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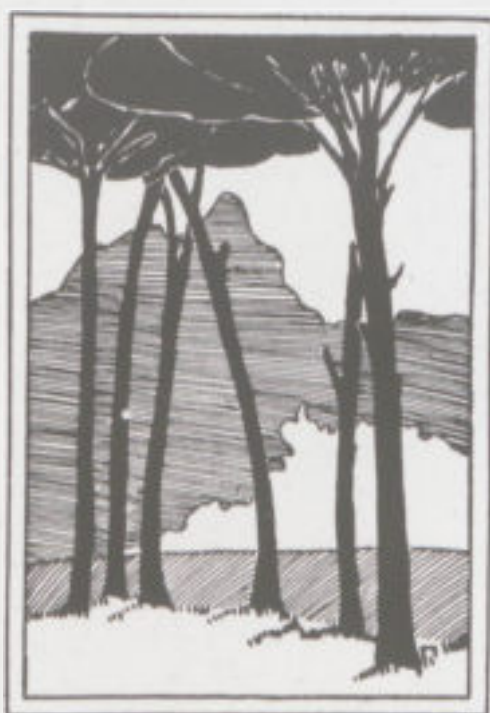
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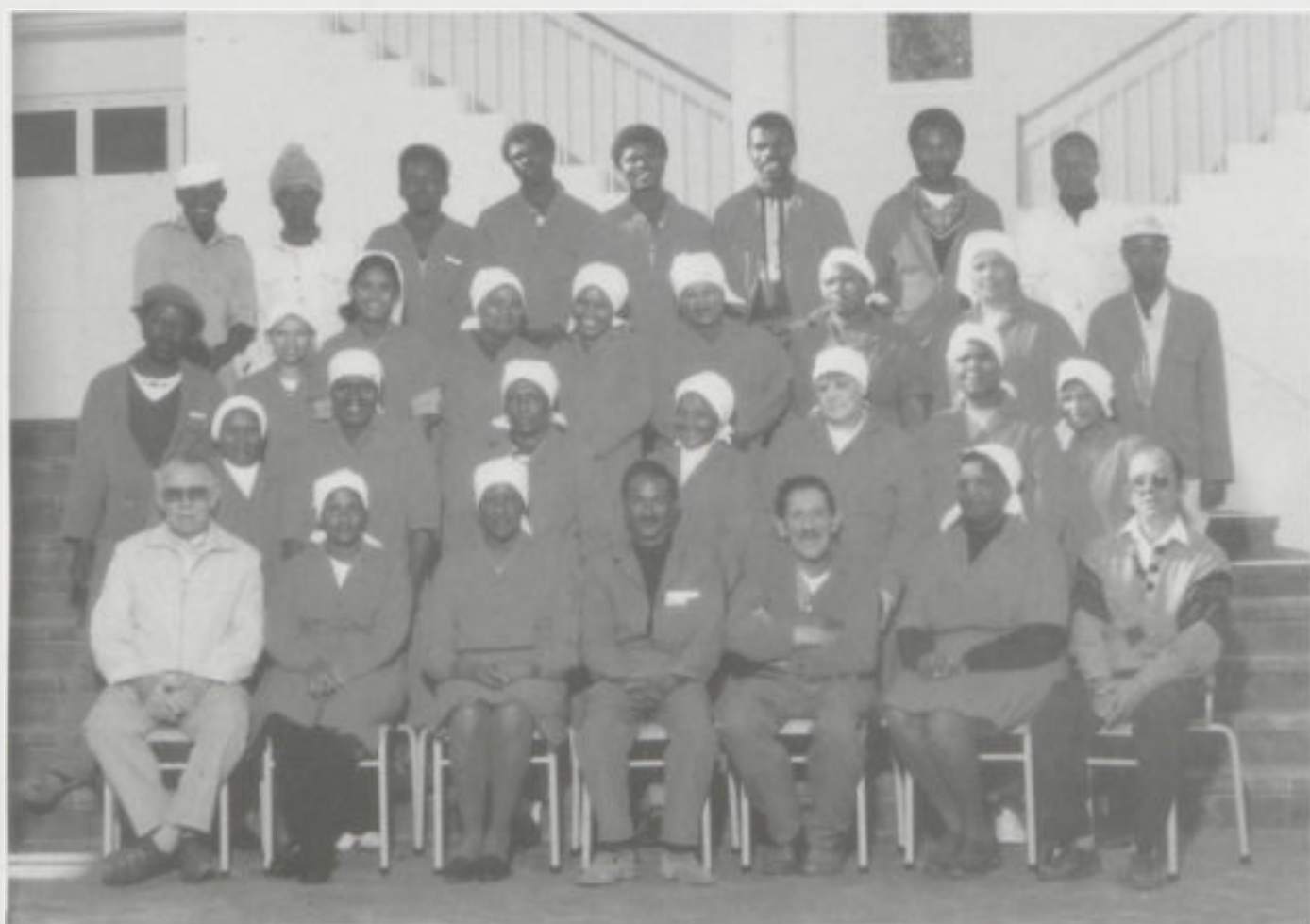
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TAMARYN HAMMOND - STD 10



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STANDARD 6 ERICA

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Front Row: Amy Phillips, Kirsty Learmonth, Dani Lourtiro, Danielle Jeftha, Debbie Lorden, Alex Hills



STANDARD 6 PROTEA

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Absent: Pia Taylor, Janey Winhall, Nicole Struik



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Front Row: Claire Biesman-Simons, Frances Gain, Tegan Boyd, Sophia Lehr



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 Second Row: Katherine Loughton, Joanne Haw, Lyndall Tuft, Klaudia Weixelbaumer, Stephanie Kemp, Marina Pape
 Front Row: Tamsyn Farrell, Holly Atkinson, Lauren Clifford-Holmes, Jane Watson



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 Back Row: Alexandra Mullord, Mrs Davies, Caitlin Day
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 Seated: Gabriella Lemkus, Mary-Anne Currie, Clare Maxwell, Megan Lloyd Roberts, Saffron Hall, Cheryl Pickup, Terri van der Linden, Tanya de Nobrega. Front Row: Louise Park Ross, Tehri Fergusson, Victoria Madden, Emma Whitehead, Vanessa Wood



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 Absent: Megan Hutton



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 Front Row: Nicola Silberbauer, Lisa Coates, Sheenagh Bruce, Tiffany Vos, Nisha Desai, Tadinka Vasiljevic
 Kneeling: Eunice Komeni, Mary-Kate Versfeld



PRE-PREP CLASS

Back Row: Catherine Meintjies, Katrina Bridgman, Amy Suddens, Taryn Moller, Karen Meyer, Georgina Cumming, Jessica Collins, Kezia McCay, Kristy van der Linden, Claire Rose-Innes, Lindsay Dwyer
 Middle Row: Helena Cooper, Pia Viglietti, Mrs J Munro. Front Row: Adele Golding, Katherine Lamont, Ariana Omar, Chloe Merrington, Catherine Kemp, Emma Siebert, Phoebe McLaughlin



PREP-PREP CLASS

Back Row: Tessa Moxon, Bridget Wall, Tamsyn Young, Melissa McKey, Romy Honeysett, Nabilah Coovadia, Jessica Phillips, Jessica Barclay
 Top Step: Marion Chomse, Juliette Arrighi, Perdita Iversen
 Front Row: Nandi Williams, Claudia Golding, Terri McFarlane, Tasneem Hamekar, Nicole Lee, Carla de Nobrega, Justine Botha, Judy Rauch, Mrs K Hirsch



NURSERY CLASS

Back Row: Thea Whitaker, Emma Chippendale, Sarah Nessworthy, Sarah Corder, Melinda Bates, Kirstin Ryan, Gaby Barclay, Julia Housdon, Lucy Arnot.

Top Step: Georgina Bradfield, Christina D'Ortiz Burke, Chloe Morris

Front Row: Sarah Horsfield, Megan Bernstein, Stephanie Johnson, Gabriella Vroom, Mrs C Blencowe, Tammy Powrie, Lara Potgieter



SUB A TO MATRIC

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Middle: Kirsten Thaning, Emma Clark, Mrs P Duff, Tamaryn Hammond, Suzanne Issa

Joanne McCullough, Megan van Zyl, Edlyn Thapane, Arlene Benjamin, Yasmin Amien



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SPEECH DAY 1992

Mr Chairman, honoured guests, friends and young ladies of Herschel - welcome to our 70th Birthday Prize Giving Ceremony. A warm welcome to my colleagues, the heads of other independent schools

It is seldom that we have the privilege of having an opera star with us. It is a particular pleasure for me to welcome Aviva Pelham, for not only is she lovely to look at, with a charming personality and, of course, a beautiful voice, she is also an ex-pupil of mine. Sadly, I can claim no part in her musical success! But one of the greatest rewards of teaching is to stay in touch with past pupils and to share the joy of their achievements and successes.

This year is actually a double birthday celebration for Herschel, for 1992 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of the man after whom the school is named, Sir John Herschel - distinguished astronomer, brilliant mathematician and keen botanist. He was a man of great intellect and perception with a deep interest in education in the South Africa of his day, nearly 150 years ago. We bear an illustrious name with pride.

I always welcome this annual opportunity to thank the many people whose contributions ensure the efficient running of the school - the school council, the administrative staff, the house and catering staff, the estate managers and grounds staff, and, in particular, the teaching staff.

Excellent and dedicated teaching ensures the highest academic standards - our 1991 Cape Senior Certificate results were exceptional. A 100% pass with 94.2% achieving university entrance requirements with matriculation exemption. There were 51 subject distinctions, 6 pupils achieved 'A' aggregates and 24 gained 'B' aggregates - this meant that almost 50% of all candidates entered gained 'A' or 'B' aggregates. Equally important and praiseworthy are the 'C' and 'D' aggregates gained by the sheer determination and effort of those who struggle academically and who were spurred on by the encouragement and perseverance of their teachers.

Sadly, the end of a year often brings staff changes and this year there are four. Mrs Claire Speck and Mrs Claire Engelbrecht are leaving for the happiest of reasons - we look forward to welcoming two more Herschel babies, hopefully little girls who may themselves join us one day. Mrs Jenny Brockbank leaves after seven years at Herschel; we shall miss her charming smile and talents on the stage. And, what are we going to do without our 'brain'? A brain that solves crossword puzzles instantaneously, a brain that knows all the answers to 'Finders Keepers' and is the fount of wisdom that prepares the annual general knowledge test and inter-house quizzes; the brain that keeps 'Scientia' on its toes and the brain that has had the patience for 22 years to keep cheerful while instilling the intricacies of Latin in generations of Herschelians. We are all going to miss Ann Thompson very much indeed. Thank you, Ann, for all that you have done for so many Herschelians, past and present. I should like to sum up our loving appreciation in two succinct Latin proverbs that so aptly apply to Ann:

"docendo discimus" (we learn by teaching) ---

"faciendo quod faciendum est, laude digni non sumus." (in doing what we ought, we deserve no praise.)

Ann has never asked for thanks or sought praise - but she deserves both, thank you and God speed.

On behalf of Herschel, I should also like to say a very sincere thank you to those friends of the school who give us such wonderful support - the old Herschelians and parents, especially the mothers - the efficient clothes shop, second-hand books and library help, the 'mums' taxis', the lovely gardens and beautiful flower arrangements, are all testimony of their love for Herschel.

Thanks to the support of the parents and the vision of the school council, a wonderful new facility came into use last term. The Baxter Resource Centre, with adjacent Atrium and classroom block, is already an integral part of the school - a nerve centre providing information and enrichment for pupils and teachers alike.



ANGELA THEUNISSEN - STD 10



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ARLENE BENJAMIN - STD 10



JULIE YOUENS - STD 10

In 1988, Herschel was nearly overwhelmed by a flood! It flowed from the bright, wide eyes of a small freckle-faced girl who chose to come to Herschel for a unique reason - here she could play tennis all year round! As a first time boarder, she paid tribute to her loving, supportive and very special family by feeling 'home-sick' for the whole of her standard 6 year - she wept and wept through classes, meals, tennis matches and numerous telephone calls to home, but with watery smiles always insisted that she loved Herschel. Fortunately, 'homesickness' is not a fatal illness and she eventually recovered. But the experience gave her a deep insight into the feelings of her peers and she has matured into the sensitive, understanding, kind and natural young woman who has proved to be such an exceptional example as an outstanding, respected and much loved head of boarding and head girl of the school this year - Barbara Vincent. Thank you Barbara, for letting us share your lovely qualities.

Barbara has been ably supported by her deputy, Tamlyn McKeag, another outstanding young woman, and a team of loyal prefects. This year's matrics have all contributed much to the life of the school: dynamic house captains, house prefects, class monitors, library prefects, class representatives, lost property monitors, sacristan and office bearers in clubs, societies and teams. They have also worked very hard as seen by the ten A's achieved in the recent trials examinations. So, they now face their final matric hurdle, well prepared and confident for the future. I wish them every happiness and much success - may all their dreams come true.

It is now a tradition that as my special thank you to, and recognition of, the contribution made by the matrics, I invite two of them to share this occasion with me, by giving their own accounts of a few highlights of the year.

SPORT AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES, by Mandy Wright

Last year as I watched two matrics read their reports to you, little did I dream what fate awaited me - but having overcome initial nervousness, I am very proud of this honour.

In spite of our relatively small numbers and rather limited facilities, we have many sports alternatives to choose from - tennis, swimming, diving, water-polo, squash, netball, volleyball, hockey, self defence, dance aerobics and, introduced this year, badminton and athletics, all these provide opportunities for healthy activity either in team work or in individual pursuits.

And we have had a very successful sporting year. It hardly seemed possible, but it happened! Our swimming team won the interschools gala for the 3rd successive year - supporters screamed themselves hoarse and we were all so proud of our swimmers.

Our 1st squash team also did well - they convincingly won the girls' super league knock-out and the 1992 interschools tournament. As the top team, they represented Western Province at a provincial tournament in Natal.

Our netball players had a great season with all four senior teams winning their respective leagues. In their section of the interschools tournament they tied for first place on points with Rustenburg and only lost on goal average.

Tennis players have also done well with many successes in weekly league matches. The first team, promoted to premier league found the competition very challenging.

All the hockey teams played hard and enjoyed the season. The first team, together with tennis players, had a wonderful tour to Natal in July.

Hockey and tennis seasons ended happily with the annual parents/girls matches - although on their day, the tennis players found it difficult to divide the time between the tennis courts and a television set - South Africa was playing in the world cup cricket semi-final!

Senior cricketers were not the only ones to rejoin the world of international competition - we were excited to welcome hockey and netball teams from Roede School in Brighton, England. In our matches, honours were even - Roede netball players triumphed, while Herschel won the hockey.

We are very proud of all those girls who were selected for Western Province teams. You will see their names on the programme.

Enterprising and dedicated sportswomen have taken part in many equestrian events and have represented Herschel, while others have found their way to the yacht basin - there may even be a Herschel crew next year!

To celebrate 'olympic year', Gray House at Bishops, held a 'Mini Olympics' in which we participated - the 'games' ran with military precision and great fun was had as mixed teams competed in soccer ball dribbling races, tug-of-war and such individual events as rope climbing and basket ball shooting.

Active hikers have been on mountain club walks including the beautiful Greyton-McGregor trail while other groups have enjoyed an Orange River adventure and white water rafting on the Doring River.

Standard 9's have had a very busy year - starting with tremendous activity as they prepared for our matric dance which was an evening we shall never forget. The Turkish setting, complete with incense, belly dancers, snake charmers and a real fountain, was, to quote Barbara - "stunning".

The 9's have also enjoyed an Enrichment Course at Hermanus, a boarders' leadership weekend, the invaluable placement programme and lucky Anda Ngani and Libby Hirshon went to America on the Brooks Exchange. Thanks to the initiative and enthusiasm of Jackie Moore, a termly school newspaper has flourished. It is called 'The Hex' - and there is always feverish activity as we page through it to catch up on the latest gossip!

Through participation in the junior achievement programme several entrepreneurial enterprises have started to flourish at Herschel, but, perhaps our most enterprising and unusual activity this year has been bridge building! "Herschel girls are tops in bridge building" - so said the newspaper reporter! Our team of three - Megan Shaw, Nicola Wallace and Yolande Young, came out tops when competing against sixteen other schools in a Western Province 'Young Engineers' Construction Project". Their model bridge is on display - please have a look at it, for we are very proud of our future engineers!

ACADEMIC, CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE, by Revyl Haylett

It is hard to believe that our school days are coming to an end - this final matric year has raced by fastest of all. One reason for this is that there is so much to do at Herschel - academic work included of course.

The most exciting happening in our academic life this year has been the opening of the Baxter Resource Centre - a bright, airy library with wonderful spaces and seminar rooms to stimulate our studies. The new classrooms also provide real incentive for work. Understandably, the matrics have not had the time to benefit from the many incredible new books in the library, donated by Mr Raymond Danowski - as old Herschelians we would love to have the privilege of continuing to use the school library.

Thanks to splendid facilities, many educational opportunities and excellent teaching, there have been numerous outstanding academic successes this year. Hannah Young of Standard 9 came 10th in the English Olympiad, with three others in the top one hundred. In the Afrikaans Olympiad for English-speaking schools Std 9's again did well, Carin Dippenaar came 8th, Nicola Clegg 11th and two others were in the top 15. In the Science Olympiad, three girls came in the top 300 while in the Maths Olympiad, Nicola Clegg and Chantalle McGahey went through to a second round.

Academic activities were enriched by Standard 6 and 8 cross-curricular studies involving English, Biology, Geography and History as girls investigated 'Man versus Nature' at Noordhoek, the Waterfront, the Liesbeeck River and at Newlands.

Not to be left out, the whole Standard 7 group went on their own cross-curricular study of historical, biological and sociological aspects of the Simonstown area as they camped at Glencairn. Their projects are on display today.

Cultural activities continue to play a major part at Herschel. Our annual eisteddfod was a great success and gave an opportunity for musicians, singers, dancers, actresses, public speakers, artists and photographers to share their talents. Congratulations to Anouk Espi for the best all round performance. The choir and orchestra have both trained hard and have performed with success at outside eisteddfods and at our own showcases. Matric drama pupils recently presented outstanding theme programmes which were highly praised by the examiner and 8 girls enjoyed the stimulation of arts at the Grahamstown Festival.

Standard 9 and Matric art exhibitions have amazed and encouraged others while several girls provided ceramics for the exciting exhibition at the Montebello Centre.

Everyone agreed that the most memorable event of 1992 was the Herschel-Bishops production of the 'Mikado'. It was staged at both schools in successive weeks and then went on tour to Somerset West and Hermanus - this involved the massive exercise of moving set, costumes, props and musical instruments as well as cast, musicians, backstage workers and teachers. The incredible success of the production was seen in 'house full' notices every night.

Numerous clubs and societies continue to flourish with active support from enthusiasts. The Toastmasters course again proved very popular and congratulations to the senior debating team who successfully debated many hard preliminary rounds to reach the finals of the interschools competition.

Interact is still the biggest and most active club. Claire Christie has been a dynamic and inspiring president, encouraging us to help so many others less fortunate than ourselves.

A special memory of our final school year will be the weekly Chapel Services, the termly Eucharists and the special celebrations on Founder's Day, Easter and also Christmas with the beautiful carol service. We thank our chaplain, Father John Atkinson and also Colin Tonkin for their loving care.

Rumour has it that the old library may become a chapel. We all think that this is a wonderful idea because the room already has such a special atmosphere. Perhaps in the years to come there will be old Herschelians returning to celebrate their marriages in a beautiful new chapel.

MRS DUFF CONTINUED:

I should like to reiterate my sincere thanks to the school council for giving me the opportunity to visit Britain earlier this year, thus enabling me to visit sixteen schools to gain first-hand experience of independent schools in another country. Of particular interest were the impressive indoor sports centres; the strong music departments; several modern resource centres; and, the swing to functional computer use, rather than computer science.

I noted the adaptation of prefect systems to encompass leadership roles, combined with pastoral care as a responsibility of all senior pupils, which most effectively prepares young people for the reality of life after school.

Another most interesting innovation is design technology. This subject certainly merits serious attention as education in this country moves into new areas and into the 21st century. In most British schools, the emphasis is not solely on the practical nature of the subject, but also on the recognition of problems, the design of solutions, the practical methods of solving a problem using a variety of materials, and the evaluation of the whole exercise. In all cases, very academic and extremely valuable concepts are covered. Here in South Africa, we shall be able to use the best of the courses followed in Britain and will also have the advantage of adapting them to our own needs.

Several South African schools have already introduced design technology into their curricula, and we are giving serious consideration to its implementation - initially into the preparatory school.

I must share with you the reassuring fact, that my visit served to confirm that South African independent schools have extremely high standards - Herschel has nothing to be ashamed of and much to be proud of. We are certainly on the 'right track' as we move into the 21st century.

Having said all that, at this moment in time, I would like you to consider carefully and in real terms, the value of proactively canvassing a prioritization of ideals. Thus an environmental blueprint will enable our stakeholders to audit our outreach programmes and enhance our organizational structures. To this end we can assess our targeted baseline by a paradigm shift during a values clarification session. Thus, accountability for the current spiral of multiculturalism may action learning or even educational assessment surgeries before, at the end of the day, industria nervosa or corporate aids affects our actual subsidy of constructive behaviour.

I hope you understood all that - I didn't! It just shows that even ordinary communication can run amok. Amidst all the jargon we may lose sight of what we are actually trying to say and of where we are going.



Mrs P Duff and Revyl Haylett (Dux of the school)



Barbara Vincent (Headgirl), Mrs P Duff and Tamlyn McKeag (Deputy Headgirl).

So, too, amidst all the enthusiasm for introducing innovative educational ideas, we can lose sight of the relatively simple, well-tried things we ought to be doing, like turning out young people who can read, write, calculate, think, and who have a basic grasp of how the world works and why. It is all very well and quite easy to get carried away with the 'new speak' and fancy programmes, but when you clear away the window-dressing, the basics are still important - reading, writing and arithmetic.

Incidentally, there are said to be three kinds of mathematicians -- those who can count and those who can't.

While appreciating the importance of calculators, computer literacy and problem solving techniques, I am still old-fashioned enough to acknowledge the value of mental arithmetic and tables, grammar and phonetics (whatever happened to elocution?) but while we ensure that these basic foundations are strong and secure, the role of a school has changed, because society has changed. three more 'R's' have to be added to our curriculum :- respect, responsibility and recognition for self and for others.

Numerous enrichment and learning opportunities have been described by Mandy and Revyl. Herschel pupils are indeed privileged to receive so much. With this privilege comes not complacency, but the awareness of responsibility to be of service to others. I am proud of the members of our Interact club whose unselfish actions provide assistance to many who are in need. The standard eights are introduced to the value and satisfaction of service to others in a social responsibility programme, and this year we have introduced service awards for those girls who have quietly, consistently and effectively undertaken organizational and leadership roles without expectation of recognition or reward.

Every year however, there are many standard 9 girls with initiative and enthusiasm who are discouraged and demotivated when they are not elected and appointed as 'prefects'. The present pupil leadership system, which has worked for generations, is a legacy of the British Public School system, but it is elitist and exclusive. I believe that every girl has the potential for leadership and that this potential must be nurtured and exploited. I believe that "an innovator is not a special kind of person, rather that every person is a special kind of innovator". Traditionally, the 'prefect system' in a school provides ultimate recognition for only a few.

Staff and senior pupils are looking afresh at the role of pupil leaders in the school and intend to develop programmes which consciously allow all pupils, not just some, all pupils to grow in management skills and to develop their leadership potential.

Pupil leaders here will no longer be required to be 'cops', that is, implementing rules and regulations imposed by the school authorities. Instead, they will be encouraged to show initiative in planning and in implementing organizational skills within the life of the school. It is likely that the school forum, a pupil committee presently operational, will be upgraded to be the effective body, ultimately taking over from the present prefect system.

Such a radical change must take place slowly and carefully, so that everyone understands the reason for, and the value of the change. South Africa is also in the process of change, and like our country, we shall have a "transitional government" in our pupil leadership next year. The prefect system will continue in name, but with a change in responsibilities. School forum representatives will join the prefect body as decision-makers and all matrices will have leadership roles.

