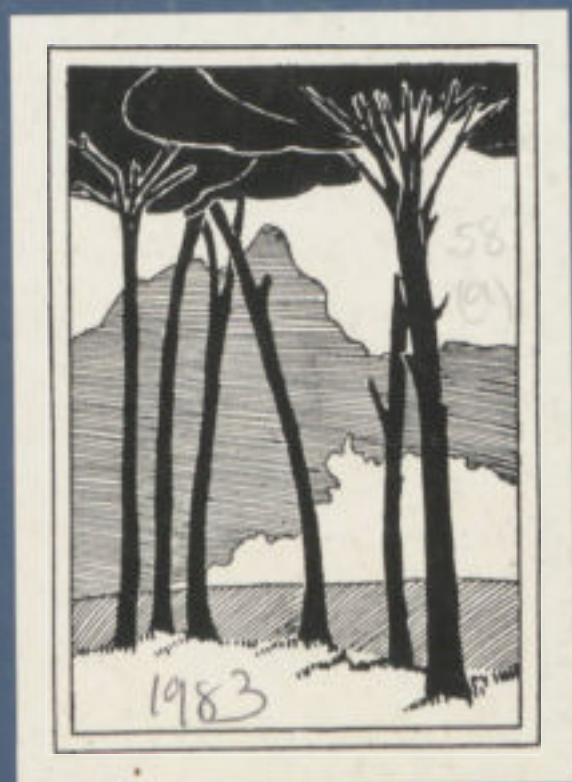




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Headmistress's Report

SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECH DAY 1983

Ladies and gentlemen, and girls of Herschel, I am conscious of how easily an end-of-year school report can seem a mere repetition of the reports of the previous years, and so I have decided to start this one by looking at anything that has been *new* in our school life this year.

One thinks perhaps first of the new Physical Science Laboratory ready for use in January with its up-to-date equipment and well-designed spaciousness; or of the four powerful new microscopes acquired for the Biology department (which to quote Mrs Marr, "make the old ones seem like hand brooms in the presence of Hoovers!"); or of the exciting purchase of four B.B.C. Micro-computers (two for Prep, School and two for Senior School) with some of the money raised at our 1982 School Fête and of the Computer Club started by our Senior Maths teacher, Mrs Gibbons, with the purpose of training a selected group of girls to be able to guide others in the use of computers. (Time will also be allocated on the school time-table next year to computer awareness lessons in Sids VI and VII.)

Alternatively, moving away from Science, one might think instead, for example, of the new sound and lighting equipment purchased by the Drama department for use in the School Hall; or of the new ciné projector which has so greatly improved the quality of our screening of films in the Hall (to the great relief of our Geography teacher, Mrs Westgate, who always had to come to the rescue when the old projector broke down!); or, in the Typing department, of the introduction of five electric typing machines and a dictaphone to enable the Matrics to familiarize themselves with modern equipment of this sort.

Also new have been the School Suggestion Box, instituted by this year's prefects to provide everyone with the opportunity of making constructive suggestions; the party given by the Prefects for the new Sid VI's early in the year (and I commend Sarah Ashley for the idea and for giving an enthusiastic lead in the planning of the afternoon); and the Staff-Prefects' meetings, started last year, but really only taking shape properly this year; and the Careers Evening very kindly organized for us by the Soroptomists and attended voluntarily by over 80 senior girls. Then there have been, too, the experiments in team-teaching on the part of our Art teachers, Mrs Montgomery and Mrs Gower, and of Mrs Steytler

who together with the French teacher at the Diocesan College organized a programme of combined lessons for Herschel and Bishops' Matric French classes (very popular, I assure you!) In the Afrikaans department meanwhile the ever-new supply of the latest 'Huisgenoot' magazines continues to be a source of good material for stimulating and interesting Oral lessons, so important a part of second language teaching today.

In the field of sport — apart from the new House shirts worn for the first time at the Inter-House Swimming Gala by the girls of Merriman and Rolt, and the newly surfaced tennis courts which we are delighted to have — I would mention two events as being new. Firstly there was the Fun Run which was enjoyed by all (in spite of many groans heard on the way!) enabling us to raise R1302.54 for the Peninsula Schools' Feeding Scheme. I do warmly congratulate Mrs Botha on the success of this venture. Secondly there was the Horse Show for which Mrs McDaniel deserves our heartfelt thanks for organizing such a pleasant and enjoyable event.

From what is new, let me now turn to a few of the more traditional aspects of school life.

Here I think first of the Wednesday morning Communion services in our School Chapel when week by week Rev. Cox of St Saviour's Church has led us in worship in a most sincere and meaningful way, or of the Tuesday and Thursday services for boarders, many of which have been taken by senior girls. In this connection I am grateful to the Chapel Committee for their faithful care, especially to Mrs Mary Browne for her beautiful flower arrangements, to Jacqui Rathfelder for general leadership and to our faithful organists, Rowena Evans and Cecily Littleford, whom we are going to miss tremendously next year.

Then I think of the leadership given by our Prefect body, one of the traditional institutions of the School but one which nevertheless needs to be open to new ideas and sensitive to changing circumstances. Kerynne French, Head Girl of 1983, has given a calm and dignified lead, setting a fine example through her essential modesty, through her unselfish consideration of others and especially through her loyalty to Herschel. I congratulate both her and the others in both School and Boarding House, especially those

who have led the various Houses and Societies or sporting teams — Nicky Jones (Head of Merriman), Jacqui Kilcullen (Hockey and Tennis Captain and Head of Jagger), Sandra Newton Thompson (Choir Leader, Head of Rolt and Chairman of the Debating Society), Britt Schraaiwen, (Head of the Boarding House), Liza Rowland (Choir Leader), Anne Abdy (Swimming Captain and Senior Library Prefect), Lucinda Richards (Netball Captain and Chairman of Christian Union), Jacqui Rathfelder (Squash Captain and leader of the Chapel Committee), Julianne Walker (Chairman of the Social Responsibility Club), and Joanne Hvidsten (Secretary of the Prefect body and Chairman of Sociological Club).

All these positions of honour are also positions entailing considerable responsibility and sometimes much effort, often calling for a certain quality of enthusiasm that rouses others out of apathy. I seem to have wandered a little away from what we were looking at, namely the traditional parts of school life. One of the strong traditions at Herschel is the friendly rivalry provided by the House system. All our Inter-House events have been enjoyable this year. Many people felt that the Swimming Gala was one of the most successful in recent years and I think most of the audience present were impressed by the very high standard achieved in the Drama Festival adjudicated by Mrs Jill Fletcher, well-known drama critic and writer of plays. From the audience's point of view there was a happy variety in the choice of plays. After the extremely tragic close of "The House of Bernada Alba", very well acted by Merriman girls who won the contest, Rolt's highly amusing "Red Spy at Night" provided excellent comic relief, while the concluding play "What are you doing here?" by Jagger provided a thoughtful, amusing and provocative ending to a most worthwhile evening. Congratulations to Alison Kebble who won the award for the best actress of the Festival.

The Inter-House Drama Festival leads me on to speak of another traditional event, namely our School Play, performed this year in the Arderne Hall — Mrs Saffery's production of "I Have Five Daughters" by Margaret McNamara. Special congratulations here go to Shelley Durr who was outstanding in the rôle of Jane Austen's charming and intelligent heroine, Elizabeth Bennet, and to Rosalind Butler whose portrayal of Mrs Bennet was superbly confident and admirably raucy and amusing. The Matric Dance is another traditional highlight of the year. I think we were all impressed by the smooth running organisation of this event this year and the very delightful atmosphere created by their beautiful

"Fantasy Ball" décor and the charm of what I can only term their "ball gowns"! The traditional church services at St Saviour's on Founders' Day, or before Easter, or for Christmas Carols, have been well-attended and our thanks go again to Miss Sweet and the Choir for the enrichment and inspiration provided for us all in the beauty of the music.

There is undoubtedly much more which I could add in this section on tradition but time does not permit. Let me proceed to tell you of some of the occasions when our educational programme has extended beyond our school bounds. I refer firstly to the attendance of groups of Herschel girls at plays (for example, "Noah" in Afrikaans, "Agnes of God", "And Green and Golden", or "The Mikado"); at films (for example, "Gandhi" or French films shown by the Alliance Francaise, or a film on China seen by the Std VII's at the National Gallery); or at lectures (for example, on D.N.A. by Dr Aaron Klug, South African Nobel prizewinner, or those arranged by the S.A. Teachers of Physical Science.)

I refer also to the participation of ten girls in the Grahamstown English Festival during the July holidays or of several girls in the Rotary Leadership Course in the September holidays; further to outings such as the Geography or Biology Field trips; to the visits by Art pupils to the National Gallery, the Irma Stern Museum and the Michaelis School of Art and the painting expeditions to Hout Bay and — can you believe it? — to the scrap yard at Wetton; to the Historical Society's visit to the Cape Archives and to the Simonstown Dockyard and the Dutch Reformed Church Museum and de Post Huys or to the Medical Faculty at U.C.T. Lastly I refer to such competitive events as debates against other schools — we even dared oppose St George's on the motion that the Women's Lib movement is detrimental to society! — or the Centres of Interest or Public Speaking Contests, or the Cape Town Eisteddfod in which several girls won Gold Diploma awards (Penny Thesen and Francesca Knight for Art, Wilhelmina Bray, Debbie Crane, Catherine Shub and Julia Stallard for Drama and Jeanette Krige for Music). The Orchestra which has gone from strength to strength in the past couple of years under Miss Heathcock's leadership, entered the Eisteddfod for the first time this year and won a Merit award.

In sport our teams have achieved considerable success in a variety of ways. We are specially proud of the Std VI Tennis team who won the Cup in their section of the Inter-Schools Tournament, of our Senior Hockey and Squash teams both of whom won

the Inter-Schools Semi-Finals though losing to Wynberg and Fish Hoek in the final games. We also commend those girls who were chosen for Western Province teams — Alison McMillan for Hockey, Sarah Cross for Badminton, Julia Stallard for Riding, Lucy Burns, Sarah Cross, Nicola Eckstein and Melissa van Assen for Squash — as well as Cecily Littleford who at an International Equestrian Contest represented her country, Zambia, coming second overall, and Lesley Mountain who took part in the World Championships for Mirror sailing as a member of the South African team.

Somewhere in my list of general commendations I must include our Rotary Exchange Scholar for 1984, namely Lindy de Waal, whom we feel will make an excellent South African representative abroad and to whom we give very best wishes for a most rewarding and stimulating year in Australia. I want also to include my warmest congratulations to Mrs Beames on the outstanding display of Std VI and VII Science work (somehow this gets better every year) leaving one full of amazed admiration at the ingenuity and painstaking care shown by so many pupils. (I am aware that with the Std VII models quite a few brothers, fathers or grandfathers get roped in to provide ideas but it is obvious that the girls do themselves become very much involved with the invention and absorbed in the final product: several of them had the good idea this year of taking photographs on the way to prove the labour was their own!)

Congratulations of a different sort go to Mrs Hall on the birth of an adorable baby daughter Nerissa (already very much an honourable Herschelian!) and of still yet a different sort to Mrs Thompson for gaining the degree of B.A. Honours with distinction and to Miss Hanssen for having had a paper on a biological subject published in an international journal (of the European Microbiological Society.)

Miss Hanssen unfortunately leaves us now because of her plans for overseas travel. We thank her for the clarity of her Biology and Science teaching and the interest she has shown in her pupils both in and out of the classroom. Girls have for example valued the support she has given as a spectator at many a hockey match and of course she set us all a wonderful example by coming 5th out of 220 in the Fun Run!

To Mrs Dunleavy too we bid farewell, though I hope we shall see her again on the Herschel staff at a future date. She has given invaluable help at several times in the last few years in a temporary capacity, most recently with our Std VI, VIII and IX Divinity

classes, following Mrs Wood's departure at mid-year. We thank her for her teaching and for her cheerful presence in our staff room! To Mrs Wood too we express our gratitude for her teaching of Divinity over a five year period. Many girls have benefited in that time through their contact with her and the example she set through her own faith and serene personality.

Finally there is Mrs Stockwell who retires now after eleven years at Herschel during which time she has given faithful service to the School. I feel she has been a most interesting and thorough History teacher, an outstanding and certainly most enthusiastic House Tutor of Rolt and a very willing organizer of many routine matters in the staff room — not least the collection of examination papers and the compilation of detailed instructions regarding such mundane matters as mark books and headings for reports! Thank you, too, Mrs Stockwell, for your sense of humour and your warm-hearted caring for so many of our girls. We wish you God's blessing for the years ahead and are glad you will be keeping contact with Herschel as you continue to be responsible for the School Archives.

There are several things which I do not yet seem to have mentioned in this resumé of the year — not least the many worthwhile Sociological Club meetings arranged by Mrs Steytler and her Committee of girls, covering such vastly different topics as Dieting or Drug Abuse or Termites or the Suffragette Movement or John Keats. Thank you, Mrs Steytler, for all your interesting ideas!

By now you will have realized how full our programme has been this year and the question may be posed: are many of these activities merely extravagant extras or do they serve a basic purpose in our overall objective? I believe that we should be glad to have sources of enrichment that go beyond the bounds of a syllabus and that education to be worthwhile must be wider than what can be studied for examinations. There is moreover also a vital need for the development of character or personality, for the building up of confidence, for the gaining of experience in responsibility, or leadership or simply the fundamentally important art of getting on with other people. Qualities such as tolerance, determination, initiative, a sense of duty or organisational ability are not tested by examinations but are often shown in these other aspects of school life, particularly the opportunity that is given for girls to organize things on their own such as the Matric Dance or the various Form Charity efforts which I have not had time to mention

so far but which will be recorded in the School Magazine.

I have spoken as if all girls respond to the opportunities provided. Unfortunately this is not always so. There are times when one sees a few willing enthusiastic members of a group and too many others who are apathetic and prepared to let others do the work. This I believe is one of the faults of our affluent society: things come too easily and so, as soon as a little effort is required, it is more comfortable to sit back and be observers rather than becoming truly involved. But involvement makes for growth and it is therefore good for each girl here at School to participate as fully as possible.

On the other hand a balance is needed and it is also true that, as a sort of escape from the demands of school work, some girls take on too many other activities and the outcome is that work is limited to a minimum. This is surely an even more serious mistake to make, particularly in the senior classes.

We are proud of those who have achieved the desirable balance, who have given much to the School and yet have maintained a high academic standard. Of last year's Matrics we congratulate particularly those who won distinctions in the Joint

Matriculation Board examinations in 1982 (the fourth consecutive year when we have had no failures):—

Lisa Beckerling (Maths and Geography)
Catharine Hales (Geography)
Veronica Hommersom (Typing)
Rosemary Loch Davis (English)
Bridget Longmore (Maths)
Suzanne Louw (Art)
Lisa Lyhne (Geography)
Linda Merrington (Typing)
Margaret Orford (English)
Judith Richards (Typing)
Natasha Theophilou (Latin and aggregate)
Miriam Thomas (Afrikaans)

Let me now close by reminding us all of our School Motto which makes it clear that every achievement, whether academic, cultural or sporting, should exist *not* on a selfish level at all (i.e. for our own good) but rather as an infinitesimal part of some far bigger purpose, of a much more far-reaching and important overall design behind which stands God — Creator, Redeemer, Spirit of life and love and holiness. May God forgive our many imperfections and enable us to offer something worthwhile — "Ad Dei Gloriam".

Pamela Geldard

SCHOOL LEAVERS 1983

TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN: Sarah Ashley, Elizabeth Baker, Deborah Bell, Sonya Bester, Shelley Durr, Kerynne French, Joanne Hvidsten, Nicolette Jones (or Technikon), Cecily Littleford, Wendy Lyhne, Joanna Macfarlane, Sandra Newton Thompson, Michelle Smith, Julianne Walker.

TO THE CAPE TECHNIKON: Nina Claussen, Michele Kinlay, Caroline Lanfear, Ingrid Matolengwe, Liza Rowland, Britt Schrauwen, Jacqueline Steven.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT: Anthea Ovenstone.

OVERSEAS STUDY OR TRAVEL: Rosalind Butler (U.K.), Lindy de Waal (Rotary Exchange: U.C.T. 1985), Catherine Hudson (England), Jacqueline Kilcullen (U.S.A.), Lucinda Richards (Dublin), Anne Abdy (U.S.A.), Rowena Evans (Winkfield, U.K.), Catherine Fletcher (Switzerland), Jill Fouche (France), Kirsten Keirsgier (New York), Beverley Kolbe (Switzerland), Jacqueline Rathfelder (France), Jo-Ann Scott (New York).

MATRICULATION RESULTS, 1982

66 Candidates entered — No failures

M denotes a matriculation pass with university entrance

A denotes A aggregate

ALBERT N

ALBERTYN S

BACHELOR J

M BECKERLING L (Distinction in Mathematics and Geography)

M BETTISON L

M BIEBUYCK M

BOOTH D

M BOWLEY S

M BRYANT S

COMMINS S

M COOPER R

M COWIE S

M DICEY K

DIXON D

M DOWER K

M DU TOIT M

M DU TOIT M-L

M FRASER F

M GOTTGENS K

M HALES C (Distinction in Geography)

M HEMINGWAY C

HINE D

M HOMMERSOM V (Distinction in Typing)

M JOOSTE H

M KENT D

M KNIGHT F

KÖSTER D

M KRAUSS C

KRONE K

M LANDLESS T

LENGNER D

M LITTLEFORD P

M LOCH DAVIS R (Distinction in English)

M LONGMORE B (Distinction in Mathematics)

M LOUW M

M LOUW S (Distinction in Art)

M LYHNE L (Distinction in Geography)

M MANNION M

M MARR C

M MARTEN H

M MCCALLUM A

M MCMILLAN J

M MERRINGTON L (Distinction in Typing)

M MONI C

M MORRIS B

M MORRISSEY E

M MOUNTAIN G

M ORFORD (Distinction in English)

PARGITER D

PENTZ B

QUIBELL J

M RICHARDS J (Distinction in Typing)

SEYMOUR S-A

SHARPLEY W

M SMIT K

M SOCIKWA G

M STAMPER L

M STEVEN J

M STEYTLER L

M TANFIELD P-J

A M THEOPHILOU N (Distinction in Latin)

M THOMAS M (Distinction in Afrikaans)

M VAN DER HOORN T

M VORSTER E

M WILSON W

M WYNNE-EDWARDS S

TAALBOND RESULTS, 1982**LAER AFRIKAANSE TAALEKSAMEN 1982****Hoër Graad met Lof**

Nicola Caine, Wendy Perold, Linda Willis.

Hoër Graad

Lisa Bailey, Wilhelmina Bray, Sally Dicey, Christine Dunckley, Linda Graaff, Ingrid Hommersom, Ailsa Leith, Nicola Newton-King.

Gewone Graad

Simone Beckerling, Leanne Carlyle, Vanessa Clark, Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Claudia Fioravanti, Susan Gatt, Bronwen Geldenhuys, Kim Jameson, Karen Kirkman, Dee-Anne Krause, Susan Levett, Lerrise Maisel, Margaret Malherbe, Pamela Mandindi, Clodagh Mannion, Margaret Marr, Alison McMillan, Juliet Postlethwaite, Ilse Richter, Oona Saunders, Hildegard Schubert, Judith Schulman, Catherine Shub.



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	1 — gold diploma

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Inken Haldane	— Highly Commended
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Katie Thompson	— Commended
Megan van Zyl	— Commended
Mia de Bruijn	— Commended

PRIMARY

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Jacqueline Evertse	— Pass Plus

SENIOR GRADE

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Vaughneen Ricketts	— Highly Commended
Tracey Bell	— Commended

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Anthea Ovenstone



Back Row: C. Littleford, J. Rathfelder, B. Schrauwen, J. Walker.

Middle Row: L. de Waal, S. Ashley, A. Abdy, L. Richards, J. Hvidsten, R. Butler, L. Rowland.

Seated: S. Newton Thompson, N. Jones Mrs. S. Gillham (Vice-Principals), Miss. P. Geldard (Headmistress), K. French (Head Girl), J. Kilcullen.



