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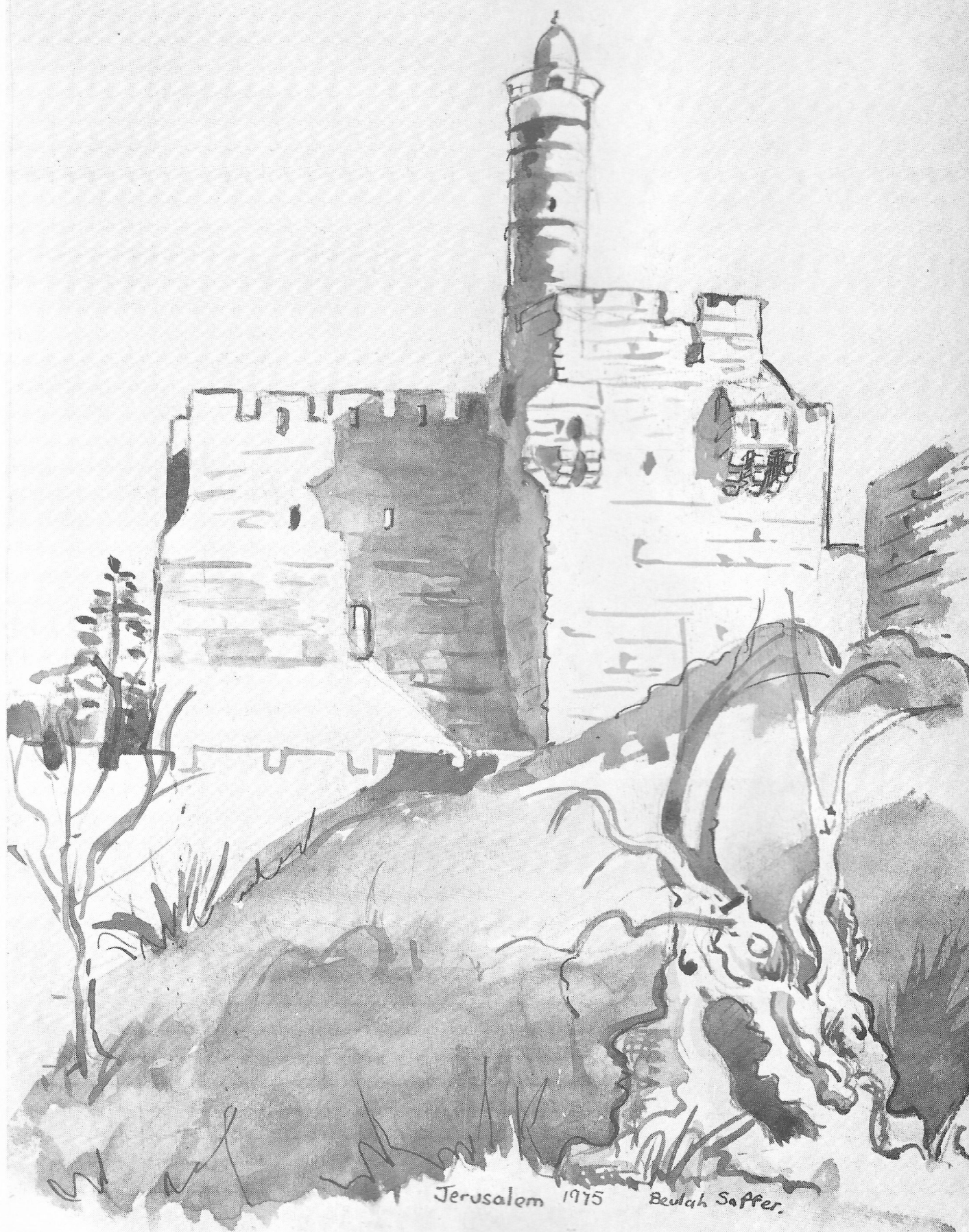
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A shade of reality

Looking at your face,
a beautiful, serene face
not yet visited
by Time,
I wonder at the dying fire
in your eyes.

What cause have you
to ponder on
tomorrow,
when today has given you
such intangible
riches?

You have your
imagination,
your dreams and desires
lying at your
feet, to take,
if you will.

But you are sad.
The glowing fire
you possess is dimming.
Why, my friend?
Is it a desire or dream
beyond your reach?

CAROLYN PALMER — 10C

In Memoriam

In Memoriam: Carolyn Palmer

On September 5, the tragic death of Carolyn Palmer occurred at school. Carolyn was a person with the gift of inner peace: she set herself goals and set about quietly and effectively to achieve them. Her approach to life was a lesson to those around her, including those older than herself. Perhaps we can find reassurance in these ideas:

The great oak tree takes six hundred years to reach the fullness of its growth, and when it is at its greatest it is assuredly a majestic and glorious spectacle. It may chance that under its shade there springs up a tiny snowdrop — a snowdrop that flourishes and blooms within a single day, before it vanishes away. Yet who can dare to say that the oak tree is more lovely than the snowdrop? Or who can say that the snowdrop is less beautiful than the oak tree? The value of life lies not in the number of its years of days, but in its completeness and perfection, and only God himself can give that judgement.

To her parents and family we, who mourn with them, offer the consolation of our deepest sympathy in this time of their bereavement. Words, mere human words are only feeble and stumbling instruments with which to convey our sense of sadness.

We give thanks that God has permitted so lovely a being to be amongst us even if only, in His great providence, for so short a time.



a word of thanks from the editor

My first thanks goes to all those who responded so willingly and enthusiastically to my appeals for articles, art-work and photography. Without their creative talents there would be no magazine!

An especial word of thanks to our advertisers, and to Mrs Macrae for her help in organizing advertisements; to Mrs Bolel and Miss Pick and their teams of typists; to Mrs Miller and Mrs Cooper for typing; to Mr J. Kap for his methodical arrangement of photographs; to those pupils who contributed to "Candid Camera", including Maureen Forshaw, Graham Harris and Rodney Jones. I am very grateful to Mrs B. Saffer for her contribution of artwork to be included in the "special feature" concerning overseas travel. My thanks also to Dario Campetti for his cartoons, and especially to André Raath for help in matters of design and layout, and to those members of staff who helped in selection and checking of articles, including Mrs Reid whose valued help in all school matters continues regardless of retirement. We are grateful to Mr M. van Rensburg for organization of distribution.

Finally I should like to encourage our writers and artists to develop their talents to communicate, beyond this magazine and into the world around them.

MARY-ANNE JAMES

Vale

We congratulate Mr Ken Paine most heartily on his promotion to the West Rand Inspectorate, but it is with deep regret that we bid farewell to one who has proved himself to be a true leader and friend of our staff in every way.

Mr Paine was appointed to the Vice-Principalship at Germiston High School in 1968. Just four years later he successfully applied for the Principalship. He quickly won the confidence and loyalty of the staff, the pupils, and the parents.

His interest in school affairs covered every activity that the school could offer; he gave his time unstintingly to each in turn. This meant that he was obliged to cover a great number of meetings and functions every month — indeed as many as four and five per week. Here our warmest gratitude and praise goes to Mrs Paine for her patience, her friendly co-operation and her willingness to share in the life of the school whenever the opportunity arose.

During the three and a half years of his leadership he built up a solid core of excellent permanent staff members. With his sense of justice, gentleness and tact, he ran the school so successfully that its fair reputation became widespread.

The two attributes that endeared him most to staff and pupils alike were, firstly, his ability to become completely involved in the activities of the school and to encourage others to do likewise. He believed in happiness and success through involvement. Secondly, his ability and ardent wish to build up people (pupils, teachers and parents) and to bring out the best in them.

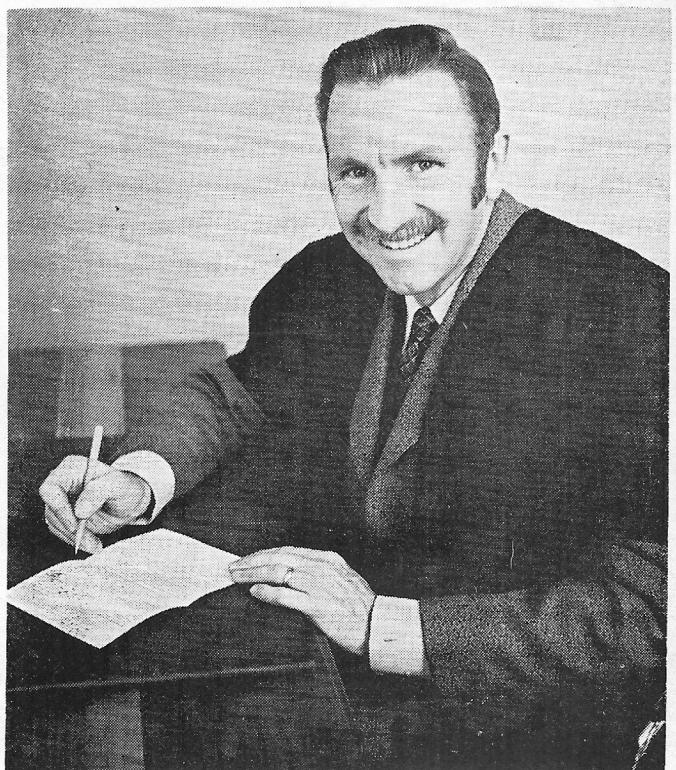
While we regret his going, we are pleased that the Transvaal Education Department has recognised his worth, and promoted him to a position where his expertise to organise schools with such success will be spread over a very wide field in the far-flung West Rand area.

The Department has chosen as Inspector a God-fearing man, a man of integrity, high courage and exceptional ability.

We wish him and his family God-speed, continuing health and every happiness.

M.E. TRAVERS

farewell
to
mr paine



Mr. K.R. Paine

welcome to mr gouldie



Mr R.J. Gouldie

As a staff, we wish to congratulate Mr R.J. Gouldie on his appointment to the Principalship of Germiston High School.

Mr Gouldie trained as a teacher at the Johannesburg College of Education, and studied for the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of the Witwatersrand, majoring in Mathematics and Physics.

Early in his career, Mr Gouldie was promoted to the Vice-Principalship at Boksburg High School where he served for three-and-a-half years. Thereafter, he transferred to Springs Boys' High School, where he served in a similar capacity for four years.

At the beginning of the Second Term of this year, Mr Gouldie took up his duties as Principal of this school. His going must have been a tremendous loss to Springs Boys' High School, where he was teaching Mathematics to the senior classes.

Those in authority in the Transvaal Education Department,

however, realised our great need of an efficient and responsible leader. Not only is Mr Gouldie extremely capable in handling the administrative work of the school, but he takes a keen interest in all aspects of the extra-mural activities. He has a natural love of sport and has served on the Fixture Committee of the Eastern Transvaal Rugby Union, and was Secretary of the Eastern Transvaal Cricket Union. He himself is a cricketer of no mean achievement.

In the short time that he has been with us, he has won the confidence and respect of the staff and parents alike.

Mr Gouldie is essentially a home-lover and a family man, having a teenage daughter and two sons.

We bid him and his wife a very sincere welcome, and wish him many years of happiness and success at Germiston High School.

M.E. TRAVERS

headmaster's report

Message from the Headmaster

The child today grows up in a world of *constant change*, bombarded by advertising with permissive suggestions, faced with the population explosion, poverty and affluence, pollution of the environment; people being reduced to numbers; and escapism in all forms.

The consequences are a breakdown in human and family relationships, loss of personal identity and a breakdown in communication.

Children are being left more and more to their own devices with the parent abdicating many of their responsibilities towards their children, expecting at the same time that the school should accept these burdens. Why this reaction from the parent? The absence of the working mother? Or, simply, ignorance in how to handle the problems of adolescence? Unfortunately there is no training for parenthood.

Professor Laurie in his book "The Drug Scene" writes: "children who grow up in broken or unhappy homes have no pride in their family to fall back on, no parental unit to advise and support them and, equally important, no established parental guidelines so that boundaries between right and wrong, between wants and needs are blurred.

Add to this the fact that the church is losing its hold, parents' attitudes are often "make up your own mind" and the combined effect is individuals who are uncommitted and have no sense of

loyalty. Traditional values and moral standards are being rejected and no suitable substitutes are offered.

It is small wonder that so many of the young people are confused and uncertain.

Germiston High has been fortunate with staff in the short time I have been here in that the school has been short of only one member during the third term.

January 1976, however, looms on the horizon and to date many vacancies still remain for the beginning of the new term. The reasons for turnover in staff are varied, but Miss V. Louw will be retiring from Germiston High School in December 1975 after serving children and the Department for twenty-one years. Our very best wishes go with her for her retirement and may she enjoy the rest she so richly deserves. Mr Barry Gerardy has received his overdue promotion and he goes as Deputy-Principal to Northcliff Primary.

Mr D. Harrison leaves on promotion as senior assistant to Alberton while eight others are leaving for other schools or resigning.

The staff will be joined by five new teachers from college. These new folk we hope to train here so that they too will contribute to the welfare and academic progress of your children.

This fine teaching staff of which I have now spoken, and who made me feel so welcome on my arrival, are only part of the team. Behind the scenes, the administrative staff of four ladies, who are always so co-operative, helpful and cheerful have also assisted me in finding my feet. Mrs J. Cooper replaced Mrs De Villiers at the end of June when she retired (the admin. staff had filled in forms to have Mrs De Villiers condemned as irreparable furniture) and Mesdames Tibbles, Chase and Miller complete this unit. Finally, Mr B. Lunderstedt, the groundsman and the Bantu staff, complete our complement.

Differentiated Education has brought with it certain problems that the staff have had to face. Not the least amongst these has been the desperate shortage of text books. The school has consequently, with the approval of your Parent Teachers Association and the Governing Body, introduced for 1976, an Educational Fund where you the parents are going to be asked to contribute ten rand per family to make funds available for us to purchase necessary books that cannot be bought from the funds made available by the Department. This with a sophisticated copying machine which has been presented by the 1975 Matriculant group, we trust, is going to allow us to provide each child with the necessary minimum. When the appeal arrives, I earnestly request you to give your full support and blessing.

Just to refresh your memory on Differentiated Education the secondary course makes provision for an Ordinary Course and a Practical Course. The aim is to orientate education about the needs of every individual child whose talents, interests and intelligence vary.

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The practical course is a course in its own right, offering a further five years of education after standard five running parallel to the ordinary course. The practical course provides initial training in a great variety of posts in various services, the private sector and industry. The whole concept of teaching in this course is undergoing change, again with a view to assisting the child with particular needs and interests, and should serve a real need in the community.

The continued increase in numbers at the school despite the opening of the new high school in Alberton, (this year 1350 and anticipated for next year 1450 going up) does give cause for concern and I earnestly hope that the Department does something about a second English High School in the South of Germiston before the population explosion bursts the seams of the present building. Coupled with these huge numbers is the traffic hazard presented by so many children arriving and leaving the school from one direction.

May I conclude with this thought: to have known the best, and to have known it for the best, is success in life. Let school be the start for you, may you strive for bigger and better achievements.

R. GOULDIE

pta report

Germiston High School – Parent-Teacher Association

The function of a Parent-Teacher organisation is to support all the activities of a school as effectively as possible.

The attendance of parents at our monthly meetings has not been a high proportion of the total, but the people who do turn up are enthusiastic.

It is gratifying to have the active participation of many of our teaching staff and we thank them for their extra extra-mural activity.

The assistance we give to the running of our large school takes many forms and a brief list, not necessarily in order of importance, would be as follows:

fund raising to provide the educational and recreational aids which are not supplied by the Education Department (The staff and scholars made a great success of our T.V. Competition which netted just under R10 000. Well done!);

Ladies Committee to prepare refreshments for sporting fixtures and other extra-mural activities. Our hospitality has a high reputation;

the Canteen to cater for scholar and teacher alike. How did we manage before this service was introduced?

House and Grounds Committee to supplement the work of the caretaker and his staff. At this point we must acknowledge the initiative and hard work of this and last year's P.T.A. who provided the labour and the materials for the fine Canteen Pavilion we now have. I think you will agree a first class job was done.

Your P.T.A. supports the Germiston Combined P.T.A. which provides worthwhile bursaries to students who wish to enter the teaching profession. There are ten bursars at present and at least two new bursaries will be awarded for 1976. In addition the Combined P.T.A. seeks to obtain the highest recognition for teaching as a profession.

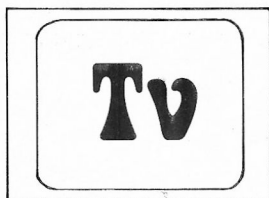
Social activities which also generate funds take the form of a Bowls Day, Tennis Round Robin, Gold Competition, Bridge Club and our Annual Dance.

We have recently appealed to school leavers for school clothing for our Swap Shop which helps many of our pupils.

During this year we have also taken the first steps to organise a Past-Pupil Association.

You will see there is much to be done and we thank everybody who has supported us in so many different ways in the past and look forward to even greater co-operation in the future.

P. GRIFFITHS



Competition

In the past people have asked: "Why isn't the bottom field grassed?" Poison was used to kill the weeds growing on the field and before planting grass it was thought we should wait for three years for all the poison to wash away.

Because of the heavy rains last year it was decided to go ahead six months early. Our athletes did extremely well at Springs. Mr Gerardy and Mr Matthews thought that if our athletes had trained on a grass track, perhaps we could have . . . All that was needed was to convince the P.T.A. it was a worthwhile idea.

This was not difficult at all and a sub-committee made up of Mr Griffiths, Mr Cap, Mr Bowater and myself was formed. The enthusiasm, co-operation and hard work of these men was an inspiration to me and kept us going.

Thursday 29th May 1975 arrived and a packed school hall assembled. On stage the pupils saw Spencer Leggitt. It was explained that we had decided to grass the bottom field and that we had committed ourselves to the enormous cost. A competition with two T.V. sets as prizes was being launched to meet the cost. We needed the pupils' help to raise the money. Mr Gerardy spoke on the necessary drive and enthusiasm before Spencer made the first donation to Mr Gouldie, wishing us success in our venture. Our pupils then set to work and after nine weeks of hard work by pupils, parents and staff, the competition drew to a close. The winners were L. Els of Primrose and Mrs Anagnostu of Klippoortjie. A successful venture had come to an end.

In years to come when someone asks, "How did you grass the bottom field?" Let's answer, "it was a team effort of pupils, parents and staff."

R.L. HALL

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matriculation successes 1975

MATRICULATION SUCCESSES – 1974

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First Class

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 C. Blumgart (*Distinctions Mathematics, Physical Science and Accountancy*)
 A. Chiger
 M. Duncan
 B. Goosen
 C. Hanks
 J. Holdsworth
 S. Hutchons
 C. Ingram (*Distinctions Mathematics and Accountancy*)
 C. Metz (*Distinctions Mathematics and Accountancy*)
 C. Metz (*Distinctions Mathematics, Physical Science, Geography*)
 M. Moses (*Distinctions Biology and Geography*)
 S. Payne (*Distinctions Mathematics, Physical Science and Biology*)
 B. Rodger (*Distinction Geography*)
 C. Roux (*Distinction Geography*)
 P. Shunn.
 R. Stone
 G. Topham (*Distinctions Mathematics, Physical Science and Metalwork*)
 S. Wainman (*Distinctions Mathematics and Physical Science*)
 C. Winkler

Pass

D. Baird
 M. Charlton
 G. Cimenti
 W. Cooke
 G. De Luca
 G. Dinwoodie
 S. Donaldson
 M. Erasmus
 G. Fuller
 R. Gill
 S. Goodwin
 A. Herman
 R. Koch
 L. Lane
 M. Laric (*Distinction Biology*)
 M. McBride
 A. Paikin
 J. Phillips
 A. Poltera
 C. Stanton
 M. Terblanche
 D. Tyler
 A. Williams
 A. Wise
 S. Withers
 A. Woodward

transvaal secondary school certificate examination

Transvaal Secondary School Certificate Examination.

First Class

E. Brand
 M. Da Silva
 B. Ebertson
 T. Farrow (*Distinction English*)
 L. Hart
 C. Lewis
 B. Machill
 M. Westman

Pass

M. Bateman
 F. Beamish
 L. Bell
 N. Bigby
 M. Bland
 D. Cardosa
 D. Cavé
 E. Coetzee
 E. Crighton
 A. Da Costa
 A. Da Fonte
 G. Day
 B. Dickson
 C. Diederiks
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N. Kapousousoglou
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 J. Monk
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 N. Murphy
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 L. Smith
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 S. Long
 S. Stoop
 E. Stiglingh
 B. Strydom
 C. Torr
 A. Van Heerden
 A. Viera
 D. Voorneveld (*Distinction Geography*)
 M. Woods

standard six

DISTINCTION AGGREGATES:

80% and over, with distinctions in the subjects mentioned.

Robyn Sindelman:

Latin, Mathematics, History, Housecraft, Accountancy.
The Highest Aggregate Prize; the Latin Prize; the History Prize;
the Housecraft Prize (shared); the Accountancy Prize.

Jill Borton:

English, French, Mathematics, General Science, Geography,
Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; the English Prize; the French Prize
(shared); the Geography Prize.

Corinne Freinkel:

French, Mathematics, General Science, Geography, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; an Accountancy Prize.

Margaret Rindl:

English, Latin, Mathematics, History, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; an English Prize.

FIRST CLASS AGGREGATES

70% and over with distinctions in the subjects mentioned.

Michelle Du Toit:

Afrikaans, French, Mathematics, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; the Afrikaans Prize (shared).

Quinten King:

Latin, History, Geography.
An Aggregate Prize.

Jeanette Fox:

French, Mathematics, Geography, Housecraft.
An Aggregate Prize; the Mathematics Prize; the Housecraft
Prize (shared).

Lois Sonik:

Latin, History.
An Aggregate Prize.

Grant Saffer:

Latin, Geography.
An Aggregate Prize.

Isabella Reinhardt:

An Aggregate Prize.

Larry Vogelnest:

Mathematics, General Science, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; the General Science Prize.

Konstantinos Kastanos:

French, Mathematics, Geography, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Ellena Browne:

French.
An Aggregate Prize; the French Prize (shared).

Ericka Fur:

Latin.
An Aggregate Prize.

Donald Holliday:

Latin, Geography.
An Aggregate Prize.

Karen Fuller:

Housecraft.
An Aggregate Prize; the Needlework Prize.

Amanda Morris:

French.
An Aggregate Prize.

Michael Lorge:

General Science, Geography.
An Aggregate Prize.

Keith Maloon:

Latin, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Katherine Carpenter:

French, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Gregory De Muynk:

Geography.
An Aggregate Prize.

Stavros Gougoumus:

History.
An Aggregate Prize.

Marc Bartkunsy:

Latin, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Kevin Dexter:

Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Aphrodite Costas:

An Aggregate Prize.

Sharon Aab:

Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Sharon Venter:

Afrikaans.
An Aggregate Prize; the Afrikaans Prize (shared).

Jeremy Scott:

Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Claire George:

Mathematics.
An Aggregate Prize.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Cecilia de Abreu:

The Typewriting Prize.

Mark Quirk:

The Art Prize.

standard seven

DISTINCTION AGGREGATES:

80% and over, with distinctions in the subjects mentioned.

Gary Papadopoulos:

English, Mathematics, General Science, History, Geography,
Accountancy.
The Highest Aggregate Prize, the English Prize; the General
Science Prize; the Accountancy Prize (shared) and the
Geography Prize.

Vivienne Russel:

French, Mathematics, History, Housecraft and Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; an Afrikaans Prize.

FIRST CLASS AGGREGATES:

70% and over with distinctions in the subject mentioned.

David Harris:

English, Latin, Mathematics, History.
An Aggregate Prize; a Mathematics Prize.

Mauricio Barbera:

French, Mathematics, History, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; the French Prize.

Denise Velthuis:

French, Mathematics, Housecraft.
An Aggregate Prize; the Housecraft Prize.

Robert Mulders:

Mathematics, History, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; the History Prize; the Accountancy Prize (shared) and the Afrikaans Prize.

Stanley Godfrey:

Latin, Mathematics, Geography, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; the Latin Prize (shared).

Gail Ackerman:

Mathematics, Geography, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Sally-Anne Flood:

Mathematics, Housecraft, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Basil Lazarides:

Mathematics, Geography, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize; the Mathematics Prize.

Jennifer Allman:

Mathematics, Geography, Housecraft, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Carol-Anne Cairns:

Mathematics, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Joao Lopes da Silva:

Mathematics, History, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Sharon Brooking:

Mathematics, Accountancy.
An Aggregate Prize.

Moreno Perazzolo:

Mathematics, Industrial Arts.
An Aggregate Prize; the Industrial Arts Prize.

Peter Gerber:

Latin, History.
An Aggregate Prize; the Latin Prize (shared).

Gavin Howard:

Mathematics.
An Aggregate Prize.

Lynette Swartz:

An Aggregate Prize.

Jennifer Hawkins:

Housecraft.
An Aggregate Prize.

FIRST CLASS AGGREGATES:

65% and over, with distinctions in the subjects mentioned.

Sandra de Klerk:

Accountancy and an Afrikaans Prize.

Lorraine Crawford:

Afrikaans and an Afrikaans Prize.

Ursula Hämmerle:

Mathematics, Typewriting.
The Typewriting Prize.

Johannes Oosthuizen:

Mathematics.

Victor Prospero:

Accountancy.

Sandra Scola:

Housecraft, Accountancy, Mathematics, and a General Excellence Prize.

Monique Fennema:

Mathematics.

Athina Scaffidas:

Mathematics.

Lisette Shain:

Mathematics.

Rosemary Lavin:

Mathematics.

Paschalis Paschalides:

Certificate of Merit.

Stephen King:

Certificate of Merit.

Mary-Anne Chandler:

Certificate of Merit.

Maria Moniz:

Certificate of Merit.

Fatima Sequeira:

Certificate of Merit.

Cherrie Chilton:

Certificate of Merit.

Denise Ekron:

Certificate of Merit.

Beverly Ann Nel:

Certificate of Merit and an Afrikaans Prize.

Bruce Demmer:

Certificate of Merit.

Carol Evanson:

Certificate of Merit.

SPECIAL AWARD:**Nicolene Torr:**

The Afrikaans Prize.

Herlinda Heirweg:

The Housecraft Prize.

Mandy Gordon:

A Typewriting Prize.

Heather Phillips:

The Typewriting Prize.

Jacqueline Hunt:

The Art Prize.

standard eight

ORDINARY GROUP

The following pupils gained distinctions in the subjects mentioned:

Daphne Scott:

Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology, Housecraft.
The Mathematics Prize; The Physical Science Prize; The Biology Prize; The Housecraft Prize.

Deon de Wet:

Afrikaans, Accountancy, Business Economics.
The Afrikaans Prize; the Business Economics Prize and the Economics Prize.

Brenda Shunn:

Mathematics, Biology, Geography.
A Biology Prize; A Mathematics Prize.

Carol Stone:

Mathematics, History, Accountancy.
A Mathematics Prize.

Michael Fennema:

Mathematics, Physical Science, Accountancy.
A Mathematics Prize; An Accountancy Prize.

George Wrigley:

English, Biology, Geography.
The English Prize; The Geography Prize.

Monica van der Vyver:

Biology, Accountancy.
An Accountancy Prize.

Lindsay Kimber:
Mathematics, Physical Science, Accountancy.
A General Excellence Prize.

Sharon van Wyk:
Accountancy.
An Accountancy Prize.

Paul Hollingworth:
Mathematics, History.

Gregory Nijland:
Biology, Accountancy.

