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POSITION

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VALUES

To live our lives according to the Christian values of integrity, humility, compassion and courage in service to our community and country.

MISSION

To provide a dynamic and progressive education for boys that respects individual needs and embraces diversity and change in pursuit of academic, sporting and cultural excellence, while providing social and leadership skills and nurturing spiritual growth.

VISION

Our aim is to make, not accountants, not clerks, not clergymen, but men; men of understanding, thought and culture.

Founder James Cameron Todd. Speech Day 1897

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The Michaelhouse Chronicle is a comprehensive record of what has been an outstanding year for the School. In reflecting on the past year, I would like to suggest that the following factors have contributed to our success:

• Our magnificent estate and facilities which continue to improve each year;

• A settled and competent staff, both academic and support, who provide the many opportunities which our young men enjoy;

• The leadership of our entire A Block group led so admirably by Senior Prefect, Patrick Lambie, and Second Prefect, Dale Walker;

• The support and positive relationships which we enjoy with our Parents and Old Boys;

• The guidance and wisdom we receive from our Board whose selfless contribution to the Michaelhouse cause is special;

• That we continue to focus on the ‘process’ and not the results. If we get the process right the results will come.

At the end of February the Chairman of the Board, Mr Bruce Dunlop, stepped down due to excessive work commitments. Our sincere thanks to Mr Dunlop for his outstanding contribution to Michaelhouse, which we recognised by the Fellow Associate Award in November. At the end of 2008 we also said farewell to six long-serving Board members: Mrs Jo James, Mr Nick Grice, Mr Stuart Craib, Mr Stephen Dallamorc, Mr Clive Shcdlock and Mr Mike Hankinson; we sincerely thank them for their contribution.

A distinguished Michaelhouse Old Boy, Mr Gary Ralfc. Senior Prefect in 1962, took over the reins in March; we are privileged to have someone of his calibre to lead the Michaelhouse Board at this time. Mis first major task was to bring to a conclusion the Vision 2015 strategic process. This was adopted by the Board at the end of June and aims to ensure that ‘Michaelhouse functions effectively in and makes constructive and successful contributions to, a changing South Africa.’ The strategic process
yielded seven broad goals which will guide the School in the next few years. This was a thorough and stimulating process and we are extremely pleased with the final result.

As we look back on this year, I am satisfied that we continue to be true to our Vision which is: 'our aim is to make, not accountants, not clerks, not doctors, not clergymen, but men; men of understanding, thought and culture."

It continues to be a privilege to lead this magnificent School and my sincere thanks to all who have contributed to an outstanding year. I trust that you will enjoy reading this Chronicle which will give you, not only an overview of our achievements, but more importantly, a feeling of that special ethos of Michaelhouse.

G N PEARSON
RECTOR

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2008 Management: Back: Nick Cahill, John Crawford, Paul de Wet Guy Pearson (Rector), Allan Laing, Charlie Burton

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Nick Cahill, HED, Tatham
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Tutor - East
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- Farfield
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Joy Preiss, HDE, Visual Art, Home Room - Mackenzie

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Andre Black, B.A. (Ed) Human Movement Science, Afrikaans,
Tutor - Baines

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Adrian Moran, Brandon Aka!, Alan Adlington-Corfield, Bryan Tarr, Sam Mofokeng, Isabelle Schweyer, Given Dzingwa
Mandla Cele, Helene du Toil, Colleen Cook, Msizi Mchunu, Alice McGhee

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Guy Pearson (Rector). Paul Fleischack (Deputy Rector Academics).
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Afrikaans. ICDL, Music (Admin)

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Peter Huntley, B.A. (Hons). HDE. English


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Keith Fairweather, B.A.. HDE. Life Orientation. Tutor Pascoe (31/03/08), Senior Tutor - Founders (01/04/08)

Nick Cahill. HED. Life Science. Natural Science
Paul Fleischack, B.Sc. (Hons). M.Sc., HDE. Life Science
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Viktor Kurz, B.A.. HDE. B Ed. Mathematics
Paul de Wet, B.Sc.. HDE. Mathematics
Given Dzingwa. STD. FDE, B.Ed. Mathematics. Tutor East
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Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

John F Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

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- Mackenzie

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Science, Senior Tutor - Pascoe

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B.Ed., Physical Science, Natural Science, Senior Tutor - West
Michael Schwartz, M.Sc (Physics), HDE, Physical Science,
Natural Science

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Mandla Cele, Tutor - isiZulu, Tutor - Founders
Dylan Hawkes, Tutor - Mackenzie
Kyle Kunim, Tutor - Pascoe
Sam Mofokeng, isiZulu, Tutor - West
Sandeep Ramharak, Tutor - Founders/VIth Form
Brad Roets, Drama, Dramatic Art, Tutor - VIth Form
Bradley Sessions, Tutor - Baines (left 30/06/08)
Sandile Sibiya, Visual Art, Tutor - West
David Smythe, Tutor - East
Jean-Louis Swart, Music, Tutor - Farfield

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Dennis Maharaj, Life Science Lab
Zanele Mchunu, Life Science Lab (31/07/08)
Raymond Duma, Science Lab
Mfansenile Phungula, Science Lab
Zanele Ndlovu, Science Lab (01/08/08)

IT Support Staff

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Simon Dottridge, B Com., Network Senior Technician
Gary Schneider, Network Technician
Naveshree Baldavoo, IT Support Secretary
Sibusiso Dlamini, Trainee

Sports Co-ordinator

Graeme Calway, UCB Level III (Cricket), Tutor - Tatham
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School Doctor

Sr Joanne McMillan SRN (Dip), RM (Dip), RCN (Dip), B.Tecli:
Primary Health, Snr. Sanatorium Sister

Sr Alice McGhee SRN (Dip), RM (Dip), PHARM (Cert) ROH
(Dip), Sanatorium Sister

Sr Morag Atherstone SRN (Dip), RM (Dip), RCN (Dip) PHARM
(Cert), Sanatorium Sister

Administrative Staff

Bursary

Charlie Burton, B Compt. (Hons), CPA (SA), Bursar
Tony Hunt, Assistant Bursar (Admin) (Left 31/03/08)

Susan Dawson, Assistant Bursar (01/04/08)

Pushpa Ramharack, Bursar's Personal Assistant/Debtors
Controller

Lile Khuluse, Debtors Controller
Rita Bhugwandeen, Cashier/Accounts Clerk
Poobie Govender, Creditors Controller
Pushpa Govender, Photocopier Clerk
Sheena White, Accounts Clerk

Bookroom & Transport

Shy Bhugwandeen, Bookroom Manageress/Transport Clerk
Conferences & Facilities

Mandy Rouillard, Conference & Facilities Co-ordinator

Data Administrator & Statistics
Dorathea van Rooyen, Data Administrator
Estate / Maintenance

Ernest Barkhuizen, Operations Manager

Sean Mountain, Maintenance Manager (left 12/09/08)
Gunter Heyneke, Grounds Manager
Jay Ramdhani, Maintenance Manager (01/12/08)

Laundry
Ram Maharaj, Laundry Manager
Mirriam Mlotshwa, Laundry Manager
Samuel Zuma, Laundry Supervisor

Management Secretaries
Sally Berrinian, Personal Assistant to the Rector
Wendy Robinson, Secretary to the Rector
Janice Keith, Secretary to the Deputy Rector (Pupils)/Senior Masters/Sport
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Sharon Mountain, Secretary’ to the Deputy Rector (Academic) & Board of Governors (31/03/08)

Cillia van Wyk, Secretary to the Deputy Rector (Academic) (01/04/08)

Katriona Russell, Secretary> to the Chaplain and Counsellor

Marketing

Melanie Wester, Director of Marketing
Moyra Rowney, Marketing Officer
Laura Moran, Marketing Assistant
Lisa Hobson, Admissions Officer (31/03/08)

Sharon Mountain, Admissions Officer (01/04/08) & Board of Governors Secretaty

Matron

Nola van Niekerk, Dormitory Manager
Musa Mchunu, Dormitory Assistant

Media Centre

Lynn van der Vegte, BSc (Hons). MSc. Librarian
Colleen Cook, B.A.. HDE. Assistant Librarian
Themhi Sikhakhane, Library Assistant (left 31/07/2008)

Simon Zondi, Media Centre
Sibusiso Dlamini, Messenger (31/07/08)

Phlorian Mnikathi Library Assistant (01/08/08)
Zanele Mchunu, Library Assistant (01/08/08)

Old Boys’ Club Administrator

Michelle Huntley, Old Boys’ Club Administrator. Community Partnership Co-ordinator

Human Resources

Nancy Roulliard, BA (Hons). Human Resources Officer

Telephonists

Shakila Moola, Senior Telephonist
Rose Mlotslma, Telephonist

Trade-in

Noelenc Burton, Manageress
Maree Pearson, Assistant

Jessica Adlington-Corfield, Assistant

Transport

Kees Grinwis, Transport Manager
Kric Cele, Driver
Robert Duma, Driver
Albert Moletsane, Driver
Derrick Sithole, Driver
Cornelius Sithole, Driver

Tuckshop

Champic Narassa, Tuckshop Manageress
Varsha Narassa, Assistant Manageress
Rachel Maharaj, Assistant
Thoko Dlamini, Assistant
Calvin van der Riet, Head of Pascoe, welcomes new boy Xolani Shezi

David Zwemke - White Badge Prefect
White Badge Prefect

The White Badge which is worn by the Senior Prefect and Second Prefect, may be awarded to another School Prefect who has shown such excellent conduct and a fine example that he would be an obvious choice for the above positions if they were vacant.

David Zwemke, Head of Tatham House, was promoted to the position of a White Badge Prefect on 2(0) August 2008.
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Staff News

Master in Charge: Mr Paul de Wet

The Michaelhouse Intern Programme enjoyed a successful year. The ultimate measure of success of this programme must be the number of interns qualifying and finding employment as teachers. Brad Sessions left the programme at mid-year to take up a full time teaching position and sports administration position at Wembly College in Greytown. Gary Schneider technically left the programme at the end of 2007 and worked as an IT technician at Michaelhouse this year while finishing his studies. He secured a full time position at Cordwalles in 2009. Sam Mofokeng qualified as a teacher and was appointed to a teaching post at Michaelhouse in 2009. David Smythe joined the programme to do his PGCE. He will be taking up a post at Stirling Primary in East London next year. Dylan Hawkes joined us this year and has made a positive contribution but has decided to return home to the Eastern Cape next year to continue his studies there. Old Michaelhousian, Brandon Akal joined the programme this year and another Old Michaelhousian, Brad Roets, became our first married intern when he and Gaylene ‘tied the knot’ in September. Sandeep Ramharack leaves Michaelhouse to do his final year at Cowan House.

Staff Marriages

Intern, Sandile Sibiya helping Simon Blackie with his art

Teacher Intern Programme

2008 was a busy year for staff marriages and we offer our congratulations to the following:

• Mr Andre Black who married Dr Marianne Swanevelder in the Michaelhouse Chapel on 04 April 2008

• Mrs Michelle Cooke who married Mr Graeme Calway in the Michaelhouse Chapel on 16 May 2008

• Miss Carlien Myers who married Mr Damian Walters in the Michaelhouse Chapel on 28 June 2008

• Mrs Susan Gardiner who married Mr Michael Dawson at Loch Earn, Scotland on 03 September 2008

• Mr Bradley Roets who married Miss Gaylene Archer in the Michaelhouse Chapel on 20 September 2008

Staff Leaving

The following staff, who have either worked at Michaelhouse for less than 10 years or on part-time basis, left at the end of the year: Mr Keith Fairweather (Life Orientation), Mr Ian Hobson (Economics), Mrs Lisa Hobson (Marketing), Mrs Janice Keith (Secretarial), Mr Adrian Rogers (part time Archivist), Mr Matthew Sabine (Music).
We wish them every success in their new ventures.

Noelene Burton

Written by Mrs Melanie Wester

Noelene joined the Trade-Inn in March 1997 as assistant to Mrs Debbie Goulding, and was promoted to the position of Trade-Inn Manager in 2001.

Success will mean different things to different people. In Noelene's case, we have no doubt that whatever measurement people apply to her involvement in the Trade-Inn, the conclusion must be one of a 'turn around' success story. In 1997 the Trade-Inn recorded gross sales of R800 000 and in the year in which Noelene leaves Michaelhouse, sales are expected to exceed R2.6 million.

Noelene was integrally involved in the computerisation of the Rob Clue as playing squash with Intern, David Smythe

We wish all those leaving the programme everything of the best for what I am sure will be rewarding and effective careers in education.

New Staff

During 2008 we welcomed the following new staff to the Michaelhouse team: Mrs Jessica Adlington-Corfield (Trade-Inn), Mr Michael Bownes (HOD Geography), Mr Msizi Mchunu (Economics), Mrs Carlien Walters (Dramatic Art), Mrs Isabelle Schweyer (French), Mrs Susan Dawson (Bursary), Mr Linda Linda (Economics) and Mrs Cillia van Wyk (Academic Secretary).
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Noelene Burton Tony Hunt

Tradc-Inn and maintained the accounting records impeccably. She was very involved in the discussion, design and sourcing of the current school uniform which was a major change from the khaki clothing of the past. She has been an enthusiastic and valuable member of the school's Branding Committee and has more than ably done her part in protecting the Michaelhouse brand and ensuring that suppliers deliver nothing but quality goods.

Noelene will be sadly missed and has left very large boots to fill! We wish her every success and happiness in her new venture.

Tony Hunt

Written by Mr Charlie Burton.

Tony Hunt joined the Michaelhouse team in September 1997 and we are exceptionally pleased to have had his services until March 2008 when he retired.

Tony was an excellent "good cop" to my "bad cop" and in Tony's 11 years at Michaelhouse I cannot recall one complaint from anyone about how they had been treated by Tony and, on the contrary, his office was always abuzz with people who found Tony to be incredibly helpful, friendly, polite and sympathetic.

Tony was an excellent administrator and right hand man. He was thorough, accurate and totally reliable in concluding his normal duties as well as additional various investigations and tasks.

Tony was always able to put people at their ease in his company and his daily display of true Christian faith and qualities enabled him to treat everyone in a manner that he indeed would like them to treat him. Never short of a word of encouragement and willing to give advice at particularly tough times in my career at Michaelhouse as Bursar. Tony was and is a true friend.

Tony, your contribution to Michaelhouse has been great and we are pleased to record our appreciation thereof in this Chronicle. Thank you.

Thembi Sikhakhane

Written by Mrs Lynn van tier legte

The Library' celebrated its tenth year of being in the new Media Centre building in May this year and in July Thembi Sikhakhane

Thembi Sikhakhane Nola van Niekerk
celebrated her twentieth year of loyal service to the Media Centre
but has since sadly decided to retire. Perhaps, though, it is a well-deserved retirement as in that time she has worked for four different librarians and five different Rectors!

Thembi was appointed as the Librarian's Assistant in 1988 and ran the Issue Desk with efficiency and style. Over the years she developed a wonderful rapport with the boys but still managed to be firm and the boys respected her for this.

One of Thembi’s fondest memories of her time at Michaelhouse was the move from the Old Library to the new Media Centre. Thembi was a key link in the human chain which was set up by using boys in shifts to pass the books from hand to hand, off the old shelves and onto the new. Our fondest memory of Thembi will be that of a vital cog in the Media Centre team.

Thembi was held in high regard by the Michaelhouse community. We wish her well in all her new endeavours and sadly say farewell to a loyal colleague and friend.