THE BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS

*Standing: R. Evans, J. Rathfelder, B. Kolbe, C. Littleford, A. Ovenshine, J. Kileullen, L. Rowland.
Seated: B. Schrauwen (Head), Miss P. Geldard (Headmistress), Mrs. Buntmann (Mistress of Boarding House), R. Butler.*

CHAPEL REPORT

Chairlady: Miss P. A. Geldard

Secretary: Jacquie Rathfelder

Committee: Mrs S. Gillham, Mrs H. Montgomery, Mrs M. Browne, Rowena Evans, Cecily Littleford, Anne Abdy, Nicky Newton-King, Nicky Jones, Hillary Tasker, Gwen Siyotula, Karen Kirkman, Deirdre Murray, Pam Mandindi, Lynette Murray.

We extend our thanks to Rev. Cox, Rev. Kirk and Rev. Taylor who have taken several of our Tuesday and Thursday evening services and our Wednesday morning Communion services. Many of the evening

services have also been taken by Miss Geldard and different Matric girls.

All confirmed girls have had to attend at least two Communion services a term which has helped many to become more aware of our Chapel.

I extend my thanks to all Committee members for their help during the past year and particular thanks must go to Mrs Mary Browne who has not only continued to help us learn new tunes from the hymn book "Sounds of Living Water — Fresh Sounds", but has seen to it that the Chapel is always attractive and inviting.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Secretary, Hillary Tasker, and other new Committee members.

Jacqueline Rathfelder

CONFIRMATIONS

On Sunday 30 October, the following girls were confirmed at St Saviour's by the Right Reverend Frederick Amooore, and received their first Communion straight afterwards:

Alexandra Böttger	Kirsten Hutchinson
Susan Böttger	Joanne Hvidsten
Lindsay Challis	Charlene Kendal
Sarah Crawford-Browne	Tanyana Robb
Nicola Eckstein	Polly Wilson
Karen Hutchinson	

CHRISTIAN UNION REPORT

Our year began very successfully with a weekend camp at Betty's Bay. Mrs Wood very kindly allowed us to use her house as a venue. We were lucky to have James Thomas to lead our meetings and to join in all the fun and games. Unfortunately Mrs Wood left us in June. We thank her for all her help over the years. In her place we welcome Mrs Holland.

We have had a variety of speakers at our weekly meetings this year, amongst others a team from World Vision, Dave Christie, Paul West, Fr. Ian Eve, the Westerford Christian Union, and a team of singers from Scripture Union. We screened the films "The Cross and the Switchblade" and "The Turin Shroud", two thought-provoking films.

The outgoing committee are Lucinda Richards, Anne Abdy and Karen Dudley. I wish the new committee well in the year to come.

Lucinda Richards, Std. 10

advances were met rather indifferently, suggesting that our help was not really needed.

We then decided to turn our attention nearer to home, and we organised groups of girls with the pre-prep boarders at the junior school. Our help was clearly appreciated and the girls concerned greatly enjoyed it.

At Easter time, we organised an Easter project, whereby we collected Easter Eggs for children's homes. We collected ± 1500 eggs. Again we thank all those who kindly gave the eggs to make this project possible.

In the 2nd term, some members of the St. John's Ambulance Service came to address the club, and we decided on future projects. We received addresses for correspondence between the elderly and our members of the club, as it was felt that we could raise the spirits of many an old person if we could write to them regularly.

One-to-one Day, in the past has proved to be most successful and this year was no exception. A large number of girls volunteered their services and on Sunday 14 August we spent the day looking after our retarded children. It was, for all who took part, a very fulfilling day.

Plans for our forthcoming Christmas party are already underway with Beth Stuart-Findlay organising it. I wish her luck and hope that for her it will be just as rewarding as it was for me.

I should also like to thank Wendy Lyhne for all her help throughout the year, as well as Mrs Marr for her support.

I hope that next year the club will really establish itself, and all I can say is Good Luck.

Julienne Walker

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CLUB REPORT

At the end of last year (1982) I was asked by Miss Geldard to organise the annual Christmas party for underprivileged children. It was a roaring success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children who attended. It could, however, not have been possible without the donations we received from both the school and various companies.

At the beginning of the year, I telephoned various children's homes and institutions, and offered them our services as we were eager to get the club going. I was disappointed to find, however, that our eager

CHARITIES 1983

Peninsula School Feeding
Homestead
P.D.S.A.
World Vision
Boys Town
Operation Hunger
Child Welfare
Bruce Duncan Home
African Scholars Fund
Tembaletu Welfare Centre
Liliebloom House

THE HERSCHELIAN

CHOIR REPORT

Choir Leaders

S. Newton Thompson
L. Rowland

Chamber Choir

N. Caine
L. de Waal
L. Dicey
S. Dicey
K. Donnelly
J. Hendry
N. Jordan
S. Joyce
M. Kinlay
J. Krige
C. Meredith
S. Rogers
D. Zelezniak

Main Choir

J. Bosma
L. Burns
N. Caine
A. Collie
L. de Waal
L. Dicey
S. Dicey
K. Donnelly
M. Edmunds
L. Eichler
N. Eckstein
R. Evans
G. Fitzpatrick
L. Ferguson
S. Frith
M. Gillespie
F. Gilliland

L. Haldane
J. Hendry
N. Jordan
S. Joyce
M. Kinlay
J. Krige
N. Lloyd-Roberts
C. Mannion
C. Meredith
A. Moultrie
B. Oswald
C. Pelt
J. Postlethwaite
S. Rogers
M. Ross
J. Schulman
K. Snyders
B. Stuart-Findlay
D. Symonds

The choir had a lovely start to its musical year with the Founders Day service in early February. We were delighted to be asked to sing, once again, for the Palm Sunday service on the radio. The recording took place at St Saviour's Church and it seemed to be much enjoyed by all who tuned in to listen to the service.

This was followed, a week later, by Herschel's annual Easter Service, beautiful in its simplicity. In the second term, extra rehearsals began in earnest for a presentation of Clarence Gibbins' musical compositions at St George's Cathedral. Mr Gibbins had taught at Herschel, and together with the SACS choir we had the honour of performing his choral works. We thoroughly enjoyed working with SACS and experienced many moments of great fun and hilarity. The evening in the cathedral was an unqualified success and the extra rehearsals which the occasion had required proved to be well worthwhile. However, with all the expenditure of energy, it was felt that some form of reward and relaxation was needed. A fondue was organized and held at Liza Rowland's house, and was highly enjoyable.

Since the beginning of the year the choir has waited in anticipation to hear whether or not we would be able to attend the Roodepoort International Eisteddfod. All set to go, it became clear that the limited choice of songs, the Eisteddfod's close proximity to the final matriculation examinations and the enormous amount of money needed to finance our trip to Roodepoort made it an unwise proposition, and so it was with great disappointment that the choir decided not to participate in the event. The unfortunate aspect of this is that with Roodepoort in mind, many other offers were turned down.

Since then the choir and chamber choir have sung at two weddings, the annual music concert, the final assembly of the third term and an evening service at St Thomas' Church in Rondebosch. Forthcoming events include a presentation of a programme to the Music Departments of the Independent Schools, singing at a wedding and bringing our year to a close with the choir's annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on December 2nd.

Sandra Newton Thompson



THE HERSCHEL SCHOOL CHOIR

Back Row: B. Osweil, J. A. Bosma, J. Schulman, B. Stuart Findlay, C. Mannion, J. Upton, J. Postlethwaite, L. de Waal, D. Zelezniak.

3rd Row: S. Dicey, M. Ross, G. Fitzpatrick, D. Symonds, S. Frith, A. Moultrie, R. Evans, J. Krige, M. Kinkay.

2nd Row: M. Edmunds, K. Dudley, S. Joyce, C. Pelt, L. A. Ferguson, N. Caine, L. Dicey, K. Snyders, J. Hendry.

1st Row: N. Ekstein, A. Collie, C. Meredith, L. Haldane, M. L. Gillespie, N. Jordan, K. Donnelly, L. Eichler, S. Rogers, L. Burns.

Seated: S. Newton Thompson, Miss C. Sweet, L. Rowland.

ORCHESTRA REPORT

ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

STRINGS	— 1st violins	Michele Kinlay
		Liesl Haldane
	— 2nd violins	Robyn George
		Alexandra Mallet
		Debra Tyson
	— 3rd violins	Kate O'Neill
		Susan Tyson
	— viola	Sarah Joyce
	— cellos	Alexia Billings
		Simone Le Fevre
		Charmiane Prescott
WOODWIND	— 1st flutes	Dorrit Zelezniak
		Jeannette Krige
	— 2nd flutes	Elizabeth Mallet
		Viola Lengner
	— 1st clarinets	Nicola Caine
		Roshan Karjeiker
	— 2nd clarinets	Marie-Louise Gillespie
		Sarah Crawford-Browne

During the year we have worked very hard at orchestral technique such as discipline in ensemble playing. This requires each member to be accurate in her performance, punctual and regular in attendance, and, most important of all, to realize that she is part of a team.

During the first six months, the orchestra played in several Junior and Senior School assemblies. We participated in the Cape Town Music Eisteddfod in May, with gratifying results. This was the first time we had entered and we obtained a high merit. The end of the second term was hectic for the orchestra as we played in three Junior School concerts and presented a programme for the final Senior School assembly. Our pieces ranged in style, from the Baroque period through to twentieth century music, and these were well received by parents, staff and girls.

We were very sorry to have to say goodbye to Lee Hosking in July when she returned to England. Lee was a long-standing member of the orchestra and a talented flautist. We wish her well in her new school.

Miss Heathcock is delighted with the orchestra's progress this year and we hope this will continue in 1984.

Michele Kinlay, Leader

MUSIC REPORT

The Music Department started off this year with the Founders' Day service at St. Saviour's Church, Claremont during which the choir sang. The Inter-House music competition, which was postponed from last year was held in March and was won by Jagger. The School Easter Service, also held at St. Saviour's Church, was the last musical event before the end of the first term.

The beginning of the second term was heralded by a concert given in St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, in which the Herschel and SACS choirs participated, singing some of the works written by our previous recorder teacher, Mr Gibbins, who was soon to leave for England.

Many of the Herschel music pupils played in the Cape Town Eisteddfod in May, and achieved pleasing results. The School orchestra entered the string ensemble section of the Eisteddfod and did very well.

An informal music workshop was held in May in which the senior music pupils played to one another. The purpose of this was to give each girl the opportunity of performing in front of other people, as well as their peers. At the end of the second term, three Junior School concerts were held, ranging from the Pre-Prep to Std Five. During the July holidays some members from the choir sang at the wedding of Mrs Hudson's daughter at St. Thomas's, Rondebosch.

During the third term Janutz Stechley, an internationally renowned concert pianist from England, came to Herschel, having visited other schools in the Peninsula, and played to us. Mr Stechley played works by his fellow countryman, Chopin, who, in his time brought about sympathy for his native land, Poland, through his music. The Kindergarten concert was held on 5 September followed by a music workshop given by the Std Threes to Fives on 12 September. On 30 August the Royal Schools Examinations were held.

During the fourth term the Independent Schools Music Teachers' meeting was held at Herschel at which the choir and orchestra performed a few items. The Junior School Carol Service will be held on the 24 November and the annual Senior School Carol Service will be held on 1 December.

Michele Kinlay, Head Music Student

JAGGER HOUSE REPORT

This year has in many ways been a happy and successful one for Jagger and we have not always been as 'green' in the Sporting field as we appear to be.

At the start of the new year we were pleased to welcome Mrs Montgomery as JAGGER house mistress. Her keen interest and enthusiasm are an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations to Merriman on winning the Inter-House Swimming Gala. Although we were placed third, the famous Jagger 'Spirit' reigned supreme. A number of promising divers, amongst them Kelly Myburgh, Bridget Godson and Lisa Pyott, represented us in the Diving event and we achieved second place.

The netball was very exciting with our U/15 team wiping out their opponents. Rolt was the overall winner, however, as well as in the hockey.

Special congratulations must go to Sarah Cross who was chosen for the W.P. Schools U/19 Squash and Badminton teams. We also congratulate Susan Böttger who was chosen for the W.P. Schools U/16 Squash team. There was an exciting finish to the Inter-House Squash event when Jagger beat Rolt by one point! Again in the Badminton, Sarah Cross, Karen Hutchinson and Bridget Godson dominated the court. Our talents seem to lie in these two sports.

A lot of time and effort put into the Inter-House Music Competition paid dividends when the Jagger choir under Dorrit Zelezniak's leadership was awarded the well-deserved cup.

Academically Jagger has done extremely well and the following girls are to be commended on their excellent achievements: Kerynne French, Lindy de Waal, Linda Willis, Dorrit Zelezniak, Susan Böttger, Beth Stuart-Findlay, Kelly Myburgh, Chantal Simonis and Catherine Gibaud.

The jerseys collected in the second term went to Cafda where they were greatly appreciated, especially during this particularly cold winter. It was decided to send our charity money to the African Scholars Fund, as we have done in the past.

A special thank you to all those Std 9's, especially Linda Willis and Julia Stallard, for their hard work and effort in producing the Jagger magazine and House play respectively.

In conclusion I should like to thank all members of Jagger, especially Mrs Montgomery, for the help and

co-operation they have shown when the need has arisen. May this spirit continue in the future.

Jacqueline Kilcullen, Head of Jagger

MERRIMAN HOUSE REPORT

This year we are really keen to win back the Efficiency Shield.

There was great enthusiasm when we introduced House T-shirts and peaks displaying our mascot, Mighty Mouse. These have been a great success, with brothers, sisters and boyfriends buying them to support our House. The T-shirts and peaks were first worn to the Inter-House Swimming Gala. A new banner was also raised with Mighty Mouse standing proudly above the House members. We were victorious for the first time since the early seventies. Congratulations to the entire team, and to Anne Abdy who organised our swimming so well. Unfortunately we were placed third in the Diving, but not without a fight.

Inter-House Music has taken place with Merriman coming second. I would like to thank Jeanette Krige for all her hard work and enthusiasm.

Jerseys collected by Merriman girls were once again given to St Michael's Home. They were most grateful for this donation. Our charity money was given to Peninsula School Feeding. This was also gratefully accepted with the reply that they are feeding approximately one hundred and thirty thousand needy children each school day. This has made us all aware of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Merriman has always been known as the most academic of the houses. Those who have achieved exceptionally high marks this year are: Elizabeth Baker, Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Catherine Shub, Wendy Perold, Lisa Kantor, Gina Niven, Sally Orren, Lizette Preiss, Michelle Booth, Lyndall du Plessis and Serin Gowdy. Congratulations.

I should like to thank Mrs Thompson and the other Merriman staff who are always so enthusiastic in the House activities. My thanks to the Merriman prefects and the entire House, who are always behind me all the way.

Good luck for all the other Inter-House competitions during the rest of this year.

Nicolette Jones, Head of Merriman

ROLT HOUSE REPORT

When I formally took over the position of Head of Rolt at the beginning of this year, I saw that we had quite a reputation to live up to; we had won the Efficiency Shield for three years running. This being the highest award that can be given to a House, I resolved to make this year the fourth.

After a not-quite-so-successful Sports Day in the fourth term of last year, the Inter-House Diving competition was great fun as Rolt has virtually all of Herschel's divers. Clodagh Mannion came second in the Open Section, Natasha van Zyl came first in the U14 Section and I won the individual cup.

Resulting from a major House meeting at the beginning of the first term, Rolt T-shirts were printed for the Inter-House Swimming Gala, using the thumb-print motto that our last year's Magazine Committee had used. Those, and the shortest of short satin minis which were made for the cheerleaders proved highly successful in helping achieve the wonderful, enthusiastic spirit that we all felt on the day. Although, of course, we would like to have won the Gala, which instead, Merriman did, with Jagger 3rd, my overriding impression is one of fun and spirit, which overjoyed me, and I am sure, helped our swimmers on to their finishes.

After that came the Inter-House Music competition for which a House choir had to be trained, an instrumental piece rehearsed and a sight-singer persuaded. We won both the instrumental and choral sections but unfortunately lost the cup as a result of good sight-singing in Merriman and Jagger. I felt that we did extremely well, and was very proud of all who took part.

Academically we have excelled this year, both in the mark readings and in the July exams, in which many girls came first in their classes. Let us keep it up! Our House Charity collection we donate termly to the Thembaletu Day Centre, and the 85 jerseys that we collected were given to Boy's Town.

In Inter-House Netball, Rolt once again took the cup, but in Squash, Jagger pipped us at the post, beating us by one point with a score of 138 points to our 137. In Hockey, great spirit and excited tension resulted in our winning the cup. Another bonus was the result of the Fun Run in which Rolt scored the most points for early arrivals at the finishing line. Jagger recently won Inter-House Badminton.

The highlight of the Rolt 1983 year was the Rolt Braai that we held in late February. For this occasion meat

was collected, songs written, salads prepared, games organised and so on. I had my doubts before the time, but by the end, with spirits high after having pushed our faces into buckets of water, trying to catch apples, dressed Mrs Stockwell up in a yellow hat creation and laughed and joked and sung, most definitely we had a wonderful time, and the boarders returned to school singing and dancing.

Of all the people we have to thank, Mrs Stockwell is undoubtedly the most important. She has for so long been the driving force behind Rolt, and we will miss her unfailing support. We wish her best of luck and happiness for the future.

All this would not have been possible without the House that was the cause of it, and I thank them. I have greatly enjoyed my year as Head of Rolt. May future years be as much fun and as successful.

Sandra Newton Thompson, Head of Rolt

DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT

The first debate of the year was one held at Wynberg Boys' High School where, with an unfortunately small audience, a Junior debate, "That Money is the most important thing in the world" and a Senior debate, "With Nuclear Power, the Crime rate, Petrol shortages and over-population as they are, our days are numbered" were very well handled, with uproarious results, by the faithful speakers.

At a Public Speaking competition at Rustenburg, Julianne Walker spoke on "Education: Our Black Schools." As well as this prepared speech, the contestants delivered 2 minute-long impromptu speeches. The humorous approach adopted by the Herzlia contestant won him the round and he went into the finals.

An internal debate was held after a slightly less successful forum discussion, and women doing military service was discussed, the motion, that they *should*, being carried.

Last term, an innovative debate was held where Groote Schuur spoke in English and our brave team spoke in Afrikaans, and this is to be repeated later this term. An internal debate discussing the factors for and against competitiveness, was held successfully.

Niki Caine takes over from me as chairman of the committee.

Sandra Newton Thompson

ORAL COMMUNICATION AND DRAMA

There has been a great deal of activity under this heading, involving very many of our girls. First of the public occasions, at the beginning of the second term, was the School production of "I Have Five Daughters", a dramatization of Jane Austen's novel, *Pride and Prejudice*.

This play, performed in the Arderne Centre, was very successful. We were fortunate in having four talented university students to play the male parts;

thus avoiding the pitfalls often presented by sixteen-year old boys playing forty-six year old men. It is unfortunately one of the facts of theatrical life that girls can play mature women, but the opposite sex sometimes flounders badly when attempting the same sort of characterization. Excellent performances were given by Rosalind Butler, Shelley Durr, Julia Stallard, Britt Schrauwen, Deborah Crane, Juliet Postlethwaite, Joanne Hvidsten and Julienne Walker.



Mrs. Bennet and her five daughters.

Left to Right: D. Crane, J. Postlethwaite, R. Butler, S. Durr, B. Schrauwen, J. Stallard.

I was most ably assisted in the work of direction by the skill and co-operation of Lorraine Gower (Costumes), Heather Montgomery and Brian Park (Set and décor). Dawn McClurg performed her usual miracles with character make-up and I was greatly helped by the back-stage team of Wilhelmina Bray, Alison Kebble, Nicola Caine, Sandra Newton Thompson, Bennita Oswell, Roshan Karjieker and Tonia-Cara van der Spuy. Mary Browne dealt with tickets, booking and front-of-house with the efficiency we always get from her. Friends-of-Herschel Harold Scott and Alan Saffery handled sound and lighting and William Saffery and Stephanie Dutkiewicz assisted. It was hair-raisingly impressive to watch the latter at the top of a vertical steel ladder nonchalantly removing lights from the ceiling. Nicola Newton-King proved to be another expert in stage lighting when she did this job single-handed at the Inter-House drama evening.

Solo work in the Cape Town Eisteddfod, which took place at the same time as the play, was kept to a minimum but Dawn McClurg entered groups, which all did very well. Standard IV won the Trophy for the Acted Story which was the delightful A A Milne's "Tigger is unbounded". Std IVa received Honours in the Experimental section, Std V a Diploma for Group Speaking, and Standard VIIc Honours for the Play Extract. All the drama girls entered Creative Drama section with results ranging from High Merit through to a Diploma, won by the Std 9 group. In solo and dialogue section Catherine Shub, Wilhelmina Bray, Alison Durr, Marie-Lou Gillespie, Helen Kaminski and Nicola Caine all were awarded High Merit; and Joanne Hvidsten, Shelley Durr, Tonia-Cara van der Spuy and Deborah Crane won Honours Certificates.