Jennifer Milne:
Mathematics.

Harold Salant:
Mathematics.
A Mathematics Prize.

Mandy Bass:
History, Accountancy.

Christine Knight:
Accountancy.

Christos Panagiotopoulos:
Physical Science.

Linda Evans:
Mathematics, Accountancy, Business Economics.
A General Excellence Prize.

Debra Lewis:
Accountancy.

Ian Misiewicz:
Biology.

Sharon Stokes:
Mathematics.

Fiona Clitheroe:
Physical Science.

Shirley de Jager:
Accountancy.

Maureen Forshaw:
Accountancy.

Philip Spanier-Marson:
Accountancy.
The Accountancy Prize (shared)

Mark Bloom:
Accountancy and an Accountancy Prize.

Robert Westerman:
Accountancy.

Wendy Payne:
Mathematics.

Helenor Surman:
Mathematics, Accountancy.
The Accountancy Prize (shared).

Sandra Watt:
Accountancy.

Graham Spencer:
Mathematics, History.
The History Prize.

Paul Dörnbrack
Physical Science.

Shelley Rohland:
Certificate of Merit.

Linda Beeby:
Certificate of Merit.

Janice Slon:
Certificate of Merit.

Lesley Watt:
Certificate of Merit.

Maria Branco:
Certificate of Merit.

George Pavlich:
Certificate of Merit.

Robert Whitecross:
Certificate of Merit.

Shirley Warnock:
Certificate of Merit.

SPECIAL PRIZE:

Kevin Willson
The Industrial Arts Prize.

Avril Kinsman:
The Typewriting Prize.

Angela Barnett:
An Immigrant Prize for the Best Progress in Afrikaans.

PRACTICAL GROUP

The following pupils have gained First Class Aggregates with distinctions in the subjects mentioned:

Nicola Fehrser:
Mathematics, Business Methods.
A Business Methods Prize.

Theresa Muter:
Mathematics, Business Methods.
A Business Methods Prize.

Maria dos Santos:
Mathematics, Business Methods.
The Business Methods Prize (shared).

Glenda Simpson:
Mathematics, Business Methods.

Thomas Moore:
Mathematics, Business Methods.

Dale Shepherd:
Mathematics, Business Methods.

Carla Fontana:
Mathematics, Business Methods.
The Mathematics Prize; a Business Methods Prize.

Jennie Lake:
Mathematics, Business Methods.
The Business Methods Prize (shared).

Patricia Scaife:
Mathematics, Business Methods.

Joyce Haagedoorn:
Business Methods.

Elizabeth Speirs:
Business Methods.

Carolyn Haylott:
Business Methods.
A Business Methods Prize.

Jacqueline Mitchell:
Business Methods.
A Business Methods Prize.

SPECIAL PRIZE:

Louis De Jesus:
The Industrial Arts Prize.

standard nine

The following pupils gained distinctions in the subjects mentioned:

Clive Sindelman:
English, Latin, Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology.
The Latin Prize; The Mathematics Prize; The Physical Science Prize; The Biology Prize; An English Prize and the Afrikaans Prize.

Diane King:
English, Latin, Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology.
The English Prize; A Mathematics Prize; A General Excellence Prize.

Deborah Lawrence:

Mathematics, Accountancy, Economics, Business Economics.
The Economics Prize; The Business Economics Prize; The
Standard Accountancy Prize.

Susan Harris:

Latin, Mathematics, History.
A Latin Prize; The History Prize.

Alice van Straaten:

Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology, Housecraft.
A Mathematics Prize; A Physical Science Prize; The Housecraft
Prize.

Paul Abrahams:

Latin, Mathematics, Physical Science.
A Mathematics Prize.

Yvonne Cronel:

Mathematics, Biology, Geography, Accountancy.
A General Excellence Prize and the Accountancy Prize.

Gareth Charlton:

Mathematics, Physical Science, Geography.
A Mathematics Prize; The Geography Prize.

Clinton Block:

Latin, Mathematics, Physical Science.
A Mathematics Prize.

Cheryl Buck:

Biology, Geography.
A General Excellence Prize.

Thomas Ravenscroft:

Mathematics, Physical Science, Geography.
A General Excellence Prize.

Carol Henning:

Economics, Business Economics, Typewriting.
The Typewriting Prize; A General Excellence Prize.

Mary-Anne Mollagrean:

Economics, Business Economics.
A Business Economics Prize.

Rodney Jones:

Mathematics, Physical Science.
A Mathematics Prize; A Physical Science Prize.

Nicolas Mastrodonis:

Physical Science, Geography.
A General Excellence Prize.

Megan Wellbeloved:

English.
An English Prize.

Sharon Rowe:

Economics, Business Economics.
A General Excellence Prize.

Janet Dixon:

Mathematics.

Gregory Christophers:

Geography.

Peter Freyberg:

Physical Science.

Gerard Hellings:

Mathematics.

Oliver Ludwig:

Mathematics.

Gail Carlyon:

Mathematics.

Jacqueline Dumbleton:

Housecraft.

Miguel Pascoa:

Geography and the Metalwork Prize (shared).

The following pupils have been awarded Certificates of Merit:

Helen Cowie

The French Prize

Norman Burgess**Quintin Hawthorne****Jose Barreto****Gail Clegg****Lucinda de Jager****Jane Howard****Luise Friedl****Colin McKenzie****Andrew Franz****John O'Neill****Charles Harebottle****Christopher Szarbo****Maurizio Borsato****Freddy Boese**

The Metal work Prize

Johann Pieterse**Ross Hutton****Beverley Cose****Carol Byrne****Veronica Diamond****Zoe Politides****Simone Segal****SPECIAL AWARDS****Trevor Fraser**

The Woodwork Prize

Luiz Chaves

The Progress Prize for Immigrants

standard ten

The following pupils gained distinctions in the subjects mentioned:

Wendy Erwin:

Physical Science, Biology, Geography.

An English Prize, A Geography Prize; A General Excellence Prize and the Biology Prize.

Janice Levy:

Mathematics, Physical Science, Accountancy.

The Prize for Standard Accountancy; A General Excellence Prize and a Mathematics Prize.

Gita Greenblatt:

Physical Science and Biology.

A General Excellence Prize; An English Prize and the French Prize.

Karen Vermeulen:

Physical Science, Accountancy.

The Physical Science Prize (shared); A General Excellence Prize.

Karen Norman:

Afrikaans, Physical Science.

The Afrikaans Prize; The Physical Science Prize (shared) and A General Excellence Prize.

Shirley Anthony:

Biology, History.

The History Prize; A Biology Prize.

Sally Hollingworth:

Latin.

The Latin Prize.

Charlotte Bronkhorst:

Housecraft.

The Housecraft Prize.

Cheryl Fraser:

Business Economics.

The Business Economics Prize.

Michele Milne:

Physical Science, Geography and Biology.

The Geography Prize; A General Excellence Prize.

Damon Rahme:

Economics, Business Economics.

A General Excellence Prize and the Economics Prize;

Vivian Papadopoulos:
Economics, Business Economics.
A General Excellence Prize.

Vivienne Marinus:
Accountancy.

Isabel Prospero:
Accountancy.

Eugene Hope:
Accountancy.

Shirley Fergusson:
Accountancy and the Accountancy Prize.

Miranda Politides:
Business Economics.

John Phillips:
Mathematics.

Danilo Vietti:
Physical Science.

Lynette Glaeser:
Biology.

The following pupils have been awarded Certificates of Merit:

Cheryl Williams
Basil Costas
Heather McRae
Michele van Wyk
Rossane Gazzotti
Ann Conradie
Mandy van Zyl
Willebrordus Schoonakker
Deborah Pickavance
Elizabeth Mulders
Sandra Peverett
Jennifer Crutchley

SPECIAL PRIZE:

Antonio Pereira:
The Metalwork Prize.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The V.H. Temlett Cup for the Most Promising pupil in Standard 6:
Robyn Sindelman.

The Sindelman Cup for the Most Promising pupil in Standard 7:
Gary Papadopoulos.

The H. Kroes Trophy for the most improved Immigrant in an Official Language – presented by the Rebecca Ostrowiak School of Reading:
Angela Barnett.

The Israel Fox Trophy for Perseverance:
Susan Harris.

The Ramsay Cup for the Best Girl in Physical Training:
Janice Palmer.

The Felicia Grewar Cup for the Best Boy in Physical Training:
Jose Lage.

The Timothy Rose Memorial Cup for the Most Promising pupil in English in Standard 8:
George Wrigley.

The English Cup:
Wendy Erwin.

The Afrikaans Cup:
Karen Norman.

The French Cup:
Gita Greenblatt.

The Wylie Mathematics Cup:
Janice Levy.

The Phillips Cup for Geography:
Michelle Milne.

The Latin Cup:
Sally Hollingworth.

The Tomes Biology Cup:
Wendy Erwin.

The Housecraft Cup:
Charlotte Bronkhorst.

The Industrial Arts Cup:
Antonio Perreira.

The Ross Cup for History:
Shirley Anthony.

The Valerie Pascoe Cup for Accountancy:
Janice Levy.

The Commercial Cup:
Carolyn Palmer.
(Posthumous Award)

The Harold Cohen Floating Trophy for the most outstanding Mathematics Student in the School:
Clive Sindelman.

The William Main Memorail Cup for Mathematics and Science:
Girl : Karen Vermeulen.
Boy: Basil Costas.

The Old Mutual Cup for the most Promising pupil in Standard 9:
Clive Sindelman.

The Senior Efficiency Cup for the Highest Aggregate in Standard 10:
Janice Levy.
Wendy Erwin.

The Junior Efficiency Cup for the Highest Aggregate in Standard 8:
Daphne Scott.

The Day Cup for Prose Writing (Presented by F. Addison):
Willebrordus Schoonakker.

The Day Cup for Original Poetry:
Megan Wellbeloved.

The Netherlands Bank Award for Faithful and Efficient Service in the Library:
André Raath.

The Old Germistonian Cup for the Best All-Rounder of the Year:
Girl : Janice Levy.
Boy : David Kimber.

Dux Scholae Award for the Best Matriculant of 1974: (shared)
Graeme Topham.
Colin Metz.

Head Prefects Award:
Head Girl : Shirley Anthony.
Head Boy : Hubert Friedl.

The House Work Cup for the Best Scholastic Achievement:
Mercury House.

Captains:
Marina Gruneberg.
Hubert Friedl.

The House Sports Cup:
Neptune House.

Captains:
Janice Levy
Damon Rahme.

Junior Sportsman of the Year:
Spyrion Drakoulas.

Junior Sportswoman of the Year:
Monica van der Vyver.

Senior Sportsman of the Year: (shared)
John Kruger.
Brian Boyack.

Senior Sportswoman of the Year: (shared)
Marina Gruneberg.
Janice Levy.

The Cup for the Best All-Round House of the Year:
Mercury House.



MATRIC BOYS

Back row: R. Frehr, M. Shayler, K. Radford, P. Elvin, D. Stajdhar, L. Erasmus, J. Laing, T. Pheiffer, A. Van Greunen, D. Davis, M. Gouveia, M. Parker.

5th row: P. Retsos, B. Elgar, K. Harrison, D. Saffer, D. Kimber, I. Curry, G. Herselman, P. Franzen, E. Hope, S. Palmer, F. Casanova, A. Del Hoyo.

4th row: T. Jankovsky, T. Renault, N. Fishwick, G. Burger, P. Veglia, M. Rudman, D. De Wet, J. Dott, G. Hobson, P. Steinhobel, S. Kap, P. Moggian, D. Berkeljon.

3rd row: D. Bell, A. Krut, D. Vietti, J. Oosthuizen, J. Fereira, A. Pereira, C. Rohlandt, J. Kruger, M. McCann, D. Allman, M. Fernandez, B. Costas, Mr J. Kap.

2nd row: R. Hicks, T. Pepper, B. Boyack, R. Montgomery, Mr H. Van Eeden, Mrs S. Le Roux, H. Friedl, Miss S. Meyer, Mr G. Matthee, B. Schoonakker, M. Shaw-Taylor, J. Philips, A. Raath, K. Manolitsis.

Front: D. Frerichs, A. Hamilton, D. Campetti, I. Galloway, J. Van Blerk, D. Rahme, J. Marsh, C. Leach, T. Curry, K. Cox.



MATRIC GIRLS

Back row: G. Komjathy, J. Hudson, G. Harris, J. Heller, B. Cavanagh, D. Patrick, J. Currie, I. Henning, V. Harding, L. v.d. Walt, L. Glaeser, J. Brammald, V. Marinus.

5th row: J. Surmon, G. Hutchinson, B. Ogle, L. Whittaker, A. Harvey, R. Futter, S. Colley, L. Jodaiken, M. Milne, Y. Mooney, Y. Allen, L. Louw, J. Hands, C. Fraser.

4th row: S. Fergusson, J. Hopley, P. Pickavance, S. Peverett, D. Miller, M. Van Wyk, B. Harris, C. Withers, N. Jordan, L. Janssen, G. Mitchell, V. Papadopoulos, C. Engela, M. Politides, S. Richardson.

3rd row: L. Coleman, D. Lottering, A. Becker, S. Robinson, P. Payne, V. Middleton, B. Adams, G. Abkin, J. Mizrachy, B. Shrimpton, A. Herschel, J. Kerr, S. Martinus, C. Williams, R. Gazzotti, L. Meyer, P. De Kock.

2nd row: M. Van 'yl, I. Prospero, J. Crutchley, W. Erwin, L. Van Niekerk, H. McRae, M. Gruneberg, E. Mulders, Miss S. Meyer, S. Anthony, Mrs S. Le Roux, J. Levy, C. Bronkhorst, C. Kidd, P. Thurley, L. Favini.

Front: C. Ackerman, C. Henning, M. Botha, C. Sam, K. Frame, S. Cloete, S. Hollingworth, K. Norman, K. Vermeulen, G. Greenblatt, D. Glass, S. Karro.

head prefects' report

SHIRLEY ANTHONY
HUBERT FRIEDL
(on behalf of the 1975 matriculants)

To promote an attitude of mind that produces worthwhile members of the community is the aim of every high school. Germiston High School has never been an exception to this rule.

This year INVOLVEMENT and CO-OPERATION have been the key words. Pupils have been encouraged to participate in extra-mural activities and to contribute to the development of the school. The enthusiasm with which this challenge has been met, is evident from the recent T.V. competition, and the very successful dance marathon which realised R1,800!

Parents too have shown their genuine interest, many of them working in the new canteen which was completed in March.

In both the sporting and cultural spheres, we have maintained a high standard. The discussion group has been restarted and the play festival continues to meet with widespread enthusiasm. The inclusion of an inter-house debating competition could perhaps be considered in the future.

The prefect body has functioned efficiently as a team, and has been ably assisted by both Mr Hall and Mr Gerardy.

In conclusion, we wish Mr Gouldie, our new principal, as prosperous and rewarding a stay at Germiston High, as has been our own.

Germiston is a great school. In order, however, to maintain and improve upon its present standards, it requires the continued support and involvement of all.

PREFECTS

Back row: A. Raath, D. Campetti, K. Cox, B. Boyack, B. Philips, D. Frerichs, T. Pepper, D. Allman.

Middle row: J. Marsh, S. Karro, G. Greenblatt, M. Gruneberg, K. Vermeulen, K. Norman, D. Glass, J. Currie.

Front row: L. Louw, J. Kruger (Vice-Head), H. Friedl (Headboy), S. Anthony (Head-Girl), J. Levy (Vice-Head), D. Rahme, C. Leach, B. Shrimpton.





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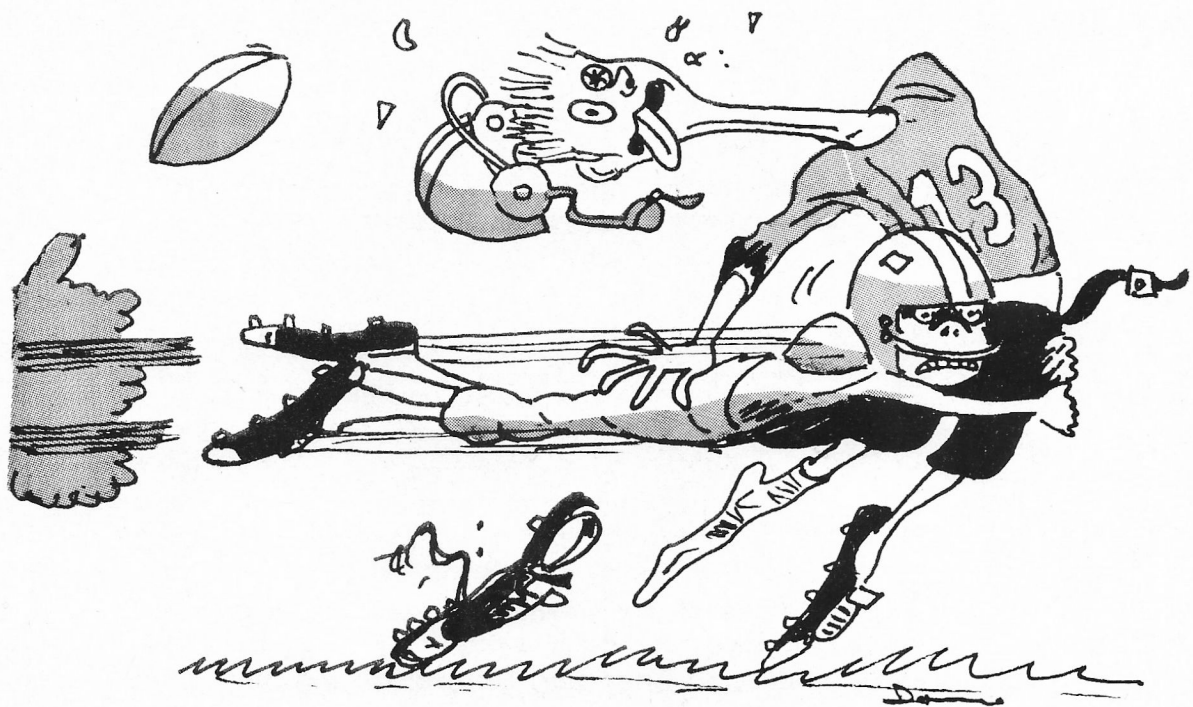
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SPORT 1975



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(IDEA: Mad Magazine DRAWN: Dario Campetti 10E)



ATHLETICS TEAM

Back row: B. Elgar, D. Saffer, G. Sloane, H. Jordaan, R. Addinall, M. Schmidt, F. Casanova, H. Salant, R. Holliday, J. Fehrsen, L. Küter, L. Paikin.

5th row: D. De Wet, M. Quirk, F. Matteucci, M. Perazzolo, K. Willson, L. Rogers, P. Dörnbrack, D. Demopoulos, G. Richards, K. Mansour, Moggian, H. Friedl.

4th row: M. Fernandez, R. Montgomery, G. Reynolds, F. Smith, J. Gomes, M. Shepherd, R. Rahme, D. Harris, E. v.d. Westhuisen, C. Leach, J. Philips, J. van Blerk.

3rd row: Mr D. Peckitt, Mitchell, C. Anderson, J. Persel, Cook, E. Hobden, C. Krull, C. Cook, J. Smith, Jones, Swann, Mr O. Matthews, Mr B. Gerardy.

2nd row: K. Norman, J. Levy, J. Borton, C. Kidd, V. Harding, C. Simon, M. Gruneberg (Capt), D. Rahme (Capt.), D. Scott, R. Pratt, L. Isgar, D. Glass.

Front: R. Zulli, S. Segal, L. v.d. Walt, S. Karro.

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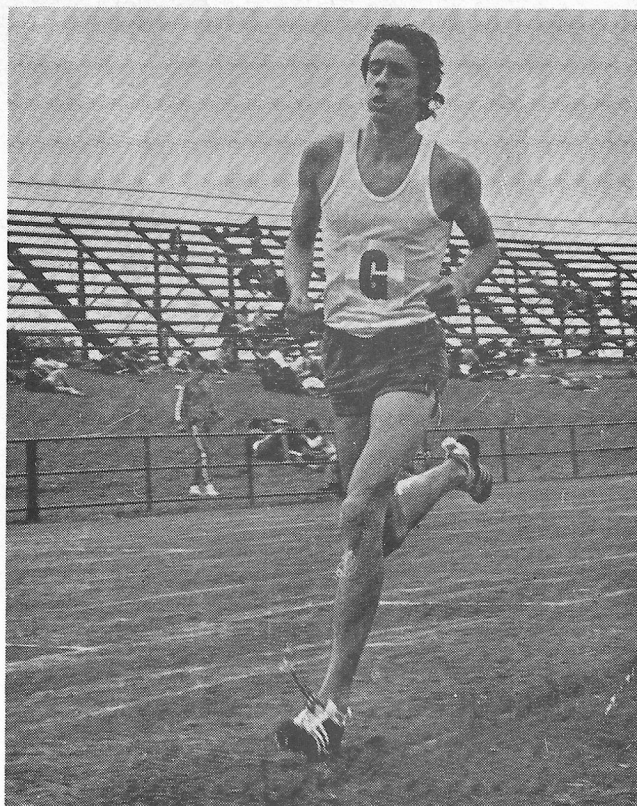
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Rockley Montgomery

Full colours were awarded to:

D. Rahme, B. Phillips, R. Montgomery, R. Holliday, L. Paiken, F. Matteuci, M. Gruneberg and D. Scott.

Scrolls were awarded to:

M. Parazallo, R. Rahme, J. van Blerk, S. Varkevisser, M. Schmidt, M. Fernandes, C. Cornelius, D. Harris, F. Smith, M. Shepherd, M. Reynolds, L. Kuter, S. Draculus, E. Hopton, M. Cooke, L. Jones, J. Swan, R. Pratt, D. Milne, S. Norris, A. Strydom, V. Harding and K. Norman.

The athletics season started with the inter-house athletics which was a great success. Later we were invited to run against Dawnview, Sir Pierre van Ryneveld and Boksburg. At this meeting Germiston came second to Boksburg after a close match in the relays. Our next meeting we competed against Edenvale, Dawnview and Florida Park, where Germiston had an outstanding victory over all the schools. The following week we competed against Hill High where once against Germiston's athletes ran tremendous races.

Eventually the great day dawned for the East Rand Inter-High athletics meeting. Backed by the school's great spirit the athletics arrived with much enthusiasm. After an exciting day Germiston finished overall in third position. The boys almost won the boys' trophy but were narrowly beaten by Boksburg in the last events. First places went to R. Holliday, R. Montgomery, M. Cooke, A. Strydom, D. Scott, B. Phillips, M. Perazzello, R. Rahme and M. Gruneberg.

On behalf of the athletics team, we would like to thank Mr Gerardy, Mr Matthews and Mr D. Peckett for devoting their valuable time to coaching the athletes.

Germiston can look forward to a successful season next year due to budding talent and a great spirit which was present this year.

CAPTAINS: M. GRUNEBURG
D. RAHME

athletics 1975

A day at the Sports

As the winning house triumphantly ran to the tent to collect the award. I thought back on the enthralling day that we had all experienced: the build up of tension as each race began, growing to a fever pitch of excitement.

At about ten a.m. almost a thousand people sat waiting in their houses, each person identifying with either red, blue, yellow or green. The cheer-leaders created quite an uproar of gaiety as they clowned their way to various houses. When all the spectators were seated, the band began a procession around the track, the runners of each house following with their banner standing out strong and proud. There was a deafening sound of cheering from each house as they saw their banner.

The march being over, the athletes were called up to take their positions for the first race. As they did so, I felt my pulse beat at a quicker pace. It was as if I were one of the athletes, feeling excited, yet tense.

The race that stands out most in my memory was the relay. It was the under 16 girls' race, there being stiff competition between the four houses. Jupiter was placed in the inner track, Saturn, Neptune and Mercury in the next three. The race began with Jupiter in the lead, but in the second round, the competitor dropped behind, and Saturn and Mercury ran tie until the third and fourth rounds when Jupiter and Neptune were depended upon to win the race. Neptune came in ten seconds before an exhausted Jupiter runner. It was an unbelievable race!

By the end of this amazing day, everyone was absolutely dead-beat, but I'm sure it was an incredible experience for everyone who was there!

DIANNE BRAND - 87

First Eleven Cricket

Full colours were awarded to:
J. Phillips, J. Marsh, B. Boyack.

First team scrolls were awarded to:
J. Kruger, D. Kimber, D. Allman, L. Paiken, O. Ludwig and C. Pavlich.

With the advent of the three term year, the cricketers looked forward to a longer season than those of previous years. However, this was not to be: the above average rainfall led to most of the fixtures being cancelled.

The first match was a Wednesday afternoon fixture against Dawnview. Germiston had little difficulty in winning the match in which Boyack and Phillips performed well with both ball and bat.

The second match was against the Isaacs Eleven. Unfortunately the boys were overwhelmed by the batting and bowling of Lee Barnard. In retrospect it would seem that the poor showing of Germiston in the third match against C.B.C. was largely an after-effect of the Isaacs game. The boys played badly in every department of the game and were beaten by 70 runs.

Then the rain came and several fixtures had to be cancelled. During this time a great deal of practising was done in the nets and a revitalised Germiston side took the field against St. Martins. The outfield was waterlogged but the pitch was reasonable. Our seamers, particularly Christophers and Ludwig, exploited the damp conditions and took most of the wickets while Marsh and Boyack were the best batsmen. Germiston won this match comfortably and went into the last inter-school match, against Edenvale, brimful with confidence. Here the boys played to their full potential and although it is difficult to single out individual performances, the effort of Allman and Phillips scoring 80 in 40 minutes against the Edenvale attack was probably the highlight of the match, which Germiston won easily.

At the end of the season a "Runs for Funds" match was played against an Invitation side. The boys dominated the match through the pace bowling of Boyack and Phillips and a fine half-century by Marsh. These three, Brian Boyack, John Marsh and Buster Phillips, were awarded Full Colours for their consistently good performances throughout the season.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr McKelvin for all the time he gave to our cricket; to Mr Lunderstedt for fighting against odds to keep our fields in their excellent condition; to Mrs Cox and the girls for the fine lunches they served, and finally to C. Ryan and C. Leach for sacrificing their time to score for us.

BUSTER PHILLIPS – (CAPTAIN)

Second Team Cricket Report

The Second Cricket Team had an excellent season. We did not lose a match, because everyone tried his best. G. Pavlich and F. Matteucci came to the fore as batsmen. In the bowling, J. O'Neill, M. Bloom, B. Addinal and C. Sindelman did well. Our fielding was of a generally high standard.

A big thank you to Mr Matthee, our coach, and to the ladies' tea committee for excellent catering.

C. SINDELMAN – (CAPTAIN)

Cricket Under 14

During the first term the under 14 cricket side enjoyed a very successful season. They were unbeaten, their hardest match being the match against the seconds which (technically) was drawn. The fielding of the side was generally good, with only a few bad catching lapses. The bowling standard was good with Varkevisser taking the most wickets. Janos, Swift, Harris, O'Neill and Paschalides also took wickets. The batting standard was superb, with excellent partnerships between Harris and Montgomery and Harris and Varkevisser, the highlight being the stand of 126 against St. Benedict's between Harris and Varkevisser. (Harris 71 not out, Varkevisser 53).

We would like to thank parents and staff for support, Mr Herselman for being an enthusiastic coach and all the ladies who provided tea for all our matches.

DAVID HARRIS



CRICKET FIRST XI

Standing: Mr R. McKelvin, G. Christophers, D. Kimber, G. Pavlich, J. O'Neill, O. Ludwig.
Seated: J. Kruger, J. Philips, B. Boyack, J. Marsh, L. Paiken, D. Allman.