To finish, I quote from a book called 'The Leadership Challenge', by Bernard Bass, which says so eloquently what I sincerely hope for our educational future :-

"Leadership is not about the extraordinary, charismatic action of a few people."

It is about ordinary people who care enough to accomplish extraordinary things.

Ultimately, leadership is self-development.

It is knowing yourself and believing that you are capable of making a difference, and then learning what you need to know in order to make it happen."

HEADGIRL'S SPEECH

Good Morning

I feel very privileged to be one of the many who, today have heard and learned from Aviva Pelham's address.

In our labelling of people, of which, sadly, many of us are guilty, there has always been a category for opera singers, the stereotype being the rather formidable, well endowed, more mature figure.

Well, we can see today just how ridiculous our assumption was.

We really appreciate your being with us. Thank you for the twenty-six wonderful messages you shared with us.

Thank you.

In 1922, in the days when the role of women in society was very different from what it is today, William Jagger saw the need for an Independent Girls' School in Claremont - and so Herschel was formed.

In seventy years it has grown from its humble beginnings of the Schonbergs' family home, through Miss Harris's single storey ladies' seminary into a thriving complex with a Prep. School and a Senior School with good sporting facilities, a boarding house, a Chapel, three classroom blocks, a theatre and, most recently, a beautifully designed and equipped resource centre.

We owe so much to all those whose vision, courage and generosity have resulted in what we see today.

Our Matric class arrived at Herschel to see the foundations of the theatre being laid and are leaving just as the resource centre is being commissioned. As both projects were initiated by Mrs Duff it will be interesting to see, Standard Sixes, what you will be leaving behind in 1996.

All the buildings have been designed with great attention to detail and architectural harmony and we are privileged to have spent part of our lives in these surroundings. We are fortunate too in being surrounded not only by beautiful buildings and grounds, but also by a spirit of warmth and support which is really what the Herschel family is all about.

We will often be asked what it is that makes Herschel so special and I'm sure many of us will answer along the same lines. It is a happy school! Its size allows for friendships across the standard-barrier as well as a favourable teacher/pupil ratio.

You may think it strange that I say the reason for its being a special school is that we are happy, but happiness creates a feeling of belonging which leads to having confidence in one's own abilities. As in a family, we are always encouraged to try and, no matter what the result, Herschel instils in us the courage to try again. So, in this way, our being happy at school is directly related to our present high academic, cultural and sporting standards.

I believe there is one person who is ultimately responsible for this atmosphere. It is a person whose consistency makes us feel secure, whose enthusiasm infects many and whose confidence in us makes us want to succeed. Mrs Duff, we are so grateful to you. Our appreciation may not always seem very apparent but you have made a deep, and I'm sure, a lasting impression on every one of our lives.

Thank you very much.

I don't think any of us will ever realise just how interested the members of staff are in our being fulfilled. They are a very special group of people who really care about our well-being. We need only think of the amount of extra time they forfeit in extending our horizons to see that what I've said is absolutely true. It is easy for us to forget that it is during their holidays that they take groups of girls to the

Grahamstown Festival, on sporting tours around the country and also expose us to the joys of nature by taking us both up the mountains and down the rivers. We are most grateful to you and your families for all the time you spend looking after us.

There is one member of staff of whom I feel I must make special mention. I have a lot of admiration for anyone who can make a home in one house for fifty girls from different backgrounds, with different expectations, and at very different levels of maturity! Mrs Bester really has succeeded and I thank her for making our boarding house such a homely place.

It is easy for us to take for granted our beautiful gardens, grounds, and now, the sparkling windows of the atrium. Mr Bold, Mr Nickloes, and your team, we really appreciate all you do to keep our school looking so good.

Today is the last official school day for the Class of '92. Not only does it mark the end of a huge chapter in our lives, but also the beginning of a new, exciting and, I daresay, a daunting one.

Matrics - you have been great! You have always been ready to help and have, in many ways, made my job a lot easier than I expected. But, even more than your never-ending encouragement, it is your friendship that I truly value. We have gone through so much together and I'm sure that the relationships we have established will last a lifetime.

Prefects - your loyalty, commitment and eagerness to laugh have meant a great deal to me. You have been extremely reliable and I really enjoyed working with you all this year.

As Deputy Head Girl and a friend: Tammy, you are outstanding! I hate to think where I would be without your brilliant organisational skills. I really appreciate all your help.

I would like to congratulate those elected to hold office next year. Good luck and enjoy it!

There are four very special people here today whose unconditional love and support have helped me reap the benefits of this year to the full. Mom, Dad, Craig and Andrew - Thank you, I love you.

To all those staying behind, you are part of a great school, not a good school, a great school. Grab each opportunity as it comes and lead fulfilled lives. You will find there are very few environments like this where everyone wants only the best for you. Your time at Herschel will fly so take advantage of it and get involved now - for as the poet said:

"I shall pass this way but once.
Therefore any good that I can do
or kindness I can show
Let me do it now
For I shall not pass this way again."

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Head Girl and also for all you did, mostly without realising, to make this a year I will never forget. I shall miss you all!

And finally I'd like to say that Herschel has given every one of us a solid foundation from which to grow and I think that, in return, we should all strive, according to our motto, to live our lives AD DEI GLORIAM.

Goodbye and thank you.

VALE ANNA!



Mrs Ann Thompson with her son, Captain James Thompson, Captain in the British Army, at a Herschel matric dance.

We sat together in the spring sunshine on a surprisingly warm Thursday, our Caesar translations, forgotten for the moment, lying discarded on the bench beside us as the small matric Latin class of five pupils drew a little closer to hear the story of our teacher's life for the first time in the five years that she has taught us, just before her retirement.

Ann Christine Thompson (nee Myburgh) was born in Fort Beaufort in the Eastern Province. She had a twin sister, Joan, whom she tried to push out of the pram that they shared! It seems that this competitive streak was maintained throughout their education at Eunice in Bloemfontein.

"I only ever did any work so that my sister would not beat me!" Mrs Thompson laughs. "I used to be very jealous of her because she was prettier than me, but, although I worked hard, it still didn't prevent me from ending up in detention almost every week for talking in class!"

After completing her schooling, Mrs Thompson studied at Rhodes University and stayed in the John Kotze residence in St Mary's Hall. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, her majors being English and Psychology. She then studied for her U.E.D. in Maritzburg.

"I decided on teaching because I did not want to work in an office and, by teaching, I could carry on with the subjects that I enjoyed," she says. "I taught at Durban Girls' High for six months while one of the teachers was on leave. Afterwards, I taught English, History and Latin for two years at Pretoria Girls' High. Once I had done that, I realised that I wanted to teach Latin and so I did a third year at Pretoria University."

Having completed her third year, Mrs Thompson went overseas for a little less than a year with her sister, and worked in the winter as a bank teller while fitting in some time to travel. Then, when she returned, she took up a teaching post at St Cyprian's and there she stayed until she met her husband, Dick.

"After the war, Dick was in Britain as he was in the Royal Air Force. His sister met and married an American and left, and his parents died; so he came to South Africa. We met through a mutual friend at a dance...and the rest is history! We married and honeymooned in Belgium, France, Greece and Yugoslavia. On our return Dick got a job in Melbourne and so we lived for two years in Australia where my eldest son, Andrew, was born. At the end of the two years we came back to Cape Town and I have lived here ever since."

After having two more sons, James and Christopher, Mrs Thompson heard about a part-time job at a small private school in Claremont (while playing a social tennis match) and decided to apply. As is no surprise to us, she got the job in the same year that Dr Silberbauer became headmistress, and has been working at that small private school for the past twenty-two years.

"I started off teaching eights, nines and tens - Herschel was very small then. There was no art and music section, no tunnel, no laboratory and no classroom block. The staffroom used to be in what is now the typing room and the only member of staff that was here before me is Miss Sweet. The school has grown tremendously: the number of staff and girls have increased over the years; and I was shocked to find, as a form mistress of twenty-three Standard Sixes some years ago, that four of them were daughters of past pupils whom I had taught!"

"I remember, too, when Andrew came second in his J.M.B. exams, and James came fourth in his. Some Standard Nines at the time asked Mrs Esterhuysen who my husband was and what he had done, because my sons were all so clever!"

And what are those clever sons doing now?

"Andrew, 30, is an actuary in Sydney, Australia. James, 28, is a captain in the British Army and is now in Northern Ireland after being in Cyprus. He went to Sandhurst and Cambridge and studied History. The youngest, Christopher, 24, has one more exam to write before he can become a qualified actuary and work at Southern Life."

Mrs Thompson is no slouch herself when it comes to matters of general knowledge and the like, which she proved by winning five thousand rand (the equivalent of about twenty thousand rand today) twelve years ago in a quiz, called 'Venture', on Springbok Radio.

And her plans for the future?

"I am going to kill time before time kills me. I would like to teach myself how to use a computer, and to start playing bridge again. I am going to garden and do my crosswords." Mrs Thompson smiles. We wait eagerly to hear more and are ready with questions, but then we spy the Latin book open in her hands and realise that Caesar and his escapades in Gaul are not to be forgotten, despite the fascination and admiration that this lady inspires in us all.

REVELL HAYLETT

RESULTS

CAPE SENIOR CERTIFICATE - 1991

A Aggregate Matriculation

Berens, Silke (English, Afrikaans, French, German, Art)
 Kanji, Rhoda (Afrikaans, Mathematics, Biology, History)
 Kuttell, Michelle (English, Physical Science)
 Moltano, Clarissa (English, French)
 Rose, Moira (English, Afrikaans, French, Latin)
 Ross, Catriona (English, Afrikaans, Physical Science, History, Art, Home Economics)

B Aggregate Matriculation

Abrahams, Yasmine (Biology)
 Bath, Nicolette (Geography)
 Boyes, Belinda
 Burchell, Janette (Mathematics, Art)
 Capri, Cristina (Afrikaans, Art)
 Chapman, Caroline
 Coyne, Ceridwen (Biology S.G.)
 Downing, Helen (Mathematics)
 Forsyth, Linda
 Golding, Melissa (Mathematics S.G.)
 Goodwin, Vicki
 Lander, Carolyn
 Milne, Fiona (Mathematics S.G., Geography)
 Moodie, Catherine (Mathematics S.G.)
 Peacock, Tanya (Physical Science, Biology)
 Peck, Tania
 Pedersen, Shanna (Speech & Drama, Business Economics)
 Peters, Justine
 Rice, Melanie
 Rorich, Katharine
 Smith, Alexandra (English)
 Sparks, Hazel (Biology, French)
 Sturgeon, Robyn (Mathematics S.G.)
 Wilkin, Alida

C Aggregate Matriculation

Africa, Zenobia
 Barr, Helen
 Bradshaw, Jennifer (French)
 Burchell, Janenne (Art)
 Cowgill, Vanessa
 Deva, Roshnee
 Frith, Penelope (Art)
 Karol, Simone
 Kempthorne, Alexandra
 Kingma, Sherene
 Rainier, Michele
 Ramsay, Elize (Afrikaans)
 Schonborn, Claire-Marie
 Swoboda, Marion
 Van Schalkwyk, Deidre
 Wynne, Robyn

D Aggregate Matriculation

Marx, Lindsay
 Sedgwick, Caroline
 Van Dugteren, Charlotte

School Leaver's Certificate

Hartwell, Charlotte,
 Ricketts, Gemma
 Ricketts, Sarah

SPORTS AWARDS

SWIMMING:

U/14 Medley	Amanda Clegg
U/16 Medley	Tamsin O'Hanlon
Open Medley	Nicola Clegg
Breastroke Cup	Kirsten Thaning
Open Crawl	Nicola Clegg
Backstroke Cup	Kirsten Thaning
Open Butterfly	N Clegg & K Thaning
Freestyle Cup	Nicola Clegg
U/16 Champion	Taryn Melville
Open Champion	Nicola Clegg
Old Girls' Trophy	Merriman
U/14 Champion	Amanda Clegg

DIVING:

Diving Champion	Jessamy O'Hanlon
Diving Shield	Merriman

SQUASH:

Senior Champion	Barbara Vincent
U/16 Champion	Caroline McGahey
Most Improved Player	Caroline Truter

HOCKEY

Most Promising Player	Kirsten Feltz
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NETBALL

Most Promising Player	Irma Groepies
Justine Peters Cup for Dedication to Netball	Shirley Cruise

BEST ALL ROUND

SPORTSGIRL

Gina Malherbe

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Barbara Vincent

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING

Merriman

INTERHOUSE DIVING

Merriman

INTERHOUSE TENNIS

Merriman

INTERHOUSE SQUASH

Jagger

INTERHOUSE HOCKEY

Rolt

INTERHOUSE NETBALL

Jagger

INTERHOUSE W/POLO

Jagger

PRIZE LIST - 1992

CLASS PRIZES

Standard 6

Amy Burdzik
Catherine Ballance
Amanda-Jo Clegg

Standard 7

Zara Quail
Nicola Ballance
Amanda Boardmann

Standard 8

Nadia Mohamed
Shelley Wolff
Olivia Will

Standard 9

Nicola Clegg
Carin Dippenaar
Cam McIntosh

CERTIFICATES FOR CONSISTENT EFFORT

Standard 6

Nicola Brice
Sally Cattell
Lynda Davies
Silje Hovstad
Kirsten Locke
Liza Lucani
Pia Taylor
Susanna van Hoorn
Caitlin von Witt
Michelle Watt
Heather Yelland

Standard 7

Jennifer Bradshaw
Sarah Burton
Simone Lyons
Allison Porter
Bonnie Quibell
Dorothy van Hoorn
Natalie Wood

Standard 8

Robyn Blignaut
Susan Cattell
Karin Collocott
Nicola Collocott
Gia Crowhurst
Nicola Dryden-Dymond
Kirsten Feltz
Sally Gooden
Emma Harvey
Kim Jackson
Alison Louw
Linzi Pickup
Masingita Shimange
Thandi Siebert
Karen Willis

Standard 9

Nicole Biden
Katherine Growse
Mary Henderson
Nasrin Isaacs
Nurineesa Lalkhen
Yvonne Lo
Nosizwe Mgudlwa
Patience Nofili
Caroline Truter
Nicola Wallace

Standard 10

Shelley Armstrong
Susan Seldon
Arlene Benjamin
Kirsten Thaning
Shirley Cruise
Megan van Zyl
Candice Grove
Mandy Wright
Fathgaya Hoosain
Dinah Millar
Nicola Murray
Kate Parker
Tamsin Parker
Robyn Poole
Susan Seldon
Kirsten Thaning
Megan van Zyl
Mandy Wright

PRESENTATION PENS

Sub A to Matric

Yasmin Amien
Arlene Benjamin
Leigh Anne Bird
Mia de Bruijn
Emma Clark
Tamaryn Hammond
Suzanne Issa
Caroline Kaye

Joanne McCullough
Dinah Millar
Candice Noakes
Amber Ramsden
Kirsten Thaning
Edlyn Tihapane
Megan van Zyl

SPECIAL AWARDS/MAJOR PRIZES

The Herschel Middle School Scholarship

Catherine Ballance
Fenella Douglas Scholarship
Katherine Growse
Music - Middle School
Jennifer Bradshaw
Art - Middle School

Lisa Reid
Divinity - Middle School
Emma Whitaker
Archimedes Prize
Nadia Mohamed
Lantern Prize
Nicola Clegg
General Knowledge

1 Fiona Wallace

2 Revyl Haylett

Nicola Clegg

4 Frances Robertson

The Sister Foster Fellowship Award for Boarders

Annabelle Lawrence
Miss McLean's Prize for Neatness and Accuracy in Mathematics
Robyn Poole

Mary Muller Picture of the Year

Annika Larsen
Ethel Hill Cup for Spoken English
Fathgaya Hoosain

Abe Bailey Prize for Bilingualism

Awarded to second language pupils

Barbara Vintcent

Allarice Williams

Mrs McCormick's Prize for Spoken French

Candice Grove

Jane Haram Prize for Drama

Kay Johnson

Annika Larsen

McClurg Trophy for the Theatre Arts

Candice Noakes

Choral Prize

Tamaryn Hammond

Louise Morkel

Dr Silberbauer's Prize for Interest in the Natural Sciences

Tamlyn McKeag

Janet Steyn Prize for Interest in the Humanities

Shirley Cruise

Miss Geldard's Prize for Courtesy

Fathgaya Hoosain

Jenny Torr Prize for Service to the Library

Roshan Ismail

Herschel Honour Awards

Yasmin Amien

Arlene Benjamin

Rotary Prize

Claire Christie

Mrs Stockwell's Prize for all-round participation and achievement

Kirsten Thaning

Best all-round Sportswoman of the Year

Gina Malherbe

Prize for Good Sportsmanship

Barbara Vintcent

Proxime Accessit

Tamlyn McKeag

Dux of the School

Revyl Haylett

The Headmistress's Prize for Service to the School

Tamlyn McKeag

Barbara Vintcent

Sandra Wingfield Fellowship Prize

Barbara Vintcent

Old Herschelian Award for Service, Loyalty and Leadership

Barbara Vintcent

1992 MATRICULATION SUBJECT PRIZES

English (The Lady Woolley Prize)	Revyll Haylett
Latin	Revyll Haylett
French	Robyn Poole
German	Dominique du Plessis
Afrikaans 1st Language	Dominique du Plessis
Afrikaans 2nd Language	Allarice Williams
Xhosa	Chantalle McGahey
Physical Science	Chantalle McGahey
Mathematics (The Liz Gibbons Prize)	Chantalle McGahey
Biology	Tamlyn McKeag
History	Dawn Lander
Geography	Shirley Cruise
Art	Arlene Benjamin
Home Economics	Roshan Ismail
Speech and Drama	Emma Clark
Business Economics	Merlita Kennedy
Computer Studies	Susan Snyman
Typing	Sarah Baigrie
Music	Philippa Gwynne-Evans

ACHIEVEMENTS 1992

Western Province Schools U/19A Squash	Barbara Vincent
Western Province Schools U/16A Squash	Caroline McGahey
Western Province Schools Synchronised Swimming	Gabi Christie
Western Province Senior Synchronised Swimming	Gabi Christie
Western Province Swimming	Amanda Clegg
Western Province Open Swimming	Nicola Clegg
Western Province Swimming	Amanda Clegg
Western Province Swimming	Nicola Clegg
Western Province Swimming	Taryn Melville
Western Province Swimming	Kirsty Locke
Western Province Schools A Diving	Kirsten Thaning
South African U/14 Champion	Jane Woodard
Western Province Schools Waterpolo A	Kirsten Thaning
Western Province Schools Invitation Hockey	Tamlyn Mc Keag
Western Province Schools Hockey U/15A	Kirsten Feltz
Afrikaans Olympiad for English Speaking Pupils	Carin Dippenaar 8th
English Olympiad	Nicola Clegg 11th
South African Institute of Civil Engineers Scholars' Bridge Building Competition	Hannah Young 10th
Awarded 1st Place	Megan Shaw
Trophy for best violinist U/14 at Afrikaans Eisteddfod	Nicola Wallace
1993 Rotary Exchange Students	Yolande Young
	Jennifer Bradshaw
	Yasmin Amien
	Candice Noakes
	Barbara Vincent

CAPE TOWN EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

J Bradshaw	2 Diplomas	1 Honours	3 Merits
H Bravington			1 Merit
K Collocott		1 Honours	1 Merit
C Ellis-Smith		1 Honours	
A Franks			1 Merit
J Gordon		1 Honours	1 Merit
I Groepies	2 Diplomas	1 Honours	
P Gwynne-Evans			1 Merit
L le Roux			1 Merit
Z Quail			1 Merit
D Raimondo		1 Honours	
A Ross			1 Merit
T Siebert			2 Merits
D van Hoorn			1 Merit
O Will			1 Merit
S Woods			1 Merit
Herschel Chorale		1 Honours	

AFRIKAANS EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

J Bradshaw	9 Honours	1 Merit
C Ellis-Smith		1 Merit
J Gordon	2 Honours	2 Merits
P Gwynne-Evans	1 Honours	1 Merit
A Porter		
D van Hoorn	1 Honours	1 Merit
Herschel Choir	1 Honours	
Herschel Chorale		1 Merit

ASSOCIATED BOARD EXAMINATIONS - PRACTICAL

Distinction:

A Burdzik (5); S Burton (6); K Collocott (4); S Gilbert (3); J Gordon (7); I Haupt (4); C Kensley (3); J Smuts-Louw (1); D McDonald (1); M McDonald (4); A-M Norman (1); K Miller (5); A Raimondo (1); B Vincent (1); O Will (4)

Merit:

A Bradley (3); J Bradshaw (7); J Bradshaw (6); O Christian (1); M da Camera (1); L Deakin (4); N du Preez (1); G Grallert (4); P Gwynne-Evans (8); T Pelser (1); A Raimondo (1); A Soltynski (5); S van Hoorn (4); M Watt (3)

Pass:

T Arendse (1); E Basson (2); K Bernard (2); M Chaplin (1); A Durrant (2); R Farrell (2); R Garratt (5); D Gordon (3); I Groepies (2); T Hayden (3); C Little (2); K Mann (1); Z Quail (6); V Rose (2); S Saltar (2); S Tuft (2); B Vos (1); N Wallace (6); S Wesson (1)

ROYAL SCHOOLS MUSIC RESULTS SEPTEMBER 1992

DISTINCTIONS (86% and above)

Piano: Jacki Gordon Gr 7; Sarah Burton Gr 6;
Katie Miller Gr 5; Amy Burdzik Gr 5.

Clarinet: Karin Collocott Gr 4; Barbara Vincent Gr 1.

Flute: Olivia Will Gr 4.

Guitar: Chloe Kensley Gr 3.

MERITS (80 - 85%)

Piano: Jennifer Bradshaw Gr 7; Alexandra Soltynski Gr 5;
Michelle Watt Gr 3.

Clarinet: Lucy Deakin Gr 4.

Alto Saxophone: Genevieve Grallert Gr 4.

Flute: Philippa Gwynne-Evans Gr 8;
Susanna van Hoorn Gr 4.

Violin: Jennifer Bradshaw Gr 6.

Guitar: Vanessa Rose Gr 2.

PASSES (66 - 80%)

Piano: Robyn Garratt Gr 5; Irma Groepies Gr 2.

Violin: Zara Quail Gr 6.

Flute: Nicola Wallace Gr 6.



1992 PREFECTS

Standing: Susan Snyman, Gina Malherbe, Candice Noakes, Dinah Millar, Tamlyn McKeag (Deputy Head Girl), Fathgays Hoosain, Claire Christie

Seated: Mrs P Duff, Kirsten Thaning, Arlene Benjamin, Barbara Vincent (Head Girl)



OFFICE BEARERS - MONITORS

Back row: Roshan Ismail, Paula Chaplin, Mandy Wright, Chantalle Mc Gahey, Amber Ramsden, Caroline Kaye, Candice Grovt, Robyn Poole, Jane Wolfe-Coote.

Front Row: Kate Parker, Joanne McCullough, Mrs Duff, Edlyn Thlapane, Ariel Cottrell.

MERRIMAN

MERRIMAN HOUSE REPORT

1992 has been a very exciting and successful year for Merriman. Not only has it won many of the Interhouse events, but the spirit within the house has reached new heights. We started off with Interhouse Public Speaking in which Zara Quail won the Junior Section. The house braai encouraged great spirit. Despite the flour-covered faces and grape-stuffed cheeks, there was a fantastic enthusiasm and spirit which could be felt. Thank you to Mia de Bruijn and her family for letting us use their house.

Very well done to our four divers: Libby Hirshon, Angela Franks, Gabi Christie and Bianca Berry, who won the Diving Shield for us.

Congratulations to the girls who swam so outstandingly at the gala and led Merriman once again to victory. The spirit was great and it was wonderful to have such support for the swimmers. Nicola Clegg and Amanda Clegg really excelled in the gala, and I was very proud of the whole house.