Mrs McClurg's success at the Eisteddfod was repeated when she produced "Many Moods" in the school hall in August. Described as 'a Demonstration of Speech and Drama Groupwork taught and developed in the classroom with entire class involvement', this highly entertaining performance delighted a large audience of parents and friends.

Julienne Walker, Joanne Hvidsten, Sandra Newton Thompson, Rosalind Butler and Shelley Durr were our team in the annual SACEE competition Forum Discussions. We did not win, though the girls gave a first-class performance, particularly in the preliminary round, in which we came second. Can it be that the absence of boys in a team constitutes a handicap? One begins to think so! These girls have all contributed greatly to Oral Communication during the year.

In the debating field they were all prominent, and Sandra Newton Thompson presided as Chairman throughout the year. We thank her for her energetic and enthusiastic work, both as organiser and as speaker. Other members of the Oral Communication Committee this year were Nicola Caine, Nicola Newton-King, Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Bennita Oswell, Alison Moultrie, Roshan Karkiejer, Sally Orren and Nicola Baillie. Our teacher of extra curricular Speech and Drama, Mrs Johnson, has left us to return with her family to England, and with her go our best wishes. Her place has been taken by Mrs Jenny Brockbank. Last year Speech and Oral Communication examinations went very well, with no failures, many merits and some Honours gradings. These were achieved by Joanne Hvidsten, Shelley Durr, Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Juliet Postlethwaite, Julia Stallard, Lesley Millar and Samantha Bendzulla.

The best results in the 1982 Oral Communication examinations were gained by Ceri Davies, Gillian Clayton, Fazela Adam, Vanessa Jacobs, Nawal Mohamed, Joanna Wimbush, Samantha Bendzulla.

Margaret L. Saffery



Jane (B. Schrauwen) and Elizabeth (S. Durr) Bennet.

SOCIOLOGICAL CLUB REPORT

Sociological Club on Wednesday afternoons is attended by Standards Eight, Nine and Ten. Guest speakers address us on subjects about which they are knowledgeable or expert, or films of varied interest are shown.

This year Professor H. W. van der Merwe spoke to us about *Conflict and Conflict Resolution*. Professor Ken Macgregor, Head of the Department of Computer Science at U.C.T., spoke about the rapidly expanding uses of *Computers*. Professor Pat Foster, Head of the Department of Anaesthetics at Tygerberg Hospital, talked about *Pain*. In July Mrs Bess Finney and Mrs Gill Fletcher talked about the excitement of writing and producing the play *'Pray don't Sir George'*, and Miss Leibbrandt of the Electricity Supply Commission explained the functions of the *Koeberg Nuclear Power Station*. In September Mrs Christofferson of Syfrets talked about *Women and Finance*, and suggested ways of saving and investing our money. Miss Richardson of the Department of Health taught us healthy diets and good eating habits, and Mrs Val West told us something of her work at the *Black Sash Advice Office*.

During the year we saw the Paul Schofield *King Lear*, and films on Keats, Michaelangelo, The Third Reich, Dylan Thomas, Marcel Marceau, Picasso and some French feature films loaned by the Alliance Française. We were also treated to a Shakespeare programme by the *Royal Puppet Company*.

Our thanks go to Mrs Steytler for organising these most interesting and informative afternoons, to Mrs Westgate for arranging the necessary projectors, etc. and to Mrs Browne and Mrs Louw who kindly fetch and return the films for us.

Nicola Caine

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Stockwell
Chairman: Sonya Bester
Secretary: Elizabeth Baker

The Historical Society has had an interesting and varied programme this year. We began the year with a talk on the new Pass Laws in South Africa. A group of Standard 9 girls were able to see the special

preview of the film *Gandhi*. In the second term we visited the Cape Town Archives and saw some very old original documents signed by Jan van Riebeeck. We have also been able to show two films during lunchbreak from the Josef Gitlin Library: one was about the life of Anne Frank and the other was a documentary on the Palestinian Liberation Organisation in the Middle East. In the third term a party of girls was taken to the city Art Gallery, where they viewed films on China and learnt about "Contemporary Political Art". We also visited the Simonstown Naval Dockyard and museum, where we were taken on a guided tour, during which we saw several ships, the submarines and the Dry Dock. Later in the term we visited Rhodes Cottage and de Post Huys. We would like to thank Mrs Stockwell for making the year's programme most interesting and stimulating.

COMPUTER CLUB

Herschel is proud to have acquired two BBC Micro Computers and Disk Drives. These expensive and scientific pieces of equipment are going to be most valuable and helpful to us all.

Mrs Gibbons, our Senior Mathematics teacher, is at present taking an intensive course on computer programming, and will be able to help us to make the maximum use of these computers. We have now formed a Computer Club, initially consisting of: five Standard Nine girls, Dorrit Zeleznik, N. Newton-King, Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Nicola Caine, Ingrid Hommersom; two Standard Eights, Alison Moultrie and Caroline Isted; two Standard Sevens, Tanya Elvin-Jensen and Sally Orren; and two Standard Sixes, Natasha van Zyl and Serin Gowdy.

Several meetings have already been held this term and Committee members have been able to familiarise themselves with the computers and disk drives. Very soon there will be a choice of Science, Mathematics and English software available, and as from next year, all Standard 6 and 7 girls will have one period a week of Computer Awareness. We look forward to the time when all members of the School will be profitably using these very exciting machines.

Nicola Caine
Nicola Newton-King

BRIDGE CLUB

Chairperson: Nicola Newton-King
 Secretary: Stephanie Dutkiewicz
 Committee Member: Hillary Tasker

The Bridge Club was started last year after Miss Geldard offered to teach a few girls how to play bridge. Since then the club has grown, meeting every Wednesday evening. We have even been lucky enough to have Mr Convery from the Western Province Bridge Union coming to give us some helpful hints.

In the first term we arranged a Bridge evening with Bishops and in the second term a Family-Teachers-Girls Bridge evening. Both of these evenings were enjoyable, with some interesting, rather than excellent, bridge being played. However, we did have a few slams amongst all the overbidding and underbidding that went on and the finesses which didn't work.

I would like to encourage any bridge players, or girls who would like to learn to play, to join the Bridge Club. I would also like to thank Miss Geldard for allowing us to use her sitting-room for our meetings and giving up her time to join and help us.

Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Secretary

MOUNTAIN CLUB REPORT

Chairman: Anne Abdy
 Committee: Mr and Mrs Fletcher
 Penny Thesen

Unfortunately the weather, as in other years, forced several Mountain Club outings to be cancelled. However, we did manage two climbs, both in the first term. On both occasions the Fletchers took a small group of girls up Table Mountain, lunching in the S.A.M.C. hut before descending via Skeleton Gorge.

The highlight of the term was an outing to Du Toit's Kloof Pass. We arrived late and once settled, Mrs Fletcher kindly cooked us a Chinese dinner. The evening was spent telling ghost stories. The following morning we rose early, had a hearty breakfast, and started our ascent of Du Toit's Peak. Three-quarters of the way up a troop of baboons, throwing stones, confronted us. For the party's safety, it was decided that we should return to home base. The weekend was spent in good spirits and we all had tremendous fun.

I want to thank Mr and Mrs Fletcher for their continued participation in the club. It is only a pity that so few girls have joined the club. The Mountain Club members spend only a short time in the sun on the slopes of South Africa.

Anne Abdy, Chairman

LIBRARY REPORT

At the beginning of the year, the library welcomed Mrs Holland, who took over the Librarianship position from Mrs Steytler. We thank Mrs Steytler for all her hard work and for initiating the task of re-cataloguing all the books in the Duncan Baxter Library.

Since Mrs Holland's arrival, work has centred on updating the English and Afrikaans fiction sections, especially for the Lower-Senior age group. Mrs Clark, the extra Afrikaans teacher, is at present reading all the Afrikaans fiction in the library and grading the books into different categories. This is so that the girls may find it easier to select books to suit their level of competency in Afrikaans. We are very grateful to her for this assistance. A wide selection of suitable books are available now.

I would like to thank the present Library prefects for their co-operation and valuable assistance. They are: L. Willis, W. Perold, R. Karjicker, B. Oswald, S. Böttger, D. Hathaway, C. Isted, A. Moultrie, J. Bosma and S. Crawford-Browne.

The library is used by all classes from Standards VI — IX once a week library periods. During lunch and after school till 4.45 pm the library is open for research and study purposes.

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the library from Miss Geldard, Mrs Foster, Clair Grootendorst and the Cape Times and Argus. To date we have acquired 250 new books in the library this year.

Anne Abdy, Senior Library Prefect

1983 INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

Every other year the Std 9's present three House plays. This year the task of directing the plays fell to Wilhelmina Bray (Rolt), Catherine Shub and Debbie Crane (Merriman) and Julia Stallard (Jagger).

On the evening of 21 September, the cast members arrived at the drama room at five o'clock. By 05h30, the drama room was no longer recognisable — Herschel girls had struck!! The floor was strewn with costumes, makeup, props, large globs of cream . . . The general confusion was so great that none of us was aware of the arrival of the parents and our loyal friends — no doubt, however, they were aware of us!

At 8 p.m. the curtain rose on the first of the three plays. This was an extract from a famous tragedy *THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA*, written by Lorca and presented by Merriman.

It concerns the suppression and frustration of women in Spain during the 1930's. The actresses that deserve special mention are Debbie Crane for her excellent portrayal of the jealous Martirio and especially Toni Cara Van der Spuy for her sensitive performance of Adela.

The next play, a light-hearted farce, *THE RED SPY AT NIGHT*, presented by Rolt, delighted the audience. The ludicrous situation arose where three spies, one Russian, one American and one English discovered one another in a seedy hotel room in Paris! Each hoped to get hold of an atomic-scientific formula for a new bomb. Alison Kebble brought the house down by her performance as the absent-minded professor.

The third play, *WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE*, was written by David Campdown and was presented by Jagger. This was a black comedy showing how one small incident can trigger off a chain reaction and thereby affect many people's lives.

A line of sarcasm ran the whole way through. This was sustained particularly well by Linda Willis, the narrator. Special commendation goes to Helen Kaminski and Clare Reilly.

After a short interval, in which everyone's nerves were on edge and insincere comments like "I'm sure your play is going to win" were bandied about, the adjudicator, Mrs Jill Fletcher, stood up to give her criticism.

She gave a very sympathetic speech and congratulated everyone on the high standard of performance. The best actress awarded went to Alison Kebble and

the Best Play award to Merriman. Nicky Newton King was very highly praised for her lighting effects and heart-felt thanks go to her from all three directors.

It was a wonderful evening and a sense of achievement was shared by all.

Catherine Shub, Nicola Caine, Std. 9

REPORT ON THE ENGLISH FESTIVAL AT GRAHAMSTOWN

On Sunday 3 July 10 girls met at the Newton Thompson's house to begin the 15-hour trip in the school bus. The time was 4.00 a.m.! Mrs Newton Thompson and Mrs Boakes had both bravely offered to accompany us, and they both shared in the driving of the newly-painted bus. Our only mishap was to run out of petrol 30 minutes out of Port Elizabeth. We crawled and sputtered to a standstill, where we remained for almost an hour. Mrs Newton Thompson and Sandy managed to hitch a lift into P.E., where they stocked up on petrol. We arrived, very tired, in Grahamstown at about 7.30 p.m. After checking in at the Monument, we were sent on to our residences — Rhodes University Res. We all unpacked and made ourselves at home.

Monday was spent exploring Grahamstown, shopping, visiting the few lovely museums, the beautiful Cathedral and friends. That evening we went up to the Monument to see 'Pray don't, Sir George', the play of Lady Anne Barnard. There were about 1 500 people from all over the country, and it was lovely to meet so many people, with so many new uniforms. Because of the numbers, we were divided into 4 groups. Herschel belonged to Group D.

The next three days were spent at lectures on networks, Authors and Plays. Some of the things we attended are: Chris Mann and Zabalaza, his African group; Master Harold and The Boys; Schreiner, a one-woman play; the U.C.T. Ballet Show; Shakespeare and Puppets; the film *My Brilliant Career*; lectures on Shakespeare by Guy Butler; Poetry by Ken Durham, King Lear performs by four very exciting young actors and actresses.

Although the weather was freezing and there were strict water restrictions (1 shower a day for 3 minutes!) we all had a wonderful time and made many new friends.

On Friday 8th we left Grahamstown at 4 a.m. and travelled back via the Garden Route which was lovely. The trip back was shorter, but we were all very glad to be home — I think everyone feels that after a trip away!

Our thanks go to Mrs Newton Thompson and Mrs Boakes who were such super chaperones and excellent drivers, and to Grahamstown, as a whole, for making us feel so welcome.

Leanne Carlyle, Std. 9

BIOLOGY ACTIVITIES

The Biology Department has enjoyed being included in activities organized by the Teachers' Centre at Mowbray. We thank Mr James for his enthusiasm and efforts on our behalf. A lecture by South Africa's Nobel Prize-winner, Dr Aaron Klug, on DNA needed full concentration from most of us, but to Miss Rosemarie Hanssen it presented no problem. Miss Hanssen has had a paper on Genetic Engineering published in a world-renowned scientific journal. We are proud to have her on our staff and we sha'l miss her when she leaves us next year.

Liza Rowland was the only girl to attend a lecture on Human Genetics by Mr R. Smart of the Medical School at UCT. The detection of genetically-connected abnormalities in the unborn child by amniocentesis was one of the topics discussed.

A visit to the Medical Research Council at Tygerberg helped to dispel myths and emotional thinking surrounding the subjects of diet for the teenager and scientific experiments on animals.

All three Std. 6 classes reacted enthusiastically to brains in bottles at the Anatomy Department at UCT Medical School; and the Std 8's spent a morning studying Anthropology at the S.A. Museum.

Unusually good weather at the equinox made the Matrics' annual field-trip to Dalebrook a great success. We were grateful for Mrs Deidre Richards' professional help in identifying specimens.

At home our own Science Exhibition, with Std 7's producing working scientific models and Std 6's concentrating on biological projects, was beautifully arranged and presented by Mrs Daphne Beames. It attracted enormous interest from girls and parents alike and we congratulate the pupils concerned on their hard work.

THE STANDARD NINE SCIENCE OUTING

On the afternoon of Thursday, 25 August, seventeen of us, accompanied by two members of staff, set off for Stellenbosch to attend an evening lecture in the University Science Department on Electrolytic cells. Unfortunately, as the lecture was in Afrikaans, some of us did not understand all the scientific terms. We had coffee in the Students' Union.

That night was spent at the beautiful farm of Mrs Newton-King, which is situated on the slopes of the Helderberg. We talked a great deal and slept very little, but were up bright and early, and after a lavish breakfast, we were ready to start the day's programme.

At the Physics Department in Stellenbosch we were shown the electron microscope and were able to look at parts of an ant under very high magnification. We discovered that ants actually have minute tufts of hair between the pads and claws of their feet.

At Fauré we were shown the new particle accelerator under construction, and were told how it will be used for the treatment of cancer, for research into particle physics, for the manufacture of isotopes, and for other commercial purposes.

On our return to Cape Town we briefly visited the S.A. Astronomical Observatory, which happens to be Mrs Feast's home. There we were shown the historic library, containing some ancient books, as well as a very modern computer used in analysing observations made on the telescopes at Sutherland.

After lunch on the lawns of the Observatory we returned to School just in time to be dismissed for the weekend.

The trip was a great success and our thanks go to Mrs Feast for planning and arranging it all, to Miss Hanssen, and to Mrs Newton-King for her hospitality.

Stephanie Dutkiewicz

Sports Activities

TENNIS REPORT

- First couple: J. Rathfelder, A. McMillan
 Second couple: J. Kilcullen (captain), S. Ashley
 Third couple: N. Newton-King, S. Cross

Our tennis this year has not proved spectacular but we have managed to keep up an even standard of play. At the Inter-Schools Tennis competition, the couples played with great enthusiasm and determination and the third couple beat Springfield in the finals. Twelve schools took part in this competition and Herschel was placed fourth. At the Standard Six Inter-Schools competition our team played very well and won the cup.

The Open Singles was won by J. Rathfelder who beat S. Ashley. In the doubles J. Rathfelder and D. Murray beat A. McMillan and L. Willis.

Mrs Hudson and Mrs Botha have taken a great interest in our tennis and we are very grateful to them for all their help. I should like to mention how much we appreciated the constant support of Mrs Gillham at our tennis matches.

Jacqueline Kilcullen, Tennis Captain



1983 SENIOR INTER SCHOOLS TENNIS TEAM

*Standing: A. McMillan, L. Willis, J. Rathfelder, N. Newton King, N. Jones, S. Cross.
 Seated: J. Kilcullen (Capt.), Mrs. M. S. Hudson, S. Ashley.*



WINNERS OF THE STD. 6 INTER SCHOOLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

(Standing): G. Godson, C. Symons, M. Kroon, L. Millar, L. Burns.

(Seated): A. Paxton (Capt.), Mrs. M. S. Hudson, P. Newton King, N. Smithers (absent).

BADMINTON REPORT 1983

For the first time, Herschel was able to enter three teams in the A, B and C leagues respectively. Although some girls from the second and third teams were relatively new to badminton, they showed determination and tried very hard. At the beginning of the season, the girls suffered from a lack of experience. However, as the season progressed they improved and ended the season successfully.

Five players, Sarah Cross, Karen Hutchinson, Sonja

Petrus, Bridget Godson and Melissa van Assen were invited to the Western Province trials. Sarah Cross was selected for the W.P. Under 17 team to play in the Inter-Provincial tournament in Pretoria. Diane Hathaway, Karen Hutchinson and Sonja Petrus received their half-colours. Well Done! Overall the standard of Badminton has improved tremendously since it was introduced at school three years ago.

Our thanks go to our coach, Mrs Sharon Dunt, and to Mrs Botha and Mrs Hudson for their advice and help.

Sarah Cross, Captain

**1st BADMINTON TEAM**

*Standing: S. Petrus, K. Hutchinson, D. Hathaway.
Seated: S. Cross (Capt.)*

SQUASH REPORT

Herschel entered two teams for Inter-Schools Squash. The second team was unfortunately beaten by Wynberg in the first round of the Plate.

Special congratulations must go to the first team who managed to beat Camps Bay to get into the finals. We were then beaten by Fish Hoek.

It is very pleasing to report that six girls were selected for the Western Province Inter-Provincial Squash Tournament this year. The players were Sarah Cross

(U/19A) Susan Böttger and Linda Graaff (U/19B) Nicola Eckstein, Lucy Burns and Melissa van Assen (U/14).

The Inter-House Squash Tournament held at the Link at the beginning of the third term was very exciting with Jagger beating Rolt by one point.

1983 has been a very successful year for squash and I wish the girls best of luck for the future.

Jacqueline Rathfelder, Squash Captain

**HERSCHEL A SQUASH TEAM**

*Standing: S. Cross, S. Böttger, L. Graaff, N. Newton King.
Seated: J. Rathfelder (Capt.), J. Kücklen.*



1st NETBALL TEAM

*Back Row: L. Baillie, L. Willis, J. Rathfelder, L. Richards (Capt.) N. Newton King.
Seated: N. Hanekom, Mrs. M. S. Hudson, V. Clark.*

NETBALL REPORT

Our netball season of 1983 began with great spirit and enthusiasm. After selections Herschel entered two Open teams and three Under-Fifteen teams. We have had some good players boosting their respective teams and owing to their enthusiasm our results have shown a marked improvement. In view of the fact that we have had an extremely wet winter many of our matches were cancelled. Unfortunately Herschel did not do particularly well in the Inter-Schools. Special mention to U15 B team for playing in the

semi-finals. However, all the girls tried hard. Thanks to all and especially to the mothers who so kindly lifted us to all the venues.

One last word to the players is to remember that Netball is a team game so all stick together and perhaps one day Herschel will win the cup! Well done to all teams and better luck next year.

Lucinda Richards, Netball Captain



1983 SWIMMING TEAM

(In Water): A. McDaniel, C. McGhie, J. van Assen.