Nola van Niekerk

Written by Mr Charlie Burton

Mrs Nola van Niekerk joined Michaelhouse in June 1993 as an Assistant Dormitories Matron and was promoted to Dormitories Matron in 1999.

Nola controlled the School's cleaning operations from 1999 to 2008 when she took her leave of Michaelhouse for personal reasons. The title of Dormitories Matron does little to describe the enormous involvement in school life required of the incumbent. The School’s entire cleaning requirements from sourcing toilet paper to cleaning Houses, windows, all buildings and preparing for Michaelhouse Hilton days and other major functions, all required Nola’s close attention. Nola competently managed a team of almost thirty people and enormous credit to her management is the fact that her replacement is an internal appointment from within her department.

Nola’s positive contribution to the smooth running of Michaelhouse will be missed and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.
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Our imagination is the only limit to what we can hope to have in the future.

Charles F Kettering
US electrical engineer & inventor (1876 - 1958)

The Michaelhouse Trust

Report of the Trustees: for the year ended 31 December 2007

Investment performance

Investment markets were extremely volatile in 2007; the JSE All Share Index started the year at 24 986 and, after a major setback in March, reached an all time peak of 31 728 (+27%) on 11 October before settling to end the year at 29 702 (+19%). Unlike the previous year, there were substantial divergences in the major constituents of the index:

JSE Resources Index +29,2%
JSE Financials Index + 1,5%
JSE Industrials Index +17,4%

The main feature of 2007 was the worldwide boom in commodity prices largely as a result of burgeoning industrial demand from China:

Copper +6,1%
Iron Ore + 9,5%
Platinum +37,0%
Oil +60,5%

As a consequence, emerging markets, particularly the commodity producers, fared rather well in 2007:

MSC1 Emerging Market Index +36,5%

MSCI World Index +7,1%

The investment managers of the Michaelhouse Trust (Foord Asset Management) achieved a satisfactory return for the year of 11,1%, compared with the Fund’s benchmark of 13,9%. The investment performance of the Michaelhouse Trust over the past four years has been as follows:

2007 2006 2005 2004
Trust (Fund Manager) 11,1% 38.4% 33.9% 25.1%
Distributions to the College

The Trust's particularly strong performances in 2005 and 2006 enabled Trustees to budget for a 29% increase in the 2007 distribution to the College over the prior year. Trustees' current policy allows for a distribution to the College calculated as a percentage of the average market value of the Trust's investments in the preceding year to such distribution, i.e. the average market values of 2005 were used to calculate the 2007 distribution to the College. Despite the volatility of the 2007 markets and the significantly increased distribution to the College, which included a substantial contribution from realised capital surpluses, the Trust's investments grew a net 5.8% over 2006. Net income, distributions to the College and use of realised capital surpluses for the last four years were as follows:

Net income for the year before distribution
Distribution to Michaelhouse College
Excess distribution for the year
Realised capital surpluses distributed

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Annual Reports

The ancient Greek definition of happiness was the full use of your powers along lines of excellence.

John F Kennedy
35th president of US 1961-1963 (1917 - 1963)

Net income for the year before distribution increased by 29.5% over 2006 with key issues being the following:

Â¢Â© A 15.7% increase in investment income earned (slightly higher interest rates and strong earnings growth).

Â¢Â© Expenditure decreased by 26.9% over 2006 with the main contributor being reduced management fees paid to the Fund Manager (performance based fees and in 2007 the Benchmark was not achieved).

College utilisation of distributions received

Income distributed by the Trust to the College has been utilised as follows:

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The 2007 College utilisation of the Trust distribution reflects the phased implementation of the previously reported agreement to transfer the responsibility for Trust Scholarships and supplementary staff pensions from the Trust to the College. Provision of funds for College capital expenditure remains the key original objective contained in The
Michaelhouse Trust deed. Trustees are aware that the College has some extremely exciting and necessary capital projects planned for the next few years, commencing with new staff houses in 2008. Trustees are supportive of the College’s decision to utilise funds available from non-refundable acceptance fees, voluntary development levies and project specific donations in 2007 before utilising all income distributed to the College by the Trust. Trustees are confident that the unutilised Trust income of R1,233,843 at the end of 2007 will be put to good use during 2008 and future projects.
Buildings and Grounds

Written by Mr Charlie Burton

The historical record provided by The Chronicle will reflect a slight decrease in capital projects undertaken at Michaelhouse in 2008. The extension to the Inglis Indoor Centre for a permanent indoor cricket practice facility, the complete refurbishment of two staff houses in Momingside, the building of two new three-bedroom staff simplexes on the Berea on Michael's Mount, the refurbishment and extension of the gents’ squash court change-rooms (with thanks to a generous sponsor), replacement of carpets and chairs in the Schlesinger Theatre and a significant start to the refurbishment of classrooms may be a slight decrease in comparison to other years' capital expenditure, but it has nevertheless kept the School Architect, the Bursar, the Operations Manager and his team very busy. The indoor cricket facility is expected to be operational early in 2009 but all other projects mentioned above should be completed by the end of 2008.

We were extremely proud of the appointment of Mr Jay Ramdhani as the school's Maintenance Manager in 2008. Jay was employed at Michaelhouse in 1973 and has seen Maintenance Managers come and go during his thirty five years of dedicated and loyal service to Michaelhouse.

Michaelhouse's significant investment in two generators which provide power to the hub of the school in times of power outages will draw both criticism and support from a wide range of people. The issues were very carefully considered before the Board of Governors gave approval for this purchase. Whilst we have had little need for the generators since the major electricity shortages of early 2008, we are satisfied that our decision ensures that the health, safety and comfort of Michaelhouse boys are secured. It is pleasing to note that the few times that the generators have "kicked in" have gone completely unnoticed by boys and staff in the Houses and main school buildings. Our hope is that the generators will not be needed much in the future, but if they are, we are prepared.

A recent energy audit on Michaelhouse confirmed that our many energy saving initiatives over the last few years have been in exactly the right direction. Substantial funds have been set aside in the 2009 budget to install further energy saving equipment which will decrease the negative impact of energy costs on future fee increases.

Our grounds look truly magnificent throughout the year, thanks to Mr Gunther Heynecke, our Groundsman, and his team. The planned gardens around the school are lovingly cared for by Mrs Amanda Jarvis with sound help and professional advice from Mrs Jo Hilliar.
We acknowledge with sincere thanks, the efforts of the Chairman of Buildings and Grounds, Mr Chris Brown and his team, the School Architect, Mr Nick Grice, and all our support staff who strive to maintain our buildings and grounds in a state of which we can all be proud.
The St Michael Award was instituted in the School's centenary year, 1996, with the following criteria:

- The candidate must be a living Old Boy of Michaelhouse
- He must have devoted a considerable period of his life to serving his fellow man and the services so rendered shall be of an exceptional and selfless nature
- The candidate should not have been motivated by personal gain or fame
- Some element of personal sacrifice, although not essential, may well provide evidence of the selflessness of the contribution which the candidate has made.

The last characteristic has to do with St Michael himself. St Michael is one of the seven Archangels and also one of the three mentioned by name in the scriptures, twice in the Old Testament and twice in the New Testament. The name Michael is a variation of Micah, meaning in Hebrew, Who is Like God.

In framing the criteria for the award, the St Michael candidate will ideally display the characteristics exemplified by St Michael: courage, compassion and a willingness to fight for truth and justice.

Paul Trewhela: St Michael Award Citation

Citation read by: Patrick Larnbie - Senior Prefect

Paul Trewhela, born on 4 October 1941, was a pupil at Michaelhouse from 1955 until he matriculated in 1958. He was a member of East House, where the Housemaster was Mr Roy Gathome. There were early signs of his artistic ability when he was awarded the Senior Art Prize on Speech Day. He was also to be found on the stage in 1958 for the school Shakespeare production of Henry Vth. His father, Ralph Trewhela, was a composer whose 'So long. Sarie' was the marching song of the South African Army in the Second World War. His mother, Evelyn Lcvison, who was Jewish, was a broadcaster and a theatre critic. The family lived in Johannesburg. Paul was confirmed while at Michaelhouse and considers himself to share both Christian and Jewish identities.

Prior to arriving at Michaelhouse, Paul was a boarder at
Ridge Preparatory School, in Johannesburg. During his time at The Ridge he made contact with the South African wildlife artist, Charles Astley Mabcrly, who continued to provide him with tuition and friendship throughout Paul's time at The Ridge and then at Michaelhouse, mainly by correspondence but also in time spent drawing together, some of it in the Kruger National Park. From this, deriving from his experience in the hills around Michaelhouse, came two illustrated articles by Paul which appeared in African Wild Life, the journal of the Wild Life Protection Society of Southern Africa. References to Paul's observations about the Natal oribi then appeared in Astley Mabcrly's 'Animals of Rhodesia' and 'Animals of East Africa'.

At Rhodes University in Grahamstown between 1959 and 1961, Paul's life was decisively influenced by the massacre at Sharpeville in March 1960. He abandoned study in the sciences for a degree in humanities, and became a non-voting member of the executive of the National Union of South African Students (Nusas) in 1960 and 1961, with responsibility for liaison with students at Fort Hare University College, during the period when apartheid was being rigorously enforced on the universities. Meetings took place secretly on the campus of Fort Hare at night.

Paul's first arrest, along with that of other students, took place in March 1960 during a formal protest against the massacre at Sharpeville held by students and staff at Rhodes University, in the
High Street of Grahamstown, while wearing academic gowns. He left Rhodes with a BA degree in English and Political Science, and was subsequently arrested twice in Cape Town: first, while employed by The Star newspaper, Johannesburg, and later while attending a journalists’ training course with the Cape Argus. The arrests involved his handing out leaflets and putting up posters in Cape Town critical of the General Laws Amendment Act, which provided for periods of 90 days detention without trial for suspects in political cases, and in effect legitimised the use of torture by the Security Police.

Following his dismissal from The Star in mid-1962, Paul was fortunate to be accepted for employment as a journalist on the Rand Daily Mail in Johannesburg. He held this position for a year before becoming Africa Editor of the only news magazine in South Africa, 'News Check', published in Johannesburg. In the two years between his employment at the Rand Daily Mail in mid-1962 and his arrest by the security police in July 1964. Paul became a member of the Congress of Democrats (an organisation for white people, affiliated to the African National Congress) in the months before it was banned. He was also a member of the illegal South African Communist Party, at the invitation of Joe Slovo, later Secretary-General of the party.

At the request of Slovo’s wife, Ruth First, he wrote a leaflet for Umkhonto weSizwe, the military wing of the ANC and the SACP. This was printed and distributed in May 1963, a month before the raid on the underground headquarters of the ANC, the SACP and Umkhonto weSizwe at Lilliesleaf Farm, Rivonia, Johannesburg. This leaflet, titled 'The ANC Spearheads Revolution. Leballo! No', set out the military strategy of Umkhonto weSizwe in relation to that of Poqo, the military wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, which had begun a campaign of killing white civilians and others. The leaflet was presented in evidence during the trial of Nelson Mandela and other leaders of Umkhonto weSizwe, the Rivonia Trial of 1963-64.

A pensive moment during the reading of the St Michael Award Citation

Following Ruth First’s arrest and detention after the raid at Rivonia, and her subsequent departure from South Africa, Paul worked closely during the course of the Rivonia trial with the late Hilda Bernstein - whose husband, Rusty, was one of Mandela’s co-accused - as editor of the underground newspaper of Umkhonto weSizwe, ‘Freedom Fighter’. Without the knowledge of his colleagues, he took part in meetings and activities of the cell of the illegal SACP in Johannesburg. A month after the conclusion of the Rivonia Trial, there were mass arrests by the security police. Paul and his colleagues in the SACP cell were arrested under the 90-day detention law, and taken into solitary confinement for 53 days. One of the cell members turned out to have been a security policeman.
While held in Pretoria Local Prison with the other white male detainees, Paul was interrogated by standing torture on three occasions. The last two of these interrogations took place at the Commissioner of Police Buildings in Pretoria, for a period of three days and nights and then for a period of 40 hours. Paul was fortunate that the security police knew nothing of his involvement in journalism for Umkhonto weSizwe, and Hilda and Rusty Bernstein were able to escape from South Africa during his period of detention. During a very lengthy trial, the number one accused. Advocate Bram Fischer QC - the chairman of the illegal SACP, who had led the defence of the Rivonia accused broke his bail and went underground in an effort to revive the broken structures of the underground political organisations. Paul was sentenced in April 1965 to two years imprisonment for membership of the SACP, to be served with other white male political prisoners at Local Prison in Pretoria. The experience of Paul's prison colleagues is described by Hugh Lewin in 'Bandit Out of Jail', with illustrations by Paul's art teacher from Michaelhouse, Harold Strachan.

During this time, Paul was visited in prison by Sir Robert Birley, former Rector at Charterhouse and Eton, and the principal official responsible for de-nazification of the education system in the British Occupation zone in Germany after the Second World War. Paul was eligible for a British passport, which was arranged for him by Birley, who also arranged the award to Paul of a United Nations scholarship for an M A degree at the University of Sussex (1967/68).

Paul left South Africa on an exit permit not permitting his return, which followed his being placed under house arrest and under a banning order prohibiting him from continuing his career as a journalist and from being quoted in South Africa.

Following his year at Sussex University, Paul continued his friendship with Birley while he taught History and English in comprehensive schools in inner-city areas of London between 1969 and 1974. Over this period they had continuous discussions about education, including Paul's experience at Michaelhouse, which Birley had once visited.

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St Michael Awards

But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine.

Thomas Jefferson

Paul had decided to leave the SACP while in prison; a decision he carried through in discussions with Bram Fischer in prison in Pretoria and with Joe Slovo and Ruth First in London. For a number of years Paul was politically close, in exile in London, to Mocletsi Mbeki, the brother of President Thabo Mbeki, and to Dr Pallo Jordan, the Arts and Culture Minister. Political disagreements led to Paul's extreme isolation in London, however, and to his decision to live in Dublin, Ireland, as a teacher from October 1974 to August 1983.

The family then moved to Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, England, where Paul taught English as a second language to students in primary and secondary schools within the state system. He continued part-time from 1995 to 2006 at a comprehensive school in a council estate area in Watford, north of London. At the same time he was a tutor in Social Sciences in Distance Learning with the Open University, and he also worked as an assistant with autistic pupils in Thame, Oxfordshire. Over the course of his career as a teacher he worked with students of all ages, ranging from infants to adults in retirement.

From 1988 to 1994, Paul was co-editor in London with a former prison colleague, the late Dr Baruch Hirson, of the banned journal of South African studies, 'Searchlight South Africa'. This was one of the most remarkable productions of its time relating to South Africa, produced on a shoestring budget by desktop, of life in the ANC in exile in Africa. Publication of this history involved exposure of the system of prison camps for dissenters run by the ANC and the SACP in exile in Africa, and has never been challenged in any detail. The material in this document, written by five former members of Umkhonto weSizwe, was submitted personally with Paul's help to former President Mandela and to Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, and made a substantial contribution to the convening of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa.

Paul has had about 30 obituaries of South African political figures published in The Independent in London, including an obituary of Govan Mbeki, a colleague on Robben Island of Nelson Mandela, and father of President Mbeki and his brother Mocletsi Mbeki. Ongoing contemporary journalism relating to South Africa by Paul continues on the internet.

