO RONDEBULT BIRD SANCTUARY

On Saturday 10th March this year, about eight members of the Bryanston Wildlife Club dragged themselves out of bed at about 06h00, hoping to "tick" such species as African Rail and Orange-breasted Waxbill. After unwisely mentioning the possible occurrence of these two species at Rondebult, I was ordered to find at least one of each by certain members of the group.

After one minute in the first hide, we spotted a European Sedge Warbler, a rather uncommon migrant to the area, and the tense atmosphere was slightly relieved. Other worthwhile "ticks" at the first hide included Squacco Heron, Maccua Duck, Glossy Ibis, European Marsh and Cape Reed Warbler.

Immediately after leaving the first hide, I managed to spot the unmistakable red tail of an Orange-breasted Waxbill as it darted for the reedbed. As I mentioned the name of the bird, there was a sudden wild scrambling-about as people tried to get a better view. After about two minutes, it dived away into the bushes, leaving everyone very satisfied.

The elevated hides on the side adjacent to that which we had just been on provided us with few good "ticks", but about three members of the group were lucky

enough to catch a glimpse of a Little Bittern (!) as it flew into a thick reedbed. We were all tempted to "chuck" a brick at it and flush it, but then we remembered from what school we came from.

The most rewarding hide was probably number seven (or now was it six?). That was where I was forced to call up an African Rail by a certain number of the group, and after playing the tape for about a minute, was greeted with the call of at least one only just concealed within the reeds. It then strutted out into the open as if showing off. After the bird had been walking around in the open for quite a while, we wondered whether it had brain damage, as African Rails don't often leave the cover of reedbeds! A couple of Black Crakes joined the rail in the open, but no-one was particularly interested in them (for obvious reasons).

Wood Sandpiper, Whitewinged and Whiskered Tern, Avocet, Blackwinged Stilt and many other birds were also seen at Rail-hide.

A short visit to Leeupan, where we saw, among others, Kittlitz's Plover, Orangethroated Longlaw and African Spoonbill rounded off the morning, and we arrived back at school at about 11h45. In total, we saw about 55 species, and I was fortunately safe, since we had seen both the species that I had apparently promised!

Christopher Lotz

WILDLIFE SOCIETY



AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

(We called it the removal of weeds from the spruit - "Spruitonkruid".)

On Monday the 4th June 1990 we started our participation in Environmental Week. We proceeded to "clean up" along the Braamfontein Spruit. On our arrival at our specific areas, it was obvious that we weren't dealing only with human pollution, but also plant pollution. Both of these pollutions eventually render a place uninhabitable for its indigenous residents - plant and animal.

From merely a few hours of wading along the river bed and surrounding areas, the clean-up groups found articles of clothing, bottles, cans, road signs, supermarket trolleys, plastic pipes, an oil drum and other signs of human pollution. The plant invaders included poplar trees, black wattles, blackjacks, khakibos, willow weed and prickly pear.



BRYANSTON ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP



Sunday the 9th of September was Bryanston Environmental Day. A cleanup competition was held at Riverside Shopping Centre in an attempt to clean some of the Braamfontein Spruit. Various schools, including Bryandale Primary, Bryanston Primary, Brescia House and Bryanston High were given sections of the river which they had to clean.

Bryanston High, under the supervision of a very enthusiastic Mr Van Heerden cleaned up more than 300 m of river frontage and the river itself. Approximately eight bags full of refuse, two drums, a stove and several pairs of shoes were collected. Nine Bryanston High pupils were involved, including Bryan Brombacher, Michael Konson, Kim Gallon, Karen Walker, Candice and Lisa Blignaut, Sean Cremen and Melanie Harden. Ryan Smit was not to pick up rubbish; he was dressed as the Nik-Naks man and entertained the younger children!

The prize for the school that collected the most rubbish was an I.B.M. computer, and was won by Bryanston Primary School. The other event of the day was a tree-planting competition, where each school planted four trees.

The day was enjoyed by all and although we came back rather dirty, we came back knowing we had done something to help our environment. We thank the Bryanston Ratepayers Association for organising the day.

Kim Gallon



The consequences of human pollution are obvious, but plant "pollution" is just as destructive to the environment. It is a basic assumption of ecology that no two species can occupy the same niche in a community at any one time. However, with regard to polluted areas such as the Jukskei River, some niches are empty, and this naturally encourages plant invaders to take control of the niche. As these invaders have few or no natural enemies, they flourish in the natural environment.

As we tried to remove some of the human and plant pollution which was so evident, we reaffirmed, on our work on the Braamfontein Spruit, that Nature is made up of wonderful surprises, and our only key to protecting these surprises is to respect our environment and cherish the fact that it is there in the first place.

Ingrid Sellschop

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J.S.E. INVESTMENT GAME

"A" TEAM

We were undoubtedly the most intellectually well-equipped team. However, the sudden crisis in the Middle East hampered our progress (due to a slight disagreement with President Hussein). Our Oil shares crashed and we were left almost bankrupt. However, due to our enthusiasm and a hunch by Dean Kidd and David Baird (the buying of Elex Shares) we were able to salvage some dignity and money!

We enjoyed the board meetings and encourage all future businessmen to participate.

Michael Konson and Kerry Holderness

J.S.E. "B" TEAM

Sound Investment in shares is one of the few ways known to offset the effects of inflation in modern times. It is likely to be with us for the foreseeable future and is therefore important to us to leave school with a sound grasp of the practice and knowledge of investment in the share market.

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange offers an Investment Game each year which stipulates the whole process of buying and selling shares in a realistic manner. Our investment status, with research and an understanding of investment prospects, has enabled us to play effectively.



We went to the J.S.E. during the middle of the year and learnt a great deal from our short visit. There is a Public Gallery in the Stock Exchange, overlooking the Trading floor. From the Gallery we saw the brokers or their clerks endeavouring to execute their clients' orders. An Audiovisual programme on the history, operation of the J.S.E. and the South African Economy was shown. There are also interesting African and mineral displays.

We all found this a most beneficial experience.

Janice Burns

J.S.E. 'C' TEAM

The J.S.E. Investment Game has proved to be a great success, not so much by way of achievements, but more in terms of experience and fun. The "C" team members entered with tremendous enthusiasm, in order that we could learn more about stocks, shares and the Stock Exchange. We were fortunate enough to attend an interesting excursion to the J.S.E., where we were able to see exactly how the whole organisation works. Although we have not done too well financially, it has been a worthwhile learning experience for us all.

Jonathan Clack



JSE INVESTMENT GAME

*Back row, left to right: A.Derbridge; J.Kop; G.Viljoen; C.Cargeege;
G.Batev; J.Fitz Henry.*

Middle row: R.Kuhn; G.Knight; J.Smith; J.Clack; T.Clark.

*Front row: V.Freemantle; J.Burns; M.Konson; Mrs S.Kable; K.Holderness;
D.Kidd; L.Niebuhr.*

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CHESS

As usual we had a very busy year. First of all there was the weekend of the Inter-School kick-off tournament at the Sundown Ranch, near Sun City, followed by the Five-a-Side Knock-out Tournament and lastly the Southern Transvaal and Northwest Rand Schools Leagues.

In the leagues we won two games, drew three, but lost seven! We played a friendly match against one of the high schools in Nelspruit and beat them hands down, but this still does not disprove the fact that our side is in dire need of all those inactive chess players out there in Std. 6, 7, 8, and 9. We know you're out there. Please come and join us!

A big thank you to Janice Abrahams (Captain) and Matthew Chersich (Chairman, Southern Transvaal) for all the help and support during the year. For Janice, who finishes school now, best of luck for the future and to all the other members: hope to see you next year.

Mrs H. Von Ludwig
(Teacher in charge)



CHESS CLUB

*Back row, left to right: A.Mallett; M.Lionello; M.Konson; F.Manford;
M.Stevens; C.Lotz; K.Roose.*
*Front row: M.Oshrey; J.Abraham (Captain); Mrs H.von Ludwig; M.Chersich
(Vice-Captain); E.Hadjandreou.*



PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

*Left to right: B.Turner; C.Hearn; Mr G.Proud; S.Menteath;
M.Merryweather*

STUDENT DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

As we set out for the driving competition in Vereeniging at 6.30 on a Saturday morning - bleary-eyed, nervous and wishing we were asleep like the rest of the world - we thought back to how far we had come over the past few months - the adrenalin pumping in tense situations, frantic panic when holding up traffic at stop streets (due to stalling) and the laughs we had had, all making the rather boring theory course worthwhile.

There were seven of us involved in the practical course, which meant that we did two hours driving practice each, per week. Most weeks we drove to the Sandton Driving Range, where we practised parking - anyone is welcome to check the car for dents!

The run up to the competition was an internal competition on the school netball courts. The teachers judged us and Mr Paige kept a wary eye on things, but to his relief no one skidded or hit a goalpost!

Twenty seven schools, each with a team, were involved in the Regional Competition and it was just as well there was no navigation involved; we managed to get lost on the way there and all the way back. Thanks to Mrs Schumann's Afrikaans ability we were able to ask directions, and we didn't quite end up in Durban!

The competition lasted all day and involved a road driving test, a theory test, rigid inspection of the car, (exterior and interior) and a "track test" which was a tricky manoeuvring exercise. We came home exhausted!

Thank you to Mrs Schumann, Miss Pretorius, Mrs Whitfield and Mrs Von Ludwig for the time they've given up and we apologise for the grey hairs we have caused. Maybe next year some males will be courageous enough to provide the girls with some competition - or are they too embarrassed?

Kerry Holderness and Lindsay Roberts



SCHOOL DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMME: SENIOR GROUP

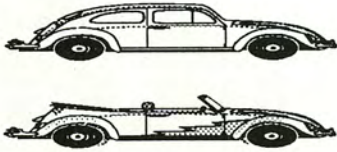
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Front row: K.Holderness; Mrs M.Whitfield; Miss E.Pretorius; Asst.Traffic Supt.Mrs R.Pretorius; Mrs M.Schumann; Mrs H.von Ludwig; L.Roberts.





SCHOOL DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMME: JUNIOR GROUP



*Back row, left to right: N.Holtom; T.Green; D.Kidd; C.McCreedy;
J.Church; G.Bezuidenhout; J.Kilfoil; M.Honiball
Middle row: T.Stalker; T.Clarke; K.Russel; A.Philips; O.Scholey;
C.Epprecht; V.Duiwelshof; P.Siebert; K.Dickerson; J.Wilcox;
T.Barrett; N.Prins.*

*Front row: S.Case; Mrs M.Schumann; Mrs M.Whitfield; L.Maher; Mrs H.von
Ludwig; Miss E.Pretorius; L.Tetley.*

INTERGROUP DANCE COMPETITION

Our intergroup dances were a great success this year and competition proved to be stronger than ever before. By the fourteenth of August the girls of every class had to present their dance after much fun and many hardworking hours of practising. The six finalists - 8B; 8D; IOH; 9B; 9F; 7E; had to do their dances again for the judges to make their final decision. "Ipitombi", by 9B and "Wizard of Oz" by 9F tied for third place, "Grease", by IOH, came second and the evening was won by 8B with "Send on the Clowns". Thank-you to the teachers for their support and organization.

A month later, 8B and IOH were very privileged to be invited to Queens High School, to take part in an Inter-School dancing competition to compete against ten other schools. Considering that the other schools had taken a select group of dancers from their school and Bryanston used all the girls in the respective classes, we performed exceptionally well. Entered in the group category, "Grease" came fourth and "Send on the Clowns" came second in the optional category. Overall, Bryanston came third, with Queens High taking first and second place.