(Seated): C. Symons, A. Abdy (Capt.), K. Christie, L. du Plessis, N. Lloyd Roberts.

(Kneeling): L. Kantor, H. Dicey.

(On the board Left to Right): C. Hudson, N. Caine, L. Challis, J. Clark, C. Christie, M. Booth, Mrs. H. Botha, S. Tudhope, F. Gilliland.

(Behind): J. Rathfelder, C. Mannion, N. Newton King, J. Upton, I. Hommerson, P. Muir.

SWIMMING REPORT

The swimming season of 1982-83 has been an exciting one with many hours of hard work involved.

Herschel had a large team and in order to involve every swimmer in the friendly galas, we only managed to swim to one victory. However, our spirit was high and on 26 March our early morning training paid off. We were narrowly beaten into 4th place by Springfield, with Rustenburg and Wynberg tying for 1st place and the cup!

Unfortunately Anne Abdy was unable to swim, but the team swam well and we congratulate the following who obtained 2nd or 3rd places: Jackie Rathfelder,

Fiona Gilliland, Nell Hanekom, Philly Muir and Susan Meyer.

I wish to thank the staff and the girls who supported us, encouraged the swimmers and helped to provide a competitive atmosphere. The highlight of the season was however, the annual Inter-House Swimming Gala held on 23 February. The competition was tough and some entertaining swimming provided in the form of very close finishes. In the end Merriman took the honours for the first time since the 1950's. Closely following were Rolt and then Jagger.

Congratulations to all those swimmers who received trophies and their Swimming Half Colours. Special congratulations go to Fiona Gilliland who was awarded her Full Colours.

Lastly, I should like to thank Mrs Botha and Mrs Hudson for their unfailing support and encouragement. To all the swimmers, thank you for being so co-operative and keep up the good work.

Anne Abdy, Swimming Captain

DIVING REPORT

Having had trouble finding a coach at the end of 1982, Herschel's diving gained momentum with the advent of the Inter-House Competition. Many hesitant and nervous girls were co-opted while others with more talent dived extremely well. Natasha van Zyl won the U14 section; Kelly Myburgh the U16, and myself the open section. Rolt won overall with Jagger second and Merriman third.

Shortly thereafter the Inter-Schools Diving Competition took place. This was a nerve-racking experience in which Natasha van Zyl, Lisa Pyott and Caroline Symons for the U14 age group, and myself in the open group, came second in our sections.

Sandra Newton Thompson

HOCKEY REPORT

This Hockey season has been a successful and enjoyable one and we have played many keenly contested matches.

We started the Hockey season with many promising hockey players, who have gone from strength to strength. The first team lacked confidence at the beginning, but came into their own towards the end of the season.

At the Inter-Schools Hockey tournament Herschel was seeded first. The team played well and managed to get into the finals against Wynberg. Although we were disappointed that we lost in the finals, we enjoyed the games.

The U/15 A and B teams have played with great determination this year and have kept up an even standard of play. Unfortunately the U/15 Inter-Schools Hockey tournament was cancelled due to rain. It is pleasing to see the enthusiasm shown by younger hockey players in the school.

There was a high standard of hockey at the Inter-House Hockey event. The Rolt teams proved to be the strongest and they won the cup.

Alison McMillan, Nicolette Jones and Deborah Crane were chosen to play in the W.P. Hockey trials and our sincere congratulations go to Alison who got into the Western Province Schools A team.

I should like to thank those brave parents and old girls, who performed so well in the hockey matches, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Finally I should like to thank Mrs Jones for her constant support, Mrs Fletcher for the numerous hockey matches she has umpired and especially Mrs Botha, who has untiringly helped us to reach our present standard. Good Luck to the 1984 teams.

Jacqueline Kalcullen, Hockey Captain



1983 INTER PROVINCIAL PLAYERS

Back Row: L. Graaff (Squash), S. Böttger (Squash), M. van Assen (Squash), A. McMillan (Hockey).
Seated: L. Burns (Squash), S. Cross (Squash and Badminton), N. Eckstein (Squash).

Original Work

FAMILY REUNION

He sat in the uncomfortable plush South African Airway's seat and watched the newspaper of the man in front of him quiver as he straightened it. His forehead was not creased in a frown; just taut and faintly indented. His mouth was sober and his eyes grey. He was returning from his father's funeral which had taken place the day before. The unhappiness so clearly expressed by the furrows on his face was not directly to do with his father's death. It was the result of a reunion with his brothers whom he had been with on this day of the funeral.

Their family had never been close. There was about six years between each brother. The eldest one was domineering and brutally critical. The youngest was a ruthlessly ambitious — over ambitious — businessman whose achievements had made his parents very proud and who worked hard for his own gain. Rob was the middle brother. A gentler boy whom his parents found sympathetic and companionable.

There had been a lot of paperwork that they had sat down to do afterwards; paperwork that should have been easily dispatched but was frequented with arguments; unjust claims and unjust counterclaims. There was one article particularly that rankled. The piano, a good, well-valued instrument which Rob had learnt to play on was claimed by all three. Seeing that he had been the only one who had played it constructively and enjoyed playing it he felt that he should be the one to inherit it. The businessman squashed him down with a legal argument about equality of opportunity. Obviously there was no room for sentiment.

In the end he had got up and left his brothers bent over the papers, the dirty glasses and the cigarettes. He had gone for a walk down the road and tried to flatten the little bitter knot of resentment in him. It was a fine day which irritated him slightly. He would rather have had a strong wind and cold clouds which he could resent easily. He had felt so tired of the material tangle and had suddenly wanted to go home where he was appreciated and understood by his wife and children.

The man tightened his seat-belt and waited for the bump of wheels when the aeroplane met the surface of the runway. He filed out with the other people and descended into the black night. He found it very

refreshing as he walked to where he had parked the car and felt pleased to see the stars again.

As he drove home he pondered over his brothers again. The younger one had been so determined to get his way and overrule all the resistance he had offered. He had appealed to his elder brother for support but not found it. Just the cool acceptance of the businessman and the odd biting criticism to pull him down even further. Once again he felt the desire to return to his home which was simpler than those of his two more successful brothers. He turned a familiar corner and drove on thinking of the funeral and his father.

He pulled in next to his wife's car and the dogs came and barked happily, muddying his coat with their paws and having to be pushed down again. As he walked towards the door he saw a little face peeping through the glass and the cry "Daddy's home" going through the house like the word "Fire" does in a factory. He smiled and went into his home.

Later he sat down with his drink in his hand, his wife opposite him and the three children on the couch, precariously balancing glasses of orange juice in their two hands. On all their faces he saw an animated expectancy despite a slight quarrel over who was to sit where.

"Well, how was it?" his wife asked. He took a slow sip. "It's good to be home," he said.

Marion Edmunds, Std. 8

Girls
Giggling
Ribbons, curls
Laughter rippling
Eyes twinkle
Blushing
Youth

People swarm like ants
All in the daily rush hour
Hubbub of traffic
Loud noise and confusion reign
Each one wrapped up in lone worlds

Karen Dudley, Std. 8

*'Joy'**Fran Knight, St. 8, Golden Diploma, Cape Exiteddod.*

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

The familiar clanging sounds of the revolving metal gate rang in my ears as I passed through it.

I tucked my well-worn blue season ticket into my pocket and climbed up the steps of the railway stand. I bought a programme and made my way to my seat. The cement had been warmed by the hot sun already and I sat down. I could sense a restless excitement in the crowd and it affected me too. "Why not?" I thought. "After all, it is the Currie Cup Final and nothing is going to stop Western Province from winning!"

The curtain raiser between the B teams of Western Province and Northern Transvaal served only to heighten the tension in the air. Recordings of chants like "Province, Province" were continually being played over the loudspeakers. W.P. fans clapped and cheered in agreement while Northern Transvaal fans booed.

The final whistle for the main curtain raiser blew and tension for the main match mounted. Avid fans ran onto the field ankle-tapping and playfully tackling people supporting the opposite team. Photographers

were standing around the entrance from which the players would appear. There was a silent air of expectation in the few minutes before the teams appeared.

The Northern Transvaal captain, Jan Oberholzer, led his team onto the field in the absence of Naas Botha. Their supporters welcomed them loudly. Then Divan Serfontein and his fourteen team mates made their appearance. The spectators became a mass of shouting, cheering bodies. It seemed as if the seagulls soaring peacefully above Newlands could sense something and they too screamed.

The next eighty minutes provided the spectators with magnificent rugby. It provided many other things as well: tension when Northern Transvaal had a scrum on Western Province's tryline; anger when the referee seemed biased and gave Northern Transvaal a penalty in front of their poles. Joy was uppermost though. Joy when a quick backline movement resulted in a try or when a strong wing sidestepped and dummed the opposite fullback to dot the ball in the corner.

The final whistle blew. Schoolboys threw their caps ecstatically into the air and others ran onto the field to give their hero a pat on the back. The old Newlands faithfuls just sat back and smiled contentedly as Divan Serfontein clutched the Currie Cup in his arms.

That's what I call entertainment!

Deirdré Murray, Std. 8

MIST

The monster creeps stealthily across the land
Covering it with his misty grey cloak.
He weaves through the trees
Leaving his cold touch where ever he passes.

THE SEA

The waves white-whipped
By the whistling winds
Crashed on the ragged rocks.
The gulls in frenzied flight
Fought through the raging storm.
All was lost in a white-wash of sea.

Sarah Joyce, Std. 7

JEANIE MET DIE DONKERBLOU OË

Dit was somer en die lug was helder en sonder wolke. Die son het ons met vriendelike strale gestreel terwyl ons ure lank op die strand gebaljaar het. Af en toe, wanneer die son te 'vriendelik' met haar strale begin word het, het ons lafenis gaan soek in die verkwikkende branders. Ons was jonk en sorgloos en het soos jong skape wat vir die eerste keer uit die kraal losgelaat is, gebaljaar.

Ek was, soos die meeste ander in ons groep, so om en by sestien jaar oud. Net oud genoeg om die prooi van die liefdespinnekop te word. So maklik kon sy my darem ook nie in haar web vang nie! Daardie vakansie was daar besonder baie lede van die vroulike geslag op Kreefstrand. Dit het ek en my vriende gou besef, want ons kon nie een dag af strand toe gaan sonder om in vettes en maeres en langes en kortes en, ek moet erken, ook mooies vas te loop nie. 'n Man het net nie rus vir sy siel nie.

Eendag, op pad strand toe, hardloop so 'n langbeen, seunsagtige meisiekind in my vas en laat in die proses haar goed val. Ek was nogal bra vies, want natuurlik moes ek al die goed optel. Tot my verbasing het ek gesien dat dit die pragtigste sketse en skilderye was wat ek besig was om op te tel. Toe ek opkyk om dit vir haar te gee, vang twee donkerblou poele my vas. Haar oë was die kleur van gestorte koningsblou ink. Soos 'n onnosele drommel staan en verkyk ek my sowat vyf minute lank aan haar oë totdat sy begin giggel het en aan my gevra het wat skort. Ek het begin bloos en dit probeer wegsteek deur oor die sketse te begin praat.

So het dit begin. Gou het ek uitgevind wat haar naam en adres was en dat dit haar stokperdjie is om te skilder. Ons het saam na dinge gesoek wat sy kon skets of skilder en ek moes natuurlik goggas en ander dierasies wat sy wou skets, vang. Eendag het sy selfs vir my 'n skets van myself gemaak. Ek het enigiets vir haar gedoen. Skoon water vir haar kwaste 'n myl ver gaan haal, ure lank doodstil gesit sodat sy my kon teken en self ook begin teken, al kon ek nie, toe sy my vra.

Eendag, kort voor die einde van die vakansie, het sy ingewillig om vir my te poseer. Ek het 'n skildery, al was dit nie baie goed nie, van haar gesig gemaak. Haar pikswart hare met blou skynsels, haar bruingebrande vel en rooi wange, haar vol mond en effense wipneus, maar al wat ek nie kon voltooi nie, was haar oë. Ek het ure lank probeer en sy het moeg en krielwrig begin word, maar steeds kon ek nie die



Finding Food

Penny Thesen, Std. 10, Golden Diploma, Cape Eisteddfod.

kleur kry nie. Ek het tou opgegooi.

'n Paar dae later het sy saam met haar ouers vertrek. Ek het toe eers besef hoe lief ek vir haar geword het, maar daar was niks wat ek kon doen nie. Sy was te ver en ons te jonk. Al wat ek van haar het, is 'n swak skildery sonder oë.

"Jeanie met die donkerblou oë."

Sonja Petrus, Std. 8

TAIR LI-AERN

If you leave the main road after Gadswold, and follow the small road between sheep-filled fields and soft undulating hills, you will arrive in the village of Li-aern. With the craggy hills around it and above the immense arc of sky, Li-aern seems to be shut off from the world. A slow-moving, quiet village with so few people that you stand out as a stranger. If you stopped at the little tea-room and asked the wrinkled grey-haired lady inside the way to Tair Li-aern, she will smile sweetly and walk with you to the beginning of the path. Then, if you climb this path above the village, you will enter a green wood. The smell of sweet vegetation hangs like a haze over the trees. Rabbits and mice crouch unseen as you pass and birds will sing. If it is Summer, the ground will be carpeted in flowers and dark red berries will hang heavily on bushes. As the green encloses you, you will feel that you are entering another age — an age lost to the memory of man, thick with the sense of mystery.

Then the trees will thin and a great moss-covered wall will appear before you. You will have reached Tair Li-aern, the last castle of the old, forgotten earth, which lies in ruins now. Clamber through a crumbling breach in the wall and stand entranced, for Tair Li-aern is beautiful in its glory and strength. Grass has grown where were great halls and corridors, where many a noble foot has trod. Ferns cling to the silver-grey stones and moss hangs in soft damp masses. The sun breaks through the trees and sheds drugging rays of light over the ancient ruins. Tired from your walk you will sit in the shade of one crumbling wall and stare in wonder about you.

But, sleepy from the sun you might fall under the deep magic that hangs over Tair Li-aern. Then, perhaps, the walls will grow again and the sound of singing will reach your ears. You will start, a cobbled courtyard will stretch before you and, maybe, one or

two noble horses will snort in the shade. You will look to see the person who sings so sweetly, and you will see Princess Rhea above you, on a balcony, beckoning to you.

Run up the stairs to where she stands. She will smile at you and take your hand in friendship. She is slender, dressed in a . . . long white robe. Her gold hair hangs in a thick plait and a thin gold chain passes round her head. She will look at you with deep grey eyes and then, laughing, will lead you through the old high-ceilinged corridors. Richly coloured tapestries hang on the walls with tales of wild hunts, battles and feasts woven into them. But you can not stop to look at them, for Princess Rhea leads you to the great hall. You will lean over the balustrades, looking down to where a few knights stand around the wise white-haired king, who sits on a carved wooden chair under a red and gold canopy. He will look up and see his daughter, and smile. Rhea will smile too, then taking your hand again, will run out into the sunshine. She will take you to the stable, where she will show you her favourite horse, Windeve. Stroke its nose and feed it grain from your hand, for there is no finer horse. The princess will show you the hooded falcons and kestrels, with long dangerous talons.

Go into the castle gardens, where the fruit hangs heavy on the trees. Rhea will pluck peaches and strawberries and give them to you to eat. Then you will sit on a stone bench, staring into the pond where the gold fishes drift under the clear surface and a white swan will ripple the surface as she draws close.

And Rhea will grow silent as she stares into the water. For she can even then see her tragedy, for her death will be imminent. And her father will follow her, dying of grief. And the old earth will die and Tair Li-aern will crumble. But Rhea will turn to you again, laughing.

The stars will cling to the deep blue sky and the gold moon will rise above the ruined walls. You will wake among the sweet, damp grass and rise, thoughtful, and leave Tair Li-aern.

Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Std. 9

WAVES

Small ripples grow into a great, snow capped mountain peak. Then, suddenly, it collapses in one great avalanche.

Kerry Hoffman, Std. 7

STATUES

Cold grey reflections of human life.
 Shadows of warmth and personality
 With painted emotions playing on their features.
 Their hearts are pinnacles of ice.
 Their souls fathoms of marble.
 Movement frozen in stone.

Shelley Woode, Std. 7

LEAVES IN THE WIND

The word 'autumn' conjures up a picture in my mind of golden-brown, yellow-red leaves blowing in the wind. Blowing frantically, frenziedly, or daintily, gently; always being drawn inexorably toward the dirty grey-brown ground, covering it in a rich, persian-coloured carpet, by the ultimate force of gravity.

And I, in my delightful, though often wearying, position as 'Chief Park Attendant', have seen many bitter-sweet autumns come and go, the leaves on the trees being replaced by new, sprightly-green ones which rustle and sway and whisper in the wind. The leaves on the ground being swept up, revealing sometimes barren, muddy sand and sometimes the unexpected bright green of hidden lawn.

And with the wind and leaves of autumn come the people of town, who revel in the air of change, of promise, about them. Children arrive who glory in hibernating in huge, secret heaps of colour, until a sudden gust of wind tears away the leaves, revealing them to the laughter-filled eyes of parents and friends. Grandparents come, who sit on sheltered benches watching the splashes of brightness twist and swirl their way gently from their parent branches, finally landing butterfly-gently and adding to the lavish carpet of leaves on the ground; and who reminisce about their youth and autumns past.

Perhaps they too were once like the perennial lovers who frequent the park in autumn. The lovers who breathe the wind of change wistfully, perhaps wishing for a repetition or continuation of times gone; who stand, hands linked, watching the pile of leaves grow, watching the skeletal framework of the neighbouring trees being stripped naked before all eyes.

They watch the squirrels searching for last minute winter rations among the showers of leaves until, chilled by the wind which carries the swirling leaves from their neatly ordered heap to a joyful haphazard

sea and then dashes them down in waves as it is prohibited from further movement by a tall, redbrick wall bearing the legend – THIS WALL INDICATES THE BEGINNING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED – they sniff a breath of promise and dash heedlessly through Everests of leaves, towards the shelter of the coffeeshop across the road.

And I, from my vantage point at the top of the long lawns, nod knowingly; knowing that next year some of the children will be the lovers, that some of the lovers will be the parents, that some of the grandparents will only be memories, knowing that leaves in the wind will always bring change.

Sally Dicey, Std. 9



Carolynne McGhie, Std. 7

INSPIRED BY A PHOTOGRAPH

The world is outside,
I am inside,
hesitantly waiting.
Life's eternal magic
calls to me.
Hands grasp the window
of experience,
Dare I break down
the barriers
set up by convention?
I wait
preferring to observe
from the inside.
The sun is setting now,
Dare I break down
the barriers,
before conventionality
chains me to my seat?

Leanne Carlyle, Std. 9

AFSKEID

Ek het 'n ou mens sien afskeid neem van 'n paar stukkies meubels in 'n vertrekke wat hy vir altyd moes verlaat. Hy was 'n vriend van my ma se ouers. Hulle twee is nou dood; hierdie man se gesondheid het agteruit gegaan en hy is oorreed om na 'n ouetehuis te gaan. My ma het gesê sy sal al sy besittings oppak en die verkoping van sy huis hanteer.

Hierdie huisie was in Observatory. Dit was een in 'n ry met 'n wit hekkie en 'n klein tuintjie. Hy het die deur oopgemaak. "Kom binne. Kom binne." Hy het tee vir ons gemaak, alles stadig gedoen. Sy hande pers en blou en bruin. Alles in sy kombuis was so netjies, so sorgvuldig op die rakke weggepak. Hy was baie stil en ek het net na die rooi plastiekdoek op die tafel gestaar. My ma was besig met lyste en rekeninge op haar voorskoot.

Hy het die tee na die tafel gebring; daar was koekies ook. Ek en my ma het begin tee drink, hy het na die skinkbord gekyk. Ek het gesien hoe my ma sy stilte oplet en toe oor algemene dinge begin praat: "Hoe gaan dit met sy suster? Hy het mooi meubels, sal seker 'n goeie prys daarvoor kry . . . die weer begin kouer word." Hy het net ja of nee of niks gesê nie. Ek het gewens my ma wou stilbly.

Dit het stadig begin reën. Skielik het die ou man opgestaan en na die venster gegaan. Daar was 'n wit kat. Hy het die venster oopgemaak en die kat in sy arms geneem. "Dit is nie my kat nie, maar sy kom my dikwels besoek. Sy het sulke besondere blou oë . . . haar oë herinner my aan my vrou . . ." Hy het haar 'n laaste keer gestreel, haar buitekant gesit en die venster toegemaak. Die kat het 'n oomblik lank na hom gestaar en toe weggestap. My ma het ongeduldig begin word.

