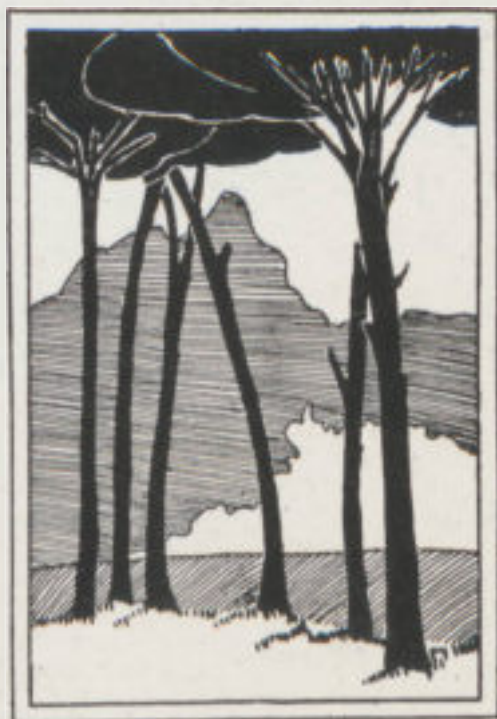




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SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECH DAY 1984

Ladies and gentlemen, and girls of Herschel,

One is grateful for the opportunity Speech Day affords of viewing each year in the life of the School, of assessing what has been worthwhile, re-thinking the values and principles we hold dear, perhaps even of asking what education is all about.

This year at Herschel has included a great deal of hard work as well as a wide range of educational activities. Within the classroom at the Senior School level, the demands of the syllabus are naturally always a first priority as we prepare for the examination at the end. The challenge to the teacher, however, is to ensure that such preparation should be a pleasurable and enriching experience rather than pure drudgery, that the syllabus should be a guide rather than a rigid dictator, and that in the process there should be plenty of room for independent thought, initiative, creative imagination, humour and individual research rather than the battery-like turning out of force-fed, uniform, lifeless products.

We are fortunate, I feel, in having a teaching staff who are ready to meet such a challenge and who can breathe life and spirit into the dry bones of the syllabus. Furthermore we are fortunate in having girls who, with few exceptions, are well-motivated, keen to express their opinions and ready to share their thoughts with others. For my part I would say that I seek to create in the School the sort of atmosphere where such an interchange of ideas is easy and natural, where a spirit of mutual encouragement exists and where school can be fun as well as fact-finding, delightful as well as demanding.

For examples of enrichment during this past year let us look at each of the school subjects in turn as well as at the cultural societies linked with these, not forgetting the Sociological Club, of course, which covers many fields.

Connected with English I think of films we have had at school this year, *Animal Farm*, *Hamlet*, *The Thirty Nine Steps*, *D H Lawrence*; of lunch-hour debates, of evening debates with other schools; of *The Taming of the Shrew* at Maynardville, *Fulstaff* at the Nico Malan and *Henry IV* at Bishops; and of the privilege enjoyed by the Matrics when Dr Alan Paton spoke to them in the Library about his masterpiece *Cry the Beloved Country*, one of their set works this year. In Afrikaans I think of the tape-

recorded lecture given by Elsa Joubert, author of the celebrated *Poppie Nongena* and of the Matric set-work *Ons Wag op die Kaptein*; of the continued use of the *Huisgenoot* for oral lessons of topical interest and of the video in recording Afrikaans television programmes. In French, there have been several films from the Alliance Française and tape-recorded songs used in class and I must comment particularly on the tour to France by Mrs Steytler and a party of Standard VIII and IX pupils. This consisted on one week in Paris on their own (I thought Mrs Steytler was very brave!) and three weeks at a language school in Angers when they stayed in private homes and gained many friends with whom they are now able to keep up a correspondence in French. For Biology and Physical Science pupils there have been biological collections and practical experiments particularly at Standard VI and VII levels, small groups attending lecture demonstrations at U.C.T., visits to the Observatory, the Vaccine station and the Western Province Blood Transfusion Service. Of particular interest in the third term was the stimulating and exciting presentation of the 1983 Faraday Lecture (*The Photon Connection*) at the Three Arts Cinema. The Environmental Society enjoyed an afternoon trail at Kirstenbosch and a week-end camp at the de Hoop Nature Reserve. The first four films in the 'Life on Earth' series have been shown this term. Here too one should perhaps mention the Mountain Club rock-climbing expeditions and the Sunset Climb on Lion's Head. In Geography different groups have gone on excursions involving urban studies in Cape Town or coastal studies round the Peninsula, and on visits to Escom, the Kaolin Mine or the Observatory. In Sociological Club we had a talk and slide-show on the Maldives and the Antarctic. Home Economics pupils meanwhile have enjoyed a visit to Groot Constantia, a floral art demonstration at the Tygerberg Technikon and a make-up demonstrations for Standards VI and VII here at school. History pupils have visited the German Settlers' Museum and the Lutheran Church, attended a lunch-hour address by the former British Ambassador, The Hon. Mr Ewan Ferguson, had a guided tour of St Paul's Church, Rondebosch, listened to an address on Sir John Herschel, and participated in several debates on topics connected with their studies, for example the Israeli-Arab conflict in the Middle East. The World at War television series is currently being recorded for use in lessons next year.

Mathematics perhaps more than any other subject, by its very nature, teaches the processes of logical thought and the development of deductive and inductive reasoning: there is always the opportunity in Maths for learning by discovery, and we are glad to see so many girls finding it an enjoyable and stimulating subject rather than one to be dreaded. Latin also develops mental alertness and logical thought as one learns to master the art of translation: in addition this year some research on historical and literary background topics has been undertaken by each senior pupil. Typing pupils, meanwhile, who also have excellent training in efficiency and accuracy have benefited this year particularly from their practice in the use of electric typewriters. Pupils studying Xhosa as a third language have the opportunity not only of learning the language of so many of our fellow-countrymen but also being introduced to dramatic and literary works that are of relevance today. Art pupils have enjoyed visits to the National Gallery, the Irma Stern Museum and the Frank Joubert Art Centre as well as a painting expedition to Kronendal at Hout Bay and the Michaelangelo/Cellini exhibition at the Baxter. An attempt is made in this subject to teach basic drawing skills, to develop an awareness of the effect of colour, to encourage experiment with different techniques and media, and to give a sound knowledge of the history of art. The display of pupils' work at the end of the term once again provided a focus of interest and illustrated the excellent variety there is in the work being done.

In Speech and Drama one is conscious all the time of successful experimentation, lively originality and the working towards the end product of a disciplined presentation of theatrical skill. Our congratulations to Mrs McClurg on her delightful production of *A Touch of Illusion* which involved a multi-racial cast of about sixty boys and girls as well as stage hands, make-up assistants and others. The opening play, *Ernie's Incredible Illusions*, was refreshingly preposterous and presented with tremendous humour, vitality and drive, while *Poor John, Poor Jean*, though slower-moving, was full of appeal with its balanced versification, its moments of farce or of poignancy and, above all, its skilful ultra-modern dance sequences. (Some of us learnt for the first time what 'break' dancing really means!)

Though only a few girls study Music as a Matriculation subject we nevertheless have a large Music department. At the Senior School forty girls receive tuition in some musical instrument (piano, violin,

viola, cello, flute, recorder, clarinet or guitar). The orchestra, which this year has been divided into Senior and Junior sections, gave a combined performance at one of our morning assemblies this term. The Senior Choir, which has thirty members (including a Chamber Choir of fourteen) has had an active year. They have sung at two weddings of Old Herschelians, at evensong in St George's Cathedral and of course at the Herschel services held in St Saviour's Church for Founder's Day, Easter Music and the Festival of Carols. In the second quarter the Herschel Choir combined with the Choir of S.A.C.S. to give a concert in the S.A.C.S. School Hall. In the third quarter our Choir joined with the Cape Town Orchestra and Philharmonic Choir in the presentation of Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius* in the City Hall.

For our weekly Communion services as well as the Confirmation class, the Standard IX and X Divinity lessons, and many of our evening or Sunday morning Chapel services, we are grateful to Rev. David Cook, Rev. John Frye and other members of Christ Church, Kenilworth for their leadership and guidance. The Christian Teaching week which was held in the second quarter, led by Rev. Cook, aroused general interest and caused some girls to gain a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. Several girls attended a holiday camp organized by the Scripture Union in Private Schools during the July holidays.

I should like at this point to thank Mrs Holland, who leaves Herschel now, for the quiet, steady leadership she has given our Christian Union over the last two years. Her gracious serenity, faith and unselfish service have been greatly appreciated. We thank her too, of course, for her very competent English teaching and the care with which she has looked after our School Library.

To Mrs Mary Browne, as she leaves Herschel now after 10 years, we also bid farewell. We thank her not only for her work in the office but also for her loving care of the Chapel, her beautiful flower arrangements, her assistance with catering on special occasions, and the help she gave us as a trained Nursing Sister in previous years in our Sick Bay. I have never known any one individual to serve a school in so many diverse ways, showing such a variety of talents. My parents used to remark when they heard frequent mention of her name, "The School would surely fall apart if it weren't for Mrs Browne!" As she leaves South Africa shortly in



UNDER 15 HOCKEY — THE WINNING INTERSCHOOLS TEAM

Back Row: N. van Zyl, J. Koster, T. McLulich, Mrs H. Botha, E. Frater, S. Tudhope, P. Chersman.
Front Row: M. Kroon, A. Paxton (Capt.), I. Hazeekom, K. Myburgh, M. van Assen.

order to settle in England, we wish her every happiness for the future.

In my thanks to particular members of the staff I wish at this stage to express the deep gratitude we all feel to Mrs Gibbons who has inspired staff and girls alike this year through her supreme example of outstanding courage, determination, tenacity of purpose and unselfishness of outlook. One of our senior staff some time ago remarked to me, very truthfully I think, that in the annals of Herschel history, 1984 must surely be recorded as 'the year of Liz Gibbons'. How infinitely more she has taught than Mathematics, how immeasurably invaluable has been the example of her character and fortitude and the contribution she has made to the essence of what Herschel is.

Time does not permit me now to report on the various so-called Charity efforts undertaken by each class in the School and by the three Houses. I do, however, want to mention the Social Responsibility Club which under the enthusiastic and determined leadership of the Chairman, Beth Stuart-Findlay, together with the advice and guidance of Mrs Marr, has been very active this year. Twenty four girls, working in pairs, are engaged in a form of service organized by the Red Cross Society — visiting the homes of certain elderly folk in order to provide companionship or to assist where needed with reading, walking or shopping. There is a monthly report-back session at which ideas are exchanged and advice given by the Red Cross community worker, Miss Morris. In the process the girls involved, who range from Standard VI to Standard X, have of course gained as much as they have given. Other girls have been involved in street collecting, in the packing of Christmas parcels for elderly folk at a lunch club in Nyanga, in the One-to-One Fair at the Good Hope Centre organized for mentally handicapped children and in entertaining children from the Sunnyday Centre, Lansdowne.

In the field of sport I wish to congratulate the following individuals or groups of girls on certain special achievements: —

- (i) the hockey and tennis teams who enjoyed a successful tour in Natal during the July holidays
- (ii) our 1st hockey XI who shared the Winners' Trophy with Rustenburg at the Inter-Schools Tournament
- (iii) the under 15B Hockey XI who came first in their league for the entire season and the Un-

der 15A XI who won the Inter-Schools Tournament.

- (iv) Vanessa Clark who gave valuable coaching to our Under 15 Netball teams and gained the South African Netball Union Umpires' Certificate
- (v) Sarah Cross who won Springbok Colours for Badminton and a Provincial award for good sportsmanship.
- (vi) Those girls who have been chosen to represent Western Province in various fields — Alison McMillan for Hockey (with Debbie Crane as reserve)
Fiona Gilliland for Swimming
Sarah Cross, Lucy Burns, Nicky Eckstein, Michelle Godson, Nawal Mohamed, Fiona Sass and Athena Scott for Squash
Lesley Mountain and Penny Cheesman for Sailing
Angela McDaniel, Alison Sedgwick and Judy Sedgwick for Riding
- (vii) our swimming team who at the Inter-Schools' Gala against stiff competition from larger schools, gained a place in nearly every race, the Open and Under 16 teams coming third overall.
- (viii) and (last but not least) Fiona Gilliland who came second in the Fun Run having been beaten only by our staff athlete Miss McKenna!

Girls who deserve mention for achievements in fields other than sport are the following: —

- (i) Vanessa Sass who won second prize in the Senior Physical Science section of the Expo '84 Exhibition for her model illustrating the working of an electric motor
- (ii) our Forum Discussion team (Nicola Caine, Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Marion Edmunds, Alison Moultrie and Dorrit Zelezniak) who were runners-up in this year's Inter-Schools' contest
- (iii) our entire Standard VI class who (with a little bullying from their English teacher, Miss McKenna!) came first out of 23 schools in the S.A.C.E.E. Spelling Contest with an average of only 1.04 errors out of 25 words
- (iv) Sally Dicey and Stephanie Dutkiewicz who came in the top 100 in the English Olympiad
- (v) Sonja Petrus who gained Higher Grade with Distinction in the Hoër Taalbond examination.
- (vi) those who won Merit and Honours awards in the Art and Drama Eisteddfods especially

Tanyana Robb and Charlotte Saunders who won a Gold Diploma

- (vii) Daryl Louw who won the prize of a trip to a game reserve in a poster competition organised by Video II for the Wild Life Conservation Society
- (viii) Dorrit Zelezniak who won the Alliance Française Trophy for Spoken French in the 1983 Inter-Schools' Contest
- (ix) all those who passed examinations in ballet and modern dancing, especially Alison Kebble who gained two Honours and a Highly Commended in three levels of the Dance Education Syllabus examinations
- (x) Sally Dicey and Susan Levett who were awarded Rotary Exchange Scholarships for 1985 and lastly,
- (xi) all the girls who have helped produce the House Magazines and any who have had articles published in our School Magazine. (In this connection I thank Mrs Gillham for her sterling work each year in achieving a publication of a high standard, comprehensive and enjoyable to read.)

Of the 1983 Matriculation Class, some of whom I know are present today, we congratulate the following on obtaining subject distinctions:

Elizabeth Baker, Joanne Hvidsten and Sandra Newton Thompson for English
 Lindy de Waal for Art
 Shelley Durr for Speech and Drama
 Debbie Bell and Michelle Smith for Typing
 Joanne Scott for History (S.G.)
 Sarah Ashley, Elizabeth Baker, and Cecily Littleford for Mathematics (S.G.)
 and Cecily Littleford for Physical Science (S.G.)

We were glad that over 50% of the class gained B or C aggregates and that no one failed.

We were very saddened in the third quarter to learn of the tragic death of Joanne Hvidsten who at this ceremony last year won the Prize for Drama and will long be remembered for her sparkling performance in so many of our school plays, especially perhaps as Butterfly in "Love from Judy", in 1980. She is also remembered for her sensitivity, her intellectual depth and her thoughtfulness of perception. To her parents and her family we extend our very deep sympathy in their bereavement.

The beginning of the year was a period of bereavement for me too for, as you know, I lost my father in

January and my mother at the end of February. I mention this here for two reasons. Firstly, I wish to record my gratitude for the kindness shown me then by so many members of the Herschel family, Council, staff, girls and parents: it meant a great deal to me at that time to have the sense of belonging to a caring community. Secondly, I wish to pay tribute to my parents whose unselfishness and hard work in the earlier years enabled me to further my education both in South Africa and in England, and whose encouragement throughout my teaching career provided a motivating force without which my services as a headmistress both at Epworth and here at Herschel would have been the poorer.

In conclusion, I would say that what I think I have enjoyed most this year has been my contact with the Matrics, including the prefects who proved an enthusiastic and enterprising group. I have particularly appreciated the integrity and loyalty of Nicky Newton-King both as Head of the Boarding House and as Deputy Head Girl. Of the Head Girl herself, Nicola Caine, I would add that I have found her both charming (in the nicest sense!) and stimulating: I have admired her ability to empathise with others as well as her initiative in thinking of and carrying out new ideas. To all our Matrics the staff and I extend our best wishes for the future. I am glad to have had each one of you at Herschel and I hope that in the years to come you will cherish and build upon whatever has been good, noble and uplifting in what you have learned here, including the ideal of our school motto which bids us say 'Ad Dei gloriam'.

Pamela Geldard

HEAD GIRL'S FAREWELL SPEECH

Miss Geldard, Mrs Gillham, Mr Marshall Smith, Professor and Mrs Reid, Staff, Parents and Friends

This is the day that all scholars wait for, this is the day that we dream about, never really believing that it will materialize, the day that we talk about, only discussing its advantages — the day that we can finally walk away from our school, free from responsibility. And now this day has come and I'm not so sure that this is that day, for I don't feel ecstatic, I don't feel free and I don't even know that I want to feel free. For I now know that freedom without discipline and responsibility is not freedom but emptiness.

There must be few other schools that give one the

opportunity to take as responsible a rôle in school life as Herschel does. Because this school is so small, many of us can feature in the varied facets of school life. We are encouraged to take an active rôle in drama, music, sport, debating etc. — from these activities we learn the discipline and responsibility that comes with involvement.

Looking back on the twelve years that I have had at Herschel, I think that it was Miss Tremble who first encouraged us to take a wider look at the world than our syllabus demanded. This attitude was also encouraged by Mrs Pat Brown, Mrs Bray, Mrs Cowling and Miss Cohen — and so our young minds were stimulated to seek broader horizons.

This past year has been the most memorable for me

and that is because you have made it so. I think that the Matrics will agree that one's final year at school is probably the hardest but the most rewarding.

I'm going to miss coming into the hall in the mornings, standing up here and watching the 6's eager, glowing faces. Their enthusiasm for school life and their willingness to help have been an inspiration. If you can maintain this attitude towards school events throughout your school careers, you will be a credit not only to your school but also to yourselves.

Acceptable standards of dress are a frequent bone of contention. I remember one day, after notices, a Standard 6 came up to me and said "You're not setting a very good example, Niki, your socks aren't the same colour!"



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Back Row: D. Zieliński, C. Dunckley, D. Crane, L. Willis.



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3rd Row: J. Krige, L. Wynne, J. Schulman, S. Levett, H. Tasker, N. Newton-King, D. Zeleznik, S. Cross, I. Hommersom, D. Flanagan.

Back Row: S. Gutt, S. Shub, C. Mannion, L. Willis, D. Crane.

The 7's, 8's and 9's are quite an interesting bunch. Their behaviour is, well, unpredictable. Just when you think that you're beginning to win them over, they decide that they've had enough of conformity. And then again, at other times, you find yourself getting madder and madder as the week progresses and finally when you're all ready with a little lecture, they snap out of their otherwise ways and charm you into a relatively sweet mood. Yes, they're an interesting bunch. Without the prefects they would have had a dull year, and were it not for them, the prefects would have no function at all.

And then we have the Matrics. When a class has been together for five years, or even longer, a fairly strong bond is bound to develop. A class of schoolgirls are forced together by circumstances. Usually one discovers that one has very little in common with some of one's classmates and this breeds friction. However, when one is in the same class for so long, one learns to accept each other's differences and eventually we find ourselves liking each other not despite these differences but because of them. You have to learn that your taste is not necessarily "good taste" and that it is wrong to condemn someone simply because they like

classical music, or because they are always in fashion, or because they can't do Maths. Learning to accept these differences is a part of education which, although outside the syllabus, is certainly just as important, for it enriches us and makes us more mature beings.

I think that for our class, a greater understanding was reached about Standard 9. Then with Matric came the inevitable breach between Matrics and prefects. Until such time as one realizes that these are only superficial differences, one finds oneself questioning one's loyalties, one's friends and oneself. And now that these five years have come to an end, it is indeed strange to think that one might well lose contact with people of whom one has become quite fond. I am sure

that when we meet, we will be able to pick up where we left off.

I should like to thank the staff not only for the knowledge that they have imparted, but also for extending to us a warmth of friendship. Although you reminded us that we were the ones who were writing Matric and not you, you still share some of the burden by mentally preparing us for what were probably the most important exams of our lives.