Tessa Knight



MATRIC DANCE COMMITTEE

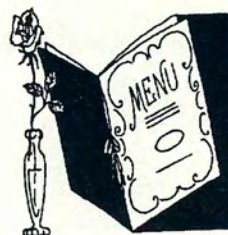
As of early April, an eager group of Standard Nines devoted themselves to the exciting and very demanding task of preparing for and organising the Matric Farewell.

All our fund-raising efforts culminated in October at the Carlton Ballroom.

The 13th of October was "D" day for the Dance Committee. All our props and decorations had to have been completed, not to mention the fact that sufficient funds had to have been raised!

We feel that having been part of such a special group of people and having had to work together has been an invaluable learning experience for us and the rest of the committee. Our year was not entirely without fault, however. We did experience a few minor catastrophes along the way, but we did emerge better equipped to deal with similar situations in the future.

Of all our events, one in particular, will remain in our memories for years to come - "MISS ELEGANCE and MISS PIZZAZZ 1990". This was the highlight on our calendar, raising two thirds of our funds. Our other events included two Discos, a Movie Premiere, numerous Raffles (one of which was for a Ticket to New York) and the first ever "MISS LOVELY LEGS" competition, which was a roaring success. Another newly introduced activity was our "BIRTHDAY CLUB" -



which provided much embarrassment for teachers and pupils alike as we sang Happy Birthday and gave them a cake and a card - all for a price of course!

Only a month before the Dance, the much sought after and "TOP SECRET" theme was finalised. (Trying to keep it a secret was a major task!)

Trips to the Carlton, tape measures in hand and visits to the Library resulted in the final creation of an enchanting interpretation of the theme. The building of the props did take a lot of hard work, ingenuity and commitment, but it was all worth it, knowing that the matrics enjoyed a really special evening.

We would like to thank all committee members for their hard work and dedication and a very special thank you to Mrs Smith, Miss Hall and Mr Northmore for all their time and effort in assisting us.

The best of luck goes to next year's committee.

Mark Honiball (Chairman) and Nicky Acutt (Chairlady)



*Back row, left to right: P.Ghiselli; D.Kidd; A.Young; G.Blane;
R.Allison; C.Henschel; G.Haynes.
Second from back: L.van Eyssen; P.Muller; M.Medcalf; M.Middleton;
N.Crowther; N.Qick.
Second from front: H.Begley; T.Bailes; M.Frazer; G.Lewis; C.Siviter;
S.Ross; T.O'Brien.
Front row: J.Kilfoil (Treasurer); Mrs M.Smith (Organiser); N.Acutt
(Chairlady); M.Honiball (Chairman); Miss J.Hall;
M.Scott-Gordon (Secretary).*



RAPS PLAY FESTIVAL

The RAPS play festival was held at the Wits Experimental Theatre three weeks into the second term. Rehearsals started one week into the second term. The play we put on was "Set your alarm for the end of puberty" and was written by Mickey Konson and Cathy Emslie, who completed the script the day before rehearsals started and what seemed to be leading up to certain doom, ended up being quite an interesting experience.

The players were Mickey Konson, Cathy Emslie, Luke Bradley, Nic Bac and Carolyn van Heyningen, Kathy Hearn, David Baird, Donald Gilmour and Rory Keenan. 1.

Although we did not win the festival, all who participated got something out of putting on the play and the directors, myself and Cathryn, were more than satisfied with our effort.

Michael Konson



R.A.P.S



*Back row, left to right: J.Swinburne; B.Turner; R.Keenan; D.Gilmour; E.Snyman; R.Tough.
Middle row: S.Strachan; S.Black; J.Bevan; M.Barrow; T.Sanders; J.Edwards; T.Melhuish; B.Bernard; L.Berrie.
Front row: N.Bac; C.van Heyningen; M.Konson; Mr C.Northmore; C.Emslie; L.Bradley; C.Hearn.*



RANDBURG PLAY FESTIVAL

*Back row, left to right: A.Huggett; B.Reprich; S.Ellis; L.Allen.
Front row: A.Clack; B.Welch; K.TerMorshuizen; Mr C.Northmore; R.Mclaughlin; N.Crowther; N.Acutt.*

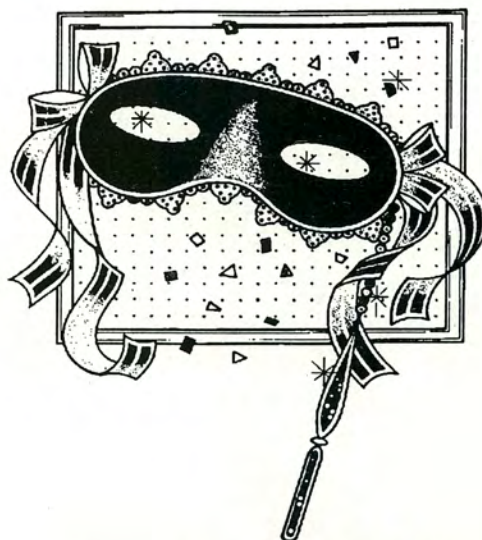
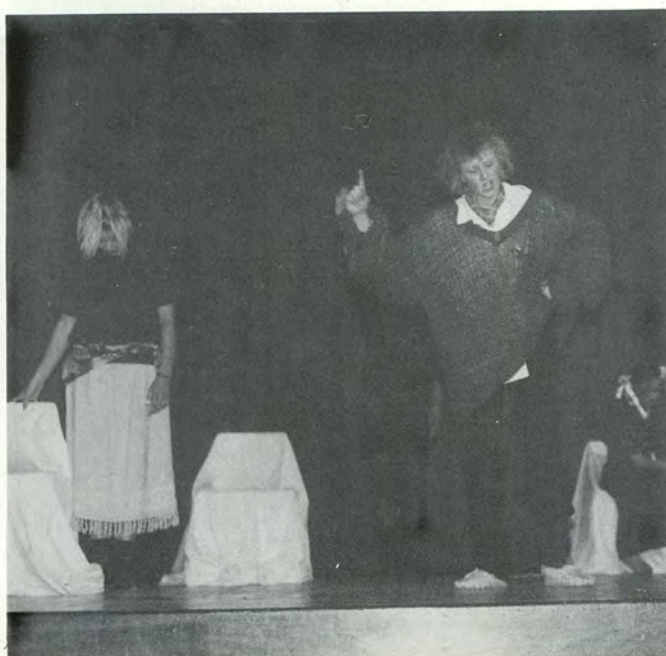
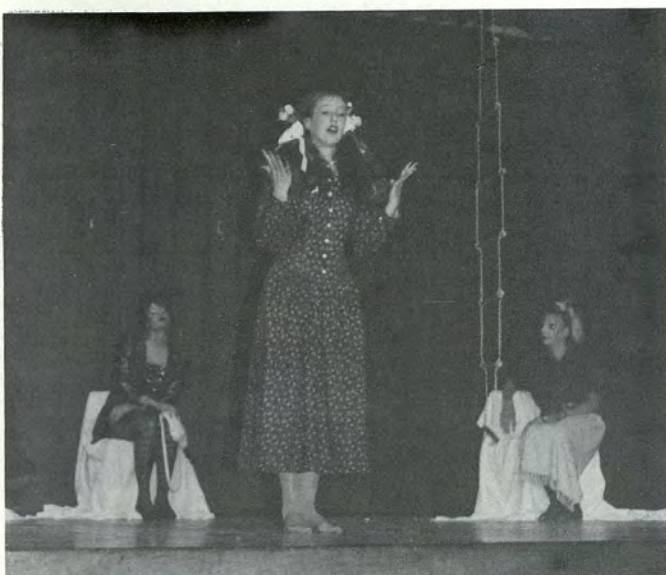
INTER-HOUSE PLAY FESTIVAL

Once again there was the "strange play", the "thought-provoking play" and, of course, the "comedy".

To the audiences, the organisation might have looked smooth, but don't be fooled. It was chaos behind the scenes with light fuses blowing, actors in a frenzy, sound equipment not working, agitated directors storming out in fits of rage, the usual unlearnt lines and, of course, on the nights of the performances, a nervous cast.

However, the House Plays were a complete success, as usual. There were those who were delighted by the adjudication and of course, those who were not.

I would like to convey thanks to all those involved, to Mr Northmore and Miss Saayman, who made these evenings possible, to Richard Tough, who ran around the directors helping with backstage and to Blake Turner who sat up out of sight working on the special lighting effects.



Congratulations to the following people who won awards:

Senior Section

Best Director: Barnaby Welch - Apollo
 Best Actor: Robin Barker - Jupiter
 Best Actress: (joint award) Robyn MacLaughlan and Nicola Acutt - both Apollo
 Best Supporting Actor: (joint award) Michael Konson and Lyle Eagleson - both Jupiter
 Best Supporting Actress: Birgett Reprich - Apollo

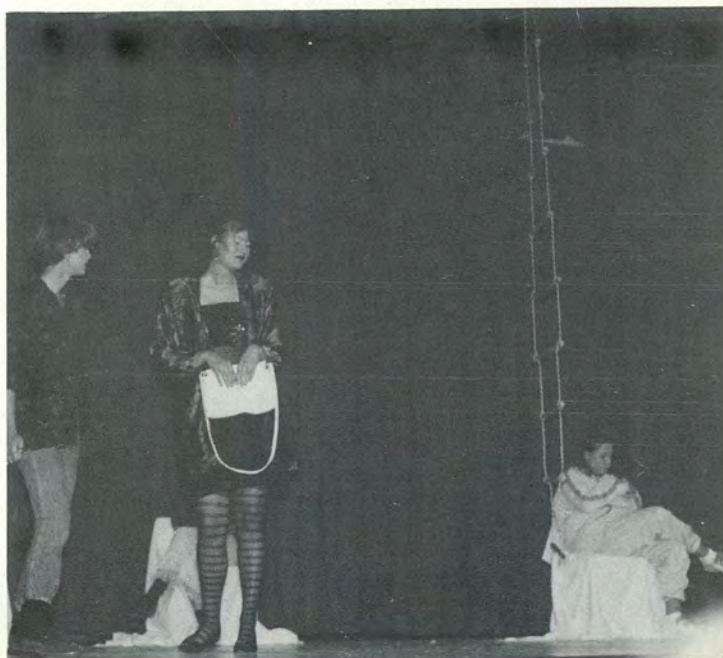
Junior Section

Best Actor: Robert van Zyl - Apollo
 Best Actress: Janine Everett - Mercury
 Best Supporting Actor: Alexis Alexandropoulos - Neptune
 Best Supporting Actress: Marie Hajeandreu - Neptune

In the senior section Best Play and Set went to, "Set your alarm clock for the end of puberty", by Jupiter, and in the junior section, Best Set and Play went to "The Purple Happening" by Mercury.

We encourage you to attend next year. There is a new spirit of Dramatics rising. See you there!

Karen Ter Morshuizen





THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

From the twentieth to the twenty-third of March this year, Bryanston High School presented "Pirates of Penzance", with a cast of 135 pupils, give or take a daughter or two!