Interhouse tennis, too, was another victorious event. Congratulations to the ten girls who played. It was a lot of fun. In the water-polo event it was good to see enthusiastic supporters cheering on the team. The team didn't win but they played very well. A new event, Interhouse Volleyball, was also a great success. Thank you for the spirit and good play of the team, and once again Merriman came first.

Squash was not one of our highlights, but the team did their best. (I guess we can't win everything!).

I would like to say a very big thank you to Keira Powers and Emma Hill, and the other Std 9's for all the work they put into the Merriman House Play, 'Gossips'. I would especially like to mention Libby Hirshon who has participated in every Merriman play since Std 6.

The Debating, which has been held regularly during the year, was also won by Merriman. Thank you to Fathgaya Hoossain and Paula Chaplin, who also reached the Inter-Schools Debating finals.

Mrs Thompson once again organised a wonderful general knowledge quiz which was supported by the whole school. I was very impressed by Zara Quail, Pia Taylor and Nicola Clegg whose broad knowledge earned us second place in the quiz.

We came second in both the Netball and Hockey. Thank you so much to the girls who so eagerly volunteered to play. Despite the last minute absentees and substituting, it was a lot of fun and the teams did very well.

The most exciting event, the Eisteddfod, had everyone in the house contributing in her own way, putting an enormous amount of time and effort into this event. The Interhouse singing was an outstanding success. Our three young additions to the house really stole the show while the house very enthusiastically sang 'Going to the chapel'. We were the first to win the new 'John Mudge Trophy', and I would really like to thank everyone for their excellent performances, especially Thandi Siebert and Nicola and Karin Collocott.

This has been a memorable year for me. The house has become much more united, and the support I have received from everyone has been remarkable. The people in the house have made Merriman what it is. I really sincerely thank Merriman for the spirit which never died and their wonderful enthusiasm. Thank you to my fellow matrices for all the suggestions, ideas and for always being there to help me out.

Thank you to Jenny Ratcliffe who was a fantastic and supportive vice-captain. I am extremely proud to say that I was Head of Merriman.

Thanks also to Claire and Gina for their encouragement and great sportsmanship.

Keep your spirits up, Merriman. Good Luck to next year's captain. Remember, 'Merriman Reigns'.

ARLENE BENJAMIN



HEADS OF HOUSES: Claire Christie (Rolt), Gina Malherbe (Jagger), Arlene Benjamin (Merriman).

ROLT

ROLT REPORT

1992 has been a successful and fun year for Rolt. We started off on a high note with new Rolt T-Shirts and the annual house braai, which was held at my house in Constantia. Games such as 'Chubby Bunny' and the 'Chocolate Game' were played with the usual enthusiasm! The evening ended with Merriman raiding us, but, to their surprise, we were waiting, armed with hosepipes and waterbombs and they left with their enthusiasm dampened!

We didn't cover ourselves in glory on the sportsfield this year, winning only one out of ten Interhouse events - Hockey - and coming a close second in Netball, but if there was a cup for spirit, we would have run away with it. Well done to Jessamy O'Hanlon for winning the Best Diver award, at the Inter House Gala.

Congratulations also to Amrain Ismail and Carin Dippenaar for directing the winning Interhouse play which showed Rolt's dramatic talent. Well done to the cast, especially Donny.

Congratulations to Marie-Louise Spengler and Nicola Cronin who were finalists in the Interhouse public speaking contest. However the laurels go to Jenny Sale who was in the Rolt Junior Debating Team and who represented Herschel in the Interscholls Debating Competition in which she won the Best Speaker award.

The Interhouse Singing Competition and Eisteddfod was most definitely the highlight of the year as far as Interhouse events are concerned. We had a bit of difficulty trying to find the right song which would showcase the extreme beauty of our voices (help). At last a song was decided on and enormous thanks go to our musicians, Tammy McKeag, Philippa Gwynne-Evans, Olivia Will, Allison Porter, Anouk Espi, Frances Robertson and Robyn Westmoreland.

Obviously singing is not our strong point but in spite of this, we won the Eisteddfod by a large margin.

A big thank you to my vice-captain, Yasmin Amien, and Megan van Zyl who have been super, and to Gina and Arlene for their good sportsmanship - they have been wonderful to work with.

Thank you to the house for all your support, enthusiasm and spirit. It has been an honour and I am proud to say I was head of Rolt.

Give us an R
Give us an O
Give us an L
Give us a T
Who's the best? ROLT

CLAIRE CHRISTIE

JAGGER

JAGGER REPORT

One of the most popular events in the Jagger calendar seems to be the House Braai, at the beginning of the year, which this year took place at Angela Theunissen's home. Here everyone just let go of all the first term tensions and the spirit of the girls really started to shine out. Maybe the spirit that was created there helped with the success of the year that Jagger had.

Susannah George and Nasrin Isaacs started the first events of the year by organising the House Plays. Here Jagger displayed an exceptionally high standard of drama with Anna Baxter winning the Best Actress award.

Looking fantastic in our new cheerleading outfits, and with green song books in hand, Jagger's cheerleaders did much to engender tremendous house spirit at the annual Inter-House Swimming Gala which takes place on Founders' Day. Special mention of Kirsten Thaning who won the Open Section.

Lindiwe le Roux, Nasrin Isaacs, Susannah George and Patience Nofili entered as four out of the five finalists in the Inter-House Public Speaking Competition, with Susannah George winning the Best Speaker award and Jagger winning the senior section. Later in the year Jagger went on to win the General Knowledge Quiz with Revyl Haylett, Domitilla Raimondo and Amy Burdzik representing us.

For the second time only, Inter-House waterpolo took place at Newlands Pool, with Jagger winning the cup for the first time. (The cup was donated by Sherene Kingma at the end of last year.) Much to everyone's surprise, Jagger then went on to win the squash and the netball!

For me the highlight of the year was definitely the Inter-House singing. With a week to go, we finally chose the song, "We go together" from the movie, "Grease". Thanks to Kay's dedication, the night turned out to be a huge success.

The house spirit has been outstanding this year, with more girls signing out for all the activities and really being very committed. I congratulate Ncumisa Ngcaweni who was awarded the House Spirit Cup, for her dedication and commitment to Jagger.

I would like to end off with three special mentions: Firstly to Mrs van der Merwe who was always there for me - thank you. The second goes to Kay Johnson for her excellent support throughout the year, and thirdly to all the Matric Jagger girls for standing by my side and really keeping me going.

Good luck for next year.

GINA MALHERBE

REPORTS

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

"Good Grief! It's the end of the year already." That was my reaction when asked to produce a report on the past cultural year at Herschel.

What I thought was going to be a tough year turned into a truly memorable one - because of the never-ending support and unfailing spirit of the heads of clubs and the girls.

We are all expected to join at least one club or society - and there is certainly something to suit everyone, thanks to the innovation, guidance and enthusiasm of our teachers.

If fun, fresh air, companionship and exercise are what you are looking for, the Mountain Club and Environmental Club are definitely for you. If treasure hunts, charades, historical pictionary and delicious prizes are what you look for in a club, then the Historical Society is the one to join. If you wish to dazzle your friends with your brilliance, I am sure that there will be a place for you in Scientia. If arguing is what you like - why not become a member of Talk Shop?

The Craft Club, Astronomy, Toastmasters and the Christian Union have continued to flourish, while new and dynamic societies like the Drama Society have started this year. The Interact Club has also continued to thrive and has grown to 148 members!

This past year was Herschel's seventieth anniversary and thus several celebrations were planned. In the first term, the Hlex tree stretched out its leafy branches and a spotlight hit an area with a black box, a screen and a silent orchestra. Around the arena, diners sat. Plates clinked and a low murmur of conversation arose when suddenly the compere started the show and all attention was fixed upon the arena. The school's seventy years of history were dealt with in song as each act smoothly followed the next. This was the Herschel Cabaret!

Drama plays an important part in Herschel school life - many hours of rehearsal also went into the annual House Plays and the production of "The Mikado", while our Eisteddfod on 24 June was also a great success.

The Music Department has once again had a busy year. We have enjoyed many lunch hour concerts (especially the one where the teachers performed), as well as evening "Showcases" of music and drama.

In May, the Herschel/Gray House Mini-Olympics was an event not to have been missed! Eight girls from each standard arrived at Bishops on 22 May feeling extremely embarrassed and wondering how they could ever have signed themselves up for it. Everybody relaxed when they saw that they were all as bad as the next person. The girls had trouble climbing the ropes while the boys had an equally terrible time trying to thread needles, and I am sorry to say that many of the girls also had severe problems in threading needles.

Whether athletes, umpires, cheerleaders or simply spectators - everyone contributed something rather special to make that evening a memory that perhaps will live in many minds and hearts for long years to come.

My greatest thanks go to Mrs Brathwaite - the unsung heroine - for her unfailing support during the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the super-efficient heads of clubs who made my job as Head of Cultural Affairs an easy and satisfying one.

Here's to you, Herschel, and the people who make you such a special place.

FATHGAYA HOOSAIN

DEBATING

Sweaty palms...jelly knees...butterflies in the stomach: is it...a first date? No, it's debating.

Talk Shop is Herschel's very own Debating Society, whose members put heart and voice into all they do. Talk shop is a society in which members have the opportunity to develop public speaking skills, to express their opinions and, most importantly, to be entertained.

This year the Herschel Debating teams were once again invited to participate in the Rotary Interscholls Debating Competition in which forty-three schools competed. Two teams were entered, a senior and junior team. The senior team (comprising Paula Chaplin, Katharine Johnson, Anda Ngani and Fathgaya Hoosain) reached the finals where we unfortunately lost a close debate to the Rondebosch team. However, this invaluable experience improved the confidence of the speakers and revealed outstanding ability.

Within the school, "Just a minute" competitions, forum discussions and parachute debates have been held on Tuesday afternoons. At the end of the second term a very successful Talk Shop tea was held and I would like to thank Mrs Hoosain for providing literal food for thought. The Interhouse Debating is always a wonderful end to the debating year, with the standard of debating continually improving.

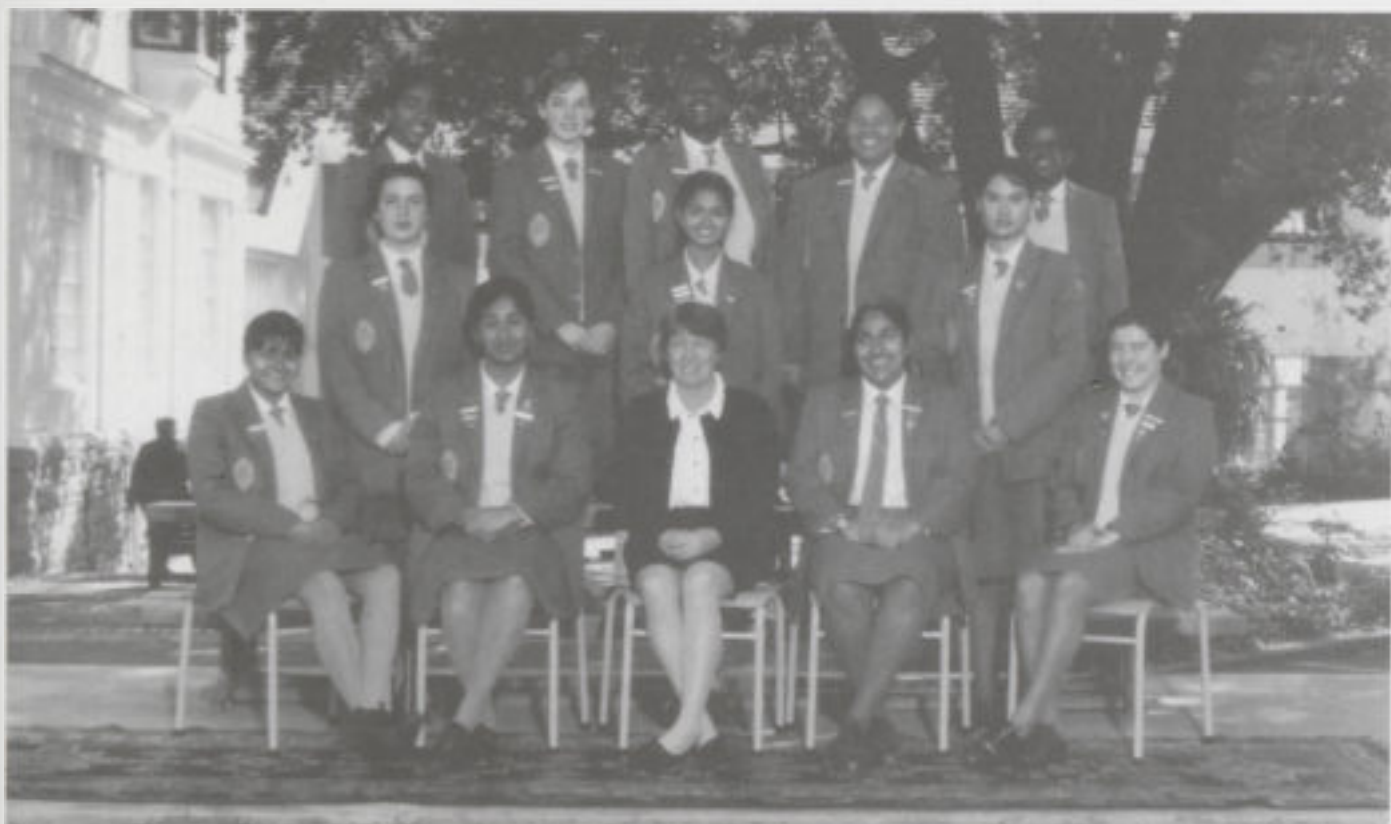
Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Brathwaite for her consistent support and enthusiasm. I wish all debaters and the new Talk Shop head, Anda Ngani, and the captain of the debating team, Katharine Johnson, a successful and argumentative 1993. May the talking never cease!

FATHGAYA HOOSAIN



DEBATING AND FORUM

Back Row: Nicola Dryden-Dymond, Danielle Martin, Anda Ngani, Nicola Clegg, Jennifer Sale, Carin Dippenaar, Lisa Reid
 Front Row: Fathgaya Hoosain, Mrs C Brathwaite, Mrs J Kurtz, Paula Chaplin
 Floor: Keira Powers



LIBRARIANS

Back Row: Patience Nofile, Nuruneesa Lalkhen, Nosizwe Mgudiwa, Cam McIntosh, Nadia Mohamed
 Middle: Canddace Grove, Robyn Poole, Suzanne Issa
 Front Row: Shirley Cruise, Roshan-Begum Ismail, Mrs S Ryan (Librarian), Fathgaya Hoosain, Lee-Anne Davids

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Historical Society enjoyed yet another extremely active year and we got off to a flying start with the newly introduced idea of a Historical Luncheon. The girls were divided into groups and had to prepare a typical meal from a certain era: like Ancient Greece or the dark Ages; and one member of the group had to give a short talk describing the food of their particular period. This proved to be highly successful as really magnificent spreads were prepared, and the judges were hard pressed to pick an overall winner. A Matric team took the laurels in the end, but the competition took second place to the tasting of the food which was eagerly performed by members and judges alike!

After the success of the first meeting, Historical Pictionary followed suit but was unfortunately interrupted by a bomb scare and so the meeting was cut short. In the second term Mrs Beames organized a much-needed History quiz just prior to the June examinations. This gave some girls the opportunity to learn part of their syllabus and be rigorously tested on it by Mrs Beames.

In the third term, Historical Charades were introduced where well-known phrases and events in History were acted out by teams of girls. Excitement and tension levels grew high as the game intensified, and frustration escalated as the girls acting were not allowed to speak, generally causing many laughs. Many thanks to Suzanne Issa for organising the meeting.

The annual Treasure Hunt was its usual roaring success, and it must by now be an institution at Herschel. No one can fail to realize what is going on, when they see hordes of History pupils racing around the school in a frantic effort to track down the clues that will ultimately lead to the 'treasure'. Every year this event is organised by Mrs Beames, and by participating in the hunt you realise what an enormous amount of work it must have been, as the clues which lead us to the treasure are so cleverly linked. Eventually, at the end of an hysterical Thursday lunch break, a rather battered Matric team claimed the first prize from an equally battered Mrs Beames who spent most of the hunt fending off barrages of questions from desperate teams seeking the answers to particularly difficult clues.

The Historical Society continues with its trend of introducing new ideas for meetings with the "Coffee and Cake Party" planned for the fourth term where historically important buildings or landmarks have to be three-dimensionally reconstructed out of cake. This is bound to become another annual event, with History not only becoming alive in future meetings, but edible too!

REVELL HAYLETT

SCIENTIA REPORT

This year saw the introduction of a modified form of Trivial Pursuit to the Scientia meetings. This proved to be very popular as large groups were able to play, thus eliminating the fear that questions would be posed to individuals, and the game could also be completed in a much shorter time which was suited to our twenty minute meetings.

A large number of Standard Sixes also attended the meetings and numbers almost doubled when Mrs Thompson organized a special Standard Six general knowledge quiz. This was heartening and bodes well for the future inter-schools, inter-house and written quizzes that are held during the year.

Once again, Scientia was under the able leadership of Mrs Thompson whose incredible general knowledge and ability to recall any fact continues to amaze us all. Hopefully this club will continue to function after her retirement at the end of this year, and if it does, her presence (and knowledge) will be sorely missed.

REVELL HAYLETT

LIBRARY REPORT

1992 has been a very busy and exciting year at Herschel. We celebrated Herschel's 70th birthday and the opening of the Baxter Resource Centre.

Mrs Ryan, our "mother-librarian" and the pupil librarians have been working very hard processing the books donated to our library by Mr Danowski. Because of Mr Danowski's generous donation of books we needed to expand our library and therefore moving into the new Resource Centre could not have happened more opportunely.

Before the Resource Centre opened to the school Mrs Brathwaite, Mrs Ryan and matric librarians moved the first books (to the tune of "Nkosi Sikelela"). The matric librarians were rewarded for our efforts this year with a delicious cake.

The Resource Centre opened just before the matrics started Trials and therefore the seminar rooms were very well used for our "last minute preparations". Since the opening of the resource Centre the library has been more busy at breaks than we could ever have imagined!

Thanks to Mrs Ryan and some of the mothers and the librarians, running the Resource Centre is going very well. But, without Mrs Ryan at the top it might not have come together so well. Thank you and congratulations to Mrs Ryan and her team.

ROSHAN-BEGUM ISMAIL

CHOIR REPORT

CHOIR MISTRESS: Miss Sweet
CHOIR LEADERS: Tamaryn Hammond
 Louise Morkel

The choir plays a very important role in the cultural life of Herschel as we sing at many important school functions and the weddings of Old Herschelians.

This being Herschel's 70th Anniversary, Founders Day was of particular importance and as usual the choir was a great success.

Not only have we sung at the Easter Service and the Cape Town Afrikaans Eisteddfod, where we gained honours, but we have also been privileged to sing with Dorit Zelezniak on two occasions. Dorit is an Old Herschelian who has achieved much success in her singing career.

Finally I would like to thank Miss Sweet for all her dedication and hard work and Miss Gough who has willingly accompanied us numerous times.

TAMARYN HAMMOND



CHOIR

Back Row: Annabelle Lawrence, Jennifer Bradshaw, Domitilla Raimondo, Lindiwe le Roux, Mary Henderson, Michelle Watts, Zara Quail, Olivia Will. **Third Row:** Alison Sturgeon, Nicole Doherty, Irma Groepies, Elizabeth Notten, Thandi Siebert, Nicola Dryden-Dymond, Dorothy van Hoorn, Susanna van Hoorn, Allison Porter. **Middle Row:** Helen Bravington, Jacki Gordon, Karin Collocott, Nicola Collocott, Alex Soltynski, Angela Franks, Annabel Ross, Nuruneesa Lalkhen, Nicola Brice, Megan Shaw, Nicola Wallace. **Second Row:** Barbara Vincent, Yasmin Amien, Arlene Benjamin, Louise Morkel, Miss C Sweet, Tamaryn Hammond, Tamlyn McKeag, Philippa Gwynne-Evans, Leanne Gordon. **Front Row:** Nasrin Isaacs, Emily Boddow, Sarah Woods, Claire Ellis-Smith, Patience Nofili, Amy Burdzik



CHORALE

Standing: Sarah Woods, Jacki Gordon, Domitilla Raimondo, Thandi Siebert, Zara Quail, Helen Bravington
Seated: Allison Porter, Jennifer Bradshaw, Lindiwe le Roux, Miss C Sweet, Dorothy van Hoorn, Annabel Ross, Angela Franks

1992 OUTDOOR CLUBS

1. MOUNTAIN CLUB

Teacher-in-charge: Miss Case

The Mountain Club aimed its outings at all ages and levels of fitness. Our year's events included walks ranging from holiday trails to gentle one-hour strolls, taking advantage of the nearby mountain ranges for most of the trips.

On a magnificent Sunday morning we set out for our first walk along the well-known pipe track from Kloof Nek to Camps Bay. We had a beautiful view, and the relaxing stroll was most enjoyable. Our next walk took us back to the sea, but on the other side of the mountain. We followed the railway track from Muizenberg to Fish Hoek and back again, a wonderfully refreshing route in more ways than one! We went up Lion's Head for sunset on a Friday evening, another popular summer outing with a spectacular view.

During the April holidays Miss Case took 10 girls on the trail from Greyton to McGregor. Our lunch stops were midway along the 16 km walk at the most welcome mountain pool. The pool was icy cold, but this did not deter many of us from taking the plunge. The small waterfall also provided a great shoulder massage. The overnight hut was far more luxurious than we expected; with hot showers, a gas stove, cutlery and even pillows provided!

In the second term the mountain club joined Interact and took some boys from an orphanage to the Silvermine nature reserve. We provided cooldrink and snacks as we walked over the mountain chatting to the boys. The bracing mountain air was good for us all, and everyone returned in high spirits. Another outing was to the Franschhoek mountains. We hiked from the Franschhoek pass up into the mountains bordering the Nuwerus forest reserve which gave us a bird's-eye view of the Franschhoek valley. Our sharpened appetites were satisfied by boerewors rolls and hot chocolate.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Teacher-in-charge: Mrs van der Merwe

The Environmental Club was not well supported this year. However, the few members that signed up were very enthusiastic. At our first meeting various fundraising ideas and field trips were discussed.

Last year we raised over R1000 with which we adopted a Rhino in Namibia. The head of the organization in Namibia has recently sent photographs of "Alfie" and a Certificate of Adoption, which will be framed and displayed in the school. I would like to thank Tammy Parker for her organisation of the Rhino project and her never-ending enthusiasm.

At the end of the second term the Mountain, Environmental and Bird Clubs decided to join. These three clubs have similar interests and concerns, and we felt that it would be a good idea to run them as one club rather than split members' time and energy in three different directions. This is now called the Outdoor Club. Since then we have introduced video viewing at lunch breaks, varying from "The garden birds of South Africa" to whales and gorillas. Alison Kelly from the Wildlife Society also came to speak to the school during a Friday afternoon talk.

Unfortunately most of the club members are seniors who will be leaving at the end of this year. Hopefully more girls will become involved during 1993. I would like to wish Megan Shaw, the new head, the best of luck for next year and thank Miss Case and Mrs van der Merwe for the enthusiasm and support which they have given the Mountain and Environmental Clubs.

TAMLYN McKEAG and MICHAELA BONE

GREYTON-MCGREGOR TRAIL - 2-3 APRIL

Girls who endured it:

Jaclyn Snyders
Ingrid Serritslev
Domitilla Raimondo
Andrea Serritslev
Chantalle McGahey
Tammy McKeag
Pippa Gwynne-Evans
Tammy Hammond

Interesting happenings/discoveries

*Met at school at 6 a.m. on Thursday morning. Tammy H woke up at this time! (But was not too late)

*Discovered that (8 out of 8) Herschel girls do not know how to open a Bully-beef can.

*Chantalle M worked very hard at keeping up her reputation of being the slowest in the Mountain Club.

*If you ever want a back massage, Tammy M is the person to go to!

*Andrea swapped shoes with another member of the party along the way.

*Most food on the trail:

Easily Andrea and Tilla - a snack at every single resting place.