After 1992 he returned to drawing and painting after a gap of more than 30 years, leading to a current solo exhibition in north London.
in the gallery area of the Harrow and Wembley Progressive Synagogue. This followed several solo exhibitions in the medieval Gothic parish church in Aylesbury. St Mary the Virgin, beginning in 1998. and participation in several group shows in London. Paul has had the tremendous good fortune to work closely with students of the 20th century British master. David Bromberg, and has received advice from them. Paul's principal focus as an artist is the human form, a subject he feels was out of his range as a white person in the South Africa of his youth.

Paul Trewhela's story is one of remarkable courage and sacrifice in the face of great adversity. We have seen that he stood by his principles and beliefs, no matter what the cost. He is indeed a great inspiration to the Men of Michaelhouse sitting here today, and a wonderful example of a fulfilled life, lead by exceptional integrity.

Our current Rector has said:

"At Michaelhouse we strive to produce young men with a man's determination to do right, a man's courage to do good, a man's sympathy for other people's troubles, a man's patience and strength with his own and a man's intolerance for injustice to others."

Here is such a man. He is indeed a worthy recipient of the St Michael Award and we honour him for the wonderful example he is to all.

Fellow Associate Citation to Bruce Dunlop
21 November 2008

Citation read by: Mr Gary Ralfe - Chairman of the Board

It is an honour and a privilege for me to confer, on behalf of the Board of Governors of Michaelhouse, the Fellow Associate Award to Mr Bruce Graham Dunlop.

Bruce's formative years were spent at Durban Preparatory School and later at Durban High School. A team player, he made his mark playing cricket in the school's 1st XI. After school he went on to represent the South African Air Force at cricket and Strike Command at rugby. From his involvement in sport, the lessons he learned as a team player have stood him in good stead since as a manager of people and of change.

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Mr Bruce Dunlop and Mr Gary Ralfe

Bruce has a B.Comm Honours, ACIS and PMD (Harvard.) He has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the sugar industry. He joined the Tongaat Hulett Group's Internal Audit Department in May 1980 and four months later was seconded to Tongaat World Products, beginning a 12 year association with the Foods Division. One of the highlights of his career was when he was chosen by the Group to attend the Programme For Management Development at the Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts. His steady climb up the corporate ladder culminated in him being appointed Managing Director of Tongaat Foods Distributors at a critical time for that company. His management style saw the company return to profitability and was placed on a sound footing for future growth as an integral part of Tongaat Foods Strategic Division.

In January 1993 he was appointed MD Designate of Huletts Refineries Limited. On the retirement of Glen Lund, he was appointed Managing Director as well as Director of Tongaat Hulett Sugar Limited. He was a Miller representative on the Council of the SA Sugar Association and was a Director of South African Sugar Millers Association until his resignation in March of this year.

On his personal career he says:

i have been fortunate in having been given the opportunity to be involved in a number of different industries in various capacities. Inevitably this provides one with a broader outlook on things which one is then able to bring to bear on the task at hand whatever that may be.'

In many ways Bruce Dunlop's appointment carries on a strong sugar tradition on the growing side; grandfather, Graham Boyd, was a Field Manager at the Gledhow Sugar Company before turning his hand to cane fanning in the Natal Midlands. His family continues to farm on the North Coast and they are also well represented on the milling side.

A man well versed in both sugar and Michaelhouse affairs, Tony Ardington, has an astute comment on our Awardee:

"Bruce's main assets as an executive are his capacity to focus on crucial issues, his ability to think and develop a long term strategy, and to act decisively. Bruce's father, Jack, had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the sugar industry, understated, modest; yet having a capacity to get to the nub of the issue and invariably quietly persuade others to his view. Although not entirely a chip off the old block,
Bruce has much of his father's skill."

But it is for his contribution to Michaelhouse that we honour Bruce today. In 1998 this DHS Old Boy saw the light and sent his young son, Ross, to Michaelhouse in E Block. Ross enjoyed a distinguished Michaelhouse career culminating in his appointment as Head of West House in 2002 and Second Prefect in 2003. Bruce's talents were soon recognised and he was invited to join the Board of Governors in 1999. He played a significant role in the Finance and Marketing Committees of the school.

Jamie Inglis was Chairman of the Board when Bruce served as Deputy Chair and has this to say about his contribution:

"In my time Bruce was an outstanding contributor to the Marketing and Finance working Committees. Drawing on his extensive experience in the commercial world, his input was always balanced, incisive and extremely useful. On the few occasions that I saw Bruce in the Chair, he was able to accomplish that difficult balancing act of allowing the maximum freedom of expression while achieving balanced and pragmatic solutions. Bruce is great company and has a wonderful understated sense of humour."

Bruce was appointed Deputy Chairman in 2002 and succeeded Jamie as the Chairman of the Michaelhouse Board in January 2006; the first ever non Michaelhouse Old Boy to hold this position.

In many ways, not being an Old Boy of the school allowed Bruce to bring a new dimension to Board deliberations as he was never...
Fellow Associate Award

I don't need a friend who changes when I change and who nods when I nod; my shadow does that much better.

Plutarch

bogged down by any connection to the past. At the same time he understood the fundamental ethos of Michaelhouse and the great heritage and tradition of which he was the custodian. There is no doubt that having had a son at Michaelhouse helped him to understand the very core spirit of Michaelhouse. He was a man of reflective, yet persuasive, wisdom as well as great vision, and it was under his leadership that the Board launched the Michaelhouse Vision 2015 whose aim was to ensure that Michaelhouse functions effectively in, and makes constructive and successful contributions to a changing South Africa.

His unassuming modesty is well reflected in his off-the-cuff remark that his only claim to fame was that he is the brother of PJ Powers.

Early this year, due to severe work commitments with Tongaat Hulett's expansion into Africa. Bruce elected to step down from the Board and relinquish the Chairmanship due to his belief that he could no longer do justice to this position.

There is an adage which says "every successful man is not necessarily a successful husband, but every successful husband is a successful man." This is true of Bruce Dunlop. With his steady sense of humour, his wise advice is a pillar of strength to his own family and all those who know him. He is a fantastic husband to Cheryl and father to two daughters. Karen and Michelle and son. Ross. Cheryl Dunlop was always the most gracious support to Bruce in the ceremonial duties which are associated with the position of Chairman of the Michaelhouse Board.

Brucc Graham Dunlop has given his time and valued experience to Michaelhouse, and has rendered special and distinguished service to our School. It is my privilege to acknowledge his visionary contribution, and to award the Fellow Associate to him. Bruce, would you accept this Scroll, suitably inscribed, as a mark of our deep appreciation.

Prize Giving
15 February 2008

Address by the Rector: Mr Guy Pearson

Mrs Lambie. Mr Gary Ralfe. Deputy Chairman of the Board. Members of the Board. Members of Stall. Ladies and Gentlemen and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is my own personal pleasure to welcome you all to this Pri/e
Giving which recognises the academic performance of our boys in B-E Block in 2007. A special welcome to our Guest of Honour. Mrs Caz Lambie, mother of our Senior Prefect. Patrick.

Before looking forward to the challenges which face us in 2008, it is appropriate to look back at our academic performance last year, particularly at the A Block performance in the final IF.B examination. The group as a whole produced an excellent set of results, the numbers speak for themselves; 100% pass rate. 26 A aggregates and 33 B aggregates. 90% of all boys achieved a Matriculation endorsement. There were 139 subject distinctions, an average of 1.28 per boy.

The outstanding individual performances were by our Dux. Mandla Mashinini (5 distinctions). Proximo Accessit, Carl Pieterse (6 distinctions). Glen Dowie. Chris Hallicr and Ferdi van Niekerk (all achieved 5 distinctions).

I would like to congratulate our Deputy Rector. Academics. Paul Fleischack and all the academic staff on these very pleasing results.

It is practice at this Prize Giving to announce the winners of the internal scholarships in B-E Block based on their performances last year.

The John Hamilton Internal Scholarships, which are valid for one year, are awarded to boys who do not already hold a scholarship and are placed in the top of their respective Blocks. Congratulations to:

B Block: Matthew Purnell  
C' Block: Antony Renton  
I) Block: Grant Walker  
E Block: Alasdair Allen

The winners of the Sir Henry Strakosch Memorial Scholarships awarded for the highest combined Physical Science and Mathematics marks, two in each Block for one year are:

B Block: Ben van Aswegen; Brian Cox  
C Block: Antony Renton; Geoffrey Woollatt  
D Block: Jonathan Purnell; Storm Gallic  
E Block: Paul liewat: Alasdair Allen
2008 brings new challenges for boys and staff with the implementation of the new National Senior Certificate which for Michaelhouse will continue to be delivered through the Independent Examination Board.

1 want to assure parents that the Michaelhouse staff are well equipped to ensure that we continue to deliver excellent academic results despite the change in curriculum. The new curriculum has many aspects which are commendable; it moves away from a knowledge based emphasis which encourages 'drill and practice' to one which promotes greater understanding focusing on the need to analyse and evaluate, that is, an emphasis on higher order thinking skills. The emphasis is less on knowledge acquisition and learning reams of facts, but rather on skills and application. The differentiation is no longer in the choice between higher and standard grade. All pupils will be exposed to the same content and teaching, the differentiation will take place in actual assessment instruments. In many ways the new curriculum is far more sophisticated and requires highly trained and creative teachers, excellent resources and small classes, all of which we have at Michaelhouse. I have no fears for our capacity to deliver here but have a real concern about whether the curriculum is deliverable in the rest of the country. The majority of schools in this country do not have the criteria which I mentioned above and I believe that there is a potential disaster looming. We will wait and see.

The question on many parents' lips is, what about University entrance and international recognition. The answer to both of these is, yes, the NSC will be the main access route to South African Universities. The basic entrance requirements have been published and are on the Michaelhouse website, however, different Universities may have specific requirements for different faculties, nothing has changed here; this has already been the case.

As far as international recognition is concerned, the NSC is internationally benchmarked. The NSC with endorsement (University entrance) will be equal to the GCE AS level and Scottish Higher Standard, and the learning outcomes are equivalent to the Australian Senior Certificate which provides admission to higher education.

I believe the single major challenge for us at Michaelhouse will be the elevation of second languages (Afrikaans, Zulu, French) to what is now called the First Additional Language. Michaelhouse boys have historically had a very poor grounding when arriving at the school, particularly in Afrikaans, and this has resulted in a negative attitude towards the subject.

It is ironic that exactly 100 years ago, the Michaelhouse Chronicle of 1908 records:
'A new departure has been taken at Michaelhouse this quarter in the substitution of Dutch for French as the modern language studied in the school. Anyone who has observed the trends of events during the last 12 months in South Africa must have made the reflection that in the immediate future a knowledge of Dutch would be essential for anyone who wished to practice either as a professional or businessman in any part of the sub-continent other than a small portion of Natal.'

Well, things are the same, this small portion of now KwaZulu-Natal still sees Afrikaans as unimportant, and this attitude must change. Boys need to apply the attitudes and habits of the LEAP programme to their studies as well: try hard, aim high, take the gap and focus. We are also very excited about the positive impact that the 'eyeball' programme will have on improving concentration of boys in their academics.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am confident that we are well placed to tackle the changes and challenges with confidence, in the end it is our own internal standards which are important and which must never be compromised.

Subject Prizes and Awards

E BLOCK

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: J Wissing
Diligence: R Southey, A Fairweather, J Bassett

ECÔNOMIC & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

First in Subject: A Allen
Diligence: D Brill, J Bassett, J Goddard, S Buys, K Moss

ENGLISH

First in Subject: P Hewat
Diligence: S Hugo, P Clay, L Sales, S Griffin, C Clowes

FRENCH

First in Subject: S Hadfield
Diligence: H Epsom

HUMAN SOCIAL SCIENCES

First in Subject: P Hewat
Diligence: C Rossouw, K Allen, S Peel, R Reid, C Clowes

ISIŽULU
First in Subject: M Mkulisi
Diligence: M Taylor

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: P Hewat
Diligence: C Clowes, R Chittenden, J Bradford, J Bassett, D Brill
Being from a top school opens doors.

Reassuringly, some will remain closed.

Yale

Unlock your life

It's true, a good education takes people places these days. While attending a top private school will certainly provide plenty of opportunities, you'll be relieved to know that you don't have to extend the same courtesy to those more interested in your household contents. Yale's wide range of security products and emphasis on quality mean you're free to enjoy your lifestyle, not worry about protecting it.

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Prize Giving

MUSIC

First in Subject: K Maroga
Diligence: T Halliday

NATURAL SCIENCE

First in Subject: A Allen
Diligence: C Rossouw, K Allen, D Johnston, D Guiney, C Clowes

MERIT CERTIFICATES (Aggregate over 80%)

A Allen, P Hewat, J Needham, D Brill, S Hugo, C Rossouw,
S Buys, R Landman, A Stephens, S Hadfield, K Lyle, M Venter,
T Halliday, K Maroga
Third in Block: D Brill
Second in Block: A Allen
First in Block: P Hewat

D BLOCK

AFRIKAANS

First in Subject: E Malan
Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 - Nov 07): L Rakau
Diligence: M West-Russell, B Robinson, M Arron, T Thorpe,
JB Atkinson

DRAMATIC ARTS

First in Subject: J Purnell
Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 - Nov 07): M Nash
Diligence: M Daly, S Mhlongo, James Taylor, T Ponde, A Patel

ECONOMIC & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

First in Subject: D Bradford, J van Koevering
Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 - Nov 07): S Margesson
Diligence: G Walker, B Robinson, S Mashwama, M Nhleko, S Kalisa

ENGINEERING & GRAPHICS DESIGN

First in Subject: R Clucas
Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 - Nov 07): D Berriman
Diligence: T Kean

ENGLISH
First in Subject: J Purnell
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ART
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Most Improved Aggregate: K Bortsie
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ACCOUNTING
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Diligence: J Hoepfl, M Richardson

AFRIKAANS
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Diligence: T Kearns, S Watt-Pringle, M van der Vegte, J Hoepfl

DRAMATIC ARTS
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Diligence: M van Heerden

ECONOMICS
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FRENCH

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GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: M Howard

Diligence: M Dean, N Chaplin

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LIFE SCIENCES

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MATHS LITERACY
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PHYSICAL SCIENCE
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Most Improved Mark (Nov 06 Nov 07): M Collins

VISUAL ARTS
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Diligence: J Magor, N Southwood

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Diligence: N Turner, I) Holliday, G Christodoulou

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Diligence: A Mwai, C Allen
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2007 Dux, Mandla Mashini being congratulated by Rector Guy Pearson

GEOGRAPHY
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MATHEMATICS
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AP MATHEMATICS
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Diligence: E Steere

Chairman of the Board, Mr Gary Ralfe, Second Prefect
Dale Walker, Guest of Honour, Mrs Caz Lambie, Senior Prefect
Patrick Lambie, Rector Guy Pearson

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Diligence: E Steere

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Dux 2006 (The Anthony Evans Trophy): Mandla Mashinini
Academic Trophy (Fleischer Shield): Baines
Ladies and Gentlemen. Men of Michaelhouse. good morning to you all, sanbona bonkc. A very warm welcome to all parents today; you are our long-standing Guests of Honour because today you will be hearing from the Rector, from the Senior Prefect and from myself about this great institution into whose care you have committed your sons. Your children matter more to you than anyone or anything else and Speech Day is one of those occasions when. I hope, you will be comfortable in your decision to send your sons to Michaelhouse.