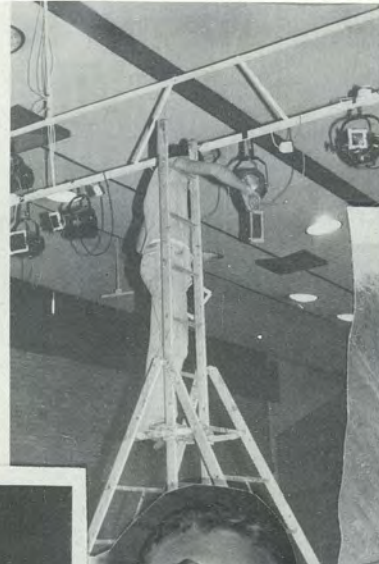
With little time to rehearse, dedication and plain hard work was needed to have the production ready by the opening night. The difficulty with tackling a project as extravagant as "Pirates of Penzance" was co-ordinating the huge cast, orchestra, songs and the backstage crew. This task was left in the capable hands of the director Mr Northmore and the musical director Mrs Ferreira. Admittedly, we were all worried about the countless songs which had to be sung. However, after a few minor alterations to some songs to accommodate the boys' "deep" singing voices all was well and opening night had arrived. Although a few lines were forgotten, the opening night was a huge success.

Of course, as with all productions of this size, there were a few unplanned moments of panic, the funniest of which was the unexpected visit of a rat on stage one performance. Luckily Rory Keenan saved the day by quickly drawing his sword and fighting off the evil beast, and Mickey "and take the rats with you!" Konson certainly helped as well!

By the time the last performance was over, there were relieved and sad souls wandering the wings of the stage. The sad souls were the matrices who had taken part in their last school production. I for one can certainly say that I will miss being a part of dramatics at Bryanston High, but will, however, continue to be a staunch supporter.

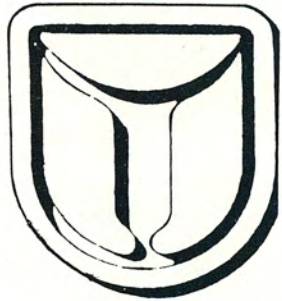
A special thank you must go to everyone who was involved in the production of "Pirates of Penzance" and those who were in the audience - to those who made it the great success that it was.

Robin Barker



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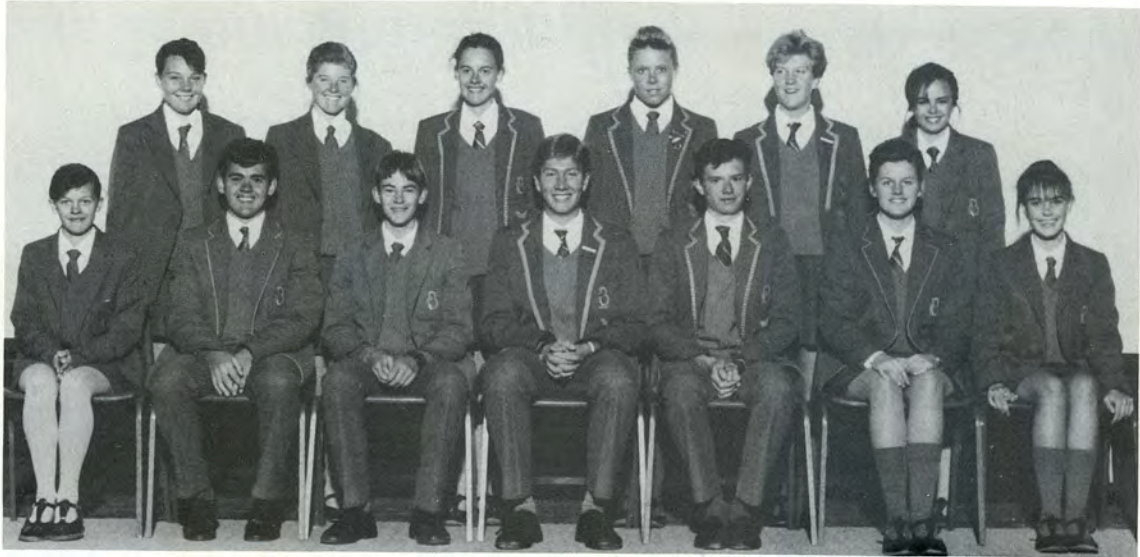
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RAND CENTRAL YOUTH CHOIR

*Back row, left to right: M.Osler-Anderson; J.Everett; C.MacPhail;
A.Huggett; S.Aiken; L.Botha.*

Front row: A.MacPhail; M.Cabral; R.Davidson; M.Konson; B.Welch; L.Smit; S.Chapman.

CHARITY

Charity has been particularly pleasing at Bryanston High School this year. Great enthusiasm was engendered from the annual knitting competition, triggered off by various Register Class Teachers, the Secretaries, some Members of Staff and Mothers. In fact, at least three times more blankets were knitted this year than last year. On the last day of the second term Mr Froud took fifty-five items for distribution to people of all race groups.

The results of the Competition were as follows. (Some blankets were not labelled and could not be counted in the competition)

ONE BLANKET

The Staff (large and warm)

The secretaries (beautiful)

Mrs Pikor (lovely crochet)

6B, 6D, 6E, 8A, 8E, 8F, 9H, IOC and IOH.

TWO BLANKETS

7B; 7D (amongst the most beautiful)

9A (Note: 2½!); IOB

THREE BLANKETS

6C and IOA

FIVE BLANKETS

IOF (Well done!)

TEN BLANKETS

IOD - Mrs Schumann's class - mainly boys in this class.

Rory Keenan really responded to my challenge!

ELEVEN BLANKETS

7E - Mr Froud's class - a magnificent effort!

Classes IOD and 7E were the joint winners. Matric pupils should be especially congratulated in the light of their pressurised schedule this year.

Monetary contributions, too, have exceeded those of last year.

Firstly, there was the injection of R4 000 from the "Debs" Ball but, by the end of August, pupils had raised

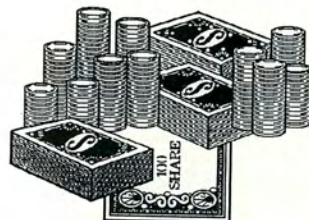


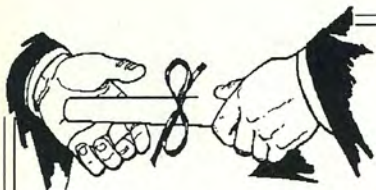
another R5 300.

Hopefully this total of R9 300 will reach R10 000 by the end of the year, giving the sixteen institutions we support twice as much as we sent them last year.

My heartfelt thanks go to "Bryanston High School". A special little "thank you" goes to Mr Algie for making specific collections during Assembly at designated times; this innovation has indeed boosted our donations.

Miss J. Saayman





FAREWELL

HEADMASTER'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Prof. Robinson, Mr Haworth, Mr and Mrs Brombacher, Mr and Mrs Bell, Members of the Management Council, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to our Valedictory service for our 1990 matriculants. Thank you for joining us on this special occasion where we pay tribute to our senior students and bid them a formal farewell.

Prof. Robinson, we are grateful that you have given of your valuable time to deliver our Valedictory address. I trust that you will enjoy your evening with us.



I am pleased that Mr Haworth, Superintendent of Education for our unit, was able to accept our invitation. Mr Haworth has a great number of schools in his circuit and we are honoured that he has joined us at such a busy time of the year.

A special word of welcome too, to Mr and Mrs Mac Farland. Mr Mac Farland, who is at present Deputy Principal at Pretoria Boys' High, will be joining us as Senior Deputy Principal.

The annual Valedictory service is invariably a sad occasion for the staff. There is little joy in saying goodbye to 241 pupils whose nurturing has been so central to our lives over the last five years. So much has been shared both within and without the classroom. Certainly we, both teachers and pupils, have grown in experience and knowledge.

Our task is done. Having ploughed and sown the fields of your minds, we must leave the care of the crop to your capable young hands. May your personal harvests be bountiful, satisfying the needs of both you and those who will sit at life's table with you.

1990, the first year of the last decade of the Twentieth Century, will soon be history. How will the 1990 matric group be remembered?

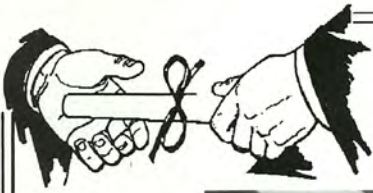


With affection, respect and pride. It is a pleasure to be able to state before your parents that you have met our high expectations of you. When you inherited the senior role at this time last year, you will remember that I pointed out to you in this hall, in front of your fellow pupils, how important it was for you to maintain and extend the standards of Bryanston High. As the last of the large standard groups and the pioneer leaders into the Nineties, your example in terms of endeavour and achievement was particularly important to those who would follow.

Your response has been superb. The seniority concept has reached new dimensions through your conduct. A constant stream of achievements has needed recognition. Your leadership has been positive, innovative and inspiring.



While Rory and Anna will recapture the year for you later this evening, I would like to point out that your group photograph has been placed in the foyer as a constant reminder of each one of you and your achievements. I wish to thank you for enabling me to share a wonderful year with you. As you are aware, the special farewell assembly that you will receive tomorrow is not a right, but a privilege reserved only for matric groups who have maintained our standards right to the very end of their senior year. Congratulations.



I would also like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to those parents whose association with the school ends this year. Many of you have been part of this school for many years as your children have passed through our hands. You will also be missed as your family names disappear off our registers. On behalf of all my pupils, I wish to express my appreciation to every one of you who have supported us through your time, talents, generosity and contributions to the funds that have provided us with the means and facilities to educate our pupils. Without parent support your sons and daughters would never have had the advantage of computer literacy and our magnificent media centre. We trust that they will show their gratitude by their matric results.

Prof. Robinson's address serves as a symbolic welcome to adult society for our matriculants. As headmaster I offer you a few final thoughts as well.

Separate, but Together - is the philosophy that has prevailed during your years at Bryanston High. You have been encouraged to grow as individuals in your thoughts and opinions. You have been given opportunities to develop your creative and physical talents. Little has been compulsory, but you have been urged constantly to serve your school, your team, your House, your class and, let us never forget, worthy causes within society.

In retrospect, you will realise that 'together' has received greater emphasis than 'separate' at this school. A primary motive for this has been to foster in you a sense of belonging, of contributing outside of yourselves. IOA, the third team, Jupiter, Interact, the cast and similar designations are so familiar in school life. They provide a focus, a rallying call for group identity and shared experience. On the other hand, academic and colour awards recognize individual achievements.

When you leave this school the balance will shift. You will be in the pursuit of your personal careers and lives become more 'separate' orientated. You will have the desire and the opportunity to be your own man or woman to a greater extent than you have been accustomed.

Like e e cummings, the American poet, is very individualistic in his style and thoughts. I found that pupils enjoyed his poems. One of the reasons I suspect was that, as he never uses capital letters and has scant regard for grammar, they found it easy to relate to him. Cummings stresses the importance of being an individual in the following lines:

to be nobody but yourself - in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else - means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting.

You will run a lifelong gauntlet of pressures from diverse sources, including advertisers, the media, social peers and politicians, to be, to think, to act as they wish you to do - 'to make you everybody else'. The essential thing for you, however, is to be true to yourself, your values and your conscience 'to be nobody but yourself'. Any compromise here will be to deny yourself true happiness.

At the same time if you allow the balance to shift too far in the direction of being 'separate', you will be equally unhappy. A lonely, egocentric person alienated from society.