*Encountered a long cobra on the trail. Luckily it was rather frightened when it saw us and slithered off. The cobra was however not as half as scary as the mouse in the hut (not so, Tammy H!)

*Jaclyn and Ingrid proved that Std 6's are as fit as everyone else (maybe not the teacher!)

*Returned sunburnt.

*Discovered that ice-creams are really cheap in Greyton!

*Enjoyed by all.

DORING RIVER REPORT

Herschel was one of four schools invited to participate in an Interschools White Water Rafting Race, which took place in the July holidays. Six girls took part and with Mrs van der Merwe and her husband, we made a team to be reckoned with.

The trip took place on the Doring River, just outside Clanwilliam. The first night was spent getting to know the other girls from St Cyprians, Rustenburg and Rhenish around a large potjiekos.

The next day we were driven to the river where we set up camp and were given a safety demonstration and a practice run down a small rapid because the Doring is renowned for its treacherous white water. In the afternoon we rowed across the river to the other bank where we walked to a beautiful waterfall. That night we braaied and quickly got into our sleeping bags as it was absolutely freezing. The following day we got up early to eat breakfast and practise various rowing techniques. We then set sail. As we followed the river's course we admired the striking scenery and waited with baited breath for the next terrifying rapid.

The teams were made up of four rubber rafts of eight, each with a guide, the remaining girls then filled a number of 'crops' (2 man rafts). Just before lunch, Ross, the head guide shouted, 'On your marks, get set, go!' and the race was under way. Bill, our guide, skilfully navigated our raft through a rapid, as our team rowed to victory. As this exercise had exhausted us, we floated to our camp which was a large overhang in the side of a cliff. Here we ate dinner, chatted and massaged one another's aching shoulders.

Because the hard work was over, the next day we took it easy (some of us even suntanned). We had lunch on the bank, where we played games. We met the truck later on and returned to base camp and had a cup of tea and watched the video which was filmed by Jane, a guide, as a form of souvenir. We then left for Cape Town.

MICHAELA BONE



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Standing: Anda Ngani, Hannah Young, Michaela Bone, Tamlyn McKeag

Seated: Tamsin Parker, Revyl Haylett, Fathgaya Hoosain, Claire Christie, Philippa Gwynne-Evans



DORING RIVER - RIVER RAFTING

Back row: Nicola Matherbe, Claire Christie, Bill (our guide), Mrs Van der Merwe, Gina Matherbe
Front: Michaela Bone, Robyn Westmoreland, Susan Snyman

SACRISTAN'S REPORT

The Chapel Committee is important in the life of Herschel. It works quietly behind the scenes and makes the spiritual life of the school run smoothly. This year has been no exception. All members of the committee, from Standard Six to Matric, have worked well together. During the trial examinations, the Nines took over all sacristan and chapel duties and not a hitch was encountered.

The committee is renowned for its outings and this year there were some wonderful excursions. We went on our annual pizza evening to Mrs Allen's home in Kalk Bay and sang hymns and choruses till sundown on the beach. Then we happily munched on Mrs Allen's delicious home-made pizzas.

We also visited Rhodes Memorial, had a picnic and voted for our new Sacristan and Secretary. Congratulations to Mary Henderson as the new Sacristan and Angelique Engel as the Secretary. I'm sure you will excel and really enjoy the positions.

A few U.C.T. students have adopted the boarders and make our weekly chapel services a great deal of fun. We thank Nicky Spottiswood and her gang for all their enthusiasm and Mrs Bester for co-ordinating all these activities.

We even had a concert by the Christian rock group, "Penguins in Africa" which really spiced up Tuesday evening chapel.

I hope 1993 is as exciting as this year was. You were all great to work with. God bless.

JENNY RATCLIFFE

CHRISTIAN UNION REPORT

This year, for the Christian Union, has been a busy, enriching and fruitful one. A camp was arranged at Rocklands which proved to be an enormous success. We focused mainly on reaching out to young people where a number of different schools were invited, giving us the opportunity to make new friendships and have valuable interaction. A great deal was learnt and everyone seemed to return revived.

On the home-front, a series of speakers was invited to elaborate on various selected topics. One of the highlights was a dynamic talk on "Self-esteem", something extremely worthwhile, especially to many teenagers suffering from low self-esteem. The talks are often entertaining due to the witty sense of humour that emanates from each individual speaker, but, more than that, they are educational and practical. Other speakers included Christian drama director and writer, Peter Krummeck; Mrs Stead, a counsellor with 'Child Line', Garth Colings, who is involved in praying for Christians internationally and has met the presidents of Zambia, Kenya and other high profile leaders; Dr Chris Warton of the Faculty of Medicine at U.C.T., who spoke on controversial issues facing Christian doctors. Rod Thomas, a missionary in Japan, showed us some slides and spoke about their life there. The popular Christian rock band, "Penguins in Africa", had the school rolling in the third term, having returned from a most successful tour of Zimbabwe.

Not only have we been having visitors in C.U., but we also introduced our own workshops, conducted by a member of staff with C.U. We had a two-week run on the subject, "How true is the Bible?" It turned out to be a huge success and, perhaps, we will be concentrating more on workshops of this nature.

Sadly, at the end of the second term, we were forced to say goodbye to a valued member of the C.U. family, Mrs Suttle, who now has a beautiful girl. We hope that Little Baby Suttle will be a member of the C.U. one day. Congratulations, Mrs Suttle!

This year has been an overwhelming experience for all as we have gone from strength to strength - not only in quantity, but also in quality.

ANDA NGANI



CHAPEL COMMITTEE

Back Row: K Jackson, M Henderson, A Lawrence, J Ratcliffe, S Carter, A Ngani, B Vincent

Seated: Mrs C Brathwaite, Mrs P Allen

Front Row: A Engel, H Bravington, S Perioli, C Loots, L Gant, N Choonoo, M Taylor



CHRISTIAN UNION COMMITTEE

Back row: Helen Bravington, Kim Jackson, Robyn Blignaut

Front row: Nosizwe Mgadiwa, Mrs R Taylor, Anda Ngani, Mrs C Suttle, Mary Henderson

BOARDING HOUSE REPORT

7:00 - RING ... a flicker of life
7:10 - RING ... stockings, skirt, shirt, shoes ON
Fly down stairs to line up.

The day starts with grace, mumbled by a Matric, and a mad rush to the solitary muesli bowl, only to find, through the welter of elbows and bodies, that all the raisins have been picked out. On turning to the toast counter, you are subjected to an even worse scramble to claim the freshest toast. By the time you sit down, the toast is soggy, the coffee cold and the bell has rung. Another day has officially begun! Can anyone explain why the DRN always remains a mystery to those who live the closest?

After the first four lessons, the boarders congregate for tea and a chat. Thoughts of the next six lessons arise, and are often accompanied by images of Sick Bay. As lunch break is usually filled with engagements, we only meet again at 3.00 p.m., after school. The afternoon, until 5.30 p.m., is spent doing anything, ranging from practising music, to welcoming brothers (?) Between 5.30 and 8.30 p.m. we have periods for studying and then, afterwards, everyone enjoys their well-deserved breaks as loudly as possible.

1992 has been a happy year in the Herschel Boarding House. There is a special bond amongst boarders which not many people understand. When one is living with the same people day in and day out, one gets to know them very well and, in this way, true friendships are formed.

Towards the beginning of the year we held a raffle in aid of the boarding house. Thanks to many lovely donations, and the Standard Sixes' especially keen ticket-selling, we managed to raise a nice sum of money. It has already been put to good use in making the house even more of a "home-from-home".

At the start of our "reign" we, the Matrics, felt it would be a nice idea to adopt a Standard 6 to look after, almost like a big-sister. We decided to call them our "buddies", and we have developed sweet relationships with them. I feel it has worked very well and, even though the idea was to ensure their feeling welcome, I must admit, we have welcomed the offspins, such as not having to make our beds any more! Thank you, buds!

In an attempt to initiate some interaction between schools, we invited the St Cyprian's Matric boarders around for supper and an evening of games. It turned out to be a great success and resulted in their inviting us back for a fantastic meal. I think it would be lovely if this could continue in the future and would help build a nice spirit between the two schools.

This year, once again, the Standard Eights have taken full advantage of the Ballroom Dancing lessons, offered to them once a week. As a boarder, one could always tell when the Eights were due for their next lesson, as there was a definite air of excitement present as they tossed about ideas of what to wear. I'm sure they learnt a lot about the waltz and foxtrot, but I gather that was not all - some lucky ones found themselves invited to put what they had learnt into practice at the annual Bishops Matric Dance!!

The Standard Nines started taking over the duties in the house a short while into the third term. We would like to thank them for the super job they have done. It is thanks to their efficiency that we were able to take a break in order to study for our exams. Good luck to next year's Head and Deputy - you have got a fine team to work with.

I am sure every boarder would agree with me when I say that Mrs Bester has done an amazing job in making the boarding house so much more homely. She, with the help of Mrs du Preez and, now, Mrs Normanton, has definitely helped make those infamous "Sunday Blues" feel less depressing. Thank you, Mrs Bester.

Most of us know the story about the half glass of water being called half empty or half full - well, I think attitudes to living in a boarding house could be compared to it. Instead of looking at it as having 50 people invading your privacy, why not think of it as having 50 extra sisters?

Goodbye and thank you for five wonderful years.

BARBARA VINTCENT AND MICHAELA BONE



BOARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE

Back row: G Malherbe, A Ramsden, B Vincent (Head), M Bone (Deputy), J Ratcliffe
Front row: Mrs C du Preez, A Williams, M Taylor, P Chaplin, J Youens, L Gordon, Mrs V Bester



BOARDING HOUSE

Back Row: Sarah Carter, Abigail Simpson, Paula de Villiers, Hannah Young, Stephanie de Wet, Anda Ngani, Mary Henderson, Neumisa Ngcaweni, Sarah Perioli

4th Row: Emma Hill, Kim Jackson, Catherine Barry, Nosizwe Mgudlwa, Linden Gant, Catherine Loots, Annabelle Lawrence, Amanda de Swardt, Lisa Reid

3rd Row: Karen Koep, Nicola de Wet, Samantha Coucumbros, Virginia Wood, Genevieve Grallert, Julie Youens, Ming Taylor, Jennifer Ratcliffe, Julia Rate, Alexandra Meier-Ewert, Claudia Ferucci, Annabel Ross, Alison Daniel

2nd Row: Allarice Williams, Gina Malherbe, Michaela Bone (Dep Head of Boarding House), Mrs V Bester, Barbara Vincent (Head of Boarding House), Mrs C du Preez, Leanne Gordon, Paula Chaplin, Amber Ramsden

Front Row: Helen-Marie Cuturi, Caroline Pratt, Katherine Gant, Clare Ellis-Smith, Helen Bravington, Carla Ferucci, Megan Shaw, Angelique Engel, Caroline Truter, Jane Woodard, Inge Croy, Nolene Choonoo

Absent: Anna Summs, Katherine Johnson, Julia Sanders, Katherine Ackermann, Leigh Meinert, Bridget Magnus

WILKOMMEN!

"Cabaret Under the Ilex Tree"

As part of the celebrations for the Seventieth anniversary of the founding of Herschel, it was decided to stage a cabaret which looked at each of the seven decades that the school has been in existence, remembering each with a song.

After several weeks of strenuous rehearsals, costume fittings and late nights spent catching up on homework, we found ourselves under the Ilex tree on 17 February 1992 in front of an array of beautifully decorated tables and many, many people.

However, before all those wonderful things could be put in front of an audience, we all had to work incredibly hard to reach that point. Ms Edlmann, the director, choreographer, researcher, designer and script writer of the production, certainly had a job getting us girls moving. I don't think I would volunteer for all those positions too quickly. It takes so much motivation, enthusiasm and dedication to survive such gruelling rehearsals, technical problems and, of course, opening night. Without her, "Cabaret" would never have happened.

Along with Ms Edlmann, the music had to be organised. Who better than Mr Chapman for the job? Quite a few music scores had to be arranged, and the orchestra was truly magical! The music staff and pupils put so much into the music that I feel they deserve a recording contract, as do mention the glorious voices that accompanied them.

Mrs Brathwaite, Mrs Brockbank and many Herschel mothers turned the area under the Ilex tree into a fairy tale setting. Candles, flowers and shining glasses and cutlery awaited the audience while Mrs Brockbank and Mrs Davies helped us all backstage with costumes and make-up. Mr Bock sat backstage and lit up the acting area like a rainbow of light, while Anda Ngani was always there to help us with the microphones. I can't even begin to mention and give credit to everyone who was involved in the production, but each and every one involved deserves a round of applause of his/her own.

It goes without saying that the cabaret was a huge success. It is always satisfying to bring a smile and some warmth to an audience. The talent and effort went into "Cabaret" through every performance.

That rush of adrenalin, that group support and energy and the satisfaction of a applause are the things about "Cabaret" which will always be remembered. Herschel's 70th Birthday was celebrated in all its glory and the wonderful performances truly paid tribute to the school.

JANE WOLFE-COOTE - Std 10

THE MIKADO

Gilbert and Sullivan - Bishops/Herschel Production

Together with the vivid and interesting stage props and costumes, the singing from the musical was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Although there were a few slips here and there, the overall impression was good with a full house every night and an enthusiastic audience.

The girls' chorus and lead singers were ably assisted by Mrs Crutchley and Miss Sweet, who put in a lot of time to train the girls. Mr Ashby from Bishops trained the boy singers and his efforts were much appreciated.

During performances, the atmosphere was lively and energetic behind stage and the interaction was beneficial, and lasting friendships were formed.

A Gilbert and Sullivan production, attempted at any level of dramatic experience, requires a lot of very hard work and planning. Special thanks to Mr Stephen King and his wife, Michelle, for their patience and consistent effort till the end. Together they worked extremely hard to make the show a success and the months of hard planning were surely recognised. Mr Simon Chapman, after his remark: "I don't think I shall ever attempt a Gilbert and Sullivan production at school!", directed and conducted the orchestra with tremendous patience and skill. Miss Gough was another teacher who put many hours of work into the musical and her kindness was much appreciated. The make-up team, under Mrs Jenny Brockbank, added to the success of the play and the cast presented these willing teachers with gifts on the closing night to show our appreciation.

We're sad it's over but perhaps we can put on another Gilbert and Sullivan production next year!

NICOLA COLLOCOTT

THE MIKADO TOUR

Our tour to Somerset West and Hermanus was, undoubtedly, the highlight of our Mikado production.

We left on Friday 18th September and, after a really slow trip, thanks to the Bishops' bus, we eventually arrived in Somerset West, excited and ready to work. After a short run-through, we were introduced to our host families, who were wonderful and really made us feel at home! Our performance in the evening was a great success due to the responsive Somerset West audience.

After our rather disorganised day in Hermanus on Saturday, which included a chaotic supper at the Spur and a game of rugby, we had our last performance. Spirits were low because it was our last performance, but the thought keeping us going was the after party - a wonderful evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. After a delicious brunch at the Haldane's house on Sunday, it was back to Cape Town. Thanks to the special friendships made during our time together, The Mikado will never be forgotten.

THE ORCHESTRA - MIKADO

The Mikado orchestra was lead by a very able Mr Simon Chapman, Music Director of the Mikado.

The first practices that the orchestra had together were shaky as we had to get used to working together. However, as things progressed, each member became more confident and we began to work together as a group. We were quite confident with our playing until we met the singers for our first siteprobe. With only a short while until opening night, everyone realised how much work still needed to be done. Fortunately, this was typical of a first siteprobe! After many hours of hard work by both the cast and orchestra, we managed to produce a successful show.

The Mikado, with its many high moments (and frustrations), was an unforgettable experience.



Thandi Siebert, Helen Bravington, Lindiwe le Roux - Three Little Maids



Nicole Louw and Nicola Collocott with a Bishops Back-stage helper

Photos: Glyn Hewson

THE MIKADO



Anna Summs as Katisha



Thandi Siebert and Robert Walsh (Yum-Yum and Ko-Ko)

S.A.Y.S. CONFERENCE - 1992

In the first weekend of the September holidays, the Herschel boarding house was suddenly filled with eighty school children who had come to attend the annual S.A.Y.S. Conference.

It started on Friday 26 September at 5 o'clock, but the Herschel girls arrived at about 2 o'clock to get the hall ready and make posters saying 'Tuckshop' and 'Toilets', (the most important places for people to know). When people arrived, they were each put into a group and given a coloured name tag (according to the colour of their group). We were then given a short talk by Graham from Leadership South, and we then began our introductions, first with everyone and then in our groups.

After our supper of lasagne, we had a drama workshop with Peter Krummeck, and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. Anyone walking past the hall must have wondered what on earth the strange noises were for!

We were given lots of free time that night before we eventually went to bed - early in the morning.

The next day, after breakfast, we were told all about the eight conflict resolution skills, and produced plays about conflict resolutions in our groups to present that night. We spent the rest of the day practising our plays, but the highlight of the afternoon was when one of the guys walked straight through a glass door (when it was shut)! He was fine, but the door was totally smashed. That night we performed our plays, which were all very good and afterwards we received our S.A.Y.S. tee-shirts which we had to wear the next day.

Then we were given free time, and lots of people went out to Cavendish Square or to the movies.

The following day was really the farewell day. We had lots of photos taken of us in our SAYS tee-shirts, swapped addresses and 'phone numbers with our new friends.

We had to complete questionnaires about S.A.Y.S. before lunch. Afterwards we finished the conference on a good note by singing a rousing rendition of 'Nkosi Sikelele Afrika'.

We returned home on Sunday, tired, happy and determined to come again next year.

FRANCES ROBERTSON AND OLIVIA WILL



INTERACT COMMITTEE

Mrs C Speck, Barbara Vincent, Fathgaya Hoosain, Kirsten Thaning, Arlene Benjamin, Tamlyn McKeag, Gina Malherbe, Claire Christie.

INTERACT REPORT HERSCHEL INTERACT - THERE WHEN YOU NEED US

1991/92 has been a very busy, exciting year for Interact. My year as president has been a wonderful opportunity and experience, as I hope to become a social worker.

The year got off to a great start when the club membership swelled from 86 to 120 regular and dedicated members, almost doubled in size to become the largest Interact Club in the district. We had Interact T-shirts made to unite and identify our club. Interact meets every alternate Tuesday, but most projects are held during the week and over weekends, so Interact is very active and time-consuming. Some of our projects this year included :-

Taking 20 children from St George's Orphanage to the Waterfront where they went on a boat trip.

Making dinner for the residents of the Haven Night Shelter, with Bishops. They had hotdogs, chips, cooldrink and doughnuts.

Selling books on Child Abuse to raise funds. We made R428 making cakes for the Community Chest Carnival.

Holding our own annual Christmas party for the children of the domestic and grounds staff. It was great fun and special thanks to Mr Stuart-Pindlay who was our Father Christmas.

Attending One-to-One day and painting the children's faces.

Attendance by some of our Interactors at a Red Cross camp. Collecting tins, jerseys, books, pencils and paper; and the class who collected the most of each, won two chocolate cakes.

Helping at the Good Hope 100 and at the Argus Cycle Tour - some of our Interactors took part in both.

Taking underprivileged children for hikes up the mountain.

Visiting many old age homes and beautiful prizes were donated. Some of our Interactors go every alternate Tuesday to Gateway, held in Rondebosch, where mentally handicapped children and adults are entertained.

Some of our major projects were :-

1. The Herschel/Bishops Dance Marathon, held on Friday 13th. We had to dress accordingly. The evening was a great success and R1 000 was raised.

2. The collection of sandwiches every Thursday for a school in Langa. This project is now supported by the whole school.

3. Visits every alternate Tuesday (with Westerford) to the Claremont Children's Shelter where four of our Interactors play games, and have fun with the boys from the Shelter.

We attended the Interact Conference where we won the prize for the best project and the cup for the best presentation. We asked people to help the Claremont Children's Shelter by contributing money to the building and running of the shelter.

Our biggest project was a camp for underprivileged children. We took 20 children from an orphanage in Langa to Glencairn for a weekend. We visited the Scratch Patch, went to the beach for a picnic, went sand-boarding and the weekend was filled with fun, laughter and smiles. We never realised how our small contribution could bring so much happiness. This is a project we would like to repeat every year.

I would like to thank Mrs Speck for her wonderful support and backing. Unfortunately, she will be leaving us for a while to add a new little member to the Speck family. A special honorary membership award went to Mr Speck for all his help, enthusiasm and support. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them great joy with their first baby. May she/he bring them much pleasure.

Best of luck to the new committee, who have already got off to a great start. A very big thank you to the club, because without your constant support, Interact would not exist.

Commit random acts of kindness and senseless beauty.

CLAIRE CHRISTIE

BROOKS REPORT

"The lucky winners of the Brooks Exchange are Libby Hirshon and Anda Ngani...."

I cannot believe now it was almost a year ago that I heard these words. I'll never forget that feeling - knowing that I was going to America - to Brooks School in Massachusetts.

I knew very little of what it was going to be like and now I look back at the two-and-a-half months spent there and realize how much I've learnt. Not only about the American schooling system, but also about the people and their lifestyle. I think of one of the experiences that really sticks in my mind; the boo-hoo service. This was a service held in the chapel the day before graduation to say a personal goodbye to the seniors. In a way it was a goodbye for us too as we were leaving just a few days after that.

I remember the feeling of sitting next to my roommate, knowing that I would probably never see her again, looking across at a girl in my rowing team, thinking of all the fun we had, travelling on the yellow school bus to compete against another school, the time we rowed in the snow, the final race between all the boats - guys and girls. In front of me were the Kenyan exchange students - four people whom I shall never forget. It's strange how I learnt so much about Kenya while I was in America!

LIBBY HIRSHON

Until I went to Brooks, I never realised how quickly one could make friends. It is strange to think that in the other hemisphere, I have left life-long friends although I might never see them again. After two-and-a-half months of happiness, joy, learning and friendship, I watched the blurry green fields and lake disappear as my eyes filled with tears. It is so hard for me even to try and explain what a valuable experience this was - opportunity to be an American and live like an American.

I think I can certainly say that all the knowledge and experience I have gained will never be forgotten and that Brooks has made a significant mark in my life.

ANDA NGANI



ROTARY SCHOLARS 1993

Yasmin Amien, Barbara Vincent, Candice Noakes

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS - 1992

This year, we are lucky enough to have two Rotary Exchange students with us in Standard 9: Caryn Benness and Heide Brandau.

Caryn came to South Africa from Perth in Australia at the beginning of the year and went to Bergvliet High for six months before coming to Herschel at the beginning of the third term. She wanted to come to South Africa to see what it is really like, as they hear only the negative things about South Africans on the news. Apparently some of her friends thought she was crazy to come to such a "dangerous" country and think she is rather brave!

Caryn says that the schools here are very similar to her one in Australia - they also have to wear uniforms and the subjects are about the same, but the school is co-ed and has 600 pupils.

Caryn has found this exchange very fulfilling and enjoyable so far as she is learning two new languages (Afrikaans at Standard 2 level, and Xhosa at Standard 6 level), she has made many new friends and has learnt a lot about South Africa.

Heide is from Lower Saxony in Germany. She was at Groote Schuur for three months before she joined us at the beginning of the fourth term. She goes to a school called Otto-Hahn, which is apparently very different from Herschel - there are 800 people, they don't wear uniform, they don't have a prefect system and their school is co-ed. When she goes back to Germany, she'll have another two years of school to go as they have an equivalent of Standard 11!

Heide says that she has loved being here. Not only has she learnt about South Africa and its peoples, but also about people from other countries as the Rotary Exchange students from all round the world meet once a month.

We hope that Heide and Caryn enjoy the rest of their time here - we have all really enjoyed having them!

BRIDGE BUILDING REPORT

Perhaps it was Miss Case's infectious enthusiasm which inspired us to attempt to build a bridge for the S.A.I.C.E.(South African Institute of Civil Engineers) Bridge Building Competition earlier this year. It was she who took us to the briefing lecture at U.C.T. a few weeks later and it was there that we first began to have the uneasy feelings that maybe we had bitten off more than we could chew. Seeing that the girls were greatly outnumbered by boys didn't add to our confidence either. At the lecture we were told about different bridge designs and the specifications to which our entry had to conform.