I should like to thank the staff who have taken time after school to come to our prefects' meetings. Your interest gave us confidence in what we were doing, and your advice inspired us. It makes one realize how much you really do care for us girls, not just as pupils but as people.



HERSCHEL WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

Standing: A. Sedgwick (riding), L. Burns (squash), N. Eckstein (squash), M. Godson (squash).
Kneeling: N. Mohamed (squash), S. Cross (badminton), A. Scott (squash).
Seated: F. Gilliland (swimming), J. Sedgwick (riding), A. McMillan (hockey), F. Sass (squash).
Absent: L. Mountain (sailing).

I should like to thank in particular Miss Wood, who has been a caring friend to many of us and Mrs Hall, who through sternness has won our regard, and who through compassion has won our affection.

My parents have been a great stabilizing factor for me. Without their support and humour, this year would have been very hard for me. I'm sorry that I'm not continuing my Science studies, because my dad will really miss doing Science projects.

Prefects, thank you for your ability to use a bit of initiative when I forgot to use mine and for tolerating my often rather scatter-brained ways. I thank you for your tactful criticism, your advice and your loyalty. I have enjoyed working with you and am going to miss our times together.

And then I should like to thank Nicky Newton King — Nicky, I am grateful to you for your strength and support and for listening and advising and in particular for your friendship.

Mrs Gillham, I thank you for your involvement and interest in all school affairs and even the Matric common room. I remember, in the first term, shortly after we'd painted it out and furnished it with our teenage taste, Mrs Gillham described it as being rather like decadent Rome. What a lovely thought!

Finally I would like to thank Miss Geldard. We could not ask for a more approachable head-mistress. Her gentle manner and quiet charm have made a deep impression on me personally. Her total commitment to the well-being of the school and its pupils will serve as a wonderful example to us. Miss Geldard, thank you.

We shall never forget Mrs Gibbons, our class teacher. It was a privilege to be with her and to be taught by her.

Finally I appeal to you as people who have enjoyed a privileged education, not to shy away from responsibility, but to give yourselves wholeheartedly to whatever life you choose to lead. Involve yourselves with whatever you do, teach others to believe what you believe is right and allow yourself to be taught, in turn, by those who are wiser than yourself.

In the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson, may we remain "strong in will/to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield".

Niki Caine

ROLT HOUSE REPORT

"Rah! Rah! Rah! Rolt — You are like dynamite!" As House Captain for 1984, I can with all confidence say and feel that these words are truly appropriate to the spirit of Rolt house, a house full of talent and spirit and above all sportmanship.

At the beginning of the year, I made clear what my aims for the House would be. I believe that the winning of my house events is important but that unity and enjoyment within the house are of chief importance. Before we mention this year's credits, I would like to extend my congratulations to Sandy for being such a dynamic and energetic House Captain last year. It is thanks to Sandy's leadership and Rolt's keen participation that we managed to once again win the Efficiency Shield. I hope that Rolt will be able to repeat the win this year!

We were all very sad to see Mrs Stockwell leaving us at the end of last year. Mrs Stockwell has been Rolt's mum for many years and was someone whom one could always approach and who was always willing to help. She is to be thanked for all her work in the Inter-House events and for being such a super House Mistress!

Then this year Rolt made history by being the first house ever to have a House Master. Mr Clarke, our Typing master, took over leadership at the beginning of the year. I should like to thank you, Mr Clarke, for all your support and the help you've given me this year!

The first Inter-House event this year was the Swimming Gala. This was definitely the highlight of the year's events. Although we came 3rd (last!), I felt that Rolt showed the most spirit and had the prettiest cheer-leaders! Thanks go to Niki Caine (Captain) for all her hard work in organising the team — this is no easy task! Thanks also to Rolt's five cheer-leaders, namely: Clodagh Mannion, Ilse Richter, Jacky Kolbe, Kyra Pratt and Alison Kibble.

However, the tennis was a different story. Rolt had no problem in winning the Tennis Cup this year, only losing one game. Well done Tennis Stars! The Diving Inter-House competition proved equally successful, with Rolt 1st, Jagger 2nd and Merriman 3rd. Thanks and congratulations go to Clodagh, who was captain and who won the cup for the best diver!

The last Inter-House event in the first quarter was the Music Competition. This event demanded a lot of time and dedication. I should like to thank Niki Caine

for such able leadership and for her time (which is precious!) and patience dedicated here. Thanks, also, go to Karen Dudley for competent performance as conductor. Well done, Karen! Rolt managed to come 1st, followed by Jagger 2nd and Merriman 3rd. The competition was divided into 3 sections. Firstly a compulsory song. Secondly the instrumental section represented by Alexia Billings, Niki Caine and Lerissa Peter and finally the choice item where we sang "Suiker Bossie."

In the 2nd quarter, the only Inter-House event was Netball. This is always rather fun, a very few people still play Netball. Rolt did very well to win this, the open team having a close shave against Jagger. The open team won two matches, the U15 won one and lost one. Thanks go to Nicky Newton-King and Christine Duncley for their help.

In the 3rd quarter there were three Inter-House events, namely: Squash, Hockey and General Knowledge. Our Squash Team did well to win this Inter-House event, by narrowly beating Jagger by one point. In the Inter-House Hockey event Rolt did very well to beat Merriman and Jagger and win the cup. The competition was very stiff and we were fortunate to have so many of our 1st and U15 team players representing Rolt. In the General Knowledge Quiz, efficiently organised by Mrs Thompson, Merriman showed their talents in this field by winning the cup, with Jagger second and Rolt third.

This year each member of Rolt was expected to bring a jersey for our annual charity effort. I would like to thank Diane Stringer for her help in so efficiently collecting the jerseys and the Rolt members for co-operating. The jerseys were delivered to the Annie Starke Home in Mitchell's Plain. They were most grateful to us for our donation.

On the academic side, Rolt has maintained a steady average of 4.3. This is no mean achievement and is a good average in comparison with Jagger and Merriman. I should like to congratulate the Rolt boffins and mention those who maintained "A" aggregates throughout the year: Sonja Petrus, Marion Bladergroen, Leslie Millar, Nascema Barday and Larissa Peter.

Not only have the Rolt girls achieved within the school bounds but in extra activities outside school. Congratulations go to two of our Matrics, Sally Dicey and Sue Levett, who have been chosen as Rotary Exchange Students for 1985. Sally is going to the State of Oregon in America and Sue has decided to

remain in Cape Town to pursue her studies. Three Rolt girls have made provincial sides this year: Alison McMillan for hockey and Nicki Eckstein and Lucy Burns for squash. Alison Kebble is to be congratulated for her outstanding results in her ballet exams. Alison took three exams this year, in which she obtained two honours and one highly commended.

"Thank-you" goes to the House prefects: Niki Caine, Nicky Newton-King, Clodagh Mannion and Christine Duncley. Thank you for all your help, and how great it is to have our Head Girl, Niki Caine, and Vice-Head, Nicky Newton-King, both in Rolt House.

My final words of thanks go to all the Rolt members for being so co-operative. Let's keep the Rolt flag flying high and once again have the Efficiency Shield on our victory shelf. Good luck to next year's House Captain. May it be a full and rewarding year for you!

Let's go Rolt!

Alison McMillan, Head of Rolt

JAGGER HOUSE REPORT

Once again Jagger began the year on a high by winning the Interhouse Riding Event. Judy Sedgwick and Angela McDaniel are to be commended for their riding achievements. We also claimed the Interhouse Athletics event and special commendation in this respect goes to Melissa van Assen, Susan Tudhope and Vanessa Clark.

Jagger has also excelled in the academic sphere this year with good results being achieved by girls in all standards. Keep up the hard work!

This year saw the introduction of Jagger House T-shirts which proved a great success and which bear a small hippo — our house mascot!!

Jagger has had some exceptionally successful members this year: Sarah Cross, who was made a Springbok for badminton and who was awarded the cup for Sportmanship at the S.A. Schools tournament; Janet Wray-Young who was chosen as a girl-guide at the State President's Inauguration; Penny Cheesman who made the Western Province Dabchick team and Michelle Godson who made the U14 Western Province Squash side and there are many others who have excelled in different areas.

Special congratulations go to Jo Growse, Caroline Tedder and Marsali Ross who succeeded in putting together a super House Magazine covering Jagger's activities this year.

Jagger has taken part in many closely contested events this year including the Inter-House Netball and Squash Events which we lost by just one point! Let's hope that it's the opposite way round next year! The Music competition was a great success and special thanks here go to Dorrit Zelezniak who led us so well and to everyone who put in so much dedicated practice.

I should like personally to thank the teachers in Jagger for their support, namely, Mrs. Gillham, Miss Sweet, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Holland and Mrs. McClurg and especially Mrs. Montgomery, our

House-Mistress, who has always provided enthusiastic support. Thanks too go to the Jagger prefects, Sarah Cross, Vanessa Clark and Dorrit Zelezniak who have given me firm support this year.

Well, another year has reached its close. It has been a good year for Jagger with many ups and downs but the one thing that is ever-present is the Jagger House Spirit which is part of every Jagger life!

Good luck to next year's Matrics and keep the Jagger Spirit high!

Linda Willis, Head of Jagger



N. Newton-King (Deputy Head), N. Caine (Head Girl), Miss P. Geldard (Headmistress), D. Crane (Merriman), A. McMillan (Rolt), L. Willis (Jagger).

MERRIMAN HOUSE REPORT

Once again Merriman started the year with a big bang, winning the very colourful and exciting swimming gala. The day of the gala was splashed in bright red and with the guidance of Julie Postlethwaite and the other cheerleaders, the House spirit

was exceptionally high. Special congratulations go to our Merriman swimming captain, Fiona Gilliland, who won all her events.

The tennis proved to be yet another event in which Merriman did very well. Led by our Merriman

Tennis Captain, Claudia Fioravanti, the team came second all in all. Special congratulations must go to the team's star, Ann Paxton. Our Open Netball team was a team with a difference in that including yours truly, it consisted of girls who had not played for several years, yet once again our U15 team stood us in good stead. Squash proved also unsuccessful, nevertheless, everyone participated with much enthusiasm and enjoyment. Once again both our Hockey teams must be congratulated, for although once again they stepped aside to give Rolt and Jagger a chance to win (for a change) they revealed to the other two teams the determination and spirit that has made Merriman house what it is today. In this regard, special thanks go to Nell Hanekom for all her support and unending supply of zest and House spirit. The Inter-House Music competition proved to be one of the most enjoyable events. A great deal of effort and practising, including early morning sessions which produced the expected moans and groans was put in by all the girls, yet Jeannette Krige and Marion Edmunds deserve hearty thanks for all the extra effort and enthusiastic leadership that they put into the choir and although we did not win, it was enjoyed thoroughly not only by the Merriman girls, but by the whole school.

The jerseys that we sent to St Michael's Home were

appreciated by all the children and they were most grateful for our donation. The House money that was collected was sent to Peninsula School Feeding. This was also gratefully accepted with the reply that they are feeding approximately one hundred and thirty thousand needy children every day. This made us all aware of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Special congratulations go to our Western Province players: Fiona Sass and Nazeema Ahmed.

Not only have the Merriman girls proved themselves on the sports field, but they have also succeeded in winning the General Knowledge competition.

I should also like to thank all those girls who have contributed to the House magazine and to thank the Magazine Committee members for all their hard work. Most of all my thanks go to my fellow House prefects: Claudia Fioravanti, Catherine Shub and Stephanie Dutkiewicz and also to our Housemistress, Mrs Thompson, and the House staff — Miss Wood, Mrs Weerts, Mrs Gower, Mrs Siyengo — for all their support.

To everyone in the Merriman House "Keep up the good work and keep that spirit bubbling!"

Deborah Crane, Head of Merriman

PREFECTS 1984

Head Girl: Nicola Caine

Deputy Head Girl: Nicola Newton-King

Head of Jagger: Linda Willis

Head of Merriman: Deborah Crane

Head of Rolt: Alison McMillan

Head of Boarding House: Nicola Newton-King

Deputy Head of Boarding House: Claudio Fioravanti

Boarding House Prefects

Sally Dicey

Ingrid Hommersom

Gwen Siyotula

Hillary Tasker

Sub-Prefects

Susan Böttger

Alison Kebble

Deirdre Murray

Sonja Petrus

Other School Prefects:

Vanessa Clark

Sarah Cross

Christine Dunkley

Stephanie Dutkiewicz

Catherine Shub

Dorrit Zelezniak



BOARDING HOUSE PREFECTS

Standing: A. Keeble, S. Petrus, D. Murray, H. Tasker, S. Böttger, I. Hommersom, S. Dicey, G. Siyotula.
Sitting: Mrs Buntmann (Boarding House Mistress), N. Newton-King (Head of Boarding House), Miss P. Geldard (Headmistress), C. Fioravanti (Deputy Head).

CHAPEL REPORT

Chairlady: Miss P. A. Geldard

Secretary: Hillary Tasker

Committee: Mrs S. Gillham, Mrs M. Browne, Mrs H. Montgomery, Nicky Newton-King, Sally Dicey, Gwen Siyotula, Nicky Perry, Dierdre Murray, Pamela Mandindi, Linda Fioravanti, Lynette Murray.

We extend our thanks to Rev. Kirk, Rev. Cook and especially Rev. Frye for taking several of our Tuesday and Thursday evening services as well as our Sunday morning services. Many of these services have also been taken by Miss Geldard and by several girls of the Boarding House.

Our Holy Communion services have been changed from Wednesday to Thursday mornings so that Rev. Frye may conduct the service. All confirmed girls attend this service at least twice a term. This has helped many to become aware of our chapel.

I extend my thanks to all Committee members who have helped prepare the Chapel services and especially to Mrs Mary Browne, who has always made sure that the chapel is attractive and inviting.

Congratulations to our new Secretary, Dierdre Murray and to new Committee members.

Hillary Tasker
 (Secretary)

CONFIRMATIONS

On Sunday 28 October, the following girls were confirmed at St John's Church by the Right Reverend Charles Albertyn, and received their first Communion straight afterwards:

Helen Botma	Jacqueline Kolbe
Lynette Dicey	Deirdre Murray
Nicola Ince	Ann Paxton
Caroline Isted	Caroline Symons

CHRISTIAN UNION

Christian Union has continued to function this year with meetings at lunch-time on Thursdays. To many these meetings have been a blessing. During the first two terms we concentrated on out-reach meetings with speakers such as Paul West, a fundi on the subject of "the Christian and Rock Music". Dr Ivan Thoms, a doctor at the SACLA clinic at Crossroads, was especially challenging as we thought of people with basic material and spiritual needs right on our doorstep and we were called to put Christianity into practice.

The arrival of the "A-Team" towards the end of the second term saw a change in the life of Herschel C.U. The team, headed by Rev. David Cook of Christ Church, Kenilworth, assisted by other people working for Scripture Union in Private Schools, led Assemblies, took Divinity lessons and held daily lunch-time meetings which were well attended. Their theme was: "Why bother with Jesus?" They presented their message through the media of talks, short dramatic sketches, songs and panel discussions, which were both highly entertaining and challenging. At the end of the week, we were all sad to see them go, since they had become friends whom we felt we could talk to openly and with whom we could share our ideas. There was many a sad boarder too, as the team had spent much time in the Boarding House in the evenings, and Mark and Ian had been particularly popular. Since the team's visit, C.U. numbers have grown with many excited new members.

During the third term we had the subject of Prayer as our theme and several outside speakers addressed us. Next year we hope to be able to arrange a C.U. Camp at a sea-side resort or in the mountains.

C.U. Committee members are:
Karen Dudley: Chairlady
Linda Willis: Treasurer
Beth Stuart-Findlay: Secretary
Sonja Petrus: Advertising Secretary
Susan Böttger

Bennita Oswell

Teachers-in-charge: Miss McKenna and Mrs Holland.

Karen Dudley, Std. 9

REACTION TO THE MISSION

- Personally the Mission meant a lot for me. The careful introduction of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and their relevance to us today made me decide to turn to Jesus. The team was warm and friendly and really made it worthwhile, especially to the boarders.
- I think the Mission that came were friendly and what I liked about them was that they did not shove it down your throat. It was great fun.
- I think that it was very well organised and they were interesting without being too pushy.
- I thought it was put across in a very different and interesting way.
- Very down to earth and young but also very meaningful.
- I thought that the mission influenced everybody's religious beliefs. They were all-in-all great fun.
- I thought that they had a lot of meaning and they were very good.
- They were great when they came to talk to the boarders.
- The mission did for my religion what cream does for an apple pie!

CHARITIES 1984

St. Michael's Home
Tembaletu Welfare Centre
African Scholars Fund
Tear Fund
Call to Missions
Scripture Union: Private Schools
Homestead
Peninsula School Feeding
Friends Day Centre

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CLUB

At the end of last year we had a most successful Christmas party for seventy five children from the Annie Starke Village in Athlone. After months of letter-writing and begging, the party was wholly sponsored by Pick 'n Pay and Coca-Cola.

The children arrived in a double-decker bus, kindly paid for from Chapel Funds. Father Christmas (alias Mr Clarke under a huge beard) arrived, accompanied by life-sized Smurfs and a couple of squirrels.

Thirty girls came to help play games — we sang carols, and most of all . . . ate! Many special friendships were formed which were then resumed in February when we took thirty children from the same home to Rhodes Memorial for the day. Unfortunately, some found it boring "as we've been here so many times already!"

We will not be having a Christmas party this year. Instead, we are going to help fill the Christmas boxes of members of the Nouceba Lunch Club in Nyanga. This "club" receives no government subsidies, and provides lunches for pensioners in the township. These old people exist on a small income, and therefore we thought that they would be an appropriate group to support.

In August we worked at the "One-to-one Day" at the Goodwood Showgrounds. Approximately 300 people from various schools volunteered to "adopt" a handicapped child for the day. Simple games were laid on and there were many prizes to be won. In September the children invited us to tea at Sunnyday, their school. This was most interesting.

In July we started the "Rent a Granny" scheme, supervised by the Red Cross. Twenty two girls volunteered to visit lonely, elderly grannies and gramps in the Claremont area on a weekly basis.

We visit in pairs and chat, help with a few odd jobs and, most of all, listen . . . to life histories ranging right back to 1892, as was the case with my "grandpa".

Of course there are always extra perks to all jobs, for instance, tea and cakes every week without fail and a warm welcome which is best of all!

Many thanks to Mrs Marr for all her enthusiasm, help and encouragement, and for all her ideas which have kept us busy all year.

Beth Stuart-Findlay, Chairman

CHOIR REPORT

This has been a relatively eventful year for the choir. The first event of our Choir year at which we sang *The Voice of Joy* by Nares, was Founder's Day. In March, the choir sang two very contrasting anthems at the Easter Service: Psalm 150 by Roy Bennet, a difficult and highly contemporary piece and *They Crucified My Lord* — a Negro Spiritual, arranged by H.S. Robertson.

In May the choir combined with SACS to provide an evening of Choral music ranging in style from the Ave Verum by Mozart and Panis Angelicus by César Franck to *Georgy Girl*. Both the rehearsals and the performance as well as the meal provided by the SACS parents, were thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a real social occasion.

The third term witnessed the choir's preparation for the *Dream of Gerontius* by Edward Elgar performed in conjunction with the Cape Town Symphony orchestra and the Symphony Choir, the St George's Singers and St Cyprian's. This was under the direction of Barry Smith.

The Herschel Choir combined with St George's Grammar and St Cyprian's for Evensong in St George's Cathedral on 21 October.

Weddings of Old Girls at which the choir sang during the year were those of Suzanne Louw, Nicky Fouché and Helen Enthoven.

The Prep School Choir will be combining with us in our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. We are looking forward to this event with great excitement.

Choir Leaders: J. Krige, D. Zeleznaiak.

Choir Members: J. Bosma, L. Burns, N. Caine, L. Dicey, S. Dicey, K. Donnelly, K. Dudley, M. Edmunds, G. Fitzpatrick, S. Smith, M. Gillespie, J. Hendry, L. Haldane, S. Joyce, A. Kebble, J. Köster, V. Lengner, O. McCrindle, C. Meredith, A. Moultrie, B. Oswell, C. Pelt, K. Pratt, S. Rogers, M. Ross, B. Stuart-Findlay, K. Snyders, J. Wilson.