I offer you the thoughts of Albert Einstein, one of the most brilliant minds of this century, on this subject. Einstein said:

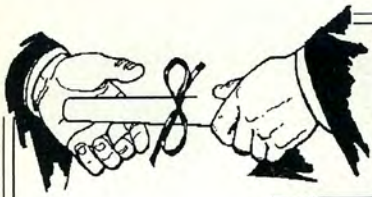
'A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labours of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received.'

Separate AND Together is, to me, the ideal balance for which you should strive in your adult lives.

In conclusion, it is opportune to remind you what the concept of 'separate' has cost South African society. Our future lies clearly in a coming together in an equal society, free from discrimination and intolerance. A society that understands and respects individual rights and beliefs. Poet or scientist, there should be an equal place for all of us.

MR R.E. PAIGE





In the Quadrangle - assemblies, talking, squabbling, laughing, crying, deathly hushes, detentions, sharing, singing, praying - all of us together! It was good.
 In the Classrooms - days spent that either counted, or wasted, depending on the moods of our youth.

At the Tuckshop - yes - oh the Tuckshop! Thank you ladies each and every one of you, for you gave us a reason for living through each day!

The Sickroom claimed some of those days and our gratitude goes to all who played Florence Nightingale - be they our Secretaries or Brombacher and his team!

By now many of you have guessed we've been moving down to Thee Room - you know guys - Thee Room, the Criminal Court of Justice. Those terrifying words ring in our ears: "See me in my Office". You girls don't know it, but there is a special sound in that room, not heard anywhere else in the school. The reason it is an indescribable sound is because one's mind cannot take time off to listen - it is too busy concentrating on not feeling, or not revealing that one is feeling.

So many days taken up at the Pool, the Tennis Courts and the Sports Grounds - participating, puffing, panting, down but determined, confident, conquering, spectating, shouting, cheering, urging, encouraging. Those were bitter sweet moments. We learned to smile at both Glory and Defeat.

Just as all these rooms and areas fitly joined together, form the whole school building, so all that has taken place in our lives within their confines has secretly moulded us into the fine young people we are. So that's where all those days have gone my friends. May we, with the help of The Lord, make them count for us!

To our parents, we cannot thank you enough for being such heroes all our lives. To our teachers, we truly thank you for all your efforts, may our exam results be your reward. You too are heroes - or do you simply like punishment?

We are very proud of the appearance of our School and for this we thank the Groundstaff and the Cleaning Staff. Credit for all our Sporting achievements must be given to our Sports teachers and we salute them as our sometimes wounded heroes.

Then I ask, "Who has had the fearsome battle against pupils, parents and staff?" Our own Super Ninja Mutant Hero Turtle of them all - please applaud Mr Paige.

Anna and all the Prefects, it's been a tough, but a good, year, more roses than thorns, and I thank you for being a really great team.

Matrics one and all, Good luck in the Big One, starting Friday and remember - **Keep The Lord In your heart always. May God bless you all.**

Rory Keenan

HEADBOY'S ADDRESS

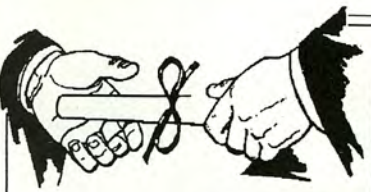
Good Evening Mr Paige, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen. I am quite sure Mr Paige's 'ulcer' plays up every time I have to make a speech - ever since I performed my first duty of dismissing the 1989 Assembly with, "Cheers you guys, have a jol, see you next year". My colleagues, on the other hand, jumped for joy. At last! Not only could they understand the speaker, but they could even retain the whole speech! As you have gathered, public speaking is not my forté, so please bear with me.

This is such a special time in our lives. After all, it's taken us twelve years to get here - well, some of us a little longer! Where have all those days gone, since we left our childhood at Primary School to become "Main Manne" at Bryanston High? I'll tell you.

They're in the Foyer where the endless displays of Art and Projects brought great joy and satisfaction to so many. The Foyer - so often a minefield of cases and tog-bags, tents and 'padkos', memories of tours and Veldschools.

This very Hall can account for a whole lot of those bygone days. How many of them did we spend directing, producing, acting, building props, seeing to lighting and special effects, rehearsing and then - the big nights? Fashion shows, concerts, plays - sword fighting a stage-rat!





HEADGIRL'S ADDRESS

Our happiness, our laughter, our friendships, our youth; these are what Bryanston High is all about. Our maturity, our integrity and our standards; these are what she has given us, and in return we have given her her spirit. We have been here for five short years, and collected numerous memories along the way. In fact, I still can't quite believe that I am speaking at our final Valedictory service.

1990 has been a milestone year for Bryanston High. In the first year of the new decade, we had the official opening of our fantastic new Media Centre, the eventual arrival of the shelves and the replacement of our vast selection of books. The school's twenty-first birthday was celebrated and many Bryanstonians achieved success in a wide variety of fields. Last, but not least, 1990 is the year in which the school says goodbye to its last big matriculation group.

There have been times, matrics, when we have wished our school years away, dreamt of our final day here in the school that has been the stability, the happiness and a major influence throughout our teenage years.

Most of us, myself included, will be very happy to walk out of those gates, never to have to worry about tidy hair, clean shoes or other signs of "ruthless oppression" again! However, I am fully aware that when we wave goodbye to these familiarities we wave goodbye to our childhood, our innocence.

Tonight and our final day are moments filled with excitement - in truth they'll overflow with tears. As has been said before ... **"Love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation"**. I think we all agree that high school hasn't been easy, but for the past five years we have had our form controllers to rely on and Mr Paige has always had an open door for all his students. Thank you.

Bryanston High, its warm staff and own special spirit has guided us through our youth and assisted our parents in sending well-rounded, reliable young adults into the world. I'd like to thank the dedicated teachers who, from the first frightening day of Standard Six, to this very moment, have been giving of themselves, in preparing us for the ordeal which begins on Friday!

Thank you also to what I believe has been an exceptional prefect body. They are all individuals who have really worked hard. They have supported each other unfailingly and remained loyal to the school till the end.



Rorikins, my partner in crime, I couldn't have managed without you. Thanks for everything.

Three very special staff members have put a lot of energy, time and love into guiding 1990's Prefect Body. From all of us to you, Mr Cuthbertson, Mr Algie and Mrs Chiappini, a heartfelt thank you. I'd also like to thank you personally for your inspiration and the loan of a shoulder to cry on, on more than one occasion. My love and thanks must also go to my parents and sister for their support.

I'd like to finish this evening by sharing a true story with you. Earlier on this year, I was a bit upset in Maths. One day, a girl I hardly knew handed me a note - sorry Mrs Deacon! It contained a verse that I say to myself often. I hope it may help you, matrics, to find happiness in whatever avenue you choose to look for it:

***Whatever the struggle,
Continue the climb,
It's only one step to the top***

Anna Roberts



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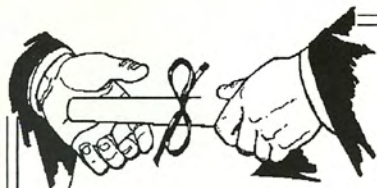
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VALEDICTORY AWARDS



1. Business Economics Award - **Penelope Crosskill**
2. Industrial Arts Award - **Derek Campbell**
3. Bible Education Trophy - Roger Pain Award - for an intelligent and enthusiastic response to the subject (Joint award) - **Brendan Colley and Sarah McFadden**
4. Pamela Tatz Trophy - Le Prix Francias - **Lisa Skinstad**
5. Zulu Trophy - **Juliette Sellschop**
6. Housecraft Trophy - Austin Award - **Kerry Holderness**
7. Stoltz Award (Art) - **Gillian Anderson**
8. Geography Trophy (Joint award) - **Christopher Lotz and Liza van den Oever**
9. Humanities Award - Top marks in History and Geography - **Alan Hartdegan**



10. German Trophy (Most promising non-German speaking pupil) - **Gerhadus Bekker**
11. German Book Prize : Best overall German speaking pupil - **Kenny Hofmann**
12. English Trophy - (Joint Award) - **Cathryn Emslie and Michael Konson**
13. History Trophy - **Michael Konson**
14. Official Languages Award - Top marks in English and Afrikaans - **Michael Konson**

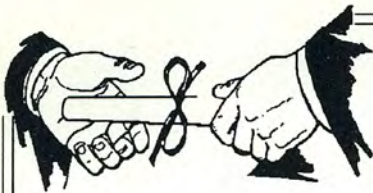


15. Beste Prestasie in Afrikaans Trofee (Joint Award) **Gina D' Araujo and Kenny Hofmann**



16. Time Centre Trophy - Science - **Cathryn Emslie**
17. Mathematicis Trophy - **Cathryn Emslie**
18. Hainebach Trophy (Biology) - awarded for an investigation into the study of population dynamics in birds in the suburbs north of Johannesburg - **Christopher Lotz, Nicholas Weinmann, Kenny Hofmann, Nell Jones.**





19. Davis Trophy for the best student in Biology - **Kenny Hofmann**
20. Lichtifeld Trophy for the best student in Biology - **Cathryn Emslie**
21. Natural Sciences Award - Top marks in Biology, Science and Mathematics - **Cathryn Emslie**



22. **Certificates of Merit:**
German - for excellance in German
Sven Plöger and Maike Venter
Mathematics

Special mention should be made of a maths student who has consistently maintained a distinction and has produced work of an excellent standard. She comes second to Cathryn Emslie - but only just - and deserves recognition for her extraordinary Maths ability. This award goes to **Kerry Holderness**

Attendance

Tonight there is an individual achivement that deserves special mention. **Sandy Aiken** has achieved a 100% attendance record at school since she entered Grade 1. The Transvaal Education Department have a special certificate for such an achievement. We congratulate her on her sense of responsibility for her education and present her with a special award from Bryanston High School.

23. **Top Twenty and Academic Colours**

19th	Tie	69%	Sarah McFadden
			Caroline van Heyningen
13th	Tie	70%	Alan Hartdegān
			Adriaan Gie
			Michael Teixeira
			Catherine MacPhail
			Gina D' Araujo
			William Blake Turner

11th	Tie	71%	Sandra Strachan
			Daryl Robertson
10th		72%	Shirley Hopkins
9th		74%	Christopher Lotz
8th		75%	Jeanneane Bevan
5th	Tie	76%	Jacqueline Price
			Susan Robertson
			Juliet Sellschop
4th		81%	Kerry Holderness
3rd		83%	Michael Konson
1st	Tie	84%	Cathryn Emslie
			Kenny Hofmann

24. Sandton Mayoral Award - Academic Achievement - Girls - **Cathryn Emslie**
25. Sandton Mayoral Award - Academic Achievement - Boys - **Kenny Hofmann**

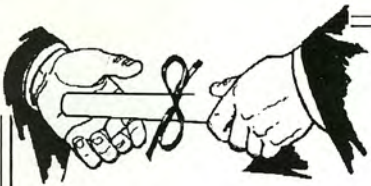


26. **Round Table No. 128 - Service - Girls' Trophy**
 The recipient is a person who by nature enjoys helping people. Throughout her years at Bryanston she has been a cheerful, positive presence whose enthusiasm for life has enriched the days of those around her. Her concern for others less fortunate is shown by her service in the Interact movement. At school she has involved herself in a number of activities, giving of her best to school and team rather than seeking self-glory. In her senior year she has earned the appreciation of the Head Prefects for her active support of their endeavours and projects. Above all, it is her willingness to serve and contribute without demand for recognition or a flagging of effort in the disappointment that has earned this award.