We arranged to get together to brainstorm ideas as to how we might build the bridge. Surprisingly, amid great hilarity, a suitable design finally emerged. We later modified this rough design using a computer to perfect the proposed dimensions and proportions.

A long weekend was devoted almost entirely to constructing our masterpiece and writing the report. When Miss Case suggested to us at the start of the next week, that we should do some serious work on the bridge, it was with tremendous pride and satisfaction that we told her, "We've finished it!"

When we arrived at St George's Mall, Cape Town, on 16 May for the judging, our biggest concern was that we should not be embarrassed about our bridge; we certainly didn't have the vaguest inkling that we might win.

Although the design was entirely our own, our fathers' help with the construction of the model was invaluable and we are extremely grateful for the time, effort and enthusiasm that they poured into the project.

An oscilloscope was bought for the Science Lab. with the prize money. All in all, we feel that the project was both challenging and worthwhile.

NICOLA WALLACE, YOLANDE YOUNG, MEGAN SHAW



SUCCESSFUL BRIDGE BUILDERS

Megan Shaw, Yolande Young, Miss J Case, Nicola Wallace



VISITORS TO GRAHAMSTOWN

Back row: K Thaning, H Young, P Gwynne-Evans, A Cottrell;

Front row: A Larsen, R Poole, Mrs J Kurtz, M Taylor, S Armstrong

SPORT

HOCKEY 92

The first team was entered into the Premier League at the beginning of the season. This league includes the twelve best girls' hockey teams in the Cape. Our tour in the April holidays to Durban and Pietermaritzburg was a great pre-season warm-up. We had mixed match results and a wonderful time in Natal.

This year our first team, consisting almost entirely of matrics, played good hockey. We had some strong opposition, but matched up to them well. The U15 and U14 hockey teams have also played well, with special congratulations to the U15B team for coming first in their league. There have also been individual successes with Tamlyn McKeag (open) and Kirsten Feltz (U15) representing Western Province in the inter-provincial tournaments during the June holidays.

A highlight of the season was hosting the visiting Roedean girls from Brighton, England, in the second term. We all had a Sunday lunch together and the next day tested our skills on the hockey field and netball court.

We won the hockey 2-0. We were presented with a super trophy by their captain, and were sad to see them leave a day later. They were lovely girls, and perhaps it is Herschel's turn to visit them next.

The annual interschools was postponed because of wet weather. We played on a Friday afternoon at San Souci, and despite the gale and being a bit rusty, we tried our best. The final hockey event of the season was the parents/daughters/staff hockey day. This always has good support, and we were lucky with the weather. There was a wonderful atmosphere with delicious aromas from the braais to keep our strength up. The staff team won the finals again despite our best efforts to break this record.

Thanks to our dedicated coaches, Mrs Malan and Mrs Engelbrecht, for all they did for our hockey teams this season. Another big thank you goes to all those who supported us through rain and shine, they made our Saturday mornings that much more enjoyable and worthwhile.

TAMLYN McKEAG



FIRST HOCKEY TEAM

Back Row: Tamaryn Hammond, Mandy Wright, Dinah Millar, Mrs L. Malan, Gina Matherbe, Debbie Wynne, Claire Christie
Middle: Tamlyn McKeag (Capt.), Arlene Benjamin, Candice Noakes, Edlyn Thapane, Nika Danford
Front: Robyn Westmoreland

1992 TENNIS AND HOCKEY TOUR

Mrs Malan, Mrs Engelbrecht and 17 tennis and hockey players set off to Natal on the evening of 24 March for 5 days. Our teams played four matches each, with mixed results, but improved our success rate in comparison to last year's Eastern Cape tour. The hockey team was also involved in a tournament at Stanger High School, where we played four shortened matches.

Our accommodation was at the Durban Inn and St John's Hostel in Pietermaritzburg. All our hosting schools - St Annes, Wykham Collegiate, St John's and Westville were most hospitable and friendly, and provided us with wonderful teas! We were also most grateful for the spectacular thunderstorms which provided a welcome break from the sweltering heat and humidity.

Planned outings included a picnic at Howick Falls, a shopping expedition, a swim at Umhlanga Rocks (with the sharks), spectating at the S A Lifesaving Championships, a day at Waterworld, and an exciting game of 10-pin bowling (where the teachers surprised us with their hidden talents!). We also attended a performance of "Bless Africa", St John's school play. Many of us also experienced our first taste of sugar cane at Tongaat.

The sports tour was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and was definitely a fitting conclusion and beginning to the tennis and hockey seasons respectively. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Malan and Mrs Engelbrecht, and to those tour girls reading this: "Dead Ant".

TAMLYN MCKEAG



HOCKEY/TENNIS TOUR TO DURBAN

Back: Tamaryn Hammond, Mandy Wright, Leanne Louw, Nicola Schonborn, Dinah Millar, Candice Noakes, Nika Danford, Gina Malherbe, Debbie Wynne

Middle: Tamlyn McKeag, Sally Gooden, Edlyn Tlhapane, Claire Christie, Nicola Wallace, Arlene Benjamin, Barbara Vincent, Susan Snyman



U/15A HOCKEY TEAM

Back Row : D van Hoorn, N Wood, C Watts, L le Roux, H Fermor, L Thomas.

Front Row : K Feltz (Capt), J Bradshaw, Mrs C Engelbrecht, D Gray, B Quibell.

Absent: C McGahey.



INDOOR HOCKEY TEAM

Back: Tamaryn Hammond, Mandy Wright, Candice Noakes, Nika Danford, Arlene Benjamin

Middle: Tamlyn McKeag, Mrs L. Malan, Claire Christie



SENIOR INTER-SCHOOLS TENNIS TEAM

Back: Susan Snyman, Leanne Louw, Dinah Millar, Gina Malherbe, Sally Gooden, Nicola Ballance

Seated: Barbara Vincent (Capt), Nicola Schonborn, Mrs L. Malan

TENNIS REPORT

The 1991/92 tennis season has held mixed fortunes for the Herschel teams.

As the first team won their league last year, they were promoted to the premier league for this season. This meant that we were competing with the province's top players and were out-played on more than one occasion. Even though, at times, we began to feel a bit demoralised, it was a great experience and our tennis definitely improved as a result. Sadly, the first team has been put back into the first league for next season.

The Standard 6 teams all seemed to have had successful seasons, culminating in their coming second to Rustenburg in their Interschools event. We are very proud of Catherine Ballance who has been selected for the Western Province U/14 squad - what an honour!

In the Senior Interschools Tournament, our team came third, with Rustenburg first and Wynberg second.

Congratulations to Barbara Vintcent, Susan Snyman, Sally Gooden, Leanne Louw, Gina Malherbe, Dinah Millar and Nicola Schonborn on being awarded half school colours.

In the school holidays after the first term five girls from the top tennis teams joined the hockey girls on a tour to Natal. We played a number of matches in Pietermaritzburg as well as in Durban itself. We all had a fantastic time and learnt a lot from seeing the top Natal girls in action.

Once again the season ended on a high with the Parents/Daughters Tennis Day. Mrs Duff very kindly opened up her home for us all to watch the World Cup Cricket - South Africa vs England - so as to keep the fathers on the property! Between the tennis, the cricket and the delicious lunch, everybody had a great time. Congratulations to Bronwyn Crofton (Std 6) and Mr Collocott on winning their various sections.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Malan for all the support and encouragement she has given us at our tennis matches. It takes a very special person to organise ten teams and then, not only stay calm, but still be such a lot of fun. Mrs Malan, you have done such a lot for the team spirit by making tennis so enjoyable - thank you. To all those playing tennis next season, good luck and remember it is PERFECT practice that makes perfect!

BARBARA VINTCENT

SQUASH REPORT

Squash at Herschel has flourished this season. It started on a good note with a huge increase in the number of interested players. This resulted in the introduction of a third team.

The first half of the season saw the first team winning all its matches, and so being selected to represent the Western Province at the National Top Schools' Tournament in Pietermaritzburg - a great honour in itself. Due to illness, Barbara could not join the team. Mrs Vintcent managed the side and we thank her for giving up her time to help us. Girls' squash is clearly taken more seriously in the other provinces and so, unfortunately, we found ourselves a little out of our league. Nevertheless, everybody had a fantastic weekend as our girls clearly were quite comfortable socially!

Back at home, the first team won the P.G.S.U.A. Round Robin Interschools' Competition. The two top teams won their respective knockout leagues. These tremendous achievements show just how much depth we have had this year.

Congratulations to Caroline McGahey and Barbara Vintcent on being selected for the Western Province U/16 A and U/19A teams respectively. They both received full colours, while Nicky Malherbe, Caroline Truter, Suzannah George and Kirsten Thaning were awarded half colours.

Our success this year is undoubtedly thanks to Mrs Engelbrecht, whose infectious laugh, along with many other qualities, has helped build a wonderful team spirit.

I feel confident that Herschel squash is going to continue growing from strength to strength. Good luck!

BARBARA VINTCENT



STD 6 INTER-SCHOOLS TENNIS TEAM

Standing: Jane Woodard, Michelle Watt, Bronwyn Crofton

Seated: Mrs L. Malan, Catherine Ballance



SQUASH

Back row: C Truter, L-A Bird, Mrs Engelbrecht, B Vincent, K Thaning, S George
Seated: C McGahey



WESTERN PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES

Standing: Kirsten Thaning, Amanda Clegg, Tamlyn McKeag, Nicola Clegg, Amber Ramsden, Barbara Vincent, Carin Dippenaar, Laura Galan, Kirsten Feltz

Seated: Kirsten Locke, Catherine Ballance, Keira Powers, Jane Woodard, Gabi Cristie, Vicky Sheppard, Carolyn Martin

SWIMMING REPORT

The swimming season of 1991/92 has been a most enjoyable and successful one. Not only has the team excelled in everything participated in, but the spirit amongst the girls has been incredible. The many training sessions, not to mention the dreaded early morning workouts, all seemed to pay off in the end, and we acquitted ourselves excellently both individually and as a team.

We participated in school league galas held throughout the season, performing well in each one, and ultimately managing to win the league. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the Inter-Schools Gala held at the Newlands Pool in February. We managed, once again, to beat our rival, Rustenburg, and win the cup. This is now the third consecutive year that we have won this event. The Inter-House Gala was a great success as always. Merriman took the overall swimming cup, with Jagger coming second, and Rolt third. Merriman also won the diving. The age group champions were Amanda Clegg (U/14), Taryn-Leigh Melville (U/16) and Nicola Clegg (Open). Jessamy O'Hanlon was the diving champion.

On an individual scale, we can be proud of our many achievers. Nicola and Amanda Clegg were chosen to represent Western Province at the South African National Championships in Durban as well as at the South African Schools Championships in Bloemfontein. Gabi Christie was selected for the Western Province Synchronised Swimming Team to perform at both these events. Jane Woodard represented our province at the S.A. Schools Championships. We have never had so many provincial representatives - congratulations to all these girls. They have done the swimming team proud.

I would like to thank Mrs Engelbrecht for her support, encouragement and excellent organisation. Finally, I would like to thank the entire team for their dedication and hard work throughout the season. You have all contributed in your own way to make up a fantastic team.

KIRSTEN THANING



DIVING TEAM (Interschools Winners)
J O'Hanlon, J Woodard, G Christie.



SWIMMING TEAM (Interschools Winners)

Back Row : S Boardman, A Lawrence, J O'Hanlon, L Bird (Vice Capt), P de Villiers, N Clegg, L Fisher, C Hannath, A Clegg, A Franks, G Christie.

Front Row : Mrs C Engelbrecht, T O'Hanlon, J Woodard, C Ferucci, K Thaning (Capt).

WATERPOLO REPORT

Being a very new sport at Herschel, waterpolo has received tremendous support this year. Despite the early morning training sessions (6.30 a.m.) the dedication of all three senior teams and two Standard Six teams, was surprising. Because of the popular response from the Standard Sixes, special practices had to be arranged, which was really very encouraging.

This was the first time we entered First League and some practice matches with Bishops and Wynberg increased our strength dramatically. We had a prosperous season, coming second in the Bart Section of the Waller Cup competition and winning many of our matches. Congratulations to Kirsten Thaning, who made the Western Province team. Our smart new waterpolo sweatshirts really helped us to have a "whale of a time"!

I would just like to say a big thank you to Mr Morelli who, out of kindness, sacrificed every early morning and many afternoons to train us, assisted by Thane McCullaugh and Sam Joint. We really do appreciate it.

Congratulations to our 1993 Captain, Annabelle Lawrence, and Vice Captain, Clarissa Berry, who, with the teams, have already started training for the new season. Good luck and keep up the spirit.

GINA MALHERBE



WATERPOLO TEAM

Back Row : B Vincent, L Pickup, A Lawrence, Mrs C Engelbrecht,
N Danford, D Millar, L le Roux.

Front Row : G Malherbe (Capt), E Whitaker, L Christie, K Thaning (Vice Capt)



FIRST TEAM NETBALL

Back Row : K Feltz, A Louw, E Hannath, G Malherbe, I Groepies;
Front Row : Mrs C Engelbrecht, S Gooden, M Shimange, S Cruise (V.Capt), D Millar (Capt).

NETBALL

The netball season started off really well with a great response from all the girls. We were able to enter four senior teams and two Standard Six teams in the league. All teams fared extremely well in their different leagues, winning all of their matches.

The First and Second teams took part in a tournament sponsored by 'Sarie' and, despite the rain and thunder, managed to have some good games. We also managed to organise a friendly match with two teams from Guguletu. There was a lot of laughter from everyone, making it a very happy afternoon.

Just before Inter-Schools we played a touring team from Roedean in England. It was a very close match, with the

opposition just beating us in the last few minutes. This must have really got our First Team going, because we played exceptionally well at the Inter-Schools Tournament and, by the end of the morning, had tied for first place with Rustenburg. However, Rustenburg managed to beat us on goal average, putting us second overall.

I would like to thank Mrs Engelbrecht for everything that she has done for Netball at Herschel. With her unfailing enthusiasm and encouragement, we have had a very successful and enjoyable season. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone playing next season, good luck. Go out and enjoy yourselves.

DINAH MILLAR



STD 6A TEAM NETBALL

Back Row : S Pullinger, P Caradoc-Davies, Mrs C Engelbrecht, R Segers, C Hannath.
Front Row : P de Villiers, I Croy, C Ferucci.

ORIGINAL WORKS

WAR TOYS

I was a bit of a tom-boy when I was small and I can remember playing "Cops and Robbers" from an early age.

I invariably had to be the robber, because only boys were allowed to have guns. It was unfair, but I made the most of my occupation. I didn't just fall down dead like all my other unimaginative colleagues. When my brothers jumped out of the bushes and pointed their wonderfully noisy rifles and flashy machine guns at me, I would do a very slow but dramatic dying swan act; even though I was being shot at least twenty times a second, my brothers were always so impatient.

At first I would recoil from the bullets, then give an agonizing blood-curdling scream, as I collapsed to the ground writhing and struggling in inexplicable agony. Then quite suddenly I would go quite still and roll my eye balls up so you could only see white. I would count to ten and then give a last final twitch.

I was dead.

Well, at least until the next round of "Skiet en Donner" or whatever we happened to play.

My folks didn't really approve. They used to watch me and my antics with anxious frowning brows and ask their friends, "Why can't she be a normal girl and dress up?" Or if they were embarrassed they would say, "Ignore her, she's just looking for attention."

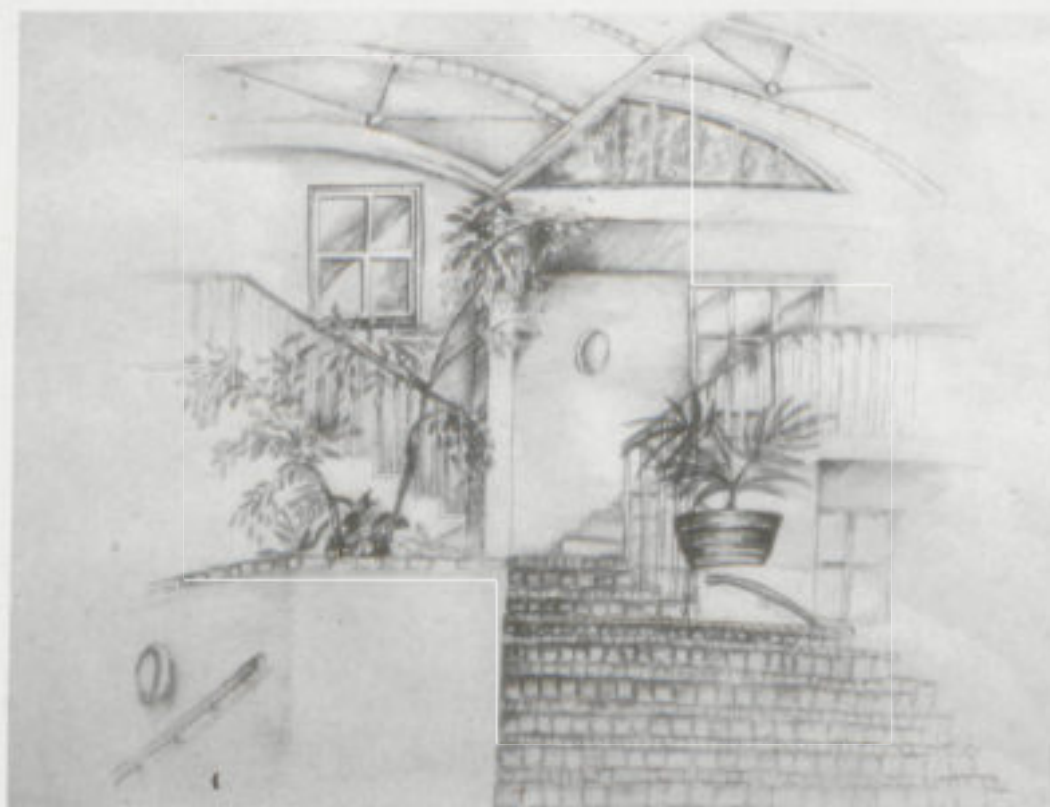
I suppose I was really, looking for attention that is, but I also thoroughly enjoyed playing "war games". They were much more fun than "Housy-Housy" or "School-School" or "baby-baby".

So I suppose I shouldn't be shocked by the violence in this country; the pointless massacres, the heartless killings of families and friends and the destruction of the value of life. The population has merely realized that it is no longer fun to play "Housy-Housy" when there is no money coming in, no longer sweet to play "baby-baby" when your child's tummy is swelling from malnutrition and there is no longer any point in playing "school-school" when there aren't enough books and teachers.

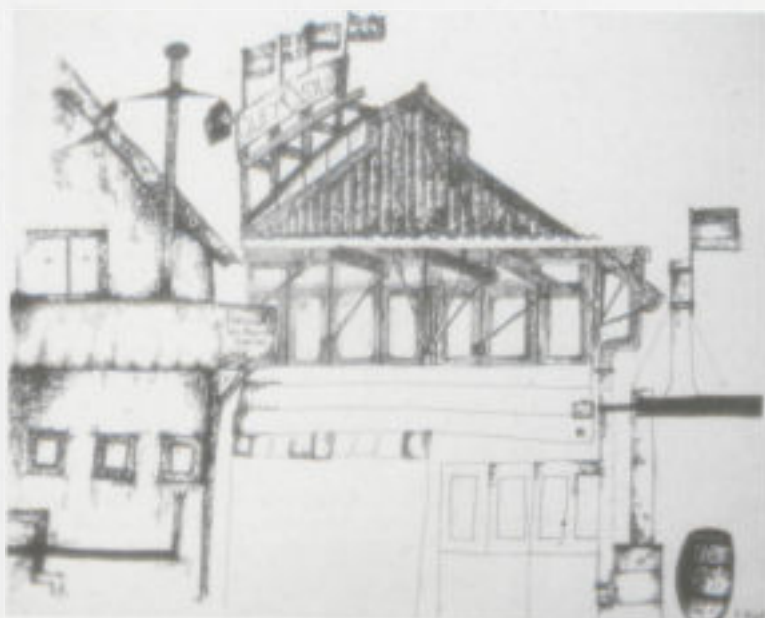
So, they too have turned to "war games" because they know they will never run out of victims, fire or ammunition. The only difference is that they are no longer children, their guns are no longer "play-play" and the bystanders are no longer my folks, but fellow South Africans who sit in their warm, well-fed lounges gazing at the flashing screen and anxiously say, "I don't know why they feel they have the right to go around shooting people" or embarrassedly say "Those people are on a plane of their own, I don't know what gets into them."

Yes, we all take a part in this game. Yes, and many of the participants find it fun and invigorating, but there's something niggling inside me that tells me that many people don't realize that there is no next round. We've got to make the best of the round we've got. Maybe I will be a good girl and go and play "housy-housy" now.

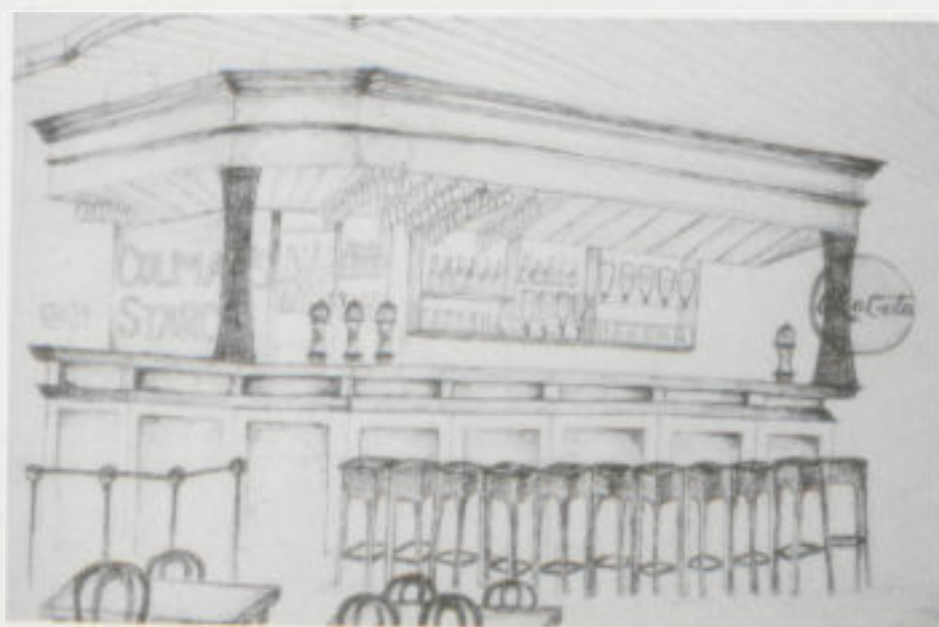
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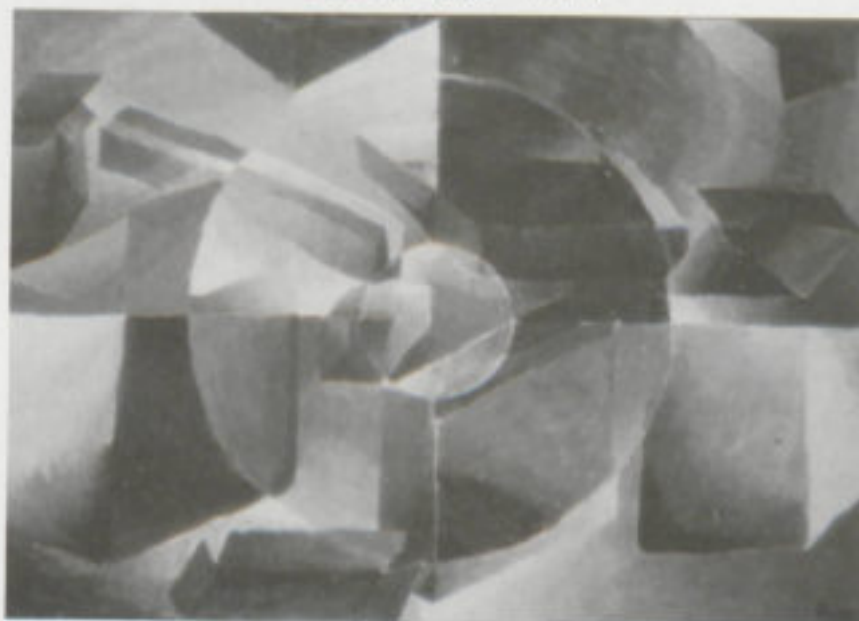
CAROLINE TRUTER - Std 9



KATE ROYDS - Std 8



LINDEN GANT - Std 8



ROBYN GARRATT - Std 7

DREAMS

I suppose this essay will be very much the ignorant writing about the misunderstood, and I have heard it said that there is nothing more boring than hearing other people's dreams; but I chose this topic and you will have to read it.