I would also like to express a particular word of welcome to Mr David Lovett, Headmaster of Hilton College, who honours us with his presence. The healthy and enduring rivalry on the sports field between Hilton and Michaelhouse is underpinned by our commonality: both all-boys senior schools, both in beautiful estate environments in the Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal, not far apart geographically and both subscribing to the same values.

I take this opportunity publicly, on behalf of the whole Michaelhouse community, to salute Mr Nelson Mandela, Madiba, on his recent 90th birthday. We salute him not only as our national icon of reconciliation but also as a global icon of courage, endurance and compassion and we thank him for the leading role he played in the struggle for democracy, for his personal sacrifice of 27 years in jail, for the peaceful transition from the old South Africa to the new, for the establishment of democracy and for the restoration of the rule of law. We salute and thank also our current President, Mr Thabo Mbeki who. lest we forget, along with his mentor Mr Oliver Tambo, steered the transition towards a negotiated settlement and away from armed conflict. To President Mbeki and all his Cabinet we express the yearning that the struggle was not in vain, that our Constitution and the rule of law will never again be compromised and that the continuing transformation of South Africa can be effected with justice, with equity, without corruption, and without compromising performance in the Public Sector from which ironically the poor would suffer most.

Ladies and Gentlemen and Men of Michaelhouse. today I am very much the new boy here perhaps not a cack or a fag. but still finding my way. I became Chairman of the Board of Governors only
in March this year and so I am both on parade and on probation.

I am grateful to the support that the Bishop of Natal, my fellow Governors, the Rector and all his Staff have given me. Of the Board of Governors of 22, no fewer than eight are due to retire at the end of this year. Governors of Michaelhouse have always worked in an honorary capacity, receiving no fees and indeed paying for their own incidentals like transport. It is on the Governors that the reputation and the performance of Michaelhouse finally rest and I would ask you to show your appreciation.

We welcome Mr Phuthuma Ndleko, CEO of MTN and Michaelhouse father, as an Associate Governor and Mrs Lorato Phalatse, Michaelhouse mother twice over, and Mr John Brand, partner of the Johannesburg law firm Bowman. Gilfillan and Michaelhouse Old Boy, as Governors.

If I am on probation today I am particularly under scrutiny from the four ex-Chairmen of the Board who are among us: Mr Walter Strachan, Mr Tony Ardington, Mr Anthony Evans and Mr Bruce Dunlop. I go back all the way to Cordwalles Prep School in the 1950's with Mr Anthony Evans and it was he who first invited me
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One secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

Benjamin Disraeli

Chairman of the Board, Mr Gary Ralfe

to become an Associate Governor of Michaelhouse. And it was Mr Bruce Dunlop who asked me to become a full Governor. As the Diocesan College of Natal. Michaelhouse from its establishment until 1974 always had the Bishop of Natal as Chairman of the Board. Since the post was secularised, there have been seven Chairmen, with me being the eighth. Mr Bruce Dunlop is the only one of those seven who was not a Michaelhouse Old Boy. To have been elected Chairman with the awful handicap of not being an Old Boy is a great tribute to the wisdom that Bruce brought to Governors' deliberations and to the Financial Management of the school. But today I also want to salute him as the author of Vision 2015.

When Bruce recruited me as a full time Governor he asked if I would play a part in the Transformation Committee which was set up under the Chairmanship of Mr Zuzi Buthelezi. At the same time he proposed the development of a strategic plan for Michaelhouse, to focus not only on the topical national issue of transformation but also on a wider raft of more perennial strategic issues. This came to be known as Vision 2015. As a businessman I was impressed by the process of Vision 2015. We selected a Forum of about 35 members, representing all the stakeholders of Michaelhouse, including four senior boys representing you, the Men of Michaelhouse. A seasoned facilitator, Mr John Brand, whom I have already mentioned, facilitated three two day sessions with professional competence, never letting his own feelings as an Old Boy colour his role as facilitator. Eminent speakers presented to the Forum in its first session in order to set the scene. First among them was Bishop Rubin Phillip, and they included prominent persons such as the Induna Inkhulu of the Zulu Nation, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and memorably controversial speakers like Professor Jonathan Jansen. Underpinning the work of the Forum was qualitative and quantitative research carried out by Terra Nova among a sample of Michaelhouse's stakeholders. It was obviously important to the Forum to learn that for all respondents nothing was more significant about Michaelhouse than its values and its specifically Christian identity. For many the Chapel was the central point of Michaelhouse. Among all stakeholders it was recognised that Michaelhouse should transform in line with the changing South Africa but it should not do this at the expense of its values or its standards.

It is fitting that the first of the Seven Goals identified by the Vision 2015 process was an endorsement of Michaelhouse's Mission,
Vision and Values. But at the same time we recognise that we need to articulate and live them in the way that is relevant to a changing South Africa. And so our Mission Statement now embraces diversity - and we saw the rich fruits of that in last night's "Stars" and in this morning's choir performance - and our Values are directed at "service to our community and country".

I presume that you have all read, learned and inwardly digested the Vision 2015 brochure, of which we are justifiably proud. Its major purpose is transparently to record for Michaelhouse's stakeholders our strategic plan for the next few years, but it is also a beacon, a beacon of hope and endeavour, as well as a measuring rod of performance, by stakeholders of the School, and by the Governors of the Rector and Management.
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Vision 2015 is an articulation of the recommendations emanating from the Vision 2015 Forum, as adapted and adopted by the Board of Governors. Not to be quoted out of context, there are nevertheless central themes that I want to endorse:

-Vision 2015 seeks to ensure Michaelhouse's sustainability as a leading educational institution, as a place of excellence. We must ensure that Michaelhouse offers your sons the best education available in South Africa. And although we offer a holistic education, we acknowledge the challenge to excel in our Matric results.

-Vision 2015 commits us to respect the values, aspirations and principles of our new democracy, to embrace diversity, and by evolution not revolution, to broaden Michaelhouse's identity and culture from its ethnocentric Anglo-Saxon ethos. We are a South African school and no longer an English public school on the veld.

-Vision 2015 throws down a challenge of service, of being sensitive to the gap between privilege and poverty in the microcosm of our local community, of seeking to create responsible South African citizens with a spirit of Ubuntu towards community and environment.

-Vision 2015 also addresses the issue of demographic representivity. After prolonged deliberation the Board finally turned away from the Forum's proposal of numerical targets; instead we charged ourselves "to promote diversity so that the Board, the academic staff and the boys all become more representative of South Africa's population".

Currently 18% of our boys are black. We look forward to growing that number but that depends largely on the financial resources available. It is a triumph that one third of the boys at Michaelhouse enjoy financial assistance to some degree. It was Mr Anthony Evans who as Chairman adopted the proposal to create an endowment fund for Michaelhouse and it was Mr James Inglis, his successor as Chairman, who gave effect to this then and continues to do so now. Virtually all of the money committed to this Chairman's Fund is directed by the donors to bursaries. We have an abiding and sustainable model by which those who have been privileged to be educated at Michaelhouse provide the funds for transformation at Michaelhouse and make it accessible to those whose parents cannot afford the fees. I also applaud the Midlands Wcancer Scheme which currently is helping to pay fees for seven boys.

Ladies and Gentlemen. Michaelhouse is 'on a roll' and you will be hearing about its performance from the Rector and the Senior Prefect. What I want to do is to applaud and thank the Rector and his Staff; through his leadership and their professional competence
and dedication. Michaelhouse flourishes and provides the ideal environment for your sons to mature into men.

I thought that I too was reaching maturity way back in 1962, my last year as a boy at Michaelhouse. I bred only daughters and no sons and I did not have the pleasure of vicariously enjoying my boy grow up at Michaelhouse. Until this year my exposure to Michaelhouse was occasional and superficial. So, Men of Michaelhouse, what do I notice has changed over that 45 year interval?

-In 1962 there was not a single black on the Board or among the boys. Only Mr C’clc, the Zulu master, could circumvent Apartheid. There was, however, just a handful of Chinese boys.

-Then there were only 420 boys, compared with today’s 550 and only seven Houses. Baines was the new House, squeezed between Tatham and the Memorial Hall. There was no E Block, we started at D; but there was a flourishing Vlth Form, now absorbed into the Pascoe day rooms.

-All boys, including the Senior Prefect, slept in dormitories of about a dozen beds and prep was in the various Houses’ classrooms. Ablution facilities were, well, rudimentary. Every morning there was a compulsory cold shower. Lavatories were not by House: this seemed to be a School matter and there was a labyrinthine complex behind Founders.

-We ate porridge twice a day, morning and evening, there was never a choice of food and a salad bar was unheard of.

-No cell phones and no e-mail, so communication home was by letter. The telephone was for emergencies only and a call had to be authorised by the House Master. There was no half term, rather two exeats per term just for Sunday, and woe betide you if you were not back for roll call before Evensong. No buses and we travelled between Johannesburg and Balgowan Station by overnight train.

-Chapel was even more central to school life then, with compulsory service every day and twice on Sundays. There was compulsory Free Bounds every Sunday.

-Corporal punishment was the corner-stone of discipline. You were flogged for talking in prep or before grace at meals. And apart from serious offences like smoking, where chastisement was by the Rector or House Masters, flogging was carried out by the Heads of House in a place called Scullies, directly above the Rector’s current study.

-I would love, in 1962 on Meadows, to have been cheered on like I heard and saw in the recent Michaelhouse/Hilton match. Then war-cries were considered unbecoming of young gentlemen and our supporters could shout no more than “Michaelhouse” from
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the touch-line.

It might have been in the Dark Ages that I was a boy here at Michaelhouse but I know that fundamentally there was much more in common between the Michaelhouse of then and the Michaelhouse of today than what separates them. We wore the same blazer and tie, proudly, the same red and white rugby jersey. We knew that our parents had broken an arm and a leg to get us here; and that we owed a debt to society in proportion to our privilege, and that Michaelhouse was supposed to build leaders.

Then, as now, Michaelhouse sought to educate the whole man, not only to do well in Matric and to compete on the sports field. But to live our lives by the same Christian values of integrity, humility, compassion and courage in service to our community and country.

The Head Boy in 1962 (and you have been given a clue by Mr Allan Laing who that was) concluded his speech with these words and they are as apt today as they were then:

"I paint a happy picture of this great School, one to which we feel privileged and grateful to belong. The moving spiritual beauty of the choir's anthem at a Sunday Evensong; the ever-changing glory of the hills around us; the individualism that a liberal education tries to foster; the esprit de corps that our communal life has developed: these are all facets of Michaelhouse. We cannot but be proud of it."

Thank you. Nyabonga

Address by the Rector: Mr Guy Pearson

Mr Chairman, Guest of Honour, Mr Tebello Chabana, Members of the Board, Staff, Special Guests, Ladies and Gentleman and Men of Michaelhouse.

It is my own personal pleasure to invite you to our Speech Day; a special welcome to our Guest of Honour, Mr Tebello Chabana. We look forward to hearing his message later, I know he will connect with, and be relevant to, the boys here today.

Ladies and Gentleman, I am pleased to report on an exceptional year. The essence of the School, its achievements and activities will be captured in the Chronicle and are listed on your programme and I will not be repeating these today.

What I can tell you is that interest in Michaelhouse has seldom been greater. We look forward to a School bursting at the seams in 2009. We considered 255 applications for 105 places for next year and we continue to receive enquiries on a daily basis. Registration numbers for 2010 already stand at IXX.
In reflecting on the success of the past 12 months I am reminded of what a complex environment Michaelhouse really is. There are many different constituents who make up this School; the Board of Governors, the parents, the Old Boys, the academic and support staff, the greater Balgowan Community and the boys. (I personally think that the easiest of these to deal with are the boys!) A school is at its best when all of these constituents have a common goal and vision which promotes a collective synergy and focus. This is a tall order in this environment but one which I believe we have succeeded in achieving, not least due to the Strategic Vision 2015 process which the Chairman has referred to.

This process affirmed so much of the current practice and ethos of the School and yet set us on a clear road towards the future.

Michaelhouse is indeed blessed with the most beautiful physical environment and outstanding facilities in which to educate our young men. The School is fortunate to have the outstanding commitment and support from our Governors who give so generously of their time and expertise for our benefit and for the future sustainability of Michaelhouse.

My own personal thanks go to Mr Bruce Dunlop for his exceptional leadership and service to the School, and to me personally. Thank you to Cheryl for her special contribution, always graceful and supportive in her role as the Chairman’s wife. It was a privilege to have their son Ross as the Head of West House in my first year at Michaelhouse, and in the following year he was the Second Prefect while in Vlth Form.

I know that Bruce reluctantly resigned due to work commitments and only because he had such an able Lieutenant in Mr Gary Ralfe waiting in the wings. Gary has proved to be an inspired choice and the School is indeed blessed to have someone of his calibre lead us into the future.

One of the most important of the constituents to keep happy in this environment is the Old Boys. I am pleased that we have such a good relationship with our Old Boys and I am grateful for their support. I am sure that their support is not only because we are winning rugby matches but because of their genuine loyalty and passion for their alma mater. I would like to commend the current President, Mr Brett Davidson, for his enthusiastic and committed leadership of the Old Boys’ Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to place on record my appreciation to the parents of Michaelhouse for their support. I am well aware of the tremendous sacrifice which many of you make to send your sons here. When family and School stand together with the same values, then our success is assured. I know that you are all part of the Michaelhouse journey with your sons, sadly for many the end of the road is nigh and this is a poignant time. Thank you to you all, and especially the A Block parents, for your support.
I would like to pay tribute to the Michaelhouse Staff for their excellent contribution this past year. I am pleased to report that we have a settled staff with only two leaving us this year. In fact our part-time music teacher, Mr Matthew Sabine leaves us today to take up a teaching post at DSG in Grahamstown while Mr Keith Fairweather leaves us on promotion to the position of Deputy Head at St Albans in Pretoria at the end of the year. Both these men have made an excellent contribution to Michaelhouse over the past two years and we wish them well.

But of course, Michaelhouse is about the boys. There is a danger in the school context to think that there is a sameness of things, that we are governed by cycles, the regularity and constancy of our lives, by bells, routines and regulations. Nothing could be further from the truth: the reality is that each year, by grace of the energy of our boys, the distinctiveness of every class, and the special chemistry of the whole school, ensures that every year, every day, indeed every minute is different. We are blessed by an experience each year that is special.

The year 2008 has been no different. The boys have made the most of the opportunities available to them, whether it is in the classroom, in cultural activities, on the sports field, in leadership, in service, in clubs and societies, in the Chapel and in the camaraderie and friendships of the boarding Houses. I have always been a fan of the German educationalist and philosopher, Kurt Hahn, founder of Gordonston School and the Outward Bound movement. His view was that while it was dangerous to force the youth into opinions, the purpose of education was to impel the young into experiences. His most famous quote was "There is more in you than you think". Michaelhouse provides all boys opportunities, and indeed a great deal of compulsion to reach their potential!

In recognising the achievements of boys, collectively and individually, it is important to remember that our philosophy is not a 'one size fits all'. There are opportunities for every boy to find his niche here and to excel and be recognised for that particular skill and talent. We know though that the greatest success is achieved in harnessing these individual skills for the greater good. So my congratulations to every single boy for your contribution this year; it is well to remember that the reward is not always in the result but in the effort, in trying your best in everything that you do that is important.