We thank **Robyn Maclachlan** for her wide ranging contribution to Bryanston High and others.

27. **Lion's International - Service - Boys' Medallion**

The recipient is a person who not only has involved himself in a number of school activities, but has also won acclaim on a national level for his achievements in the computer field. Despite his busy personal programme he has frequently made his knowledge of electricity and lighting available to the school. Behind the scenes he has put many hours into ensuring that functions and dramatic productions have proper lighting effects. He is to be commended on the initiative he has shown, his assumption of responsibility and his reliability in the service of the school. We thank **Blake Turner** for his contribution.



28. Silver Medallion - Service - **Amanda Player**
29. Silver Medallion - Service - **Alan Hartdegan**
30. Welsh Cup - Dux Leadership Award - Girl's Trophy - **Anna Roberts**
31. Welsh Cup - Dux Leadership Award - Boy's Trophy - **Rory Keenan**
32. **Sportswoman of the year award -**

The 1990 Sportswoman of the Year is one of the most distinguished sportswoman to have represented this school. This year she was selected for the Witwatersrand provincial hockey team and the South African B section schools team. Her excellence on the squash court has earned her South African Schools colours for three successive years and the unique distinction of being awarded her Bryanston Honours blazer three times. She is the South African Under 19 squash champion and reached the final of the Under 21 championship. While injury prevented her from participating this year she has represented the school at athletics in the past. Her Sportmanship has always been of the highest order whilst her innate modesty, despite her superb achievement, is indicative of her character.

Congratulations to Sjeanne Cawdry



33. **Sportsman of the year award**

The recipient of the Sportsman of the Year award is a talented sportsman, who has not only excelled, but has always played with a true sense of sportsmanship. His modesty reflects well on his personal values and commitment to his team above self. During the course of 1990 he was awarded Full Colours in three sports: Cricket, Hockey and Squash. His colours are not only an acknowledgement of his performances but also his attitude and example. Obtaining Full Colours in three sports represents a tremendous contribution to his school.

Congratulations to Mark Hele

34. **Cum Laude Awards** - The criterion for receiving this award is the achievement of Academic Colours for five successive years.

Cathryn Emslie and Kenny Hofmann.

35. **Special Awards**

Prefects' Trophy

The Prefect of the Year award gives prefects carrying out a very demanding role an honour to aspire to. This year we, the head prefects have had a difficult task in choosing our award winner from such a dedicated group. One candidate, has however, stood out. Her personal appearance and conduct are impeccable. Many thanks and congratulations go to an enthusiastic, hard worker - **Lindsay Roberts.**

Headmaster's Award

The Headmaster's Award has no set criteria other than that the Head Prefects are excluded from consideration by virtue of their office. The award this year is made to a pupil who exemplifies the qualities and values for which Bryanston High stands. An unassuming person, he has nevertheless shown strong leadership qualities that have brought him recognition in the forms of captaining and prefectship. As a leader he has been mature and responsible in fulfilling others' expectations of him. He is a person of integrity and strength of character whose conduct has been irreproachable. He has shown that he regards education a worthwhile pursuit. On the sportsfield his remarkable dedication has brought him high honours. A singular act of sportsmanship this year, which allowed a teammate to achieve a personal milestone, was in keeping with the qualities of a great sportsman. The recipient of the Headmaster's Award is **Dean Kruuse**

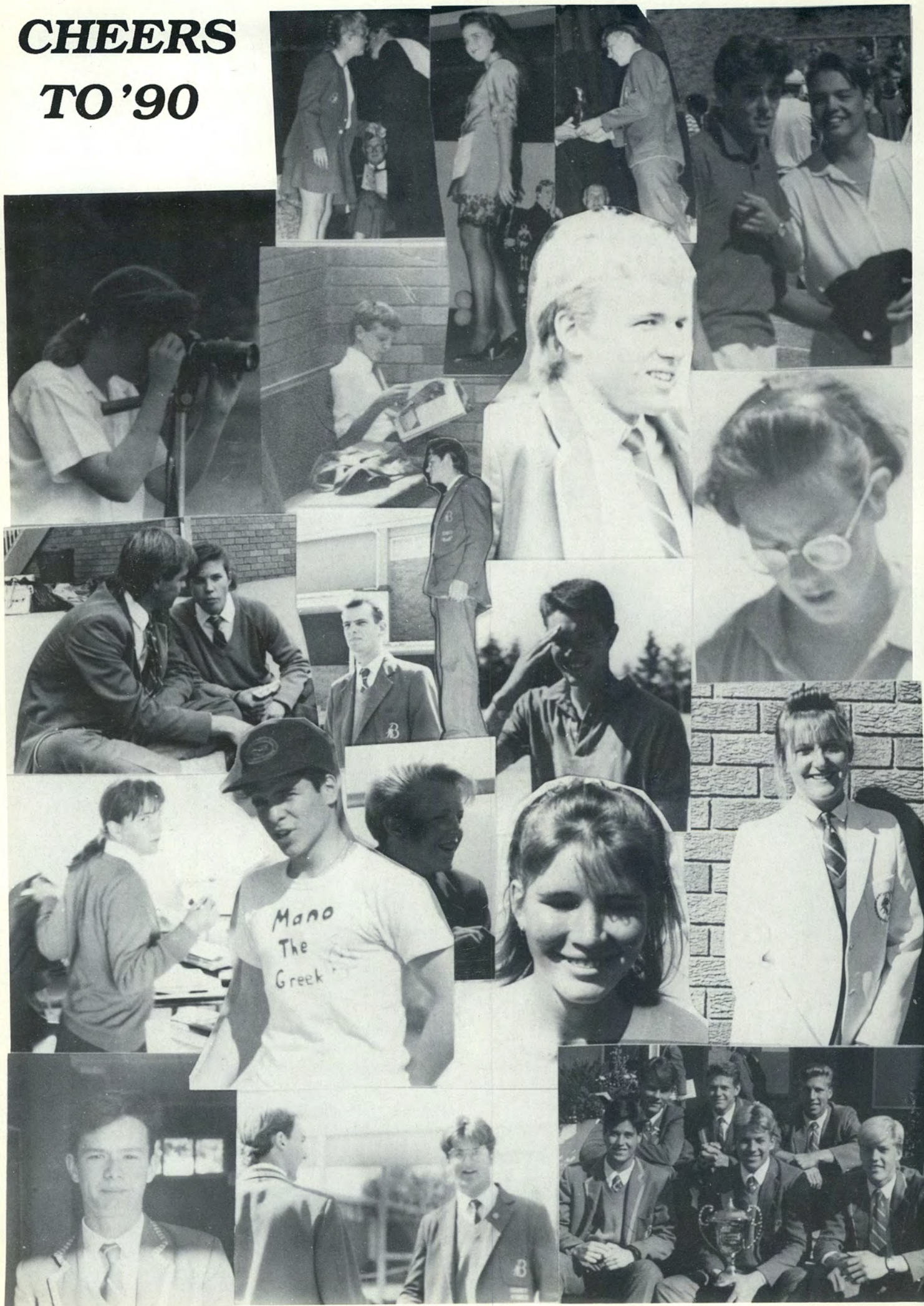


Gold Medal Award for service rendered beyond normal call of duty.

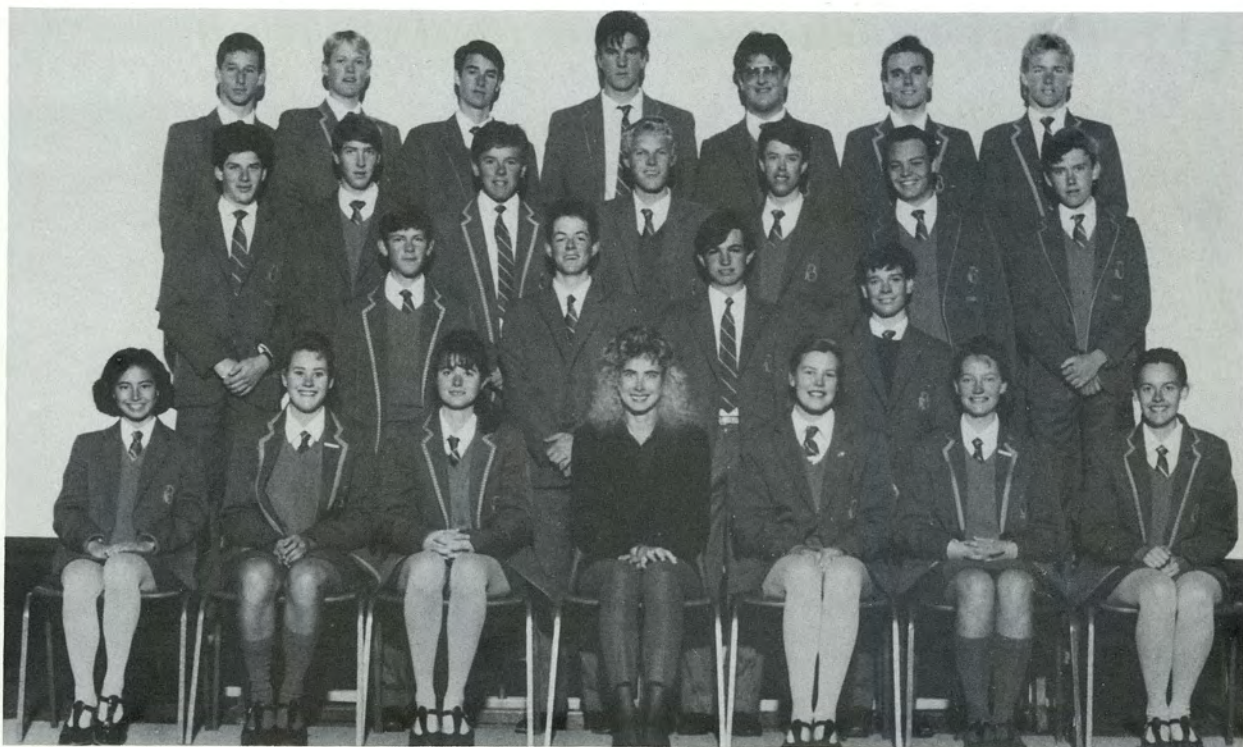
The Bryanston High School Gold Medal for Service above normal call of duty is awarded to three young men who, in the face of extreme emotional trauma, displayed courage, emotional stability and diligence in an effort to save the life of a Bryanston High pupil. The maturity and moral courage exhibited while dealing with a life and death situation is a clear indication of the high quality of personal integrity.

Mr Mark Van Heerdan, Rory Keenan and Bryan Brombacher are the recipients of this award. **Congratulations!**

CHEERS TO '90



CLASS OF '90



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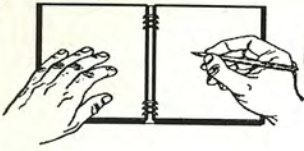


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J. Harden; C. Ronaldson)*





CREATIVE WORK

THE CORE OF DESTRUCTION

An apple is a forest,
Normally lime green,
It is packed with juicy trees
With tastes you can't believe!

Our mouths are the lumber-jacks
With front teeth as their saws.
Not thinking about the animals' needs,
They make their way through the precious trees.

The seeds are the animals,
Scared, helpless and forlorn.
Some lumber-jacks will eat them.
Others will have them destroyed.