Don't worry, I am not going to recount every memorable dream I have ever had (at my age, that could get a little risqué) like those tea-leaves-reading old women who practise their amateur textbook psychoanalysis on gullible dreamers. I don't think anyone really understands dreams, not even the dreamers themselves. And I certainly don't think that there is any set way to interpret them, or even that they should be interpreted at all.

I remember going into a bookshop about six months ago and being absolutely flabbergasted to find a book entitled, "How to Interpret your Dreams". I couldn't believe it - was there some kind of formula you could apply to everyone that would in a trice explain each individual's fears and joys rooted deep in their subconscious? Well, according to this book (which was set out in a sort of dictionary form), you recall something you dreamed about, say a clown, and look under the appropriate letter to find out what dreaming about a clown symbolises. A white horse means death and a black horse means marriage. It carried on in this vein but, despite the transparency of the interpretations, by the time I revisited the bookstore this book and its twenty reproductions were all sold out. Makes you think, doesn't it?

It certainly makes me think. It makes me think about the mindless hordes of men and women who, every morning when they wake up, religiously write down everything they dreamt the previous night. Once they have read their horoscope for the day and made the loyal phone call to Beverley Rhodes - South Africa's best psychic at R5.99 a minute, don't you know; they dutifully research their dreams using the indisputable dream almanac, the epitome of accuracy, you guessed it, "How to Interpret your Dreams" to find out who is going to die and who is going to get married.

It makes me think about these troops of people who have given up their dreams for life to follow the fallacious interpretations of those dreams. While asleep, there are many things in the human body that can't be fully explained, the brain most especially. All we really know is that dreaming is important and necessary, and is the method the brain uses to placate the subconscious. Dreams should be left alone and allowed to run their course. They should be ignored; the hidden meaning should be allowed to stay hidden and the search for prophecies should be aborted.

The dreams that should be noticed and fulfilled are those we dream when we are awake. They are the dreams for the future, and the fulfilment of these is what makes life worth living. It is strange that people are so ready to give these up without a thought and, instead, cling to the teachings of Beverley Rhodes and the authors of the aforementioned 'book'. It is sad to think of all the dreams worth mentioning that go to waste; and not only the dreams, but the lives.

Oh, and by the way, in case you were wondering and have been dreaming about clowns lately, the Nostradamus of dreams states in his latest masterpiece (which, knowing the quirky sense of humour of God, is going to be the only surviving evidence of our civilization when archaeologists in two thousand years' time unearth it and wonder at the stupidity of their ancestors) that clowns mean that you have a suppressed desire to go to the circus because you were never allowed to as a child honestly, buy the book if you don't believe me. I also have excellent contacts at Boswell Wilkie if anyone is interested.

REVELL HAYLETT - Sid 10

IT'S GOD'S WORLD

Gad, Ged, Gid, God and Gud sat boredly in class, watching their teacher giving them a lecture. I say "watching" because that's all they were doing, they were not listening because all concentration had been lost. Suddenly Mrs Hastings said something that made them perk up and listen attentively. They were going to do a project! All the boys loved projects as they could be as imaginative as they wanted. But this time it was different; they had to work together, make something that would form a whole.

They all sat in a circle and pondered on what to do. Eventually, after much thought and argument, they came up with an idea: They would create a universe, a whole with many parts.

Gad decided to make the stars, for he liked things that glistened and glistened. Ged was going to make the sun for he liked warmth and bright things. Gid made the moon for he liked things that reflected and shone, and Gud made the planets for he liked a challenge and enjoyed taking on a lot of things at one time. They all started busily on their projects while God still sat contemplating what to do. Suddenly an idea struck him - he would make The Earth! It would have little organisms that lived and breathed and functioned! It would have trees and grass, seas and rivers, people and animals. God was so excited he didn't know where to start.

He shaped a huge wad of soil into a ball and rolled it out until it was smooth. Then he stuck in his fingers in a few places to make the surface uneven and added some rocks and stones to make mountains and hills. He filled a few of the holes with water to make the oceans, and the water trickled into the cracks and made rivers and little streams. He scattered the earth with seeds to make grass and trees and flowers. At last he started to make the animals and carefully shaped them into different shapes and sizes and spent hours getting every detail correct. Last of all he made the humans. And he was pleased.

Eventually, when he was happy with the world and all he had created, he added the weather processes and started it spinning.

As he did so, everything started functioning and time sped up to one million times faster than God's time. Everything flourished and grew and all things lived in peace and harmony.

God's teacher congratulated him warmly and everyone knew that he had done the best project in the class. The others had all done an excellent job, but none were so intricate or complicated as God's world.

Over the next few weeks Gad, Ged, Gid, God and Gud watched their projects to make sure everything was going well. Everyone was happy with how everything was functioning, but God started noticing that something was going wrong. The humans seemed to be racing over all the land - some of the plant and animal species were disappearing because of their destructiveness! A hazy layer of pollution surrounded the earth and the layer that God had created to protect it from the harmful rays of Ged's successful sun was slowly being eaten away. God was highly distressed by this and the next time God's teacher graded his project, she warned him that he was going to fail if he didn't do something about the destruction of his project.

God just didn't know what to do. It wasn't his fault that the earth was deteriorating due to the work of human hands! He knew that eventually the humans would completely destroy his project, and he was extremely worried. God is failing because of us, not because of anything that he has done. Mrs Hastings is getting more and more displeased with him and his peers are beginning to laugh at him because he started off doing so well, but is now doing so badly. Let's help him and do what we can to rectify this matter, or even stop it from getting worse. It's up to us now.

ELIZABETH HIRSHON - Sid 9

ALL THESE POEMS ARE BASED ON A PROSE
PARAPHRASE OF A POEM CALLED
"Adlestrop" by Edward Thomas.

An unexpected stop on a hot dusty day
Under a scorching desert sun,
the blue-black smoke of the Trans-Karoo
adding its stench to the wavering heat.

The silence was complete
interrupted by a human cough
the train added its sigh of relief
De Doorns - empty, barren

Hard cracked earth all around
Nothing stirred.
Flat earth except for some vygies and kokerbome.
Some bales of hay lay as if forgotten,

White clouds promising no relief shimmer up high.
A minute in time, but a life-time in sighs,
Somewhere I heard a bird's lonely song -
care-less and free
Evocative of a bygone sympathy.

NIKKI McQUEEN AND NASRIN ISAACS - Std 9

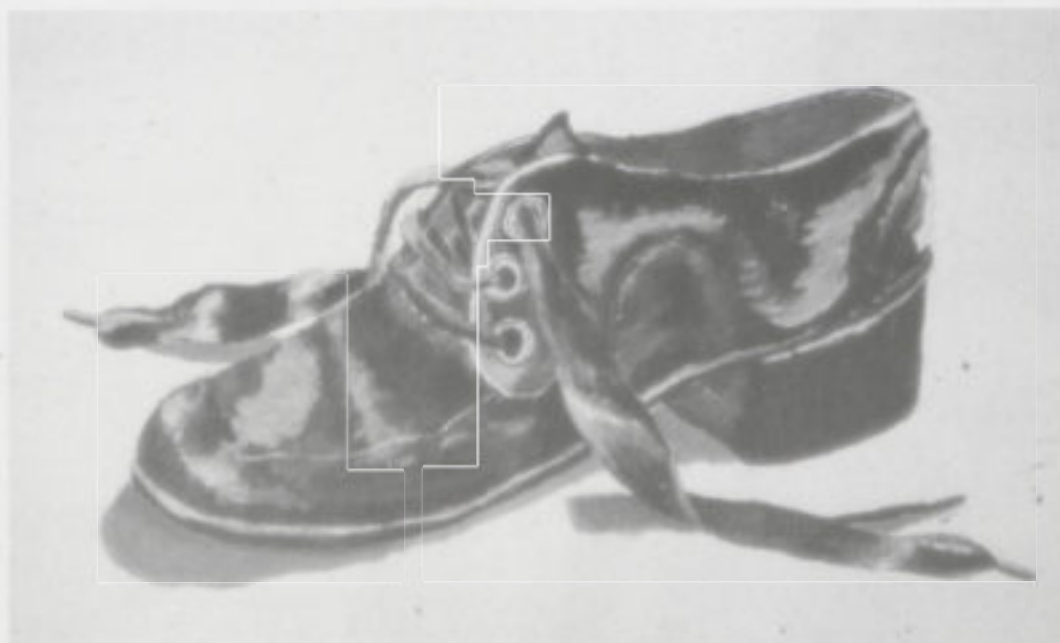
No, I'll never forget that small station,
The train shouldn't have stopped there at all
But it did in the quiet hot afternoon
As the warm days of summer loomed.

There was a hiss of steam;
From somewhere a suppressed cough.
But outside was only an empty platform
No-one got on or off -
Yet, in the still heat, I recall that name.

Under the tiny clouds
Trees, grass, and wild flowers stared back at me in the heat
The hay lay silent in the fields, -
Nothing stirred.

And that sixty seconds silence
Was shattered by bird-song not far away,
And the birds of that country and the next
Sang with him off into the distance
As the train gained momentum and sped away.

NICOLA WALLACE - Std 9



LISA REID - Std 8

We rumbled through the country
The sun beat down the tracks
Summer had begun.

Coughing to a halt
We approached a deserted platform
Emptiness.
No-one moved.

Trees stood still, grass grew freely
In the distance, haystacks sat,
Silently alone.

Then a bird began a piping whistle
Harmony and freedom.

The train moved on
We left nature behind
For our destination
The city.

CAM McINTOSH - Std 9

THE TRAIN STATION

The beginning of summer-heat
On an express train.
It stops
An empty train station

Sssss - the sound of steam
Someone coughs somewhere
Stillness
An empty train station

A lonely bird sings
A symphony of sound
Harmony
Off into the distance

LAURA GALAN AND EMMA HILL
- Std 9

Nobody got on and nobody got off
The silence was shattered by somebody's cough
The station was quiet, the platform bare,
Nothing but its name stood there

There was some grass, wild flowers and a
couple of trees,
And high above, clouds being rocked by a breeze.
The shrill call of a solitary bird
Then a second, a third

Into the distance, merrily crying
And like a wake behind him, the others are flying

CAROLINE TRUTER - Std 9

ELVIS (THE PELVIS) PRESLEY, what the hell are you snickering at? Did they tell you you're sexy, and good looking? Did they call you the "King of Rock 'n Roll"? Did they come out in their droves to see you move those "blue suede shoes"? Did they make you rich? Yes, they did.

Did they drive you to drink? Was it because of them that you took drugs and got fat? Did they kill you?

I think they did.

What was it, Elvis? Couldn't you take the pace any more, were you under too much pressure? Tell me, Elvis, did your fans push you to the limit?

We won't ever know, because Elvis isn't alive to tell the story. What is it that makes us idolize something so much that we end up destroying it? It is said that we, human beings, are different from other animals because we can think, and because we use logic. If that is true, why don't we learn from our mistakes?

We've seen what hero-worship does to people: Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, to name a few. They've all become "cult heroes" because they died.

Is it really necessary for someone to have to die to become famous: composers, artists, singers, actors ... It's either you die, or you do something barbaric. Who hasn't heard of Dr Hannibal (The Cannibal) Lechter, or Jeffrey Darrow, or Richard Nixon?

It is sick! These people go to prison, write a book about the terrible things they've done and why they did them, and then become millionaires off the profits.

We live in a sick, perverted society where the latest gory rape story gets more publicity than the Nobel Peace Prize winner, where more people turn up, and pay too, to see two men beat each other to a pulp under spotlights, and with slow-motion action-replay in high definition colour on the TV, than go to see the spring flowers in Namaqualand, for free!

All I can do is sit here and shake my head. What can you do? We idolize people, turn them into mega-stars and expect them to be perfect. If they put a foot wrong, it's a scandal and everybody knows about it.

Who cares if Fergie was bathing topless, or naked for that matter! And what right do we have to take pictures of her? I bet half of those reporters bathe topless too and don't think twice about it. Her marriage is over, and she can do as she pleases. I bet the other half have had extra-marital affairs and thought nothing of it. What's that saying about taking the log out of your own eye before trying to take out the splinter in your neighbour's? Yes, well ...

So, Elvis, did they accuse you of being a Russian spy? Did they say you were gay? Did they accuse you of having had a sex change? Did they say you faked your own death?

Most probably.

You see, Elvis, if you want to be famous, and rich, if you want people to notice you, and to remember you after you've gone, you've got to be bad or ugly ... but you can't be good.

KAY JOHNSON - Std 10



MARY HENDERSON - Std 9

ESSAY

It's just another day in the Matric common room, only today, I just sit and listen to the talk of the girls, many my friends and a handful my life line. What will I do when my time comes to leave them all behind, what will I do when my time comes to say good-bye?

It is so different, it's something I will never get the chance to experience again and it is something I will miss and long for, for the rest of my life.

"What are you wearing to the Matric Dance?" "Who are you taking?" "I'll never finish Matric", "It's all so exciting". Comments fly through the room and general good feeling is felt.

Their whole life these girls have been working for their Matric year and dreaming of the Matric dance.

Some days I feel like a real outsider, but most days I feel like I really belong, more that I have at any other school. The girls are such a part of me now I can't imagine never seeing them again.

I mean, I never really missed my friends at home. During down times I would miss special friends, but I never ached for them. I am afraid that I will ache for friends here. Not as I ached for family, but, as in the ache of a lost life. I live a totally different life here. I can't describe it. It's something that is not attainable in our co-ed, women's lib., American society. It is African, it's feminine, it's manners and the right thing, it is respect for elders, end of story, it's almost an innocence, but an exotic innocence. It is filled with girls with dreams of "America" built on fantasy from television. It's full of learning, experimenting. These girls are only now getting the chance to buck against the system and as I was just a few years ago, they're trying to see how far they can go, what they can do, and they are looking at the world in awe. We are talking about a society that got T.V. only sixteen years ago. A society where only the rich can afford to get four channels on their television. It is a society struggling to see where it fits in, where it wants to go, what it wants to do. A society of the proper British, the Afrikaner Boer, the tribal Black, the lost Coloured and the forgotten San. It has got a rhythm, a beat of its own, I love it, and will miss it dearly.

AMANDA WHEELER - Std 10

BIRD SONG

An incidental halt on a hot summers day
At that small railway station, just after lunch.
A halt that should never have happened
The express train should never have stopped.

Sound of steam; someone's cough
Empty platform, no-one got off
All I noticed was the station's name
And a variety of flowers as the dying hay.

Not a breath of air stirred the stacks of hay
Only sixty seconds pause, but far away
A bird-song, and all the country's birds
Seemed to be personified in his trill.

MEGAN SHAW and YOLANDE YOUNG - Std 9

A CHILD HAVING ITS FIRST SWIMMING LESSON

Like a bird on its first flight, my brother, helped by the swimming instructor, gingerly stepped into the cool water. His face was grim and he was biting on his lips to stop crying, but Peter was as brave as a lion and nothing would stop him from learning to swim.

I waved to him from the bench as the water began to slap against his waist. The instructor taught him how to kick and paddle as his fear slowly disappeared.

However, when she suggested a swim, his fear returned and he looked as though he wanted to curl up and die. A little while later Peter was finally persuaded to swim.

Wild-eyed he stared at us, before lunging himself forward, he began to kick and paddle. He was up, like a champion swimmer, then seeing what he was doing, sank with a yell of delight.

HAYLEY WALKER - Std 7



CHRISTIE

Christie was the kind of girl that nobody ever noticed.

She was always there, like wall-paper or a carpet, but there was never anything about her that grabbed your attention, or commanded a second glance. She was just plain, ordinary Christie. She would always stand on the edge of our circles at break, and sit at the very back of the classroom. If Christie were ever to have answered a question in class, or tell us a joke at break, I think we would all have looked at her, dumb-founded, with our mouths hanging open. I remember one incident that happened in Maths. I turned to the girl sitting next to me and asked where Christie was. The girl answered in lower tones that she was sitting directly in front of me, and had been for the last two terms. I had never even noticed.

That was the year in which we had more mean, spiteful, catty girls than ever before. They were the type that enjoyed tormenting the other girls, and poking fun at any disabilities, learning or physical. Maybe they really were cruel, or maybe they were just insecure and frightened inside, frightened that other people might not like them, so they made it seem as if they didn't like the other girls first. They particularly liked tormenting Christie, as they knew that she would never stick up for herself, or get help from any one of us, or a teacher. They would tease her about her mouse-coloured, short hair, calling it 'rats-tails' and asking if she ever washed it (this was totally untrue as Christie's hair was always neatly tied back and clean). They would talk and whisper loudly when she was doing orals, and trip her as she was scurrying down the passage, trying to get to class before the bell.

One day, about two weeks before the mid-year examinations took place, more than half of Christie's neatly written books were stolen, along with a new blazer and jersey. Two days later, Ramona, the almost leader of the gang, came to school wearing a new blazer, the next day, a new jersey. She told us that her mother had bought them for her earlier in the week.

I'm not sure whether she expected us to believe her, or whether she thought that nobody would notice. Maybe she just didn't expect to be challenged. Luckily one of our teachers, our guidance teacher, I think, thought that these two coincidences were just too closely linked, and spoke to our headmistress who called both parties, Ramona and Christie, into her office.

I'll never know what happened inside Mrs Gerber's office, nor do I have the desire to, but all I know is that three days nor later in Maths, I turned to the girl sitting next to me and asked her where Christie was, for there was nobody in the desk in front of mine.

"Didn't you know? She's left. Left two days ago."

That was the last I heard of Christie; she had gone as she had come, friendless.

JENNY SALE - Std 7

LISA REID - Std 8

CREATIVE WRITING

I should get up. I really should. In fact, I will get up. Just another five minutes. After all, I have only been lying here for three hours. Yes, three hours sleep out of twenty-four hours in this very long and tiresome day. It has been a long week too.

Why does Susan always make her lemonade so bitter? I still have a horrible after taste in my mouth - yech! If I had the energy I would walk over to that tap over there and rinse my mouth out. Some cool water would be lovely at the moment. I wonder if you can do things by mental telepathy? If I thought hard enough I could rinse my mouth out without having to get up. However, it probably doesn't work and I don't want to get a headache.

My eyes hurt. They hurt from keeping them open I guess. They cannot still hurt from the fire. That is over a long time ago and my eyes did hurt after that.

I thought they had got better by now. Actually I'm sure they have, they are just burning from overwork. The extra work caused by the fire. I suppose then my eyes are hurting from the fire indirectly anyway. I wish I could rinse my eyes out with water. The tap has not moved any closer since I last looked. Never mind.

If I open my eyes with my hat on my head I see little golden spots of light. The spots are frolicking on my face as the wind sways my hammock. They dance on my face and neck. Some dots are perfectly square, others are distorted by the curves of my face. Watching them is making me dizzy. You are supposed to drink water when you are thirsty and dizzy. I should get up.

I can feel the sweat forming and making pools on parts of my body. When I was younger the sweat used to run from my chest down to my stomach hollow. If it did that now it would be defying the law of gravity. I think it's gravity that we should obey, not each other. Everyone should obey the pull of gravity. It wants us to lie flat on the earth. If everyone was lying around I wouldn't feel guilty about lying here in this heat.

Stifling heat, my Susan calls it. She is only eleven but she does read many books. Stifling. That is a good word.

If I don't get up I am going to dehydrate. I might come up in a rash. My skin is itching with the mixture of dirt and sweat. I suppose I should not have worn these long pants. They are beginning to stick to my legs with perspiration. If I could just wash my face I would feel so much better. The tap is dripping. It is such a waste. I am going to switch it off. As soon as I get up.

She is calling me. I wonder what my wife wants. I wonder if she really needs me to come. I doubt it, but if I don't come I won't have to make any dinner. She is like that, you know. Manipulating women are all the same.

This dinner is good. I hate my wife, she doesn't understand me. She made me get up and go all the way back to the farmhouse before telling me that she called me so that I would not get wet from the rain. The weather man had been sure there was going to be rain but he is wrong. Our tank is low on water. It is because of the leaking tap out back by my hammock, my wife tells me. I'm sure I have never seen a tap there in my life, I told her. "That is because", she told me "when you lie out there the only thing you don't think about is the most important thing which is water." I enjoy knowing something she doesn't. I enjoy knowing she is wrong. I do think about water, I think.

AMANDA DE SWARDT - Std 8

THE TROUBLE WITH OUR COUNTRY

It was a time of peace when the Khoi and San quietly roamed the Southern part of Africa. This beautiful fertile land was theirs and they were happy. They were to build a mighty black nation ... then tribes driven from the North came and claimed their own territories. All were settled, but were aware of their great differences ... And then the White Man came.

The peace was now destroyed as each tribe turned against the other and the White Man exploited the natives, treating them like dirt.

It has always been the same and still today the Inkatha Freedom Party (I.F.P.) fights the African National Congress (A.N.C.). The Afrikaner Weerstand Beweging treats the natives like dirt, and even now the White Man fights as the National Party stands against the Conservative Party.

But it's not only black and white that must learn to live with each other. It's black and black. The news has a never-ending stream of gruesome reports about township violence and riots. Zulus fighting Xhosas. I.F.P. fighting A.N.C. They, too, must learn about their differences, not try and wipe each other out!

Then there's white against white. People who want different things for the country. The National Party luckily got the 'Yes' vote and the Conservative Party were left grovelling for votes. They still continue to argue. Imagine if they (C.P.) had got the vote. Our country would be in turmoil.

Our big problem is that we cannot live with differences.

It is now a time of change, but although Apartheid has been abandoned it is still inbred in the older generations. Our beautiful country is often torn by violence. When will there be peace? Could we ever become one powerful unit? Only strength and time will show us the way.

ZARA QUAIL - Std. 7



ROBYN BRACHER - Std 8

In the sullen holocaust of the sirocco wind
 Lions tear and tumble, and vast skies burn.
 I stumbled through a surreal infancy
 By a river breathing brown and lung-like.
 Shrilling days baked into velvet nights
 When crickets chorused and distant things were splashing.
 Insane sobbing of moon-worshipping jackals rose up to circle sombre stars.
 Sunsets shaped my fancies then, in swirling hues and paintbox beauty.
 A young mind floated free and forming here
 Edges of perception blurred by wavering heat and solitude.
 I ploughed through literature of other times and fertilized my fancies so.
 Greek gods and Bronte characters shared my fear of snakes and sunburn.
 My learning without limits, or pre-ordained comparisons, I was solemnly smiling.
 My fantastic reality was psychedelically simple and Of the bliss of naivety
 Next to Nature, Literature, but age has altered something now
 Something has soured that can't respond to purity of smouldering sky,
 and throbs
 And aches as I shift with dullness, discontent.
 HANNAH YOUNG - Sid 9

AN ALLITERATE ANTHEM

Nature niggles nicely
 At my ever appreciative English imagination
 I wonder while watching
 A snake slithering slowly
 Through roughly rustling reeds,
 And a dragonfly flips and flies
 Across a pungent pond.
 Sitting on my rough rock
 I sigh silently
 While thinking
 That nature niggles nicely.
 LIBBY HIRSHON - Sid 9



MISTI FOWLER - Sid 8

IN BLACK AND WHITE

It's odd. The nurses look white too, but they don't know how to play. Sometimes they move forward, like me, but at other times they go diagonally like a bishop or double hop, jump, like a knight. We try to be nice, because they're very kind, just a bit stupid.