We are fortunate to have been led this year by excellent Prefects and indeed a very talented A Block group. In Patrick Lambie the School has had a truly outstanding Senior Prefect. Patrick's achievements at Michaelhouse are the stuff of which legends are made. All of us here are well aware of his brilliance on the sports fields. Patrick will of course be remembered for these but also for so much more. Like the best leaders he is humble, has a strong faith, is true to his principles, serves others and has a loving and
supportive family. Well done Pat. you are a Champion!

Patrick has been ably supported by Second Prefect Dale Walker who has been an ideal foil for him. They are very different and yet have complimented each other very well; it has been a privilege working with them.

My thanks to all the Heads of Houses. Prefects and Student Leaders for their contribution and the tone they have set. I think the following words sum it up for me:

"A school does not exist to send out men solely to play a part in life whereby they achieve a competence and honourable life of useful work but it exists to send out for posterity and for their own generation, men who by their character shall leave society in which they live, the better for their presence."

The world which our young men are going out to is a challenging and uncertain one. Like many of us here, my mood about South Africa and its future vacillates between optimism and despair.

The strong message which came from Vision 2015 was that the Christian ethos, values and standards of Michaelhouse were non-negotiable.

One of the contributors at Strategic Forum was Professor Jonathan Jansen, Honorary Professor of Education at Wits University. In a recent address to a graduation ceremony at Wits he asked the question: "How do you teach values in a dangerous country" He had this to say:

"How do you teach values when everywhere around us. crime is decimating our numbers and destroying our souls? How do you teach values in a country with one of the highest indices of inequality in the world? How do you teach values when a third of those seeking knowledge come to school hungry?

How do you teach values when the most vulnerable among us, mothers and babies, are exposed to a dangerous virus while politicians question the science of immunology? How, I ask. do you teach values when for the first time since 1994. our country is being torn apart by crime, poverty, racism and inequality?

The short answer to the question. how do we teach values, can only be: with great difficulty. But we do know how- not to teach values. You do not teach values by telling people about values. We know you do not teach values by beating children, either as parents in the home or as teachers in the school. And you certainly do not teach values by requiring children to recite a pledge of allegiance to a country or a government or a leader.

What do you believe your education is for? The answer used to be a simple one when I was an undergraduate student in the late 1970's: at a time when our elders used an agricultural metaphor
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Mr Jacob Maroga and his son, Kopano Maroga

to proscribe the intentions of the young. Whether you agreed or not, it was drummed into you that your education was merely an instrument for ‘ploughing back’ into your community.

The future of our country depends on a new class of graduated citizens whose horizons stretch beyond their individual, narrow, self-serving interests. As aspirant leaders of the 21st century, I call on you this evening to rise above the greed that consumes us and the racial intolerance that dehumanises us. I challenge you to live lives of care and compassion. And most of all, I plead with you to live your life boldly in the face of adversity.

For surely a life so lived is the most powerful way in which to teach values amongst those who are watching us."

A challenge to us all, the example we set speaks far louder than the words we speak. So, perhaps my thoughts for you, A Blockers, can be best described in the words attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has found his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he has found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation for the earth's beauty nor failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had."

You A Block men are near the end of this Michaelhouse race. I trust that you can look back at the end of the year and say with conviction that you have left Michaelhouse a better place by your contribution and that you have given the best that you have. There is still much to do, the final sprint of this race lies ahead, finish strong. I know that the foundation laid at Michaelhouse will stand you in good stead as you leave here and begin a new race.

Johan van der Linden with his mother, Dr Helena van der Linden

Address by the Senior Prefect: Patrick Lambie

Good morning Mr Pearson, Chairman of the Board, Mr Chabana, distinguished guests. Ladies and Gentlemen, and Men of Michaelhouse.

Believe it or not, I am here as a result of my Dad's failure! Having changed schools at least 10 times from Grades 1 - 9 because of his family moving all over the country, and him failing a couple of times as well, his parents finally realised that he was spending
more time bunking, smoking and fishing off the North Pier than at school. Taking the advice of a family friend they decided he needed the discipline of a boarding school and enrolled him at Michaelhouse - a decision that he believes saved him.

Dad, I can’t thank you enough for affording me the opportunity to come to this School. You may have been a challenging school boy, as confirmed by Mr Dennyson, but some of the lessons learnt gave you the grounding to become the success you are today.

My Mom didn’t believe I needed saving and was completely against sending me away from home. Thankfully, sense prevailed! Mom and Dad, I couldn’t have asked for more amazing parents. Your love and support is incredible. Thank you both for always being there.

To my brother Nic, who arrived very early in life, and has been running late ever since. Despite this, he hasn’t missed a single game of sport I’ve played. He is my biggest fan and most severe critic. Nic, thank you for who you are.

And right beside my family have been my Nana and Grandpa and I thank them both hugely for their love too.

There are a number of other people who also need to be thanked after this last five year journey... To Mr Pearson, Mr Laing and Mr Smedley who have offered so much encouragement and advice.

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A sense of humour is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done.

«” Dwight D Eisenhower (IX90 - 1969)

To Mr and Mrs Redfern for the special House Master and House Mistress you have been respectively thank you for your guidance. And to the whole Michaelhouse community, staff and boys, for being a part of a time of my life that I will never forget.

In particular, I mention my fellow A Block for all the fun and friendships, the School Prefects for their support and opinions and Dale, for his infinite wisdom and level headedness.

While I was trying to find something inspirational on which to base this speech, my Mom handed me a letter I had written to her in my first year in my new world at Michaelhouse. It is dated 19 May 2004 and reads as follows:

Dear Mum and Dad.

I am writing this letter to you during English as an exercise. Thank you Mom, for coming to the play last night and for the pizza and coke. Dibbs was very irritated when I told him I had a pizza and I didn't give him any. I can't wait till half term.

Michaelhouse (spelt incorrectly) is the best school in the world and I love it. Are the school fees expensive? I promise I'll pay you back!

My Afrikaans teacher just got upset with me for not doing my prep last night, but we had the play. Anyway, our rugby team is looking strong. How are the dogs?

Rees just threw his space case at Peter Brown and it hit him on the head. It was funny.

There's no more talking after lights out because no-one wants restrictions. It's getting colder and colder and I've only had two early risings this term.

See you soon
Love you lots
Love Pat xoxox

But when I leave this place my School and my home I, like my fellow Matrics, will be writing a somewhat different letter, a letter full of memories close to our hearts, of pictures and images that will inspire us as we face another new world.

Senior Prefect Patrick Lambie
I would write of the beautiful view from the bell tower over the valley of Balgowan and how, through the changing of seasons, the grandeur of God displayed. How can one not be inspired by such a place?

In my mind's eye. I flick through a myriad of other pictures too ... war cries thundering across Meadows, the Dormitory Staff dancing and ululating as we score a try, the shadows stretching across the oval in the long afternoon. Sport, my passion, my focus. I'd compile my thoughts about that as well, about how inspiring it is to be driven by the desire to succeed, by team mates who give their all, by being a part of something bigger than any individual.

I would put in writing another image... of bells boldly rung, of dusty light filtering through the Rose Window and the echo of 'Stars of the Morning*. I would explain how each of us has been afforded an opportunity to know God and be inspired by Him.

There are other things that I'll always remember: friendships, the sense of belonging and the brotherhood in and around the beautiful quads: duck diving on flooded fields; Cack runs and Punch Bowl rugby in the pouring rain; night swimming and Main Quad war cries. I would have to write of these things too for they also inspire.

I would write of the sound values of integrity, humility, compassion, courage and service I have been taught. I would write of the foundations, the comcr stones, the pillars call them what you will - on which Michaelhouse is founded for they too are inspiring.

I would acknowledge the privileged education I have received and the realisation of the responsibility that comes with that. I would write that we are under no illusion that the future, away from the protected valley of Balgowan, will not be easy and without challenge. Each of us can list the many issues facing South Africa at this very moment.

I have learnt that now, more than ever, one needs to be inspired.
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I would note that if our generation is to answer the call of South Africa and face the challenges that our future holds, we need to inspire or to be inspired. I would tell my Parents that it will be from my memories of Michaelhouse that I will find inspiration in so much I will face in the future.

And if I were to leave a letter of advice for the next generation to read, it would read thus:

You may not appreciate the beauty of this place look anyway
You may not always see the relevance of a lesson I am anyway
You may not think you can sing or dance or act perform anyway
You may not be the best at sport play anyway
You may not think God hears your voice - pray anyway

Each and every single one of us needs to find what inspires us. For without inspiration, how can we be a generation that makes a difference? Without inspiration, how can we take this world and make it a better place?

Discover your inspiration! Live to be inspired!

Thank you

Address by Guest Speaker: Mr Tebello Chabana

Chairman of the Board. Members of the Board. Rector. Ladies and Gentlemen. Men of Michaelhouse

Good morning to you and thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to address you here today. It is truly a privilege that I never in my wildest dreams would have thought that I would enjoy. Not only because of the very distinguished people that have stood before you as I do here today, but also because as a scholar I was never one for literature and academics and tended to show prowess rather on the sporting field.

I would also like to acknowledge the presence of my Dad, who is also in the audience today, and to take this opportunity to thank him for providing me with a Michaelhouse education. It was not easy being a black entrepreneur in the hey-day of apartheid... it took a lot of hard work and sacrifice on his part.

Only once or twice in a millennium a generation is asked to completely re-evaluate the founding principles upon which the world is built. Your generation appears destined to fulfil this role. It is evident from the rapid convergence of key vectors such as global warming; the ascendance of Kastem economic might; the decline in global oil reserves and other resources: the inherent instability of the new balance of power based on multiple centres; the impact of HIV/AIDS; the ever-growing world population; and the limited ability to feed these growing numbers, that things are
rapidly coming to a head.

Senior Prefect Patrick Lambie accepting the Des Sacco Award from Guest of Honour. Mr Tebello Chabana

For some time now it has been evident that we simply cannot continue on the path of conspicuous consumption and unbridled capitalism. While we had retreated somewhat from the abyss of the eighties we have not found the answers to the fundamental questions that will enable us to live in a sustainable fashion in harmony with nature and with one another.

Our own country is a study in contrasts. While we use the slogan, 'South Africa, a world in one country', to promote the abundant natural wealth and diversity of scenery of our country. South Africa, from a socio-economic perspective, comprises two totally different worlds.

On the one hand, there is the privileged minority who enjoys high levels of education and a standard of living second to none, with opportunities to pick and choose from. On the other, there are the poverty-stricken masses of millions upon millions of our countrymen and women who are predominantly unskilled and have low levels of education and for whom survival from one day to the next is the first and only priority. This is the structural rift in our economy and society as a result of which we have a dual economy and society, often referred to by President Mbeki as the first and second economics.

The main differences between these two groups are to be found in their divergent needs and the opportunities available to them. As a result, they are poles apart in terms of how they view the future.

The one group sees an African Renaissance (that is, the concept that African people and nations overcome the current challenges confronting the continent and achieve social, cultural, scientific.
economic and other renewal), they sec internationalisation and global competitiveness, productivity and profit... the other cannot even begin to comprehend this vision. Simply put, if you arc unemployed, living in a tin shack and do not know where your next meal will come from, you are not likely to aspire to lofty ideals. You are locked in the cycle of poverty as firmly as if you were a slave with neither rights nor options.

The fault line of poverty stretches from South Africa’s southernmost tip, where the Indian and Atlantic oceans meet at Cape Agulhas, to its northernmost border, the Limpopo River. It has the potential to rip our country apart with a force more devastating than any earthquake.

The only way to relieve the pressure on the poverty fault line is to build an inclusive prosperity in which the majority of our people share. To achieve this, we need to create the economic space and opportunities required by our citizens to develop to their full potential. The question is, "How?"

While my generation is trying out various options, crunch time will come when you are in charge. Therefore, the universe is holding its breath ... in eager anticipation of the answers you will come up with. You carry the dreams of the world on your shoulders. Thus, the education you arc privileged to receive at Michaelhouse represents a contract with society.

This is not because of the amount of money we are investing to provide you with an education second to none, but because you arc morally bound to the spirit of Ubuntu. Ubuntu ... botho ... essence of being human... the fact that my humanity is caught up and is inextricably bound up in yours. This uniquely African philosophy demands from true children of our continent to share what they have gained through education. As sons and daughters of Africa, yours is the challenge to craft the future of our country, continent, and, ultimately, our world.

Your only limitation is time. This elusive property has no material nature, yet it rules supreme in the lives of all the living. Distilled to its essence, it manifests itself in past, present and future, in a seemingly straight continuum, in which the present is the only existing reality ... turning future into past irrevocably. The past cannot change. Once lived, not even a single second can be recycled.

To the living, time is an expendable resource measured as lifetime units by a biological clock. Each of us is allocated only one of these units. Please make yours count.

The present - not the past - determines the future. It is said that the aged live in the past. The youth, in contrast, arc people of the present. Thus, while learning from the past, look to the future
and actively work towards creating that future for yourself, your communities, and our country and continent.

Where to start? Start by imbedding in your being those values that will allow you to take the right decisions when the time comes. No education, not even a Michaelhouse one, will provide you with a complete ease study for life, but you may just pick up some values that transcend time. This will allow you to take principled decisions and not to base your decisions on fleeting emotions or selfish desires.

There are certain key values that the School taught me just over two decades ago and that I think it still holds dear. I would like to mention some of them. They are respect, excellence and integrity.

I guess one way of teaching you respect is by starting you off at the bottom of the food-chain, as a 'cack'. You lead your life from day to day at the beck and call of someone who is barely four years older than you and that you don't even know deserves the respect. You address your teachers as 'Sir' or 'Ma'am' on a daily basis. This teaches you to respect authority and your elders. But it's not an unquestioning respect as the School also teaches you to think independently and question authority.

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Regarding excellence, we know that not all of us are Einsteins. However, excellence is not measured against the performance of others, but against one's own abilities. Therefore, to excel means to be the best that one can be. While it is true of sport and other competitive practice that there can be only one winner, in life we are all winners when we give our best and continue to set the bar one notch higher each time we try. Excellence also goes hand in hand with perseverance. The School and its dedicated teachers challenges you firstly to find your talent, whether it be in academic, sporting and cultural activities. Then they challenge you to use and build on your intellect and talent... to excel. But without perseverance and resilience, whatever talent you might have will not be fully realised and it will not stand you in good stead, especially when the going gets tough.

One of the strongest values that I hold dear to me, which I think was embedded during my time at Michaelhouse, is integrity. It taught me to have integrity in my dealings with others. The moral decisions that you make now will mould the man that you are tomorrow. Your everyday decisions made at Michaelhouse will determine your character. If you bad-mouth or double-cross a colleague in a setting such as this where you are living in such close proximity to one another day after day, not only is this likely to get back to you, but it gives others an insight into the man that you're likely to become. Think twice before you participate in the bullying of a junior colleague. Think twice before you cheat in that test. It's ironic that I'm standing here lecturing you about bullying when I was one of the biggest bullies around. In B Block
I was caned six lashes for being the ringleader in the bullying of
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a C Block pupil. There was no malicious intent - he was a friend

- we just wanted to 'teach him a lesson'. However, things got out of hand... word got out... a letter of complaint was written by a Member of Parliament to the School Principal... letters were written to my Parents... I thought my time at Michaelhouse was over! Thank goodness my House Master saw the leadership potential in me and felt that I was not beyond redemption, he still made me Head of House the following year. The important thing though is that your actions today that define your character, may either help to build your character for the better, or act as a hindrance in the future.