CRICKET SECOND XI

Standing: Mr G. Matthee, M. Edwards, L. Herselman, F. Matteucci, A. Anagnostu, N. Metz.
Seated: G. Sloane, R. Addinall, M. Bloom, C. Sindelman, G. Pavlich, M. Irwing.

Rowing Report 1974 – 1975 Season

The following rowers were awarded full colours:

FIRST CREW

Norbert Frerichs (cox)
Terrence Pepper
Dieter Frerichs
Reinhart Wallaburger
Geoffery Pratt
and Dario Campetti, who
rowed in the first eight.

SECOND CREW

Stewart Gallie (cox)
Kevin Cox
Mark Shaw-Taylor
Quintin Fuller
Andrew Hamilton

This year our first and second fours were chosen late but wisely as can be seen from the results.

	1st	2nd
Florida 400m	3rd	1st
General Smuts 1000m	1st	1st
Kroonstad 1000m	2nd	1st
Eligwa Club 3½ miles	3rd	3rd
V.L.C. Sprint 500m	1st	1st
Florida 400m	4th	1st
Selbourne 1500m	4th	3rd
G.H.S. Regatta 1500m	1st	3rd
T.V.L. Champs. 700m	1st	3rd
S.A. Champs. 1500m	1st	1st

At the South African Championships Germiston narrowly missed first place but was forced to accept third with eight points. The winning school had 14 points. This achievement for the first and second winning their events was only accomplished through sheer determination and willingness. Willingness meant being on the lake at 5.30 a.m. five times a week, training with a professional, Mr Peter Maas.

Congratulations to the first fours for being awarded the South African Schools' Rowing Tie for being the best junior first in South Africa. From Germiston High, Dieter Frerichs was chosen for the Transvaal eight to row against Border and Rhodesia. The team won this race by three boat lengths.

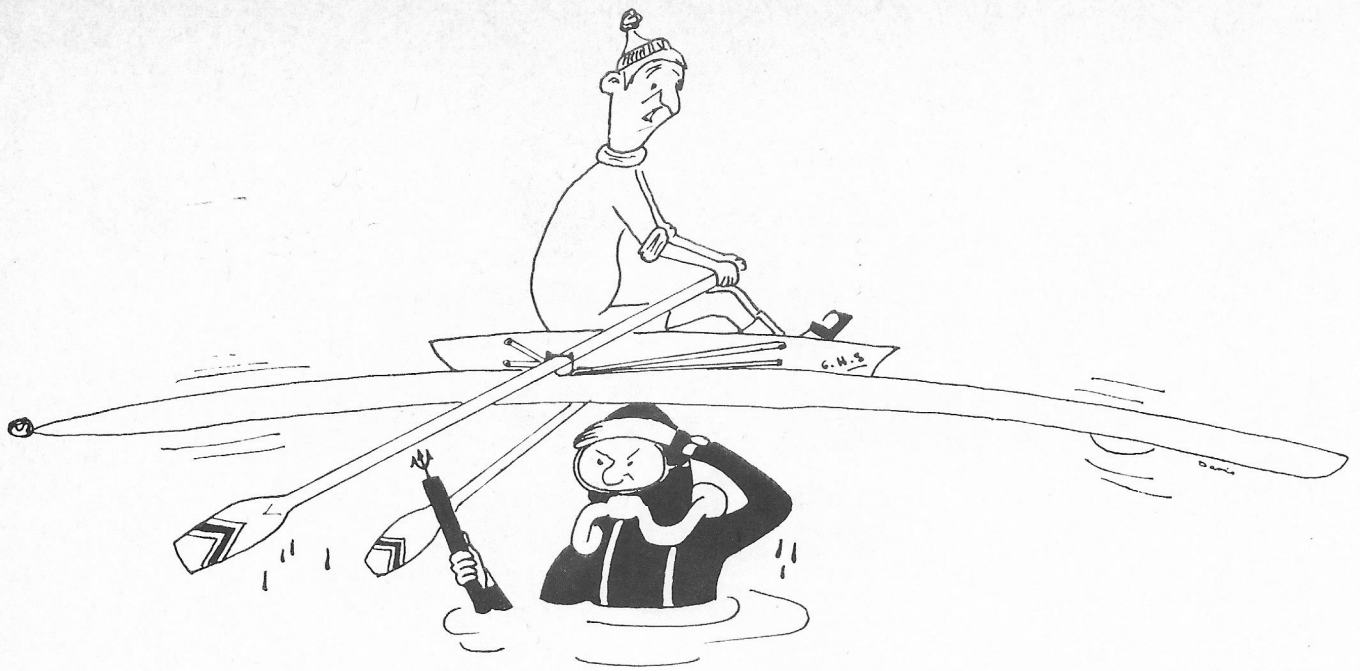
At the beginning of the season we had no good scullers but fortunately towards the end of the season we had a promising U15 sculler, Norbert Frerichs, whom we wish the best of luck for the future, also our U16 sculler Wayne Petzer and open sculler were improving towards the end of the season.

A word of thanks to Mr P. Maas and Mr K. Mayberry for their coaching and the spare time they have devoted to us this season; to our rowing masters, Mr D. Harrison and Mr J. Chandler, to our Headmistress Miss Travers, and not forgetting Mr Bob Saw for his support and super encouragement.

Finally a special word of thanks to the supporters' committee for their excellent support and endless efforts to raise funds for the rowing section. Without their help we would not be this far. Thank you.

On behalf of the captains, we would like to wish the future oarsmen of Germiston High School the best of luck in their schoolboy rowing days.

DIETER FRERICHS – CAPTAIN
TERRENCE PEPPER and KEVIN COX – VICE-CAPTAINS



DRAWN BY: DARIO CAMPETTI – 10E



ROWING

Standing: A. Hamilton, M. Shaw-Taylor, Mr D. Harrison, Mr R. Saw, Mr J. Chandler, D. Campetti.
Seated: N. Frerichs (Cox), T. Pepper, D. Frerichs, R. Wallaburger, G. Pratt, K. Cox, S. Gallie.

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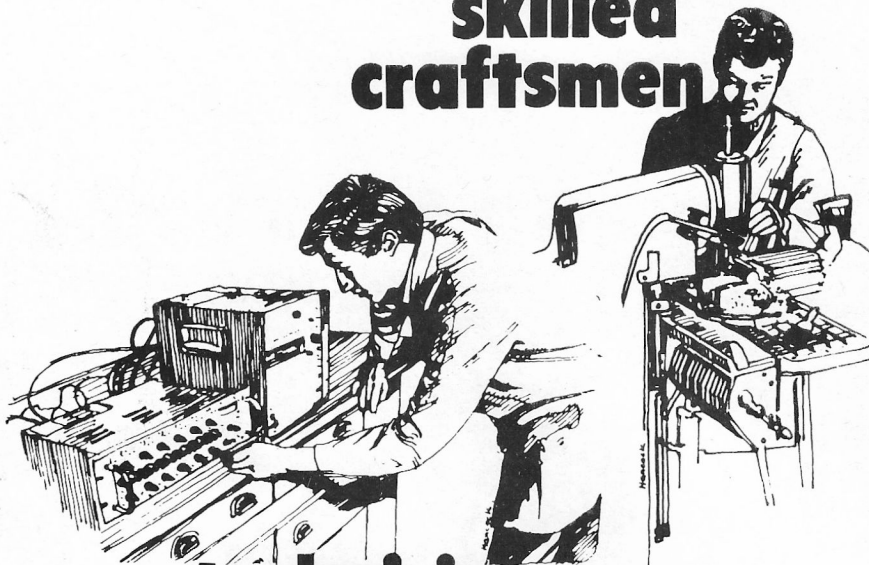
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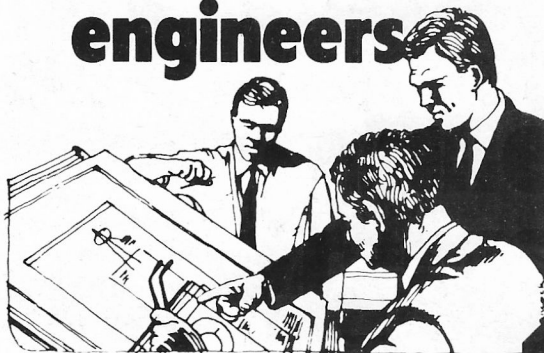
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A Team Scroll was awarded to:
A. van Blerk.

Before reporting on the most successful season of cross-country the school has experienced I would like, on behalf of my fellow athletes, to thank Mr D. Peckitt for devoting a great deal of time, and patience, in coaching us.

Thanks Don!

I quote from the 1974 cross-country report, by Mr R. Conacher. "Our cross-country athletes have done extremely well this season and have laid the foundation for a promising future." Just a year later the senior boys "walked" away with the East Rand League and Championship. The senior boys, because of injuries to their runners, finished second to Boksburg in the league, and fourth in the Championship. Cross-country is still something new for our girls (who were entered in the league in 1974). They finished near the bottom but are young and keen, and in a few years they too will be at the top.

If the above is not enough to call the 1975 season successful we entered our under-17 boys team in the Southern Transvaal Championships, where schools from the whole Transvaal participated, and again we won, beating the second school, Ben Viljoen, by 15 points. Congratulations to R. Montgomery and D. de Wet for finishing second and twelfth respectively.

Outstanding runners in the senior team were R. Montgomery (who has been selected to represent Southern Transvaal in the South African Championships). D. de Wet and J. da Silva. Well done, all.

Let's not go to sleep this summer, let's keep training and improve in our successes next season, and the next, and the next . . .

FABIO MATTEUCI



CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

Back row: J. Da Silva, W. Fehrsen, M. Rudman, M. Perazzolo, L. Kuter, R. Jones, A. Van Blerk, F. Matteucci, R. Holliday, D. De Wet.

3rd row: J. Le Roux, D. Harris, W. Baker, J. Gomes, F. Patrizi, J. Washer, J. Van Blerk, D. Harris, G. Howard.

2nd row: Mr D. Peckitt, D. Holliday, Y. Mascimento, W. Erwin, J. Crtuchley, L. Cronjé, A. Hutton, M. Fourie, C. Krüll, R. Pepper, Mr D. Harrison.

Front: H. Swann, M. Foreshaw, A. Bailey, D. Glass, R. Montgomery (Capt.), K. Norman (Capt.), J. Smith, C. Simon, D. Scott, M. Van Vuren.



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hockey

Girls' Hockey

Team Scrolls were awarded to:

S. Anthony, A. Becker, D. Glass, M. Gruneburg, S. Karro, C. Leach, J. Levy, V. Marinus, D. O'Neill and A. Taylor.

Our girls have played hockey at a great disadvantage this year as a result of having no school fields for practice purposes. We have had to make use of Delville which was not always convenient and by no means adequate for our purposes. The results of this year's league matches are as follows:- The A team played 9 matches, won one and were placed 8th. The B team were placed 4th out of 10 schools after winning 5 matches. The 3rd and 4th teams had a very successful season and we look forward to having many of these players in our 1st and 2nd teams next season.

The house hockey was won by Mercury after hard games against Jupiter and Neptune, who tied for 2nd place, with Saturn obtaining 4th place.

We had a most enjoyable tour in Natal and feel that we are now better able to cope against the strong competition of the excellent Natal players.

I would like to thank Mrs Brand for her guidance and coaching of the A and B teams and Mrs Knox, Mrs Reynecke and Miss Rabe for helping to coach the other teams.

We would like to thank those mothers who so willingly offered transport which was in great demand due to us having to play all our matches away.

We look forward to a happy season next year, hopefully on our own fields.

L.M. RILEY

Boys' Hockey

The standard of hockey played at the school has risen and this year we fielded four teams. Conduct both on and off the field by all the teams was good.

1st Team

For most of the players this was their second year in the 1st XI and they developed a good understanding and control of the game. Once again forwards with the ability to find the net were sadly lacking and too many games were lost by the odd goal. The defence learnt to cover defend, planned defensive short and long corners.

CHARACTERS

Christopher Leach

(Full Colours) Captained the side well. He has learnt to combine with the right wing, interchanging on occasions and running through on others.

Hubert Friedl

(Full Colours) Our first team goalie for the past four years will be sadly missed. He was selected for Southern Transvaal Schools and although he only played half the school matches the defence always knew their goalie wouldn't let them down.

Anthony Pheiffer

(Full Colours) Centre forward who scored some fine goals. He has a deceptive dribble and has learnt to lay off the ball when running into trouble. His best game was against Springs Boys High School.

David Kimber

(Full Colours) A safe full-back with a long reach who under pressure was at his best. Cleared the ball accurately and quickly developed the necessary stickwork to match any forward. His best game was against Potchefstroom Boys High School.

Kevin Cox

Quick off the mark at fullback with a safe clearing shot. Cover defended well and never gave up. Must not commit himself too soon.

Antonio Anagnostu

A solid centre half who has learnt to come up and attack and get back on defence when needed. Lays off the ball well and varies the attack.

Mark Shaw-Taylor

An attacking right half who tries all the time. Must not hang onto the ball too long and if beaten must cover defend.

John Marsh

Developed into a safe left half with an unorthodox reverse stop. Marked his right wing tightly and gave of his best at all times. Quick off the mark and cover defended well.

David Allman

A nippy right wing with a powerful cross who scored some fine goals. A real fighter who, when beaten, turned and gave chase. Always willing to go and fetch the ball and not just wait for it to come to him.

Antonio Da Silva

A player with an uncanny dribble. He has learnt as a left inner to be more defensive, blocking out the opposition right channel. He must develop a hard shot when in the circle.

Terence Pepper

The utility player in the side, playing left wing, left half, and back on occasions. At left wing he was at his best with a fine burst of speed and good stick work. A hard worker who never gave up.

Kyriacos Manolitsis:

Our reserve goalie who played some fine games. Does not get depressed if he lets in a goal, but is all the more determined not to let in another. Must learn to kick with both feet. Stays on his feet at all times. His best game was against Springs Boys High.

2nd XI

A cheerful team captained by Dario Campetti and Gary Herselman. They inspired the side to good results. Other members of the team were Neil Fishwick, Leon Erasmus, Gareth Charlton, Dieter Fredrichs, Derek Bell, Dirk Berkeljon, Arthur Janos, Reinhold Frehr, Basil Costas. A number of the players played for the 1st team on occasions and acquitted themselves well.

Hockey Report by C. Leach

This season we had a team similar to that of last year, and for this reason we did very well, losing 4 matches out of 17 played. In the Southern Transvaal Tournament we went through to the quarter finals, losing to St. Stithians (the winners of the tournament) by one goal to nil. A match was arranged against the old boys and a draw was the result of a fast and exciting game of hockey. Congratulation to H. Friedl on making the Southern Transvaal side which went to S.W.A.

Thanks to Mr Hall and Mr Matthee for their support and coaching.

I would like to thank Germiston Hockey Club for the use of their fields for the season and Mr Matthee for his encouragement and for coaching the junior teams.

Team scrolls were awarded to:
D. Allman, T. Anagnostu, K. Cox, T. da Silva, J. Marsh, T. Pepper, M. Shaw-Taylor and C. Manolitsis.

R.L. HALL



BOY'S FIRST HOCKEY TEAM

Standing: Mr R. Hall, T. Pepper, C. Manolitsis, H. Friedl, D. Kimber, K. Cox, Mr G. Matthee.

Seated: M. Shaw-Taylor, A. Anagnostu, T. Pheiffer, C. Leach, J. Marsh, D. Allman.



BOYS' SECOND HOCKEY TEAM

Standing: Mr R. Hall, B. Costas, N. Fishwick, C. Manolitsis, L. Erasmus, G. Herselman, A. Janos, Mr G. Matthee.

Seated: D. Berkeljon, R. Hicks, D. Frerichs, D. Campetti, R. Frehr, G. Charlton.





GIRLS' FIRST TEAM HOCKEY

Standing: *D. O'Neill, A. Becker, C. Leach, A. Taylor, B. Cox, V. Marinus.*

Seated: *S. Anthony, D. Glass, M. Gruneberg, S. Karro, J. Levy, G. Greenblatt, Miss L. Riley.*



GIRLS' SECOND HOCKEY TEAM

Standing: *L. Watt, P. Thurley, K. Giles, R. Pappin, J. Pepper, M. Foreshaw.*

Seated: *S. Schelin, M. Fourie, J. Currie, C. Simon, G. Greenblatt, Miss L. Riley.*



rugby

First Team Rugby

1. vs De La Salle – Won
2. vs King David – Won
3. vs Sir John Adamson – Won
4. vs Springs Tek – Lost
5. vs Marist Linmeyer – Won
6. vs Germiston High Old Boys – Won
7. vs Northcliff – Lost
8. vs Pinetown Touring Team –
9. vs Forest – Drew
10. vs St. Matins – Won
11. vs Dawnview – Won
12. vs Hyde Park – Lost
13. vs Springs High – Lost
14. vs C.B.C. Boksborg – Lost
15. vs C.B.C. Boksborg – Lost
16. vs Queens – Lost

Full colours were awarded to B. George and J. Kruger. First team scrolls were awarded to B. Elgar, M. Fernandes, H. Friedl, E. Hope, R. Illett, O. Ludwig, J. O'Neill, L. Paiken, S. Palmer, P. Pavlich, G. Pratt, L. Rogers and I. Watt, K. Radford played regularly.

Four players were chosen to attend regional trials: C. Pavlich, J. O'Neill, B. George and L. Rodgers. Congratulations to B. George who was selected for the regional team, but due to a confusion of dates, did not go to the next trial. There is always next year!

The G.H.S. results: played 16, won 7, lost 8 and drew 1, do not constitute an accurate reflection of the team's performances, such as the match against the Queens, who had beaten most of the strong teams including Pinetown, was a narrow defeat for us at 16-15. Our own match against Pinetown was a good experience as we were shown running-rugby, Natal-style, and had no answer to their speed.

I should like to thank Mr Matthews, our coach. Next year I hope the side will bring him better results for his hard work. We appreciate the encouragement received from our principal, Mr Gouldie. A fantastic rugby camp taught the chaps to work together, sweat together and know each other better. I feel that we benefitted from this tremendously. Our appreciation also goes to the ladies who provided tea for the tired, sweaty players after the games.

Promising players for next year include: J. O'Neill, C. Pavlich, O. Ludwig, I. Watt, R. Illett, B. George, M. Irwing, C. Oakes, G. Elgar, L. Paiken, L. Rodgers, R. Holliday, G. Pratt, E. Horne, A. Thomson and M. Smidt.

As rugby captain I should like to thank the players in my team, for their strength of character, in never giving up when things weren't going well. To be a captain of Germiston High Fists is a great honour for any schoolboy.

Good luck for 1976!

J.KRUGER (*Captain*)

Under-15 Rugby

This has been the team's most successful season in that not only have all the rugby boys been co-operative but also that we have won most of our games. In 16 games, 12 were won, 3 lost and 1 drawn. This shows much enthusiasm and application as this season is the first to consist of so many games. The B team fell short of the A team by 6 games, winning 6, losing 3 and drawing 1. Their relative performances was constant. I would like to congratulate fellow captain S. Draculas who made a regular habit of breaking through opposing team players to score many magnificent tries, thus becoming top scorer. His help together with that of G. Ebston was much appreciated by myself. My sincere thanks goes to all the under-15 rugby boys whose co-operation and support was quite remarkable.

Last but not least I would like to thank our coach, Mr J. O'Kelly, for valuable time donated to us at practice and also constant inspiration and encouragement from the sidelines during the games played.

GEORGE PAVLICH – (*Captain*)

Under 14A Rugby Team 1975

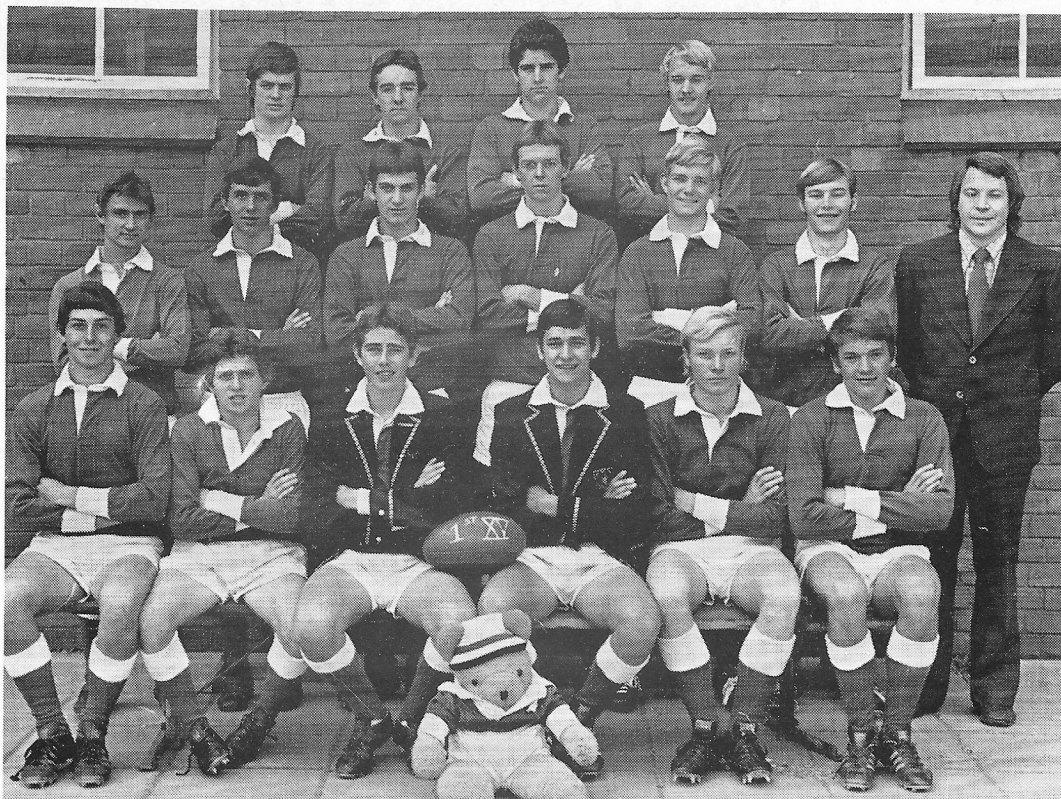
On behalf of Mr Van Eeden and I would like to congratulate the following boys:

T. Van Rieneveld (cap)

D. Montgomery (v.cap)

A. Clark, B. Dema, J. Ramos, K. O'Neil and P. Pascaledes for their efforts and standard of rugby. The 1975 rugby season was very pleasant indeed. Out of 16 matches we won 10, lost 4, and drew 2.

The top scorer was A. Clark, followed by T. Van Rieneveld. For this season's achievement we have to thank Mr Gerardy and especially Mr Dijkman and Mr Van Eeden who were the Under 14 A rugby team trainers.



FIRST RUGBY TEAM

Back row: B. Elgar, S. Palmer, H. Friedl, E. Hope.

Middle row: L. Rogers, M. Fernandez, J. O'Neill, I. Watt, O. Ludwig, G. Pratt, Mr O. Matthews.

Front row: A. Paiken, G. Elgar, J. Kruger, B. George, R. Illet, G. Pavlich.



2nd RUGBY TEAM

Back row: L. Herselman, G. Simpson, B. Schoonakker, P. Veglia, G. Wurtz.

Middle row: Mr O. Matthews, G. Christophers, E. Horne, M. Irwing, M. Kingsley.

Front row: H. Salant, G. O'Bryan, K. Goosen, G. Burger, C. Oakes.

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gymnastics

Girls' Gymnastics Report

1975 has been another successful and enthusiastic year for the Germiston High Gym Club.

During the first term a gym competition in Girls' Floor Exercises was held, where all the girls showed their true form and spirit. Those who did well were:

M. Mitakos, E. Fur, K. Wagener, S. Ryan, W. Payne, J. Palmer, J. Levy and S. Karro.

In the third term M. van der Vyver, S. Ryan, K. Wagner, J. Palmer and W. Payne entered the Southern Transvaal Gymnastics Championships. After a term of continuous and devoted practice, all did extremely well and the team took second place. W. Payne was chosen to represent Southern Transvaal in the Transvaal Competition.

The Beam section of the Inter-High League has just been completed and Germiston took the lead. There were six schools in the competition.

The school gymnastic championships took place at the school. This competition was a great success, Janice Palmer and Wendy Payne sharing the honours. Shaneen Ryan was placed third and received the cup for the most improved gymnast.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Sandra Karro, an extremely

capable and enthusiastic vice-captain, for her assistance. On behalf of all the gymnasts, I extend our sincere and warm appreciation to Miss O'Connell and Mr Gerardy for their valuable time and guidance which has made the club the success it is.

I have been honoured and feel privileged to have captained such a co-operative and enthusiastic team. Thank-you and the best of luck for next year.

JANICE LEVY – CAPTAIN

Boys' Gymnastics Report

1975 has been a very pleasing year from two aspects. Firstly, the large enthusiastic crowd which has attended the practices and secondly, the great improvement in standard. Many of the boys have attended the afternoon practices run by Miss O'Connell, Monday evening being the official practice for the boys. We have, however, been very fortunate in that enthusiastic "Old Boys" have offered their assistance and we are running classes on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

I would like to thank the captain, Dieter Frerichs, for all his enthusiasm and hard work during the year.

A very successful championship, attended by over 200 people, was held on the evening of the 28th of October when the following competed for the top honours: J. Lage, D. Frerichs, L. Brand, R. Westerman and A. Rahme. First place went to Jose Lage, runners-up being D. Frerichs and L. Brand.

In conclusion a big thank-you to everyone connected with Gym at Germiston High, and in particular to Miss O'Connell.

B.J. GERARDY



GYM CLUB

Back row: J. Salmon, R. Westerman, R. Frehr, L. Brand, D. Frerichs, Q. Fuller, J. Lage, A. Rahme, G. Richards, F. Gaddy.

3rd row: K. Pappin, Q. King, K. Irwing, G. Wrigley, J. Weideman, N. Frerichs, B. Castegnaro, A. Rahme.

2nd row: Miss L. O'Connell, S. Karro, M. Berkeljohn, J. Palmer, W. Payne, J. Swan, M. v.d. Vyver, B. Haddon, Mr B. Gerardy.

Front: C. Ryan, R. Pratt, L. Crawford, M. Mitakos, H. Viljoen, J. Goosen, R. Oosthuysen, S. Ryan K. Wagner, J. Levy.

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tennis

Tennis 1975

"Tennis is a game of love" as a recent hit parade number informs us. One can look at this statement from two different angles. Going by the response of the boys and girls at the school to the game, "love" would be a most suitable expression of feeling, then on the other hand after witnessing the endless hours of practice, and soothing the many traumatic dramas I think "Blood, sweat and tears" would appear apt. Overall it gave me great pleasure to have been linked with the tennis at Germiston High.

This year could also be called the year of the youngsters. Our budding stars have walked away with most of the honours.

League Results:

Due to unsatisfactory organisation this year, our boys' first team only played four matches. The girls, being more fortunate, competed in five. The junior teams had a better deal playing as many as eight matches.

Boys' First Team

B. Boyack (capt.), G. Nijland, D. Allman, O. Ludwig, and N. Metz shared the fourth berth.

This team did not win a match but acquitted themselves very well against all the other teams. Brian Boyack was unfortunately plagued with knee trouble for most of the season.