CHAMBER CHOIR

Leaders: J. Krige, D. Zeleznaiak.

J. Bosma, S. Dicey, K. Donnelly, K. Dudley, M. Edmunds, G. Fitzpatrick, J. Hendry, S. Joyce, C. Meredith, A. Moultrie, B. Oswell, S. Rogers.



THE CHOIR

Seated: D. Zelezniak (Choir Leader), Miss C. Sweet, J. Krige (Choir Leader).

1st Row: O. McCrindle, J. Wilson, K. Snyders, K. Donnelly, K. Pratt, S. Rogers, M.L. Gillespie, S. Joyce, M. Edmunds, V. Lengner.

2nd Row: S. Dicey, L. Dicey, J. Hendry, G. Fitzpatrick, J. Koster, N. Caine, L. Haldane, C. Pelt, A. Kebble.

Back Row: K. Dudley, B. Oswell, J. A. Bosma, B. Stuart-Findlay, A. Moultrie, S. Frith, C. Meredith, L. Burns.

MUSIC REPORT

The Inter-House Music Competition occurred during the first term. The competition was divided into three sections, namely orchestral, choral and an original item. Rolt was placed first, Jagger second, and Merriman third.

The Orchestra has been working hard with Miss Garnett who took over the leadership of the orchestra from Miss Heathcock in the second term. In the Senior School, Miss Garnett organised Chamber Music groups which consisted of a Trio and a Quartet of Senior girls. We thank her for her enthusiasm.

Among the activities of the Music School have been the Senior and Preparatory School workshops, the Preparatory School concert, visits to the Cape Town

Symphony Orchestral Concerts and practical and theoretical examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. The Preparatory School Choir is joining with the Senior Choir in the Carol Service this year.

The Choir has been actively involved in several functions and has participated with other Choirs in public concerts and Church services.

Janusz Stechley, a concert pianist from England and an exponent of Chopin's works, came again this year to play to the school. His programme consisted entirely of Chopin compositions.

Jeannette Krige
Head Music Student

BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club, founded by Miss Geldard, has been the centre of some amusing activity this year (not the least of which can be attributed to a promised clash with nameless male adversaries). It has been especially pleasing to see the new members of the club, Std 9's and 8's enthusiastically tackling the many complex rules of the game. I hope that their enthusiasm will hold, for the road to match competence is long but ultimately satisfying.

In the second terms we entered an Inter-School Bridge Competition held at Bishops. Although Herschel did not feature in the final score, Nicky Newton-King and Stephanie Dutkiewicz did very well to come second overall in the Duplicate Bridge Competition held among the first couples of each school. Also of interest was the friendly Bridge evening held against Bishops from which Alex Böttger and her Bishops partner emerged victorious.

I should like last but by no means least to thank Miss Geldard, for her friendly if not exasperated help. Miss Geldard, somehow I feel that the 'blind' are being led in the right direction.

Nicola Newton-King

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society began the year's activities with a visit to the Cathedral Hall in Cape Town to attend a lunch time meeting of the Institute of International Affairs. The distinguished speaker was the British Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Ewan Ferguson who gave an informative and constructive talk on the Political Relations between Britain and South Africa. At times humorous, the talk proved extremely worthwhile.

Another highlight was the visit to St Paul's Church, Rondebosch, which celebrated its 150th Anniversary this year. We were fortunate indeed to secure the services of Dr A. M. Lewin Robinson, former Director of S.A. Library, who is currently writing a book about the church and was able to give us some interesting facts concerning this historical monument. We learnt that Cecil John Rhodes worshipped here and how the original school room was converted into a hall with a stage early in the 1950's. The Church was declared a historical monument in 1981.

Lunch time debates during the second and third terms proved controversial and interesting as opposing teams argued the rival merits of "regimes born in

violence" versus more orthodox evolutionary systems and the Complexities of the Middle East Problem in the world today.

Karen Dudley

SOCIOLOGICAL CLUB

Sociological Club is held on Wednesday afternoons and attended by Standards Eight, Nine and Ten. Speakers who are knowledgeable or expert in their field have addressed us on a wide variety of topics, and films have been shown.

During the first term Mrs de Laroque spoke to us about the Maldives, an enchanting group of islands in the Indian Ocean. Then Dr Ian McCallum gave us a fascinating and very well-received lecture on Acupuncture, and Dr Tim Crowe spoke on Ornithology. On a lighter note, Gorrie Bowes-Taylor, journalist and Old Herschelian, told us some delightful anecdotes on the subject of 'People'.

Self-protection is important to us all, and we were given an informative talk with practical demonstration by Mrs Stella Branca. We also learned much from Miss Stewart-Smythe of the Women's Bureau when she came to speak on legal contracts, with a special emphasis on women and marriage. One of our mothers, Mrs Booth, spoke on social work and adoption.

In the second term the Covenant Players performed extracts from Shakespeare using puppets. We learned a great deal about the School's background history through Professor Brian Warner's talk on Sir John Herschel. Captain Leith showed slides of the Antarctic, to which he has led several expeditions, and discussed the research work his team carried out there.

In the third term we saw thought-provoking films on the Media, and Evelyn Dalberg, Liora Lazarus' mother, talked to us on her career as an opera singer. We were treated to another Chopin Recital by the pianist Janusz Stechley and have seen the first four episodes of *The Christians*, an objective documentary tracing the course of Christianity. In the last term of the year we look forward to further episodes of the *Life on Earth* series.

We thank Mrs Steytler for organising this interesting and informative programme, as well as Mrs Westgate, Mrs Browne and Mrs Louw who arrange, fetch and return the necessary films and equipment.

Marion Edmunds, Secretary

REPORT ON DEBATING SOCIETY

1984 has been a fairly active year for the Debating Society.

In February we debated against Westerford. We decided to try and steer clear of conventional topics which have become somewhat hackneyed so, instead of debating the usual sort of motion e.g. "That Military Service should be made compulsory", we chose a ridiculous but amusing topic i.e. "That red is better than blue". In this way, we felt that we were really putting the art of debating into practice. Herschel won this debate, but lost the Junior one, which was "That we spend more time on our appearance than we do on our physical well-being."

Our second debate was against Bishops. The Junior debate, "That zips are better than buttons" provided first-class entertainment and evoked many hilarious comments from the floor. Bishops, vehemently expressed their preference for zips. They said, amongst other things, that they found them easier to operate. One wonders if their concern is labour-saving? We won both this debate and the Senior debate which proposed the motion "That man is nothing without human relationships."

In the second term we held a debate against St Cyprian's as well as a series of internal debates held at lunch time. These debates gave many girls throughout the school a chance to speak and reveal much potential.

Alison Moultrie and Marion Edmunds entered the Junior Town Council Debating Competition. In the first round against St George's Grammar School, we opposed the motion that "The teachers and schools of today are not suitable for teaching us in the year 2 000." We lost this but were successful in the second round against C.B.C., when we opposed the motion that "Money spent on weapons is better spent on education."

Every year S.A.C.E.E. hold an Inter-Schools Forum Discussion contest. The Herschel team comprised Dorrit Zeleznik (chairman), Marion Edmunds, Alison Moultrie, Stephanie Dutkiewicz and Nicola Caine. We won the preliminary round with a discussion on "The Arts are expendable — The Sciences are not." In the final round, we came second. This is quite an achievement when one considers that twenty-eight schools initially entered. Our very special congratulations go to Alison Moultrie,

who was the runner-up for the best speaker of the evening.

In a debate against Rondebosch Boys, we proposed the motion that "Men are more intelligent than women." Surely the fact that we won this, proves the contrary.

Our thanks goes to those who have supported us and especially to Mrs Saffery who has inspired and encouraged us, and been a first-class coach.

Thank you.

Nicola Caine, Chairman

ORAL COMMUNICATION AND DRAMA REPORT

I am going to begin with a brief account of the fascinating Oral Communication Examinations, the Group Examinations that took place at the end of the third term.

Christobel Burniston the United Kingdom expert in this field, who paid us a visit some years ago introduced the idea of this examination to the South African Guild of Speech and Drama teachers.

This year Jenny Brockbank who joined us last year sent in quite a few groups of her pupils to take part in these examinations which lasted for three days towards the end of the third term and right into the beginning of the holidays. An audience of friends and relations is requested and indeed most desirable because the children are expected to reply to questions put to them by the examiner and members of the audience, and to take part in a conversation. This is where the "Oral Communication" comes in. The children read aloud from books they have studied, answer questions on them, do most imaginative themes in which they can dress up and put on costumes and give demonstrations of various skills, or little lectures.

It was truly interesting to watch girls of 10, 11 and 12 give demonstrations of, for example, how to make samoosas, how to make a salad, describe an interesting trip or journey they have made with their parents. It was a pity, I felt, that these three days passed comparatively unnoticed; it is obvious that more publicity is needed.

These examinations deserve a higher priority as they are educational in its best sense, developing a child's self confidence and widening her horizons.

"Let it be a challenge to you" is distinctly apt when it comes to putting on a performance in the School Hall. Dawn McClurg accepted the challenge and the result was a highly entertaining evening of two one-act plays "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations" by Alan Ayckbourne and "Poor John, Poor Jean" by Edward Harben. What these plays lacked in the normal fittings and trimmings of the theatre was made up for by the exuberance and vitality and good acting that we saw that night.

Earlier in the year SACEE organized its annual Inter-Schools' Forum Discussions. We entered a very strong team consisting of Nicola Caine, Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Marion Edmunds, Alison Moultrie and Dorrit Zelezniak. The girls all spoke very well, and as happened last year we came second in the final, the winning team being from St George's. It may be totally unjustified but I have a sort of feeling that an all girls team has a built in handicap against teams consisting of all boys or of mixed boys and girls. Perhaps an all girls team has to be very, very much better to beat one of those other teams, perhaps Maggie Thatcher is very, very, very much better than Edward Heath!

Early this year we began to feel that it was time parents and friends discovered something of what the Drama girls were doing in their practical work, and to this end we organized two evenings at the end of the second term in which they performed the various items that they had worked on. The Standard Eights had one evening and the Standard Nines another. They did extracts from plays, they did narrative poetry and they did improvisation and I think the parents went away quite happy with what they had seen. We thought the girls acquitted themselves very well and certainly had made enormous strides in the first six months of the year.

We have worked our way backwards through the year and it only remains to mention the successes we had in the Cape Town Eisteddfod. There were not many entries this year; it did not seem to be a suitable time for us to work on this particular project, and these are the results:

MERIT

Acted Story
Alison Durr
Marie-Lou Gillespie
Helen Kaminski
Nira Lincoln
Sarah McCarthy
Bridget O'Neill

Solo Speaking
Samantha Bendzulla

HONOURS

Dramatic Extract
Kim Donnelly
Bronwen MacKellar
Christie Peters

Solo Speaking
Fiona Jacobs

GOLD DIPLOMA

Duologue: "Antigone"
Tanyana Robb
Charlotte Saunders

The Oral Communication and Drama Committee under the chairmanship of Nicola Caine gave faithful and efficient service throughout the year.

The members of the Committee were:

Chairman: Nicola Caine
Stephanie Dutkiewicz
Marion Edmunds
Roshan Karjicker
Alison Kebble
Alison Moultrie
Bennita Oswell
Dorrit Zelezniak

To sum up I can say with truth that this has been a very satisfactory and productive year. The debating side of our Oral Communication and Drama is to be found elsewhere in the Magazine in a separate report. There were some very lively debates and some very interesting topics discussed.

Among the girls who are doing Drama for Matric we have a great deal of talent and some very imaginative and original minds and we hope a great deal will come from them in future.

Margaret Saffery

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER — REVIEWING THE SCHOOL PLAYS

With the production of a 'musical' postponed and six weeks to "curtain up" I had to find two plays I could cast easily and mount simply on our apology of a "stage" in the Herschel Hall.

I chose two contemporary "Open Stage" plays, one written from the point of view of a young child, "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations" and the other from the point of view of the teenager, "Poor John! Poor Jean!" In both plays the flashback technique is used in a creative way so we billed the evening "A Touch of Illusion."

ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC PRACTICAL EXAMINATION RESULTS

Grade 1	Piano	Arlene Benjamin	Merit
	Violin	Melissa Le Fevre	Merit
Grade 2	Piano	Kathryn Crowther	Merit
		Emma O'Hanlon	Merit
		Catriona Ross	Merit
		Debra Tyson	Distinction
	Violin	Alexandra Mallet	Merit
Grade 3	Piano	Susan Tyson	Pass
		Sarah Joyce	Merit
		Larissa Peter	Pass
		Viola Lengner	Pass
Grade 4	Piano	Elena Rista	Merit
		Debra Tyson	Merit
		Naseema Barday	Pass
Grade 6	Piano	Marion Edmunds	Pass
		Lucy Burns	Pass
		Caroline Tedder	Pass

ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC THEORETICAL EXAMINATION RESULTS

Grade 5	L Burns	Pass
	R Loughdey	Pass
	L Peters	Pass
	L Searson	Pass
	K Snyders	Pass
	M Wheeler	Pass

SENIOR SCHOOL

Trinity College, London Speech and Drama Examinations

Charlotte Saunders	Honours 93%
Tanyana Robb	Honours 88%
Catherine Searll	Merit

S.A. GUILD SPEECH AND DRAMA EXAMINATIONS

Interpretative

Grade D	
Yumna Narker	Pass

Senior I

Marion Bladergroen	Merit
Jessica Turner	Honours

Senior II

Kim Donnelly	Honours
Christie Peters	Honours
Alison Durr	Honours
Marie-Lou Gillespie	Merit
Helen Kaminski	Merit
Bronwen Mackellar	Merit

Senior IV

Stephanie Dutkiewicz	Honours
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Oral Communication

Senior I

Catherine Gibaud	Highly Commended
Serin Gowdy	Highly Commended
Helen Kaminski	Highly Commended
Melanie Maclean	Highly Commended

ORAL COMMUNICATION

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Primary I

Danielle Hart	Highly Commended
Bronwen Henshilwood	Highly Commended
Megan Morrell	Highly Commended
Hajiera Nell	Highly Commended
Megan Shaw	Highly Commended
Samantha Roman	Highly Commended
Emma du Plessis	Highly Commended
Kim Hunter	Highly Commended
Lisa Williams	Highly Commended
Yolande Young	Highly Commended

Primary II

Emma Clark	Honours
Allison Porter	Highly Commended
Catherine Schulze	Highly Commended
Yasmin Amien	Highly Commended
Arlene Benjamin	Highly Commended
Dinah Millar	Highly Commended
Edlyn Thapane	Highly Commended
Kay White	Commended

Junior I

Alexandra Smith	Highly Commended
Kasia Hrabar	Highly Commended
Banu Loughdey	Highly Commended
Janine Milne	Highly Commended
Deirdre van Schalkwyk	Highly Commended

Junior II

Tanya Cohen	Highly Commended
Ceiridwen Davies	Honours
Jane Franco	Highly Commended
Zahira Hansa	Highly Commended
Dianne Pentz	Highly Commended

Intermediate I

Gillian Clayton	Highly Commended
Jean Dicey	Highly Commended
Athene Pharo	Highly Commended

Intermediate II

Hanifa Banderker	Highly Commended
Amanda Gersh	Highly Commended
Claire Howse	Highly Commended

Senior I

Emma Wynne-Edwards	Honours
Elena Rista	Honours
Rahima Loghdey	Highly Commended
Kate O'Neill	Highly Commended

INTERPRETATIVE**PREPARATORY SCHOOL****Grade A**

Mia de Bruyn	Merit
Alexandra Gibaud	Merit

Grade B

Adrienne Lombard	Merit
Fiona Jacobs	Honours

Grade C

Nira Lincoln	Honours
Bridget O'Neill	Merit
Sarah McCarthy	Merit
Doris Fink	Honours

DANCE EDUCATION SYLLABUS**CLASSICAL****Level 3**

Alison Kebble	Honours
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Level 2

Alison Kebble	Highly Commended
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Level 1

Gabby Raaff	Commended
Inken Haldane	Commended
Janet Wray Young	Pass Plus
Vaughneen Ricketts	Pass
Alison Kebble	Honours

CHILDREN'S SYLLABUS**Senior Grade**

Athene Pharo	Commended
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Grade 3

Carolyn Lander	Commended
Vanessa Cowgill	Commended
Alexandra Smith	Pass

Grade 2

Mia de Bruijn	Pass Plus
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Grade 1

Vanessa van Spronsen	Commended
Virginia Wood	Pass

Primary

Victoria Argles	Pass Plus
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MAJOR EXAMINATIONS**Pre Elementary**

Alison Durr	Commended
Carey Bridgman	Pass

TAALBOND RESULTS, 1983**DIE HOËR AFRIKAANSE TAALEKSAMEN****Gewone Graad pass**

Lisa Bailey, Elizabeth Baker, Deborah Bell, Sonya Bester, Nicola Caine, Leanne Caryle, Lindy de Waal, Sally Dicey, Christine Dunckley, Rowena Evans, Kerynne French, Ingrid Hommersom, Kim Jameson, Kirsten Keirsgietter, Ailsa Leith, Margaret Malherbe, Nicola Newton-King, Wendy Perold, Hildegard Schubert, Julianne Walker, Linda Willis, Dorrit Zelerniak.

DIE LAER AFRIKAANSE TAALEKSAMEN**Hoër Graad met Lof**

Sonja Petrus

Hoër Graad

Helen Botma, Susan Böttger, Esmé de Wet, Karen Dudley, Marion Edmunds, Robyn George, Diane Hathaway, Rehana Loghdey, Pamela Mandindi, Alison Moultrie, Deirdre Murray, Tania Smither, Jahanara Williams.

Gewone Graad

Caroline Christie, Lynda-Anne Ferguson, Fiona Gilliland, Joanna Growse, Nicola Ince, Roshan Karjeker, Alison Kebble, Shirley Murray, Bennita Oswald, Natalie Rhoda, Marsaili Ross, Beth Stuart-Findlay, Caroline Tedder, Tonia Cara van der Spuy.