Louise Slater 6B

FIGHTING AT HOME

Why does it always have to be me?
I do the chores; she watches T.V!
It just isn't fair, she pulled my hair
And stuck out her tongue when no-one was there.
And then I tripped her quite by mistake
She fell to the floor and started to shake.
She screamed and she shouted and mother rushed in
To see what was causing this terrible din.
She just wouldn't listen, she said it was me
And now for two weeks I can watch no T.V.....

Lucy McPhee 6E

THE OLD MINE

Beyond the meadow where tall trees sway,
where joyful children used to play.
But overnight this lovely scene
became a memory of a dream:
Man's greed destroys it all.
It's cold and dirty behind the wall.
Dark and ugly, with a rusty smell,
a place of no value; a place of hell.
An empty dungeon gapes wide and deep
besides the dormant sandy heap.
A permanent scar in a beautiful land
put there by Man's uncaring hand.



Lindy-Lee Van Eysen 9G

Christian Abt 6E

WAR

The first ray of sunshine creeps over a land,
Carressing and waking each object by hand.
The chief quickly answers the first call of dawn,
Rousing his men in the brisk breeze of morn.
Umthakathi chants while they ready each other,
With shields and assegais, every father and brother.
And the loud roll of drums in the crisp morning air,
Turns everyman's dreams into those of despair.
He leads his men at a run through the plains,
And the blood beats hard inside the warriors' veins.
A hawk wheels high as the cry is flung,
"Byethi Chaka, Chaka, Chaka!"

Jennie Loffell 6B



Amanda Player 10J

MY SISTER

My sister wakes up every morning
While the rest of the family's still snoring
She will run and run
And once I am awake her fun has just begun.

Off to school her brothers go
She doesn't understand -
How is she supposed to know?
At the window she starts to cry
But in the end, she waves good-bye.
She's only knee height
Which is quite small
And if you bump her
The chances are - she'll fall.

Balls and keys
Are her favourite toys,
Most of all
Keys to play, with us boys.

Without my sister
Life wouldn't be the same.
She's cute and pretty
And Lauren's her name.
Jonathan Hockey 6B



SATIRICAL PARODY : SHALL I COMPARE THEE TO A SUMMER'S DAY? WRITING

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Once upon a dream,
The king and his queen,
Went absolutely wild,
When they received a child.
When little Snow White's mother died,
The king, her father, stood up and cried,
"Oh what a nuisance, what a life,
I'll have to find another wife!"
He didn't have to look very far,
There was his dreamgirl in the car.
She brought with her a weird-looking toy,
That seemed to give her endless joy,
She would ask it, "Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who is the fairest of them all?"
For ten whole years, the queen repeated,
This routine until defeated.
Snow White decided it's time to flee,
For that she had to pay a fee.
She ran until she came to a house,
It was so dirty; there was even a mouse!
She soon saw seven funny men,
And realised this was their den.
They let her stay,
For one whole day.
"Oh please, oh please," Snow White begged,
As she was slowly going red.
"Let me stay a longer while,"
She convinced them with a smile.
There she got a job underpaid,
As a cook and as a maid.
Until, one day, a lady dropped by,
Selling apples, she would cry,
"An apple a day, keeps the doctor away,
So happily have one everyday."
Snow White was on a diet,
That's why she didn't "buy-it".
She was ready for revenge,
She knew this trick from every edge.
Snow White invited the lady in,
To tantalize her out of her skin.
So the witch took a bite,
And disappeared from sight.
Along with the celebration's laughter,
Snow White lived happily ever after.

Lizel Borain 7C

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art so sweaty and burnt to a crisp:
Rough winds do shake the filthy flies away,
And your charred face shall not be missed:
Too hot that burning blither shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd,
When he sees your cellulite bikini lines.

And your split-ended mop is still untrimm'd:
Your aged stretch-marks just won't fade.
Reminders of the bills thy owest!
Your skin is camouflaged in the shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
So long as I can breathe or I can see
You are the most detested thing, except for me.

**Leza Kilfoil, Cathy Eaton, Sharon Chapman,
Belinda Linton and Sarah Forest 7D**
(With apologies to William Shakespeare)



Jenny Acutt 6D

PARODY : I WONDERED LONELY ON CLOUD NINE

*I wondered lonely on cloud nine
Hooked on acid, pills an' turpentine.
I saw a crowd smoking bain,
I had an urge to down some cane.
Beneath the trees and dagga leaves
Little children smoke their dweebs.*

*Addictive as a cocaine fix,
People drink to get their kicks.
Their minds are weak, their will is slack
They all line up to get their crack.
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Losing their minds in a deadly trance.*

*For often on my couch I lie
In need of help before I die.
The flashes that surpass my eyes
Bring back memories of my cries.
Then my heart with sorrow fills -
I now realise that drugs, smoke and alcohol kill*

Gareth Jones, Grant Medcalf and Neville Stephen 7D
(Sincere apologies to William Wordsworth)



THE TEST

The British do battle in the first test,
 Against hot weather, high altitude and South Africa's
 best,
 The proud representatives of the national teams,
 Are determined to honour their country it seems.
 A Union Jack flies alone in the stands,
 Surrounded and taunted by South African fans.
 The play begins when the coin is tossed,
 It may determine a win or a loss.
 The batsman prepares as he takes his guard,
 He must be sure to cover every yard.
 The run-up commences and he delivers the ball,
 The batsman misses and the bowler stands tall.
 Ball after ball, the onslaught progresses,
 As the British begin to feel the stresses.
 Britain's last hope enters the arena,
 The South African players could never be keener.
 The captain brings on his fastest offensive,
 Aware of the pace, the batsman is pensive.
 The bowler delivers with fire in his eye,
 The batsman swipes and the ball shoots sky high.
 Players converge from all parts for the catch,
 Each one of them eager to end the match.
 The players trust the "wickey's" safe hands,
 For the game depends on where the ball lands.
 He's caught! And his heart sinks into his grave,
 As the crowd responds with a Mexican wave.

Jonathon Clack 7C

SOUTH AFRICA

*A beautiful country
 On which all things breed
 The delicate scenery
 Destroyed by man's greed.*

*A white side, a black side
 A conflict so foolish
 Our children have cried,
 Their lives based on one wish.*

*Is this where it ends,
 Our blood in the sand?
 What happened to friends,
 Can we not lend a hand?*

Alison McConnell 7A

Gillian Anderson 10H



THE SENTINEL OF THE SKY



He glides beside the cliff
 In effortless flight,
 Showing off all his splendour.
 His sharp eyes telescope downwards
 Scanning the rock ledges
 For his helpless prey.

As the prey is sighted,
 He swoops down towards it,
 Fanning out his glamorous tail-feathers
 Stretching out his powerful clamp-like talons
 — Ready to seize the helpless victim.

Ryan Sellschop 7A

LAUGHTER

A little stream begins to grow,
 From the depths of the forests it does flow.
 Blue and bright, it truly does seem,
 Cool and refreshing, sweet and serene.

As it travels, it comes across,
 Spaced out "bumps", protruding rocks.
 It does not worry - it starts to bubble,
 It goes 'round or over as though no trouble.

As it goes, the rocks increase,
 Small and narrow or big and obese.
 It tinkles more, gurgling with joy,
 Like a baby with a new found toy.

Suddenly the noise does cease,
 Curiously, once more there is peace.
 As though the calm before a storm,
 One does suspect this peaceful "lawn".

Drastically, the noise starts soaring,
 Rumbling and tumbling, falling and roaring.
 This is heard before one spies,
 A waterfall in no disguise.

Landing with a colossal motion
 Into the sea, into the ocean.

Frances Vaughan 7B



BLACK!

As the final gasp of air is taken,
And the limbs at last relax,
All thoughts of mortality are shaken,
Like the clean cut of an axe.

After so many hours of suffering,
My body no longer feels pain.
The cries around me mere muttering,
I realise my attempts were in vain.

Slowly and quietly I begin to slip,
Now there is no turning back.
Where life is concerned I'm losing my grip,
Until all around there is **BLACK**.

Nadine Smith 8F

Gillian Anderson IOH



NATURE

Nature is the most wonderful thing
For all the peace and joy it can bring.
The beauty of flowers is sometimes so rare
People will always stop and stare.
Birds twittering a lovely sound,
As they go hopping on the ground.
Mother Nature will always be there
as long as you know that you must take care.

Linda Petersen 8C

Colleen Steytler 7B



Gillian Anderson IOH

URBAN CASUALTY

Tattered and worn
Broken and torn
A victim of the city.
He shuffles down the narrow street
Unnoticed by the passing feet,
Fed by coins of pity.

Once a giant amongst his peers
Now he suffers strangers' jeers.
His home a forgotten street.
Many share this desperate plight
But only those that stand and fight
Shall not admit defeat

Vanessa Marshall 8C

TAPPING

The peaceful, nightly sounds, past
My shattered doors and windows seep,
Yet, I cannot fall asleep.

When at last
And very often
A ghostly sound
Like tapping on a wooden coffin,
Filters into, and swirls around
My dark fortified room.
I await to be doomed
By some decaying ghoul
With a face like death
And eyes like blood pools,
His hot, rotting breath
Makes the air turn white
On this cold July night.

Day is near and I start napping,
And have forgotten fear
Until one day I may again hear,
TAPPING

Patrick Sunthelm 8C



THE WIND

A low howling rustles the leaves
Like the muffled cries of a madman.
The roaring increases as he relieves
The suppression from which he always ran.

Louder and louder the sounds cry out,
The force demolishing all in sight.
Until the low groans exceeding a shout
Reach a destination, making use of great might.

But then the power beneath its wings dies down,
And all around is restored.
The madman relieves that well-known frown,
That before the storm had soared.

Nadine Smith 8F

SLEEP

Sleep,
Lying down, pacing the white ceiling
wondering when the paint began peeling
eyes open, blinking, when meant to be closed
is trying to sleep impossible, do you suppose?
so tired of trying; sleep just out of grasp
try dreaming, dreaming of the past
pushing all thoughts out of your mind
then hearing the bed creak and grind
move one muscle, the silence is broken
please may sleep come - even just a token?

Justine Jackson 8C



Victoria Childs 8F



Grant Robinson 8G

A SONNET TO ASSEMBLY

He stares out into a sea of hollow faces,
Upturned, expressionless and bored
Like sheep in a pasture. Places
Of weekend fun are on the minds of this hoard.

"Silence". He speaks and all murmuring ceases.
"The hymn", he says and they begin to sing
Badly, tunelessly so his brow creases.
He knows they are waiting for the elusive bell's ring.

Tediously he waits for silence once more.
The second hand crawls painfully around
The clock-face, as the lifeless doors
Listen intently to the fall of his words on the ground.

The ring resounds and they pour outside,
His words are forgotten as they split their sides.

Andrea Huggett 8C

TEACHERS ARE CRAZY

Bryanston teachers must be totally crazy
Trying to motivate pupils who are downright lazy
To do their work and to play a sport,
Yet these aren't the only things that need to be taught.
They have to teach all the pupils good manners,
Even those who are total 'spanners'.
When they arrive at school and see the litter
It immediately turns their mood all bitter.

And when my career seems so distant and hazy
It makes me feel worse to know my teachers are crazy!

Donavan Roscoe 8C



JULIUS CAESAR ASSASSINATED!

Yesterday morning, at the third hour, Caius Julius Caesar, leader of the mighty Roman Empire left his senate house, accompanied by people he believed were his friends.