Boys' Second Team

C. Sindelman (capt.) N. Metz, O. Ludwig, C. Pavlich and F. Matteucci. Very pleasing results, losing only once.

Boys' Third and Fourth Teams

Many bright new stars were vying for the eight berths. Both these teams won their leagues. The thirds were captained by K. Harrison and the fourths by O. Shepherd and C. Rohlandt. Other players were M. Krut, J. Apter, G. Steffer, K. Maloon, D. Harris, M. McCann, M. Bloom, C. Pavlich.

Girls' First Team

L. van Niekerk (capt.) M. van der Vyver, S. Watt and the fourth berth shared by H. McRae and C. Sprong.

This team had fair results against strong opposition. Congratulations to Linda van Niekerk on being awarded Full tennis colours and for being the under-18 Germiston Districts Singles Champion.

Girls' Second Team

D. Lewis (capt.) C. Stone, B. Maloon and fourth place shared by C. Sprong and H. McRae.

This was a team well organised by Debbie Lewis and showing great spirit in winning their league.

Girls' Third and Fourth Teams

Both teams were runners up in their respective leagues. Team members were D. Parker, S. Roe, C. Krut, D. Rabe, J. Allman, B. Komjathy, B. Miller and J. Miller.

Tennis Championships

Boys' Singles:	G. Nijland beat B. Boyack 6-2; 6-0.
Girls' Singles:	M. van der Vyver beat C. Sprong 7-5; 6-1.
Boys' Doubles:	B. Boyack and D. Allman beat G. Nijland and N. Metz 6-2; 5-7; 6-3.
Girls' Doubles:	M. van der Vyver and S. Watt beat L. van Niekerk and H. McRae 6-2; 6-3.
Mixed Doubles:	G. Nijland and M. van der Vyver beat O. Ludwig and L. van Niekerk 6-2; 6-2.

The inter-house tennis was won by Neptune, followed by Saturn, Jupiter and then Mercury.

In conclusion a big thank you to everyone connected with the many aspects of tennis at Germiston High and in particular to Miss Curtin.

Full colours were awarded to:
Linda van Niekerk.

Team Scrolls were awarded to:
Heather McRae
Colleen Sprong
Monica v.d. Vyver
Sandra Watt
David Allman
Brian Boyack
Olivier Ludwig
Norman Metz
Gregory Nijland.

B.J. GERARDY - COACH



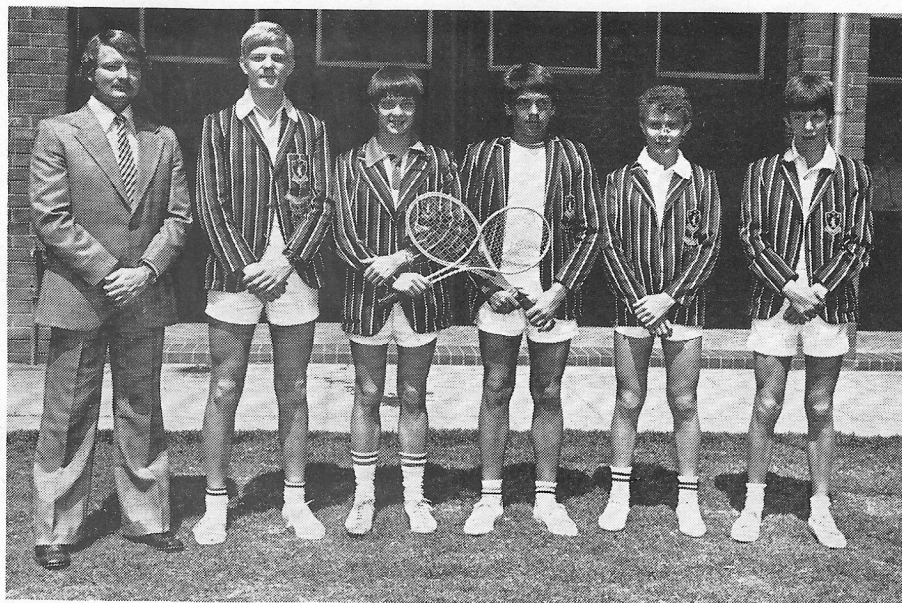
BOYS' FIRST TENNIS TEAM

(Left to right): *Mr B. Gerardy, N. Metz, O. Ludwig, B. Boyack, D. Allman, G. Nijland.*



BOYS' SECOND TENNIS TEAM

(Left to right): *Mr B. Gerardy, O. Ludwig, D. Allman, G. Pavlich, C. Sindelman, D. McRae.*





GIRLS' FIRST TENNIS TEAM

Standing: C. Sprong, M. v.d. Vyver, S. Watt.

Seated: Miss M. Curtin, H. McRae, L. Van Niekerk, Mr B. Gerardy.



GIRLS' SECOND TENNIS TEAM

Standing: C. Stone, C. Sprong, B. Maloon,

Seated: Miss M. Curtin, H. McRae, D. Lewis, Mr B. Gerardy.





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Middle row: S. De Jager, B. Shunn, J. Dixon, L. De Jager, G. Simpson, M. Margarites.

Front row: Mr G. Roets, T. Renault, D. Davies, J. Marsh, C. Buck, M. Watson, Mrs W. Scott.

Badminton

First team scrolls were awarded to the following players:

Cheryl Buck	John Marsh
Janet Dixon	Trevor Renault
Lucinda De Jager	Keith Harrison
Shirley De Jager	Gareth Charlton

Results of Badminton Championships

BOYS' SINGLES	Winner: J. Marsh Runner-up: T. Renault
GIRLS' SINGLES	Winner: J. Dixon Runner-up: L. De Jager
BOYS' DOUBLES	Winners: J. Marsh and T. Renault Runners-up: K. Harrison and G. Charlton
GIRLS' DOUBLES	Winners: C. Buck and J. Dixon Runners-up: L. De Jager and S. De Jager
MIXED DOUBLES	Winners: T. Renault and C. Buck Runners-up: K. Harrison and S. De Jager

Badminton 1975

When we consider that badminton is a relatively new sport to Germiston High, both teams have done very well indeed, that is: the first team and the newly developed second team.

The following matches have been played this year (up till October 1975) by the 1st team: against Edenvale, won by 11 games to nil, and against Germiston Afrikaanse Hoërskool, won with a similar score. We have played the Elsburg Club twice, with the first score being a close 6-5 in favour of Elsburg Club and the score of the return match being 7-4 in favour of our 1st team.

The 2nd team has not yet lost any of its matches; it drew against Alberton High's 1st team. Two matches played against the Presbeterian Church Club, were won with a score of 10-1 and 6-5 respectively.

Our special thanks to the parents who have helped with transport and refreshments and to Mr Roets for his help and management, also to the Traffic Department of Elsburg Municipality and Fields Aviation (Pty.) Ltd., for materials donated for the repainting of the courts and to all those who "volunteered?" to help.

On behalf of those leaving at the end of the year we would like to wish both teams lots of luck for the future.

CAPTAIN (D. DAVIS)





Back row: H. Ruckert, N. Eager, D. Minter, A. Van Straaten.
Front row: S. Norris, V. Harding, S. Segal.

netball

Netball Report

This netball season has been the most successful one we have had in our school for the past three years. There was tremendous enthusiasm and spirit amongst the girls throughout the entire season and due to this, we achieved great success at the Tournament, in the Trials and in the League.

The entire Open A team managed to get into the Semi-finals at the Eastern Transvaal Trials, six into the Finals and five into the Eastern Transvaal teams. All the netball girls would like to heartily congratulate Dorain Minter for the honour of being chosen for the A Team.

The Open A Team obtained Second Place in the League and at the Tournament were narrowly beaten by Boksburg High. The Open A Team all obtained full colours for netball this season. Congratulations!

The Inter-house Netball went off superbly. The House with the best spirit – as in Athletics was Mercury. Neptune won the senior section followed by Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter respectively. The junior section was won by Mercury, followed by Saturn, Neptune and Jupiter respectively. Mercury won overall.

On behalf of all the netball girls we would like to thank Miss O'Connell in particular, and to Miss Edworthy, Miss Murray, Miss Owens and Miss Pick for their tremendous assistance throughout the entire season, without which we could not have continued Netball at Germiston High School. Best of luck to all Netball teams for next season.

Full colours were awarded to:
 Nadine Eager, Vivienne Harding, Doraine Minter, Heidi Ruckert, Simone Segal and Sharon Norris.

Team scroll award to:
 Alice van Straaten.

V. HARDING – (CAPTAIN)

squash

Squash Report

This season for the first time the 1st and 2nd squash sides participated in the Transvaal Schools squash league. Both teams did very well and the spirit amongst the sides was strong. The first team lost three matches and gained fourth place in the league out of ten schools participating, showing a high standard in squash at Germiston High School. Congratulations to Chris Leach on making the Transvaal Schools squash side which went to Salisbury and came third in the Interprovincial Tournament.

Our team was very fortunate in having coaching by Dave Quail, a Springbok, the squad being sponsored by Germiston city Squash Club, which also allowed us the use of its courts for matches and practices. Our thanks to Mr Herselman, squash master, who provided transport for matches and showed interest in our results.

The first side consisted of C. Leach, M. Shaw-Taylor, A. Janos and Ian Watt with H. Friedl helping out whenever necessary. The second team players were H. Friedl, P. Kimber, R. Hicks and E. Conradie.

C. LEACH & M. SHAW-TAYLOR

Boys

Full colours were awarded to:
 Christopher Leach (re-award).

Team scrolls to:
 Arthur Janos, Mark Shaw-Taylor and Ian Watt.

Girls

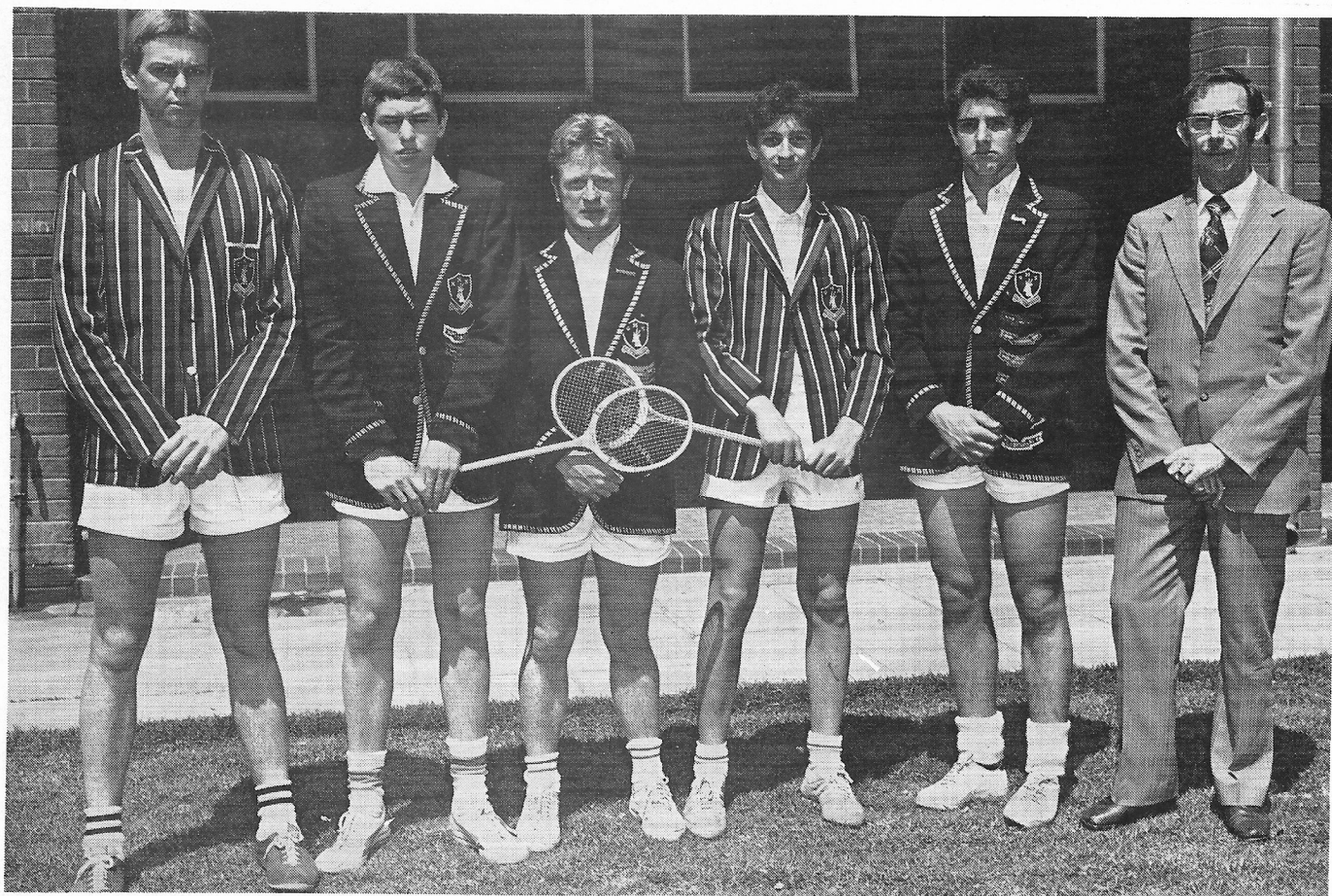
Full colours awarded to:
 Brenda Maloon.

Team scrolls to:
 Debbie Lewis
 Heidi Ruckert and
 Nadine Styger.



GIRLS' SQUASH TEAM

(Left to right): *L. Watt, N. Styger, B. Maloon, D. Lewis, B. Miller.*



BOYS' SQUASH TEAM

(Left to right): *I. Watt, M. Shaw-Taylor, C. Leach, A. Janos, H. Friedl, Mr C. Herselman.*

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swimming

Swimming Report

Full colours were awarded to:
T. Pepper, D. Glass, K. Cox.

Team Scrolls were awarded to:
G. O'Bryan, J. O'Neill, Gillespie, P. Thurley, J. Pepper, B. Cox
and F. Mansour.

The swimming team has tried very hard this year but did not win any of The Triangular League Galas. The team spirit was tremendous. A great interest was shown by the juniors at the practices, and there is much potential among them. I hope by the beginning of the new season strokes will be improved and intensive practice for juniors and seniors will be carried out.

At Ellis Park Gala where nine (c) league schools swam, Germiston High did extremely well in gaining fourth place. A number of individual swimmers gained first places:- Francis Mansour 50m Freestyle, Butterfly under 14 Gary O'Bryan 50m Butterfly Open (equalled record), Beverly Cox 50m Butterfly Open, Penny Thurley 50m Backstroke Open (record), Kevin Cox 100m Breaststroke Open, Diane Glass 4 x 50m Ind. Medley Open.

The following swimmers gained the honour of breaking the open Medley Relay Record:-

Diane Glass, Penny Thurley, Beverly Cox, Jenny Pepper, Kevin Cox, Terence Pepper, Gary O'Bryan and John O'Neil.

The annual Inter-House swimming gala was won by Neptune, with Mercury a close second. Only two individual records were broken by Francis Mansour and Diane Glass.

I would like to thank Mrs Brand, Mr Paine and Mr Gerardy for the interest they showed through the season.

In conclusion it was a pleasure to captain this enthusiastic well behaved team and I wish the team every success in gaining back your place in the (B) section.

DIANE GLASS



SWIMMING TEAM

Back row: C. Gillespie, E. Mulders, G. Hellines, O. Ludwig, D. Griffiths, J. Pepper, A. Lencioni, H. Salant.

4th row: A. Costas, V. Russell, P. Brand, L. Jones, A. Wyers, D. Rabe, J. Wurdeman, L. Gillespie, J. Allman.

3rd row: B. Leach, I. Reinhardt, S. Hall, L. Isgar, K. Hall, L. Jordan, E. Anagnostu, L. Watt, T. Ebner.

2nd row: C. Levin, D. Holliday, A. Braithwaite, G. O'Bryan, J. O'Neill, B. Du Toit, Mrs D. Payne, Miss Watkins, Mr J. Kap, Mr B. Gerardy.

Front row: R. Pepper, J. Weideman, G. De Monk, T. Pepper, K. Cox (Capt.), D. Glass (Capt.), P. Thurley, B. Cox, B. Shunn, B. Ackerman.



MERCURY

Mercury House Report

HOUSE MASTER – Mr Hall
HOUSE MISTRESS – Miss O'Connell.

Our thanks on behalf of Mercury go to Mr Hall, Miss O'Connell and the other teachers who devoted their spare time to helping the house. We should also like to congratulate the house on its fine spirit shown throughout the year.

Athletics

At the Inter-House athletics meeting, the support of the spectators and encouragement of the cheerleaders helped Mercury to gain third place. The athletes put up a fine performance and the first places went to R. Holliday, G. Harris, D. Glass, M. Fernandez, J. Hueur, H. Friedl and M. Gruneburg.

Swimming

The swimming team was organised by D. Glass and K. Harrison. After an exciting evening at the Inter-House Gala, Mercury was placed second. T. Ebner, K. Hall, L. Isgar, L. Gillespie, C. Gillespie, C. Kuel, B. Leach won their events, and D. Glass broke the free-style record.

Rugby

At rugby Mercury narrowly missed winning, and the players must be congratulated on their fine play. Special congratulations go to J. Kruger and B. George, who gained full colours for rugby.

Hockey

S. Karro and C. Leach ably captained the boys' and girls' hockey teams respectively. Both teams won their hockey matches despite tough competition from the other houses. G. Greenblatt and J. Kruger scored the winning goals for their respective teams.

Netball

The netball was organized by V. Harding, and fine play coupled with high spirits made Mercury the victor. Congratulations to V. Harding on receiving full colours for netball.

Tug-o'-war

Due to our senior heavyweight champions, Neptune senior girls could not match our strength in the final pull of the tug-of-war. Mercury won this section but gained an overall second position.

House Plays

Fine production by G. Greenblatt and G. Herselman, won the Plays Festival for Mercury. Congratulations to M. Krouse who received the award for the Best Actor.

Cross-Country

Once again Mercury won the cross-country, with R. Holliday winning the boys' event, and D. Glass the girls'.

In conclusion, we have found it a great privilege to captain Mercury House, and wish the House the best of luck in the years to come.

HOUSE CAPTAINS – M. Gruneberg
H. Friedl.



JUPITER

Jupiter House Report

HOUSE MASTERS – Mr Roets and Mr Mckelvin
HOUSE MISTRESS – Mrs Cauldwell.

Athletics

Jupiter started the year off extremely well, notching first position in the junior tabloid sports. This success, however, was not destined to last, for in the athletics we managed only fourth position, despite the efforts of S. Drakoulas and C. Cornelius who won their respective events.

Swimming

The first half of the swimming gala provided much excitement, for Jupiter was leading by a wide margin. Our relays, however, were disappointing and we eventually had to settle for third place. Congratulations go to Beverley and Kevin Cox, who were both awarded trophies.

In the inter-house cross-country our stars were J. Crutchley and A. Bailey, in the girls' section and Da Silva in the boys'. Once again Jupiter was placed third.

Rugby and Netball

Rugby and netball were proven to be our weak points, but we nevertheless participated enthusiastically.

Hockey

In both the girls' and boys' inter-house hockey we obtained second place. This was a real achievement on the part of the girls, as Jupiter was short of a player and had only three first team members. A word of congratulations goes to B. Cox, S. Aab, E. Aganostu, A. Becker and P. De Kock who played outstandingly and combined well as a team.

In conclusion we would like to thank all those who participated during the year, and wish Jupiter better luck for 1976.

HOUSE CAPTAINS – S. Anthony
D. Campetti



SATURN

Saturn House Report

HOUSE MASTER – Mr G. Burgess
HOUSE MISTRESS – Miss Zeiss.

Athletics

At the start of this year's athletic season Saturn was in high spirits. After the field events Saturn was lying close to Mercury who was in second position. As the morning progressed the competition was strong and Saturn House members were influenced by our cheerleaders in keeping the spirits high. Saturn gained the majority of first and second places and our strong relay teams gained us a well earned second place. Well done, athletes! Our sincere thanks to Mr O'Kelly and Mrs Fry in making this possible.

Swimming

It was found that there are not many waterbabies in Saturn, as we only managed fourth place in the Inter-House swimming gala.

Hockey and Tennis

We are unbeaten in the girls' hockey but the finals are yet to be played! In the House Netball we gained third place. The tennis, not yet played, seems quite promising as we have the full girls' first team in Saturn. We wish them luck.

House Plays

Saturn produced "Through a glass Darkly" for this year's plays' festival. The cast went on stage in fine spirits and sure of a good place and were disappointed when we gained fourth place but, however, we still won the Best Production Trophy. Well Done Bonny!

In conclusion we would like to thank Mr Herselman, Mr Kap and all the other teachers who helped us, and we would like to wish SATURN HOUSE the best of luck for 1976.

HOUSE CAPTAINS: P. Thurley
M. Shaw-Taylor



NEPTUNE

Neptune House Report

HOUSE MISTRESS – Miss Heyl
HOUSE MASTERS – Mr Matthee; Mr Matthews.

Athletics

For the 7th successive year, Neptune once again came out with top honours in both track and field events in the 1975 inter-house athletics meeting. This victory was achieved not only by the outstanding performances of our athletes, especially K. Norman, R. Pratt, C. Leach, D. Minter, L. Quinn and J. Levy, D. Rahme, B. Phillips, R. Montgomery, A. Pereira, M. Renault, R. Rahme, P. Mitchell and M. Perazzolo, but by the tremendous spirit and support of the entire Neptune House and Cheerleaders. Congratulations to Damon Rahme who won the Victor Ludorum, the long jump, discus and shot put trophies; Karin Norman who won the high jump and middle distance trophies; Janice Levy who was runner up to Victrix Ludorum; Marina Gruneberg of Mercury (Well done Marina!), Buster Phillips who won trophies for 100 m and 200 m sprints and Rockley Montgomery who won 1 500 m trophy. A special thanks to Mr Matthews and Mr. Matthee for their encouragement and indispensable guidance and training to the athletes.

Swimming

Once again Neptune lived up to its name of "King of the Sea" by winning the interhouse swimming gala. A word of thanks and congratulations to the swimmers who showed their true colours, and also to the high spirit and encouragement of the Neptune supporters. Special mention must be made of E. Mulders, J. and T. Pepper, G. O'Bryan, O. Ludwig, F. and B. Mansoor, B. Maloon, W. Payne, R. Rahme, J. Levy, T. Pheiffer who helped Neptune to her well-deserved victory.

Gymnastics

For the first time ever an interhouse girls' gym competition was held, where once again Neptune walked away with 1st Place. Congratulations to the following girls for winning 1st and 2nd places in their respective sections.

Cross Country

Although Neptune maintained its high spirits, we were pipped at the post by our rivals, Mercury. Congratulations to Mercury on their splendid performance. Neptune Athletes who excelled were R. Pratt, K. Norman, R. Montgomery, and A. Pereira.

Tug 'O War

Amidst the strain and laughter, the Neptune "Amazons" managed to attain an overall 1st position once again, due to the fine team spirit and effort contributed by the whole house.

Netball

With a senior team that included three Eastern Transvaal players – H. Rückert, D. Minter and S. Norris – Neptune had little chance of losing, and held up to her reputation, by an easy victory in the interhouse netball match. Thank you to H. Rückert for leading Neptune to the top. However, the juniors did not manage a similar victory, and overall Neptune managed 2nd place to Mercury.

Tennis

This has not yet been played, but with players like G. Nijland, N. Metz, O. Ludwig, H. McRae and B. Malloon, Neptune has an excellent chance of winning this year! Good Luck!

Cricket

This too, has not yet been played. However, we do have a good number of 1st team players (including Phillips, Palmer, Paikin, Ludwig, Metz and Pavlich), who should lead Neptune to the top. Good Luck boys!

Rugby

Both the senior and junior boys won their respective sections, with the result that Neptune gained an overall 1st place.

Hockey

Here our boys gained 3rd place, while the girls did well in trying for 2nd place with Jupiter.

Plays Festival

Neptune's splendid production of "April Dawn" gained a 3rd place, being beaten by Mercury and Jupiter respectively. A BIG thank you to our producers: Jill Mizrachy and Karin Norman for giving up their time and patience to produce an outstanding performance. Congratulations to Karin Norman and Damon Rahme for being highly commended, and a special congratulations to Jill Mizrachy, for her extremely well deserved achievement as Best Actress. We wish her the best of luck in her further studies in Drama next year — Good Luck Jill!

In conclusion, we, as deeply honoured house captains of the very best house, extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr Matthee, Mr Matthews and Miss Heyl for guiding Neptune to all her well deserved victories this year, and also to the whole of Neptune for their support and high spirit throughout the year — keep this up, "Neppy" and you can't but help to come out on top again next year; THANK YOU AND THE VERY BEST OF LUCK — We're holding thumbs!

HOUSE CAPTAINS — Janice Levy
Damon Rahme

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Three Wishes

"If you were granted three wishes, what would you wish for?" This question often appears in fairy tales, bedtime stories and daydreams. To little children it is a way of escaping reality – to adults, well, a "matured" escaping of reality, instead of wishing for a fairy, we perhaps wish for a high-powered government official, granting us a freedom to *do* as we "wish".

"I would like to see an understanding between the nations of the world", is one popular request. The one who expresses such a wish usually wants to show his "good" character and "thoughtfulness" to his fellow man. It is however the realist (who is honest) who would wish the "unspeakable" of wishing for himself, but after all the fairy is not asking the world what it wants, she is asking YOU what YOU want. On this note a wish to reveal my desires.

I wish that I could pass my matric (six distinctions will do), so that my future will be assured. I'll be able to lead the rat-race in search of More and Better, become rich and waste and consume. My factory will produce genuine artificial non-recyclable consumer products and I will be well off. The Schoonakker Empire of Manufacture will grow and grow, until at last I've established a monopoly and will have control over the finances and salaries. "Dear Fairy, I was just kidding in that last wish, all I want is a good matric."

I wish that I may be granted an eternal life, blessed with happiness, note, and eternal youth (you won't catch me out!) so that I may see what happens and what journeys are taken during the course of human existence. Because dying is like walking out of a movie, before it has finished – you don't know where it will all end, and you will want to see what goes on to make a conclusion.

I wish to become a super-brain, blessed with an infinite I.Q. so that I may understand the hidden facts that make up our existence. Consider a dog or a cat, less intelligent than us; it does not appreciate the beauty of certain surroundings and creations. Yet we can. Is it not correct to postulate from this then that the more intelligent you are, the more aware of the beauty around you you become?

Well, those are my three wishes: a good matric, eternal life and a high intelligence. Selfish wishes, yes, but then I was asked what I wanted. Let's hope that no one will ever ask and grant somebody three wishes.

B. SCHOONAKKER – 10F

"War is the only game at which both sides are losers"

The Middle – East, Vietnam, Ireland, Greece and Cyprus are countries which all have something in common. Something that is inevitably brought to one's attention. Newspaper headlines and radio broadcasts never fail to mention the problem of war, among their other news messages.

I have chosen the Middle – East as my topic, for I was fortunate enough to have been there during the period between the Six – Day war and the 1973 Yom Kippur war. My attention is immediately drawn to a day two years ago when I was sitting on the beach in Tel-Aviv. I was speaking to a group of students, aged between eighteen and twenty – two. Young healthy people . . . I asked them their opinion of the Middle -East war situation at the time. "No peace and no war for the next ten years" came the confident reply. Suddenly, I felt more secure in this small country surrounded by five Arab states. Little did I know that in less than two months' time there was to be a full-scale war, a war which had every possibility to determine the future of our world.