I'm only on the second square. I haven't moved yet, but when I get to the other side I'll become a queen. I can see the 'Others' in the distance. They're all black. I'll have to go to where they are before I change. I don't know how it's done yet, but I'll find out when I arrive.

Sometimes people forget how to play. I have to remind them that they can only move forward one square at a time if they are pawns. I have tried to tell the nurses, but they don't want to listen. It's a pity! It's not their fault, of course, that they don't know the game, but they are stubborn and ignorant and just won't learn.

They don't seem to be able to grasp the concept that everyone has to be either black or white. If you ask them what colour they'd like to be, they'll say:

'Pink, please', or 'It's time for bed.' I have tried to tell them that in the game it's black or white; pink doesn't exist, but then they start to argue:

'What about the trees? Trees are green.'

I know that. I'm not stupid, but trees don't play. They're objects. All they can do is stand on the side and watch. I can't quite see the point of having them around myself. They don't fit into the colour scheme at all.

Once, a very nice man came to see me. I explained about the game, and he seemed to understand. He asked me lots of questions, but I didn't mind answering him. He was very knowledgeable about games in general and I thought him to be a singularly intelligent and very pleasant man.

Oh yes, I remember now. There was something he had on his desk. He let me play with it. I remember being very careful with it (I always am with other people's belongings). It had black and white squares and little black men and little white men. It was very familiar. I think I remember something a bit like it, but that was before the accident.

FRANCES ROBERTSON - Std 8



ALISON LOUW - Std 8

A SERVING OF DEATH

The theatre was dim, the microphone crackled and sang as her voice was carried to the back of the foyer. A light flickered and someone sniffed. The colour of the seats clashed with the pink of her jersey and a matric girl fiddled with her stockings. 'I am glad to announce that today we will be having an important visitor at the school. I ask you girls, yet again, to keep the school tidy and the passages clear, because the Norwegian Second Lieutenant of the Gunpowder and Rifle Squad will want to see our grounds.' Someone coughed in the back row.

'Thank you.' She turned to face the matric who needed new stockings.

He arrived at the gate in an old Ford with a blue bonnet and a bent aerial. As he stepped out, the feather attached to his hat got caught in the misty window and he cursed silently and then quickly adjusted his army-green trousers and heavy black boots before giving his best Norwegian smile, showing his gold filling. Mrs Duff went to shake his cold hand and welcome him and couldn't help but ask herself why she hadn't worn her hi-tech sunglasses from China, because his blond hair reflected the light so much. The silver Ford with the blue bonnet sped out of the gate and disappeared.

In the Science laboratory, three figures sighed with relief as Miss Case poured the last drop of a poisonous liquid into the already glowing test-tube. The mixture quietly bubbled to itself. The three poured it into an almost empty bottle of wine. They re-corked the bottle and then left with it, cackling and smiling.

'What a pretty school! So clean! Oh look at that poster! My, what a lovely uniform!' The Norwegian Officer climbed over an avalanche of schoolbags that had collapsed after being put away on top of the locker. Mrs Duff blushed and tripped on a hockey-stick. She quickly showed him into the Science laboratory where a class of matric students were struggling with a Silicon and Carbon-Tetrachloride equation. They all started fidgeting and blushing when they saw the man who was tall and had blue eyes. The girl with no stockings stopped pulling the material out of her tie and stared at the man, while Miss Reeler coughed and cursed when he entered the room.

'How nice to see young scientists at work,' he said loudly with his thick accent making it difficult to understand. 'I myself won the Science Nobel Advancement Prize in which I gained this pretty feather in my cap because I managed to create the perfect and most effective rat poison, Rattygon.' He smiled smugly and the teacher groaned. Once they had left the room the teacher glanced over to the glass box in which lay their attempt at the Science Nobel Advancement Prize. The bell rang loudly and the matrices giggled and shouted as they left the room for break, leaving only Miss Reeler alone with her hatred for the Officer in charge of the Bomb and Rifle Squad.

He sat opposite Mrs Robinson and next to Miss Case. They made sure it happened that way. Miss Reeler looked out of the huge glass doors at the sundial in the garden and wondered when he would drink his wine. The rest of the teachers chatted, and the endless sound of plates and knives, glasses and giggles droned in their ears. The food was good, but floating in cooking oil. He chewed it well, leaving pieces of meatball covering his teeth, hiding the filling which usually shone. Mrs Robinson made polite talk with the Norwegian and before she knew it he was bringing the chunky glass to his mouth. He tipped the off-red liquid down his throat. His eyes started watering and he put his hand to his throat, but it was too late, after all, he had created the perfect and most effective rat poison and the three Science teachers had merely proved his point. His head slammed down on to the table. They looked at each other and smiled. No one would know they had done it, for they only had to say it was the food that had caused a rat to die from rat-poison.

JULIA WALLACE - Std 8

AN ESSAY

I am your mother; I hold your soft moist-warm body in my arms. You are me, and I am you. I gave you life, I will give you my life. I shall never forget this day, this day of your birth. We have continued the cycle, my baby and I.

I see you now, running about on not-quite-solid legs, laughing and crying. I feel tired now. I try to bring you up well, I give you all that I know, I give you all that I can learn to teach. You represent my struggle, my pain, my sorrows, blossoming and growing. You turned them into fruit, glorious sweet fruit. You ripen by the sun every day. I shall never tire of watching you.

I wave goodbye once more to you now as you leave home to go to school, to learn more than I can teach you, to discover more than I did. I love you too much, I want to hold you close to me forever - and yet I know that at the same time, I love you enough to let you go. Because you must. Because I do want you to. Because to blossom fully you must be independent, and different from me. I know this and yet, while I take joy in your hesitating growth, I feel myself slowly dying inside.

I am waving goodbye to you again as you leave home to make your own. I want you to learn how to make a home for yourself, but my own arms seem empty, my home now seems a barren house. Our lives are apart now, the home is only a symbol of it. I want you to be yourself, so why do I cry in your old bedroom at night? I feel older and tired now, because I have given nearly all that I must give to you. It is now nearly time for you to give what I gave to you, and what you yourself have made to give, to someone else.

I spoke to you on the telephone today. You expect it in eight months. I am happy, overjoyed. Yet, I am also hesitant, because I know that this is the last thing that I have to give you. I can show you how to care for your baby, but beyond that? I cannot raise your child.

I hold your baby - my baby's baby - in my arms and I can see the fruit of me and the fruit of my child. I feel fulfilled and happy, but also sorrowful. My purpose has come to an end, but - the sorrow and the joy have fused! I am no longer either, or both. I am simply fulfilled. I feel neither tired nor energetic.

I have seen the purpose of life. I have seen life itself. I have seen the turning of the wheel, the eternal cycle. Now, from the witnessing of life I must turn to the waiting for death. I do not fear it. The cycle must continue; I am the cycle, you are the cycle. We will all die a glorious life together.

OLIVIA WILL - Std 8



KATE YOUNG - Std 8

Sated after lunch
First heat of summer
We rolled up to the station
Deserted.

Imprinted on my memory
I remember
No one got on
No one got off
No one about

A spurt of hissing steam
A resounding cough
Broke the silence
The name is all I recall

Except, grass and
Of course wild flowers
Sundried hay
and a high blue sky ... still
A bird call
Other birds answer
He flies away
Into the distance, they follow.

MARY HENDERSON - Std 9

IF.....

If So many people, when in difficult or unpleasant situations, say, if ... or if only ...! Right now I'm sure at least half the girls in this room are thinking something like, "If I didn't have to write this exam, I would be ..." or "If only I didn't have to write this exam." Very often I think back on situations and wonder what would have happened, if I had done, or said, something different. At the moment my greatest if's are:

If I could go overseas with my dad tonight, then I wouldn't have to write examsIf I was only older/younger I wouldn't have to write exams....If I wasn't writing exams I would be able to visit friends, watch movies, see my boyfriend, go to parties, read, sleep late and generally have a 'rave' this long weekend.

My greatest if, however, is ...If only I wasn't a person, but a fairy, flying about and visiting all the places one reads about in storybooks. I would visit people like Mr Pinkwhistle and help him to make the world a happier place. Then I would visit the Faraway Tree, with all its crazy inhabitants, leaves and fruit that change from branch to branch and because I can fly I wouldn't have to worry about Dame Washalot's dirty water splashing me. I would stay with Moonface for a while and eat delicious popbiscuits and googlebuns. After a while I'd move on to Toyland, visit Noddy and Big Ears. I'd find dolls that spoke, big cuddly teddies and lots of fun friends to play with. Then I'd go to find more fairies, visit the fairy queen - and maybe even visit Father Christmas, and all the while I wouldn't have a care in the world, living in sheer bliss!

Of course, I know all that is impossible, and anyway, who's to say that once I am a fairy, things would be so great anyway? Probably, if everyone could change their lives by just saying if or if only - what they had before would seem even better.

But still, even though I know that I like to say if, I do believe at times that if I had done something else, the situation would have turned out better and I think that if I had said something different, I wouldn't have embarrassed myself or hurt someone. Everyone makes those types of blunders, and wishes while they are making them that they could change them, but, unfortunately what is done, is done, and can't be changed.

Life is full of if's and if only's - but imagine if everything happened exactly the way you wanted it to. Life wouldn't be as exciting, interesting or humorous, would it?

MARIE-LOUISE SPENGLER - Std 8

IF

If only I had been there in time. It would never have happened. It wouldn't have been my fault. It died because of me - I should never have left that tiny bird alone - even for the short time that I did. Oh, God, can you ever forgive me?

That poor, sick bird. It was so helpless, so tiny. I don't really know what was wrong with it, but I could have helped it, I know I could have. When I left for the shop it was sitting in the little yellow box, perched on the newspaper, its glossy eyes staring at me forlornly. When I returned, only ten minutes later, the bird was lying on its side, its eyes were dull and distant, it was no longer moving or breathing as it should. People tell me birds can't survive in human hands. But what about the dove that is still flying around with flapping wings in the aviary? It survived. Why didn't this small bird?

We buried the bird under the Jacaranda tree, next to the aviary, with a tiny cross. The beauty of when the purple flowers drop always reminds me of those tiny feathers and down. The chirping of those birds makes me realize that there are many birds in the world that have survived and one small bird wouldn't make much difference. We bought a new bird, a dove, when the finch died. I love that dove, but it's a different kind of love. I will never forget my finch.

My love for birds developed when I was a small child. I longed for a bird, to watch it fly, peck at the seed, tap its mirror with its beak, like the budgies my cousin had. My father thought of the solution: an aviary like the one he had had as a child. The birds were wilder, without mirrors and the ability to sit on your shoulder, but this proved to be much more fun. I helped my father build the aviary, which was not much smaller than my own room. Once it was built, we made nests, feeding bowls and perches. We put an old dry branch taller than myself for the birds to sit in. We also put old Christmas trees there and many plants were planted. Then came the birds. We had all kinds, mainly finches, doves and quails. I enjoyed the birth of new birds in the spring, especially the tiny quail chicks, who frequently escaped through the chicken wire and were found running around the garden, on their tiny legs, with their heads bobbing up and down.

Watching these birds, I realized that although that bird had died, there are others that still live. My regret disappeared when I realized that it was not my fault that the bird died. I realize now that life is controlled by fate and there is nothing we can do after that. I don't mourn the death of the bird any longer. I cherish it as a memory and a lesson in life.

RUTH YELLAND - Std 8

'N MENS KAN DAREM NIE HELP OM HAAR TE BEWONDER NIE.

Almal dink gewoonlik dat die lewe onregverdig is en dat almal altyd meer geld het, of beter in staat is om goed te doen. Maar daar is mense soos Samantha, of Soneskyn soos ons haar noem, wat 'n mens laat skaam voel om oor 'n klein irritasie te kla. Elke keer as ek haar sien kan ek haar net bewonder.

Samantha is twaalf. Sy het baie vriende en gesels ywerig wanneer jy kom kuier. Die enigste verskil tussen haar en enige ander meisie, is dat sy in 'n rystoel sit.

Soneskyn word so genoem omdat sy altyd gelukkig is. Sy is met net een arm en geen bene gebore nie. 'n Mens 'lou dink dat dit haar sou onderkry, maar Samantha is 'n vegter.

Toe al die ander kinders al lankal leer loop het, het Soneskyn geglimlag en met 'n bietjie hulp van haar oudste suster haar ma gewys hoe sy "loop". Soneskyn het haar lyf gewikkel en so vorentoe beweeg. Om by trappies af te kom, draai sy haar om en sit-stoot haarself met haar hand by die trappie af.

Samantha verduur soms baie pyn omdat haar spiere ook nie reg ontwikkel het nie. Sy sal dan 'n bietjie stiller as gewoonlik wees, maar ek het haar nog nooit hoor kla nie. Eendag het sy begin huil, maar toe die pyn bedaar het, het sy vir almal geglimlag om ons nie te laat bekommer nie. Vir almal in die kamer was dit duidelik dat sy baie ly, maar ons kon net glimlag met tranen in ons oë.

Samantha moes 'n operasie ondergaan vir haar rugspiere. Ongelukkig het dit nie geslaag nie, maar in plaas van moedeloos te wees, het Samantha net teruggeveg.

Die mediese onkoste was baie, maar almal in ons buurt het geld ingesamel en ons kon vir Samantha 'n elektriese rystoel koop sodat sy ten minste by die tafel en rakke kon bykom.

Samantha is in 'n spesiale skool en sy is dolgelukkig. Sy het altyd 'n stoute glimlag en 'n vonkel in haar oë.

Ek bewonder haar en het by haar geleer om alles werklik te waardeer. Ek dink dat sy inderdaad 'n merkwaardige klein meisie is.

NASRIN ISAACS - Std 9



KIRSTEN FELTZ - Std 8



SHAZELLE DENOVA - Std 7

SHORT SHORT STORIES

THE BURGLAR

He leaped nimbly over the electric fence, having efficiently occupied the dogs with a fresh piece of flesh. He neatly manoeuvred his body between the intersecting laser beams protecting "La Coucher", the elegant jewellery piece. The relaxed guard calmly pressed the button to seal off that compartment and release the poisonous fumes.

FRANCES GLEN and MIRANDA COTTRELL - Std 8

THE BRIDGE

She walked elegantly down the aisle.
Watching her with admiration, he patiently waited at the altar.

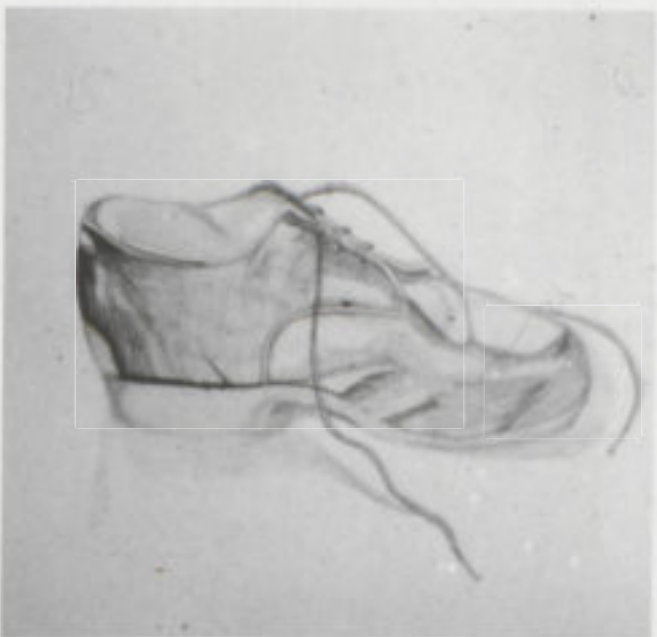
She finally reached the wealthy bridegroom and they exchanged their precious vows.

He kissed his beautiful wife and whispered passionately:

"I love you."

She sneaked a subtle wink at the bestman.

MISTI FOWLER and MASINGITA SHIMANGE - Std 8



SIMONE LYONS - Std 7

ESSAY

His entire person was in shadow - a faint silhouette blending into the musty blackness of the small room. He was crouched by the small dusty window, straining to see something that he held in his hand, moving around the window like a rabid dog. I watched him for a few moments, and turned slowly, and sadly walked away - I could hear him murmuring, and then his mad, frantic, rasping laugh followed me as I descended into light....

"Malcolm Lawry called them ones that burn - artists, writers, dancers, actors, singers - all in the pursuit of death." His soft deep voice crackling with disuse filled the room. "The list is legend haunting - Vincent van Gogh, Nijinski, Antonin Artaud, Sylvia Plath, Jack Kerouac, Janis Japlin Elvis Presley ..." It was then that he began to laugh - he could not really help it - for so long he had behaved. He had tried to ignore the serious, the talkshows, the novels, but he could no longer do so. He looked, again, at the book in his hands: "People in Pursuit of Death" by Katinka Matson, and he laughed again. "You are wrong, Katinka, oh, so wrong," he thought. There aren't people in pursuit of death. In more ways than one, they are people in pursuit of life!

With great pain and difficulty he lifted his bulky form off the floor and lay down on his spartan wooden bed - and he began to wander down the cobwebbed halls of his memory - there were paths he tried not to tread, but as sweat dripped down his sagging face, and the heat of a South American summer smothered him, he fancied he heard an owl call his name, and he knew, that finally, he could remember.

He thought of all the beds that he had slept in - the wooden ones of youth, the various satin, scented ones and various satin scented starlets, the water-bed at Graceland and then afterwards ... He remembered the fame, torture and the frustration. It had been so good to begin with - everybody wanted him - and then later it had been that same reason that drove him to leave. It began to dawn on him that nobody knew him or could possibly love him, but everybody wanted him - he became public fodder, and was tired of it. One night he had been driving home from a concert, and when he got close to Graceland it seemed as if the road was actually carved out of human flesh. He saw a small girl standing on the curb holding a bunch of flowers, and as his car drew closer to the gates, he saw the masses bearing down on the little child - he wanted to do something, but could not move - she reached out her arm to hand him the small sweet posy. Now the multitude were upon him and his car, and the flowers lay under the wheels. He did not want to think of where the child was - in a matter of seconds he was through the gates and the yelling mob (and the child) were behind him - but they weren't. The picture of those flowers flying through the air as the child fell, haunted him for many, many days. It was in one of his drug-induced stupors that he thought of the answer.

He tried to tell Vernon of his plan, but he would not listen for a while. Eventually he heard his pleas and agreed to help. Together they sat up and into the light of dawn discussed the plans. The scheme was ingenious - foolproof, no-one would ever know. The announcement hit the media a few days later, "ELVIS PRESLEY IS DEAD!" The public was stunned, and they mourned accordingly. He was quite surprised at the response - he had not thought that they really cared. He stayed at Graceland for a few weeks, until the crowds around the house began to dissipate, and then he left. He drove out in a small, rusty unidentifiable car and crossed the border into Mexico. He had taken hardly anything with him - reluctant to be burdened with it. Along the way, he read various newspapers. There was already mounting suspicion ... had he committed suicide ... was it the mafia... why was Aaron spelt with only one A on his gravestone ...? These stories gave him perpetual joy and he spent much of the following few years laughing. He had done it - decided to live.

PAULA CHAPLIN - Std 10

PREPARATORY

REPORT FROM MRS MARGARET CHAMBERS, HEAD OF PREPARATORY

Another busy year has flown, and the Preparatory School continues to grow. We now have three beautiful new classrooms for our Standard Ones and for Five Alpha, and a huge activity room, known as the Echo Room. We intend to keep the name, even when the echoes have been dispersed.

Our two projects at the moment are the upgrading and enlarging of the Junior Preparatory Department, and the development of a larger and more up-to-date computer room.

It is approaching five years since I came to Herschel, and I have found enormous challenge and fulfilment in my work here.

I appreciate the commitment of my colleagues and I thank them for their support.

PREP SCHOOL MUSIC REPORT

Our department has grown with the school and we now have 160 pupils learning the piano, violin, recorder, clarinet, flute and recorder.

We have had a busy year with workshops and lunch hour concerts being held regularly.

Our Evening of Music in the second term was a great success. The orchestra performed two items and after a number of solo performances, the choir sang two excerpts from the light hearted cantata "Captain Noah" and finally everyone joined in the singing of "We all stand together".

Thirty-four girls entered the Royal School of Music exams and we were very pleased with the results. There were six Distinctions and six Merits.

Several girls have also played in the Trinity and Unisa exams, while others have written theory exams. We are still waiting to receive these results.

Special mention must be made of Sarah Gilbert who entered the Cape Town and the Afrikaans Eisteddfods in which she received five Diplomas, five Honours and one Merit. She was also awarded three cups for excellence in Bach and Sonatina performances. Other pleasing results were: Helen Mitchell - one Diploma, two Honours, one Merit; Caryn Buchanan - two Honours, three Merits.

Many thanks to the music staff whose contributions have made this such a successful year.

ALISON TYSON



Std 3 Activities

Std IV 1992





PREPARATORY SCHOOL CHOIR

Back Row: Erica Basson, Anna Raimondo, Michelle Berrange, Kristin Weixelbaumer, Robynn Farrell, Kate Hutton, Antonia Labia, Aine Mallett, Camilla Ovenstone, Inge Haupt, Rebecca Young, Kerry Sherwood, Sarah Rose-Innes, Lusanda Shimange, Nada Vasiljevic, Chantal Delson, Chloe Abbott, Michelle Chaplin, Natasha Schapira, Helen Mitchell

Middle Row: Alexandra Trengove Jones, Dianne Gordon, Tess Cowan, Cristi Little, Patricia Pletzer, Lucia Brain, Caroline Johnson, Kate-Louise McCay, Penny Waller, Cindy Burchell, Tina Hansant, Chantel Barr, Lisa Bester, Gaia Giovannini, Mhairi Chadwick, Julia Smuts-Louw, Myfanwy Lehr, Lauren Kohn, Madalena da Camara, Bridget Cochrane

Front Row: Nicole Fasham, Tegan Boyd, Sophia Lehr, Bianca Vos, Nathalie du Preez, Sarah Tuft, Caroline Boyes, Aty Snoek, Kelly Huber, Tarryn Hayden, Aty van Hoorn, Caroline Cooke, Olivia Cooper, Tarryn Golightly, Sarah Wesson, Alexandra Cawood, Katherine Mann



PREPARATORY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Back Row: Parusha Pillay, Mhairi Chadwick, Michelle Berrange, Michelle Chaplin, Zoe Brown, Anne-Marie Norman, Megan McDonald, Louise Lomborg, Shireen Amien, Tarryn Hayden, Claire Wilby, Vicki Anderson

Middle Row: Mrs Fiona Pattison, Patricia Pletzer, Helen Mitchell, Nicole Fasham, Alexandra Trengove-Jones, Katharina Mielke, Alexandra Durrant, Aty van Hoorn, Deborah McDonald, Aty Snoek, Destiny Gagliano, Mrs Arlene Stone

Front Row: Caryn Buchanan, Katherine Mann, Nathalie du Preez, Olivia Christian, Sarah Tuft, Belquees Banderker, Sarah Wesson, Natasha Wood, Lara Schoonraad. Kneeling: Robynn Farrell, Cristi Little



1992 PREFECTS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Mrs Bray, Tammy Fowler, Angela Vasiljevic, Xanthe Steward, Inge Haupt, Cindy Lloyd, Penny Waller



The Pre-Preps have a Ladies Tea Party, wearing their mothers' clothes.

The Fantasy Flower Competition

The Cape Dutch Nursery in Noordhoek organized a Fantasy Flower competition. Ilhaam Crombie, Michelle Simpson, and Sarah Wesson were among the finalists. They received prizes for themselves, their parents and the school. Herschel Preparatory received R1000,00 in gift vouchers.



Michelle and Ilhaam with their prizes.



Junior Preparatory Staff with the prize winners.

SPORT

HOCKEY

Captain: Angela Vasiljevic

Vice: Mehnaaz Ismail

This season has been characterized by tremendous spirit, enthusiasm and, above all, wonderful sportsmanship.

The hockey practices are just as keenly attended as the netball and this is such a pleasure to see. All the girls have grown into stronger, more skilful players. Some seventy girls have trained regularly every Tuesday for one hour, fifteen minutes, while matches are played on Thursday afternoons.