The business world is not too different from school, depending on where you work or if you're self employed, you may not have the myriad of rules impacting your every move such as here at school but they are there, some written and some unwritten. Unfortunately, breaking these rules, especially those that relate to business governance, has more severe consequences. If your integrity is severely questioned or lost in the corporate world it could mean the end of your career and the end of life as you know it.

In closing, with these and other values that you should seek to live day in and day out. that impact on your daily decisions, you need to fortify your wits, gird your loins and be prepared to meet and overcome the nation's challenges. I'm not asking you to resolve the world's problems. All I call upon you to do. and this is no mean feat, is to help solve South Africa's problems and let her fully realise her African Renaissance. With integrity, intelligence, and a healthy dose of Ubuntu. each and every single one of you can make a valuable contribution.

GABRIELLE MASSEY PRIZES

(Awarded for oral work in English)

A Block: Dale Walker: Shane Drower-Copley;
Awande Khumalo; Jeremy Smythe; Ryan Baker;
David Zwemke; Ben van Aswegen

A BLOCK

ACCOUNTING

First in Subject: David Bennett

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June OS): Peter Brown

Diligence: David Bennett. Roche van Tiddens

AFRIKAANS
First in Subject: Ilcnk Appelo

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Arniv Badal
Diligence: Christopher van Zyl. Edward Steere, Nicholas Turner, Edward Greene, Arniv Badal, Kric Chang, Thomas Molony

DRAMATIC ART

First in Subject: Nicholas Meyer

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Wesley Campher
Diligence: Jason Trautman, Matthew Purnell

ECONOMICS

First in Subject: Nicholas Turner

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Philip Yrontamitis, Sekatle Sekatle
Diligence: Nicholas Meyer, Adam Bowes, Michael Crawford, Francois Schutte

ENGLISH

First in Subject: Nicholas Meyer

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): William Gowans, Nicholas Griffin
Diligence: Edward Greene, Patrick Lambie, Jamaine Chiwaye, Francis Scott, Jonathan Short

FRENCH

First in Subject: David Bennett

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Travis Ning
Diligence: Alex Mwai

GEOGRAPHY

First in Subject: Nicholas Turner

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Peter de Bruyn-Sniith
Diligence: Jac Aldous, Martin Blore, Evan Hamlyn, Simon Sharratt

HISTORY

First in Subject: Nicholas Meyer
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Simon Sharratt
Diligence: Brian Cox

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: Jeremy Veenstra

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Johan Badcnhorst
Diligence: Francis Scott

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

First in Subject: Kdvvard Steere
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08):

Pieter-Derk van der Merwe
Diligence: Nkosana Wakatama

ISIZULU

First in Subject: Mfanelo Shoba

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Douglas Rattray
Diligence: Adam Bowes

LIFE SCIENCE

First in Subject: W illiam Gowans

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Christopher van Zyl
Diligence: Justin Sullivan, Michael Crawford, Donald Sinton

ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Daniel Holliday

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): William Gowans
Diligence: William Gowans

MATHEMATICS

First in Subject: Daniel Holliday

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Jose Cabeleira
Diligence: William Gowans, Martin Blore,
Christopher van Zyl, Francois Schutte

MATHS LITERACY

First in Subject: Brannan Jihng
Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08):

Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Diligence: Michael Griffin

MUSIC

First in Subject: Roche v an Tiddens
Diligence: Roche van Tiddens

PHYSICAL SCIENCE
First in Subject: Edward Steere

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): Simon Farrow
Diligence: Matthew Purnell, Martin Blore, Simon Farrow, Christopher van Zyl

VISUAL ART

First in Subject: Edward Steere

Most Improved Mark (Nov 07 June 08): David Woodham
Diligence: Jacques van Niekerk

Merit Certificates (Aggregate over 1840)

David Bennett, Brian Cox, William Gowans, Edward Greene, Nicholas Meyer, Matthew Purnell, Edward Steere, Nicholas Turner, Jason Trautman, Ben van Aswegen, Pieter-Derk van der Merwe, Roche van Tiddens, Dale Walker

David Brill accepting the Clupe Bright Award from 2007 recipient, Robert Gifford

Most improved Aggregate: Edward Steere
3rd in Block: Brian Cox
2nd in Block: Edward Steere
1st in Block: Nicholas Meyer

SPECIAL PRIZES

Rector's English Verse Prize: David Horscroft (St Peters)

Old Boys' Essay: Patrick Smythe (Cordvalles)

JL Sisson Prize: Jonathan Purnell (Clifton Nottingham Road)
Bishop Baines Memorial Essay: Dale Walker (St Dav ids)

Michael Barry> English Prize: Nicholas Meyer (Highbury)

isiZulu Progress Prize
Senior: Lcthuxolo Mtshali (John Ross)
Junior: Mark l'aylor (Cordvalles)

Hindson History Essay: William Gowans (Clifton Durban)

Peter Bell Memorial English Literature Prize: Nicholas Meyer (Highbury)

Nedbank Biology Prize: William Gowans (Clifton Durban)
Rector's Afrikaans Essay: Pieter-Derk van der Merwe
P D Barnard Memorial Afrikaans Prize:
Senior: Arniv Badal (Northlands Primary)
Junior: Justin Chen (Egerton Primary)

Tatham Memorial Essay Daniel McCarthy (Cowan House), Nicholas Meyer (Highbury)

Walter Lloyd Memorial Prize: Christopher Morris (Pridvvin)
John Allen Memorial Art Prize: Mixed Media: Dustin Holohan (W'HPS) Stuart Harley (Clifton Nottingham Road)

Progress in Painting: Patrick Smythe (Cordovales)

Drawing: David Zwemke (Mcrchiston)

Kevin Graham Memorial Geography Prize:
Nicholas Turner (Treverton College)

Stubbings-Dyson Prize: C Block Mathematics
Jonathan Purnell (Clifton Nottingham Road)

Godfrey Immelman Prize: B Block Mathematics
Kiercn King (St Patricks)
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Rector Guy Pearson and Guest of Honour, Mr Tebello Chabana

Hutchinson Memorial Mathematics Prize:
Senior: Daniel Holliday (St Davids)
Junior: Paul Hewat (Pridwin)

Collins Prize for Music: All Round Musicianship:
Roche van Tiddens (The Ridge)

Peter Beard Memorial Music Prize: Mark Lombard (Highbury)
Music Prize:
Senior: Andrew Batley (WHPS), Abbey Ally (St Nicholas)
Junior: Daniel Funcke (Athlone Park Primary)

J L Robinson Award: Matthew Purnell (Clifton Nottingham Road)

Physical Science: Edward Greene (Cordw alles)

Kevin King Memorial Award: Science Project:
Brian Cox (Highbury), Stephen Green (Egerton Primary)

Biffs-Smith Family Award:
(Sodalis Digmus) For a non-school Prefect who best demonstrates qualities of Care, Compassion, Concern and Communication:
Matthew Purnell (Clifton Nottingham Road)

M R Butcher Outward Bound Award: Daniel McCarthy (Cow an House)

Lions River Conservation Prize: Philip Clay (Cedarwood)

Des Sacco Award: Best Sportsman of the Year: Patrick Lambie (Clifton Durban)

Andrew Crutchley Memorial Award: For leadership on the C Block 3 day hike:
Jake Trehaeven (Treverton Prep)

Tim Patrick Memorial Prize for Contribution to Clubs and Societies: Dustin Holohan (WHPS)

Richard Hedden Memorial Award: Community Service:
Simon Farrow (The Ridge)
Peter Brown Service Award: Edward Steere (Grayston Prep)
Proctor Science Award: Physical and Life Sciences:
William Gowans (Clifton Durban)
Chree Bright Award: Outstanding D Block boy:
David Brill (Cordwalles)
Rob Matthews Award: Courage in the face of personal adversity:
Jeremy Veenstra (Harburg)
Herbert Fisher Award: Best aggregate in June exams:
Nicholas Meyer (Highbury)
Nicholas Meyer receiving one of many awards from Guest of Honour, Mr Tebello Chabana

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS
August 2007 - August 2008

Academic & Cultural
Matriculation Results 2007
Dux: Mandla Mashinini
Proxime Accessit: Carl Pieterse

CHESS
Gauteng Junior Team: Richter Landman

COMPUTER STUDIES
SA Computer Olympiad (placed in the top 50, 2nd in KZN):
Edward Steere

DEBATING
SA Individual Team: Dustin Holohan
KZN Midlands Team: David Horscroft

DRAMATIC ART
W A van der Walt Dramatic Prize: Kai Botha, Francis Scott, Ryan Baker
F S Bishop Memorial Dramatic Prize: Nicholas Campbell
Van Velden Trophy for the greatest contribution to School Drama:
Nicholas Campbell

HISTORY
KZN Young Historian Olympiad
(placed in top 3): Kopano Sefako, Anthony Strathern

MATHEMATICS

SA Mathematics Olympiad: Bronze Medals: David Bradford
KZN Midlands Inter-Provincial Olympiad A Team:
William Gowans

KZN A MESA Mathematics Problem Solving Competition:
Gold Awards: David Bradford, Andrew Steiner
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MUSIC

Midlands Youth Choir Rati Mash ego, Kyle Dunn,
Sahelo Chirwa, Jon-Paul Akal
KZN Youth Choir Kopano Maroga. Abbey Ally, Sanda Shandu,
Rea Setati, Musa Munatsi, Savvas Christodoulou,
Mivan Howard, Ryan Patchitt, Tristan van Dam,
Gareth .lenkinson, Roche van Tiddens
KZN Youth Orchestra: Murray Rait, Andrew Steiner

SCIENCE

Expo for Young Scientists: Senior: Antony Renton.
Geoffrey Woollatt
SA KASTE Science Olympiad (placed in top 4): Antony Renton

VISUAL ART

Work exhibited at the KwaZulu-Natal Art Exhibition:
Dustin Holohan, Patrick Smythe, Edward Steere

Sport

ATHLETICS KZN: Gregory Heeger, David Pearce,
Dumisani Mabhcna
BODY BOARDING KZN: Meyrick Ilamlyn

CANOEING

SA Federation U18: Stuart Maclaren, Gregor Martin
U16: Julian Atkinson

SA Canoe K4 Gold Medal: Gregor Martin, Stuart Maclaren
1st Place at SA K4 Championships VI6: Stuart Maclaren
2nd Place at SA K4 Championships UI6: Matthew Dean,
Ryan Patchitt, Nicholas Southwood, Benjamin Bradford
1st Place at U16 50 Miler: Stuart Maclaren
2nd Place at U16 50 Miler: Matthew Dean
2nd Place Duzi U18, 49th Overall: Stuart Maclaren

KZN COLOURS

KZN Inter-Schools Victor Ludorum: Stuart Maclaren
SA U18 team to Ruhr Regatta Germany. World Marathon Championships: Stuart Maclaren

SA VI6 team to Ruhr Regatta Germany: Julian Atkinson

Top 5 V16 Drak (SA K1 Championships): Julian Atkinson

Canoe Polo: Craig Griffin

CRICKET

KZN Inland V19: Patrick Lambie
KZN Inland V17: David Zwemke
KZN Inland VI5: Hilton Mudariki, Daniel Hulbert

EQUESTRIAN

1st JB Class: SA Derby: George Purbrick
2nd Maple Ridge: George Purbrick

SA Easter Championships: George Purbrick

HOC KEY

SA VI8A Team David Zwemke, Clinton Panther
KZN Midlands VI8A Clinton Panther. Arniv Badal.

Michael Crawford, Jason Trautman, David Zwemke
KZN Midlands V18B: Calv in Freese. Murray Forbes,

Dean Dovvie. Stuart Harley
KZN Midlands V16A: Jethro Thomas
KZN Midlands V16B: Daniel Hulbert, Ga/a Khosa,

Ethan Malan

KZN Midlands V14A Richard Ashforth. David Watson,

Sean Donaldson. Zipho Mhlongo
KZN Midlands V14B: Nicolas Hellens. Timothy Lee,

Anthony .Miller

RUGBY

SA V18A: Patrick Lambie
SA V18 National South Team: Robert de Bruyn
KZN VIS: Patrick Lambie, Louis Albcrtse, Ruan Combrinck, Reef Nakin, Robert de Bruyn, Avvande Khumalo
KZN V18 Academy B: Michael Simpson
KZN 7s V18A: Ruan Combrinck, Avvande Khumalo

SAILING
1st Place at Inter-Schools Regatta: William Crockett
1st Place at Lazer Standard: William Crockett
2nd Place at KZN Grand Prix Series: William Crockett

SQUASH
KZN V19B: Jonathan Short
KZN UI6A: Ian Sturgeon
KZN VI6B: Robert Clucas
KZN V14A: Christopher Brits

SOCcer
KZN VI8B: Dustin Holohan
KZN V15A: Kgosi Moagi
KZN V15B: Nicholas Lister-James

swimming
KZN VI7/V19: Nicholas Byrne
KZN VI5/16: Patrick Durham
KZN VI4: Sean Clarke

Tennis
KZN VI9: Sanda Shandu
KZNV15A: Dean Stephen

Waterpolo
KZN V19B: James Winter
KZN V19C: Johan van der Linden
KZN V16B: Nicholas Byrne, Cameron Lindsay
Jonathan Purnell with his grandmother

Senior Prefect Patrick Lambie with his grandparents, Dr Nic and Mrs Alizanne Labuschagne, and his mum, Mrs Caz Lambie

Ian McKenzie with his grandparents

Douglas Rattray with his grandmother

Abbey Ally with his grandparents

Andrew Christodoulou, Savvas Christodoulou, Greg Christodoulou with their grandmother

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Academic Reports

Academics

Whiten by Mr Paul Fleischack Deputy Rector Academics,

The Academic Committee had an exciting, busy and productive year. Besides the day-to-day management of the academic programme, the following list indicates some of the items which exercised the minds of the committee:

• Implementing and delivering the new National Senior Certificate courses for the first time this year. This certainly brought its own challenges, but all Staff were well prepared for the changes in assessment style and approach.

• Revising the criteria for Academic awards: boys now earn points for achievement in all Blocks. These points are accumulated over the years and awards made when the required number of points are achieved. It is hoped this will encourage boys to remain focused on their academics as it is highly unlikely that an Honours badge will be awarded before the end of B Block. Included in these criteria are points awarded for outstanding performances in Olympiads.

• Reviewing and updating the report card format to accommodate achievement levels of different learning outcomes in each subject, which will be implemented next year.

• Planning and implementing Integrated Studies programmes: these were held for D and E Blocks after the June exams. The programmes were developed by members of Staff and included aspects of community awareness, environmental studies, sexuality studies, introduction to subject choices, using electronic presentation packages and project work.

• Changing the dates of Matric Trial Exams: these were held later than usual this year, with the last paper being written on the last day of term. This allowed more teaching time before the exam and most departments were able to complete their course content by the time the exams started. This schedule also removed the ‘dead time’ between the end of the exams and the end of term.

• Updating communication systems: this year A Block reports were e-mailed to parents for the first time. In future all reports will be e-mailed before hard copies are sent to parents. It is also hoped that soon parents will access their reports directly off the website.

Craig Clowes. Dale Atkinson and Michael Cohen on a Business Simulation course

2008 Matric Results
We congratulate all Matriculants and staff on their outstanding results. They have done us proud!

- 103 boys wrote the examination. All passed.
- 100 boys achieved Degree Entry Certificates (university entrance passes).
- 3 boys achieved Diploma Entry Certificates.
- 136 subject distinctions were achieved.