Then . . . the memories of a day that will live with me forever. A day spent in the Arab market! An Arab guide accompanied us and I have not as yet met such a wholesome person and I don't believe that I will be so fortunate as to meet another person of so high a calibre as this man. He had been born and bred in Israel

and told me that this was his country. His greatest wish was to see the Arabs and Israelis living in harmony. After the tour was completed we accompanied him home where we met his wife and two daughters. Both daughters were studying medicine at the University of Jerusalem and my greatest ambition in life is to grow up and possess only half the strength that these girls had attained mentally.

The 6th October 1973. A nightmare never to be forgotten! Neil, a friend of my brother was killed in the Sinai. Dudi, one of the boys I had met on the beach two months previously fell on the Jordanian border; young healthy people . . ., who had every desire to live, to see the world living in harmony. I received a letter from our guide whom I had worshipped so much. The content of his letter intensified my opinion of him. His nephew in Egypt had been killed . . .

This is only an example, though I have every reason to believe that it is applicable to all individuals irrespective of what race they belong to. Thus, "war is the only game at which both sides are losers": a sentence which I wish all people would constantly bear in mind.

LYNETTE JODAIKIN – 10F

Visit to the game park.

We rose early that morning to the call of the birds and the shrill cry of the Kingfisher as it glided over the still waters of the lake. Before breakfast, I strode out of the bungalow and ran lightly across the lawns, feeling the wet dew under my feet. The air was crisp on that early November morning and I took a sharp breath before continuing down to the waterhole. On my arrival I slid to a halt beside the bank and remained there for a minute, panting to regain my breath. On the further bank, animals were beginning to arrive and I squatted close by to inspect each one. I must have remained there for at least an hour, when it suddenly dawned on me that I would be late for breakfast. I gasped as I looked at my watch and realized that it had been over an hour that I had been idly watching the animals clustered at the far bank.

Getting to my feet I began to run hurriedly back the way I had come, visualising my mother seated at the breakfast table and hissing an angry word at my father about my always being late. I reached the dining-room out of breath, and looked around hurriedly for the familiar faces, and to see my mother look rather distastefully at my bare feet.

After breakfast we accompanied the ranger for a long walk along the dusty roads surrounded by towering trees and leafy ferns. Now and again a squirrel would scurry across our path and disappear behind a shaded bush. Wild dogs would dart in between the speckled shadows cast by a nearby tree as the sun filtered radiantly through it. A Landrover sped past us but stopped sharply a few yards in front of us. We all clambered on and then rode past numerous animals dozing along the roadside and enjoying the warm sun.

We spent an enjoyable afternoon, pausing now and then to take a few pictures and to rest our weary feet.

We returned to the bungalow before six and washed and dressed for dinner. Unaccompanied, I walked down to the lake to watch the sun as it went down in the western sky. A calm, serenity had settled over the lake like a mist, and the night sky cast shadows on to the still waters that now held a dark, uncanny look. A rustle in a nearby tree told me that the birds were now retiring for the night. I sighed contentedly and, turning my back on the beautiful scene, made my way up the winding road to dinner.

MARGARET RINDL 6B

"Our English Lingo".

To swallow the bait – something fishy is going on.

A spelling bee – I didn't know they could spell.

To feel blue – especially in the antarctic.

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But there are more interesting roads. Some of these we journey alone; on most of them we have one or more companions with us. Many of these roads seem to us unnecessary; others — that we see others travelling on — much to be desired.

The road we walk throughout our childhood, at first seems to be long, although our parents continually assure us that it is too short, and that with each generation it seems to grow still shorter. We maintain that one of the great days of our lives will be that day when are able to turn off our childhood road on to that of our elders. Schooldays seem so long; rules and regulations all so monotonous and unnecessary.

From childhood into early adulthood — Ah! things start to get exciting. Before, we have been happy to go around with a whole group of friends, all having fun together. Now, closer friendships are sought — between girl and girl, boy and boy and, before long, girl and boy. This road seems to be ideal, but soon, we come across many detours.

Someone whose friendship meant such a lot to us, suddenly finds another travelling companion, and, until we can also find someone else, we are pushed off the road, and forced to journey a little way, alone.

For some of us, the turn-off for the next road is not very far away — that road where we leave all schooldays, schoolfriends and schoolbooks behind us and venture into uncertain paths. Our legs are now a bit shaky, not from weariness, but from apprehension about what is going to happen in the future. Most of us will be choosing yet another road which leads off our next road — we will now have chosen a permanent companion to walk with us.

Luckily, our last road still seems very far away — that road of no return, when life ends, and whatever we expect through death, begins. We evade looking too far ahead for fear of what we might see.

But, for the present, we are happy just walking on our road, and we'll be ready to follow another when we reach the crossroads.

CAROLYN PALMER — 10C

The eagle

The eagle: it is an enormous black bird with razorsharp talons and a lethal metal like beak, one of the few inhabitants of the wild and free Rockies.

With eyes rotating warily, he towers above all and everyone. From there he can survey everything around him and not a thing can escape his needle-sharp eyes. No mouse can feed without being observed, no bird can build his nest in peace. Nothing is a secret from the "king of the mountains".

I call the eagle "king" because he is the only one who can reach even the highest peak and the deepest valley. He can fly up alongside a sheer cliff while his subjects have to remain in the dark valley below. If he requires food all he has to do is sit quietly on a high rock and sure enough, some stupid animal will think he has departed and come out of his burrow. This majesty is supplied with everything without having to work overtime for it.

As I sit in the top of this 60 foot pine, I watch this magnificent bird. This has been my study for two years and I have always been fascinated by this bird. Right now, he is gliding across the top of the pines, with wings almost stroking the tree-tops, searching. Searching for the innocent rabbit, which doesn't realize he is to be devoured. I knew what would happen next. Yes, there it was. This head had stopped swaying to and fro, and was fixed in one direction.

All movements of wings ceased and his eyes were glued to his supper. And suddenly . . . a black shot from the blue, innocent-looking skies and a split-second later, a piercing scream of death bit my ears.

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his supper to his invulnerable fortress, the razor — like talons piercing the warm body, blood dripping into the trees below. Once on the summit, the supper, a hare, was soon devoured and the eagle started cleaning the plumes around his leg. This was a peaceful scene. Who could guess that this beast had just killed?

I am always amazed how quickly this bird can change its appearance: one moment a bloody killer and in another moment, a harmless sparrow.

How many times have I dreamt and wished to be in this birds feathers?

King above all . . .

FREDY BOESE — 9D

Paris by night.

My thoughts are diverted to a day two years ago when my Mom and I were touring Paris. It was midsummer and at that time of the year sunset commences at almost 10 p.m. We had spent a hectic day touring the Louvre and the Palace of Versailles, and when we arrived back at our hotel at 5 p.m. we were exhausted. We flopped into bed immediately and when Mom reawoke at 8 p.m. that same evening she thought it was 8 a.m. the following morning. I'm not surprised that the woman downstairs thought I was insane and could not understand what I meant when I phoned to order breakfast! Still, we were up, failing to recognise our error! We left our hotel and took a cab to the Eiffel Tower. Once we were there, a violent thunderstorm began to approach. Nightfall was setting in (little did we know) and it really did seem like "Paris by Night". It was 12 p.m. at this stage and if not for the approaching storm we intended to have lunch at the Boulevard Restaurant. We took the last available cab back to the hotel and concluded that when it rains in Paris, shops close and people sleep. So we did the same!. We finally (believe it or not) did realise our error and I capture that occurrence as the most embarrassing situation of my life.

LYNETTE JODAIKIN — 10F

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One sunny afternoon, in mid-August, I received by special post, an invitation to a party. This party was to be held on the 1st October, at the Carlton Hotel. The prescribed dress was period style, in Black and White.

Arriving at the Hotel in my black and white doublets and tights, I was greeted by a confusion of sounds and lights. About five hundred guests, in varying styles of dress, were amassed in the central lobby of the hotel. The strains of a minuet floated out to me as I stood there momentarily stunned.

The hostess looked lovely in a court dress of solid seed pearls and mink; her white wig towered four feet above her head and a picture hat with nodding plumes four feet above that. Competition was at its height that night, each lady with a costume more garish than the next. One in particular had on a white velvet dress with so many stones embroidered on, it weighed more than she did. Her middle was tightly pinched, so that now and again she would give her girdle a surreptitious tug.

In contrast to the black and white costumes, the display of food provided a kaleidoscope of colour. Turkey done brown and covered with glacé, meat arranged to look like harlequin designs and foods too exotic to mention. Whole pigs lying like gems in their mouths. Two page boys, summoned the guests to dinner by trumpet call.

Champagne flowed like the Danube that night and the orchestra struck up some light music while the guests dined. The activity and laughter ceased in the early hours of the morning and the guests departed, satisfied, to ice packs and black coffee.

STEVEN KAP — 10F

Wilderness sunset

The sky reflected a golden-orange glow as we struggled up the mountain slope. We had been out hiking in the wilderness for eight gruelling hours: today had been our "test for survival" on the Wilderness Leadership Course. We had been ordered that morning to empty our water-bottles; it was the middle of winter

and the wilderness was experiencing a wide-spread drought. Now, at 6pm, we had almost reached our destination, but had one more stop on the way: the top of Mohobosheni Mountain. As tired and as breathless as I was when we reached this point, I shall never forget that magnificent picture: that golden ball of fire, suspended in the cloudless blue blanket, cast the most beautiful light over, what had been previously a dull, grey, dry wilderness, a colourful arrangement of flora — I cannot describe how tranquil and peaceful I felt up there, surrounded by MY wilderness. In that one hour that I was up there "alone", my problems dissolved, and life was so beautiful — it was though that great ball of fire had kindled a spark inside me: I saw life from such a completely different angle. That sunset was definitely the Best Hour of the Day! If everyone could be granted *that* hour of tranquillity, which I experienced out in the wilderness, perhaps only once in a while, I'm sure many people would find courage and peace of mind as I did.

JANICE LEVY — 10F

Morning tea

Heavy, coagulated glue stuck to my eyelids as I valiantly attempted to prop myself up on my pillow. Achieving this staggering feat, I began phase 2 of the operation of returning to the world of consciousness: the agonising task of prising the eyelids open without using artificial aids, such as fingers.

"Oh heck!" something muttered in the immediate vicinity and later, with vague surprise realized it was I. My creaking neck, twisted in the direction of the bedside table, allowed my mind to register a cup of steaming tea. While I was toying with the idea of abandoning the world once more, my mother entered the room with a swirl of energy and freshness (horrible).

"Your tea's getting cold." Delicately, gingerly, I protuded my tongue into the life-giving liquid.

DICK BERKELJON — 10F

Ma maison

J'habite une grande maison rouge, près de Johannesburg. J'ai deux chiens et un chat. Mon chien est noir et son nom est Vispo, et l'autre chien est rouge et son nom est Sherry. Mon chat est gris et son nom est Mitzi. Il est gros. Mes chiens habitent une niche confortable. Les chiens jouent dans le grand jardin. Ma mère a des fleurs rouges, jaunes et bleues.

Nous avons cinq poules dans une grande cage. Les poules sont des oiseaux stupides. Mon père donne de la nourriture aux poules.

FRANCO VACCARINO – 6E

Guitar of mine

My guitar is my friend, with whom I can converse peacefully, for she does not react or reject me as a human would were I to strum a human. I talk through her, to her when I am at rest, with peace of mind and each of her silken strings will restfully offer its most. Also on her I express enthusiasm, love, excitement, joy, depression through the notes and chords she so mechanically and constantly offers: or even hatred, though this feeling seldom breaks upon me, yet her tone gently soothes and will most likely turn me into a placid kitten-like form, composing my frame of mind into one of peace. Yet I wonder, guitar of mine. If you could walk or run, would you leave me for another?

GARY HERSELMAN – 10C

Buying a present

Browsing among the rows of books, examining trinkets and smelling the fragrance of numerous perfumes, I find millions of gifts I should like to buy for myself, but nothing for this person. Into the softwear department and then to an oriental shop. Still nothing suitable is found. In a cane shop I see a Peacock chair – very nice – I'd love one, but will she? Into a confectionery shop where I find imported chocolates exquisitely wrapped and presented. But she does not really like chocolates or sweets nor would she like the bedside lamp I saw in another shop. In a record bar I find a record I should love to buy if my budget stretched that far. But she would never appreciate it. She doesn't like anything I like. In a large department store I find a wooden spice rack with bottles of different types of herbs. This is not for herself but for her home. I'm sure she would appreciate it more than anything else. Although I cannot see me buying it for myself I buy it for my mother.

WENDY ERWIN – 10F

Miniature Grand Prix

Since the Kyalami Grand Prix is this Saturday, six of us decided to have a Scalextric Grand Prix. All week we had been preparing for the great event. We worked out three teams, two in each team, consisting of: Paul and Brian, Robert and Craig, and George and me. The races were to consist of forty laps. Each person would race 20 laps. Each team would race against every other team (it was a two lane track).

On Friday everybody practised and the best times were recorded. Then the great day arrived. Bob came along (uninvited) to count laps (the worst job we could find for him). Marshals were supposed to be at most of the corners but half the time they were asleep. This resulted in much shouting, for example: "Paul, wake up you twit! Now he is ahead of me!" Then there would be a hasty rush to put the car back on, in which time the other team would have gained another lap. This was a mild example. Our team had the best cars and the worst drivers. Paul's team had the best drivers and on the average very good cars. Robert's team had average drivers, but was always complaining about the malfunctioning of their car. In the end Paul's team won with ten and a half points, Robert's second with ten points and ours last with seven points (which I think was not fair). But we'll show them next time!

MICHAEL FENNEMA – 8F

Telling lies to the young.

I feel that one of the worst things for parents to do is tell lies to their children.

I feel that the child will feel hurt if he finds out he has been deceived and this could lead to family friction. It is my opinion that a relationship between parents and daughter and son should be an honest one. I feel that a lot should be told to the young concerning matters such as money, sport, education but I feel that parents should tell the truth. For example – a parent may try to inspire a child by telling him a pack of lies on how well he did in matric. In some cases the child will be inspired and do much better than his normal standard which is good but he would not feel happy when he found that his Dad had deceived him.

I realize that parents tell lies to their sons and daughters for reasons known best to themselves but I feel that although it may be best to in some respects to tell lies to the child it would not be an honest relationship. The child may find out and then think that his parents always tell lies and then he would begin to mistrust them and lose faith in them.

Many poor parents buy fancy clothes and spoil their child to give him the impression that they are comfortably placed financially. I do not think that this is right, for the child is bound to find out soon that his parents are poor and also it only confuses the child. For example the child may become a snob and later he will find that he is not in a position to be snobbish to his friends or neighbours. Also, the child begins to expect certain things and then finds that he cannot get what he would like.

I feel that no airs and graces should be put on by parents and I think that every parent-child relationship should be a friendly, honest, direct and open one.

BRIAN HATCHETT – 7I

Human voices

Now – lilting, light, soft and elegant – like the song of a nightingale. Then – dark, heavy, deep, bass, masculine – a bottomless pit echoing. They rise . . . reach a crescendo and drop, drop, drop like their love; doomed forever! Silence for a few moments (while they gather their scattered thoughts) – preparing for the next duel. They stare: eyes telling everything. The nightingale does not belong anymore: she wants freedom to fly away and seek the imaginary beauty the pit could not give her! The pit – getting blacker, darker – a sigh of depression escapes. He does not wish to lose her. She with the attractive but sad and drooping eyes, the voice . . . This is what he loves most about her – the way in which she spoke, the serious way in which she declared her love for him – it would last forever! It did not though – her voice has betrayed him . . . thinks, logically . . . he hates her! The pit voices his hate – he won't beg her – let her fly, he will search for another!

Human voices – doomed love – remind me of a never-ending fall into uncertainty!

L. GLAESER – 10F

My first impression of the sea

The sun had left the waters of the splendid east and was leaping up into the firmament. Standing on a soaked rock I watched the expanse of salt water that covers most of the world's surface and thought of the ancient Greek god, Poseidon, who would seize the trident in his hands and stir up the mighty seas.

At first sight of the sea I was stunned and left speechless by the mighty wonder of our earth. Its effects still bewilder me. Each small wave was mountainous to me, advancing with a majestic sweep and crashing upon the rock from above. I can still see how a seagull skimmed the waves, drenching the feathers of its wings with spray as it pursues the fish below. The scene greyed and night in her mystery descended, leaving me to reflect on my first impression of the sea.

NICKY DESTER – 9D

Teachers

Teachers: those unfortunate souls who have deigned to spend the rest of their days, through some terrible misunderstanding or sheer devotion, attempting to impart knowledge to children who don't want to know it anyway! Those are the people, yes mortal beings, we encounter almost everyday of our growing lives and take so for granted. They are often dismissed by the unknowing as "school marms", but a few realise their plight. Teachers are regarded by pupils as infallible and come under scrutiny at every lesson for the appearance of new shoes; for a teacher to doze in an exam room and for a teacher to express an oath due to an error in the register are matters of speculation, amusement and even surprise among pupils.

Most teachers strive to impress and guide, and to realise they are dealing with developing human minds, easily impressed. The stiff, stern countenance, an inaudibly grunted greeting in return and an impersonal attitude, with fear as a medium to obedience are still practised by some teachers. Self-discipline and most important, individuality are the ideals. Individuality in behaviour as opposed to the attitude of I'll-do-it-because-the-teacher-will-like-it and I'll-be-quiet-because-the-teacher-says-so.

The attitude of teachers, their guidance and principles are what mould our future.

GEORGE WRIGLEY - 8F

The best hour of the day

A friend and I often go running at five o'clock on Saturday morning. We run down to the marsh that stretches from Elspark to Leondale. I am always impressed as the sun rises in summer over the water and the wild ducks and bird life become active over the water. The air is always cool and a misty haze hangs over the marsh. Then we run past a farm as the cows are being milked. It is pleasant to listen to the strange sounds and the lowing of the cattle and to smell the smells usually associated with a farm. As you observe the freshness and beauty of the scene you forget that you're tired. A flock of geese flies over and settles on the placid, mirror-like water and guinea fowl run, startled, over a ploughed field. Later I begin to feel tired and exhausted from the run and begin to wonder if it really is the best hour of the day.

EUGENE HOPE - 10F

In the Wankie Game Reserve

Nothing but the occasional, distant roar of a lion disturbed the peace of our first night at Wankie Game Reserve in Rhodesia. Lulled by the noise of a swift, running stream that gurgled past my bedroom window, I soon fell asleep.

The next morning I awoke early and after dressing hurriedly, ran down past the swimming pool to the fence at the edge of the rest camp. From where I was standing on a little hill with the ground falling away sharply beneath me, I looked over the vast stretch of untamed beauty. Mountains, valleys and rivers, all lay before me. I felt more calm and serene than ever before.

A little while later I enjoyed a good breakfast and then together with my parents I went to the curio shop to buy something to take home to my friend, Vivienne. We could not go into the gamepark itself, however, as our car was out of order and being repaired.

After lunch the manager of the hotel in which we were staying kindly offered to lend us his car, so that we could go for a drive in the reserve. We were pleased and decided to choose the road well known for elephants. In this, however, we made a mistake, for soon we came upon a bull elephant lying comfortably in the middle of our path. We decided not to alarm him and waited patiently for him to move off. Indeed he did not seem alarmed and took very little notice of us at all. At last we gave up and reversed down the road. We heard him trumpeting loudly, as if to announce his triumph. We drove down another road and saw many different types of animals all of which were very interesting. As I lay in bed that night I thought of the interesting day I had.

JILL BORTON - 6B

Brave new world

I don't exactly know why I think sunrise is the best hour of the day. I'm never awake to appreciate it. On the occasions when I have seen sunrise, I've seen enough to justify my appraisal of the Dawn. When I used to train during winter, the Sun appeared as I reached the top of the hill: a red glowing soap bubble, as it floated off the horizon. With a cool breeze blowing up the valley, the freshness of the environment made me feel optimistic of the day ahead. The day was something to look forward to, just like that red sun, rising from the gloom. But, the red of the day never seemed to fulfil that promise of the Dawn - the sun grew fierce and hot and my available shade was occupied. People rushed by, too tired or bothered to relax and enjoy the day - rushing by to await the Promise of the New Dawn.

BONNY SCHOONAKKER - 10F

Walls

The puny, pale sunlight filters through the tiny square window in one of the walls, half obscured by the iron bars running vertically up its length.

How I dread this time of day, when the light fills the room and forces me to gaze hatefully at these four grey walls of my life. These walls which I have become accustomed to over the years, surround me and dictate the course of my life.

Seven years is a long time to endure, and merely thinking of the many years to come intensifies my hate for this place, these walls, this life.

As the sunlight fills the room I forcibly shut my eyes so as to drive away the dreadful sight of these walls. Once again the familiar memories race through my mind. I see flashbacks of it all, . . . the terror on her face, the blood pounding in my head. I see my hands, powerful, large, with fingers of steel as I encircle the thin, weak throat and squeeze . . . squeeze . . . squeeze . . .

I am sure I am going mad. Quickly I open my eyes to face the walls rather than those distant but yet so near memories. With tired, harsh eyes, I study these walls that are so strong, sturdy and

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straight. These walls are the barrier to my freedom, my new life. They prevent me from living again and retaining my sanity.

Now I wish I could destroy these walls as I destroyed her life, and mine. It happened in a flash, but the result-eternity. These walls are the result of one moment's madness.

When will it end? When will I be rid of these walls? How I long to feel the noose around my neck. For then I would know that these walls will no longer be a part of my existence.

KEITH HARRISON - 10D

Waking up

Slowly my mind fought its way through the waves of unconsciousness that were battering at me. Fiery red sunbeams burnt through my eyelids and impinged themselves on my brain.

"Good grief, it's morning."

Stark horror strikes me. My first thought this morning: that (barring a dream) I was actually awake. I immediately decided to stop fooling myself and went back to sleep. Only the ultimate liquid, that wonderful herb, tea, could return me to the land of the conscious.

The way that tea wakes me up works in three ways. First, my mother brings a fresh cup from the kitchen to my room. As always she overfills it, a good amount is splashed into the saucer, where it loses its heat and becomes very cold. The covers of my bed are then lifted and this spilt tea is applied to my face. "Yipes!" Then I look up and have a sip of tea, and immediately scald my tongue. This wakes me up rather suddenly and unpleasantly. Then, the worst over, I slowly sip the tea, and allow myself to become completely awake.

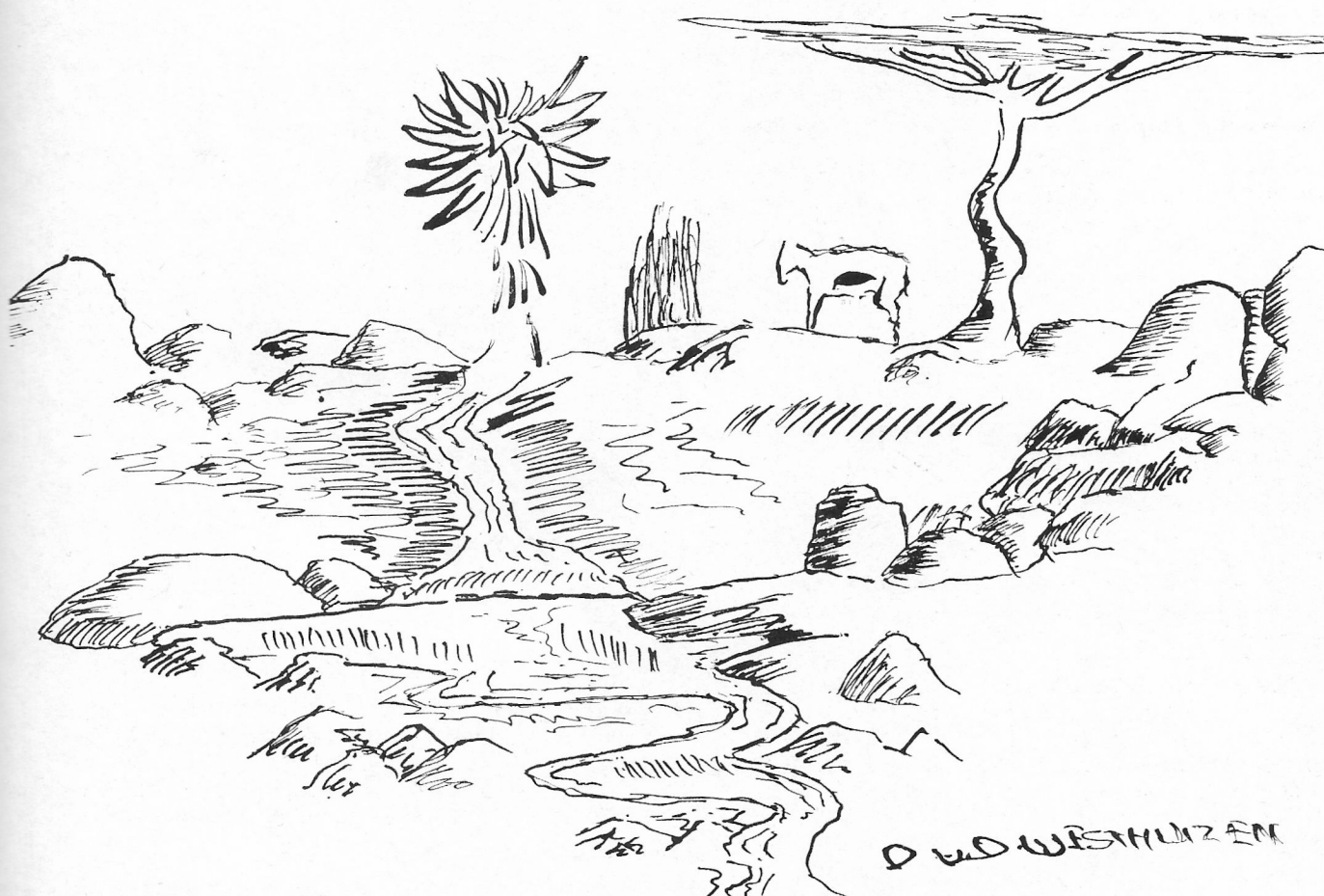
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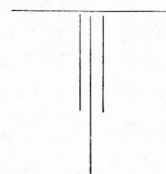


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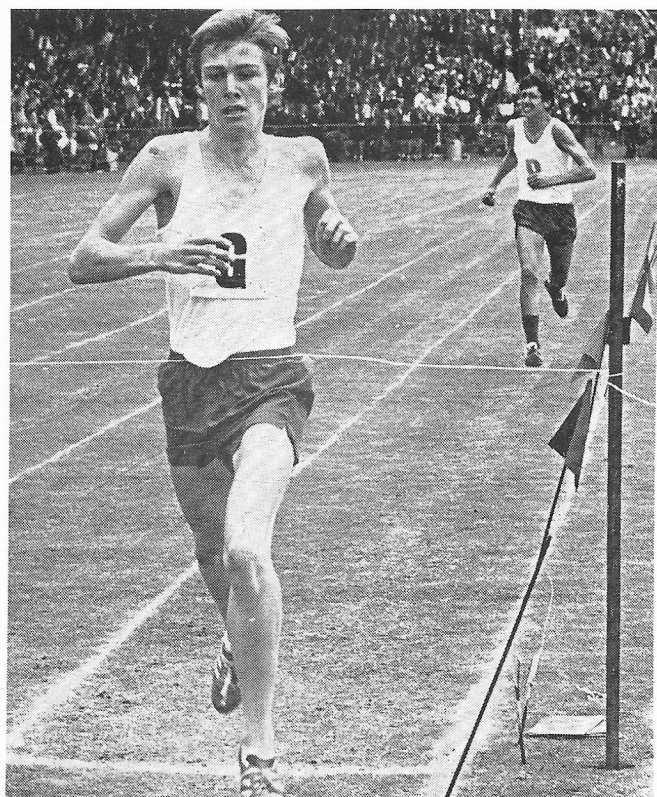
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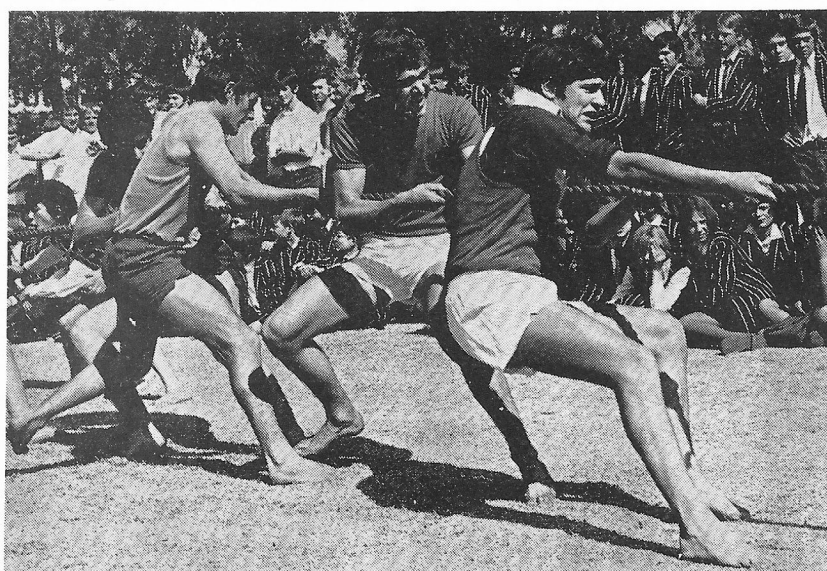
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Through starless nights
The beating drum
Hissing
Rotating, silently undefined
A flash

Downward plunge
Motion
Foam contracting before my screen
Leadened Reaction
Water, blinded

Slowly Entering eternal depth
Ray of gun
Spacelessness
Pressing firmly to my legs
Trapped

Breathing ceased
Check on life time, 8
Pumping
Heart Racing
The time is gone, Awakening, to light
I walk

GARY HERSELMAN – 10C

Words and Deeds

Words are spoken often in sincerity
Words are to be listened to
Words are to be cherished, kept,
Kept deep down
Words are to be desired, locked
Locked away
Words to be remembered no matter
How far the distance between as
Words that have meant – everything.