He planned to go to the Roman Senate and make a speech. Shortly afterwards he would have joined his army for another long campaign abroad. But four hours after sunrise our beloved leader lay in his blood beside the statue of his old enemy, Pompey. He had been assassinated by the seven senators Brutus, Cassius, Casca, Decius, Cinna, Metellus Cimber and Trebonius. It is believed that the assassination was politically motivated. Caesar was about to be appointed king and this would have meant the end of democracy in Rome, the assassins argued later.

The actual assassination was followed by a panic among Caesar's supporter in the senate. Many fled to the city, though Brutus assured them several times that they wouldn't have to fear reprisals. So the confusion spread to the Roman plebs causing them to block up the traffic for one hour during the early morning's rush-hour. A traffic officer who doesn't want to be named, for ethical reasons, reported that "several plaustra of African and Greek merchantmen had been plundered after head-to-head collisions in Via Latina and Via Portuensis". Other similar incidents have also been reported from several of the southern suburbs where the mob clashed together with a special unit of the anti-riot police. It is estimated that public and private properties worth about 34 000 gold pieces have been burnt down during the two hours of clashes between police and rioters. Several terror-organizations immediately claimed to be responsible for Caesar's killing. Among them are the much-feared AOUG (Association of Unhappy Gladiators) and the RAZAPO (Raza's People Organization). However all of them were frightened to death when they saw a group of seven men wandering around on the forum with blood sprinkled all over their arms.

Later on a speech by Brutus was delivered to the crowds, which had to be understood as an official statement of Caesar's assassins, who were seemingly quite angry about the terror-organizations' claims to be the masterminds behind the deed. Brutus easily managed to flatter his audience and finally about 30 000 throats were cheering him as the "honourable Brutus". Brutus afterwards left the podium and returned home. Anthony then took over from Brutus and undid with a rhetorical masterpiece, everything that Brutus had achieved. Orator Cicero has been banished to the northern provinces since the speech and the crowd once again began to demolish everything in the surrounding areas. The assassins had obviously fallen into disgrace after this very speech and many of them were necklaced by furious individuals.

Michael Imfield 9C

EDITORIAL : ORGANIZED CHAOS?

"Chaos" is the ideal word to describe Rome after today's controversial occurrences. The question is : was it organized and if so, by whom and to whose benefit?

Although Brutus gave a brilliant reason for killing Julius Caesar, its validity is questionable. The reason given was that the "honorable" members of the senate feared that Caesar was getting too powerful and that, for the good of the people, he had to be killed.

It seems now that the people did not benefit from his death, but the conspirators would have. Had Mark Anthony not turned the crowd against the conspirators, any one of them could have taken the crown. Were Brutus's motives so noble, or was he just removing the obstacle in his path?

And what of Mark Anthony? Although he claims to be no orator, his words were clearly well-chosen and his emotional outbursts exceptionally well-timed. It's chilling to consider that he rushed off to take control of Rome only moments after stirring the crowd into a murderous mass.

Perhaps all these men had sincere motives, but there is the chance that they organized the city's chaos for their own ambition.

Abigail Churchill 9C



SPORT

Dion Bate 8B

MARK ANTONY WINS AGAIN!

Our own Mark Antony won the street dash again during the Festival of Lupercal. This is the fifth time he has won this race against strong opposition from all over the continent. Mark Antony won even after pausing to touch Calphurnia, Caesar's wife with his leather thong.

Quentin Leech 9D

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WEATHER REPORT

UNEXPLAINABLE PHENOMENA PRECEDE DEATH OF CAESAR

Extremely peculiar weather and behavioural phenomena occurred last week, bringing with them anxiety and terror to many residents of Rome.

Late on the afternoon before Caesar's death a storm menacingly crept over the horizon and broke with unparalleled force over Rome. Violent crashes of thunder were heard and luminous flashes of lightning streaked across the heavens throughout most of the night.

This does not seem to be the worst of it. We have received reports from numerous outside sources of truly horrific occurrences. Although we cannot guarantee the soundness of all reports, we feel that because of the great number of claims that have been made, it is quite likely that all reports are genuine.

At midday, an owl was spotted in a tree opposite the market-place making frantic noises, causing alarm to passers-by.

Around the seventh hour, a slave of the noble house of Aurelius Gnaeus was seen gazing in horror at his left hand, which was being consumed by flames. His hand did not appear to be burnt, though. A little later, several citizens have reported seeing a lion wandering near the Capitol, yet paying no attention to anybody.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Sir

ARE WE GETTING THE FAIRER SIDE OF THE ROMAN GAMES?

At my last visit to the Games I was very disappointed to see that the Christians almost beat the Lions 2 - 1. Are we slacking in the quest for ferocious lions to really get stuck-in to the Christians?

Regards
V. Bloodius

Nicholas Pasotti 9D

It was soon thereafter that men, in human-form were seen to walk along the Roman streets, whilst being devoured by fire.

The grave-stones of countless citizens, were found to be open, and empty the following morning, which aroused concern in the families. They are all puzzled as to how this occurred.

It is believed that this is all connected with the murder of our noble leader Caesar. The gods were angered by his bloody assassination and retaliated with these gruesome and violent occurrences.

Stephanie Case 9C



Amanda Player 10J



AN ANT ENTERS A CLASSROOM THROUGH A WINDOW

After climbing up solid air for what seemed kilometres, I eventually arrived at a place in which one could move around in any plane. I decided to walk in towards the enormous cave that was on the other side of the clear substance on which I had been walking. The view from on top of the immensely flat plateau on which I was standing was incredible. Although the room was full of huge monsters, I decided to descend the cliff below me, as the giants appeared pretty passive, never moving from their sitting positions. After many hours, I eventually came to a large, flat expanse. These lowlands were sickly-green in colour, with patches of white breaking the otherwise monotonous landscape. The surface was tremendously smooth and shiny. Many strange-looking objects, some with equally strange-looking monsters (each with a mere two legs), sitting on them, covered virtually the entire area. Only one of the enormous animals was standing up, and an immense racket was coming from it. Suddenly, I heard a buzzing sound, and the whole area was in an uproar. The massive creatures moved quickly out of a large, rectangular opening in the cave, which, like everything else in the cave, was remarkably symmetrical.

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Sarah McGrath 6D

MACBETH *Kenny Hofmann IOC*

"Seton! Put mine armour on!" shrieked Macbeth, as he practised beheading an imaginary corpse, from the apparent comfort of his royal armchair.

Within seconds Seton's worried voice rang out from somewhere, "My lord, the last time you wore your armour was over two months ago. I doubt you will still fit into it. If I may suggest, my good lord, judging from how I have seen you eat these last few ..."

"Seton, get me the armour! Otherwise on the next tree shalt thou hang alive!" threatened Macbeth, as he tried louncing his massive framework onto the armour-bearer. Seton, however, dodged out of the way and Macbeth staggered in bewilderment to the nearest piece of furniture to avoid landing on the floor. (Macbeth never allowed himself to be reduced to the indignity of sitting on the floor.) Finally he crashed onto a servant positioned at a chair, and after stabbing the servant with his sword (for no apparent reason), he sank into the chair with an outcry of disgust, "What bloody man is that?" As soon as he had made himself reasonably comfortable in the flimsy chair, Macbeth motioned to the open-mouthed doctor, "Clean up the mess!", and pointed to the lifeless body of the servant at his feet.

DESCRIPTION OF A PLACE

The small village was deserted; only a few broken-down buildings remained. It was like a ghost town. The only sound that I could hear was the rustling of the wind in the trees as the storm approached.

The rain began to fall, so I searched for shelter. I found an old barn at the foot of a mountain - this would do - it smelled old and sour in the dilapidated building due to the rotting hay. The rain leaked through the roof in a hundred places to create many puddles on the filthy floor.

Through the broken window I could see the darkened sky which was now full of terrifying lightning bolts. There was a strange contrast in the musty smell of the barn and the freshness of the rain upon my face. The only objects that I could see for miles were the undulating hills which rolled out in front of me and the old, gnarled trees which looked like evil, old hags in the dimness of the storm.

Kirsten Joyner IOJ



THE MARSHLAND

The marsh was moist and humid. Trees grew out of the slimy green water to towering heights and enveloped the marshlands, obscuring the sky. The trees were a dull black colour and the smell of rotting wood was very distinguishable. Crooked and curved pieces of rotten bark clung grimly to the tree trunks, while large pieces of rotten bark floated on the green murky waters. Many long and entangled vines hung down out of the trees in all directions. Closer to the green murky water were long strands of green algae formations which hung down from the vines into the water. There was sufficient darkness in the marsh to enable a person to see the white, misty fog which floated just above the level of the water. Further into the eerie marshlands, vision was totally hampered by the fog which formed a white wall of misty cloth. Life was evident in the green murky water of the marsh as circular ripples appeared every once in a while, caused by tiny air bubbles from under the water rising and suddenly appearing on the surface. There was no sound in the marshlands apart from the continuous croaking of what sounded like gigantic bull frogs, each trying to croak louder than the other!

Eugène Snyman IOA

MY FAVOURITE PLACE

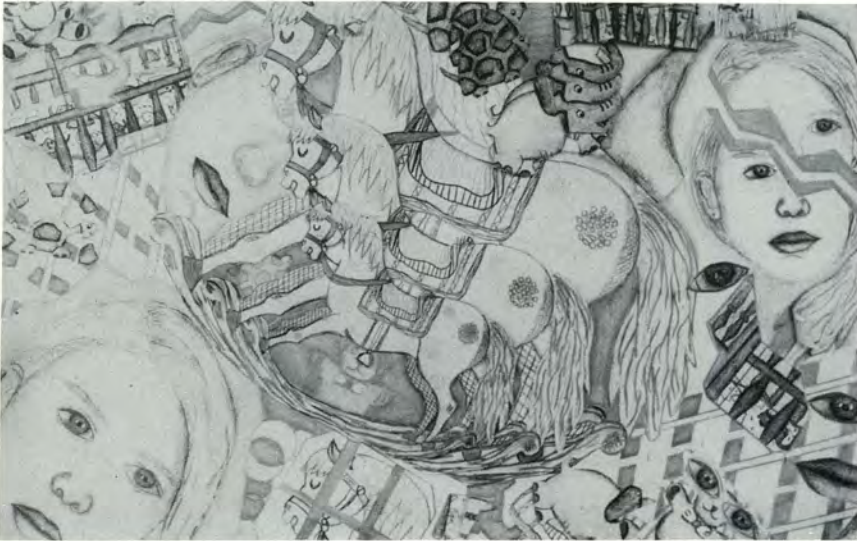
It was the room I loved the most in that house—small square and quite plain, containing only a bed, cupboard and shelf running the length of the room. Yet, it was to me the most secure part of my life. Many times had we sat on the checkered duvet, sat and talked, planned our futures or just discussed the latest single. Sometimes talk wasn't even necessary; we just sat and held each other in companionable silence. The walls were brown, painted one day in a burst of enthusiasm and the edges had never since been neatened. They were strewn with old signposts, graffiti and posters. The statue of the Buddha sat in solemn silence and in incongruous harmony with a small Catholic Bible at the head of the bed. Next to the bed was a cluttered box of old diaries, photographs and a well-worn school jersey. Most of the time the floor was hardly visible beneath the jumble of clothes and varsity textbooks and we would sit cocooned under the covers on our own private island.