HERSCHEL JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD RESULTS 1983

*M Denotes Matriculation Exemption
Subjects in brackets distinctions*

ABDY A	M LITTLEFORD C (Mathematics S.G. Physical Science S.G.)
M ASHLEY S (Mathematics S.G.)	M LYHNE W
M BAKER E (English H.G. Mathematics S.G.)	MACFARLANE J
M BELL D (Typing)	MATOLENGWE I
M BESTER S	M NEWTON THOMPSON S (English H.G. Afrikaans H.G.)
M BUTLER R	OVENSTONE A
M CLAUSSEN N	M RATHFELDER J
M DE WAAL L (Art H.G.)	M RICHARDS L
M DURR S (Speech and Drama)	M ROWLAND L
EVANS R	M SCHRAUWEN B
M FLETCHER C	SCOTT J (History S.G.)
M FOUCHE J	M SMITH M (Typing)
M FRENCH K	STEVEN J
HUDSON C	M THESEN P
M HVIDSTEN J (English H.G.)	M WALKER J
M JONES N	Number of Candidates: 36
M KEIRSGIETER K	Matriculation Certificate: 27
M KILCULLEN J	School Leaving Certificate: 9
M KINLAY M	Failures: 0
KOLBE B	
M LANFEAR C	

PRIZE LIST 1984

FORM PRIZES (from June and November Examination results)

STD VI	1. Larissa Peter 2. Inken Haldane 3. Kirsten Jensen 4. Karen Preiss 5. Nascema Barday 6. Joy Parker
STD VII	1. Catherine Gibaud 2. Lyndall du Plessis 3. Jessica Turner 4. Natasha van Zyl 5. Michelle Booth 6. Caroline Symons
STD VIII	1. Kelly Myburgh 2. Chantal Simonis 3. Catherine McCarthy 4. Tanya Elvin-Jensen 5. Nicola Westgarth-Taylor 6. Susan Tudhope

STD IX	1. Marian Bladergroen 2. Sonja Petrus 3. Marion Edmunds 4. Claudia Heppner 5. Rehana Loghdey 6. Susan Böttger
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STD X SUBJECT PRIZES

Afrikaans	Wendy Perold
History	Nicky Newton-King
Home Economics	Susan Gatt
Latin	Linda Willis
Speech and Drama	Catherine Shub
Typing	Ingrid Hommersom
Xhosa	Gwen Siyotula
Art	Christine Duncley
Biology	Christine Duncley
French	Dorrit Zelezniak
Mathematics	Dorrit Zelezniak
Music	Dorrit Zelezniak
English	Stephanie Dutkiewicz
Geography	Stephanie Dutkiewicz
Physical Science	Stephanie Dutkiewicz

PRIZES FOR CONSISTENT EFFORT

STD VI	Faziela Adam Caroline Selby Claire Sparks Janet Wray-Young
STD VII	Alison Macnab Lesley Millar Ann Paxton Christie Peters Amanda Porter
STD VIII	Sarah Crawford-Browne Carolynne McGhie Amanda Thompson Shelley Woode
STD IX	Caroline Christie Linda Fioravanti Jennifer Foster Joanna Growse
STD X	Leanne Carlyle Vanessa Clark Ilsa Richter Hildegard Schubert Kirsten Hutchinson

SPECIAL PRIZES**Abe Bailey Prizes for Spoken Afrikaans**

1st Nicky Newton-King
2nd Linda Willis
3rd Claudia Fioravanti

Mrs McCormick's Prize for Spoken French

Nicola Caine

Holiday Reading:	Std VI	Bertha Visser
	Std VII	Lisa Higgo
	Std VIII	Susan Tudhope
	Std IX	Alison Moultrie
	Std X	Susan Levett

Art (Middle School)	Natasha van Zyl
Divinity (Middle School)	Jessica Turner
Music (Middle School)	Viola Lengner
General Knowledge	

Std VI	Naseema Barday Sarah Penny
Std VII	Lyndall du Plessis
Std VIII	Christina Champin
Std IX	Marion Edmunds

Archimedes Prizes for Maths and Science (Std VIII)

Catherine McCarthy

Lantern Prize for English,

Afrikaans and Art (Std IX) Sonja Petrus

Miss McLean's Prize for Neatness and Accuracy in Mathematics
Mary Muller Picture of the Year Award

Lisa Bailey
Natacha Grosser-Hofer

Expo Science Exhibition Award

Vanessa Sass

SPORTS AWARDS

Diving	Clodagh Mannion
Swimmer of the Year	Fiona Gilliland
Most Promising Hockey Player	Sally Koster
Most Improved Netball Player	Lesley Millar
Most Improved Squash Player and U16 Champion	Nicola Eckstein
Open Squash Champion	Nicky Newton-King
Std VI Tennis Singles Champion	Mairi Hendry
U15 Tennis Singles Champion	Ann Paxton
Open Tennis Singles Champion	Alison McMillan

MAJOR AWARDS

Sonia Beck Essay Prize	Alison Moultrie
Jane Haram Prize for Drama	Tonia-Cara van der Spuy
Jenny Torr Prize for service to the Library	Bennita Oswell and Roshan Karjicker

Prize for Christian Leadership

Karen Dudley

Prize for Service to the Community

Beth Stuart-Findlay

Janet Steyn Prize for interest in the Humanities

Nicola Caine

Dr Silberbauer's Prize for interest in the Natural Sciences.

Christine Dunckley

Headmistress's Prize for interest in the Classics

Judith Schulman

Stobie Musicianship Prize

Jeannette Krige

Prize for Good Sportsmanship

Alison McMillan

Best All-round Sportswoman of the Year

Sarah Cross

Mrs Stockwell's Prize for all-round Participation and Achievement

Nicky Newton-King

Sandra Wingfield Fellowship Cup

Alison McMillan

Old Herschelian Award

Nicola Caine

INTER-HOUSE AWARDS

Badminton	Jagger
Magazine	Jagger
Athletics	Merriman
General Knowledge (Rosenthal Cup)	Merriman
Swimming	Merriman
Diving	Rolt
Fun Run	Rolt
Hockey	Rolt
Music	Rolt
Nethall	Rolt
Squash	Rolt
Tennis	Rolt

INTER-SCHOOLS' AWARDS

Under 15 Hockey
Open Hockey
S.A.C.E.E. Spelling Contest (Std VI)

EFFICIENCY SHIELD

Jagger

HERSCHEL JOINT MATRICULATION
BOARD RESULTS 1984

M denotes matriculation pass with university entrance
A denotes A aggregate

M BAILEY L
M BRAY W
M CAINE (Distinction in French)
M CARLYLE L (Distinction in English)
M CLARK V
M CRANE D
M CROSS S
M DICEY S
M DUNCKLEY C
A M DUTKIEWICZ S (Distinction in Geography and Physical Science)
M FIORAVANTIC (Distinction in Typing)
FLANAGAN D
M GATT S
M GRAAFF L
M GREEN V
M HOMMERSOM I (Distinction in Typing)
HUTCHINSON K
M JAMESON K
M KRAUSE D
M KRIGE J
M LEITH A

M LEVETTS (Distinction in English)
M MAISEL L
MALHERBE M
M MANNION C
M MCMILLAN A
M NEWTON-KING N
M PEROLD W (Distinction in Afrikaans and English)
M PERRY N
M POSTLETHWAITE J
M RICHTER I
M SCHUBERT H
M SCHULMAN J (Distinction in Mathematics)
M SEDGWICK J
M SHUB C (Distinction in English)
M SIYOTULA G
TASKER H
TAYLOR D
M UPTON J
M WILLIS L (Distinction in English)
M WYNNE L
A M ZELEDNIAK D (Distinction in French and Mathematics)

42 Candidates entered — No failures

Sports Activities



THE 1ST HOCKEY TEAM

Front Row: N. Hanekom, D. Crane, Mrs H. Botha, A. McMillan (Capt.), L. Challis.

Middle Row: S. Cross, N. Newton-King, H. Tanker, L. Willis.

Back Row: S. Koster, D. Murray, C. Stamper, L. Murray.

HOCKEY REPORT

This year, the hockey season has been a full and exciting one. I think the highlight of the season was the Herschel Hockey/Tennis Tour to Pietermaritzburg. The 1st team represented Herschel and really did outstandingly well. We managed to come back undefeated having drawn four matches and having won two matches.

Back home the league matches have been just as good. The final positions of the teams are as follows: 1st team 3rd, 2nd team 5th, 3rd team 4th and 4th team 10th. In the U15 age group, the A team came 4th, the B's came 1st and the Std. 6 team were unbeaten. These good results are due to everyone's keen interest and Mrs Botha's enthusiasm and excellent management.

Congratulations go to Debbie Crane and Alison McMillan for making the W.P. team while Debbie was made a travelling reserve for the W.P. B side.

I feel that our success in both the Inter Schools Events illustrates just how high the standard of hockey is at Herschel. Both the 1st and the U15 A teams won the cup, the 1st team sharing it with Rustenburg.

I hope that the hockey at Herschel will continue to be of this high standard.

Thanks go to Debbie (vice-captain) and Mrs Botha for all their support and enthusiasm throughout the season.

Alison McMillan, Captain

TENNIS REPORT

This year, I feel that the tennis season has been very successful in many different ways. Although the results may not reflect winning success, speaking as a member of the 1st team, we have made so many good friends at Rondebosch, where the 1st team played their matches.

The results of the league matches are as follows: The 1st team came 10th, 2nd team 8th, 3rd team 4th, 4th team 3rd. The 5th, 6th, 7th teams all did relatively well.

In the Inter-School events, the Std. 6's did very well

indeed. They managed to come second to Rustenburg. It is so encouraging to know that strength lies in our younger players who will soon be representing the 1st team.

The girls representing Herschel in the Tennis/ Hockey combined tour did very well. They were a very young team of mainly U/15 team players and Std. 6's. Thank you to Mrs. Hudson for all she does for tennis at Herschel. Mrs. Hudson is such a loyal and enthusiastic person who has made this season such fun.

Alison McMillan (Captain)



HOCKEY/TENNIS TOUR

Front Row: S. Cross, M. Hendry, T. Koster, D. Crane, A. McMillan.

2nd Row: Mrs M. S. Hudson, S. Petrus, C. Stamper, L. Challis, N. Hanekom, J. Upton, S. Koster.

3rd Row: D. Murray, Mrs H. Botha.

4th Row: A. Paxton, M. Kroon, L. Murray.

Standing: L. Willis, P. Newton-King, N. Newton-King, H. Tasker, L. Burns, K. Porter, B. Godson.



OPEN INTERSCHOOLS TENNIS TEAM

Standing: D. Murray, S. Cross, S. Levett, N. Newton-King, A. Paxton, L. Murray.
Sitting: A. McMillan (Capt.), Mrs S. Hudson, L. Willis.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS — 1984

OPENS:

Singles — Alison McMillan

Doubles — Alison McMillan & Linda Willis

U.15:

Singles — Ann Paxton

Doubles — Ann Paxton & Michelle Kroon

Std. 6:

Singles — Mairi Hendry

Doubles — Mairi Hendry & Susan Hardy

NETBALL REPORT

This year we were unable to field any open teams in the Open league because the matches clashed with the Open hockey matches on a Saturday and it was felt that the teams would be too depleted to enter a league.

The loss of the open teams did not, however, mean the end of Netball at Herschel and our U15 teams kept the name of the school high with a series of remarkable victories. The U15A under the leadership of Sue Tudhope won 9 of their 13 matches including in their victims Rustenburg and Springfield. Unfortunately despite some excellent shooting from Sue and Leslie Millar, they were unable to produce their winning form for Inter-Schools. At the same tournament the U15C team

reached the finals of their competition only to lose 8-11 to Rustenburg in a close and hard fought match.

The success of our junior teams must be attributed to Mrs Hudson, who had often to battle against the rain and many absentees to field any teams of mention at all. Mrs Hudson, all the countless hours you have spent on court trying to get everyone to pass a little better and shoot a little more accurately, I'm

sure you will agree, after looking at the results, have paid off.

Finally, I should like to thank Vanessa Clark who acted as coach, team-doctor and referee for all the teams every Thursday. Vanessa, thank you very much. Your cool, calm and capable presence will definitely be missed by everyone.

N. Newton-King, Captain



HERSCHEL UNDER 15B TEAM — WINNERS OF THE B LEAGUE

Back Row: B. Godson, M. L. Gillespie, M. Booth, Mrs H. Botha, L. Dicey, H. Kaminski, S. Crawford Browne.
Front Row: H. Dicey, V. Sass (Capt.), L. Burns, L. Pyott, C. Symons.



THE HERSCHEL SWIMMING TEAM

Front Row: P. Muir, S. Meyer, K. Myburgh, M. Godson, T. Mills, F. Sass, K. Jensen, S. Mayer, A. Drerup, C. Bridgman.
Middle Row: C. McGhie, N. Caine (Capt.), H. Dicey, S. Tudhope, Mrs H. Botha, L. du Plessis, L. Challis, K. Christie, M. Booth, F. Gilliland, L. Kantor.
Back Row: C. Symons, V. Sass, C. Christie, C. Mannion, S. Hardy.

SWIMMING REPORT

This year's swimming report has been a wet one. Right from the start, we launched into a series of early morning training sessions. Although these were often chilling experiences, they were, on the whole, a lot of fun and certainly most necessary. Such training is invaluable, not only for the purpose of becoming fit but also for the promotion of team spirit.

Our Inter-House Gala, held on Founder's Day, was a great success. Congratulations to Merriman who won this convincingly and to Rolt and Jagger who put up a good fight.

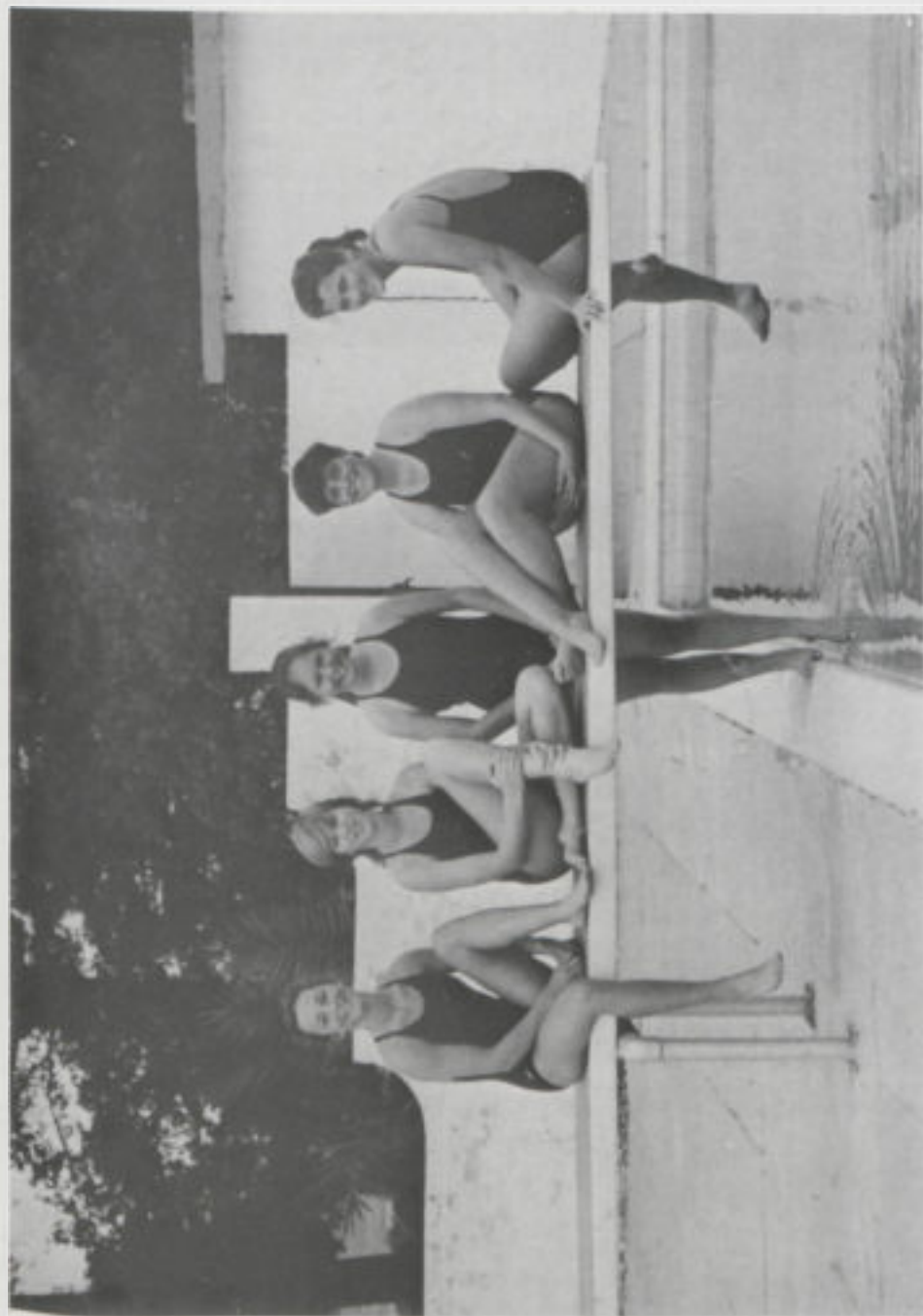
A series of informal galas in which Herschel proved stiff competition for the Peninsula schools, preceded the final gala of the season i.e. Inter-Schools. Our congratulations go to the Under 14's and Open's who came third in their sections, and to the

team, which came fourth overall. The stand full of Herschel supporters was certainly partly responsible for this success. Thank you, Herschel and friends.

Juliet Hardy and Kelly Myburgh are to be congratulated on receiving half-colours. Fiona Gilliland, who was chosen for the Western Province Senior Schools Team, is to be especially commended for her performance throughout the year. Fiona received her full school colours.

Our thanks go to all those who have supported us, to Mrs Taylor for her delicious breakfasts served after early-morning training, and to Mrs Botha without whom we could not have achieved as we have done and still had so much fun. Thank you.

Nicola Caine, Swimming Captain



THE INTERSCHOOLS DIVING TEAM

N. van Zyl, K. Myburgh, H. Dacey, C. Symons, C. Mannion (Capt.).

BADMINTON REPORT

Badminton at Herschel has improved tremendously since it was started five years ago and this year we have seen an increase in the number of girls playing Badminton. Unfortunately the teams have not excelled in their leagues because of lack of practice and illness this season. The First Team has remained in the A-league but has had few matches because of the small league. This team is inexperienced but has the ability to do well and this they will, I am sure, do next year. The Second Team, ably captained by Roshan Karjicker, has struggled and dropped from the B-league to the C-league last term, where they have fared better.

Four girls, Sarah Cross, Sonja Petrus, Karen Hutchinson and Bridget Godson were invited to the Western Province trials earlier this year. Sarah Cross was selected to represent Western Province Under 17 side. At the South African Championships she was selected for the South African Schools side and graded number five in the country. She was also awarded the trophy for Sportsmanship and then later selected for the W.P. Senior B-side to play in the Triangular Inter-Provincial.

Next year hopefully with practice and encouragement the teams will do better and the standard of Badminton improve more. Our thanks go to Sharon Dunt, Mrs Botha and Mrs Hudson for all their help.

Sarah Cross, Std. 10

SQUASH REPORT

This year, because of an increase in competition and practice, the standard of squash at Herschel has improved. For the first time in four years, we have reintroduced a team into the Western Province Schools League. We entered the D-Section and the team has not lost a match. Playing against both boys' schools and girls' schools the girls benefited from the experience.

This year several girls were invited to the Western Province Trials. Six girls were selected to represent Western Province: Lucy Burns and Nicola Eckstein (U/16B) and Michelle Godson, Nawal Mohammed, Fiona Sass and Athene Scott (U/14B). Our congratulations go to them for this achievement.

In two Inter-Schools events held recently Herschel did well to come fourth in the Open tournament and third in the Under-15 tournament. The first team entered the Open tournament and although the team was weakened by the loss of three regular players, the girls played well to come fourth. Two teams entered the U/15 tournament. The B-side held their own against stiff competition and the A-side lost to Fish Hoek in the semi-finals 4-0 and came third overall.

We hope that next year and in the years to come that Herschel, with so much young talent, will be able to win Inter-Schools and retain the title.

Sarah Cross, Std. 10



UNDER 14 WESTERN PROVINCE SQUASH TEAM
— winners of Interprovincial Under 14

Standing: F. Sass, A. Scott, N. Mohamed.

Sitting: M. Godson.

THE MOUNTAIN CLUB

Our Mountain Club has recently become more active, thanks to Mrs Feast, and we have had some very memorable and enjoyable excursions. A strenuous outing was the climb up Woody Ravine on a hot day, lunch and showers at the M.C.S.A. hut and then down Kasteelspoort to the Pipe Track.

The Club then decided to have a go at rock-climbing on Lion's Head. Mr Fletcher led the party, with Mrs Feast's help, with armfuls of equipment, which made us look like experienced rock climbers! For some it was easy and they scrambled up the rock face with no problems at all, but for others... Well, they had a little difficulty! We also tried our hand at abseiling which was great fun.

More recently we have had two twilight walks up Lion's Head to watch the sun set and the moon rise. We watched the lights of Cape Town come on and ate our sandwiches surrounded by fireflies. We came down in the dark. These walks have proved to be very popular and we hope to encourage more members to join us. In the last weekend of the year we shall be going to camp in the Bain's Kloof mountains, on the M.C.S.A. property called Steenboksberg.

Our thanks go to Mr and Mrs Fletcher and to Mrs Feast for their expertise and enthusiasm.

Alexia Billings, Std. 9

wanted to be carried up by her husband, admitted it had been worth the effort. We were told, however, once on top, that was only the beginning of our seven-hour hike. Somehow we all managed to finish the walk and climbed into the bus and drove back to camp where we enjoyed a huge party for Bennita's birthday. We finished every scrap of food!

We enjoyed a relaxing evening sitting around the log fire. Those with some energy still left in them went for a run along the dunes. Everyone slowly drifted off to bed with the exception of a small group (no names mentioned) who decided to stay awake the whole night.

Sunday morning was spent packing up. We were then all taken down to the rock pools where we spent a couple of hours learning about marine biology. The time came for us to go. We were all sad to leave the beautiful campsite.

We learnt a lot about nature and conservation but the most valuable lesson learnt was to be more aware of nature and our surroundings and not take the countryside for granted.