Ons moet nou gou maak, hy moet teen eenuur by die ouetehuis wees. Hy het die koppies begin bymekaar maak en na die wasbak geneem. Maar ek kon sien my ma wou nie langer wag nie. "Nee, nee, los dit maar, ons sal vir alles sorg, kom nou".

My ma het gegaan om die motor na die voorhekkie te bring omdat dit nou harder begin reën het. Ek het by die voordeur gestaan en wag. Ek weet daar is net 'n paar goedjies in daardie huisie, ek weet hy het hulle al 'n duisend keer gesien, 'n honderd keer van hulle afskeid geneem. Maar ek weet hy stap nog 'n keer rond en kyk na alles, na daardie meubels, so oud en stil net soos hy.

Hy het die groen deur met die blink knop en sy opening vir briewe gesluit en vir my die sleutel gegee. Hy het na die reën gestaar. "Weet jy, nou voel ek soos 'n olifant. Wanneer hulle oud word, gaan hulle na 'n spesiale plek, waarheen al die oues gaan om te wag vir die dood. Ek gaan nou na 'n plek om te wag vir die dood."

Ek het niks gesê nie, net na die reën op die rooi stoep gekyk. Maar die motor was buite die hekkie, en my ma het gewag. "Kom aan, kom aan, ons moet gou maak, ons moet gaan."

Joanne Hvidsten, Std. 10

CATS

Sleek bodied, coats gleaming in the sun,
Soft velvet, pink padded paws.
With razor sharp claws, kneading softly.
Moist tongues, rough against your skin scrape gently.
Slit-eyed, purring rhythmically
Pure contentment.

Polly Wilson, Std. 7C

PERFECTION . . .

is what we all seem constantly to be striving towards. Well, some of us; those of us who care enough. For there will always be those who do not try, who are content with nothing, or, at best, mediocrity, but there are many who are eternally ambitious, always reaching one step ahead, always trying to achieve Utopia.

And by this I do not only mean material things: discovering, winning, promotion and finance, although these, of course, play a definite rôle in the lives of some of "The Seekers". Some seek only for these: money, possessions, holidays and a home. As one singer put it, "Living the suburban dream", but he went on to say, "... but somehow, somehow, somehow..." Is that all that there is to be to your life, I want to ask them? Are you satisfied? My soul screams out that one cannot be. Life is so multi-dimensional that to live it on that level only is to 'look on glass' and not let one's eye pass through it. For people like these, life is marred and concealed by their desires and ambitions. They do not have life.

Others see life as an intellectual exercise; something to be conceived, understood, interpreted. They study, worry and argue about subjects of certain consequence, but, to whom, I am not sure. "The fluff-spotted bufftail is becoming extinct!" I long to ask how it will so tragically affect man, as a whole, while millions of men are dying throughout Africa and the Far East, daily, and few know even anything about these horrors. But for these intellectuals, perfection in as many ways as are feasibly possible is essential, and they will not relent in their search. But I will know; where is the "blood" that Lawrence speaks of? Where is the lust for life? The pure enjoyment of living? Somehow their heaven is not my Utopia. (The one that I speak of, I mean, as had I found it, this deliberation would be unnecessary.) It falls short of a complete fulfilment in every aspect of life, and above that.

Included in the term "The Seekers" are the philosophers. They theorize on the worth of life, the meaning of life, the complexities of life. They see beyond the scope of the normal man, into realms unthought of, unnecessary to him. When we stop and say, "Well, I simply do not understand her," is where they take it up, exploring, striving, trying in their way to reach an answer, a password to life, but this puzzle remains unsolved.

And there is yet another group of people; also

seeking, also unsatisfied, but seeing that there is more to life than some are willing to accept. They are the people who turn to religion to solve their problems. Conscious of man's faults, weaknesses and inability to cope with the demands of his life, alone, it is to the 'supernatural' that they look. Their search for perfection becomes a need to live on a higher level: as Christ did, as Mohammed did, for in their minds God is perfection, and they strive towards Him, ever desiring to be more like Him and therefore closer to Him. In my experience, it is they, of all of us, who come closest to achieving perfection, because instead of limiting them to a restrictive existence of working, thinking, wanting, it broadens their lives, and the everyday complications of our lives are done away with in the lives of those who know God. Although nearer to it, they cannot reach perfection. In their belief, to reach perfection is to be God, and that they are not.

But is perfection what we actually want? When a man's greatest wish was answered, that everything that he touched should turn to gold, he was not satisfied, as his food, his bed and his other pleasures also turned to gold. One has often heard it said that perfection would be boring. I believe that it is in striving that we are satisfied, in always seeking, moving upwards, that we, in our different ways, live our lives to the fullest.

Sandra Newton Thompson, St. 10

Pardon Monsieur
De quel côté brille le soleil?
Dans ce petit monde
Je cherche partout
Pour cette Lumière ronde
Où est le soleil d'août?
Pardon Monsieur
Je suis une toute petite fille
Qui cherche en vain
Le soleil qui brille.

Dorrit Zeleznaik, Std. 9

A SENSE OF TIMING

A sense of timing is an art. You either have it, or you do not. Some people are lucky enough to be born with it while others have to work hard at perfecting this art, which, if correctly used, can be of great benefit.

A person gifted in this field can be recognised at birth. He is the baby that does not arrive on the expected hour and day but sits back comfortably in his mother's womb enjoying a thumb-suck while the doctor worriedly consults his trusty text-book and his father, who has collided with trolleyfuls of nurses in his frantic pacing of the passage, is being issued with sedatives. Then, when everyone is in a state of feverish excitement, the baby picks his moment and

proclaims his entry to the world with a bellow, and is welcomed with greater joy (and relief on the part of the hospital staff) than if he had been born a normal baby. The bouncing brat can be sure of twiddling his mother around his little finger for life, for the doting dear clucks that she "nearly lost" the precious bundle, who from that moment could never do anything wrong. Even when the bundle of joy let out a piercing yell just when his mother had fallen asleep (after already having got up numerous times to answer his call) she always leapt out of bed again, worried that she had neglected him in some way. It is important to note that being born with a sense of timing, even if used over-indulgently, has its advantages, for any other baby would probably have his late-night calls ignored.

The next few years of our subject's life is his time for experimentation and the perfection of finer details, until from his protected cocoon emerges a dashing young man, ready to succeed in the game of courting. His impeccable sense of timing will serve him well in this field. Imagine this scene. The date is set and the hour arranged. Although our man arrives at the home of his date on the dot of the hour he drifts casually around the block once or twice. The minutes tick by. At the house the preened beauty begins flapping a bit. As a few more minutes crawl by the creature experiences pangs of anguish. Has he stood her up? At the height of this torture the brave knight dashes around the corner on his trusty steed, sweeping to the maiden's rescue. How much sweeter the meeting is! With his art our hero enjoys an action-packed social life, mastering exercises that others would fail hopelessly in, ruining their reputations. His schedule could contain a late breakfast with a close female friend, lunch with a sophisticated business partner(ess) and a dinner for two with maybe the former, the latter or possibly the preened beauty, without any embarrassing collisions that could see the loss of all three of his companions.

Finally, a calculated sense of timing can be used to good effect in the business world. Our gallant gentleman, now a tycoon, can secure profitable deals by applying his art. After keeping a boardroom of businessmen waiting for a few minutes, he just has to breeze in (as calm as ever), drop a name or two, thus explaining his delay, and the floor will once more be his.

A life well lived, thanks to the gift of a sense of timing, but I warn you, if you are not a natural, do not try your luck. Leave it to the professionals.



A SNAKE

Suddenly the grass before my feet
shakes and becomes alive.

The snake
twists, slides, almost leaps,
then it slithers away, disappears
and the grass is again still.

Alison Bareiter, Std. 7

'n BESOEK AAN 'n MINDER BEKENDE DEEL VAN ONS LAND: RICHMOND

Eers was my maats nie so ingenome met die plan nie. "Ag nee!" het hulle gesê "Richmond, ons het nog nie eers daarvan gehoor nie, en nou wil jy hê dat ons ons vakansie moet prysgee om saam met jou hierdie plek te gaan besoek; jy is mos mooi laf!" Dit het my dae van mooipraat gekos, voordat ek hulle kon oorreed om saam met my die Karoo in te gaan.

Pikswart en baie vroeg, (die steenkool-enjin het 'n groot lawaai gemaak, en daarom kon ons nie slaap nie) het ons by Merriman-stasie afgeklim. Merriman is wel op die landkaart, maar waarom weet ek nie; dis net 'n straatjie met "bossiewêreld" daarom.

My oom-hulle boer net buite Richmond, maar hulle het ook 'n dorps huis op Richmond, en ons het besluit dat ons die eerste week in die huis sou bly sodat ons Richmond en sy mense kon leer ken. Dis 'n groot huis met hoë plafonne, wat dit net meer spookagtig laat lyk. My maats het amper omgeval toe ek hulle van die huis se spook vertel het en het dit moeilik gevind om daardie nag aan die slaap te raak....

Die volgende dag was ons gereed om die dorpie goed deur te kyk. Daar was net een hoofstraat, drie winkels: "Du Plessis en Seun", "Urtel en Seun" en "Roux en Seun", 'n N.G. Kerk, 'n magistraatskantoor, 'n bank en twee hotelle, "Die Grand" en "Die Belsona". My tante het ons vertel dat die hotelle altyd vol is. Die mense van nabygeleë plase kom dikwels in dorp toe vir 'n bietjie kuier en dan sien hulle nooit kams vir die lang-ryer huis toe nie, en daarom slaap hulle somer in die hotel, en vertrek die volgende oggend huis toe. Een ou oompie het somer 'n permanente kamer daar bespreek. Hy kom elke naweek dorp toe vir 'n bietjie jol. Hy is glo 'n "regular".

Richmond is propvol interessantheide. Die huisies veral, is van groot historiese waarde. Sommige is al meer as 'n honderd en vyftig jaar oud, maar pragtig

versorg. Wat ek nou regtig interessant gevind het, was die klein watersluisies wat pad langs loop. Elkeen in Richmond het sy waterdag, en dan maak hy sy sluisie oop en die water maak sy tuin nat. 'n Mens koop nooit groente nie, dis mos waarom die tuine daar is. Een ou tante met haar plooiësiggie en gryshare het vir my vertel van die keer toe die koning op De Aar aangekom het. (De Aar is net buite Richmond) en die magistraat het haar gevra of sy nie van haar bredie sou maak nie, want hy was seker dat die koning honger sou wees. Na al hierdie jare het sy dit nog nie vergeet nie, en haar ogies het geglinster toe sy my daarvan vertel het.

Januarie is skoutyd. Die skou is een van die grootstes in die Karoo en Richmond is die hoofsentrum van die Amerikaanse Saalperdvereniging. Die skou is die laaste naweek in Januarie, en op die Vrydag pronk die boere so 'n bietjie met hulle skouperde. Perdetelers kom van oral oor die land om hierdie skou by te woon. Op die skoudans word die skoukoningin gekroon en dan laat waai almal. Dis nou vir jou 'n partytjie. Dis langarm, sakkie-sakkie en "two-step", alles bymekaar gegooi, die Afrikaner is mos plesierig....

Ek hoef nou nie meer my maats te smee om saam Richmond toe te gaan nie, hulle smee nou vir my om saam te mag gaan....

Julienne Walker, Std. 10

RUNNING DOWNHILL

A tentative step towards
Eternity
Leads to another, surer,
Quicker,
On
And on,
Down
Until
You lose control,
Plunging wildly ahead,

Onto the grassy bank.
You knew it was there all the time.

Wendy Perold, Std. 9

THE PRESENTATION

This essay was written in response to a picture of a girl receiving an award in a cookery competition.

It was a vague sort of day. Not much wind, not much sun, not much cloud, perfectly suited to the little function. It was the presentation ceremony of a small third-rate cookery competition. It isn't pleasant to patronize, but truth is truth. It was a little third-rate affair — anyone could have told you that. But it doesn't matter because those concerned really seemed to relish it.

As I said, the day was vague and, as if to match, so was the little hall where the presentation took place. It had an uncertain shape (rectangle or oblong?) uncertain style (classic or modern?) and very uncertain colour (grey? beige? brown?). But it was full of people, mostly women, but every now and again the dying sort of head of a man was to be seen next to his wife's — "Look, Henry, I always go with you to your blasted rugby matches; the least you can do is come with me to my dos. Anyway I can't handle the kids all by myself." And so there was Henry. And there were the kids too. Little colonies of them here and there, squirming vilely on the smooth, dusted hired-out chairs with boredom screeching in their heads. One mum even brought her baby along. It was rather a toady-looking baby with a glazed oozing look on its face, a rather dangerous look if you ask me. The mother kept joggling it up and down. It just put up with it in its 'lemon yellow' jumpsuit.

There were other ladies too. Some had a rather faded rumpled "we've decided-to-let-ourselves-go" look about them. There were others who were really rather vivacious and had put on new outfits and had offered to bake cakes for the tea after the ceremony. Yes, don't forget the tea. Long trestle-tables with cups, cups, cups are always waiting somewhere at functions like these.

The ceremony began. Up on stage were the big shots of the whole thing. There was a man who was actually "very fond of cooking himself you know" . . . self-conscious laugh and shuffling of the papers for his speech. There was a plump lady, last year's winner, in a spotted dress. Was it spotted! One felt one's eyes doing a foxtrot when one looked at her. There was another lady who had done away with the vulgar habit of opening her lips to bare her chompers — in other words smiling. She sat and seemed to chew away at the inside of her mouth. Chew, chew, chew, until it was mesmerizing.

The gentleman did make his speech. All the favourites, "Thank you for all the time, effort, consideration, dedication, etc." were taken out, dusted off and handed out. And because it was all so familiar everyone was quite at home and happy. And the toady, glazed, oozing baby heard it all for the first time. It didn't like it much though — started bawling and red-faced mum had to shuffle out while all else turned ever so slightly to look and stare.

At last the presentation of the prize. The poor little runners-up were offered a year's supply of baking-powder or something like that. The big winner though, Magdalena, was to be honoured with a new sort of mixer, a very new sort, so new it was unheard of. Oh well, never mind. She was also called onto the stage to receive the most satiny, shiny, pink and white rosette imaginable. She hoisted herself up onto the stage, wearing her victory apron and cook's hat. The plump lady in the SPOTTED dress wobbled over to her (those heels really were too high) and handed her the rosette. Magdalena beamed and then both women attempted to kiss. But unfortunately at that moment, Magdalena's mother had run up to the stage with her camera and yelled for "Maggie to look this way." And so the plump lady crashed into Magdalena's cheek while "Maggie" beamed away.

But it all went off well. There was much clapping and all enjoyed the tea very much. And at last the hall was emptied and there it stood again, as vague as ever while the vague sort of day went on about it.

Joanne Hvidsten, Std. 10



Kerry Hoffman, Std. 7

Preparatory School Report 1983

Looking back over the year it is very apparent that we have had our ups and downs as a School. However, I do feel that we have overcome many of our difficulties, and our "ups" have challenged and stimulated Staff and girls to achieve even greater heights.

Changes of Staff always affect the children but we have been so fortunate in our replacements, that the periods of adjustment have been very successfully negotiated. Mrs Maidwell came at the beginning of the year to take over the Physical Education and Games. From the first it was evident that she knew her subject and how to handle the girls. She conveyed her own love and enthusiasm for sport to her pupils and they have developed good attitudes as well as skills. We are sad that the stork is carrying yet another games teacher away, but we wish her well and rejoice with her in her happiness. Mrs Kidwell, who came to us at the beginning of 1982 to take charge of one of the Std II classes also fell prey to the stork and left us in March. We thank her for her concern for the children in her care and her excellent teaching. Mrs O'Molony helped in the kindergarten at the end of the first term while Mrs Davies was away on sick leave and then took over the Std II class in the second quarter. We grew to love and appreciate her both as a teacher and a member of staff and it was with great regret that we said goodbye to her at the end of the third term due to her husband's transfer to Johannesburg. Mrs Hirshon took over the Std II class in the fourth quarter and the transition was easy and relaxed. We hope that she will be with us for many years to come.

At the end of the year, we shall say farewell to Mrs Joy Cobern who has been with us for 7 years. She has given unstintingly of her time and energy and we are sorry to lose such a valuable member of Staff. We wish her well and a happy retirement. During my absence on long leave Mrs Bray took over the running of the School and I thank her for being willing to do so. Mrs Cowling came in on a part time basis and then took over Mrs Bray's teaching in the third term while she was on long leave, and has stayed to fill in for Mrs Robb in the fourth term.

It gives me great confidence to be surrounded by a Staff who display such enthusiasm for their teaching, a real love and concern for the children in their care, loyalty to me and the School and a truly professional

integrity. I wonder how often we stop to think just how fortunate our children are to be educated in this happy, relaxed atmosphere where effort and achievement, in whatever sphere, are given their rightful place.

While on long leave in the second term I visited many schools in Britain with the express purpose of studying leadership in the Preparatory School. Although I came back with several new ideas, which I plan to implement, it was reassuring to see that many Schools were run on similar lines to Herschel. In many cases, I felt I could have stepped into a classroom and taken over the teaching as I felt so much at home. I met with kindness and generous hospitality everywhere and felt privileged to have been permitted such a close look at private education in Britain.

At Herschel we try to develop the whole child physically, mentally and spiritually and each one has a part to play in the life of the School. The academic side, with such a vibrant and dedicated staff, is well catered for and we expect and usually get the best each one is able to give. We are very aware of spiritual needs in the growing child and although the syllabus we follow is related very closely to teaching the Scriptures, there are many times when a teacher is called upon to question moral standards within the classroom. She is able to re-inforce Christian values and point to Christian truths. Parents have a definite role to play in their children's spiritual growth and I would urge them to accept this responsibility and not to shelve it saying, "she can decide for herself when she is older". One certainly would not leave a child's academic education "till she is older", no more can one neglect her spiritual education. With only one or two periods a week devoted to religious instruction, we cannot hope to cover the vast spectrum of this important area of development. The Std IV's and V's are invited to attend the Scripture Union Class which meets on Wednesdays at lunch time under the expert guidance of Mrs Hammond and Mrs Sneddon. We thank them for giving their time and energy to running this and so giving the girls a more intimate insight into what Christianity is all about.

During the year each class has had a turn to present a programme for our morning devotions. These have been interesting to watch as the children themselves have worked out themes with the help of their



PREFECTS

Third Row: S. Hardy, Mrs. E. Bray, J. Wimbrush, I. Haldane.

Second Row: T. Mills, L. Kode, K. Jensen, A. Deerp, Mrs. P. Brown (Headmistress), M. Hendry, S. Bendzulla.

Front Row: J. Parker, M. Godson, F. Saxs, T. Klöster.

teachers. At morning assemblies, I took Love as my subject and, tried to explain what it means with reference to specific passages from Scripture and illustrating it with yet other stories from the Bible. The most difficult part, of course, is to get the girls to realise just how it is practised in every day life and situations, and we spent some time on this aspect.

The physical side is catered for in our gym and games lessons and it is quite surprising how often difficulties which the children experience in these activities are related to academic problems. The system which we follow is a creative one in which the children are encouraged to decide for themselves after specific instructions how each movement is to be carried out. From Standard II, a double period is devoted to games each week and the skills needed for netball, tennis and swimming are taught. Extra gym classes are available for those who are interested in this sport. Those who show promise are invited to join a special class on Wednesday afternoons. We are fortunate to have Miss Lubbe, an international gym coach and judge, running this for us.

Another extra we offer is Ballet. Pupils are prepared for the Royal Academy of Dancing Examinations each year. Mrs Raath put on a show, The Golden Medallion, in March in the Hofmeyr Hall at SACS in conjunction with another Ballet School. There were 3 performances and the girls gained valuable experience dancing before an audience and at the same time helping the National Sea Rescue Institute. The proceeds of R1500 were donated to this organisation and were used by them to buy a Polaris Computerised Direction Finder and Aerial for their boat, "Spirit of Safmarine" which is stationed in Table Bay Harbour. We thank Mrs Raath for her genuine interest in each child and for her hard work and loyalty to the School.