Herschel fielded six mini hockey sides in the Peninsula League, U/14A and B, U/12A, B and C and U/10A. The hockey season always opens with an U/12 and U/14 tournament. The U/14's played at Pinelands Hockey Club on Saturday May 9th and the U/12's match was held on Saturday 23rd May at the same venue. Herschel entered an U/14A plus an U/14B team.

Our U/14A Team:	Beat Rhenish	2 - 0
	Gene Louw	1 - 0
	Monte Vista	2 - 0
	Wynberg	4 - 0
	Pinelands N	2 - 0
Drew with	Grove	0 - 0
	Kirstenhof	3 - 3

Our A's won their section, displaying excellent stickwork and teamwork.

Outstanding players: Mehnaaz Ismail, Kelly Huber and Angela Vasiljevic

The U/14B team lost most of their matches. However, they gained a great deal of match experience. By the end of the tournament, they knew one another's strengths and weaknesses.

Outstanding players: Shannon Derrick, Caroline Cooke

In the U/12 tournament we entered three teams.

U/12A Team:	Beat	Grove	1 - 0
		Edgemead	2 - 0
		Bergvliet	1 - 0
		John Graham	3 - 0
Drew		Rustenburg	1 - 1

Herschel won their section. Well done!

U/12B Team:	Beat	Grove B	6 - 1
		John Graham B	2 - 0
Drew		Rustenburg	0 - 0
		Bergvliet	1 - 1

Herschel B team came third in their section. Our U/12's, who lacked match experience, certainly improved as a team as the morning progressed. They won one, drew one and lost two.

Herschel hosted a friendly Mini Hockey Tournament on Tuesday, 16 June. We invited strong hockey schools from other leagues to give our U/14A's further competition.

Pinehurst, Somerset House, Oakhurst and Bergvliet all took part. The standard of hockey was excellent and Herschel won overall.

The league is played on a friendly basis and therefore no cups are awarded. In our league we met the following schools: Sea Point, Pinelands North, Grove, St Cyprian's, Rustenburg and Golden Grove.

Our U/14A's won all their matches very convincingly, and raised their level of play with each game. The whole team contributed to this excellent performance. *

The U/14 B's won seven matches, drew two, lost three matches. Their teamwork and knowledge of the game improved as the season progressed.

Outstanding players: Lisa Bester, Penny Waller;

Most improved players: Cindy Lloyd, Cherie du Toit

The U/12's were coached by Mrs Helen Botha. Our U/12A team won four matches, drew four and lost one. The U/12B team won six matches and drew three.

This team's stickwork improved enormously, but their positional play needs to be developed.

The U/12C team won two matches and drew one.

These girls all tried hard to raise the level of their game.

The U/10 and beginners' sides only start playing matches in the third term, but they won three of their six matches. There is tremendous potential here for the future.

Once again Mrs Botha organised a successful Daughters/Mothers Hockey Tournament on Thursday 18 June. Mothers and daughters played on the same team. Great fun was had by all and many useful tips were learnt by the girls from their mums.

Western Province boys were invited to play our U/14A team. Although our girls play a rather fast skilful game of hockey, they didn't know what the word FAST meant until they met the boys! Our girls went all out to beat the boys, of course, but couldn't quite pull it off. However, neither did the boys! The 0-0 score was a true reflection of the game. Our girls learnt a lot that day.

Outstanding Players: Tammy Fowler, Lusanda Shimange.

The Western Province Mini Hockey Festivals were held at Bellville on Saturday 29 August for the U/10's and U/12's, and on 12th September for the U/14's.

The U/12A team won one match, drew one match and lost three.

The U/12B team drew one match and lost four.

The U/10's were really excited because this was their first tournament. They won three matches, drew one and lost one match. They came second in their section.

Outstanding player: Ilhaam Crombie

Most improved player: Katherine Mann

The U/14B's improved with each game they played. They won three out of five matches and came second over all in their section.

Outstanding players: Lisa Bester, Penny Waller.

Our U/14A's who played in the strongest section remained invincible, beating all their opponents, thus winning their section.

Outstanding players: The Whole Team!

The Girls' Interschools Mini Hockey Tournaments completed this very busy season.

The U/12's played on Tuesday September 8th at St Cyprian's. The tournament is run on a round robin basis. The U/12A team acquitted themselves very well to begin by winning their first match against Oakhurst 1-0, drawing against Rustenburg 1-1 and then trouncing Springfield 3-0. However, we met St Cyprian's (the eventual winners) next and they completely outclassed us. Lastly, we lost to Wynberg 1-0. We were placed third overall. Congratulations to St Cyprian's.

The U/13's played on Wednesday, 9th September at Herschel. The atmosphere was electric and we had strong support. Herschel quite convincingly beat Wynberg, St Cyprian's, Springfield and Oakhurst. The most exciting match was against Rustenburg, who gave us a good run for our money.

We were consistently on the attack but couldn't score; Rustenburg's defence was determined not to let us through. The match ended in a draw 0-0. Overall, we won the Interschools Open Hockey Cup and deservedly so.

One of the highlights of the season is always the Interhouse Hockey. This year for the first time our Standard 2's took part, along with the 3's, 4's and 5's. Competition was very close, as you can see by the final results. First was Rolt with 14 points, Second - Jagger 13 points and Third - Merriman 7 points.

Thank you to the parents who regularly supported us and helped with transport. A special thank you to Mrs Fowler, Mrs Huber and Mrs Brown for organising such delicious teas at our home games.



OPEN MINI HOCKEY TEAM

League winners and Interschools Cup winners:

Standing: Lusanda Shimange, Sarah-Anne Rose-Innes, Zoe Brown, Mehnaaz Ismail, Tammy Fowler
Sitting: Angela Vasiljevic (Capt) Zayaan Crombie, Tina Harsant, Kelly Huber, Mrs J Goodrick



U/12A HOCKEY TEAM

Standing: Lorian Morgan, Nada Vasiljevic, Mrs H Botha, Helen Mitchell, Nawaal Hendricks
Seated: Caroline Amber-Smith, Natasha Schapira, Robynn Farrell



U/10A MINI HOCKEY TEAM

Standing: Camilla Henderson, Kate Ryan, Emma McAdam, Miss L. Herbert, Lauren Elliot, Louise Schonborn, Leigh Duffett

Kneeling: Sarah Wesson, Olivia Cooper, Katherine Mann



STD 2 INTERHOUSE HOCKEY

Iihaam Crombie (centre, red), deciding to whom to pass



MOTHERS/DAUGHTERS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Wood giving Mrs Bester some relief after a hard match!

NETBALL

Captain: Inge Haupt
Vice : Tammy Fowler

The netball season has been busy, very exciting and, as with hockey, it has been fantastic to see so many keen players trying to make the teams. Herschel has gained a reputation for good strong netball and has attained many successes over the years.

Each year the girls must live up to this reputation and strive even harder to maintain it and excel further. With practices twice a week and some early morning sessions, our girls stretched themselves to the limit.

Herschel manages to field eight teams - U/10A and B, U/11A and B, U/12A and B and Open A and B. The A teams play in the Southern Peninsula League system which comprises approximately 54 schools. We play matches regularly every Wednesday against schools in the Wynberg region. Our B's play friendly matches usually on the same day as the A's and without them our A teams would not be as strong as they are today!

SOUTHERN PENINSULA LEAGUE RESULTS - WYNBERG REGION

In this league we competed against Simon van der Stel, Wynberg, Springfield, Rhenish, Ferndale and Greenfield.

Our Open A's finished third. Competition was very tough in this age group, but by the end of the season this team had developed into fine players.

Our U/12A were a new team, comprising our U/11B team last year. They really raised the standard of their game and also finished third.

The U/11A and U/10A teams won their league, which was an excellent achievement. Having won the league the U/11A's and U/10A's met the other league winners in the Southern Peninsula Schools Netball Final on Saturday 29 August. The U/10 and U/11 teams each played three matches, the U/10's won two out of three, the U/11's won one and lost two. Both teams tried hard, but were very nervous - especially in their first matches, which they both lost by just one goal. Competition was tough, as you can imagine, because all these teams were league winners. This competition was a tremendous experience for both teams, who have a promising future.

A friendly netball tournament was organised by Sunlands Primary School in association with W.P.N.A. This involved only the U/12 and Open teams.

Because it was a friendly tournament, no cups were awarded, but the girls received certificates for participating. I entered our girls to give them a chance to play other schools outside their region and to develop some team cohesion. Both teams won all their matches.

The Interschools Girls' tournaments were the highlight of the season. These were held at Wynberg and Springfield Convent.

The Opens and U/12's each played two games in their section, both won one and lost one, which meant they didn't make it to the final. However, our girls played good netball. Congratulations to Wynberg and Rustenburg for winning the U/12 and Open Cups.

Our U/11's won two out of three matches in their sections. They lost to Oakhurst, who were the eventual U/11 cup winners. Michelle Berrange and Helen Mitchell played superbly in defence and Nada Vasiljevic moved swiftly on attack.

Our U/10B's were also invited to the Interschools Tournament. Playing only A teams, they beat Rustenburg and Springfield but lost to Wynberg. Herschel's U/10A won all three of their matches in their section and met Wynberg in the final.

Both teams played equally well at first in the final. One team would score a goal and then the other would quickly follow suit. However, Herschel took command well before the final whistle and beat Wynberg 9-4, winning the U/10 Cup - well done!

This year for the first time I organised a Mothers/Daughters Netball Tournament on Wednesday 26 August. About seventy mothers and daughters took part. Some of the mothers had a thing or two to show their daughters. There were some outstanding mothers, notably Mrs Fowler, Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Dorrington and Mrs Wood. Everyone enjoyed the day enormously.

The red and navy team both won Section 1 with 7 points. In Section 2 the orange team won with 8 points.

Last, but not least, the Interhouse Competition is always cause for great excitement. This is organised in Standards 2, 3, 4 and 5 and we encourage as many girls as possible to participate (not only A team players). Rolt won for the third year in a row with 10 points, second was Jagger with 8 points and third was Merriman with 6 points.

SQUASH

For the first time this year we entered a team in the Primary School Squash League. Matches were played regularly on Friday afternoons. Our team was entered in the D League. The team comprised mainly Standard 3 girls, so they battled in this league because their opponents were mainly Standard 5's and often boys. Next year we'll start off in the E section and build up their match experience.

Squash continues to be offered after school with professional coaches. A squash ladder is in operation throughout the year.

WESTERN PROVINCE COLOURS

Cindy Lloyd - Tennis

Katherine Mann - Gymnastics

Victoria Sweatman - Diving

Holly Christie - Synchronised Swimming

Kathryn Dooley - Gymnastics



**U/10 NETBALL - PENINSULA LEAGUE WINNERS AND
INTER-SCHOOLS GIRLS' CUP WINNERS**

Standing: V Sweatman, C Boyes, Mrs J Goodrick, A Bradley, S Tuft
Seated: C Shand, P Pletzer, C Buchanan



U/11 NETBALL - PENINSULA LEAGUE WINNERS

M Berrange, R Farrell, S Milne, Mrs J Goodrick, A Snock, L Brain, H Mitchell, N Vasiljevic (with ball)

TENNIS

Captain: Cindy Lloyd

Tennis is one of the hardest sports to master at Prep level. Progress can be relatively slow for the number of hours one has to put in. However, it's a game for life and should be attempted by all.

Herschel entered four teams in the Peninsula Co-Ed League. Our A team members have matured into strong players with a very good knowledge of the game, winning eight out of ten matches. They should feel very proud of themselves, as most of their matches were against boys. Congratulations to Cindy Lloyd on being chosen to represent the Primary Schools Western Province team.

Our B's have become more consistent in their play and their net play has definitely improved. They also won most of their league matches.

Our C's and D's have potential, but need to gain match experience, as well as to improve their general strokes and footwork about the court.

The Interschools Girls' Doubles Tournament was held on Wednesday 18 March at Sans Souci. Cindy Lloyd and Kate Dorrington represented Herschel's U/12's. Sarah-Anne Rose-Innes and Lisa Bester represented Herschel's Opens.

Our Opens beat Greenfield 6 - 0
Wynberg 6 - 0
and lost Rustenburg 2 - 6

Sarah and Lisa worked together well, but Oakhurst proved to be too strong. Congratulations to Oakhurst.

Our U/12's won their section, beating
* Greenfield 6 - 0
Star of the Sea 6 - 0
Rustenburg 6 - 4

Once again we met Wynberg in the final, and lost to them 6-3. However, the score did not reflect the high standard of play: long, deep, hard-fought rallies, quick reaction net play and precision serves. A special thank you to Mrs Lloyd for assisting me throughout the year.



A TENNIS TEAM - Interschools U/12 Runners-up
Mrs Goodrick, Kate Dorrington, Lisa Bester, Sarah Anne Rose Innes,
Cindy Lloyd (Captain)



B TENNIS TEAM
Mrs Goodrick, Mehnaaz Ismail, Angela Vasiljevic, Tammy Fowler, Penny Waller.



PREP SCHOOL TEAM SWIMMERS

Back Row: A Raimondo, H Mitchell, M Berrange, J Louw, K Melke, N Vasiljevic, L Bester, A Kondylis, P Waller, A Wood, H Christie
 4th Row: S Milne, D Gordon, M Aubin, L Elliot, P Pietzer, L Brain, C Johnson, S Gilbert, K Atkinson, T Hayden
 3rd Row: B Vos, V Wood, A Snoek, C Buchanan, T Coeshall, C Stanley, G Giovannini, C Little, K Lemkus, V Sweatman, M Burger, T Ranger
 2nd Row: T Fowler, C du Toit, S-A Rose Innes, Mrs Goodrick, A Vasiljevic, A M Norman, C Barr
 Front Row: V Gull, T Farrell, L Becnet, L Schoonraad, J Ryan, C Wheeler, R Vietru, G Pharo, J Haw, A Snoek

SWIMMING

Captain: Sarah-Anne Rose-Innes

Vice : Tarryn Hayden

We have a large number of girls who are keen on competitive swimming and try hard to improve their technique and thus achieve faster times.

We swam in friendly galas most Friday afternoons. Competition was tough and, although we didn't win any of these, the girls swam their best.

An exciting climax to the season is the Girls' Interschools Gala, which was held at Newlands on 20 March. Herschel swam with tremendous enthusiasm.

Overall Wynberg came 1st with 201 points

Springfield	2nd	*	159	*
Rustenburg	3rd	*	152	*
Herschel	4th	*	135	*
St Cyprian's	5th	*	79	*

Both our U/8's and U/10's came second in their age group. Well done to M Hazell, B Vos, J Haw, T Farrell and R Vietri. Also C Stanley, S Gilbert, V Sweatman, P Pietzer and L Elliott.

Taryn Hayden swam outstandingly in the 50m backstroke, taking first place.

There was a tremendous atmosphere at our Interhouse Gala, where everyone from Standard 1 to 5 participates in both serious and fun events. Merriman took first place with 485 points, second was Rolt with 435 points and third was Jagger with 409 points.

Congratulations go to the following girls for breaking the school swimming records:-

Patricia Pietzer U/10 individual front crawl 17,33

Samantha Milne U/11 " " " 16,15

Lauren Elliot U/10 " breaststroke 23,48

Apart from offering team swimming practices after school, we also have synchronised swimming, life saving, diving, as well as style correction. All the girls are encouraged to participate in a water activity.

DIVING

Once again we were fortunate to have Mrs Elliot coaching our divers. These girls gave an impressive diving demonstration to open our Interhouse Swimming Gala. At the Interschools Diving Competition we took first place with 26 points, joint second were Wynberg and Rustenburg with 21 points. Congratulations go to Victoria Sweatman and Tanya Coeshall for winning their age groups.

ATHLETICS

This year the Olympics were held in Barcelona. In honour of this, St Cyprian's hosted the Mini-Olympics, which Herschel introduced in 1988. Springfield, Micklefield, St Cyprian's and Herschel all took part. All the girls from Standards 1 to 5 trained for a term-and-a-half in preparation for the athletics events and for gymnastics. To say this was the highlight of the year would be an understatement! As you all know, it had to be postponed, but this did not dampen Herschel's spirit. By Saturday 31st October, excitement was at fever pitch. Our girls acquitted themselves superbly - winning medals all round. To me the medals were a bonus. What really counted, was the number of girls who participated from each school. *

Congratulations to the following girls who won medals for Herschel:-

U/9 Cross country:	Romy Vietri (Gold)	U/10 Gymnastics	Sara Tuft (Bronze)
	Julia Thomas (Silver)	U/11 Gymnastics	Aileen Logan (Silver)
U/10 Cross country:	Kathryn Lemkus (Gold)	U/12 Gymnastics	Kirsty Shepherdson (Silver)
U/11 Cross country:	Caryn Buchanan (Bronze)	Open Gymnastics	Cherie du Toit (Gold)
U/12 Cross country:	Aty Snoek (Gold)		Tarryn Hayden
	Lauren Hemmes (Gold)	U/11 Swimming	Herschel (Silver)
	Lorian Morgan (Silver)	U/12 Swimming	Herschel (Silver)
	Sara McCullough (Bronze)	Open Swimming	Herschel (Bronze)
Open Cross country:	Lisa Bester (Gold)	U/10 Ball Throwing	Beleques Banderker (Gold)
Open Tennis:	Mehnaaz Ismail (Bronze)		Ihaam Crombie (Bronze)
	Lisa Bester	U/9 100m Sprint	Lara Bechet (Bronze)
U/10 Netball	Herschel (Gold)	U/10 100m Sprint	Patricia Pletzer
U/11 Netball	Herschel (Gold)	U/11 100m Sprint	Nada Vasiljevic (Gold)
U/12 Hockey	Herschel (Bronze)	U/12 100m Sprint	Lusanda Shimange (Silver)
Open Hockey	Herschel (Gold)	Open 100m Sprint	Katharina Mielke (Silver)
U/12 High jump	Linda Evans (Gold)	U/10 4x100m Relay	Silver
U/12 Long jump	Kirsty Shepherdson (Bronze)	U/11 " " "	Gold
Open Long jump	Kirsten Williams (Bronze)	U/12 " " "	Gold
U/10 800m	Caren Stanley (Gold)	Open " " "	Gold
U/11 800m	Kristin Weixelbaumer (Silver)		
U/12 Tennis	Cindy Lloyd (Silver)	Overall Points:	Gold Silver Bronze
	Kate Dorrington	Herschel	17 13 11
		St Cyprian's	14 16 10
		Springfield	10 10 9
		Micklefield	4 7 14

GYMNASTICS

While being taught as part of the curriculum, gymnastics is also offered after school on a Friday and is run very competently by Mrs Hopkins.

MRS J GOODRICK
SPORTS MISTRESS



Standard five camp may 1992
at
Oudtshoorn



Pre-Prep Sports Day

Here comes the band

Picnic in the garden with Mom

food for the poor

Christmas Party for John's children

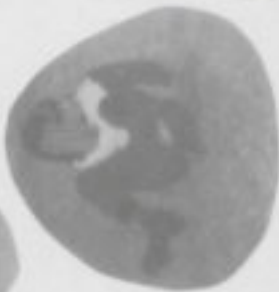
Relaxing after Blisters for Bread





Sub Bs visit
Wynberg Fire
Station





Sub B

Skating!



Std II Activities : 1992



"So little done ; so much to do."



Boland Farm Museum: sheep shearing time.



Searching for the midden at Wlandudno



Just having fun!

The Castle - atop a bastion.



All aboard



Pirates! Beware!

The Sub
A's visited
the Alfred
pump
station



'Waiting for the boat to dock.



Inside the Pirates galleon.

Planting
a tree
on Arbor
Day



Collecting tins for the
Night Shelter.

Outing to St James





walking club — walking



A weekend at Montagu



Meg and Zoe - chief cooks and bottle washers

— Sandgrd



Rosie's Walk

OLD HERSCHELIANS

OLD HERSCHELIAN COMMITTEE

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BIRTHS

BAKER. To Susan (Eve) and Sean, a son, 30 September 1992

BISHOP. To Rose (Meynell) and George, a daughter, 22 September 1992

BOOTH. To Susan (Dowdle) and Stephen, a son, 26 October 1992

BRINK. To Liz (Meynell) and Monty, a son, 19 April 1992

BROWN. To Marge (Filmer) and Malcolm, a daughter, 11 March 1992

COWELL. To Liz (Jeffery) and Adam, a son, November 1992

DU RAND. To Lindy (de Kock) and Arn, a daughter, 3 August 1992

GERHARDI. To Nicky (Dauncey) and Michael, a son, 20 August 1992

KIRKALDY. To Tessa (van Ryneveld) and Alan, a daughter, 29 February 1992

KUIPER. To Jean (Bergh) and Adrian, a son, 5 July 1992

LESLIE. To Pamela (Boyes) and Graham, a son, 28 September 1992

LYHNE. To Wendy, wife of Mike Gold, a daughter

MATHESON. To Daniele (Hine) and Ian, a son, 24 May 1992

MONTLAKE. To Suzanne (Ackerman) and Nicholas, a daughter, 24 September 1992

STELZNER. To Susan (Binedell) and Robert, a son, 13 July 1992

THURLING. To Lerrisse (Maisel) and Vidrik, a daughter, 14 October 1992

VIOTTI. To Magda (Rosenwerth) and Paolo, a son, 3 March 1992

WALE. To Bridgit (Bor-ton) and Anton, a daughter, 14 July 1992

WEST-RUSSELL. To Catherine (Baker) and Christopher, a son 16 April 1992

WHITFIELD. To Jill (Fouche) and Larry, a son 14 September 1992

ENGAGEMENTS

GROWSE-HEMM: Fenella to Geoff Hemm

GROWSE-HALES: Joanna to John Hales

JOOSTE-MOXLEY: Hillary to Paul Moxley

LITTLEFORD-DAVEY: Page to Neil Davey

McCALLUM-FRICK: Arabella to Clayton Frick

MEYER-DAS: Susan to Chris Das

SPARKS-DEACON: Sandra to Gary Deacon

WOODE-SMITH: Shelley to Richard Smith

MARRIAGES

ACKERMAN-ROBINS: Kathy to David Robins, August 1992

ALLSOP-ROBINSON: Julianne to Andrew Robinson, August 1992

CAMERON-PRINSLOO: Diane to Andre Prinsloo, February 1992

CLARK-FRIEDMAN: Mary to Mark Friedman, January 1992

INCE - BUCHANAN-CLARK: Nicola to Gerald Buchanan-Clark, May 1992

LENGNER-GROSSI: Daniela to Maurizio Grossi, October 1992

McMILLAN-FLESCHE: Janice to Julian Flesch, March 1992

PENTZ-DIEM: Belinda to Armin Diem, May 1992

DEATHS

ABDY: Gayle (nee Banghart) on 28 January 1992

WHYTE: Angela (nee Paley) in 1991



THE 1952 HERSCHEL PREFECTS - 40 YEARS ON (Taken at the reunion, at Herschel, on Friday 20 March 1992)
 Front row: Ann Platt (Montgomery) - Head of Rolt, Ingrid Macaskill (Schumer) - Headgirl, Norma Morell (Bettison) - Vice Headgirl.
 Back row: Jenny Bickle (Rudland) - Head of Jagger, Sarah Campbell (Maydon) - Head of Merriman.



OLD HERSCHELIAN MUMS AND THEIR MATRIC DAUGHTERS

Back Row: Philippa and Delia Gwynne-Evans (Lloyd), Dominique and Ethel du Plessis (Hacking), Lorna (Harris) and Amber Ramsden

Front Row: Penny (Raath) and Ming Taylor, Carolyn (Wood) and Megan van Zyl, Lorraine (Abrahamse) and Chantalle McGahey



CARLA BROWN - STD 3



SAMANTHA MILNE - STD 3

VICKY ANDERSON - STD 3



LOUISE SCHONBORN - STD 3





AINE MALLET - STD 4



LAURA HEMMES - STD 4

CARRIE NIXON - STD 6



KATE MULLORD - STD 6

SUZANNE PULLINGER - STD 6



NISREEN NARKER - STD 6