Our thanks go to Mr and Mrs Charlesworth who arranged and planned a most enjoyable weekend. We all enjoyed ourselves and are set and ready for another one.

Caroline Christie, Std 9

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB EXCURSION

After a short delay, we managed to set off, all 12 of us to the De Hoop Nature Reserve. After an enjoyable, if not rowdy trip to Somerset West, we arrived and jumped out of the bus and went straight down onto the beach for a quick 'leg-stretcher' and 'air-breather'. We arrived at our 'campsite', which consisted of one kitchen bungalow and 2 sleeping dormitories, and unpacked. We spent the evening around the fire talking, relaxing, eating, and getting to know Derreck, the man who was to be looking after us for the duration of the camp.

We were all woken up at 7.30 a.m. much to our disgust and were told that we were leaving within half an hour for our day hike. We arrived at the bottom of the Potberg mountain and then proceeded to climb up slowly. After much complaining we somehow managed to get to the top. The view was breathtaking and even Mrs Charlesworth, who had

FRENCH TOUR 1984

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Our trip to France was the highlight of 1984. We left on 23 June for a four-week stay in France! We had one week in Paris, sightseeing, mainly on foot and three weeks in Angers, a town in Loire Valley, where we attended a French Course at the *Centre d'anglais et de français*, and where each one of us stayed in a French home.

Our flight was very long, fourteen hours, with two very long stops, one at Kinshasa and one at Nice. When we eventually arrived in Paris and managed to get to our hotel, it was 1.30 in the morning. Our hotel, near the Palais Royal and the Louvre, was

quaint and homely. There were three of us to a room and even though the beds gave us backache for the first few days, we all got attached to its warm atmosphere and the pleasant people.

Our first couple of days were spent sightseeing. Every morning we left the hotel and caught the Metro, which Mrs Steytler managed to figure out successfully, to our various destinations. We saw Notre Dame and also climbed right to the top,

managed to take a few photos of it. Many of the other works were very beautiful and we must have used up at least a spool each. We also went to the Jeu de Paume where we looked at paintings and sculptures by such famous people as Van Gogh and Gauguin, and also the Rodin Museum. We visited Chartres Cathedral (and climbed, puffing again, to the top), the Palace of Versailles, the Champs Elysées, we walked down the Boulevard St Michel, saw Napoleon's tomb, and even climbed to the top



THE FRENCH TOUR: JUNE

Left to Right: L. Kantor, K. Myburgh, L. Bailey, Mrs S. Steytler, C. Searll, K. Pratt, F. Knight.

puffing and panting after Madame, who, from climbing so many mountains, was already very fit. We saw the Sainte Chapelle with its magnificent stained-glass windows and also the Tuileries Gardens. We spent a whole day wandering through the Louvre, where we all rushed to see the Mona Lisa. We were all very disappointed in it as it is very tiny and dark, and there were also so many people in the hall that we made our way out as soon as we had

of the Eiffel Tower, 279 metres, our knees shaking. Another place we visited was the Centre Pompidou, with its many tubes running along its exterior, and inside many exhibitions and art collections.

In the evening we usually looked for dinner in a café or restaurant in the Latin Quarter.

On our seventh day we left Paris by train for Angers. The journey took two-and-a-half hours

and by the time we were nearly there we all just wanted to go home, for now we would all be separated and would have to spend the rest of our holiday in the homes of strangers who could not speak English. Our 'families' met us at the station and took us 'home'. At first most communication was done by sign language, but after a week or so it loosened up and we all spoke with a new-found confidence.

Every day we went to school at the 'Centre', run by an ex-Springfield pupil, Miss Moira Mason, who was warm-hearted and hospitable and who could not have done more for us. We had two-and-a-half hours of lessons a day, done with audio-visual equipment, games and talk sessions, and it was fun and interesting. The afternoons were spent sight-seeing in groups, shopping, sunbathing or windsurfing, riding, and the evenings with our families. We saw *Cyrano de Bergerac* in the outdoor theatre of the Château d' Angers.

On Bastille weekend the four groups who were attending the course went by bus to St Malo, on the coast of Brittany. We stayed in a Youth Hostel, which was an experience to say the least. We cele-

brated Bastille day or 'le quatorze juillet' with the locals, avoiding fire-crackers, eating pancakes, watching fireworks and dancing in the square — and all this in the pouring rain!

On our sightseeing trips we saw many beautiful châteaux in the Loire Valley, the most beautiful of which I thought was Chenonceaux. Other highlights of our stay were the bar-B-que on our last afternoon, at a château owned by a friend of Moira's, and the nightclub on our last night.

On 19 July we all climbed sadly into the combi which was to take us to the station. Our wonderful trip so marvellously and efficiently arranged by Mrs Steytler whom we cannot thank enough, had come to an end. We were all crying and so were the teachers! We did not want to leave Angers, the School, and least of all our families and new friends. We gave them all two kisses on each cheek — French style — and promised to come and visit them next year. And so, until next year, DEFINITELY — Paris, Angers, FRANCE, au revoir, merci pour le bon séjour. Je vous adore!!!!

K. Myburgh, Std. 8

LIBRARY REPORT — 1984

This year the Duncan Baxter Library has acquired a number of interesting and valuable books, the most significant being an autographed copy of the authoritative work, *The Mammals of the Southern African Region* by Reay Smithers and magnificently illustrated by Clare Abbot. We also acquired the *New Book of Popular Science* in six volumes.

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous donations:

Gorillas in the Mist by Dian Fossey — Gorrie Bowes-Taylor.

The Modern World — Mrs Stockwell.

18 Books — Estates of Mr and Mrs Geldard.

Canada Handbook — Astrid Levelt, our Canadian Rotary Exchange student.

Soweto by Peter Magubane

A Book of Herbs by Margaret Roberts

Food from the Veld by Fox and Young

— Mothers who run the tuckshop

Sand Rivers by Matthiesen and Van Lawick — D. Hathaway

8 Volumes of the *Marshall Cavendish Handbook of Good Cooking* (being used in the Home Economics

Room) — Anne Stewart

Psychology for Nurses by Evryl C. Fisher — a gift from the authoress, an Old Herschelian.

On the whole, the library has been utilised in a more productive way this year especially in research projects. The arrival of many new books has been welcomed by all and has helped to attract more and more girls to the library.

Our sincere thanks to Miss Montgomery for her generous help with the re-classification of certain sections and to Mrs Holland for her ever-present encouragement and help throughout the year. Mrs Brathwaite will be replacing Mrs Holland when she leaves at the end of the year — we welcome her.

Thanks to the following girls who have served as Library prefects:

R. Karjicker, B. Oswell (Heads of Library)

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Tonia-Cara van der Spuy, Std. 9. Merit — Cape Eisteddfod

Original Work

BOTTLES

And the child laughed delightedly as the waves washed around his legs and the coarse sand trickled between his toes. His eyes caught the gleam of the clear glass bottles in the water, and he bent down to retrieve this floating treasure.

Carefully, he dropped his tiny shells into the funnel, and watched, with shining eyes as his collection grew inside the bottle. Painstakingly, he stuffed shreds of seaweed into the bottle's mouth, making a cork of slippery green. And again he laughed — as he viewed his treasure chest lying so smoothly on the sand. His childhood loves lay secure in the cool embrace of the glass, and occasionally the sun would pirouette on his bottle, and then the whole took on a warm glow of happy fulfilment.

Constantly stopping to admire his new possession, he waded slowly through the rockpools with the assurance that comes from many hours spent thus occupying time. And the water rippled luxuriously through the crevices, and the sun lay warm and lazy in the blue sky, as the small figure wandered through Nature's domain.

As his foot slipped, his hand reached automatically outwards to prevent himself from falling. The bottle fell onto the harsh rocks and lay there, shattered. His carefully hoarded treasures lay broken and exposed, and the tears in his eyes mirrored only a part of his pain . . .

"Bon Voyage! Best wishes for a happy honeymoon and an even happier marriage!" She laughed as she read the label that was tied with a pink bow to the dark green Champagne bottle. Their eyes met across the table, and he reached out his hand and took hers.

Together they explored the eternal cities of Rome, Venice, Florence and Paris. Together they rode along cobbled streets, ate in the sunshine and lay under the stars on warm summer nights. Together they celebrated life and love and energy, and they revelled in the world of lovers, where treasures were given from the heart, and accepted with shining eyes.

As he sat beneath the gaily-striped umbrella, waiting for his love to arrive, he opened the special

bottle of champagne he had ordered. This liquid gurgled and bubbled slowly into the crystal glass and rainbow lights darted from liquid to bottle, from bottle to liquid. "Excuse me, sir, but I am afraid that there is some very bad news for you. Just five minutes ago, you wife was . . ."

And the bottle fell onto the harsh pavement and lay there, shattered. The cool bubbly liquid trickled over the broken pieces, and the sun stopped dancing in it . . .

The man stumbled out of the door, lurching as the street spun around him. He slid down to the ground and lay there, helpless and exposed. His eyes caught the movement of their legs as they walked past him; walked over him.

"How terrible he looks, perhaps we should try to help him. Who knows where he comes from, or what his life has been like, poor man."

He tried to push himself up, forgetting that in his hands he held an empty brown bottle.

And the bottle fell into the gutter and lay there, shattered. His fingers bled from where the sharp edges had cut him, and the tears in his eyes mirrored only a very small part of his pain.

Leanne Carlyle, Std. 10

FEAR

Shadows moving in the gloom
Become
Approaching figures
Whose eyes claw into me

An intense feeling of terror
pulses through me;
Clutching to reality
I try to turn away

Logic gives way
To fears
Which squat on my territory
And I am afraid

Vaughneen Ricketts, Std. 7

CHILDHOOD FANTASIES

You ride on a dragon with large scales and fiery breath. Your steps are bold as you ascend his neck, scale by scale. Your enemies stand powerless around you as your faithful steed carries you on to glory, his burning breath clearing the way against all foes and his forked tail swaying behind, knocking them to the ground. He will protect you always, no matter what dangers he had to face and with no thought for his own safety.

The desert sun is hot and the burning sand lies like coals around you. The dragon is gone and you are left alone to conquer this new environment. You must not dare to touch the sand as this would mean unbearable pain and an inability to go on and reach civilization. The railway track is the only means of reaching safety and you must continue along it or else be prepared to die in the desert. The sun is too hot, you can't go on, exhaustion overtakes you and you have to stop for a rest.

But no, suddenly you are transported to a narrow bridge which spans a raging river. The white water swirls dangerously below, crashing over boulders and carrying trees along with it. The only way across is by the bridge on which you stand and there is no way for you to get back. Only the very brave have managed to survive, as each step could mean overbalancing and falling down into the boiling water below. The water is rising and washing just below your feet as you slowly inch your way along, being extremely careful not to put your foot in a gap or on a loose plank of wood. Your tension is increasing with each step you take. A leap onto the ledge of the opposite cliff and you've made it. You have proved your courage and ability to conquer anything.

And now you're flying with arms outstretched, as you leap from step to step. The cool breeze whistles past your ears as your glider sways and moves with the currents. You turn, your plane rising up again, high above the earth as you ascend the steps again. Suddenly with a large sweep you are once again heading downwards, plunging towards the earth. Then you jump and hang, suspended on your step as you fall to the ground beneath your parachute. You drop onto your knee as you hit the ground and collect your parachute behind you.

The steps get wider as you near the end and your little legs have to stretch further to reach each successive step. You feel like a giant stretching his enormous legs across over mountains and lakes. You

watch the people below who appear as small as insects as your huge shadow passes over them.

For the last half hour I have been watching you descend the steps to the beach. Your thoughts have been far away, perhaps not where I imagined, but I could see you acting out your stories, caught up in the web of your own imagination. Now you have come to the end of the stairs and are contemplating your last step onto the sand. Perhaps the sand is water across which you have to journey. Who knows? Whatever it becomes, your journey will never be uninteresting because your storybook mind won't let you become bored. I was bored; but that was before I saw you coming down the steps.

Christine Dunkley, Std. 10



Daryl Louw, Std. 8

SUMMER

Warble-drenched sun-filled skies
 Quivering flesh
 and everything happiness bright.
 Surfers stretch winter-weary muscles
 and they ripple with the ride . . .
 Burnt thoughts
 and perspiring days
 And watermelon pips
 dripping
 from hazy breath.

Ilse Richter, Std. 10

CONTRADICTION TO MAN

Man is born too late
Lives too short a life
Dies too soon

But some through their life or death,
Attain immortality,
In the mortal minds of man.

Nazeema Ahmed, Std. 7

SUFFOCATION

Mary is a girl just like any other. She is outstanding in nothing, yet not insignificant. Mary could be you.

She has short, bobbed brown hair and kind brown eyes. Her face is small and pointed, her smile shy and pleasant. Mary is plain, but pretty. Mary lives in a flat in the suburbs of a big city, with her cat, Tammy, and three or four pot-plants. She would like to have a dog, but they don't allow dogs in the flats. So Mary compromises with Tammy, and both are content.

Mary works in a typing-pool in the city. Every morning, after a breakfast of tea and toast, Mary takes the 7.40 am train into town. There are other trains at 7.35 and 7.45, but the earlier one is too empty and makes Mary feel conspicuous, while the later one is too full and Mary is forced to stand so long that her high-heeled shoes begin to pinch. Mary always reads a magazine on the train; it helps to while away the time and takes her mind off the stuffy atmosphere and the dirty people around her. Once in town, Mary walks to work, following the queues of people filtering into the streets to settle themselves down to their day.

At work, Mary taps deftly at a typewriter all day. Her boss is a stern man who expects perfection from his terrified typists, but he has a soft spot for Mary. Such a nice girl.

At 9.45 am, Mary leaves her typewriter and goes to the office canteen for a cup of tea. Several other girls from the typing-pool join her there, and they discuss such topics as fashion, the latest novel by Sidney Sheldon, videos they have seen, boyfriends and other girls not taking the 9.45 tea break. Sometimes there is time for a second cup of tea, but usually Mary goes to the ladies' room to repair her make-up. She has to keep an eye on her watch because the

gong cannot be heard in the ladies' room and she has to be back at her typewriter by 10.05.

Mary then continues her work until 12.30 pm, when she goes down to the ground floor for a snack at the restaurant. Accompanied by Tessa and Penny, Mary will slide into a seat and order a tuna salad and soda, unless it's Monday, in which case she orders only the soda to atone for extra calories she might have conserved over the weekend. At exactly 12.55 pm, Mary and her friends return to their typing-pool to work until 5.00, when they are free to join the queues at the station once more.

Back at her flat, Mary changes into a comfortable tracksuit and running shoes of just the right shades of pink and blue respectively. Then she jogs around the block three times, twice if she has had a very tiring day or if her boss shouted at her. Mary then returns home to shower and wash her hair, which she curls meticulously before turning on the radio and picking up a book. But after a full day's work, Mary's mind is not easily focussed on Sidney Sheldon, Danielle Steele or Irwin Shaw. Invariably, her gaze wanders over the little sitting-room in her flat, gaily papered in yellow and white stripes and furnished with a yellow three-piece suite. Mary's flat is her domain, her pride and joy. With loving care she cleans and dusts it daily, and once a week she spring-cleans. After setting aside half her salary in a savings account, Mary spends every spare penny on her flat: a new ornament, an ashtray, perhaps even new curtains. Mary longs for the day when she will have a husband and children to care for, and a little house with a garden where they can all sit in the evenings.

After a quick, well-balanced meal, Mary watches television, or phones her friends. She plans a weekend-outing or a dinner-date with them, looking forward to the weekend and their company. Then Mary shuts all the windows, closes the curtains and locks the door. She turns out the light and gets into bed, drawing the blankets up under her chin giving the finishing touches to the wrapping of her life in routine, suffocatingly, stiflingly, comfortably trapped.

Mary is a nice girl, an ordinary girl. There is a little of Mary in all of us. We may envy Mary her well-ordered, disciplined life, or we may despise her unimaginative existence, but be careful not to ridicule Mary, because Mary may be you.

Wendy Perold, Std. 10



Inge Hanekom, Std. 7

'n HONDERDDUISEND RAND

Ek het onverwags gehoor dat ek 'n honderdduisend rand ge-erf het. 'n Ou tante van die familie van wie ek eintlik nooit gehoor het nie, het gesterwe. Hierdie ou vrou het besluit om al haar geld aan my te gee. Hoekom sal ek nooit weet nie, maar ek het nie gekla nie. As iemand besluit het om u 'n honderdduisend rand te gee, sal u kla?

Wel, daar het ek gesit met al daardie geld. En almal het beter as ek geweet wat ek met die geld moet doen: "Spaar dit vir jou ou dag," het een ouer lid van die familie gesê.

"Gaan koop alles wat jy wil hê — jy is net een keer jonk," het 'n ander besluit.

"Gee dit aan my," was my broer se idee.

Aan die begin het ek baie dinge gekoop soos nuwe klere, fietse, presente vir almal en ek het elke aand uitgegaan vir ete na die restaurante. Maar dit het

vervelig geword. Ek was gewoon daaraan om elke sent te hou om sjokolade te koop en skielik kon ek die hele sjokoladewinkel koop! Ek was gewoon daaraan om my klere baie versigtig te koop sodat ek hulle baie kere kon dra en skielik kon ek die hele klerewinkel koop!

Nee, die lewe van 'n ryk persoon was nie die lewe vir my nie. Alles was net te maklik met al daardie geld. En, wat meer is, almal was skielik my vriende. Almal, sê ek, want dit was selfs my ou vyande wat skielik mooi dinge omtrent my gesê het.

Eendag het ek besluit om ontslae te raak van my geld. Ek het na die perdewedrenne gegaan. Dit was een van daardie pragtige somersdae en almal by die wedren was mooi aangetrek. Ek het opgedaag in ou "jeans" en 'n ou hemp. Ek het al my geld op een perd gesit. Hierdie perd, "Pussy," was oud en lelik en het gelyk asof dit nooit sou wen nie. Ek het gedink dit was die

laaste van daardie erfgoed.

Ek het daar in die warm son gestaan en weer arm gevoel. Dit was heerlik. Toe skielik het ek gehoor: "Die wenner van die laaste wedren was, sal u glo dames en here, daardie ou perd — Pussy."

Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Std. 10

IN A MEDIEVAL DUNGEON

Under the door a draught creeps in,
My imagination enlarges the horrors that I feel
Dark and damp . . . musty —
The silent room is filled with the echoes of my
clanking chains
The squeal of mice, or is it bats, or rats?
The smell of death, of decay is in the air
Hanging suspended about those . . .
The noise of dripping water on the stones
Ticks off the the only time.

The dungeon — the only home of slimy creatures
and crawling things — a heart of stone for those
who enter it.

Serin Gowdy, Std. 7

MY VALLEY

Midday. The Cape sun beats down and its warm
life-giving rays heat every part of the valley. In my
lane, vines on either side close me in and the dark
fertile earth beneath my bare feet is warm, it drinks
in the sun. The back of my neck is being scorched
and my dark experienced arms move nimbly among
the dusty leaves, retrieving the young succulent
bunches.

I was born to this valley as were my father and his
father. The rest of my family are working in other
lanes, the vines forming neat walls on either side of
them. Other families, like ours, start from white-
washed huts at dawn every morning. But now our
days are different. It is harvest-time. We are
reaping the fruits of our hard work. There has been
just enough rain to water the vines, just enough
frost to make them strong and just enough sun to ri-
pen them. The spirits among my fellow-workers are
high. Indeed we have waited all year for these days.

Somewhere, a girl is singing and now a chorus of
labourers joins her. Around my head, a fruit fly

buzzes. My feet move slowly, soundlessly in the soft
soil.

Into my basket I place only the best and firmest
bunches. The dark round grapes are at their peak.
They have the sweet unique taste of the Cape val-
leys.

When I off-load my full sweet-smelling basket the
truck will take them away. The heavy bunches will
be crushed, preserved and treated to make the best
of Cape wines, wines that are famous, wines in
demand.

The air hangs moist and heavy among the vines.
The smell is familiar. It is home. The smell of slight-
ly fermented grapes mingles with the rich earthy
smell of the ground.