Several girls entered work in the Art Section of the Eisteddfod and Natalie Smith-Chandler gained a Golden Diploma and Diane Pentz, Simone le Fèvre and Madeleine Simonis received Merit Awards. In the Music Section of the Eisteddfod Elena Rista and Debbie Tyson were awarded Honours for their duet. Our congratulations to these girls.

Mrs McClurg, our Speech and Drama teacher, entered the Std IV's and V's in the Eisteddfod. All the classes did extremely well and we were very proud of their achievement.

The Drum Majorettes are still the envy of many who would like to be in their boots! Mrs Tyson and Mrs Purcell have trained the girls this year and Mrs Hanekom and Mrs Joyce have been in charge of the

wardrobe. Our Sports Day earlier this term was opened by the Drum Majorettes and the precision of their performance was applauded by enthusiastic spectators. We have been asked to perform at several functions towards the end of the term. The girls enjoy this activity and we feel that they are doing good work in public relations for the School.

Sports Day in October was a very happy occasion. Everything was well organised, even the weather. From the first Merriman took the lead and maintained it to win the cup at the end of the morning.

Our academic programme has been enlivened and extended in different directions this year. Our very successful three-day Camp for Standards III to V in the first term at Stellenbosch gave the teachers a good opportunity to get to know the girls in their classes. The timetable included lessons in English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, History and Geography. It is so exciting to learn about time, speed and distance when you can actually measure the time taken and the distance covered to work out the speed. Little groups of girls were busy measuring their tents, or the length of the playing field to find area and perimeter. Others were sitting on rocks at the river writing poetry while yet another class was visiting the Village Museum in Stellenbosch, where they discovered some fascinating facts about how the early settlers lived in this country. Field trips such as this require careful planning and organisation and the Staff are to be congratulated on the success of this venture which depended entirely on their excellent preparation.

We have attempted to widen our pupils' interest in current events and increase their general knowledge by entering teams in the Peninsula Schools Inter-School quiz Competition. Our girls did not fare too well and this prompted the Staff to work on this aspect of education. Mrs Sneddon organised an Inter-House Quiz in October and this engendered tremendous enthusiasm among the girls. Mrs Mills, Tessa's mother, the daughter of Mr Eric Rosenthal, very kindly presented the Eric Rosenthal Floating Trophy for General Knowledge, to the School. Mrs Rosenthal presented the cup at the end of the evening to Merriman, the winning house. The girls have woken up to reality and are devouring the daily papers and listening avidly to news broadcasts. They are no longer satisfied to know nothing about what is happening in their country and the world at large.

Prep School Prattle, edited by Mrs Davies and Mrs Collins has made its appearance. This is a magazine where the girls' writing is published and games and

**1st TENNIS TEAM**

*Standing: M. Godson, T. Küster,
Seated: M. Hendry (Capt.), Mrs. D. Maidwell, S. Hardy.*

**1st SQUASH TEAM**

*Standing: F. Sass, A. Scott,
Seated: M. Godson (Capt.), Mrs. J. Smith-Chandler,
M. Smith-Chandler.*

**GYMNASTICS CLUB**

*Fourth Row: E. Boney, K. Crowther,
Third Row: E. O'Hanlon, A. Mallet, G. Clayton,
Second Row: S. le Fèvre, J. Sturrock, E. Mallet,
Front: A. Theunissen.*

competitions to stimulate interest are a regular feature. Our first edition was an experiment to see whether the content and format would appeal to the girls. Judging by the number of copies sold and the clamour for more, it was a resounding success! A competition was held to design the cover and many interesting entries were received. Susie Snyders was the winner and those of you who have seen the magazine will agree that the cover has special appeal. Gillian Clayton and Amanda Macnab were the runners up and also received prizes for their work. We thank the mothers who assisted with the typing and Mrs Macnab who also helped by reducing material to the required size.

In the third term fête money was used to buy two BBC Mini Computers for the Prep. School. Four members of Staff have been attending lectures at the Teachers' Centre and now have the necessary techniques to give the girls instruction. We have started teaching Computer Language and several programmes designed to make the girls conversant with the computer have been worked out. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for our audiovisual room to be built onto the library and space in the room where the computers are housed is very limited.

All these new activities around the School have spilled over into the classroom situation and both teaching and learning are becoming more and more exciting. Staff are very aware of new trends in education and many lectures have been attended at the Teachers' Centre, the University and Speech Therapy Department of Red Cross Hospital. We realise the necessity to widen our knowledge by reading, exchanging ideas with other professional people and attending lectures.

An innovation has been the formation of a Preparatory School Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs Brenda-Lynne Hoffman — a member of the School Council. The Committee consists of Miss Geldard, Mrs Snyders, also a member of the School Council, representatives of all the classes, the Heads of the Prep and K.G. and the Senior Assistant. Meetings are held once a term and various matters concerning the School are discussed. Representatives of some classes have organised lunches or teas or similar functions where parents can meet socially. Teachers are also invited and we feel that we have benefited too by getting to know the parents better.

We are indebted to the many mothers who help us in various ways in the School. We have a willing band who run the Second Hand Shop, help in the Library, arrange flowers and give lifts to sports fixtures.

Thank you to each of you who is willing to give up precious time to assist us in these various ways.

I thank Miss Geldard, Mrs Davies and each member of the Staff for their loyalty and support.

I should like to pay a special tribute to Mrs Nixon, our Secretary. She runs the office efficiently and with the minimum of fuss, greets everyone with a smile even when she is busy, and is a friend to both staff and girls.

As 1983 draws to a close, I am able to say with confidence that as a School we have given our pupils a year to remember and we look forward with anticipation to another successful year.

P.R. Brown
Ad Dei Gloriam

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT: 1983

1983 has been an enjoyable year with a variety of sporting activities taking place. The pupils have shown enthusiasm and have given of their best. Due to this interest and hard work there appears to be a general improvement in all the sports.

Swimming:

The swimmers worked very well throughout the first term in preparation for the School Gala and for the Inter-Schools Gala. They practised twice a week. The Inter-Schools was held at Newlands on the 24th March. Although we only came fourth, the girls really swam very well indeed. Kirsten Jensen did very well in the Open 50m backstroke as she managed to get a 1st place.

The School Gala went off very well with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves and there was some keen competition between the houses. However, Jagger proved to be too strong for the other two houses and swept the board by winning both the Diving Cup and the Swimming Cup. The final points were as follows: 1st Jagger 109-1/2 points, 2nd Merriman 96-1/2 and 3rd Rolt with 68 points.



SWIMMING TEAM

*Fourth Row: E. O'Hanlon, J. Wackland, S. Louw, K. O'Neill, A. Carey, B. O'Neill, D. Hopkins.
 Third Row: N. Daniel, A. Scott, H. Cardwell, L. Kode, M. Godson, T. Fourie, K. Cartoullis, S. le Fèvre.
 Second Row: A. Drerup, K. Jensen, T. Mills (Capt.), Mrs. D. Maidwell, F. Sass (Vice Capt.), S. Meyer, A. Opie.
 Front: V. Congill, S. Mackenzie, J. Boyes, B. Boyes, A. Nortier.*

**1st HOCKEY TEAM**

*Third Row: J. Parker, J. Haldane, M. Hendry, T. Køster.
Second Row: J. Wimbush, L. Kode, A. Drerup, K. Jensen,
S. Hardy.
Front Row: C. Millar, A. Scott, Mrs. D. Maidwell, F. Sass,
M. Godson.*

Netball:

The netball season has been a long wet one but we managed to play most of our fixtures. The girls have tried hard and worked well this season. The Inter-Schools Netball was held at Sans Souci on the 16th September. We entered 3 teams, Open A, U.12A and U.11A team. Unfortunately, we did not manage to get through to any of the finals but the girls had some tough opposition and played as well as could be expected. The U.12's played exceptionally well, as they won their first match, drew their second and lost their third match by one goal. The Inter-House Netball was also dogged by rain and had to be postponed until the following day. There was a healthy spirit of competition between the houses, Merriman, however, proved to be the strongest house and won the cup, followed by Jagger and Rolt.

Hockey:

The Std 4's and 5's showed a great interest and attendance was very good. We managed to play a few friendly matches against the local schools and the girls learnt a lot more about the game. It is unfortunate that there is no Junior Schools Hockey League as the girls are very keen on their hockey and it would be nice to be able to compete at an inter-schools level.

Tennis:

In the first term the tennis players worked very well. Although we did not win all our matches the girls played their best and enjoyed their games. We participated in the Inter-Schools tennis tournament and our U.12A couple did very well to get into the finals, where they had to play against Rustenburg. It was a very exciting match, but Rustenburg proved to be a little stronger and won the match 6-4. We are looking forward to our Inter-House tennis which will take place in the 4th term.

Mrs. D. Maidwell

**U.12A NETBALL TEAM**

*Standing: R. Loughley, F. Sass, Mrs. D. Maidwell, J. Wimbush,
M. Godson.
Seated: M. Hendry, A. Scott (Capt.), S. Hardy.*

THE ELEPHANT'S THIN TAIL

A long time ago when there were no people on the earth and the lion was king there was a very poor fox. She was strolling through the wood where Mother Nature came down to her and said, "In this box you will find tails for the animals. Take a tail". She took a tail and thanked Mother Nature for the gift but Mother Nature had gone. She waited a bit and then picked up the box and trotted home. The next day she went to the king and said to him, "My king and ruler may pick a tail first". So the lion took a tail. The day after that there was a big promotion for tails. All the animals arrived at half past six. All the animals arrived very promptly except for the elephant. He took his time to get there and when he did get there, there was a very thin grey shabby tail but he took it. Mrs Fox pinned it on and he went trumpeting off.

Alexandra Smith, Std. 2

THE ATTACK ON SIR JOHN'S CASTLE

In the castle of Greenhill a merry feast was being held. It was Lady Sarah's birthday. Suddenly a cry was heard "The enemy are attacking!" The knights ran down down down to the guard room. The villeins ran into the outer bailey.

Everybody was getting ready for the attack. The bowmen took their places near the battlements. Hot pots of pitch were put on the kitchen fire.

In the meantime the knights were busy pulling up the drawbridge, lowering the portcullis and shooting arrows and throwing rocks and pitch down on the enemy below.

The women and children were terrified. Lady Sarah was crying and saying "Why do they attack on my birthday?"

Sir John was terribly worried. The enemy had got out their battering ram. He was just about to surrender when he saw Sir Gilbert's army coming to help him.

The enemy were soon forced to flee and the merry feast went on.

Now everyone was happy (even Lady Sarah) thanks to Sir Gilbert.

Taryn McLullich, Std. 3

WHY THE OWL CAN SEE IN THE DARK

Long, long ago even before the settlers had arrived, owls could not see in the dark. When the settlers did arrive they planted crops such as carrots. The owls saw these weird things and flew down to look at them. The owl found the carrots quite tasty and soon they became their staple diet. As carrots became more and more popular the owls noticed black rings forming around their eyes. This is quite interesting because if you cut a carrot in half you will notice two rings which resemble an owl's eyes. As a result of eating carrots owls can see in the dark.

Debbie Tyson, Std. 4

THE PRISONER

Shrill cries of pain ring out on the crisp morning air. A snare holds a rabbit by its thigh. The helpless animal shudders and sweats as pain travels through its body searching for another place to torture.

That cruel and ruthless hunter that laid out the snare some time before travels through the forest, passing all the traps and collecting the wretched prisoners, many of whom are dead. Mercilessly he locks the survivors in a tiny cage, this all for the want of a pelt. The rabbit is now reckless. Trying to gnaw at his leg to escape, he tires himself out until exhausted, the animal falls asleep.

Later it awakens, not in the cage of the hunter, but in that of a kind fellow who had pity for the injured animal. The prisoner stares through the cold bars at its new surroundings. Definitely much better than its future had seemed a few minutes before. The creature, terrified, huddles back into the corner as a jolly group of children come and tease it, poking sticks and fingers at it, jabbing it with carrots and grass in their attempts to try and feed it. Finally they let it be, leaving it to nibble on the food.

Day by day the wound slowly heals, until the bandage is removed from its stiff leg. Partly recovered, the rabbit is allowed to scamper around the yard, as its stiff leg has to be exercised. The rabbit is at last completely healthy but still remains a prisoner in the broken-down cage. Its will for freedom grows and grows and the determined rabbit buries deep under the fence escaping from his prison. For a long time he scampers on, in search of his home.

Finally the journey is completed, and the rabbit reaches the thicket where it had lived. Joyfully he calls for his mate, but alas, she had suffered the same fate as he!

Karen Preiss, Std. 5

Kindergarten Notes

Staff

Mrs Janice Munro who came to the Pre-Prep class at the beginning of the year has proved to be a real asset to Herschel. She has added many new ideas to the Pre-Prep programme and her musical ability has provided daily enjoyment for the class. The projects and outings she has arranged have been most successful and thoroughly enjoyed by the girls.

Mrs Beck and I went on sick leave during the first term and my thanks to Mrs Coetzee and Mrs S. O'Molony for so ably carrying on in our absence.

We are sorry to have to say good-bye to Mrs Joy Cobern who leaves us at the end of the year after 7 years at Herschel, but her husband has retired and wishes her to "retire" with him. Mrs Cobern taught for 4 years in the Pre-Prep and saw it grow from strength to strength. Many of the ideas in the Pre-Prep basic programme were formulated by her. In 1981 she came up to Sub B and proved to be a most able and stimulating teacher. I have enjoyed working with her and will miss her sensible advice and practical approach to any problem.

Training

The Kindergarten Staff endeavour to keep up with new ideas in education and have attended the following lectures and courses:-

Mrs Beck: Teaching and Reading and Phonics.

Mrs Munro: Singing and Music for the Pre-School Child.

Stimulating the gifted child in the Pre-Primary.

Mrs Butler: A course on the teaching of Mathematics.

Mrs Munro and

Mrs Cobern: A Visual Perception Workshop.

Mrs Davies: A course on Audio Visual Equipment and how to use and make a Slide-Tape Presentation.

Mrs Butler and

Mrs Davies: U.C.T. Extra-Mural Studies — Children's Literature Workshop.



Parents and Teachers

The Sub A parents and teachers met together to discuss reading and reading homework and Sub A and B parents also met to talk about mathematics. Problems and queries arising out of the pupil's June reports were discussed privately with the parents and teachers concerned. A most successful lunch was arranged for Sub B parents and teachers by Mrs Sandy Byers and we thank her for all she did and for the use of her charming home. In future we will hold a social function such as this near the beginning of the year to give parents a chance to get to know each other and to chat about school matters with the teachers.

Our thanks to all the parents who bought new library books for our library. Now, with the increase in the

number of books, we hope to let the girls change their books more often. We were able to add 70 new books to the library at a cost of R470!

Mrs Tyson and Mrs Meyer organised a musical evening which was enjoyed by both parents and children. The girls sang, played musical and percussion instruments and acted out the story of Peter and the Wolf. We are also using everyone in Sub A and B to act out the Nativity Scene in the Prep School Carol Service this year.

My thanks to Mrs Brown for her support and interest and to the Kindergarten Staff for their dedication and co-operation throughout the year.

Marguerite Davies, Head of Kindergarten

I AM A BIRD

I am a seagull and I eat fish. I glide through the sky and I make my nest on cliffs. Then I lay my eggs. When the birds hatch I have to feed them. I like to float on the waves. I dive under the water to look for fish. When the baby seagulls grow up I have to teach them to fly. When they have learnt how to fly they go and build their nests. I make my nest out of twigs and leaves.

Melissa Le Fèvre, Sub A

THE SKEW WORM

Once there was a skew worm. He was pale brown and he lived in some soft soil. But the soft soil was next to a tree and in the tree lived two greedy birds. One day the skew worm came out of the soft soil and at the same time the two greedy birds flew out of their nests. They both saw the skew worm and flew to him and both took an end of the skew worm and pulled but the skew worm got away and that is how the skew worm got straight.

Alison Sturgeon, Sub B

THE LAZY CUCKOO

Once there was a lazy cuckoo he lived with his wife. One day his wife said to him, husband soon I am going to have babys please will you help me build a nest. No I'm resting I will do it later. So she waited then he said to her you just go and lay your eggs in somebody elses nest. So she sadly went and layed her eggs in the robins nest. I do wish I could see my darling babys.

Rosalind Lewis, Sub B

Old Herschelians' Association

MINUTES OF THE 55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE LIBRARY AT HERSCHEL ON FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 1983 AT 11.45 A.M.

PRESENT: Miss Geldard (President), Fenella Douglas (Vice-President), Brenda-Lynne Hoffman (Chair), Diana Burns (Secretary/Treasurer), Ann Snyders (Committee Member), Mandy van Dugteren, (Magazine), Staff members and 39 Old Herschelians.

WELCOME: Brenda-Lynne Hoffman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting stood in silence in memory of Miss Millward and Mrs Gilbertson.

MINUTES: As these were published in the 1982 magazine, they were duly signed as correct.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash in hand R960.33. The Old Herschelians were supplied with 320 copies of the 1982 magazine at a cost of R1436.80 (R4.49 each). As there is still an outstanding debt on the 1981 magazine, we owe a total of R1781.06 to the school, which is R820.73 more than we have in our account.

Anita Gilmour reported on the results of the drive that she and a group of helpers launched to find sponsorship and sell advertising space in the magazine. A sum in excess of R2500 was raised; part of this will be used to pay off the magazine debt and the rest will be deposited in a savings account.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. News and magazine: Fenella Douglas suggested that news should be reproduced in a leaflet to be sent with the annual newsletter so that the magazine would not be sent automatically to members. It was decided that, in future, those interested in receiving the magazine will have to pay for it. A notice to this effect will be enclosed with the magazine sent out at the end of 1983. Brenda-Lynne thanked Mandy van Dugteren and the Circle Secretaries for news. It was suggested that a tear-off slip should be enclosed with the newsletter, requesting news to be submitted.

2. Functions: Ann Snyders reported on functions. There was a very disappointing response to the two fund-raising functions arranged in 1982. The wine-tasting evening was poorly attended and the SASKO cookery demonstration had to be cancelled owing to lack of support. A presentation was made to Ann Snyders who has resigned as Functions Organiser.

3. Lynn Stamper was congratulated on being awarded the Old Herschelians' Prize.

4. Gifts to the school by matric classes. Miss Geldard gave a list of gifts made to the school in recent years. They are as follows:

1982 Painting of Herschel by Tony Grogan.

1981 School bell and trees for the grounds.

1980 Hall clock.

1979 Film screen.

1978 Money for school crest on the gates.

1977 Honours board.

1973-1976 Money for entrance gates.

1972 Slide projector.

1971 Two steel trolleys for the dining room.

Miss Geldard said that if anyone could recall gifts given by matric classes in the years prior to 1971 they should inform Mrs Stockwell.

5. Office bearers: Ruth Butters is resigning as Sports Secretary at the end of 1983.

Judy Smuts (Corder) was welcomed as new Functions Organiser. Lynn Stamper offered to be Circle Secretary for 1981 and 1982.

6. Mrs McCormick: A presentation of a mohair rug was made to Mrs Barbara McCormick on her retirement from the staff. She addressed the meeting on some of her reminiscences.

7. Representatives in other areas: A list of Old Herschelians living in the Transvaal has been sent to Lynn Rowand in Johannesburg. A list of Old Herschelians living in Australia and the Far East has been sent to Margie Goldswain in Perth.

8. Proposed Functions. Annual Dinner. Evryl Fisher suggested an annual dinner at which an award for the 'Old Herschelian of the Year' could be made. It is felt that this would be too difficult to judge; notable achievements of Old Girls could be listed annually in the newsletter or magazine.

Dance. Lynne Reid suggested that each member present at the meeting should invite one other member to a dance to be held in the school hall on 16th April, the evening after the matric dance, thus we could benefit from the decorations in the hall.

Luncheon. A Luncheon for Old Herschelians is planned for the next few months.

9. General. Money raised from the School Fete will go towards computers for the school.

Twenty-seven new members were welcomed to the Association. Brenda-Lynne thanked Miss Geldard for her hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. for lunch.

THOSE PRESENT AT THE 55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — 18TH FEBRUARY 1982

Miss Geldard, F. Douglas, A. Olivier, R. Butters, P. Davies, M. van Reenen, N. Morris, A. Gilmour, B. Morris, C. Hemingway, H. Huisamen, A. Wilkinson, C. Symons, L. Ramsden, M. Saffery, J. Pollock, H. Harsant, J. Smuts, E. McCarthy, L. Crawford-Browne, E. Fourie, L. Reid, Y. Stockwell, C. Grootendorst, S. Burns, S. Terrapon, P. Whyte, J. Eckstein, E. Stockwell, C. Popham-Smith, B. McCormick, H. Montgomery, S. Smith, M. Browne, C. Sweet, R. de Waal, S. Gillham, Jackie Dicey, L. Stamper, D. Muzik, B. L. Hoffman, A. Snyders, M. van Dugteren, D. Burns.