Deeds to be thought of
Deeds that were – oh so sweet
Deeds – cherished, memories –
Deeds – remembered by one (only)?
Deeds to be kept between us, if only?

Deeds and words, were actions for petty beings?
Deeds and words, were actions soon forgotten?
Deeds and words, painful for some,
Some who wait and think about
Deeds and words once said in earnest.

KEITH RADFORD – 10E

Seagulls

It is miraculous how the seagulls know when
there is food around,
They thronged about me,
screaming,
From the sky and from the cliffs,
And I amused myself by throwing crusts over
the cliff,
And watching the wonderful swerving
and twisting,
The grace and the beauty of the gulls
As they caught the crusts in flight.

OLIVER LUDWIG – 9G



Death to trees

There is a buzz of electric saws
And the amputated limb of a tree
Lies on the ground,
Cold and dead,
Like the hearts of the men who cut it.

DIANNE KING – 9G

Tonight (The World)

Gotta funny feeling in my head
Like there's bees inside made of lead

As a great ball of fire falls
And smashes against the mountain walls

In the night a mighty cry
The moon's emotions in a sigh

Grass bends lazy in the breeze
Lapping the ground with grace and ease

Trees stand tall in the air
Got no worries, they need not care

Good things happening tonight
Tonight, Tonight, the world tonight

Birds sleep peacefully in nests,
High above the land that rests

Flowers close themselves to sleep
Blue waters, they flicker deep

Fish float about the sea
The only one not peaceful is me

Gotta funny feeling in my head
Like there's bees inside made of lead.

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I see you turning past the hope of years
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I am coming too

White dove across the water
Winging on the breeze
Gliding swiftly over land
He's free

Feel me fantasize a million dreams
In my mind of
You

And see you colouring a thousand hearts
Two are mine
One's for you

Sailing towards the end of time
You are leaving
I'll come with you

GARY HERSELMAN – 10C

Blue Eyes

I could drown in your blue eyes
and never awake to
monotonous, mundane, life
I could sink away from
hard
harsh realities
and ignore the weather
of people.

It only lasts until you
close
your beautiful blue eyes
or turn your head away

ELBIE v.d. WESTHUIZEN – 9G

The Siren

A high-pitched wailing noise screeches throughout the city
and as if this noise were smoke it slowly fades away into the air.

Why does this sound cause such chaos and confusion?
Why do the people on whom it has descended become pale and
nervous?
What is this wailing, is it the sound of an approaching
monster?

The people stumble in their tracks as they desperately
scramble for a wide corrugated iron arch in the ground.
This "wide arch" is a large submerged room in the ground in
which men, women and children alike seek shelter . . .
. . . why?

After witnessing the terrible destruction of that city in
an almost demoniac way,
I realise the wailing noise is not an invincible foe but
a warning . . .
for which many are thankful.

G. SPENCER – 8I

What Exists?

I lay in the musty grass;
Which smelled of apples and mud.
And the sky formed a blue,
infinite dome.

The sun shone, white and hot
far above me.
My hand was cool and free
as my fingers lay in a
bubbling, trickling, transparent stream.

The wind blew
Acorns stirred their green lips
Against the dark leaves
My fingers reached out for yours
(And the beauty still exists).

E. v.d. WESTHUIZEN – 9G

My Dream

The time has come for the leaves to die
leaving rustled bits behind
Then shall the snow find its way
To my home, my country
As it seemed like yesterday
That I had left it standing there
Knowing that I could always live in despair
But, when I'm old enough to know, I'll go back and see
the snow
That I once had known

Now its cold and dusk is falling
Only the whisper of my land, I hear
Has been calling me back year after year

ELIZABETH KRYSTYNA BARTOSZEWICZ – 7E

Epilogue

Once I sat in a place
where there was no sound
but the sound of the
wind in the trees, and the
rain on the roof.
and there was no movie
but only the shape of the
moving vine
and the lightning
And there was no stink
only the
deep earthly smell of
mud.

I was at peace.

E. v.d. WESTHUIZEN – 9G

Scarred for Life

The pain stabs my body
and my head throbs from the torment
of your words.
My hopes, my dreams, my ambitions
are shattered –
lying in fragments in the lonely,
dark abyss of my world –
my future.

My body shakes and shivers,
but I can warm myself with
thoughts of previous happiness
as I gaze across the cold Past.
If only you had given me physical pain!
In the time THAT would have healed,
but the pain your words have caused
will leave me scarred for life!

URSULA HAMMERLE – 7E

Children in our Street

(inspired by "My parents kept me . . .")

*My first enemy lived across the road,
He was short, tubby and freckled,
He threw stones when he saw me,
He ruined my frilly, pink dress.*

*I hated him with all my heart.
At school we were made to sit together.
Seven years we fought and argued,
All through primary school.*

*We were sent to different high schools, I felt quite lost,
No-one to fight and argue,
I had to behave like the snobs
Who went to that loathsome school*

*I met him, once again, a year ago,
Tomorrow I am marrying the enemy across the road.*

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And gifts from out your store,
And as I sing my gentle song
I linger near your door.

And if you hear my singing
Within your palace, sire,
Oh, give, I pray, this happy day,
To me my heart's desire.

KAREN KELLY – 7E

Dandelion

I asked you for
dandelions
to make gypsy wine
but instead
you brought me
daisies
little yellow daisies
with heads like mushrooms
yellow button mushrooms
because you didn't know
what dandelions
looked like.

So I put them in my orange mug
and they
smiled at me.

But today,
as if the rainbows
observing my view
had finally been wiped
away;

I saw that they were dead.
They broke at my touch
And your eyes stopped smiling
how long ago?

MEGAN WELLBELOVED – 9G

Lines

I feel
A prisoner
in a set
of lines
always
in the
same
direction

My life
is ruled
by lines
and lines

And I
Can't break away
from
the
pattern

Lines of poetry
lines of right and wrong
Lines along the road
And I can't
break away
from
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who stand around in groups
or alone
thoughts of home blunted
by the white man's world
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boys (one with an honest face)
to landscape
your quarter acre patch of soil
These are not boys
but men
men who stand in humility
hoping that white people
will choose them.
This is not their way.
They are men, strong, virile:
Sun, sky, hawk, thamboti tree
belong to them and their people.
But they must stand
yearning to be condescendingly accepted
to work for money
to send them home
This is not their way:
but what else is there
for these men
what else?

MEGAN WELLBELOVED – 9G

Starvation Generation

A young boy grovels in the sand
Far away in lonely land
But no-one helps him or comes near
For they have their cross to bare
The lack of food, he has endured
He'd eat what we'd call absurd
His long dead sisters went in pain
There is no doubt this is no game
Starvation goes with
Poverty
Yet we live
In "luxury"
Threadbare arms, rake thin legs
Slow up another as he begs
The hunger menacingly overtakes
As various people meet various fates
Bangladesh, what a mess
Of people dead, the rest in stress
Most too weak to raise an arm
To stroke their child, to keep him calm
So if these few words have sunk home
Think again, what they've become
And send some help to needy there
A tiny deed, I ask a prayer?

GARY HERSELMAN – 10C

Life

Life is like a match
In its youth it is bright and shines out with colour
But as it gets older it fades and dies down and soon
is discoloured and twisted.
And in the end is nothing but crumpled ash.

GARETH CHARLTON – 9G

Watchers of the Night

How many interested people
have thought about the sky at night
The story-book romance of the moon
shining down, while stars
comically wink at each other
as lovers kiss in the dark.

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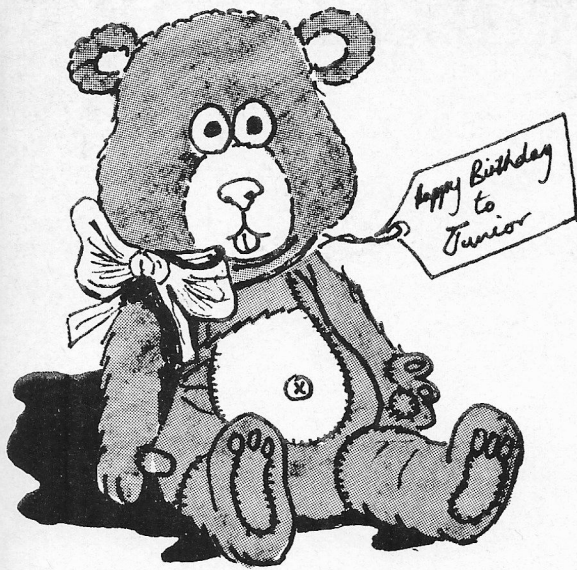
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GOOD NEWS is asking for a cuddly
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There was once . . .

. . . a man
who stood on a ledge
on the very top
of a huge, tall building
one of many
in a suffocating, sprawling city.
he felt tiny
yet, he had his problems
too little food
no clean air
no space
for his numerous
children
And his eldest son
was making a
nuclear bomb.
This man is Man —
an endangered species
he did not jump
he
was
pushed.

MEGAN WELLBELOVED — Std. 9G

The Cripple

People stop to stare
Why should you care?
for they are just people
who would not dare
to go through life
as you do.

MANDY BASS — 8H

The Flight

He glides and swoops
Slicing through the air
and floating on currents
wings outstretched —
majestic, awesome and frightening.
Suddenly he strikes a thermal
soars into a dizzying climb
rocketing himself to a frightening height.

To dive.
Folding his wings, he drops —
an ebony flash, a blur
as he falls like a black stone
towards the rocketing ground.
Talons spring out,
wrench the terrified rabbit
from its scattering dash for safety.

There's gore as the great bird
rips the flesh off the animal . . .
gentle beauty
as it feeds its eaglet
in the safety of the eyrie.

K. NORMAN — 10E

Boy Meets Girl

Boy
meets
girl.

Boy
likes
girl
likes
boy
loves
girl
loves
boy
and
girl
get
married
life
kills
love.

ROSS HUTTON – 9G

A Friend . . .

I cry from the depths of my soul –
A deep enduring loneliness envelops my entire being –
engulfing me in a void of self-pity . . .

If only . . . If only there could be someone –
someone to understand . . . A friend?

Ah! Yes! – a friend!
One that can fill my life – my loneliness –
Be my joy – my understanding –
my hope for the future . . .
One . . . that I can place my trust in . . .
A glorious, wonderful friend!

Yes . . . that's what I'll find –
I'll find me a friend
my life has begun . . .
I have found hope –
. . . A Friend!

VIVIENNE HARDING – 10C

Shark

Gliding and Darting
Not stopping and starting
Mouth wide and teeth flashing
And tail fin lashing
It speeds through the ocean,
With effortless motion.

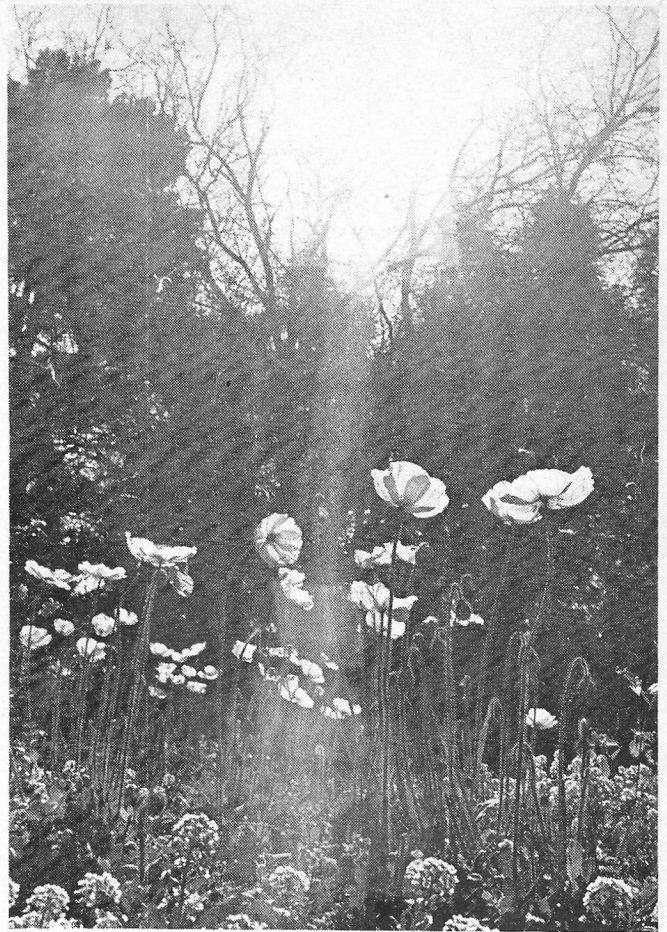
Shark!
It's my greatest fear,
in water unclear
I don't want it near me
to kill me and tear me
The terrible monster of waters all dark
Shark!

QUINTEN KING – 64

Our Bubble

Walking on the beach
Hand in hand
Smiling,
Laughing,
Running,
Joking,
Sun rays through the clouds
Waves lapping at our feet
We stop, face each other
A kiss –
Our bubble of joy.

SUSAN COLLEY – 10E



Poppies

I
Poppies,
Straight stems
up
petals creased and curled
to hold the sun
in their pastel coloured cups
They move slowly
rocking
in the faint
twist of the breeze

II
Poppies,
live your lives
of sweet serenity
drink the sun;
your lives are too short
your petals too thin
stems too brittle,
to endure anything except
sunshine.

MEGAN WELLBELOVED

Untitled

People hear, but they do not listen,
They talk without meaning,
They touch without feeling,
They exist without living.

MANDY BASS – 8H

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The Potter

Will you
take my lump of clay
from your dusty shelf?
Take —
Break —
Remake it into a new self . . .
And cleanse it
In the floodlight of Calvary.

K. NORMAN — 10E

I want to go far away

I want to go
far away
far from your eyes
which like some
ever watching god's
stare, wait
for some mistake
which you,
in your
'everyday is judgement day' mind
can analyse, dissect
and eventually you will
catalogue me
in your 'problem-unsolved' file
in your clockwork mind
but
I want to stay
stay to teach you
to close your eyes
to my faults
to teach you
to speak of
love.

MEGAN WELLBELOVED — 9G

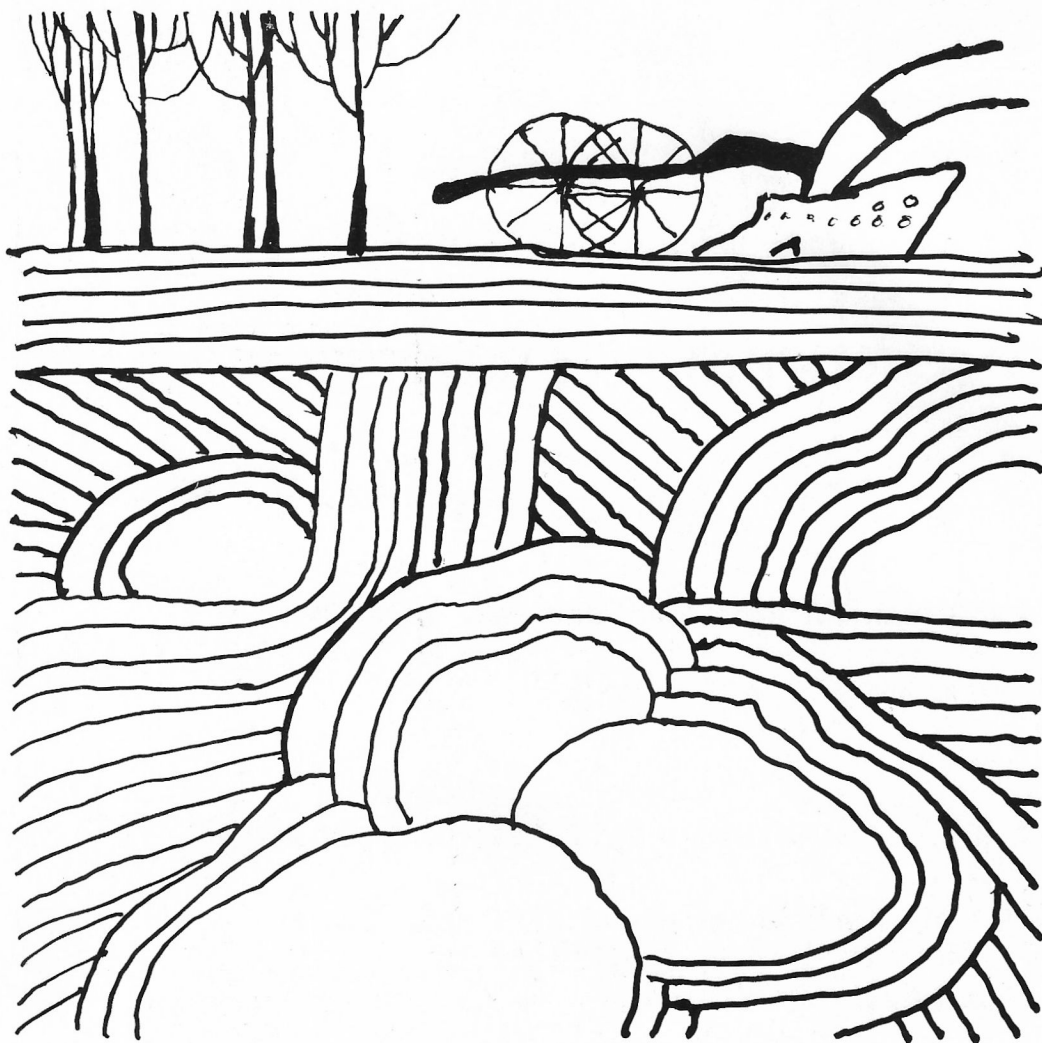
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Ek Wens

Op die oomblik is my vernaamste wens om saam met 'n sekere ou ons land van geluk te vind. Ons sal hand aan hand oor die betowerende grasperke wandel; ons sal laggend oor die seesand anderkant die berge hardloop; ons sal uiteindelik in 'n still sirkel van geluk onder 'n boom in mekaar se oë kyk; ons sal op die lowergroen, tapytsagte gras sit en mekaar se gedagtes lees. Niemand sal die band tussen ons versteur nie; ons sal heerlik alleen wees, weg van die woelige wêreld van kommer en treur. Ons sal gelukkig wees in ons eie wêreld van skoonheid en vrede, van mooi blomme wat saggies in die ligte windjie fluister en van voëls wat liefdesballades sing. Wat 'n pragtige droom! . . . en ook net 'n droom . . .

CAROLYN PALMER – 10C

Aanvaarding

Ek is nie skaam en nie eers 'n bietjie bang om die toekoms te ontmoet nie. Ek sal die dae leef soos hulle kom, nie verlang na môre of gister nie, maar die lewe geniet soos ek glo dit my toekom. Soos God dit vir my beplan het, dit sal ek aanvaar en dankbaar daarvoor wees.

CAROLYN PALMER – 10C

Skoolbanke

Elke dag gaan sit ek in dieselfde bank. Partykeer is daar iets nuuts op geskrywe: 'n Seun se naam in 'n oulike hartjie, 'n dier se kop met 'n naam daarby, kolletjies waar iemand verveeld gesit en droom het. Daar is lyne, blommetjies, kringe, nommers en name – name wat aan mense behoort, mense wat op banke skrywe.

LUCINDA DE JAGER – 9E

Bergklim

In die begin het die berg oor my getoring.

Op die eerste dag het ek die gedreun van fabrieke, treine, vragmotors, busse en motors gehoor.

Op die tweede dag het ek die mishorings van bote op die see gehoor.

Op die derde dag het ek die lied van die wind en die reën gedra op die donder en weerlig gehoor.

Op die vierde dag het ek die boonste piek bereik en al wat ek kon hoor was die bergstilte.

R BRIDGER – 9E

Dis Nag in die Stad . . .

Dis nag in die stad
En 'n kindjie huil;
'n Motor skiet om die hoek,
Die wiele maak 'n sug-geluid toe hulle
Deur 'n poel water ry.

'n Enkele liggie skyn uit 'n stukkende venster,
En die bleek strale val op die koue sypaadjie.
Twee mense, 'n seun en 'n meisie
Loop hand aan hand oor die straat,
Hulle lag . . .
Dis weer stil.

OLIVER LUDWIG – 9G

Geluide

Die wind skuiwe met 'n sagte sug deur die silwer blare
Die gedreun van motors glip oor die hoogste
groen takke van die groot akkerbome
'n Boek val in die stilte van die leerlinge se leegoogdrome

CLIVE SINDELMAN – 9G

ALLEEN

Ek sit alleen
Voor die brandende kaggel
en luister na die reën . . .
Wat wag in die toekoms –
Sal die wêreld
'n beter plek wees –
en ek nog alleen wees?

ADINA EPSTEIN – 9E

Maats

My lewe was altyd vol sonneskyn
eens toe ons saam was.
Ons was groot vriende
ek en jy.
Pret en geluk het aan ons behoort . . .
maar nou is ek alleen.
Eendag sal ons saam wees
en geduldig wag ek
op daardie dag.

INGRID HENNING – 10B

Liefde

Die skoenlappers vlieg heen en weer
tussen die blomme.
Geel, purper, swart en rooi
bloei die blare
helder en mooi.
Twee mense sit langs die rivier
Alleen.
Hul liefde, soos lente, sal bloei.
Hul wêreld is tevrede.
Die wind fluister 'n liefdeslied
vir dié wat verlief is.

INGRID HENNING – 10B

Waarheid

Gee my jou hand en jou hartjie
En alles waaroor jy nou dink
Dan weet ek dis die waarheid
Wat so diep in jou oë blink.

CHRIS MANOLITSIS – 9G

Doudruppel

Jy lyk so mooi waar jy daar sit
op die bloedrooi roos
En op die pikswart pit
van die sonneblom
Waar jy soos
'n silwer maan in die lig glinster.
Jy draai jou heen en weer in die son,
sodat die sonstrale in jou sy goue kleure kan weerkaats
Jy weet nie dat jy in 'n oomblik sal verdwyn.

C. FRASER – 10C

Vreugde

Vreugde is 'n helder stroom,
die lied van 'n voël,
'n diep blou lug.
Vreugde is 'n dag by die see
die skadu van 'n boom,
'n laggende baba.
Vreugde is 'n ylblou berg,
die geur van blomme,
'n groot kaggelvuur.
Vreugde is vrede,
voorspoed,
en lewe.

LESLEY MILLER – 9E

Twee Vriende

Soos twee harpsnare
is twee vriende
so eenders tog so anders
en saam
verryk hul die lied.

Die speler speel
sy lied
behendig pluk hy die snare
onbewus van die twee
maar as hul lag
lag hul saam
en as hul huil
hoor hy.

GITA GREENBLATT – 10E

Wie klop daar?

Die wind waai hard
Dit is koud en alles lyk
dood en ellendig
Die sneeu lê op die grond
soos 'n wye wit tapyt.

Buite hoor ek iemand huil
Daar is 'n aarselende klop
aan die deur.
Ek kyk deur die venster
Niemand? Net die sneeu sif saggies neer.
Ek kyk by die deur
Niemand? Net die wind.

GRAZIA CORO – 7E

Jou Teenwoordigheid

In jou teenwoordigheid
het ek my naam weer gevind
wat onder die pyn
van afskeid weggesteek was.

Jou lag was soos 'n vlam
in die donker
wat my hart verwarm het
in die vuur van ons liefde.

In jou teenwoordigheid
het ek die herinnering van my bloed gevind
en die musiek van ons lag
het om ons dae gehang . . .
Dae skitterend van ewige vreugde.

KARIN NORMAN – 10E

Ons

Ons loop
hand aan hand
op die spierwit strand.
Langs ons

dans en dein
die diep blou see.
Onder my voete kraak die sand
en die wind sing sy hartseerliedjie
deur my hare.

Ons . . .
Nee net ek, want jy is
weg
Ek lek my lippe – en proe die sout
van die see – of is dit tranen?

E. v.d. WESTHUIZEN – 9G

Bruin

Bruin is die kleur van 'n klapperdop,
Bruin is die kleur van 'n geroeste klok,
Bruin is die kleur van baie goed
soos sand, koffie en 'n vuil hoed.

Bruin is die kleur van 'n boom se stam.
Bruin is die kleur van die ou-plaasdam.
Bruin is die kleur wat baie dra
En die kleur van 'n pikkanien se ma.

DEBRAH DE WET – 7E

Druppels

Die reën val soos sagte woorde
op die aarde neer,
om sy dors
te les
en die plante
te troos.

CHANTAL SIMON – 9G

Grootmens

Ek wou 'n boom klim
om die wêreld
van bo te bekijk.
En iemand het
gesê ek is
kinderagtig,
maar kon nie
beduie hoe ek
groot moet
word nie.

CHANTAL SIMON – 9G

Die see in die nag

Op die horison is rye liggies
wat vorentoe op
die branders
weerklaats word
en na die wal toe rol
saam met die water;
'n seevoël skeer oor die water
en breek die
eentonige patroon van
die maanlig
en sy stem kraak die
stilte van die verlate
strand.