Every muscle under my sunburnt skin works in con-
stant intense motion. Now and again the frilly edges
of the leaves tickle my limbs. I handle the shears in
my hands cleverly, never puncturing or bruising the
delicate fruits. My experienced eyes know which
bunches to leave on the mother vine, which to pick
for the waiting vehicle. Nowhere is one as in tune
with the elements as here, alone and yet not alone
between the walls of grapes, surrounded by the low
smooth Boland hills with the sun high in a cloudless
sky and the earth soft and motherly beneath you.

I know the land as I know the grapes. I am as much
part of it as the branch is part of the vine. Here I am
content. Here I am at peace with myself. My roots
are deep in this valley. My valley.

Karen Dudley, Std. 9

GROWING UP

After a childhood spent in cottonwood,
Shielded from things bad or rough and
Aloof from poverty and suffering,
Awakening to the real world
is a rude, unwanted
shock.

We grope —
Experiment —
Succeed or fail
And wistfully think back to
The warmth and safety of
Our cottonwood nests.

Lyndall du Plessis, Std. 7

**"HERE YOU WILL FIND PEACE, THEY SAID
HERE WHERE THE SILENCE IS SO WIDE
YOU HEAR IT"**

Blue, white. Silence. Soft ripples of silent landscape moved beneath my feet. Curls of softness clothed and comforted. Light penetrated from below, around, leaving dapples on the whiteness; spinning the mind into uncontrollable limitlessness. Nothing hindered me, no worn-out, tired body, no limited stretches of imagination. Knowledge is ever-present, uncontained — free. The soul can soar or swoop or sway gently.

The light turned red. You didn't stop. You didn't even cry out when we went over and over. I can remember the screams, the noise, the red . . . the red . . .

The old radio churned out its monotonous adverts, broken only for music, soppy loud music. "What the hell do you think you're doing home? Go on, get out — I've told you before not to show your stupid, snotty noses around here before evening. Out, out . . ." The radio broke in to inform that rain would continue over the weekend.

Dirty play-grounds filled with the voices of children:

"That's mine."

"No it ain't."

"I say it is."

Little boys were tying a tin can to a kitten's tail, yelling with joy as the kitten tried to jump the wall.

A girl was crying in the corner, no-one knew why.

"Give it her."

"No, you'll not get it."

"I will too."

The overcrowded disco with pavings of beer cans, people stood or sat or sprawled. They danced too, bunched together, shot by the music. Lights flashed, red, yellow, purple; noise of people screaming, music clashing, music drowning all in its monotonous, incomprehensible beat. The smell of sweat and beer and cheap perfume clung irresistibly to the nostrils. Under the haze of smoke the clammy hands groped and the music beat unendingly.

The bus would screech to a halt, banging, clattering. People streamed on or off. The conductor yelled, no-one listened. Bleary-eyed, unable to smile, the people waited for their time to depart the claustrophobic bus for the claustrophobic homes. Traffic rushed by, hooting. Dogs barked from within tiny

walled-in gardens.

"Miss Jones, have you finished that report yet?" The typewriter ticked. The telephone rang.

"Hallo, yes. No, he isn't here at the moment. Would you like to leave a message? Thank-you. Bye."

The file-cabinet shuddered as someone slammed the door. Someone broke a glass.

"Miss Jones! Kindly bring that report to me this minute."

The baby screamed when the light was turned on. The cupboard door banged.

"Kevin, why the bloody hell did you leave your skate-board on the floor? Go on pick it up. Pick it up." The soup sizzled as it burnt on the hot plate. The kettle whistled. There wasn't any coffee left.

The light turned red. You didn't stop. You didn't even cry out when we went over and over. I can remember the screams, the noise, the red . . . the red . . .

Blue, white. Silence. Cool breeze blowing softly. Undulating hills of white and blue stretched to undetermined horizons. The mind is let loose to roam, free over the hills. Knowledge is ever-present, uncontained — free. The soul could soar or swoop or sway gently.

"Here you will find peace, they said. Here where silence is so wide you hear it."

Stephanie Dutkiewicz, Std. 10

DRESSING UP

Dressing up. The title evokes positively ghastly memories and feelings for me. I don't know why it should; I always used to love dressing up with my two brothers and one sister, and raiding my mother's dressing table. There'd be rouge and lipstick and mascara on the eyebrows and eyeshadow on the cheeks and face powder everywhere where there wasn't something else. Then we'd make a headlong rush for the dressing-up box: Granny's golden bridge-shawl, Aunt Nora's sea-green winkle pickers, mom's Matric Dance dress, Grandad's army uniforms and the pride of the box, a big black pop-up top hat. They'd all come out and lie in a heap next to the box. Then would come the arguing,

the fighting, the crying. I don't know why, perhaps because I was the eldest, but I always ended up in one of Grandad's uniforms fighting with my brother for the top hat. I'd always win.

I'd go traipsing round the house in big black trousers that were rolled up so that they would not touch the ground and big black shoes that I had sneaked out of my father's cupboard. That outfit made me feel like a cross between Ticky the clown and the Giant that nearly ate Jack, in Jack and the Beanstalk. And there was the bright red jacket and gold braid that hung around my knees and drowned my hands in thick red cloth. It was always my favourite. I would imagine, as I put it on, my Grandad. It always had an air about it. I would pretend I was him commanding the Desert Rats and I'd climb on a chair and pretend I was commanding a tank in a big military parade, only every time as I raised, or tried to raise, my hand that was hidden in the long red sleeve to take the victory salute from the King, my brother, and the Queen, my sister in the Golden bridge shawl, I would knock the top hat from its precarious position on top of my head and be immediately enveloped in darkness. Each time it was accompanied by hoots of laughter from the 'King and Queen' and needless to say the Victory Parade could not go on.

We'd always think of something to do for my parents, a play or a musical. I shudder to imagine how they could have sat through endless cacophonies and "Wait, I'll do it again's" and then still manage to ask for and sit through another encore. We'd just go on and on, changing from a giant balancing on big blue blocks, to an elegant lady in Aunt Nora's sea-green winklepickers, to a ghost in a white sheet who had to rise from a creaking grave. That was always the best one. I always wanted to be the ghost and my poor brothers and sister would have to be content with being the trees in the cemetery or with providing the noise for the creaking coffin.

It was always our last act and the cheers, the cries of 'Terror' from our parents when we switched off the lights were probably more enthusiastic because they could foresee the end than because of the darkness. We never saw their point of view so we just thought they were terrified. It tickled us to see big, brave Daddy terrified.

The 'grave', was a big heavy grey box marked "UNION CASTLE N. NEWTON-KING" in big white letters. The name was for my gran but it was my initial so, according to me, that meant that I was

meant to be the ghost. We'd put the lights off and run backstage, to my room, and pour Elizabeth Anne's baby powder all over my arms to make them white. It always used to fall on my carpet but it smelt nice so I didn't mind having to clean it up. Then I'd climb into the "coffin" and shut the lid and wait for my brother's owl to hoot before I opened the lid. It always elicited the loudest cries from the watchers. One time I did it, they locked the lid and so instead of my rising to haunt the living, the screams of laughter from my brother and sister haunted me. Needless to say that was my last stint as the ghost.

That was all in the past, when I was young and care-free. Dressing up today is an ordeal. It just disguises what I essentially want to be. I always feel best in a pair of faded jeans and a T-shirt. They are me. Why do I always have to wear something else just because some one else has told me to? I hate being told I am a tomboy and being told by my fellow boarders to start wearing skirts and to be more "feminine".

I sit on my bed and listen to them talking about their boyfriends and their "love"-lives and watch them paint stupid eyelashes and put red rouge all over their cheeks. It does not interest me at all. They boast about their "old" boyfriends and seem very sophisticated and experienced but when I actually see them with their boyfriends it is like watching a lion play with a lamb. Their elaborate, long dressing-up sessions each Friday evening, their make-up sessions on Saturday mornings, they are all just cover-ups. The girls never reveal what they really are personally, deep inside. I hate that element of deception. I never listen to them. I hate dressing up. It means a loss of innocence and charm.

But I have never lost my memories of those days spent by the dressing-up box. Secretly I suppose I have always wanted the chance to dress up again and I waited eagerly for my Matric Dance to arrive.

Nobody believed I would or could wear a dress. I remember one teacher asking me what colour pants I was going to wear. Other people would not ask me what I was wearing for fear of offending me by suggesting that I would wear a pair of trousers. I was going to prove them wrong. Sometimes when you live in the eye of criticism you start to believe some of the criticism levelled at you and it all came flooding back when I got dressed on the night. More than once I resolved not to go and get violently sick, but eventually I did manage to make my way, un-easily and timidly, to the before party and the staff

party. All the time I could feel people commenting, watching, remarking with their eyes. Then I remembered my Grandfather's hat, the plays, the fun. I choked back the inhibition and the Party began.

Now I'm back to normal in my plain baggy trousers, the jeans are too tight! and I think back often to the Dance. I realise that in fact I was another me at the Dance. I was dressed up, not parading as in my childhood innocence I paraded in front of the "King and Queen", but seeking recognition, acknowledgement. Dressing up had lost what it had always meant to me and I hated it.

Nicky Newton-King, Std. 10

ABRAHAM

On Sundays in summer we would go to "Tennis" at Schoongezicht. To us at the ages of five, seven and nine, tennis was a treat of a large tea, long velvet lawns and the cows and the garden. We would abandon our parents as soon as we could and run as fast and determined as little zephyrs to the side path that led to the dusty, gabled farm buildings with their dark, squarely-cut thatch and to the slave-bell that I longed to ring but was warned not to touch. Every Sunday, without fail, we would climb panting up the steep hill, eagerly straining to see the cows and although we did see them so regularly it was like entering into an unknown place when we went into the shed. The cows would stand in the gloom, their



Susan Gatt, Std. 10

heads down, shuffling slightly and after hesitating for a tiny second, we would follow Beth up the dusty aisles as she read out the names of the cows.

"Polka, Betsy, Annabel, Hilda . . ." and then we would see Abraham.

"Hello, Abraham," we would cry and he would chuckle a low "Ewe" as he carried the buckets, slopping slightly up the steps.

The cows forgotten, we would follow him up the steps to the dairy.

"Abraham, Abraham, tell us about the calves," Beth implored. Abraham chuckled and started to tell us the well-known stories in his dusky-throated chuckle that seemed as mysterious and friendly as the unexplored shadows under the thatched eaves. He seemed to belong to the cowshed, with his low murmuring voice, his dark, shiny skin and his serenity.

We would sit for what seemed an age on the steps in the musty, queer-smelling gloom, listening, and then Beth would give a signal by jumping up, her fair curls bobbing, shouting "It's teatime." Suddenly remembering the tea, the lawn and the other world outside, we would jump up with wide eyes and exclamations of "Tea." Then running as hard as we could, partly in eagerness for the sweet scones and partly so as not to be left behind, we would depart, shouting farewells behind us. We all loved Abraham.

Later as we grew up, we stopped going to tennis regularly. Our parents still went but I was becoming burdened, as I thought in Std Five, with large amounts of homework and we had such a lot to do. Then after half a year in England and a dusty but busy summer, Alison and I went out for a ride on Schoongezicht. The vines were already reddening and it looked as if a gold and orange veil had been carelessly cast over the countryside. The air was pure and crisp and as we rode we sometimes breathed smoke.

We rode up the valley to the vineyards and as we passed the laden vines and the bending grape-pickers I was filled with that glorious feeling of contentment and peace. All that could be heard was the crunch of the horses' hooves and the occasional shout that drifted to our ears. I saw a black man toiling up the hill, his basket on his shoulder and I

watched him curiously as he came until I recognized him to be Abraham. He looked up to greet us and his eyes widened as he saw who we were. I felt myself reddening.

"Hallo, Abraham," Alison and I both said.

"Ewe," he chuckled, smiling at us as he stopped.

"We haven't seen you for a long time." I ventured, looking down from the horse.

"No, I work now with grapes." His pronunciation of the word 'grapes' sounded strange — almost comical. There was silence.

"Anyway, good-bye," I said, and we moved down the hill.

"Good-bye," he said, touching his head in greeting and went his way too. I looked back and saw him tipping his basket of grapes onto the enormous pile already in the lorry and my mind was filled with memories of a cow-shed, stories and of another world.

Marion Edmunds, Std. 9

GEDAGTEGANG VAN 'n BEDELAAR

Ai, dis weer koud vanmôre! Die vervlakte sypaadjie word by die dag kouer — of is dit nou ek wat oud word? Ek oud ... nooit! Met 'n bottel bloutrein en 'n paar koerante bly 'n mens sommer jonk! Haai, ek moet darem seker nie vir myself so lieg nie. Ek wonder hoe oud ek nou al is?

"Tien sent vir 'n arm ou, Meneer!"

Blink skoene, jas en tas — stywe pas — te haastig om meer geld te gaan maak; te haastig om te dink waarom of hoekom ek hier sit. My skoene wil mos nie meer blink nie. Dis seker omdat hulle nêrens het om haastig heen te loop nie. Ek weer kantoor toe loop? Nooit! Daar is mos niemand meer om dit voor te doen nie.

"Dankie, Juffrou."

Jy lyk pragtig in jou smyerspakkie. Rita was 'n kantoormens. O, Here, waar is my vrou en kinders? Sy het geen simpatie met my siekte gehad nie. Sy is net weg; weg met alles waarvoor ek tot dusver gelewe het. Ag, ek wil dit sommer alles vergeet. Dronkenskap is my voorland, my bottel, my vrou en vir haar werk ek dag na dag op die sypaadjie!

"Kom gee vir ou omie vyf sent, seun! Of is jy klein-klein al 'n brekseltjie?"

Hulle almal slaap mos elke nag warm. Dink net hoe hulle hulle eie lewe makliker en gemakliker kan maak. Ek is mos een van die luiards wat nie wil werk nie. Dis reg. Ek wil nie werk nie en ek gee nie om nie!

Die lewe is onregverdig. Jy word geskape met een of ander swakheid. As jy eendag ingehaal word deur jou swakheid dan hardloop hulle almal weg soos sy weggehaardloop het. Hulle vat ook alles weg. Niemand probeer help nie. Maar ek het hulle gewys —kyk ek lewe nog en ek het niks en niemand nodig nie.

Net...“tien sent asseblief, Mevrou. Dankie”

Moenie so hartseer lyk nie. Mevroutjie, jy het vandag jou bydrae gelewer en vanaand slaap jy warm. Ek is nie honger nie, dis maar net die skop van die bloutrein wat so 'n bietjie aan die liggaam vreet. Ja, hy vreet aan 'n man, maar hy sorg ook dat die koue en sorge soos mis voor die son verdwyn.

“Dankie, dankie, Suster. Nee, ek kan nie werk nie. Ek het die ou rug seergemaak. Huis...nee ek het 'n plekkie om te slaap. Tot siens.”

Gmf, dis nou te laat. Hou julle goed. Julle moes lankal iets gedoen het. Nou het ek niemand meer nodig nie, ek is al dood, dood, dood Gelukkig — dood-gelukkig met sy lot...

Sonja Petrus, Std. 9



Naseema Barday, Std. 6

This essay was written in response to a picture of two deckchairs on a lawn.

DECKCHAIRS

Like a holiday-house, all locked and dusty in winter, with sand sifting over the sill, abandoned, the deckchairs sit empty, and the sand in the hourglass is sifting still.

Two deckchairs, in the sun, on the grass, empty. With the debris of time this photograph has washed up here in a musty pile of family photographs — aunts, parents, brothers, sisters — image upon image, showing progression in static frames. They fix moments these picture, and when the memories fade, the pictures take their place. This picture is different though, and the deckchairs, removed, turn their backs on the voyeur, who must shuffle on. No 'moment' is captured here, to be preserved and kept labelled in a jamjar in the pantry, like some spell of youth, to be released when needed, a charm for heart-ache.

But the slack and heavy hanging of the canvas of these chairs, like old men's bellies, wineskins, holds my feelings, tenderness, wrinkled and resmoothed. It once held my grandparents.

On drowsy afternoons, after lunch on the stoep, mebos, coffee in tiny Japanese cups on a tray for two, they sat side by side in the sun. She sat with her wrinkled hands folded, floppy hat pulled over her eyes, leaning back, listening to the birds she loved. He was next to her with Times' cuttings, black-rimmed glasses, snowy-haired, balding head, baggy gardening trousers, an innate charm and a ferocity which fooled no-one.

I was six, seven, eight...when I used to go and stay with them. I had my (enforced) siestas too, lying on the cushioned bench of the slatted stoep, overlooking the garden, I used to try to sleep or read, and wriggled, knowing that if I wriggled too much Grandpapa would snort, rustle his papers, or even say, "Be quiet, dear," which would immobilize me for minutes, heart pounding...

And I knew that it was all for Grandmama's sake that I had to be quiet, and Grandpapa's too, although he never would have admitted it!

Those times were when they were at their best, looking back on it — two old people, gallant, though now weathered, but more than that: a couple. Their relationship was firm. Love was there, but it was not passion that held them together. They were used to

each other; they fitted well. After all they had shaped each other, moulding and leaving their own imprints, like the intangible heaviness in the deckchairs, where bodies once fitted. No talk was necessary now, and they cherished shared silences.

So now, when all one has of years are smiling faces, staring unknowingly from fixed frames, I like this picture best of all. I like to think that against this canvas the ghosts of drowsy afternoons sit in companionable silence, looking out over shared pasts and futures which I have forgotten or did not know, and probably never will.

Alison Moultrie, Std. 9

TOAST AND MARMALADE

"I hate him," she thought, stabbing viciously at the bubbling marmalade in the pan on the stove. "I'd kill him, but even that's too good for him." She often thought of horrible deaths for him, like drowning him in the bitter marmalade she was making.

She liked sweet marmalade, but he liked it bitter. Rebelliously she picked up the sugar tin and poured half of the contents into the marmalade. "The poison's bitter. He won't notice the sweetness when the poison's mixed with the marmalade," she thought.

When she had first thought of poisoning him, arsenic, the well-worn favourite, had immediately come to mind. Only a small amount was fatal, and she had managed to gather double the quantity she would need. It was hidden in a drawer in a medicine bottle.

Toast and marmalade for tea was just another of their little routines that never changed. It was always marmalade, and it was always bitter. She hated bitter marmalade, probably because he liked it so much. Toast and marmalade seemed to symbolise her marriage; the marriage that had ruined her life. Whatever crises there had been they had always had toast and marmalade for tea.

"He won't notice the bitter poison," she thought. "The marmalade's sweet."

He was late that afternoon. She had half hoped he wouldn't come and had made tea, and toast and marmalade, for herself. When he walked in, however, she was not surprised, he had never missed tea and never would.

She watched him as she waited for his toast to brown. He was a repulsive man and she hated him. She poured his tea and passed him the butter, the toast and marmalade.

"I couldn't have poisoned him," she thought. "The police surgeons would know he had been poisoned and they would know it was me. When a man dies at the table, poisoned by the marmalade his wife made it's obvious who did it. Our neighbours would be only too glad to tell the police how much we hate each other too. I would go to prison for life."

"Toast?" he asked with his mouth full.

"I made some for myself before you came," she answered. She took a bite.

"This marmalade's very sweet," grunted her husband.

His was sweet, but hers was bitter, very bitter. It seemed sweet revenge. "He would have noticed," she thought. "Arsenic has a very bitter taste."

Jessica Turner, Std. 7



Janet Wray-Young, Std. 6



SCHOOL PREFECTS 1984

Back Row L. to R: Sandi van Hoogstraten, Tania Fourie, Athene Pharo, Elisabeth Mallet, Hibrè Cardwell, Emma Wynne-Edwards.

Middle Row: Laura Porter, Keelyn Maisel, Kariyn Hebin, Sonia Hodgkinson, Carol Millar, Nicola Koster.

Front Row: Julie van Rijswijk, Elena Rista, Mrs. P. Brown, Debra Tyson, Mrs. E. Bray, Nina Daniel, Susan Snyders.

Preparatory School Report 1984

The Preparatory School has been a hive of activity this past year. Several projects have been undertaken and although on the whole new ventures have been successful, we have learnt from our mistakes and intend to make some changes next year.