Kathy Hearn IOF

DESCRIPTION OF A PLACE

The heavy wrought-iron gates stood slightly ajar and the gargoyle statuettes seemed to be beckoning me inside. I squeezed through the gap, my clothes catching on the black peeling paint. I seemed to have stepped into a new world; the smells were different, the noises were different and most of all, I felt different. The white pebble driveway crunched under my feet and the hedges towered over me making me feel inferior. A few yards ahead was an opening in the tall hedge on the right. I peered through to find, to my delight, a giant-sized chess board, its elegant figures glistening in the sunlight but the pieces were too preoccupied in their ancient war game to notice me.

Lara Downie IOJ



Natasha Ramos 8C

JOHANNESBURG IN WINTER

As I opened the tall glass door I felt the cold wind cut through my warm clothes. The sky was a bright, hazy white frothed with grey. Immediately the deafening noise of cars, trucks and other vehicles rendered my hearing sense useless and I felt isolated, not being able to hear conversation. A mass of people moved across the road as the light turned green and I followed them. My feet felt cold, hard and heavy as I reached the curb on the other side of the road. Looking round I saw the pool of water in which I had stepped. It was mirror-like with a film of bluish-purple oil floating on it. As I walked on, my feet pushed squirts of water out of my shoes. Passing a few off-loading trucks, parked diagonally across their yellow blocks, I was engulfed in a cloud of dark-grey diesel smoke which faded in a cold gust of wind. Ascending my last few metres, marble-like stairs with scattered, centimetre long engraved pits filled with dust, I reached the door of my destination.

Nicholas Weinmann IOA

MAN AT THE BUSSTOP

He moved impatiently forward, swinging his briefcase in irritation at those slower than he. His loud, yellow, tweedcoat smelled of stale tobacco and clashed unbecomingly with his pasty complexion. Muttering under his breath he searched his upper pocket for the ticket which he eventually found amongst a collection of crumpled tissues, supermarket saving coupons and a cheap, plastic lighter. He shoved it into the conductor's hand and elbowed his way onto the bus. The cheap suit was making him hot and the sweat that ran off his forehead made its way down the florid creases of his cheek, down into his short collar. Only yesterday had he added yet another notch on his belt and already his stomach was beginning to feel uncomfortably tight.

Kathy Hearn IOF



SCHOOLBOY

Reluctantly the boy made his way to his desk, and with a wearisome sigh he lowered himself onto the chair and proceeded to loosen his tie. He sat back and gazed ahead with a far-off expression that only an unwilling schoolboy, dutifully about to tackle his homework, can master.

With difficulty he leaned over the arm of the chair, his fat fingers extended as they groped for the unreachable suitcase positioned a few centimetres beyond his reach. Frustrated, the boy painfully inched his chair closer. He heaved the heavy textbooks from their compartments, groaning with the effort as he breathlessly placed them on the desk before him.

Sitting back, his thoughts soon wandered from his homework to settle with satisfaction on his favourite pastime. Through half-closed lids he indulged in the current reminiscences that food brought him.

With regrets he picked up his pen and, clutching it between sweaty fingers, began the laborious task of rewriting his English essay.

Tiny beads of sweat began to form unnoticed below his eyes, which peered determinedly through their thick glasses onto the page below. Here, the crawling print closely resembled the pattern that would have been made if an ant had walked across the page with ink on its legs.

The boys raised his bent head and his thick wrist relaxed - motionless beside the finished piece. His eyelids drooped slightly and within a few minutes he had fallen asleep, his mouth open wide as he snored loudly.

Jackie Price IOC



AN OLD WOMAN *Gary Hall IOA*

She was an old woman, wrinkled as a sun-dried raisin. There was not an inch of her skin that did not hang in loose folds and tucks. Her dangling breasts were wrinkled, as was her little belly, and baggy skin hung from her knees and elbows. She was a strange colour; she seemed to glow like amber in the sunlight - a colour that would make one think of the polished surface of a wooden bowl. Suddenly the woman smiled. The network of wrinkles constricted around her eyes, reducing them to slanted Chinese slits, with a certain sparkle in those shiny black pupils. Her teeth were worn almost to the gums and stained tobacco-brown, but there were no gaps in them, and they seemed to be even and strong. Her head was dotted with faded grey woolly hair, twisted into small tight kernels, each the size of a pea, with bare scalp between them. She had small pointed lobe-less ears that lay close to her head. She turned and spoke in a clicking tongue to a person behind her. He was almost her twin, the same skin, the same hair and bright eyes, but he was a man.

John Meyer IOF



AN UNSUCCESSFUL JOURNALIST *Jenny Palmer IOB*

Her ferret-like face quivered in blatant curiosity. Her beady, piercing eyes darted to and fro in their sunken sockets in the blotchy countenance. The pink tip of her tongue stuck out, like a gruesome slug, from in between chipped nicotine and coffee stained teeth. Her lank, greasy hair stuck together in stringy strands as it outlined her sallow, hatchet features. The threadbare old coat of an unidentifiable colour drooped loosely over her deprived frame. Missing buttons revealed an old men's shirt roughly tucked into the waistband of an unflattering skirt of a dull hue. Her feet were encased in a pair of ancient, mud encrusted boots. Her scrawny, fleshless hands with nailbitten fingers clinging to a pen, darted quickly across a paper pad as she wrote down each word that he said.

Toeskouers Fassineer My

"Skop, Jannie, skop! Hardloop, man, jy kan hom vang. Slaan hom! Kom nou manne, dis oorlog dié".

Natuurlik is dit nie 'n oorlog nie, dis 'n rugbywedstryd en die man wat skree? Miskien is hy die afrigter. Nee, dis verkeerd, die afrigter staan langs die veld en konsentreer op die spel. Die man is jou gewone Suid-Afrikaanse toeskouer. 'n Bietjie te kort om ooit in sy lewe self goeie rugby te gespeel het, nou te vet om een keer na die doellyn te kan hardloop, bier in sy linkerhand, sigaret in sy regterhand en 'n vaalbruin hoed om sy kaal kop teen die son te beskerm. Miskien is hy Jannie se pa. Om jou in te lig, Jannie is 'n piepklein agtjarige seuntjie wat gewoonlik op Saterdagoggend vir sy skool se swakste span kaalvoetrugby speel.

Dis tonele soos dié waaraan ek dink wanneer ek sê toeskouers fassineer my. Blykbaar stel hulle meer belang in die wedstryde as die spelers self. Hulle gee so baie raad voor, gedurende en na die wedstryd dat 'n mens sal dink dat hulle kenners is, of op een of ander tyd self deelgeneem het.



Amanda Player IOJ

Nadat ek pa gesien raadgee het voor 'n ballet kompetisie het ek nie meer met die laaste saamgestem nie. Van die deskundiges self het ek uitgevind dat die meeste van hulle eintlik "nikskundiges" is. Jannie het na sy wedstryd na sy pa gegaan en trots gesê: "Ons het net met een drie verloor". Sy pa het geantwoord: "Moenie nou oor die telling lieg nie. Julle het met vier punte verloor".

Toeskouers fassineer my so baie dat dit vir my eintlik meer pret is om op die toeskouers self en nie die wedstryd te konsentreer nie. Die regte oorlog vind tussen die toeskouers plaas. Hulle is met naartjieskille bewapen. As iemand "Natal" skreeu, gooi al die Transvaal manne hom met die skille. Na 'n paar minute lyk dit asof 'n oorlog plaasvind. Toeskouers skreeu ook die name van spanne wat nie aan die wedstryd deelneem nie uit. Miskien weet hulle nie wie speel nie of miskien is hulle soos ek so gefassineer deur die toeskouers self dat dit nie saak maak nie.

Cathy Emslie IOB



Candice Blignaut 7B

DIE LEWENSBOOM

Dis amper donker. Ek staan voor die boom wat vir altyd groen moes gebly het - maar nie het nie. Daar is geen blare nie - net bruin takke en ek wonder nou wat verkeerd gegaan het.

My naam is Dave en ek studeer musiek aan die Universiteit van Stellenbosch. Dis ook hier waar ek Elizette ontmoet het. Sy het kuns studeer. So 'n half-uur se stap buite Stellenbosch is daar 'n koppie en op dié koppie is 'n boom - net een groot, groen boom waaronder ek my verskillende vakke geleer het. Dit was onder dié groot boom dat ek Elizette eers ontmoet het. Ek was besig om "Bach" te leer en sy het besluit om Stellenbosch van die koppie af te kom skilder. Ons het mekaar baie keer onder die boom ontmoet en ek het ontdek dat ek haar geselskap eintlik geniet het. Dit was nie totdat die skildery klaar was nie, dat ek ontdek het dat ek verlief op haar was.

Daarna het die gelukkigste periode van my lewe gevolg. Elizette en ek was nooit geskei nie. Ons het saam studeer, uitgegaan, piekniek onder die groot, groen boom gehou..... Dit was 'n tydlose tyd - ek het aan niks anders as haar gedink nie. Ons het allerhande drome



Vanessa Marshall 8C

gehad en planne gemaak. Ons sou trou, dié wêreld toer, kinders hê.... Maar ek was dom, want die drome was net myne - nie hare nie, terwyl ek gedog het ons lewens sou vir altyd so bly.

Eendag, in Mei, het ek by die kafee in Greystraat (naby die Universiteit) ingeloop. Elizette was daar saam met 'n ander man. Die man was korterig en blond - ek het hom nie herken nie. Elizette het baie opgewonde gelyk. Die aand moes ons fliek toe gegaan het, maar Elizette het my gebel en gesê sy voel vaak, sy wil nie uitgaan nie. Ek het haar gevra of daar iets verkeerd was. Nee. Ek het na die Boom toe geloop. Toe ek nader kom, het ek gesien dat 'n paar van die blare doodgegaan het en begin het om af te val.



Kim Gallon IOC

Die volgende dag het sy my vertel. Dié man was nie haar nuwe kêrel nie dit was erger. Hy was 'n Amerikaner wat haar oortuig het om na sy universiteit in New York te gaan. Dit het 'n groot kunsdepartement gehad - sy kon nie by hierdie ding verbyloop nie, het sy gesê. Maar sy kon dit verbygehoop het.

Sy het Augustus gegaan. Twee weke daarna staan ek hier voor die groot Boom. Dit is snaaks om dit bruin te sien. Ek het gedog dat hy vir altyd groen sou bly - net soos ek gedink het my lewe vir altyd met Elizette se lewe sou bly. Maar, Elizette het weggegaan en dié boom se blare het afgeval. In die lente sou die blare teruggroei - dit het ek geweet, en die hartseer oor Elizette sou weggaan - dit het die bruin takke van 'n boom op 'n koppie, en die hartseer en pyn van mens wat verlief geraak het.

Michael Konson IOB



Nicky Acutt 9H

DAS LETZTE JAHR

Unsre Klasse ist nun im letzten Jahr.
Jetzt zählen wir die Stunden Tag um Tag.
Wir stellten meist ein Chaos dar.
Und schickten bald unseren Lehrer in sein Grab.

Wir paukten an Dürrenmatt und an Gedichten.
Lachten oft und redeten viel Stuss,
Veränderten uns in unsren Sichten,
Doch nun kommt alles zu einem Schluss.

An die Zukunft denken wir mit Grauen,
Denn auf Winnie können wir nicht bauen.
Nelson glaubt er sei schon Präsident,
Unsre Klasse gibt für ihn keinen einzigen Zent.

Klasse Zehn
(Standard Ten German Class)



Marie-Anne Geurden IOC



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