CHANTAL SIMON – 9G

Besoedeling

Ek het langs 'n stil
straat geloop
en na die oliëkolle
in die pad gestaar,
en my oë toegemaak teen
die vuil kartonhouers op die sypaadjie.
Toe ek my oë oopmaak
het ek die sonsondergang
deur 'n waas van
trane gesien.

CHANTAL SIMON – 9G

My Gevoel Vir Jou

My gevoel vir jou het gewissel
van liefde tot haat;
Totdat jy eendag
my kop in jou hande geneem
en gesê het dat jy my
nooit weer sal sien nie.
Toe het ek geweet
ek het jou liefgehad.

CHANTAL SIMON – 9G

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Môre

Môre sal ek alles doen:
My huiswerk bring, my kêrel soen,
My speletjie speel, my boeke lees –
Maar wag 'n bietjie – waar was vandag gewees?

SUSAN HARRIS – 9E

Jy weet jy is nie meer kind nie . . .
As jou driewiel 'n motorfiets word,
en jou prent- en tekenboeke stelwerk- en taalboeke word,
As jou gesig besmeer is met lipstiffie en nie modder nie,
As handjieshou soentjies word,
En as jou oë vol drome is.

COLLEEN COOK – 9G

Ons

Ons was maar kinders
wat saam in die son gespeel het,
gelag
oor die reëndruppels wat op ons
hare en gesigte geglinster het.
Ons het ouer geword,
die wêreld was nog nie
so snaaks, of wreed
of groot nie.
Ons het met nuwe, ouer oë gekyk
Ek wens ons kon nog
kinders wees . . .
ons moet weer vir die reën
kan lag.

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Die Dood

Hulle sit om die
slap liggaam
wat deur sirkels
van sy lewe
tol.
Hy veg teen die
mallemeule
maar sy arms is
nie daar nie.
Skielik vind hy homself
in die woestyn
Hy wil die duine klim
maar sy bene is lam.
Hy word in die lug opgetrek
totdat hy die hoogste
punt bereik
en dan
val hy
en tref die grond
totdat daar geen lewe
oor is nie
en sy siel rys boontoe.

CHANTAL SIMON – 9G

Ontnugtering

Omdat ek jonk was
het my oë wyd gerek
toe ek die bloeisels
sien
wat skielik
orals
soos klein wit wolkies
verskyn het.
Omdat ek jonk was
het ek jou geglo.
Jou liefde, soos die
veldblomme,
soos die lente wat skielik kom
met sagte
soet reën, vars grond,
groen gras, skoonheid
vol belofte van die somer,
soos die lente wat
skielik verdwyn –
so was jou liefde
en my jeug.

MEGAN WELLBELOVED – 9G

Lente

Fyn wit bloeisels
en voorjaargras,
kleurvolle lentebloem
en heerlike koel reën
Die dae is vol van
die wonder van die liefde en lewe
Hierdie dinge herinner my
aan jou.
Jy het nuut en helder
met die lente gekom
Ek het gehoop
ons vriendskap
sal soos die somer
groeï
maar dit het nie
jy was 'n lentekind,
met die lente gekom
en met die lente gegaan.

JENNY SMITH – 9G

Reën

Waarom is die reën
vandag vir my soos die
huil van 'n stout kind,
aanhoudend
vervelend.
Gister was dieselfde reën
soos 'n kind se lag,
elke druppel, sag
warm
'n wêreldjie van weerkaatste beelde.
Gister was jy hier om my hand
vas te hou, saam na die reën te luister
Vandag
is ek alleen.

MEGAN WELLBELOVED – 9G

Dit gaan verby

Die lente het daardie jaar stilletjies ingekruip, en skielik uitgespring, soos 'n kind wat wegkruipertjie speel. 'n Paar dae lank het die winter klein en onseker in 'n paar tuintjies gehuiwer, maar die lente, in 'n vloed van bloeisel, blare, gras en sagte reën, het oorgeneem.

Ek het groot wonder in die skoonheid van ons tuin gevind. Die bloeisel was sag en wit aan die harde swart takke van die bome. Die grond was ryk en klam, klein voetjies kon daarin wegsink. Ek het oor die gras en veldblomme gehardloop, die gras amper groen met 'n paar swart kolle wat van die wintervlamme oorgebly het.

Daardie môre was alles stil. Ek het vroeg opgestaan en deur die papawers, geel en rooi, geloop. Daar was een druppeltjie water op 'n nuwe groen blaar. Hy het rond en silwer daar gelê. Ek het die plant saggies aangeraak, en die druppeltjie het stil – stil soos die dood, soos die lente wat verbyglip, die bloeisel wat bot en doodgaan – die druppeltjie het stil afgerol. Op daardie oomblik het die telefoon gelui.

Toe ek my se gesig sien, het ek skielik gevoel, geweet dat jou lewe, soos die lente, die bloeisel, die skoonheid en daardie klein silwer druppeltjies, verby was.

MEGAN WELLBELOVED – 9G

Hiervan hou ek

In die winter hou ek van stomende bekere koffie en kakao voor die vuur en van dik boeke en digbundels wat stowwerig van die somer se warm dae is, toe hulle vergete op die rak bly lê het. Ek hou van lang serpe en wolmusse en sagte truie. Dis lekker vir my om in die oggend kaalvoet oor die ryp te hardloop om die melk te gaan haal, en om vroeg in die aand moeg en koud in 'n warm bad te lê en droom, en dan vinnig in my bed te spring.

En dan kom die heerlike lente, propvol lewe. Dan kyk ek lank na die doudruppels op die delikate pienk en wit bloeisel, en hoe hulle splinter en verdwyn in die son as koel winde die bome bang aanraak. Die lente is vol kasskoonmaak en nuwe klere. Ek hou van die helder dae wat soos 'n stroom water vinnig – te vinnig – in die dieptes van die somer verdwyn.

Die somer kom met sy hitte en vrugte. En dan hou ek van die lang dae vol swembaddens en partytjies, en die reuk van sonbrandolie en Deep Heat wat swaar hang oor die atletiekbyeekomste. Dis lekker vakansiedae-tyd om roomys te eet en ruglose rokkies te dra. Hoe heerlik om die een lang dag na die ander vol lewe en son en vars water te beleef. In die somer kom die reën wat liggies tik teen die kantgordyn voor die oop venster, of met geweld slaan en raas asof die weer ook van sy energie ontslae wil raak.

Uiteindelik kom die herfs. Dis dae van herinneringe en treurige liedjies. Hoe pragtig is die bome nie in hulle kleurvolle rompe nie! Dis vir my 'n weemoedige tyd, mooi, met 'n tikkie verlange na die lang warm dae van die somer wat nou uit ons greep glip. En so gaan my jaar verby, en hiervoor is ek baie lief.

E.v.d. WESTHUIZEN – 9G

Voëls

Die perron op die stasie was koud. Ek en my broer het in 'n klein kolletjie sonlig na die spoor gestaan en kyk. 'n Mossie met 'n groot swart veer in sy bek het oorgevlieg en die veer het tussen die spoorstawe geval. Hy het afgeduik en dit opgetel. Nog 'n keer het dit geval en nog 'n keer het hy dit teruggekry. Ons het hom met ons oë gevolg na sy onvoltooide nessie op die perron waar sy wyfie besig was om kleiner wit veertjies in die nes te sit en oor en oor het die veertjies weer uitgeval. Maar hulle het nie tou opgegooi nie. Ek was vol bewondering vir die mooi, hardwerkende klein voëltjies. Die trein het gekom en die voëls was nog besig. Ek het gewonder hoekom hulle die vuil, lawaaierige stasie gekies het as 'n tuiste terwyl daar soveel mooi, stil velde in ons land is.

Die volgende week, weer op die perron, het ek dié nes gesoek, maar net 'n paar vere en stukkies gras, papier en blare het oorgebly. Die voëls het weggevlieg, miskien na berge en bome en gras, na die plek waar hulle – en ons – hoort.

DIANNE KING – 9G

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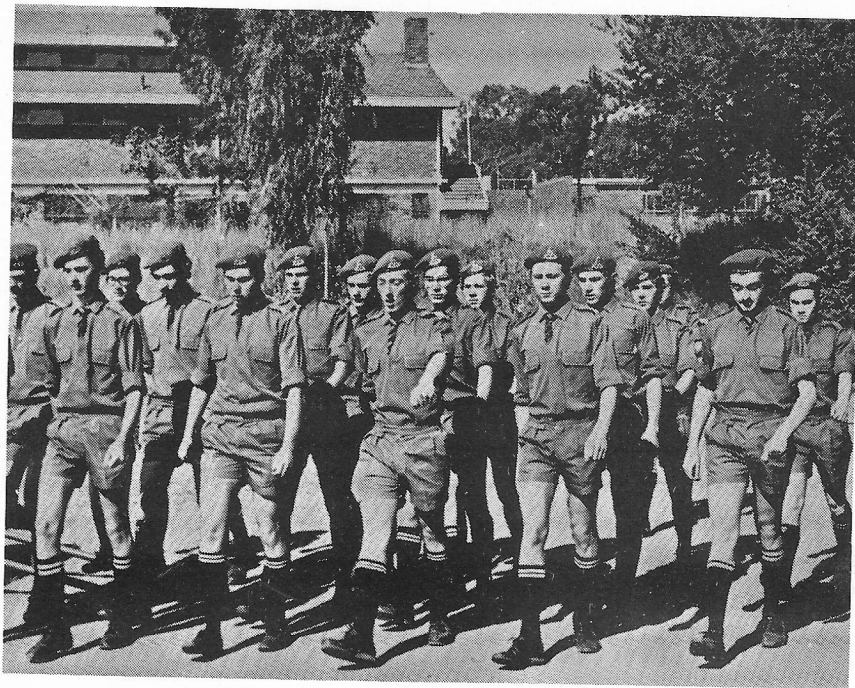
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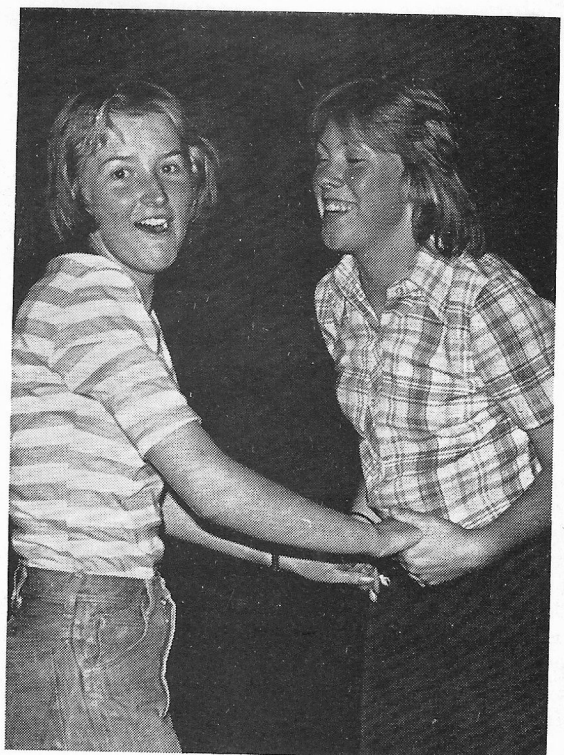
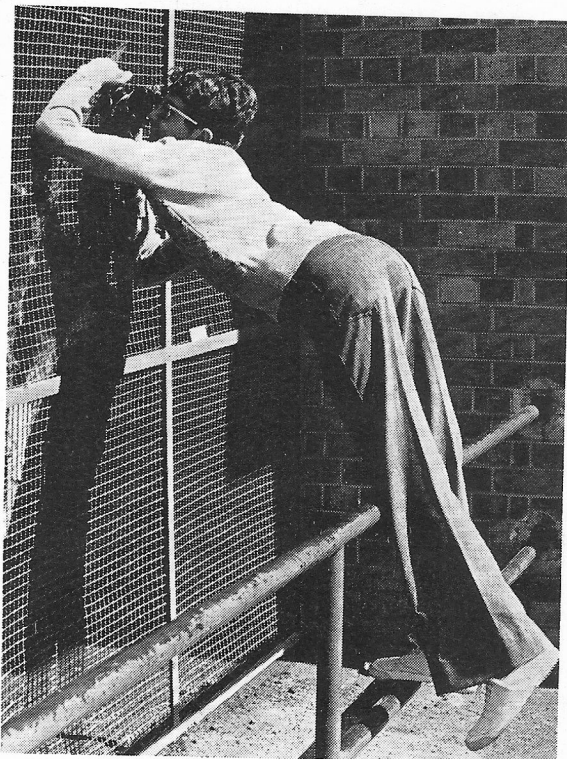


photo club report

The Photographic Club

The year started off with a promising number of juniors as members, which is most encouraging. There has been a small group of keen pupils who have been making regular use of our excellent darkroom facilities.

The measure of the Photographic Club's success was clearly revealed when four of the six members who entered the SAPTA inter-school competition: R. Jones, A. Franz, G. Harris, D. Syrrafos, had entries accepted for a nation-wide display. This excellent effort and high standard of entries gained Germiston High third place from amongst the many contributing schools, and won for the school a prize of R40. Rodney Jones, who has very ably organised the club this year, had all six of his entries accepted – an achievement shared by no other entrant.

My congratulations go to all these members and I feel sure that they will be greatly encouraged to seek even better results next year. An important feature of next year's activities will include a series of photographic outings and competitions. Naturally, new members will always be welcome.

J. KAP

public speaking

Public Speaking Contest

This year an inter-house competition began which, it is hoped will grow from strength to strength. Public speaking is by no means easy, but most people sooner or later will be confronted with this task, and all of us should learn how to communicate. With this in mind, the Germiston Toastmistress Club decided to organise an inter-house public speaking contest at our school. Needless to say, entries were few and many contestants had to be "persuaded" to take part, but afterwards I'm sure most of them felt happy for having spoken.

A preliminary round was held and on Monday 27 October the finals were held in the school hall with a distinguished panel of judges from Germiston and elsewhere. There were three competitors from each house. The topics were varied (and there was no duplication) It was obvious that all the competitors had put a lot of time and effort into their speeches. For the rather small audience, it was a very interesting and enlightening evening. Good, constructive criticism was given by the judges.

Saturn made a clean sweep taking the first three places. Clive Sindelman with his topic "Goldrush" dealing with the Californian Goldrush was first, Megan Wellbeloved with "Once upon a Time", her view of fairy tales in the future was second and Michelle van den Berg with "People" was third. Paul Abrahams who talked on that huge, humorous and interesting topic "Superstitions" captured fourth place for Jupiter.

Saturn took the trophy, symbolising communication, which was presented by the Toastmistress Club. May this contest grow and grow. Thank you, Toastmistress Club and the patient judges for giving us the incentive.

CLIVE SINDELMAN and C. HERSELMAN



The Music Centre

Back row: S. Robinson, R. Bluff, G. Wrigley, P. Brunt, R. Mulders, A. Cornel, S. Evans, A. Lencioni, G. Herselman, P. Parkhouse.

Middle row: B. Hartnell, S. Moore, G. Carlyle, Y. Cornel, J. Wurdeman, S. Hall, L. Jones, A. Weyers, L. Evans, H. Smith.

Front row: Mr G. Burgess, G. Van Rensburg, C. Manolitsis, L. Van Niekerk, E. Mulders, R. Wallaburger, D. King, D. Berkeljon, H. Taylor.

music centre

The Department of Music

Honours (Full Colours) awarded to:

D. Berkeljon
R. Bluff
D. Brand
P. Brunt
G. Carlyon
Y. Cornel
L. Evans
S. Evans
G. Herselman
C. Manolitsis
L. Miller
L. v. Niekerk (re-award)
G. Wrigley

Scrolls awarded to:

E. Mulders
H. Smith

During the past three months, "Jazz Impact" with its 18 members has brought great satisfaction and fame to G.H.S. It has only been going since March this year and during this time we built up a repertoire and played at the Germiston Eisteddford in which we won an A. We competed in the "Crescendo" competition which was held at the Civic Theatre, and won R400, plus a medal for the best instrumental group.

The high standard which was attained must be attributed mainly to the dedication and enthusiasm of the conductor, Mr Burgess, and it is to him that we owe our greatest measure of thanks.

Added to this there was a strong bond of teamwork displayed by the bandmembers towards each other and to Mr. Burgess.

During the year, a record was made by the jazz group which revealed its high standard of musicianship.

D. BRAND

words and music

Words and Music

Deadline night arrived after months of practising and sheer hard work. We all gathered in the dressing rooms. Some were confident and unconcerned while the majority were absolutely terrified. At last, to the relief of the cast, the light went on and the show began. The items were numerous and varied.

Norman Metz, once again, acted as compère. Gary Herselman and Clive Sindelman played the leading roles in the skit on Caesar's assassination "Rinse the Blood off My Toga". Other comedy skits such as "Boys' Ballet" and the choral verse "The Adventures of Isabel" provided the audience with a chance to forget world problems. Paul Logiatatos caused some laughter in his role as Isabel. Our Std. 9 boys were certainly dainty dancers. Mathew Krouse portrayed the dominant fairy queen, Mrs Wagstaff, and Donald Griffiths was the producer in the "Village Pantomime".

Drama of a high standard was portrayed by Susan Harris and Shirley Anthony in "Rebecca". Susan Harris, Norman Metz, Shirley Anthony, David Goosen and Mark Rubery presented a moving scene from the "Snow Goose".

The dancers excelled themselves. Tula Skoulariki danced in Spanish style, Lois Sonik, Hayley Frank, Robin Sindelman and Beverley Sher danced the fascinating Skeleton Dance.

The musical programme was well balanced and pleasing. Beethoven's RONDO OP. 51. NO. 1. was played by Dianne Brand. Lesley Miller and Gail Carlyon played Haydn Minuet 9. Harold Salant played the theme tune from "The Sting" and the evening ended with David Goosen and Alan Rahme strumming and harmonizing on their guitars.

Mrs Buxt and Mr Herselman wish to thank Miss Louw, Miss James, Mr Templer, Mrs Wasdell, Yvonne Cornel and Jill Mizrachy, the cast and back stage workers for their co-operation.

SUSAN HARRIS
YVONNE CORNEL

THE WINNING JAZZ BAND



pact playworkers

Pact Playworkers

Having recently seen a second dramatisation of setworks by Pact's Playmakers, I was again astounded by the expertise with which they presented the main themes of the setworks with so few props and in such a short time. Using only a few boxes, a guitar and black and white clothing, the pathos of the Afrikaans setwork "Die Koperkan" was brought to the attention of std. 9s and std. 10s. It is the story of a coloured, Derk Booysen, who has a daughter, Petro, living as a white. She is also engaged to a white architect, but ultimately she returns to the coloured community. All the coloured characters were dressed in black, the others in white; Petro wore a white shawl which she eventually discarded to symbolise her return to the coloured life. Pact's simple but expert interpretation added meaning to an already meaningful book.

"The Tempest" was presented to Std. 10s only and Pact had a brainwave in introducing pupil participation. Three key extracts were presented, and the Matrics, divided into three groups, had the time of their lives being spirits, nymphs and even waves. The noise must have been quite something with sound effects created by the Playworkers and pupils with humming, clapping and stamping! However they were well thought out and effective.

The Playworkers are entirely bilingual and revealed themselves to be interesting, genuinely artistic people. Let's hope next year's Matrics enjoy themselves as much.

CHERYL WILLIAMS – 10E

Pact Alive

Recently, PACT theatrical group attended our school, with their well-polished version of "Die Koperkan" the matric setwork and "our" combined effort in the form of "The Tempest" (William Shakespeare). Fantastic meaning was brought to me by these six actors. Small details such as colours of costumes in "Die Koperkan"; Petro, half white, half black, conveying her

position, being the only one to ever step across the racial barrier (stage to hall floor, the whites of course higher set than the blacks). "Derk Booysen" and "Frankie" were (for me) the most exceptional actors, though the others shone nearly as bright but still "twice as bright as bright." The use of their six coloured boxes as a setting was also very effective. The end . . . but too, the beginning of a new play, as the nines filed reluctantly out, we were rehearsed for our part in "The Tempest", Three groups were made of our mass, "The Ship", "The Tempest" and "The banquet". After our twenty minute "crash course rehearsal" we moved back into the hall. The ship was "on stage". (or should I say "in circle"?)

Orders were being given aboard ship when the storm (that's us) started brewing. We were about the ship, screaming effects like CRACK-BLAZE (lightning) and ROAR-THUNDER (thunder).

Later the G.H.S. uniform invaded the stage again, in the form of sunburned sicklemen and general banqueters. The end of course had to come and we, very reluctantly, sauntered back to our waiting desks. Only after PACT had been duly thanked for a really meaningful experience.

GARY HERSELMAN – 10C

house plays

Merit Awards for Drama were given to:

S. Anthony, D. Brand, D. Campetti, D. Davis, G. Greenblatt, S. Harris, G. Herselman, S. Hutchinson, M. Krouse, J. Mizrachy, B. Schoonakker, M. Shaw-Taylor and E.v.d. Westhuizen.

House Play Report

This year, as every other year, the house plays went off well. Credit for the organisation and co-ordination of these plays must go to Mr. Herselman, who was prepared to do his utmost to make house plays as successful as possible.

The four plays presented on the 18th of April were:-

"An Evening for Merlin Finch", presented by Mercury,

"Black Chiffon", presented by Jupiter,

"April Dawn", presented by Neptune and

"Through a Glass, Darkly", presented by Saturn.

"An Evening for Merlin Finch" was the play presented by Mercury House this year. The reception from the audience was certainly warm from the first minute until the final curtain. The cast of six comprised Gary Herselman, Sandra Hutchinson, Matthew Krouse, Susan Harris, Geta Greenblatt and John Kruger.

Of the two judges, Mrs F. Hirschson and Mrs C. Taub, Mrs Taub took the lead in judging Mercury's play. The set had impact, (purple and white stripes could hardly fail to impress) and in the opening scene, this, combined with the singing of the eccentric Darlene (S.H.), really set the mood. Make-up and lights were good, the main downfall in Mercury's otherwise perfection (ahem!), being caused by the far too "typically" positioned furniture. Hints were given on how to increase the unrealism of the set, for instance, the use of an oversized cardboard telephone.

The cast were generally approved, particularly Matthew Krouse, who brought the whining adolescent character of Merlin Finch across exceedingly well. For this worthy performance he was awarded the Best Actor Prize.

While Mrs Taub was only half-way through announcing "An Evening for Merlin Finch" as the winning play, members of the cast erupted in shrieks of joy, and began embracing one another triumphantly. "Told you we'd win", says John, with typical deputy head-boy like assurance.

ROBERT MULDER

This year, instead of the usual comedy, Jupiter produced a drama "Black Chiffon" by Lesley Storm, the story of a middle class family whose life is disrupted due to the conflict between father and son. Because the cast consisted of only six, each character was vitally important to the plot. Perhaps as the adjudicator pointed out, this play was far too ambitious a project for a group of scholars; however, it was indeed a challenge. A lot of time and effort was put into this production, especially on the part of Dario Campetti and David Davis, who built the box set. A word of thanks goes to all those who assisted and a wish of good luck to Jupiter for next year's play festival.

SHIRLEY ANTHONY (PRODUCER)

The curtain opened to reveal a living room setting, where Mrs Kemp (M. Milne) was being interviewed by a reporter, Miss Upshot (K. Norman). Mr Kemp had won a competition, the prize being a night out with film star April Dawn, or R300. No-one knew his decision. As Miss Upshot was leaving, the next-door neighbour entered. Carrie Markby (J. Mizrachy) was dressed in her morning gown with curlers in her hair, a real spectacle. Mr Markby (R. Mulders) entered a while later, a particular and perfect man. Soon after Stanley Kemp (D. Rahme), entered, wearing a smart suit. Everyone now knew his decision. There was however, a dramatic turn of events when Mrs Prescott

(P. Metz), April's mother, arrived. She and Mrs Kemp soon found out they were related, and went off to celebrate. The curtains closed as Carrie came in, wearing a beautiful evening dress, and walked over to Stanley.

Well done, Damon, who was congratulated on the demure way he showed off his new suit. Congratulations to Jill who ward-offed all other competition to win the best actress award, and to Robert who received a special mention as Mr Markby. The entire cast was delighted when we were awarded third place. Well done, Neptune!

ROBERT MULDER

Next on the list was Saturn's presentation of "Through a Glass Darkly". One of the major faults of this play, besides choice, was that it was over-acted in some parts. Their strong point however was the set, and this helped to ensure the 'Best Production' award.

Top class acting was displayed by Elbie v.d. Westhuizen who portrayed her rôle in a very true-to-life way. Good acting was displayed by Mark Shaw-Taylor and Megan Wellbeloved. Bonny Schoonakker was too "South African" and not a pinched old man (thank Heavens!) to be able to act this part well.

To those who missed the performance, make sure you attend in 1976, when, once again, plays of high standard will be presented. Good luck to those attempting house plays next year!

BONNY SCHOONAKKER

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library report



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Front: I. Aiken, G. Pearson, Mrs V. Barnard, A. Raath, A. Ewels.

sca report

Library report

To the library monitor team of 1975 a special word of thanks for services rendered and a job well done. Under the able leadership of Andre Raath, head library prefect, they tackled all their duties with willingness and a sense of responsibility. Throughout the year André inspired them to co-operate; his cheerful disposition did much to develop a happy atmosphere and promote team spirit.

The library, however, is not run without problems. We were very pleased that during the year several teachers set projects, and brought their classes to work in the library, allowing them to explore for themselves what our shelves have to offer. Some excellent assignments were produced.

It is regrettable that so many of our pupils have not yet cultivated the habit of reading. They miss out on a great deal of joy and satisfaction that only a book can provide. Alternatively, there are some pupils who become so attached to our books that we do not see them again! Some books are lost through carelessness, other lost through a lack of responsibility where pupils leave for others schools without first returning their books, and saddest of all where books disappear from our shelves because of theft. This year we have lost some very valuable reference works. We wish to call upon pupils to make a sincere effort to return every library book borrowed.

A simple fine system is used for overdue books. Some pupils are very honest about their fines, and as all the cents add up, we have collected a tidy sum, which has been used to buy books as well as an electric stylus and other equipment for the library. We also regularly buy fish food for the gold fish in our garden pond!

This year financial outlay included R1 010,26 spent by the Education Department; R259,21 by the School and R52,74 from fine money.

We sincerely hope that both staff and pupils will make a point of using the library to full advantage in 1976, and shall only be too happy to assist and oblige.

V.BARNARD — (*Librarian*)

S.C.A. Report

The SCA has a fresh and lively spirit this year. This has been displayed in the enthusiastic, well-attended Prayer Meetings in the mornings and during the SCA meetings on Fridays at first break.

The highlights so far have been speakers from YFC, Wynchwood Baptist, Tear Fund and a special guest speaker from Georgia, USA. We have also held a film show and during the April school holidays, SCA camps were held throughout the Transvaal. Some comments from campers: "I was blessed out of my socks!", "It was very good and it helped me in my life a great deal. I'd love to attend the next camp!", "Wow, it was super!", "The meetings were exciting".

We hold our meetings in the Projection Room, the newly enclosed shell or our "Dungeon" — which we hope to improve on soon.

We encourage you to support and attend SCA — everybody is welcome. Remember: "Life is fragile — handle with prayer!"

SHIRLEY FERGUSSEN

history club news

History Club

A year has already gone by in the "life" of the History Club and it has been filled with numerous activities.