THE OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

To Circle AA: L. Crawford-Browne.

To Circle QQ: S. Louw.

To Circle VV: S. Albertyn, L. Bettison, M. Biebuyck, S. Bryant, S. Commins, K. Dicey, M. L. du Toit, K. Gottgens, L. Hemingway, D. Hine, H. Jooste, F. Knight, C. Krauss, P. Littleford, R. Loch Davis, B. Longmore, L. Lyhne, H. Marten, A. McCallum, L. Merrington, B. Morris, G. Mountain, M. Orford, J. Quibell, S.A. Seymour, W. Sharpley, K. Smit, G. Socikwa, L. Stamper, E. Vorster.

PLEASE NOTE: FOUNDER'S DAY AND OLD GIRLS' DAY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 1984. ALL OLD HERSCHELIANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SERVICE AT ST. SAVIOURS, TEA ON THE LAWNS AND LUNCH. PLEASE DIARISE THIS DATE AS INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS WILL NOT BE SENT. FOR DETAILS PLEASE TELEPHONE DIANA BURNS (64-1647) OR THE SCHOOL (64-4010).

LONDON REPORT — 1983

Pat Forester-Bennett reports as follows:

"We held our A.G.M. at the Ski Club of Great Britain on Thursday 5th May. Barbara Payne expressed her wish to hand over the Presidency to someone on the mainland and I have taken over from her. She has done a superb job for some years, as have Karen Cooper and the committee, and my hope is to keep the interest of the Association rife. It was suggested that meetings were held every other year, but for the time being it has been decided to carry on annually — a missed meeting could mean a four-year gap. Diana Yassukovich (Townsend) has kindly offered her flat in London for next year's meeting which, apart from her hospitality, will be a lot cheaper than hiring a room.

We were told of Miss McLean's stroke and the problem of her being in a public ward. Canon Wade, who was sadly unable to attend the meeting, had suggested that we try to raise money to put her in a private nursing home. Mary Hyde (Hebditch) and I visited her on May 6th and were delighted to find her in a single room with kind and dedicated nursing.

I enclose a list of those who attended the meeting. I intend to chase up the other life members living in the U.K. before next year. Nothing else transpired from the meeting but we had an excellent evening and the level of noise was high — much catching up of news."

Those present at the London meeting:

Elizabeth Bakewell (Wyndham), Miss Bailey, Linda Bettison, Valerie Bird (van der Bijl), Sonia Bourcier (Hollebone), Prof. Cooper, Karen and Tana Cooper, Pat Forester-Bennett (Halley), Anne Heffernan (Halley), Mary Hyde (Hebditch), Mary James (van der Bijl), Oswynne Jordan (Buchanan), Penelope Ann Latter (Southam), Bridget Longmore, Sue Macgregor, Diane Marshall, J. Morris, Barbara Moir (Branfill), Barbara Payne, Margaret Regnier (Gerber), Claire Russell, Mrs V. Steward (Guyse-Hill), Rosemary van Allan (Pickering), Jean van den Berg (Stoddart), Susan Whitaker (Burden), Phoebe Woollan (Scrivenor), Heather Wells (Kelly), Diana Yassukovich (Townsend).

Apologies received from:

Betty Collings, Heather Coulter, Nicky MacPherson, Joan McEwen, Lindsay Oliver, Susan Nichol, Maggie

Robinson, Jacqueline Raubaut, Fleur Rutherford,
Helen Turner, Marjorie Wilson.

1983 COMMITTEE

President: Miss P. Geldard
Vice-President: Miss Fenella Douglas
Chairman: Mrs. Brenda-Lynne Hoffman (Tyers)
Hon. Sec./Treas.: Mrs. Diana Burns (Dicey)
Functions Sec.: Mrs. Judy Smuts (Corder)
Games Sec.: Miss Ruth Butters
Directory: Mrs. Adele Fouche (Jooste)
Magazine: Mrs. Mandy van Dugteren (Noakes)

CIRCLE SECRETARIES

Group 1 (A-H)
Miss Fenella Douglas, 1, The Albany, Oak Avenue,
Kenilworth (77-4631)

Group 2 (I-Q)
Mrs. Adele Fouche (Jooste), 23 Lovers Walk, Kenilworth (71-5374).
Mrs. Tania Robins (Guicherit), 7 Marne Avenue, Rondebosch (61-5627).

Groups 3 & 4 (R-Z)
Mrs. Anita Gilmour (Lockwood), Box 93, Lansdowne, (71-5094)
Mrs. Jennifer Wynne (Brimble), Eyton House, Eyton Road, Claremont. (77-9053)

Group 5 (AA-EE)
Mrs. Janeen Keyser (Kipps), 12 Irene Rd., Newlands. (65-2447)
Mrs. Mandy van Dugteren (Noakes), 3, Alphonse Close, Klaasenbosch Drive, Constantia. (74-1237)
Mrs. Karolyn van Zyl (Wood), 45 Palmboom Rd., Newlands. (69-5878)

Group 6 (FF-JJ)
Mrs. Delia Charton (Beck), Poplar Grove, The Valley Close, Constantia. (74-2694)

Group 7 (KK-OO)
Mrs. Sally-Ann Silberbauer (Wells), Apple Garth Farm, Main Road, Hout Bay. (70-7126)
Mrs. Terry Morrison (Lloyd-Roberts), 19 Norwich Ave. Bishopscourt. (71-3049)
Mrs. Sally-Ann Brown (Brimble), Box 61, Somerset West. (024-48682)

Group 8 (PP-TT)
Mrs. Judy van Aswegen (Wilson), 8 Woodland Rd., Rondebosch. (69-5726)
Miss Yvette Stockwell, 8 Ceres Rd., Bergvliet. (72-1806)
Miss Susan Burns, 6 Rose Street, Newlands. (64-1647)
Miss Lynn Stamper, Blofield, Cornwall Rd., Simons-town. (86-1631)

TRANSVAAL RE-UNION

Friday 3 June, 6.30 p.m. at 59 Mandaville Road, Bryanston was the time and place of the first Old Herschelians Re-Union in the Transvaal. Invitations had been sent out to all the Herschelians on the mailing list, and although replies were slow to start with things started hotting up in the last week. Snacks were supplied by Lynn Rowand, Hilary Cattell, Audrey Hoyle and Libby Fleming — and the bars were manned by Don Rowand, David Cattell and David Brown. As it was a typical cold and frosty highveld evening two large log fires welcomed the visitors. Lynn Rowand made a speech of welcome and discussed O.H.A. matters. Although everyone had written their names in the visitors books Anne Schonborn suggested that all the girls should stand up and give their maiden and married names and say a few words about what they did — this brought about a tremendous amount of hilarity — with the men cheering their womenfolk on. Then Rosemarie Webber very kindly thanked Lynn and Don Rowand for opening up their home for the occasion. The age group of the girls ranged from those who left school in 1948 to 1975. The enthusiasm for a similar get together was very apparent, many more names were put forward and all in all the feeling was one of great enjoyment — the husbands and boyfriends obviously supporting their respective partners. The evening ended at 9.45 p.m. when the food ran out. Letters and 'phone calls of thanks made it apparent that the evening was a huge success and much enjoyed by everyone.

Those who attended:
Terry Dancer (Henstra), Rosemary Hilton (Hellings), Hilary Cattell (Dempers), Audrey Hoyle (Williams), Carol McLeod Smith (Hill), Jean Carlson (McCall), Anne Hart (Mair), Christine Boucher (Faure), Clare Croude, Revel Moorhead (Reilly), Rosanne Bicker Caarten (Brown), Anne Schonborn (Cowley), Lucinda May (Abbott), Melanie Serrurier (Stuttaford), Laura Horner (Silberbauer), Gail Andrew (Lomborg), Pam Hewitt (Dyke-Poynter), Melissa Jesse, Rosemarie Webber, Diana Lindbergh, Suzanne Allen,

Fiona Donald, Libby Fleming (Hennessy), Margaret Ward-Able (Impey), Susan Ward-Able, Gill McMaster (Paver), Pippin Pfaff (Frith), Ling Krassnokutski (Wesemann), Christina Murray, Carol Tooley (Miller) Lynn Rowand (Parker) and Rosa Dougherty (Dowie-Dunn).

1979 RE-UNION

On 2 September, the 1979 matrics held a re-union arranged by Juliette Womersley and Janet Millar. Although not everybody was able to attend the venture was a great success and enjoyed by all those who were able to be there — Jenny Anderson, Monica Gudehus, Ceris Field, Kate Brossy, Terri Campbell, Rosemary Fletcher, Janet Millar, Juliette Womersley, Michelle Jacobsen, Yvette Stockwell, Alison Marr, Sandy Nichol, Elisabeth Buckland, Belinda Couzens, Tanja Honig and Thérèse Herbert.

1982 RE-UNION

Lynn Stamper is planning a re-union in Plettenberg Bay in January, 1984 — please contact her.

CAPE TOWN RE-UNION

A luncheon was held at Constantia Nek on Tuesday, 6 September. Special guests were Miss Geldard, Miss Harsant and Mrs. Mary Browne, and our guest speaker was Gorry Bowes Taylor. Judy Smuts organised it, and we were all treated to an excellent lunch and an hilarious talk by Gorry. Brenda Lynne welcomed us and introduced Gorry who told us about some of the people she had interviewed recently, these included Uys Krige, Jimmy and Patti Connors, Helen and Janet Suzman, the daughters of Lord Louis Mounthatten and a Cape Town gynaecologist who is using acupuncture in the treatment of infertility — a very varied and fascinating collection of people, seen through the eyes of a very perceptive and humorous person. We were fascinated by all the little bits that didn't appear in the paper.

Those who attended:

Brenda Lynne Hoffman, Diana Burns, Adele Fouche, Liz Coward, Evryl Fisher, Diana Muzik, Anita Gilmour, Jill Eksteen, Nicky Fouche, Susan Burns, Anne Snyders, Buzz Fourie, Moira Furter, Susie Raath, Denise Bonner, Shona Sturgeon, Mosa le Roux, Karen Manidis, Mary Elliott, Lavinia Crawford-Brown, Liz McCarthy, Vivienne Visser, Lorna Botma, Susan Justice, Margie Fisher, Siobhan Mannion, Gail Simon, Rosemary de Waal, Judy Smuts, Maureen van Reenen, Amanda Pierre, Mandy van Dugteren.

MATRIC LUNCHEON

This was held on 21 September at school for the 1983 Matrics, their mothers and Old Girls and staff. The delicious lunch was a combined effort on the part of the school, the Old Girls, and the marvellous looking and tasting puddings were made by the Home Economics girls. Miss Geldard welcomed us and as usual made the Old Girls feel very much still part of the school. After lunch Brenda Lynne gave the Matrics a talk in the Library about the Old Herschelians Association, and we hope that all the girls who will be leaving school this year will join us and keep in touch with the school and each other.

ENGAGEMENTS

AUBREY—FRASER

The engagement between Catherine Jane St. Leger, younger daughter of the Reverend Canon and Mrs. John Aubrey of Somerset West, and Michael James Caldwell Fraser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Staddon of Bury St. Edmund, was announced in January.

CROOME—McLENNAN

The engagement between Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Croome of Constantia and David, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. McLennan of Rondebosch, was announced earlier in the year.

NEWMAN—WESSELS

The engagement was announced between Binky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Newman of Bergvliet Farm, and Hannes, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wessels of Umtali, Zimbabwe.

SWIEL—KUIPER

The engagement between Camilla, younger daughter of Mrs. E. Swiel and the late Mr. M. Swiel, and Jannie, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kuiper of Elgin, was announced in June.

MARRIAGES

AUBREY—FRASER

Catherine Aubrey, daughter of Canon and Mrs. John Aubrey was married to James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Staddon in the U.K. in October 1983.

ANDERSON—O'KELLY

Gail, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Newlands was married to Hugh O'Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sturgis of Parktown in St. George's Cathedral in January, 1983.

BETTISON—ROWSE

Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bettison of Constantia, was married to Jeremy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowse of Zambia on the 11th December, 1982.

GASSON—REYNOLDS

Lindsay, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Gasson, was married to Terry Reynolds on the 13th November, 1983.

RAUCH—MEYER

Gillian Rauch was married to Nico Meyer on the 11th December, 1982.

WELBORE KER—GARRARD

Francesca was married to Martin Garrard in Beckington, England on the 26th June, 1983.

WINSTAIN—MORRIS

Siobhan Winstain was married to Adrian Morris in St. Saviour's Church, Claremont, on 6th August, 1983.

BIRTHS

ANDERSON—To John and Karin (Attwell), a son at Sandton Clinic on January 27th, 1983.

BIERMAN—To Hilary (Gasson) and Robert a son in London in April, 1983.

BISOGNO—To Gisele (Hardy) and Victor, a daughter on 18th November, 1982.

BROWN—To Sally (Brimble) and Kelvin, a son and brother for Zoë and Carla on 17th August, 1983.

CHAMBERS—To Fiona (MacSymon) and Bob, a daughter, Edwina Margaret and sister to Timothy, on June 28th, 1983, in Australia.

CLEWS—To Linda (Storch-Nielsen) and Ronny a daughter, Michelle on the 5th February, 1983, in Cape Town.

COLLIER—To Sandra Mary (Howell) and Anthony, a daughter, born on 3rd November, 1982.

CONITSOTIS—To Michele (Resnekov) and Christos a son, Antonias Dionnysis and brother to Marcos, born in Corfu on 9th April, 1983.

CRAWLEY—To Pru (Borton) and Tim a son Adam, born in Cape Town in January, 1983.

DRUMMOND—To Jill (Golding) and Rob, a son born in Cape Town on 11th July, 1983.

FENTON-WELLS—To Tessa (Mallett) and Steve a son, born on 22nd February, 1983.

GANT—To Gillian (Gain) and David a son, born in Cape Town on the 4th February, 1983.

HUGO-HAMMAN—To Shushy (Fuller) and Christopher, a daughter, Chloë Jane Francis, born in Oxford on 28th June, 1983.

McDONALD—To Shona (Milton) and Michael, a daughter, Michelle and sister for Kim, born in Cape Town on 7th December, 1982.

MILLER—To Jasmine (Peel) and Basil a daughter, Sara Joanne, born in Montreal, Canada on 12th August, 1983.

NICHOL—To Susan (Harvey-Kelly) and Terry, a son, Edward born in England on 9th May, 1983.

NORGARB—To Jill (Verster) and Patrick, a son born December 1982.

OLDS—To Patsy (Thom) a son and brother for Christopher, born in Cape on 20th January, 1983.

PERIN—To Christine (Moni) and Laurence, a daughter, and sister to Nicholas, born in Cape Town on 1st August, 1983.

SILBERBAUER—To Sally-Ann (Wells) and Frank a daughter, and sister to Bronwyn born in Cape Town on 27th April, 1983.

SIMONSZ—To Shelley (Wells) and Charles a son, and brother for Susie, born in Cape Town on 25th March, 1983.

STANFORD—To Gail (Pettigrew) and Mark a son, Justin, born in Cape Town on the 25th August, 1983.

TOERIEN—To Jane (Philip) and Boetie, a daughter, Monica Jane, born in Cape Town on the 8th August, 1983.

VAN ASWEGEN—To Judy (Wilson) and Pieter, a son born in Johannesburg on 29th August, 1983.

DEATHS

McEWEN—Joan Edith (née Hill), wife of Capt. D. McEwen R. N. (Rtd.) passed away on the 1st October, 1983, at her home in Hazelmere, England.

NEWS ROUND-UP

ABBOTT (1970) (Mrs. Landman) Edwina and her husband have returned to Cape Town from the Transkei, and Edwina is now teaching locally.

ACKERMAN (1980) Suzanne has become the first woman to be elected to the chair of the University of Cape Town's Rag Committee. She is just completing the second year of her B.A.

ALBERT (1982) Nichole returned to the Seychelles, and in September left to study Hotel Management in Bristol, England.

ALBERTYN (1982) Susan is studying Tourism at the Technical College.

ANDERSON (1970) (Mrs. Pelt) Suzette and her husband Adrian are running a boat charter business from St. Lucia in the West Indies. They are hoping to return to Cape Town next year to build their own yacht.

ANDERSON (1979) Jennifer is P.R.O. at the Inn on the Square and loves her work.

BAIRNSFATHER CLOETE (1961) Mrs. Mitchell-Hopkins, Nicky and her husband, Dudley, have taken over the running of the family hotel, Alphen, in Constantia. It used to be the old family homestead and has been declared a National Monument. They have wonderful ideas of acquiring the surrounding land which used to belong to the farm, and creating a park-like setting for the magnificent hotel and wine cellar.

BAXTER (1938) (Mrs. Henderson) Sheila and her husband are still living in Elgin where she is kept busy in the garden and is enjoying her grandchildren — her granddaughter, Jenny Bradshaw has settled happily in the Herschel Pre-Prep.

BATCHELOR (1982) Jacqueline is doing a Private Secretarial course at the Technical College.

BENSON (1978) Suzanne has had an interesting and varied life since leaving Herschel. After completing a year's drama course at Rita Maas she went on an extensive trip to England, Ireland and Scotland and the Continent. Thereafter she did a secretarial course and subsequently worked in South West Africa at a uranium mine and then for a safari company. Whilst there she contracted meningitis and returned to Hermanus to recuperate. To keep herself occupied she helped at the local hospital and then decided to take to nursing, and she is now at the Paarl Hospital. In August she was planning to take a holiday in Greece, sailing around the islands on a caique.

BERAN (1979) Sarah is married and living overseas.

BETTISON (1982) Linda is spending 1983 at Winkfield College, near Windsor.

BOOTH (1982) Diana is at Barkly House studying Primary/Pre-Primary teaching.

BOTHNER (1963) (Mrs. Beele) Sue works half days as a secretary in the Italian Department at U.C.T.,

putting to use at long last her rusty Italian learned in Perugia in 1964/65.

BOTMA (1978) Lorna completes her Business Course at the Technikon at the end of this year and will then go to London where she has enrolled for a Cordon Bleu Cookery Course.

BROSSY (1979) Kate is completing her H.D.E. at U.C.T.

BRYANT (1982) Suzanne is taking a Secretarial Course.

BARRY (1949) (Mrs. Prew) Angela was out again this year on a visit to her mother who lives in Kenilworth. She gave a delightful buffet luncheon for some of her Herschel friends including Yvonne Roux (Mrs. Dowdle 1949), Pat Lindsay (Mrs. Harpur, 1948), Maureen Bourke (Mrs. McLennan, 1949), Margaret Impey (Mrs. Ward-Able, 1949), Clemency Watson (Mrs. Hannay Robertson, 1950), Vivienne Fehr (Mrs. Helsing, 1949) and Thelma Bergh (Mrs. Harding, 1948). Angela lives near Kingsbridge in Devon. Her elder son, Martin, is teaching Geography at an all Black comprehensive school in Harare. Her younger son, Simon, is doing constructional work at present in order to save up for a journey through Africa, ending in Cape Town with a visit to his grandmother. Her daughter Perina hopes to get her Arts degree next year, and Marie, the youngest, is at present in France as an au pair girl with two professors, learning French and looking after their children, prior to going to York University to read English and History.

CHAPMAN (1981) Ashley is in the second year of her General Nursing Diploma at Groote Schuur Hospital.

COMINS (1982) Shona is doing Senior-Primary teaching at the Cape Town Teachers' Training College in Mowbray.

COWIE (1982) Susan is doing a Secretarial Course at the Technical College.

CROOME (1979) Karen has recently become engaged to David McLennan (brother of Fiona). They plan to marry in November this year when Kate has finished a post-graduate diploma in Library and Information Science. She graduated last year with a B.A. from U.C.T.

DAUNCEY (1978) Nicola is teaching at St. Mary's D.S.G. in Natal after having completed her B.Sc. and H.D.E. post-graduate course.

DELAHUNT (1975) Susan is doing the Remedial Teaching course at U.C.T. this year, after having taught at St. Cyprians Nursery School.