Top Achievers: 2008

7 Distinctions
Edward Steere William Gowans
6 Distinctions 5 Distinctions
Edward Greene Nicholas Meyer Ben van Aswegen Brian Cox Hcnk Appclo
Jason Trautman Nicholas Turner Pieter-Derk van der Merwe Dale Walker
4 Distinctions 3 Distinctions
Daniel McCarthy Matthew Purnell Donald Sinton Calvin van der Riet Roche van Tiddens David Bennett Martin Blore Michael Crawford Calvin F reese John Stathacopolous Johan van der Linden Patrick Smythe

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Academic Reports


Academic Colours: Roche van Tiddens, Henk Appelo
Academic Half Colours: Reggie Holliday, Andrew King, Antony Renton, Dale Stephen, Alex Waller, Simon Watt-Pringle, Munatsi Ziumbe, Michael Daly,

Storm Gallie, Vincent Nunes, Jonathan Purnell, Kwezi Sogoni, Andrew Steiner, Anthony Strathearn, Jake van Koevering, Grant Walker, Alasdair Allen, David Brill, Stefan Buys,

Stuart Hadfield, Tyler Halliday, Paul Hewat, Sean Hugo, Richter Landman, Jonathan Needham, Andrew Stephens, Michael Venter

2008 Scholarship Awards

Award

Major Open Scholarship
Minor Open Scholarship
Open Exhibition
Closed Scholarships

Recipient
Michael Harrison

St Davids Marist Bros
Sean Markham
Dainfern Preparatory School
Cole Hunt

Clifton Preparatory School, Durban
Thomas Burne
Cowan House Preparatory School
Byron Grealy
The Ridge School
Mitchell Green
Highbury Preparatory School
Hanko von Schlichting
Clifton Preparatory School, Nottingham Road
Exhibition Scholarship Timothy Lee
This was the first Michaelhouse cultural tour in 10 years and to say it was a huge success is an understatement. Not only was it incredible value for money but the boys learnt so much about art, architecture, history, geography, economics, societies and cultures too. We stayed in excellent hotels (especially in London); we visited many galleries and museums, cathedrals, churches, night clubs, tourist traps, pizzerias and fast food outlets all over Europe. Everywhere we went we had excellent, experienced guides to educate and enlighten us. The transport (whether it was by plane, train or bus) was excellent. There was a good balance between scheduled activities and free time when the boys could go off and explore (and shop) on their own. They were equipped with maps of each city and shown exactly where to go and advised on what to do. Organised meals were hearty and wholesome and breakfasts substantial. Sponsored meals were usually bought at MacDonald's or Burger King - the boys know how to locate these franchises both in South Africa AND overseas! Even the weather seemed to oblige us - except for Rome where it was a little wet and gloomy; we had beautiful sunny (even hot) days in Florence and Venice; it was fresh and cool in Paris and then to top it all we were treated to some snow in London.

We had very few unfortunate experiences: only one wallet was stolen by gypsies, and despite flying through Heathrow's Terminal 5 in its
second week, only one bag was mislaid, and that was on the SAA flight between Johannesburg and Durban. We have no doubt that all our lives were enriched by the trip. Every minute of every day, the boys were exposed to the global world out there, to how other cultures live, eat and spend their money and time. They travelled on local transport: be it on foot in Florence, on Vaporetto in Venice, the Metro in Paris or the tubes in London. And they learnt about budgeting, buying and making the most of every penny and euro. More importantly, they saw just how much culture has been preserved for the public to see and they witnessed just how many thousands of people come from all over the world, daily to see and experience it.

For our young companions, their eyes were opened and seeds sown in their minds. May this brief two week period, generate within them a deep love of travelling and a great desire to see and experience more of this exciting world in which we live.

March
Tues 25:
Wed 26:
Thu 27:

Fri 28:
Sat 29:
Sun 30:

Our itinerary (in brief)

Depart for London, Heathrow

Arrive Heathrow and catch connecting flight to Rome

Tour of Vatican City, St Peter's, Sistine Chapel, Forum, Pantheon and Coliseum

Travel to Piza and on to Florence

Tour of Academia, Duomo and Baptistry Gates

Uffizzi Gallery and other sights of Florence
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Mon 31: Leave for Venice and tour of Peggy Guggenheim Museum

April

Tues 1: Tour of Doges Palace and St Marco's Basilica. Catch train to Paris overnight


I hu 3: Louvre and Musee d’Orsay

Fri 4: Catch Eurostar to London. City tour on arrival

Sat 5: Tour of Globe Theatre, Tate Modern and National Gallery. Watched "Lord of the Rings" at West End

Sun 6: Madame Tussauds and time to shop/relax

Mon 7: Last minute shopping and packing before catching flight home

Visual Art

HOD: Ms Joy Preiss

Staff: Mr Sandile Sibiya (Intern) Ms Patience Ngubo (Technician)

Cultural Colours: Dustin Holohan, Edward Steere, Patrick Smythe

The year began with an exhibition of artworks which the current B Block produced at the end of 2007, called ‘Modern Icons’. Students used mixed media with which to assemble small shrines to a modern cult hero: we had the likes of Britney Spears, Johnny Wilkinson and Chris Barnard being displayed in all their glory!

The next exhibition was the annual combined exhibition of Matric artworks held in conjunction with The Wykeham Collegiate. Usually the artworks made by the girls tend to outshine our students’ works, however this year the works were all on a par. and were far more experimental than usual. Prof Terry King from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Pietermaritzburg, gave the opening address.

Works had also been selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Matric Art Exhibition which is held annually at the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg: and three of our students had work chosen for
Members of the Art A Culture tour in Trafalgar Square outside the National Gallery.

exhibition: Edward Steere, Patrick Smythe and Dustin Holohan.

The start of the fourth quarter saw another exhibition of the latest drawings by the B Blockers. An exhibition entitled ‘Mark and Trace* consisted of conte drawings which explored the concept of the marks left behind by society, life and experiences. All the works were framed behind glass and together made a dramatic display.

The annual Michealhouse Hilton Art exhibition was opened on Friday 1 August at Michaelhouse by Mr Robert Fraser, an artist and ow-ner of the Bank Gallery in Florida Road, Durban. A record number of 60 boys exhibited work which co vered the mediums of oil painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and mixed media. Almost 200 people from both communities attended the opening. Tlrc work continued to hang on display until the middle of August.

The final A Block portfolio exhibition opened on the night of 22 October each senior student was required to produce a portfolio of two major works and the ev idence of the thought processing and planning which went into them. The student had to research contemporary art as part of the preparation and produce draw ings which substantiated his research. Along with these works, hung the final IEB exam artwork and all the preparation and research. Students were also required to present their w ork in the form of an exhibition with attendance by the public, and this year it was decided that the boys would also open their exhibition. Edward Steere and Dale Walker made speeches welcoming the public and shared with them what doing art as a subject meant to them.

Other significant events in the Visual Arts Department were the bi-annual trip to Durban to see artworks in the top art galleries this proved to be a valuable lesson in developing an awareness in the students of the work of current artists and which offered encouragement and inspiration.

Thejuniorclasses visited the studios of Caversham Press and Ardmore where they were exposed to artists working at art that provides them an incomc; the boys then returned to the Art Department to pursue these same activities of lino printing and ceramic painting.

David Woodham S Art work entitled Human Psychology and Behaviour
Yet again the mind boggled at the truly high standard of performances that were presented for the final Practical Examinations 2008. All these boys were polished, energetic and exciting - a real pleasure to watch. Group scenes ranged from the hilarious, fast paced, crazy Theater of the Absurd of 'Alice in Wonderland' to the deeply serious and emotional summation from the famous court scene from 'A Time to Kill' by Jamaine Chiwaye. 'Cold Turkey off Heroin' by Kai Botha was spine chilling and Jason Trautman's monologue watching the death of his 'Father' was tear jerking and emotional without being self indulgent.

Excellent performances were done by Michael Griffin, 'The Butterfly', Stuart Harley's 'Jack - Lost on the Beach' and Brian Cox as the little boy's description of his first day at school in coal mining England from Laurie Lee's famous 'Cider with Rosie'. For the first time we saw extracts written by the students themselves. This is generally frowned upon as very often these pieces are not well structured, but Calvin Freese and Thomas Molony proved their competence as budding writers. Calvin definitely has a penchant for comedy as he took us on a hilarious journey through his misfortunes whilst fishing off the rocks in Durban!

The students were good at 'Poor Theatre' and without any props or extras could provoke our imaginations simply with the use of great voice and body. 'Tokoloshe' with Ryan Baker and Jeremy Smythe swapping roles and accents at high speed was a winner. Francis Scott's final performance from 'Blood Orange' was superb. After
many hours of precise rehearsal he perfected the piece to the point that we forgot we were watching a school boy in performance.

And finally, a comment about the Physical Theatre movements: every single one was literally (excuse the cliche) poetry in motion. The students no longer simply did a series of gymnastic movements - they were expected to explore a deeper concept and this should be obvious to the audience. Without exception every group did this. The work was brave, sincere and flowing. It touched us at deeper levels than it has in the past. Outstanding performers were Michael Simpson with the highest mark ever achieved at Michaelhouse. Francis Scott, Jason Trautman, Jeremy Smythe, Ryan Baker, Wesley Campher, Adam Joscelyn, Nic Tingle, Travis Ning, Jared Chellan. Awande Khumalo, Shane Drower-Copley, Kai Botha, Brian Cox, Robert Hackney and Matthew Purnell were also excellent.

This was the biggest IEB Drama class in South Africa this year and the sheer size of the numbers has been a challenge in itself. Being a creative subject every boy or group wants his 'pound of flesh'. We have spent days and days trying to help, advise and satisfy the needs of all. It has been an exhausting but very satisfying process and I have been so grateful to have the assistance and expertise of my new colleague, Mrs Carlien Walters. The boys have grown to love and respect her and she is such an asset to the department.

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Performing Arts

HOD: Mr Abri Venter

Staff: Mr Rainer von Schlichting. Mr Matthew Sabine.

Mr Jcan-Louis Swart (intern). Mrs Kike von Schlichting
Part-time Staff: Mrs Fiona Bull, Mrs Julie Young,

Mr Bernard Kisbey-Greyn, Mr Lcandros Stavrou,

Mr Thco Venter, Mr Peter Quinn, Mr Glen Turrel
Cultural Honours:

Jazz Band Simon Farrow

Music Abbey Ally, Alexander Poltera, Roche van Tiddens, Sanda Shandu

Cultural Colours:

Jazz band Justin Chinyanta, Ryan Patchitt, Musa Munatsi
Cultural Half Colours:

Jazz Band Nkosana Wakatama, Mark Farrow.

Nkateko Vilankulu, Casper Badenhorst

Chapel Choir Chase le Roux, Mudiwa Mwayi, JD (Mwaura), Jonathan Fieldgate, Jacques Adam

Marimba Band Ofentse Dakile, Kwezi Sogoni, Menzi Ndlovu, Casper Badenhorst

"Music is the art of thinking with sounds"
Jules Combarieu

Indeed, music is made up of sounds and we were very proud to say that MANY happy sounds were produced this year at the Michaelhouse Music School. Not only did we teach our students to aspire to become Masters of their instruments, but we also taught them how to love the sounds they were making, and to experience the joy of making sounds together.

We started the year with 26 boys taking Music as a subject, with 119 boys enrolled for individual lessons. Guitar remained the most popular instrument, followed by voice and bass guitar.

The â€“ bandroom concerts continued this year, and we hosted three most enjoyable evenings in the Bandroom where boys had the opportunity to showcase their talents in an informal environment.

The Recording Room was completed and we experimented with making CD recordings of a professional standard. Software for the studio had enabled boys to be creative and compose their own music.

Chapel Choir

Head Chorister: Keegan-Jon Moore
Deputy Head Chorister: Gareth Jenkinson

The Chapel Choir grew from 38 to 65 boys this year.
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Marimba Band: Back Row: C. Badenhorst, L. Mokgosi, O. Mhaga, L. Bam, C. Legoale-Phi/lips, M. Chileshe

Third Row: K. Dunn, K. Maroga, M. Ndlovu, W. Mzuku, S. Chirwa, D. Mashinini


Front Row: A. Ally, R. Setati, Mr A. Venter, M. Munatsi, Mr J-L. Swart, S. Shandu, O. Dakile

The year started off with the Annual Choir Camp in February and was attended by the boys going on the European tour. The camp was held at Living Waters, Eston.

A visiting conductor from Slovenia, Prumoz Malavasic, conducted a workshop in the Chapel, where the boys were exposed to Slovenian music and pronunciation.

The choir sang on a regular basis in the Chapel, (Full School Eucharist, Confirmation Service, Remembrance Sunday, etc), performed a recital on Speech Day and at the Carol Services at the end of the year.

In May the boys participated, alongside the KZN Youth Choir, at a Choral Evening in the Chapel.

Michaelhouse again hosted the Michaelhouse Choir Competition in August. Choirs from all over KZN participated in this event, while our own Chamber Choir entertained the guests while the adjudicators conferred.

Marimba Band
Band Leader: Roche van Tiddens

The Marimba Band grew rapidly during the year and we ended with 28 boys in the band. The repertoire covers a large variety of genres, ranging from traditional African Music, through to Western Society Music, as well as Folk Music from all over the world.

The Band performed at several events on campus, including Speech Day and Sunday at Michaelhouse, as well as at external events. The performance at Epworth College was a highlight of the year.

Music Tour (Jazz Band And Chapel Choir)

The highlight for the Music Department was certainly the international tour to Europe. We departed for Johannesburg on Friday 20 June, and performed a very successful "Bon Voyage" concert at The Ridge School on Saturday 21 June. We left for Germany, Austria and Turkey on Sunday 22 June.
The 48 members of the Jazz Band and Chapel Choir were accompanied by five staff members.

With the tour theme being 'Rainbow Rhythms' the repertoire consisted of a selection of music ranging from 'golden oldies' to traditional African Choral Works to light Jazz. The programme was divided into three parts: 1 - The Chapel Choir, 2 - The Jazz Band, 3 - The Combined Chapel Choir and Jazz Band.

A "Welcome-Back" concert was held on 25 July in the Memorial Hall where guests were treated to our full Tour Programme, complimented by a delicious three course meal, prepared by our in-house caterers, KKS.
Jazz Band

The 2008 Jazz Band consisted of 25 members; 23 musicians and two sound crew members.

During the first and second quarters, the emphasis was on arranging and rehearsing the touring repertoire. Several new pieces were arranged and the music camp on 3-4 February proved successful in getting to know some of these new works, as well as building a spirit amongst the band and choir members who were to spend two weeks overseas.

On resuming from the tour, the band started rehearsing hard for Speech Day on 14 August and the combined The Wykham Collegiate/Michaelhouse Jazz Bands performance at Femhill Hotel on 10 October. Our sincere thanks go to the Polteras for their organisation and the use of the Femhill Theatre, and Mr Nick Engel and the TWC girls.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the band parents and fans who supported our performances. Without the audience, playing in the band would not be half the fun!