Earlier this year we went on a very successful outing to the War Museum in Johannesburg and were held entranced by the quality and quantity of exhibits. There were cannons, a submarine, early war aircraft, medals, uniforms and documents. A second visit was made to this museum to see a number of films relevant to the Matric history syllabus.

Our recent excursion was to the Museum of Man and Science to view the exhibition entitled "Communication". This proved to be most interesting as most of the exhibits worked! They ranged from papyrus manuscripts to modern-day printing, from Alexander Graham Bell's telephone to the newest invention, and from the crystal set to television.

Two of our members have undertaken to edit a "History Magazine". We wish them the best of luck for its launching.

The most important project so far has been our endeavour to establish our own school museum. Support has been sadly lacking and we appeal to everyone to help us in getting this under way. We have been allowed to renovate the old reading room for the purpose of the museum. It is in the process of being painted but we desperately need cupboards, display cabinets and exhibits. Any offers?

A special thanks to Miss Zeiss for her support.

The Club's future plans are going to be exciting and rewarding only with your ENTHUSIASM!

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science club

Science Club

Science Club has branched out into a new sphere – in the establishment of a Wild Life Society. Activities have included a bird-watching expedition to Melville Koppies, a film “For the love of an Eagle”, the taxidermy of a Puffadder, and excursions to the Eastern Transvaal and to Magaliesburg.

The excursion to Eastern Transvaal included hiking, a demonstration of bird ringing, crab-catching and a night hike to look for wattled plovers and night jars. The extract below is typical of a Wild Life Society excursion – the first day and night of the excursion to the Eastern Transvaal which was taken during the April holidays entitled:

“It’s so lovely when you get warm.”

She sighed contentedly and turned in her sleep. At least three other people (out of ten) were awake and gazing through the branches at the cold stars in the black African sky, and wishing for morning. It was a long night, punctuated by an occasional call of a night bird, the distant barking of dogs, the optimistic crowing of cocks (at 11 o’clock), and unexpected rain at 2 o’clock.

We rose at dawn, packed our rucksacks with the necessary food, binoculars and cameras and started out on the day’s hike. It was a memorable day – some members of the party bore evidence of it for weeks afterwards!

Have you ever been to a valley completely untouched by western culture, completely inaccessible except by foot – or donkey? The only sounds were bird calls; arrow marked babblers and black collared barbets, or the singing of Hapog boys at “Berg School.”

We stopped for breakfast at about 8 o’clock – oranges and dry cornflakes (with sugar if you were clever). And it started to rain hard. We pressed on through the Acacia thornveld, the long grass and the khaki weed. There were blue wax-bills and red-billed hoepoes and sunbirds on the aloes.

We reached the waterfall at about 11 o’clock. There was no path up to it. There was no picnic litter. Just cascades and slippery rocks; and the rain that wet you when you had just got dry.

Days like this, and you begin to wonder if you have ever really lived until now.

With the Cauldwells in the Magaliesburg a new world has opened up. Senior pupils have explored the Tonkwani area and established a trail which includes interesting ecological features such as mushroom shaped rocks, gorges, rivering and savannah vegetatin – and if you are lucky – unusual birds, monkeys, baboons, dassies and antelope species. Once the warmer weather comes this trail will be used by the wild life’s society over weekends and will be open to all pupils interested in outdoor living, developing an awareness for nature, and increasing their knowledge of South Africa.

S. MEYER

happy acres

Happy Acres

During the second term our class was invited to the farm of Happy Acres near Krugersdorp. This farm is owned by Mr and Mrs Cauldwell, who used to teach at Germiston High. Happy Acres is open for educational visits by primary schools, although the Cauldwells are thinking of opening it to all students. We left on the Friday afternoon and we were accompanied by four teachers and three std. 9 pupils.

After the longish journey we unpacked and assembled outside, where Mr Cauldwell told us about the farm. After a large dinner we eventually went to our dormitories where the boys played guitars and sang. In the morning we were ravenously hungry and ate a huge breakfast. It was then announced that we were going to climb Scorpion Hill, where we would have lunch, and hunt for specimens.

This was most enjoyable because we could savour the beauty of nature. We were divided into groups, and we caught many interesting specimens.

We had great fun while we were crab-hunting. Other enjoyable aspects were the square dancing and the rising of the early Sunday morning sun. We returned home on Sunday afternoon, exhausted but pleased that we had gone on the excursion to Happy Acres.

DONALD McRAE – 77



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chess

Chess Report

Although the chess team did not have a very good season this year, the experience gained by playing in a strong league is of great value and will be an asset in the future. The team this year

consisted mainly of seniors, but the junior members of the team were very important. Promising juniors for the future are M. Liebmann and M. Bartkunsky.

Mark Rubery played in the Southern Transvaal School Championship and in the Natal Open, excelling in both. He won the Scholar's Prize and a Rating Prize in the Natal Open, and was selected as a reserve for the Southern Transvaal School Team which will play in Cape Town for the South African School's Tournament. Many players have joined the Simmerpan Chess Club where they have gained in chess knowledge.

I would like to thank all the players who participated in this year's games, and on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Roets for running and supporting the chess club.

NICOLAS MASTRODONIS (Capt.)

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P. Brunt
M. Cook
B. Costas
L. Erasmus
K. Liebman
N. Mastrodonis

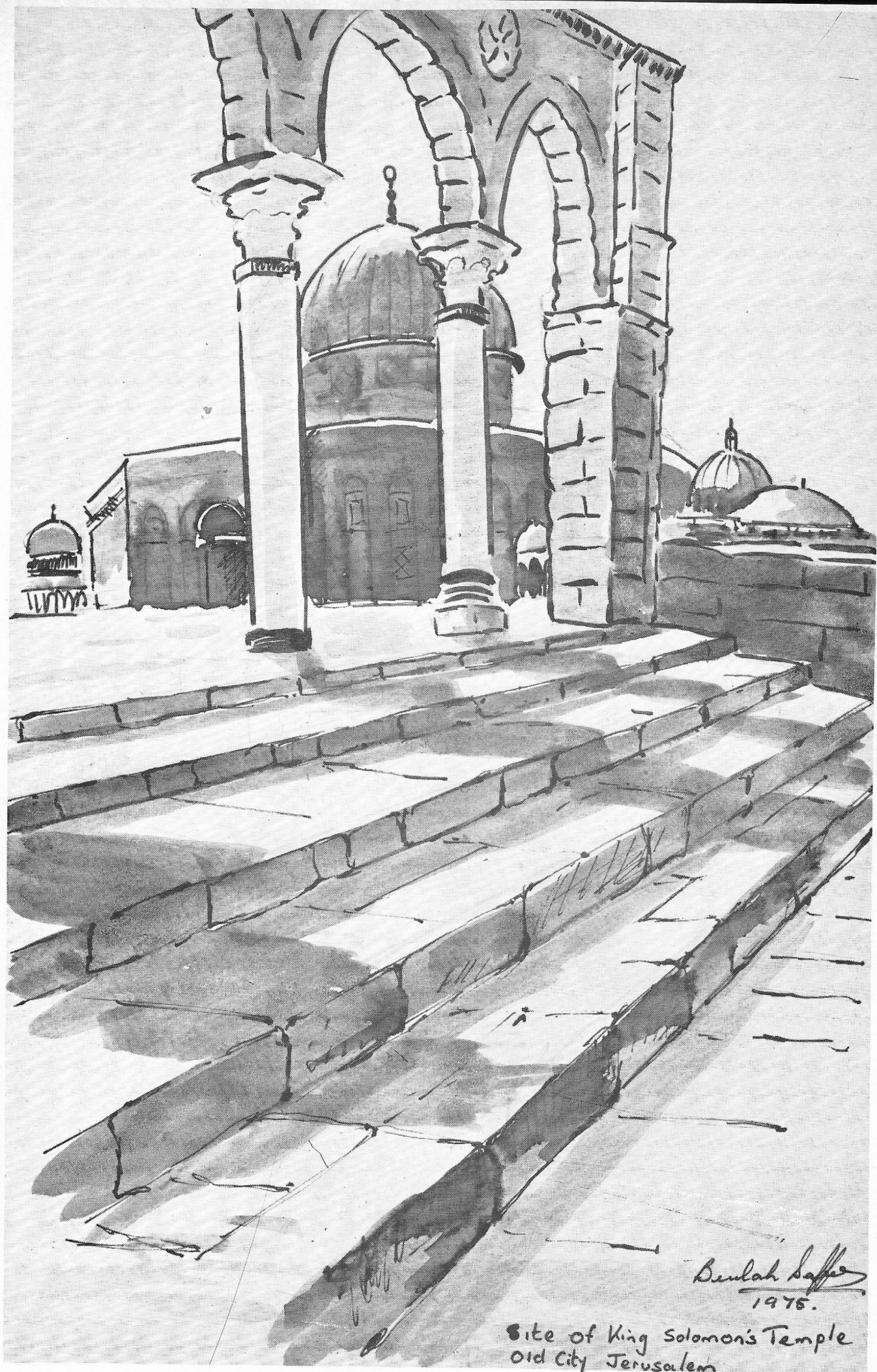
Full colours were awarded to:
Mark Rubery.



CHESS TEAM

Standing: M. Bartkunsky, J. Majer, B. Liebman, J. O'Neill, L. Erasmus, N. Metz, G. Saffer.

Seated: Mr G. Roets, D. Berkeljon, M. Borsato, N. Mastrodonis, M. Cook, P. Brunt, B. Costas.



Jerusalem, the most beautiful city in the world

I was fortunate enough to have toured Europe and Israel in July 1973. The place that impressed me most of all was the old city of Jerusalem.

We approached the city from the direction of Tel Aviv and the bus driver stopped on the Mount of Olives. We were able to view and photograph the city or have a ride on a camel. I did both. I felt as though I was reliving the Biblical days.

The old city consists of a maze of narrow streets lined with ancient buildings and is surrounded by about five kilometers of irregular, roughly rectangular walls that were originally built by Suleiman I in 1542. The walls are pierced by eight gates, principally the Jaffa Gate to the west and the Damascus Gate to the North.

The Old City contains a Moslem quarter in the north, a Christian quarter in the northwest, and an Armenian section in the south-west. The Jewish quarter in the southern part of the Old City, together with the old and modern synagogues, was largely destroyed in the 1948 fighting and the Jewish population was driven out.

Among major Christian holy places is the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre or Church of the Resurrection. It consists of a group of connected and superimposed chapels, under the control of different religious groups, including the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Coptic and Syrian Jacobite. The basilica contains, according to tradition, the tomb in which the body of Jesus was laid. Also in the Old City is the Via Dolorosa, supposed to mark the route along which Jesus passed to Calvary.

A holy place to both the Jewish and Moslem religions is the Dome of Rock. The Old City also contains the one remaining wall of the Temple of Solomon, which is best known as the Wailing Wall, the major Jewish holy place in Jerusalem.

I have seen many modern buildings, towers and bridges but they all fail to impress me as much as the Old City of Jerusalem.

LYNETTE JODAIKIN – 10F

Jerusalem

When I visited Israel the climax of my tour was definitely my visit to Jerusalem, where, in the middle of a young and bustling country, I found this city, steeped in history and filled with relics of times gone by.

Jerusalem is the epicentre of three of the world's major religions, and the religious fervour cannot help but be noticed by all who visit this remarkable and proud city. For the Jews the very pulse of their religion emanates from the "Wailing Wall" situated in the heart of the "Old City", and not 100 metres away is one of Islam's holiest shrines: "The Dome of the Rock." The Christians also have one of their holiest spots "The Via Dolorosa" leading to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre close to the previous two. This is indicative of just how the three religions have intertwined themselves over the past two millennia, forming Jerusalem, "The City of Gold."

Yet Jerusalem is not only a city of the past but is one of Israel's major growth points and residential areas and possesses some very striking modern buildings including the modern Hadassa Hospital, the soaring Hilton Hotel, the impressive Parliament Buildings, the Kennedy Memorial, the Israel Museum and the very ambitious project of University City, where almost 18,000 students are catered for.

I found Jerusalem to be a contrasting city of new and old all blending to form the beautiful, historic city we have all come to know so well.

PAUL ABRAHAMS – 9G

our pupils overseas

Masada

Masada, the last stand of the zealots against the might of Da Silvas Roman legionaries, is today a peaceful and beautiful historical site, attracting a great many tourists.

I saw Masada for the first time at 4 in the morning, from our bus. It is very similar in shape to Table Mountain, although on a smaller scale.

In older times a snake path was used to ascend and descend, recently a ramp has been constructed. We were to walk up the ramp and come down by the snake path. The walk up took approximately twenty minutes, and we were on the top of Masada.

Huddled up in a small group, our guide told us the tragic story of the zealots: how, rather than submit to the Romans, they all took their own lives, save for a woman and a girl who lived to tell the tale. As he spoke the sun rose above the Dead Sea, and turned Masada bright orange.

OWEN SONIK – 9G

The Golan Heights

Travelling towards the distant bluish-purple Golan Heights, one crosses the bridge spanning the Jordan River, the river in which the Biblical Times marked the entrance to the Land of Milk and Honey. This shimmering artery has its source at Banias, a spring of sweet living water in the mountains.

As one climbs upwards, one passes many war memorials marking the places where soldiers fell. One which I remember vividly was made up of a rusting tank and a machine-gun mounted on a pile of rocks. In front of these stood a long piece of slate naming the soldiers who once manned this position. The trenches and burnt tanks which litter the surroundings, are sharply contrasted to the green, fertile landscape and kibbutzim which are nestled in the valley. Standing on the top of a trench and looking down, makes one realize how very vulnerable these dwellings were in the face of enemy guns.

The sea of Galilee is also situated in the Golan Heights and is surrounded by some of the pioneer kibbutzim. There are also many newly formed kibbutzim where community living is practised. The young army graduates manning these kibbutzim play an important part in the defence of border areas, development of agriculture and manufacture of machinery.

The furthest point to which one may travel is the border post of Kuneitra from which one can look into Syrian territory. And as one slowly descends towards the towns, the snow-capped Mount Hermon rises out of the purple haze to bid one farewell.

GITA GREENBLATT – 10E

report on europe

Overseas trip

The day after school broke up my Mother and I left for our overseas trip. After a nineteen-hour flight aboard a Jumbo we arrived in Heathrow; we were not on an organised tour and had planned it ourselves. We arranged to go by train to Brussels that night, so after checking in our luggage we walked around London. We managed to see the British museum and Madame Tussaud's. Our train left at 10 p.m. and arrived in Brussels at 9 a.m. the next morning. After finding our way to our hotel, we telephoned our relatives who invited us over to meet them. They were really wonderful people and after an exciting evening out we returned to our hotel. The next morning we caught a train to Denmark. The train was so full that people were standing in the passages the whole night.

Everyone in Copenhagen uses bicycles as transport. Unfortunately we had only one day in the city before leaving on a tour of Sweden. The next morning we crossed over into Sweden and after driving through lush countryside and stopping at castles, we arrived in Stockhölml at 5 p.m. I did not enjoy Stockhölml apart from Millesgarden sculpture park, Skansen, an open air folk museum, and the historical ship, the Wasa, which had sunk after 45 minutes of sailing and was recovered after 300 years under the sea.

After two days in Stockhölml we left for Norway. We arrived in Oslo that evening and after checking in at our hotel, we telephoned our relatives who were soon there to meet us.

They were such beautiful people and very friendly. After three days in Oslo, we went on a tour up to see the Midnight Sun. It

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was a four hour flight to Lakselv from where we went by ferry to Honingsvåg, and still a further hour's drive to the North Cape. We sat on a hill watching the Sun from about 11.45 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. and then returned to our hotel in Honningsvåg to see the sun rising again at 2 a.m. and giving off the most brilliant light I have ever seen.

We slept quite late the next morning and after breakfast we motored on to Hammerfest and spent four hours on a ferry down to Alta where we went shooting rapids in a canoe on the Alta River. The temperature was 6 degrees but we were told that in winter it reaches about 54 to 60 degrees below freezing! The next day was spent in Oslo and the Holmenkollen Olympic ski jump was magnificent.

From Oslo we took a tour to Bergen, the birthplace of Edvard Grieg, the famous Norwegian composer. We travelled by boat along narrow fjords with towering mountains on either side. Bergen was a fascinating city. After visiting Grieg's home, we went to a typical Norwegian wedding which took place on the top of a mountain. The typical meal for a wedding is a type of porridge. All the guests bring their own!

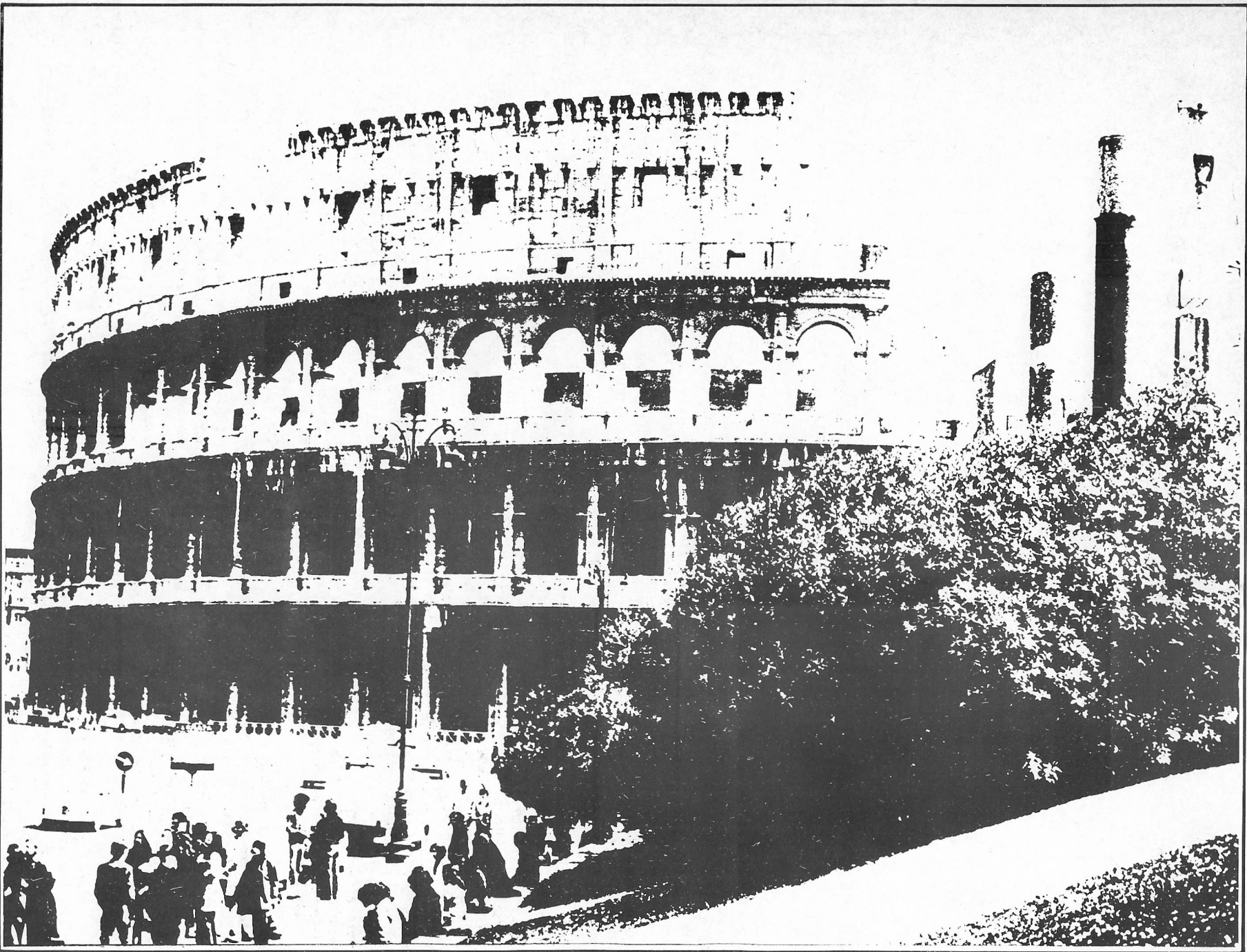
We then left Norway, the land of the Trolls, and took an overnight ship to Scotland where we spent three days in Edinburgh to see the famous Tattoo, as well as Holyrood castle, the Royal Mile and the Royal Palace.

After an exciting but tiring trip we arrived home on Sunday 7th September and after seeing visitors and having a long sleep I was ready for school the following day.

NADINE STYGER - 9H

Colosseum

by Rodney Jones



report on america

A letter from an American Field Service Student

Hi! G.H.S. ers,

Where can I begin? Well, I guess it all began for me one day in August 1974 when I boarded an aeroplane with 70 other South Africans on a New York-bound flight. Ahead of us was a whole year of living in the United States on the A.F.S. program.

American Field Service is an organisation which arranges student exchanges between the U.S. and about 80 other countries. The aim of AFS is to foster understanding among nations. Despite the size of this organisation, each student's year is a very personal experience. I spent my year living with a family in San Diego, South California. I referred to them as "Mom and Dad" and also was lucky enough to have two "brothers" and a "sister". This brought a great sense of belonging that enabled me to get an inside view of the American way of life.

I attended school for the whole year and did the equivalent of our matric course. It was, however, very different from the schooling I had been used to. Firstly the selection of subjects is quite overwhelming and I found myself in such classes as Film Study, Independent Reading, Sociology and even guitar. The only requirements are one semester of American Government and two of an English course each year. Driver's Training is offered to students of 15 years of age. This class, I feel, may be responsible for the high standard of driving among teenagers.

Herbert Hoover High School is about the same size as ours but 20% of its student population is black and 20% Mexican. This in itself was new to me, and I made many friends from all ethnic groups. This contact was increased by playing in sports teams. Hockey and softball were my favourites although I also took basketball and archery. Great emphasis is placed on sport, as teams practise every day after school as well as during the required one hour of class time.

My activities, however, weren't limited to school. I went on outings and vacations with my family to Arizona, the mountains or the desert. Groups of schoolfriends used to spend days in the park or on the beach together and I found the American kids quite crazy, but full of fun. There was never a dull moment!

Now that I have been home for several months, I look back over my year away with a certain nostalgia. It holds so many happy memories for me. I naturally miss my American family and friends who became so dear to me and I would like to return there some day. It was a wonderful year and one I will never forget. I would recommend it to anyone who has the chance to apply for an A.F.S. scholarship.

Good Luck! . . .

NICOLA ELLIS.

disneyworld

Disney World

Today I have decided to convey to you thoughts on America's largest private construction project: Disney World – a unique world. Disney world is twice the size of the Island on Manhattan and 27,000 acres in area.

Before you know it, you will be arriving in your huge shining silver Lincoln and park on one of those 12,000 parking lots. In a matter of minutes you will be on that swift mono-rail and be in the Grand Canyon Concourse filled with exquisite shops and restaurants, or having a relaxing ride on the nineteenth century ferry, while Goofy comes skiing by.

In a matter of minutes you will be walking down Main Street wondering where to go. Obviously I will have the answer, such as: take a ride on the happiest boat ride through 1650 puppets that come to life or take a stroll to that magnificent bear jam-boree with twenty life-size bears (which is almost unbearable.)

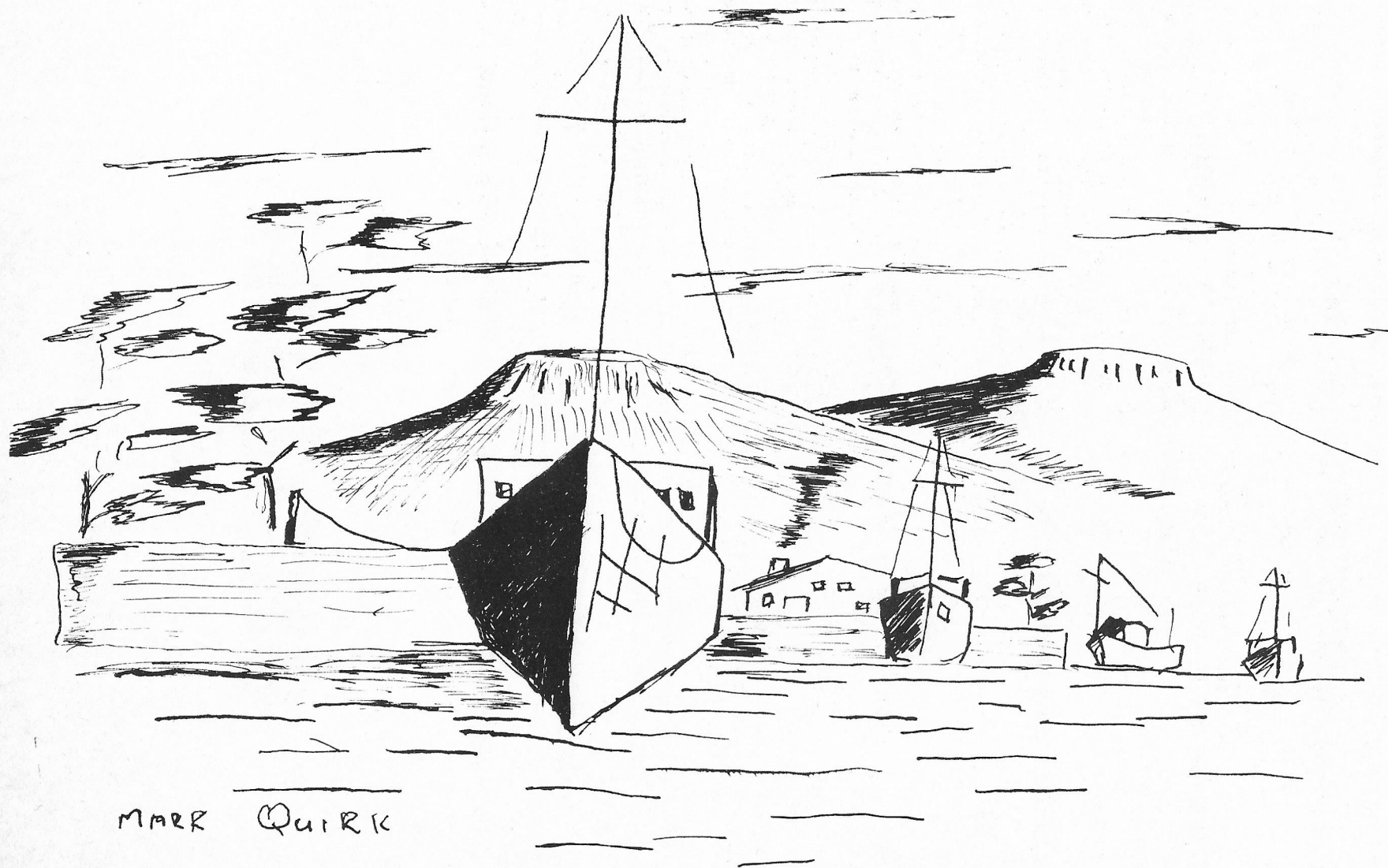
Lunch time arrives: You could go to one of these fantastic pop restaurants or sit out in the open, to rest weary feet. Never be worried or embarrassed if Mickey Mouse or one of those other Walt Disney characters follows you or stops because they are only trying to be friendly.

The boys can take a ride on one of those 100 scale sized Grand Prix race cars which travel on six lanes, or the girls can take a relaxing stroll through Cinderella's castle and look at those magnificent glass murals fused with gold and silver which tell the story of Cinderella.

Eventually the day will come to an end and we will all take a ride on the Mat-tahan, the world's largest and highest roller-coaster track.

But already Walt Disney has thought of Future World. We shall continue Future World in our next episode.

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