DIXON (1982) Dianne is attending the Rita Maas Drama School and two afternoons a week she runs a crèche.

FINCHAM (1963) Gail will be leaving Wits, (where she has been lecturing for the last two years), at the end of the year, and next year takes up a post in the English Department at U.C.T.

FISHER (1958) Margie is very involved growing herbs commercially.

GASSON (1968) (Mrs. Reynolds) Lindsay was married to Terry Reynolds in November last year. Her sister Hilary (1968, Mrs. Bierman), and her husband and daughter came from England for the wedding. Hilary gave birth to a son, Charles, in London in April.

GELDENHUYS (1978) Vanessa has passed her B.A. (Law) at Stellenbosch and is now working for a firm of Insurance Brokers in Cape Town.

GIE (1950) (Mrs. Gardner) Lois writes from Alexandria in the E. Cape saying how much she enjoyed receiving the Newsletter. As her daughters have been at school in the E. Cape she has lost touch with Herschel completely, except through the magazine.

GOTTGENS (1983) Kate spent six months this year at St. Godric's in London and plans to start at U.C.T. next year.

GURNEY (1953) (Mrs. Williams) Jill's husband is Rector of the Holy Cross Church in Empangeni, and Jill would love to get in touch with any O.H.'s. in Zululand.

HACKING (1969) (Mrs. du Plessis) Ethel is living in Citrusdal and doing a little part-time medical work. She has two daughters and a son and is expecting a fourth child early in 1984.

HALLEY (1945) (Mrs. Forester-Bennett) Pat became President of the O.H.A. in London this year. Her daughter, Lindsay — 26, and son, Rupert — 20, live in the Algarve, Portugal where they own a bar on the beachfront of a small fishing village. Her elder son, Anthony — 23, is an Engineering graduate and has been accepted by the Diplomatic Corps — no mean feat as there were only thirty posts and over six thousand graduate applicants.

HARRIS (1963) (Mrs. Wingfield) Diana is working for the Philip Kushlick School for Spastic children in Soweto as a school psychologist.

HENDERSON (1965) (Mrs. Bradshaw) Jean is working part-time as a researcher in the Medical Biochemical Department at U.C.T. Her daughter, Jenny, is attending the Herschel Pre-Prep.

HENDERSON (1967) Helen is working for the World Health Organization in Geneva, where she has a pleasant flat and enjoys skiing in the winter. She had Melanie Baumann staying with her in July.

HENDERSON (1969) Hilary is lecturing in the Department of Occupational Therapy at U.C.T. and living in a cottage in Harfield Village. She is planning to visit Helen in the December vacation for some skiing.

HILL (Staff 1937-1943) Mrs. Wood writes that she so enjoyed a luncheon party at the home of Joan Frost (Mrs. Grover) in November 1982, with Old Herschelians of the late 1930's and early 1940's

HINE (1982) Danièle did a Secretarial Course and is now working for a Personnel Agency.

HOLMES (1958) (Mrs. McCarthy) Elizabeth and her family had a wonderful trip to Europe during the June holidays. They visited Rome, Venice, Switzerland, Paris and Amsterdam and spent the last week in London.

HUTCHINSON (1980) Kirsten and Christine are due to be returning to Cape Town from England with their parents sometime during 1983.

JACOBSEN (1978) Michelle is doing B.Social Science at U.C.T.

KENT (1982) Deborah is nursing at a private hospital.

KILCULLEN (1981) Suzanne is living with her parents in New York. She has done a Secretarial Course and a French Course and plans to return to U.C.T. next year to study Architecture.

KNIGHT (1982) Faith is attending a Fashion school in Cape Town.

KÖSTER (1982) Deborah is at a finishing school in Durban and is planning to go to the Durban Technikon.

KRAUSS (1982) Conny is doing a two year Fashion Design course at the Haute Couture School. She then plans to travel overseas and spend a further two years studying in the U.S.A.

KRONE (1982) Karin is studying Horticulture at the Technikon.

LANDLESS (1982) Tanya studied French in the Loire Valley for six months, after which she lived in Paris for a while and is now touring America.

LENGNER (1982) Daniela is at the Technikon doing a course in Public Relations. She was a TEK beauty finalist.

LESLIE (1969) (Mrs. Roberts) Sarah has completed an advanced cookery course in London and intended spending the summer working in a country hotel, as her husband has one more year to serve in the Oman navy. He comes home for fairly frequent holidays and will be returning permanently early next year, when they plan to open their own country hotel.

LEIGHTON DAVIES (1979) Pippa is now studying Drama at Rhodes.

LOCH DAVIS (1982) Rosemary, along with Tanya Landless spent six months in the Loire Valley and then spent a few months in Paris with Kate Gottgens.

LONGMORE (1982) Bridget is spending the year at Winkfield College.

LOUW (1979) (Mrs. Eastman) Jennifer has been appointed to the staff of the Monterey Pre-Primary School.

LOUW (1979) Susan has successfully completed her studies at Stellenbosch and is now the librarian for a large Cape Town firm.

LLOYD ROBERTS (1975) (Mrs. Morrison) Terry has returned to Cape Town with her husband who is working for his M.B.A. Terry is teaching at Boston and spends several nights a week singing, playing the piano and guitar at the Ladies Bar at the Glendower Hotel.

LLOYD ROBERTS (1980) Susan was accepted by the Webber School of Dramatic Art and is loving her work and London. She shares a flat with Madeleine Enthoven who is doing the Guildhall Stage Management course.

MACKENZIE (1966) (Mrs. Emslie) Sheila spent six weeks overseas at the end of last year. In the U.S.A. she stayed with her A.F.S. family of fifteen years ago, in England she stayed with Kathy Montgomery (nee Emslie) and her family in their Sixteenth Century Manor house, and then with Elizabeth Wood in her flat in Putney.

MACSYMON (1972) (Mrs. Chambers) Fiona is loving farmlife in Australia where her husband Bob, is a farm manager. She has a son, Timothy, and is kept fully occupied looking after her home and singing in a choir.

MANNION (1982) Moira is at Abbots College doing Physics so that she can do a B.Sc. Physiotherapy next year.

MARR (1982) Cathy is nursing.

MARR (1958) (Mrs. Busby) Heather and her husband spent two weeks during September visiting the Okavango Swamps. They found it a wonderful experience, saw a lot of game and even witnessed a buffalo stampede.

MARSHALL (1950) (Mrs. Norman) June's husband, Denis, is still Minister of Agriculture in Zimbabwe — a very demanding job for both June and Denis as it involves a lot of travelling and entertaining and the running of two homes, one on the farm and one in Harare. But it is interesting, challenging and at times very rewarding. June tries to visit the Cape annually to visit friends. June's youngest daughter Deborah is now at U.C.T. staying in Baxter.

McCALLUM (1982) Arabella has also spent six months at Glenord in the Loire Valley studying French, history of art and literature. She will be in London until the end of the year.

McCARTHY (1953) (Mrs. Reid) Patricia and her husband moved into their new home in Claremont in August, and Pat is busy establishing a new garden.

McGREGOR (1957) Sue was recently named Radio Personality of the Year at a function at the London Hilton. Last year she won the Broadcasting Press Guild's award as Outstanding Contributor to Radio.

McLENNAN (1979) Fiona graduated last year with a B.A. from U.C.T. She then did a post-graduate Secretarial Course at the Cape Technikon and is now having a well deserved holiday.

MEYNELL (1977) Rosemary is now teaching at St. Cyprians after attaining her B.A. (Phys.Ed.) at Stellenbosch and then her H.D.E. at U.C.T.

MILLAR (1979) Janet is in her fourth year at the Western Province Blood Transfusion Service and in her second year of Medical technology.

MONI (1982) Claudia makes up the quartet (with Tanya Landless, Rosemary Loch-Davies, and Bella McCallum) which spent the first half of the year in the Loire Valley. She will be in Rome until the end of the year doing a dancing course.

MORRISSEY (1982) Emily spent a brief time at Hartwell House in England, before a three week visit to Portugal and she then planned going to Israel with her sister, Louise, to work on the Ayelat Sachar Kibbutz for two months.

NICHOL (1979) Sandy hopes to finish her Social Work at U.C.T. this year, after which she is off overseas for a year's travelling.

- NORRIS (1958) (Mrs. Sowter) Kathy lives in Mowbray and gives patchwork lessons. She also lectures up at U.C.T. in the Home Economics Department.
- OLDS (1970) (Mrs. Weyers) Louise works for Barclays Bank in the Strand, dealing with Foreign Exchange. She passed the first part of her Bankers Diploma in December '82. Louise and her husband are busy building a new home against the mountains in Somerset West — they are at the moment, living in the Strand.
- ORFORD (1982) Margaret is doing a B.A. at U.C.T. She is standing for the Arts Student Council and is on the staff of "Varsity" as an ardent feminist.
- PAPWORTH (19) (Mrs. Shonfeld) Carol and her husband, Clive have recently had a marvellous holiday in Europe where they combined business and pleasure. They met up with their three children in St. Tropez and travelled along the Côte d'Azur to Monte Carlo where they celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary at the Hotel de Paris, and then continued to Florence. Their daughter, Luanna (1981) is working as an au pair with a terrific family outside New York, and will return to Cape Town in a couple of months to continue her career in fashion.
- PICKERING (1963) (Mrs. van Allan) Rosemary is still enjoying living in London with her opera singing husband, Richard and her three year old son, Robert.
- PHILIP (1977) Kate has been elected the new President of NUSA, becoming the third woman to hold that office in fifty-eight years. Kate has been an active member of the U.C.T. Students' Representative Council for two years, and this year was vice-president. Kate has completed a B.A. degree majoring in S.A. Economic History and English, and she plans to register for an honours degree next year.
- PARGITER (1982) Deborah is busy doing a fashion Design Course.
- POST (1975 and 1981) Tjitske and Jenneke are enjoying an extended working holiday in Europe and North America.
- QUIBELL (1982) Janine is attending the Rita Maas Drama School, and was due to start a course in Theatre Make-up in September. Next year she will be going to London to study Fashion Merchandising.
- PENTZ (1982) Belinda is at Silwood Kitchen doing a Diploma in Domestic Science.
- REGNIER (1959) (Mrs. Rambant) Jacqueline and her husband have left Belgium and settled in Oxford. Her son, Raoul, is at the Dragon School, and daughter, Isobel will be going in 1985.
- RICHARDS (1982) Judy is doing Pharmacology at the Technikon.
- REILLY (1954) (Mrs. Moorhead) Revel recently won a TFC Travel Competition for a cruise for two to South America, — twelve days aboard the luxury MS World Discoverer, from Cape Town to the island of Tristan da Cunha, then on to Rio de Janeiro.
- ROWLAND (1979) Sue is working in Johannesburg. She recently became engaged to Richard Franck.
- RUSSELL (1953) Claire has, as she describes it, "one of the nicest jobs in London". She is social secretary to the wife of the American Ambassador to London. Her office is in Wingfield House right in the centre of Regent's Park, and from here she runs the embassy household with a staff of twenty. Claire regularly deals with the royal households and travels extensively — she accompanied the Queen on her American tour. Claire has, for the last twenty years organised the O.H.A. in London, but has had to hand this over as she no longer has the time.
- SANDELL (1977) Bridget is a Nursing Sister at the Victoria Hospital. She was hoping to go overseas during the year.
- SAUNDERS (1979) (Mrs. Fisher-Botha) Joan was married in July of 1982, and is now living in Pietermaritzburg.
- SAUNDERS (1981) Kate is in her second year of Occupational Therapy at U.C.T. Kate and her boyfriend recently won a "Best Match" competition run by "Daring" magazine. Their prize is a trip to Greece with spending money. They plan to go in June next year.
- SCOTT (1980) Mandy is in Israel for three months working on a Kibbutz.
- SEYMOUR (1982) Sally-Ann is doing a Fashion Design course at the Cape Town School of Fashion Design in Wynberg.
- SHARPLEY (1982) Wendy did a typing course and is now in Paris working as a governess to three small children and learning French.
- SIMPSON (1967) (Mrs. Smart) Elizabeth lives in Johannesburg with her husband, Rod, and son, James. They spent a short while in California in 1982 whilst Rod was studying at the Californian American University.
- SIMPSON (1967) (Mrs. Terrapon) Susan spent the latter half of last year teaching at Barkly House. Her elder daughter, Heather started in Sub. A at Herschel this year.

SPIILHAUS (1937) (Mrs. Robertson) Marian's major work of 1982 is to be published in November 1983. It is a book for the centenary of the Perm, the third permanent Building Society to be founded in South Africa, the second oldest existing one and quite the most influential in the early history of Building Societies. She has found the research fascinating as hardly anything has been written before on the history of South African Building Societies. Marian's first grandchild was born in June 1982.

STAVROU (1979) Maria graduated last year from U.C.T. with a B.A. She has done a six month Secretarial course at the Cape Technikon and plans shortly to go to America to study Hotel management.

SUSMAN (1972) (Mrs. Womersley) Daphne is now living permanently in Port Elizabeth. She has given up Nursery School Teaching for a while in order to look after her family.

SUSMAN (1968) Jenni recently became engaged and will be leaving her computer consultancy firm to return to S.A.

TANFIELD (1982) P.J. is doing a Computer Science course at the Cape Technikon.

TEMPLER (1971) (Mrs. Ross) Nicolette and her husband, Peter went on an overseas holiday in April, visiting Lindsey Torr in London and Lynda Paterson (Mrs. Cary) and her husband, Mike in Bristol.

WARREN (1943) (Mrs. Barry) Dew has two new grandsons born within the last year, one in the U.K., and the other in Johannesburg — this one becomes Dew's responsibility twice a week whilst her daughter, Jill, continues her research work at the Johannesburg Art Gallery.

WARD (1958) (Mrs. Harvey) Philippa lives in London with her family. She paid a brief visit to Cape Town in August to see her parents.

WESEMANN (1972) (Mrs. Krassnokutski) Ling has three little boys — the eldest started nursery school this year, and as soon as the younger ones are more independent, Ling hopes to join her husband in his antique jewellery and silver business.

VARSIITY ROUND-UP

U.C.T. — FIRST YEAR: Susan Bowley (B.Prim.Ed.), Robyn Cooper (B.Prim.Ed.), Katherine Dicey (Dip. Graphic Design), Katherine Dower (B.Sc.), Magdalene du Toit (B.A.), Marie-Louise du Toit (Dip. Graphic Design), Fiona Fraser (Dip. Graphic Design),

Katherine Hales (B.A.), Cheryl Hemingway (M.B. Ch.B.), Veronica Hommerson (B.Comm.), Hilary Jooste (B.Bus.Sci.), Page Littleford (B.Arch.), Hilary Knight (B.A.(Lang.)), Maureen Louw (B.A.), Suzanne Louw (B.A. (Fine Art)), Lisa Lyhne (B.Sc. Computer Science), Janice McMillan (B.Soc.Sci.), Linda Merrington (B.Sc. Nursing), Belinda Morris (B.Bus.Sc. Marketing), Gillian Mountain (B.A. Fine Art), Lee Mukheiber (B.A. Lang.), Margaret Orford (B.A.), Kathryn Smit (S.Soc.Sci.), Lynn Stamper (B.Sc. Physiotherapy), Lorna Steytler (B.Soc.Sci. Psychology), Tisa van der Hoorn (B.A. Fine Art), Elsa Vorster (B.A. French), Sarah Wynne Edwards (B.Soc.Sci.).

SECOND YEAR: Suzanne Ackerman (B.A.), Beverley Atkinson (B.A. Drama), Toni Beck (B.A.L.B.), Jill Breen (B.Sc. Occupational Therapy), Rowan Haden (B.Arch.), Muryke Hommersom (B.Comm.), Georgie Hart (B.Bus.Sci.), Lindsay Jones (B.Soc.Sci.), Kathy Ince (B.Soc.Sci.), Toni Olivier (B.A.), Chloë Overstone (B.Bus.Sci.), Karin Reitner (B.A.Lang.), Christine Rideout (B.Comm.), Carole Roberts (B.Mus.), Kate Saunders (B.Sc. Occupational Therapy), Tracey Scott (B.Soc.Sci.), Susan Stamper (B.A.), Jane Yeats (M.B.Ch.B.), Gillian Mackenzie (B.A.Art), Karen Visser (B.A.Art), Susan Davies (B.A.Lang.).

THIRD YEAR: Julia Singer (B.Soc.Sci.), Juliet Womersley (Speech Therapy), Tessa van Ryneveld (B.A.), Susan Burns (B.A.), Diane Cameron (B.Sc. Computer Science), Lindy de Kock (B.A.Drama), Jane Dicey (B.Sc.), Lilian Dubley (M.B.Ch.B.), Marjorie Filmer (B.Bus.Sci.), Jenny Gray (B.Comm.), Susan Ingram (B.A.), Jane Johnson (B.A.), Mistene Maisel (B.Comm.), Caroline Marten (B.A.), Carolyn Newton (B.A.Drama).

FOURTH YEAR: Ruth Butters (B.Sc.), Kate Brossy (H.D.E.), Shirley Glyn (B.Sc.Nursing), Sandi Nichol (B.Soc. Sci.), Michelle Jacobsen (B.Soc.Sci.), Yvette Stockwell (B.Mus.), Alison Marr (M.B.Ch.B.), Ceris Field (B.A.L.B.), Tina Louw (B.A.Arch.).

STELLENBOSCH — FIRST YEAR: Monique Biebuyck (Phys.Ed.), Hilary Marten (Biochemistry and Agriculture), Miriam Thomas (B.A.Journalism).

SECOND YEAR: Fiona McQueen (B.A.Fine Arts).

RHODES — FIRST YEAR: Lisa Beckerling (B.Comm.), Philippa Leighton-Davies (Drama), Celia Maud (Drama).

CAMPUS NEWS—U.C.T.

Apart from Suzanne Ackerman who is Chairman of the Rag Committee, there are six other Old Herschelians on the Rag Committee for 1984 — Toni Beck, Traci Scott, Beverley Atkinson, Lindsay Jones, Chloë

Ovenstone and Sue Burns.

Maureen Louw is sub-editor of the university magazine "Varsity". Marie Louise du Toit was a Rag Royalty finalist in 1983, and Veronica Hommersom was a drummer.

Old Herschelians' Association

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1983

EXPENDITURE

School Magazine — 1982	1 436,80	
Add Postage	<u>55,93</u>	
	1 492,73	
Less Donation Received	<u>800,00</u>	692,73
Donation — Herschel Fete		56,00
Presentations		58,71
Reunion — Johannesburg		100,00
Old Herschelians' Luncheon	356,95	
Less Received	<u>320,00</u>	36,95
Matric Luncheon		43,45
Petty Cash Expenses		47,44
Bank Charges		<u>4,60</u>
		<u>R1 039,88</u>

INCOME

Membership Subscriptions —		
Life	800,00	
Annual	<u>2,00</u>	802,00
Donations Received		172,50
Sale of Bridge Scorers		3,00
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE		
OVER INCOME		<u>62,38</u>

R1 039,88

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1983

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance at 30 September 1982	211,26	
Less Excess of Expenditure		
over Income for the year		
ended 30 September 1983	<u>62,38</u>	148,88
		<u>R148,88</u>

CASH AT BANK

CASH AT BANK	1 413,88	
Less Due to McLean Trust		
Fund	<u>1 265,00</u>	148,88
		<u>R148,88</u>

I have prepared the above Accounts from the books of account and information received. To the best of my knowledge and belief they are a true record.

14 October 1983
WYNBERG

J. TRAILL-WOOD
Chartered Accountant (S.A.)

TERM DATES FOR 1984

1st Term Wednesday 18 January — Friday 30 March
2nd Term Wednesday 11 April — Tuesday 26 June
3rd Term Tuesday 24 July — Thursday 27 September
4th Term Thursday 11 October — Friday 7 December

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Bodyworks Studio
E. Cabion & Son (Pty) Ltd
Cape Concrete (Pty) Ltd
Caxton Bookshop
Claremont Pharmacy
Epic Oil Mills
Holmwoods and Back and Manson
Kerr of Claremont
Logans Sports
M. & L. Wholesalers (Pty) Ltd
Maskew Miller Ltd
Nasionale Boekhandel
Olympic Cycle and Locksmith Works
Pick 'n Pay Supermarkets
Rentokil (Pty) Ltd
Solms van Niekerk (Pty) Ltd
Southcape Distributors
L J Taylor and Son
Versters Meat Market