Reports always loom large in a teacher's life and one is very conscious of the progress of each child. Our new system of more frequent mark readings based on marks accumulated over a period of weeks has been well received by parents and has stimulated more discussion with staff, which is always a good thing. However, I am not convinced that "marks" and the consequent pressure brought to bear on children is worthwhile educationally. It often brings in its train emotional problems and in today's society we have more than enough of these to contend with, without adding to the burden of our children. We need therefore to examine the benefit of frequent tests against the negative emotional consequences and try to find a fair balance.

We have run into difficulties with our Clubs as it has been almost impossible to arrange these without clashing with sporting activities, especially during the summer months. Next year we plan to run Clubs during the Winter terms only and these will be timetabled during afternoon School, taking the place of the film period which will now be run on a class basis during the relevant subject period. The Chess Club has had an average attendance of twenty and the girls enjoy the opportunity to play against other children. They have consulted the many excellent library books and played a friendly match against Golden Grove Primary. All the Std IV's and V's have been exposed to Computers and although many of those who attended the Club enjoyed games of the "Space Invader" type, there are several girls who have progressed to amending existing programmes and creating their own data-based quizzes as well as graphic designs with accompanying sound.

Fortnightly trips were made to Arcadia by the Social Responsibility Club, where girls visited the elderly ladies and were able to make happy and meaningful relationships with their "adopted grannies". The ladies were invited to the School on several occasions and entertained by Club members. The girls themselves have initiated the planning and organisation of their activities and have shown a serious commitment to this undertaking.

The Craft Club for the younger children has concentrated on making little gifts and the girls have proudly taken these home to present on special occasions. Those interested in Flower Arranging have been stimulated by such unusual projects as making pomanders, posies and spice ropes and pot pourri.

Our girls love to act, and given a subject and five minutes to prepare will happily present a play. Those who have been involved with the Playmaking Group have dramatised stories for the School and have obviously enjoyed performing. The Keep-Fit Club has provided exercises to music for those who enjoy this activity and those who need it!

The clubs which seem to have had problems are those catering for handwork and calligraphy. A two-week break between meetings probably accounts for this. We envisage the formation of one Club to encompass the whole range of Art Needlework.

Lynne Bird, Elisabeth Mallet and Debbie Tyson, our representatives at the Inter-Schools Quiz, acquitted themselves well by winning through to the Semi-Final Round. General knowledge tests have been held regularly at the end of each term, but they have taken on new dimension with our participation in the Inter-Schools Contests. We all enjoyed the Inter-House Quiz this term. Western Province Prep. School were invited to send a team and this added interest to the evening. Jagger emerged as the winners of the Rosenthal Trophy with Western Province not far behind.

Although we scheduled our Jonkershoek Camp two months later this year, the weather was perfect — very cold nights, but clear crisp days. Having learned a lot from 1983, we made a few changes in our individual class programmes rather than in the actual camp routine, which we felt was more than adequately successful last year. We were more familiar with the area and could plan new and sometimes more relevant activities. The Std III's visited the Village Museum in Stellenbosch, the IV's studied Dorp Street and the Braak and the V's carried out an architectural survey and an evaluation of the Stellenbosch Town Council's efforts to maintain the intrinsic character of the town. There were also activities in and around the camp site, river studies, a visit to the trout hatcheries, camp chores and, in the evening, entertainment of the homemade kind.



Camp at Jonkershoek

Maintaining the healthy routines of home.



A moment for rest and reflection.



Supplementing the camp rations.

Std IV's getting down to their Journey Quiz en route to Jonkershoek.



Industrious Std III's putting in some serious effort at Jonkershoek.



A cheerful Std III group taking it easy in their tent.

BoKomo moved into the Hall after School one afternoon in August, complete with electric stoves and trestle tables to hold their Baking Competition. This started with the Std V's making lemon loaf and the Std IV's scones. Later the younger ones had their turn and made coconut balls and crunchies. Parents, staff and other onlookers who moved among the contestants were offered tastes and we have photographs to prove that some spectators succumbed! The winners competed in the Finals at Parow and Zurina Hisham and Tammy Hammond and Nira Lincoln and Madeleine Simdnis were successful in their sections.

The House System continues to stimulate the girls to greater efforts not only in the academic sphere but also in sport. The Inter-House Gala was a very happy event and many parents joined us down at the pool. Inter-House hockey, netball, tennis and squash matches have been played giving many an opportunity to support their teams.

The House Spirit was very much in evidence on Sports Day and there was keen competition throughout the morning. Everyone took part and the House Captains, Elena Rista, Debbie Tyson and Nina Daniel are to be congratulated on their organisation and preparation for this exciting day. Merriman House is to be congratulated on a convincing victory.

Herschel parents hosted the girls of the Kingswood Hockey Team for two nights on their stay in Cape Town. The visitors won their match against Herschel 3 — 1 and presented us with a copy of Tony Grogan's book "Settler Country" before they left.

Through one of our pupils whose parents farm in the area, we have formed a liaison with the Plettenberg Bay Primary School. The Std V's have been corresponding with their top class and the pupils spent some days visiting Cape Town. During this time we entertained them and enjoyed a lunch braai together. It gave the children the opportunity to mix and get to know each other.

This year there has been closer communication between parents and staff than formerly and this can be largely attributed to the Preparatory School Committee. This meets once a term. Matters of interest, concern and ideas for promoting the well-being of the children are discussed. At the instigation of the Committee Members, the Art and Speech Teachers addressed parents at one of the meetings, telling them about their aims and goals. They were also instrumental in inviting Dr Ziervogel, a psychiatrist who runs several clinics for teenagers, to talk to parents.

The usual At Homes where teachers are available to discuss children's progress were held each term. Class luncheons, teas, braais, and cocktail parties gave parents the opportunity to socialise with staff. Some parents have become involved with the School through working regularly in the Library, or taking their turn to arrange flowers in the vestibule, or assisting in the Second-Hand Shop. Many others have been most generous in providing transport to outings or matches. To all these willing mothers we say Thank you.

Music continues to play a large part in the life of the School. There are 79 pupils learning to play an instrument and some of those who have attained a fair standard of proficiency play in the School Orchestra. Three evenings of music were held in June and each class took part, not only in singing, but also in an instrumental item. It is an honour to be selected as a member of the Preparatory School Choir which is trained by Miss Sweet, Head of the Music Department. This group will be singing with the Senior School Choir at their Carol Service in St Saviour's Church. The Prep School Evening of Carols will be held in December in the Senior School Hall and I thank Mrs Davies and Mrs Tyson for all the work that was involved.

The music examinations were held in September. 10 pupils from the Prep School were entered for the Royal Schools examinations and the results are as follows: — Debbie Tyson (violin) — distinction; Arlene Benjamin (piano), Melissa le Fevre (violin), Kathryn Crowther (piano), Emma O'Hanlon (piano), Elena Rista (piano) and Debbie Tyson (piano) all obtained Merit awards.

Many pupils attend Speech lessons either individually or in small groups. Our congratulations go to those who passed the Examinations of the South African Guild of Speech and Drama Teachers. All the girls passed well, Ceiri Davies, Elena Rista, Emma Wynne-Edwards and Emma Clark gained Honours in Oral Communication whilst Dolly Fink, Fiona Jacobs and Nira Lincoln gained Honours in Interpretative.

Ballet classes are held on a weekly basis and pupils are entered for the Royal academy of Dancing examinations. Again all those who entered passed their examinations.

Scripture Union is held every Wednesday and the programmes this year have included stories, games, films, strip films, quizzes and visiting speakers. In the first term a braai and sing-song was enjoyed and a film



Flowers all round? (Std I outing to Groot Constantia).



Instant attraction — Mac the Border collie and Std II.

Hopping races — Std II's on
Llandudno beach.



All at sea — Std II visit to
Simonstown.

Watching the ripples go by.



show and chorus-singing evening took place early this term. We thank Mrs. Hammond who helps with this activity.

Charities supported this year were St. Michael's Home and Operation Hunger. We collected roses for Child Welfare, and tinned food and books were donated to the Oasis School. In September, the Std II and V girls together with parents and members of Staff participated in a Blisters for Bread Walk in Tokai Forest. The Spring day was balmy and pleasantly cool for walking. The route meandered through the forest and was indicated by bold arrows. Staff and parents supervised the designated checkpoints and handed out refreshments to encourage the walkers on their way. Most girls completed the route well within two hours and there was plenty of time to enjoy a picnic lunch afterwards in the shade of the trees. A sum of R4 047,12 was handed to the Peninsula School Feeding Association.

Many outings have been enjoyed. These are designed to fit in with what is being taught and are practical means of enriching the girls' experience. Hout Bay Museum, the Caves at Llandudno, the Malay Quarter, Simonstown Harbour, Groot Constantia, Silvermine, Dalebrook, Dairybelle, the Art Gallery, the Worcester Open Air Museum, the Narcotics Museum and Rondevlei are some of the places visited.

The Library continues to be used not only for personal reading but also as a source of reference for both staff and girls. Many interesting books have been donated by parents and other have been bought. These are a great help to the girls when preparing projects and themes. Our new Resources Centre now houses four computers, a printer, a colour television — presented to the School by this year's Standard Five class, a Beta Video machine, a Sound/Slide Projector and a Visual Maker. This room is used not only for computer work, but for showing educational films and videos, and for working on slide tape presentations.

Academically, the School has benefited by the many new and interesting ideas brought back by Staff who have attended lectures, symposiums and discussions on a variety of subjects. Teachers report on these sessions at a full staff meeting so that everyone is exposed to new methods. We are indeed fortunate in having such a dedicated team working together. I should like to record my thanks to the staff for their hard work and the excellence of their teaching. Each one has given unstintingly of her time and energy for the good of the children and the school.

I feel that a vital aspect of the life of the School is our reliance on Christian principles, a common thread woven through all the activities. We regard the spiritual growth of the children as a very important part of their education and through the teaching of the Scriptures and practical example we hope to achieve this end.

Mrs Charlotte Beck leaves us at the end of the year after 10 years service and we thank her for all she has done in laying a firm foundation for our Sub A's. We are sorry to be losing Mrs de Villiers too; she has given us many new and interesting ideas to think about and implement, and we wish her well as she and her husband travel overseas.

Mrs Brathwaite is being promoted to the Senior School at the end of a very happy three year period at the Prep. She has done a tremendous amount in the Library — the new pine furniture and shelving was her idea — she chased around after architects and builders and made certain that everything in our Resources Centre was of the highest standard. She prodded me and many others into action when she felt we needed it, supported the School beyond the call of duty and has endeared herself to each one of us. Thank you, Chris, we shall miss you.

Our thanks to Mrs Taylor and the kitchen, domestic and ground staff, to the Senior School office and Mr Park who have done so much to ensure the smooth running of our functions and day to day activities.

My special thanks to Miss Geldard for her help and advice during the year, to Mrs Davies and Mrs Bray for their support and to Mrs Nixon for being able to find anything at a moment's notice!

P.R. Brown
Ad Dei Gloriam.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT: 1984

This has been a busy, rewarding year with the girls showing tremendous enthusiasm in their class and extra-mural activities.

Swimming:

Captain: Kate O'Neill. *Vice:* Tania Fourie.

All the girls trained at least twice a week during term one, constantly trying to improve the three S's — style, speed and stamina. Mrs Thaning's expertise was gratefully received throughout the term.



SWIMMING TEAM

Back Row L to R: Vanessa Cowgill, Nicola Godson, Belinda Boyes, Cheyenne Ferry, Emma O'Hanlon, Jodie Boyes, Alexandra Nortier, Candice Noakes, Carolyn Lander.

Third Row: Robyn Sturgeon, Audra Carey, Erika Standert, Catherine Southern, Celeste Holmes, Susan Anderson, Kirsty Leith, Simone le Fèvre, Dianne Pentz, Charlotte van Dugteren.

Second Row: Nina Daniel, Hilbre Cardwell, Bridget O'Neill, Kate O'Neill (Captain), Mrs Goodrick, Tania Fourie (Vice-captain), Delia Hopkins, Kirsten Thaning, Joanna Wayland.

Front Row: Kate Parker, Tamsin Parker, Philippa Kennedy, Leigh Anne Bird, Tiffany Byers, Megan van Zyl.

Early every Saturday morning the girls competed in friendly galas which were enjoyed by all. We generally came 3rd/4th in these local galas except when Herschel was the venue. Here we had tremendous support and team spirit was at its best. We came 2nd, beating arch rivals Rustenburg. After this performance the girls realised that through constant effort and determination they would achieve even better results. This was highlighted during the Inter-Schools Gala at

Newlands on the 21st March when we took a strong 3rd position. The U.12 team deserves a special mention because they swam outstandingly during this competition, taking 1st position in the Medley Relay and 2nd in the freestyle relay. Delia Hopkins won the U.12 50 m freestyle and butterfly races. She also broke the Inter-Schools record in butterfly coming in at 36.53 seconds. Well done to everyone concerned for such a fine effort.

A swimming ladder was introduced and includes the whole school in their various age groups. This has motivated all the girls to improve their strokes.

The Inter-House gala was naturally another highlight of the term, the final positions being fought for up to the last races.

Rolt took 1st place with 217 points
Jagger 2nd place with 213 points
Merriman 3rd place with 184 points.

Merriman won the diving cup with some outstanding performances. A special thank you must go to Mrs Whitson for judging the competition.



FIRST HOCKEY TEAM

Back Row L to R: Delia Hopkins, Audra Carey, Bridget O'Neill, Jean Dicey, Carol Millar.

Middle Row: Kate O'Neill, Taryn McLulloch, Rahima Loghdey, Susan Anderson, Erika Stander, Nina Daniel.

Front Row: Debra Tyson, Tania Fourie, Hilbre Cardwell (Captain), Mrs. Goodrick, Susan Snyders (Vice-Captain), Elena Rista, Doranne McDonald.

Hockey:

Captain: Hilbre Cardwell. *Vice:* Susan Snyders

Hockey has really got off the ground this season with the new Mini League in operation. We had two teams consisting of six girls in each, entered in the league.

Our teams played eight league matches of which we won four, drew one and lost three.

The girls showed a marked improvement towards the end of the season being able to apply their skills within the game situation and had acquired a more thorough understanding of the rules. With hockey now being taught from Standard 3, their stickwork and knowledge of the game will raise the standard of future teams.

Besides the mini matches we played 11-a-side games against Kingswood, a touring side from Grahams-town, which was most enjoyable, although they proved to be the better side on the day. Rustenburg also beat us and we drew with Grove.

The Inter-House competition was played with great zest. Merriman took first place, Rolt second and Jagger third.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Fletcher who kindly stepped in for me, running the teams when I had a serious back injury.



TENNIS A TEAM

Back Row L to R: Karlyn Hebin, Carol Millar.
Front: Elena Rista (Capt.), Mrs. Goodrick, Emma Wynne-Edwards.

Tennis.

Captain: Elena Rista

During the first term the tennis players worked hard developing their skills and improving their game. The A and B teams played in tough leagues mainly comprising boy's teams. Although we did not win many matches the girls played their best and enjoyed their games.

At the Inter-Schools Tournament the girls played some fine tennis but unfortunately did not make it to the finals. During the fourth term, four teams will be entered into the league, giving the younger girls a chance to compete.

Netball:

Captain: Debra Tyson. *Vice:* Rahima Loghdey

We have had a very full and enjoyable netball programme this season with six teams playing regularly each week. All players have given of their best, tried hard to improve their skills and combined well as teams. Each team played 13 matches in the league.

The U.10A side got off to a particularly fine start losing only one of their matches and already showing some super skills. The U.11A and B had a slow start to the season but improved tremendously during the latter half.

Our U.12A won 5 matches and drew 2. They developed some fine attacking tactics for which they were commended. The U.12B also played some good netball. The Open A and B did not win many matches but their team spirit and enthusiasm remained constantly high throughout the season.

The Inter-Schools tournament completed the season. Our U.12A team played superbly winning their section. They met Rustenburg in the semi-finals but unfortunately were outclassed by a stronger Rustenburg side.

The Inter-House netball tournament was played with tremendous enthusiasm. Rolt took first position, closely followed by Merriman and Jagger 3rd.

A special thank you must go to the "mums" who helped by transporting the teams to and from schools.

J. Goodrick



NETBALL U.12A TEAM

*Back Row L to R: Bridget O'Neill, Doranne McDonald, Tania Fourie, Nina Daniels, Audra Carey.
Front Row: Kate O'Neill, Mrs. Goodrick, Debbie Tyson (Captain).*



NETBALL U.10A TEAM

*Back Row L to R: Ayesha van Graan, Sarah Rice, Zurina Hisham, Candice Noakes.
Middle Row: Allison Porter, Mrs. Goodrick, Dinah Millar.
Front Row: Arlene Benjamin.*

LIBRARY REPORT

1984 has been the year of the Resources Centre. This exciting addition to the Prep Library has been completed and is being used with great enthusiasm by both pupils and staff alike. This room has two sections: the one houses the computers while the other is for other audio-visual equipment.

With proceeds from the fete of 1982 we have installed four B.B.C. computers — two having colour monitors — together with the necessary disc drives, as well as a printer. Although still largely being used in an informal manner, Mrs Sneddon has introduced the Std IV's to different aspects of the computer during Maths lessons. Girls may (and do!) also book time on the computers at break, lunch-time, as well as after school. A computer club has been formed which has had to be limited to Std V.

We are building up our collection of hardware in the resource centre. The Std V gift to the school this year has been a large screen Telefunken Television. This has been installed together with a Beta video recorder which was presented by the Std V's of 1983. The room has been carpeted to enable the girls to sit and work on the floor and watch the TV. The girls may use this room to prepare their own programmes for the sound/slide projector.

We also have a Kodak Ektagraphic visualmaker which enables the girls to take their own slides for their programmes.

The book collection of the Library has not been overlooked! We now have some 4,300 titles. Parents very generously donated books at our parents' meeting in the first term and we continue to be grateful for all donations of this kind. The Library fairly hums with activity even during break and lunchtime.

I should like to thank my Library Prefect, Elisabeth Mallet, and her team of helpers for their interest and hard work. I continue to be grateful to my team of mothers who come in regularly to assist in the Library. Special thanks are due to Mesdames Howse, Richardson, van Dugteren and Ovenstone.

As I prepare to move to the Senior School in 1985, I do so with mixed feelings. I have enjoyed my three years at the Prep School and I should like to record my thanks to Mrs Brown and the staff for their co-operation and enthusiasm.

Mrs C. Brathwaite

Kindergarten Notes

Staff:

Herschel will be losing a fine teacher when Mrs Charlotte Beck leaves us to retire from teaching at the end of this year. Mrs Beck has taught Sub A for 10 years and many girls at Herschel have her to thank for the sound foundation on which they have built their school careers. Her warm, quiet approach and kindly understanding of her pupils will be long remembered. We thank her for her loyal service and wish her a very happy retirement.

We also have to say good-bye to Mrs Bronwen de Villiers who has spent this year teaching Sub B. She is a most able teacher and has been a stimulating influence in the Kindergarten Department. We wish her and her husband an enjoyable trip overseas and a happy return to their home in the Transvaal.

I would like to thank Mrs Munro (Pre-Prep) and Mrs Butler (Sub A) for the interesting and varied daily programmes they devise for their classes and their attractive classrooms.

Outings!

Outings are a wonderful means of experiencing at first hand the world we live in. We have been to observe marine life in the rock pools at Dalebrook, gone over a fishing trawler, had a trip on a launch around Cape Town Harbour, picked apples on a farm in Elgin, visited the dental clinic at Tygerberg Hospital and the Fire Brigade at Bellville, met the authoress Pat Hutchins, viewed a mass gym display etc. My thanks to the mothers who helped with the transport involved in these outings.

The Concert:

The "concert" is a major happening in the Kindergarten and every child takes part. This year we produced a musical play called the Frog Princess. The Standard One girls sang and played instruments and the Pre-Prep, Sub A and Sub B girls acted the story and danced. We took our show to the G.H. Starck Centre where it was received with delight by the old folks. My thanks to Mrs Tyson and Mrs Ekama for the excellent work they did on the musical side of this production.

This has been a happy, productive year and I would like to thank Mrs Brown for her ready advice and the K.G. staff for all their hard work and support.

Mrs. M. Davies



Christine Dunckley, Std. 10

Old Herschelians' Association

MINUTES OF THE 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE LIBRARY AT HERSCHEL ON FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 1984 AT 11.15 A.M.

PRESENT: Miss Geldard (President), Brenda-Lynne Hoffman (Chair), Diana Burns (Secretary/Treasurer), Mandy van Dugteren (Magazine), Staff members and Old Herschelians.

WELCOME: Brenda-Lynne Hoffmann welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Miss Geldard would be a little late as she was attending the wedding of Natasha Theophilou.

MINUTES: As these were published in the 1983 magazine Lorna Ramsden proposed that they be signed as correct.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash in hand R1072 (R3,95 each). A sum of R1200, donated by Old Herschelians, has been deposited in a fund set up by Canon Wade for Miss McLean. Diana Burns thanked Mr Traill-Wood for once again auditing the books so efficiently.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. News and magazine: Brenda-Lynne commented on the excellent news coverage in the magazine, and said she felt that the Association had shown progress in the past year. In future, apart from the 'University Round-up', the news section will be included in the annual newsletter, circulated in February, and will not appear in the magazine. Mandy van Dugteren thanked everyone for supplying news and said that the deadline would continue to the end of September.

2. Functions: The Transvaal section was launched at a cocktail party organised by Lyn Rowand. A report on the function was read to the meeting. In Cape Town a luncheon was held in September at Constantia Nek. This was a great success, with Gorry Bowes Taylor entertaining the gathering with anecdotes of her experiences as a journalist. Judy Smuts said that a luncheon would be held again this year, and called for suggestions for a suitable speaker and for a venue. The Matric lunch, to be held in September, will have a slightly different format this year. The meeting, at which Brenda-Lynne speaks to the Matrics, will be held prior to the lunch, after which the girls will be free to go home.

Class Reunions: It was felt that a 25-year reunion should be held annually. This year being the turn of

the class of 1959.

Dance: There was a very poor response last year and the dance was cancelled. This year it will be for parents and friends of the school as well as for Old Herschelians. It will be held on April 28th, the day after the Matric dance, thus eliminating the necessity to decorate the hall.

3. Kerynne French was congratulated on being awarded the Old Herschelians' Prize.

4. Old Herschelian of the Year: Mention of Old Herschelians who have distinguished themselves in any field will be made in the annual newsletter. Mandy van Dugteren should be notified of names to be included.

5. Mrs Stockwell: A presentation was made to Mrs Stockwell on her retirement after 11 years on the Staff, and she was made an honorary life member of the O.H.A. In her reply Mrs Stockwell described herself as a "fierce loyalist" of Herschel. She will continue her work on the Herschel archives.

6. Mrs Dorothy Duncan Smith: Brenda-Lynne congratulated her on her 21 years at Herschel and thanked her for all she does for the school. She is a fine example of loyalty to Herschel.

7. Representative for 1983: Kerynne French agreed to be Circle Secretary.

8. Subscription for Life Membership: It was unanimously agreed that this should be increased from R25. A vote was taken at which it was decided that it should be raised to R50 from this year. It was argued that some people felt that they were not getting enough in return for their subscription. They get the Newsletters, circulars and liaison with the Association if they are in the Transvaal, U.K., Australia or U.S.A. Lavinia Crawford-Browne said that the subscription should be regarded as an opportunity to give something back to the school, rather than what one gets out of it.

9. St. Saviour's: Jill Eckstein expressed concern that St. Saviour's is no longer responsible for religious instruction at the school, this having been taken over by Christ Church, Kenilworth. Miss Geldard explained that St. Saviour's does not have sufficient staff to

provide pastoral care. Christ Church has agreed to be responsible for Divinity classes, preparation for Confirmation, Communion services in the Chapel and the Tuesday evening youth group. However, the Founder's Day service, the Service of Easter Music and the Carol Service will continue to be held in St. Saviour's, thus maintaining the traditional link between that church and Herschel.

Thirty new members were welcome to the Association. Brenda-Lynne thanked Miss Geldard for her hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 12.15 p.m. for lunch.

THOSE PRESENT AT THE 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — 17TH FEBRUARY 1984

Miss Geldard, S. Gillham, C. Popham-Smith, G. Crawford, M. van Reenen, L. Crawford-Browne, J. Eckstein, H. Harsant, J. Wynne, L. Ramsden, S. Sturgeon, E. Stockwell, J. Smuts, B. Louw, H. Montgomery, D. Duncan Smith, M. Browne, A. Wilkinson, C. Sweet, B. Morris, S. Newton-Thompson, W. Lyhne, J. Walker, S. Bester, K. French, A. Fouche, M. Crowther, D. Beames, J. Marr, L. Gower, E. Fisher, B. McCormick, B.L. Hoffman, D. Burns, M. van Dugteren, S. Burns.

Apologies received from: Y. Stockwell, L. Stamper, R. and C. Fletcher, D. Muzik.

THE OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW LIFE MEMBERS

To circle WW: A. Abdy, S. Ashley, E. Baker, S. Bester, R. Butler, N. Claussen, L. de Waal, S. Durr, R. Evans, C. Fletcher, J. Fouche, K. French, C. Hudson, J. Hvidsten, N. Jones, J. Kilcullen, M. Kinlay, B. Kolbe, C. Littleford, W. Lyhne, J. Macfarlane, S. Newton-Thompson, J. Rathfelder, L. Richards, L. Rowland, B. Schrauwen, M. Smith, P. Thesen, J. Walker.

PLEASE NOTE: FOUNDER'S DAY AND OLD GIRLS' DAY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 1985. 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 FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE TELEPHONE DIANA BURNS (64-1647) OR THE SCHOOL (64-4010).

1984 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)

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Mrs. Adele Fouche (Jooste), 23 Lovers Walk, Kenilworth (71-5374)

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Mrs. Anita Gilmour (Lockwood), Box 93, Lansdowne (71-5094)

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Mrs. Mandy van Dugteren (Noakes), 3, Alphonse Close, Constantia (74-1237)

Mrs. Carolyn van Zyl (Wood), 45 Palmboom Road, Newlands (69-5878)

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Mrs. Sally-Anne Brown (Brimble), Box 61, Somerset West (024-48682)

Group 8 (PP — TT)

Mrs. Judy van Aswegen (Wilson), 8 Woodland Road, Rondebosch (69-5726)

Miss Yvette Stockwell, 8 Ceres Road, Bergvliet (72-1806)

Miss Susan Burns, 6 Rose Street, Newlands (64-1647)
 Miss Lynn Stamper, Blofield, Cornwall Road,
 Simonstown (866-1631)
 Miss Kerynne French, 23 Avenue Road, Newlands.

ENGAGEMENTS

BATCHELOR — WINTER

The engagement was announced in December 1983 between Veronique, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Batchelor of Claremont and Ian, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Winter of Rondebosch.

MARRIAGES

ANSTEE — BROOK

On the 28th January, 1984, Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anstee married Graham, son of Mrs. and Mrs. B. Brook of Somerset West.

BERGH — KUIPER

On the 8th September, 1984, Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bergh was married to Adrian, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kuiper.

CROOME — McLENNAN

On the 26th November, 1983, Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Croome of Constantia was married to David, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. McLennan of Rondebosch at the Plumstead Methodist Church.

FOUCHE — THOMPSON

On the 28th April, 1984, Nicole, daughter of Mrs. Adele Fouche of Kenilworth and the late Dr. Robin Fouche was married to Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson of Newlands, in the Diocesan College Chapel.

MEYNELL — BISHOP

On the 7th April, 1984, Rosemary, daughter of Lt. Cdr. and Mrs. F. Meynell of Constantia was married to George, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bishop of Kenilworth, in the St. Cyprian's Chapel.

MILLAR — BROADHURST

On the 4th August, 1984, Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Millar was married to Geoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Broadhurst, in Christ Church Constantia.

BIRTHS

BIESMAN-SIMONS — To John and Shân (nee Adams) a daughter, Claire, born on the 7th April at Sandton Clinic, Johannesburg.

DU PLESSIS — To George and Ethel (Hacking) a daughter, Yvette Martine, born on the 18th April, 1984.

FISHER — To Eric and Lynda (nee Joslin), a daughter, born on the 17th November, 1983 at the Wynberg Military Hospital.

HOUBA — To Jaro and Lesley (nee Brauer), a daughter, born on the 26th July, in Cape Town.

MACGINTY — To Mark and Dorothy (nee Beukes), a daughter, Nicola Helen, born on the 26th October, 1983 in Cape Town.

MANSON — To Dave and Lesley (nee Stubbs) a son, born on the 2nd May, 1984 at the Park Lane Clinic in Parktown.

MIDGLEY — To Richard and Georgina (nee Fenton), a daughter, Alexandra, born on the 12th July, in Cape Town.

REYNOLDS — To Terry and Lindsay (nee Gasson), a daughter, born on the 14th October, 1983 in Cape Town.

SCOTT — To Bruce and Deborah (nee Simpson), a daughter, born on the 29th October, 1983 at the Sandton Clinic, Johannesburg.

TWIGG — To Garnet and Camilla (nee White), a daughter, born at the Sandton Clinic, Johannesburg.

VAN ALLAN — To Richard and Rosemary (nee Pickering), a daughter, Emma, born on the 29th August, 1983, in London.

DEATHS

LONG — On the 30th January, in Norwich, England, Una Elizabeth, elder daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Long.

SOUTHERN — On the 1st June, 1984, Vivienne Vincent, widow of Con Southern, and younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vincent van der Byl.

NEWS ROUND-UP

ABDY (1983) Anne is studying Physical Education at Crottey College in Nevada. She is already coaching a swimming team and is thoroughly enjoying what she is doing. She will be returning to S.A. on holiday over Christmas.

ACKERMAN (1980) Suzanne is in her 2nd year BA Languages at U.C.T. She has been Rag Chairman for 1983/84.

BENSON (1980) Suzanne completed her nursing finals at the end of September and intended flying to Zimbabwe in November for a holiday. She plans to work in the Transvaal next year for a time before going over to London to do a course in midwifery.

BURNS (1980) Susan, having completed her (B.Sc.) in Geography and Economics has been doing Honours in Geography at U.C.T., and plans to do her H.D.E., next year in Pietermaritzburg.

BUTLER (1983) Ros has spent 1984 travelling around the world. She has visited several places in South America; including Brazil. She was in New York where she stayed with Jacky Kilcullen, London, Scotland, Paris — where she studied French — and Greece and Spain. Ros is presently studying at the Sorbonne.

CAMERON (1980) Diane, after three years at U.C.T. is doing a Pharmacy course at Tech.

CLAUSSEN (1983) Nina is doing the first of a three year Art course at the Technical College.

COMMINS (1982) Shona is doing her second year of Senior Primary Teaching at the C.T. Teachers Training College in Mowbray.

CROOME (1979) (Mrs. McLennan) Karen, after completing her Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science at U.C.T., married David McLennan on 26th November, 1983, and is now working at the U.C.T. Library.

DE WAAL (1983) Lindy spent 1984 as a Rotary Scholar at Macksville on the East coast of Australia. She has toured around the whole of Australia and is loving it. She is due to return to Cape Town at the end of December and would like to study Architecture at U.C.T.

DICEY (1980) Helen is working as Department Supervisor of the Property Argus at the Argus. She has been on holiday in Mauritius.

DICEY (1980) Jane has completed her B.Sc. at U.C.T., and is working at the Brass Bell Restaurant in Kalk Bay.

DURR (1983) Shelley is doing her A-levels at the Diocesan College.

EVANS (1983) Rowena has spent 1984 at Winkfield College, near Windsor.

FLETCHER (1983) Cathy is studying at the Institut Alpin Videmanette in Rougemont, near Gstaad, in Switzerland.

FOUCHE (1983) Jill spent her first six months of this year at Clénord in the Loire Valley studying French, History of Art and Literature. She is spending the next three months working as an au pair for a family in Scotland. Thereafter, Jill is going to London to do a three month Cordon Bleu cookery course. She will then be returning home and plans to study at the Technical College.

GRAY (1980) Jenny completed her B.Comm. at U.C.T. last year and has been overseas since March, travelling with a varsity friend.

HANEKOM (1980) Fleur is doing her final year of BA Graphic Art at Stellenbosch.

HUDSON (1983) Cate has been having a wonderful time travelling all over England. She completed a typing course at St. James Secretarial College in London. She planned to tour Europe between July and September with her brother, after which she was due to return home. Next year Cate hopes to do a P.R.O. or Marketing course in Cape Town.

HUXTER (1980) Vicky is in her final year at Barkly House.

HILL (1981) Priscilla has completed a Medical Secretary's Course at the Cape Tech.

JOHNSON (1980) Jane completed her B.A. with English and Psychology at U.C.T. last year. She was also very involved in amateur dramatics and took the female lead in "Grease" which amongst other places was staged at the Baxter. She left recently for London where she plans to spend about a year working and travelling, and hopes to meet up with other Old Herschelians.

KEIRSGIETER (1983) Kirsten has spent this year working in a clothing factory, gaining practical experience before hopefully entering the fashion world overseas.

KILCULLEN (1983) Jacky is living with her parents in New York. She has done a Secretarial Course, and at the end of the year will be going to Italy to study Italian.

KINLAY (1983) Michele is studying Jewellery Design.

KNIGHT (1980) Hilary is working as a Lay-out artist for a photographic firm.

KOLBE (1983) Bev spent the first half of this year at Neuchatel Junior College in Switzerland. Since then she has been travelling around the Continent. Next year she plans to go to New York to begin a career in the filming industry.

LANFEAR (1983) Caroline is studying Travel and Tourism at the Technical College, and she spent her mid-year vacation in New York with Jacky Kilecullen.

LITTLEFORD (1983) Cecily has spent this year at home in Zambia, where she has devoted most of her time to horseriding and has participated in a number of competitions. Next year she is either going to the Royal College of Agriculture in Cirencester, or she will do a B.Sc. at U.C.T.

LITTLEFORD (1982) Page is spending this year working for an Architectural firm before continuing with her B.Arch.

LLOYD ROBERTS (1980) Sue is still in London continuing her career in drama.

LYHNE (1983) Wendy is modelling, and plans to move to New York next year to pursue this.

MACFARLANE (1983) Jo is doing the first of a three-year Cordon Bleu Cookery Course at Silwood Kitchen.

MANNION (1980) Deirbhle is in her final year at Burkle House.

MATOLENGWE (1983) Ingrid is studying for a Teaching Diploma at the Lennox Sebe Teaching College in the Ciskei.

MOODIE (1980) Jean has achieved her Nurse's Diploma and is now doing Midwifery in Port Elizabeth.

MOLL (1980) Cathy is working for a Computer company in Johannesburg.

NEWTON (1980) Carolyn got her B.A. in Drama and English last year and this year has done a Secretarial Course.

OVENSTONE (1983) Anthea has spent this year doing a Secretarial Course. Next year she plans to embark upon her career as an Hotel Manager, and will be attending an Hotel School in America.

RICHARDS (1983) Lucinda has been working as a Matron at Lockers Park School in Hertfordshire for six months. During that time she also managed to travel all over the U.K. From July she and a friend planned on touring Europe.

ROWLAND (1983) Liza is studying at the Ruth Prowse Art School for the year. She is doing courses in Photography, Drawing and Design. Next year she will be going to Durban to further her interest in Photography.

RATHFELDER (1983) Jacky is doing a course in Marketing and Sales Management at the Technical College which she is loving.

SCHRAUWEN (1983) Britt is doing the first of a three year Art course at the Technical College.

SCOTT (1980) Mandy returned from her travels abroad at the end of last year and is now working as a Doctor's secretary.

SCOTT (1983) Jo spent the first part of this year working at the Chelsea West Clothing factory. She is now in America with her father and wants to study Fashion Design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

STEENKAMP (1980) Susan is studying Art at Stellenbosch, making extra money by modelling.

STEVEN (1983) Jacky is spending the year at Abbots hoping to improve on her Matric and thus go to U.C.T. next year.

STOCKWELL (1979) Yvette left Cape Town at the end of September, for London where she will be studying for her Masters Degree in Music at Kings College. She was awarded two scholarships by U.C.T. — the Jules Kramer Music Award and a Harry Crossby award — both of which are awarded for a year. Her thesis will be on 'Music in 17th and 18th Century English Literature', and her instruments piano and flute. Good luck, Yvette, and congratulations on your success so far.

THESEN (1983) Penny is doing her first year of an Art Course at the Technical College.

VAN NIEKERK (1980) Meg is doing a Secretarial Course at Tech.

WHITING (1980) Pam is doing a Nursing Diploma.

VARSIITY ROUND-UP

U.C.T. — FIRST YEAR: Sarah Ashley (B.A.), Elizabeth Baker (B.A. LL.B.), Debby Bell (B.Soc.Sci.), Kerynne French (B.Bus.Sc.), Nicky Jones (B.Soc.Sci.), Sandy Newton-Thompson (B.Comm.), Michelle Smith (B.Soc.Sci.), Julie Walker (B.Soc.Sci.), Anne Meynell (B.Sc.), Chloë Ovenstone (B.A. LL.B.), Moira Mannion (B.Sc. Physiotherapy).

SECOND YEAR: Susan Bowley (B.Prim.Ed.), Robyn Cooper (B.Prim.Ed.), Katherine Dicey (Dip. Graphic Design), Katherine Dower (B.Soc.Sci.), Magdalene du Toit (B.A.), Marie-Louise du Toit (Dip. Graphic Design), Fiona Fraser (Dip. Graphic Design), Catherine Hales (B.A.), Cheryl Hemingway (M.B.Ch.B.), Maureen Louw (B.A.), 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), Margaret Orford (B.A.), Kathryn Smit (B.Soc.Sci.), Lynne Stamper (B.Sc. Physiotherapy), Elsa Vorster (B.A. French), Sarah Wynne Edwards (B.Soc.Sci.), Suzanne Ackerman (B.A.), Jill Breen (B.Sc. Occupational Therapy), Leigh Mukheiber (B.A.), Georgie Hart (B.Sc.), Nicky

Deal (B.Soc.Sci.), Carole Roberts (B.Sc.).

THIRD YEAR: Lindy de Kock (B.A.), Susan Stamper (B.Soc.Sci.), Beverley Atkinson (B.A. Drama), Toni Beck (B.A.), Rowan Haden (B. Archt.), Lindsay Jones (B.Soc.Sci.), Kathy Ince (B.Sc. Geography), Kagine Reitner (B.A. Lang.), Christine Rideout (B.Comm.), Kate Saunders (B.Soc.Sci.), Jane Yeats (M.B.Ch.B.), Gillian Mackenzie (B.A. Art), Susan Becker (B.A. Fine Art), Clair Grootendorst (B.Sc. Electrical Engineering), Susan Ingram (B.A. Archaeology).

FOURTH YEAR: Marge Filmer (B.Bus.Sci.).

FIFTH YEAR: Alison Marr (M.B.Ch.B.).

Old Herschelians' Association

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1984

EXPENDITURE

School Magazines — 1983 (Outstanding)	1 072,00	
Add Postage and Envelopes	49,64	1 121,64
Presentations	46,55	
Postages and Sundries		60,84
Bank Charges		17,40
		<u>R1 246,43</u>

INCOME

Membership Subscriptions	750,00
Magazine Subscriptions	210,00
Donations	33,65
Over provided — McLean	
Trust Fund — 1983	65,00
Interest Received — Current	
Account	94,09
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE	
OVER INCOME	<u>93,69</u>
	<u>R1 246,43</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1984

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance at 30 September 1983	148,88	
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 30 September 1984	<u>93,69</u>	<u>55,19</u>
		<u>R55,19</u>

CASH AT BANK

1 127,19	
Less Outstanding for Magazines	<u>1 072,00</u>
	<u>55,19</u>
	<u>R55,19</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.

16 October 1984
CLAREMONT

J. TRAILL-WOOD
Chartered Accountant (SA)

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TERM DATES FOR 1985

- 1st Term Wednesday 23 January — Thursday 28 March
- 2nd Term Wednesday 10 April — Thursday 20 June
- 3rd Term Tuesday 16 July — Friday 20 September
- 4th Term Tuesday 1 October — Friday 6 December