The following boys were members of the KZN Youth Choir:
Roche van Tiddens (also part of the Bel Canto Chamber Choir to Czech Republic), Gareth Jenkinson, Sanda Shandu,

Abbey Ally, Tristan van Dam, Mivan Howard, Ryan Patchitt, Musa Munatsi, Savvas C hristodoulou and Rea Setati

The following boys were members of the Pietermaritzburg and Midlands Youth Choir: Rati Mashego, kopano Maroga and Kyle Dunn

The following boys were members of the KZN Youth Orchestra
Andrew Steiner and Murray Rait

Music External Examinations

The following results were obtained this year:
Grade 3

Sean Hugo Trinity Drumkit Pass
Sean Hugo Trinity Saxophone Pass
Tseko I.et la la ABRSM Trumpet Pass
Roche van Tiddens ABRSM Violin Pass
Hanko von Schlichting ABRSM Trumpet Merit
Nkateko Yilankulu ABRSM Trombone Pass
Grade 4
Jon-Paul Akal ABRSM Voice Pass
Kopano Maroga ABRSM Voice Merit
Kyle Dunn ABRSM Voice Pass
Rea Setati ABRSM Voice Merit
Rati Mashego ABRSM Voice Merit
Grade 5
Olwethu Mhaga ABRSM Euphonium Pass
Nick Cox Trinity Flute Pass
Kopano Maroga ABRSM Piano Merit

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Music is well said to be the speech of angels.

Thomas Carlyle

Grade 6
Thomas W att-Pringle Trinity Saxophone Pass
Daniel Funcke Trinity Saxophone Pass
Kieran Lyle Trinity Clarinet Pass
Abbey Ally ABRSM Trombone Merit
Andrew Steiner Trinity Flute Pass
Andrew Batley ABRSM Voice Pass
Tristan van Dam ABRSM Voice Merit

Grade 7
Abbey Ally ABRSM Voice Distinction

Grade 8
Roche van Tiddens ABRSM Voice Merit
First Concert Certificate
Nkateko Vilankulu Trinity Voice Pass
Sanda Shandu Trinity Voice Distinction

Conclusion

With our objective being the 'Joy of Making Music Together' we believe we have achieved this. The increased interest in music at Michaelhouse is testimony to the fact that boys learn that music is a communicative channel that knows no barriers, and can be enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all staff at Michaelhouse for their continued support of the music programme, as well as all parents who loyally attend our performances.

Music Tour to Europe

Written by Mrs Elke von Schlichting

Forty-eight boys and six staff members, armed with 15 instruments, 54 touring suitcases, 54 backpacks and at least another 25 extra pieces of sound equipment, music stands and gum boots left for Germany, Austria and Turkey on Sunday the 22nd June.

Leaving the chilly South African winter behind, we were greeted in Germany with intense heat that lasted for the full two weeks, the best European summer weather in a long time. We were blown away by the German hospitality, beautiful scenery, ancient cities and the word 'safety' being as common as 'boerewors' and 'biltong' to us.

Exploring Rothenburg, a city dating back to 950 AD for four days, allowed us the opportunity to recover from jet lag and to experience real German cuisine, shopping and sight seeing.
Our first concert in the Rothenburg Market square was phenomenal and some shop owners around the square even closed their shops to attend the two hour concert. This concert was followed by a concert in Ansbach, on the night of the EM semi final between Germany and Turkey. We however managed to perform at 'full speed' and were back in Rothenburg in time for the second half.

Our trip to Obcrammergau took us past the beauty of NeuSchwanstein Castle and despite an extremely brisk and tiring walk up to the castle to be on time for our tour, we hold this visit in fond memory of experiencing a little of Walt Disney's fantasy in Germany. The choir received the honour of being allowed to sing a few songs in the well-known "Singer's Hall", where only selected concerts are usually held.

Our accommodation in the Alps, 1250m above Garmiseh-Partenkirchen, in the middle of the skiing region of Bavaria, was a little quiet and uneventful for the boys’ taste, as there were only trees and mountains around us, but a water crisis on arrival that lasted 18 hours still made this a memorable stay. One of the highlights of the tour was our participation in the 'Passion for Musical Friendship Festival' in Oberammergau, where we performed on the world famous Passion Play Stage and wowed the audiences with our varied programme which ended in a German Folksong Medley, which brought audiences to their feet wherever we performed.

At the end of the festival, we were congratulated on being the "highlight of the day" and were asked to come back next year! (not so sure what the Bursar would say about this...) We made a brief stopover in Regensburg, another beautiful old city with its well-known medieval bridge built in 1135, and had our fourth concert in a small town called Bad Abbach. From Regensburg we travelled down south again, and the two days in Salzburg were truly memorable.

The culture of Austria speaks from every roof top and highlights included our last concert in the beautiful Mirabellen Garten and a visit to the Salt Mine, where all tour members resorted to being children again during a two hour walk through the mine.
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Members of the touring Jazz Barn/and Chapel Choir in the scenic Alps of Bavaria

which included a 400m long mine train ride, a raft ride across a huge lake of salt water and two wooden slides to change levels very fast.

Our stay in Austria culminated with two nights in Vienna and a visit to the amusement park ‘Prater’ with no less than 250 fun activities. The tour ended with two days in Istanbul, Turkey, which spilt it's almost 'eastern' magic over us. and although we recognised enormous contrasts between Germany and Austria on the one hand and Istanbul on the other, we were equally fascinated by the tradition and culture of the Turkish people.

The two week tour flew, and if we could, we would go back in time and have it all over again. We are extremely grateful to everyone who made this tour possible and commend the boys on their positive attitude, artistic flair and good behaviour.

Schlesinger Theatre Notes

Director: Mrs Dionne Redfern

Staff: Mr Jean-Louis Swart

Another busy year theatrically, with a number of shows and functions:

22 January: Prodigal

Created by director Dani Marais and playwright Lorraine Knox and featuring multi-talented Tim Redpath. A neatly plotted and superbly written classic for the modern age. Prodigal followed the tale of a young Fastem Cape farm boy who left home to seek his fortune in the racy and fast-paced city of Johannesburg. Snappy dialogue, split-second character changes, strong physical acting as well as exciting and innovative directing, helped bring this one man show alive. The boys responded very well to this piece as well as to the workshops run by Tim the following morning.

I February: Plush

One of the stories of South African music has been the return of Plush, the celebrated acoustic rock band who fought back from tragedy in an epic comeback year. To say the boys enjoyed this is an understatement - they LOVED it. Playing to a full house of 400 boys, some 80 St Anne's girls and a scattering of very brave adults, Rory Elliot was literally blown away by the tumultuous response the band received.
10 February: A Lick of Liberace

The theatre was hired by well known Durban entertainer, Mr Colin Penn, for a show based on the hits of Liberace. While it appealed to a somewhat different generation to Plush, it was important that we hosted shows for the enjoyment of the entire community.
23 - 25 April: Lord of the Flies:

I he script for this production, written by Craig Higginson, kept to the original storyline although it had been modernised into a South African context. I reverted to the original setting, accents and characters and held thumbs that the boys would be able to pull it off. The other thing I was set on was using the outdoor amphitheatre as our stage. Despite protestations about the cold and the inconvenience, at the end of the clay we could never have replicated the atmosphere and realism that working under the stars on a real bank with real tires gave to the show.

It was an amazing journey for us all. Within two rehearsals, the basic outline was there and the characters emerging. We had our moments: 10 rehearsals rained out; a conch Hung so far into the dark it was never seen again; Roger literally falling through Castle Rock and a thousand other crises that I've learnt are part of directing. What I had on my side was a wonderful script, an incredibly dedicated theatre crew, and six very talented Matric boys to lead the cast. I also had Mr Jean-Louis Swart, without whom I would never have managed. Most of all, this play meant a great deal to the boys, particularly the Matrics, for whom it was their last show. It was, I believe, a successful venture and well worth the cold nights and chaos.

The following awards were made:

Rest Actor: Jeremy Smythe (Piggy)

Best Supporting Actor: Francis Scott (Roger)

Best Novice: Toka Isiki (Sam)

28 April: Woza Albert:

We hosted this timeless piece of South African Protest Theatre, performed by Old Boy Ryan Dittman and Tim Redpath. Superbly directed, this was also very well received by the boys.

12 - 13 August: S PARS 2008

Following the success of last year's concert, I was anxious about the time constraints of this year's show. Moving the Inte-
llouse Performing Arts to the start of the third quarter delayed the auditions and rehearsals for 'Stars'. In the end, however, the show came together. Once again, we filled two hours with good performances from the drama boys and music students. The surprises came from the boys who belong to neither department and suddenly showed their talents. The two evenings played to lull houses and certainly show-cased the huge talent we have at Michaelhouse.
2 September: Theatre Dinner

The following awards were made this year:

W A van der Walt Trophy for Best Novice: Toka Isiki
F S Bishop Memorial Trophy for Best Actor: Jeremy Smythe
Van Velden Trophy for the greatest contribution to Performing Arts: Jeremy Smythe

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Two new trophies were also awarded:

• Spud' trophy donated by John van der Ruit for Best Original Writing: Mfanelo Shoba and Jamaine Chiwaye
• Farrow Trophy for Excellence in Theatre Technicals: Simon Farrow

22 October: Politically Incorrect by David Newton

Newton has become one of South Africa's most bankable comics through his ability to speak directly and frankly about situations that happen to all of us. His comedy material was so true to life that he effortlessly made the audience relate to just about every subject he discussed.

2 November: *Le Chanson des Fleur* - the song of the flowers

A few years ago at the Grahamstown Festival I saw a lovely show. Not a word was spoken yet the audience were captivated. Through music and floral art, the performers created the loveliest scenes. It was a novel idea and initially I had huge concern over who would support it and whether or not we could replicate that same magic. In the end, such fears were allayed as 250 people turned out to see what we were doing and LOVED it. It will certainly become an annual event. We had a number of local ladies participating: Lcann Kurz, Annca Vermeulen. Pippa Huggins. Dionne Redfern. Kate Smedley, Althea Hulley. Paula Hullcy. Cheryl Mennic, Judy Blandford-Ncholson. Jenny Fly and Carol Sacke. The performers had the duration of their selected song to create their floral art piece, so there was a little bit of pressure and much planning involved. All proceeds went to 'Free Me' in Howick. This centre rehabilitates wild animals.

7-9 November: *The African Crucifixion*: Launch of L'buhlc Beaded Artwork

Ubuhle, in association with Michaelhouse, launched what has been hailed as one of the most important pieces of art to come out of South Africa. This spectacular work of art, called 'The African Crucifixion', is a vast 7.5m by 4.5m beaded panel and has been brought to life by the highly skilled group of local artists from Ubuhle. The exhibition was opened by the Very Reverend Fred Pitout, Dean of The Cathedral of the Anglican Diocese of Natal, followed by a brief presentation on the Ubuhle project. 'The African Crucifixion' will go to the British Museum where it begins its World Tour.

10 - 12 November: 'The Strange Case of Dinah Lane' - supper theatre murder mystery
The scene is set in Natal: the Roaring Twenties, the Charleston, a sugar baron and his wife, a Broadway actress. A weekend Ra Ra. an extraordinary array of guests and a murder most foul. Three full houses joined Michael Buchanan, the unlikely detective, on his quest to unravel the mystery behind the murder.

accounting; department

HOD: Mr Richard McMichael

Stall': Mr Rory Drysdale

There were two new start' members employed this year in Economics and Management Sciences department: Mr Msizi Mnchunu and Mr Linda Linda. While not specifically teaching Accounting, they were responsible for introducing some of the current F. and D Blockers to Accounting. We hope they have a long and productive stay at Michaelhouse.

Mr lain Guthrie explaining the mysteries of Biology to A Block hoys

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

HOD: Mr lain Guthrie

Stal'T: Mr Paul Fleischack, Mr Nick Cahill, Mr Alan Redfern. Mr Dennis Maharaj (Laboratory Manager),

Ms Zanele Mchunu (Laboratory Assistant). Ms Zanele Ndlov u (l laboratory Assistant)

Getting to grips with the new Matric syllabus was the main focus of the year for the A Block and we look forward to seeing how our boys do in the new style exams. We certainly had many interesting discussions on evolution with boys being challenged to think seriously about the way sciences works.

With a fair amount of the syllabus involving environmental studies, we made good use of the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve as a teaching aid. Boys were able to get hands-on experience of the Midlands Mistbclt Grasslands and Mistbclt Forests. This greatly enhanced our teaching of biomcs and was a readily available resource for our use.

Boys were active in dealing with aliens on St Michael's Mount through their grassland projects and contributed to maintaining
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Rector Guy Pearson congratulating Edward Steere on his achievements in the Computer Olympiad

healthy grasslands. The projects produced by the B Block were very interesting.

The visit by C Block to uShaka Marine as part of their biodiversity course continued to be a popular event. The opportunity of studying marine ecosystems contrasted well with the terrestrial ones in Balgowan and broadened the boys' experience of the ecosystems studies. The environmental threats to marine ecosystems are often similar to those in Balgowan's aquatic systems but generally occur on a larger scale.

The boys enjoyed a number of animal dissections as part of our anatomy lessons. The whole animal dissections included a duiker, a lamb, a baby ostrich and a rinkhals (which had been killed by a secretary bird in the Oribi Reserve). Hearts, lungs and kidneys also appeared on the dissection boards!

Our successful Laboratory Assistant, Ms Zanele Mchunu, was promoted to the Media Centre and we wish her well in her new position as Assistant Librarian. We thank her for her contribution to the Biology Department and welcome in her place Ms Zanele Ndlovu who comes from Balgowan and hope she will enjoy working in the Department.

COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Studies Department
HOD: Mrs Julie Flanegan

Staff: Mr Alwin Murugen, Mrs Elke von Schlichting

The New Curriculum

The new curriculum offered many challenges and the boys coped well with the two new subjects that were offered, namely IT (Information Technology) which had a programming emphasis and CAT (Computer Applications Technology) which had an applications emphasis.

Prizes

The following boys were awarded prizes on Speech Day 2008:
Subject: IT

1st in Subject: Edward Steere

Most Improved in Subject: Pieter-Derk van der Merwe
Diligence: Nkosana Wakatama

Subject: CAT
1st in Subject: Jeremy Veenstra

Most Improved in Subject: Johan Badenhorst

Diligence: Francis Scott

Computer Olympiad
First Round

The 2008 Standard Bank/CSSA Computer Olympiad continued to grow with numbers in the First Round at a high of 22,765 students from 361 schools. Michaelhouse had a pleasing number of entries with 38 Senior (Grades 10-12) and 36 Junior (Grades 8-9) boys who participated. This was a general knowledge paper task and was used by many schools as an aptitude test to see if learners should consider a career in IT.

The boys who achieved the top three positions in each category were:

Junior Division

David Brill
Michael Harrison
Tyler Halliday
Cole Hunt

D Block
E Block
D Block
E Block

Senior Division

1st 2nd 3rd Mitchell Hedges Matt Dyer David Horscroft A Block B Block
B Block

Second Round

The Second Round was very challenging with 2,714 entries from 181 schools. This was a challenging task and students were expected to complete up to five programming tasks within two hours. We had seven boys participating in the Open Division. Our internal Michaelhouse top three positions per category were:

Open Division

1st Edward Steere A Block
2nd Antony Renton B Block
3rd David Horscroft A Block
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The top students from the Second Round were invited to participate in the Final Round. Edward Steere was awarded a Provincial certificate as he achieved 2nd position in KwaZulu-Natal. Antony Renton, a B Block student, received a letter and free software from the Computer Olympiad to congratulate him on doing so well in the Second Round and to encourage him to enter again in A Block.

Staff Development

The year started off with IEB involvement at conference level and increased training due to the changing curriculum. The staff attended various IEB KZN Cluster Group Meetings and the subject conferences.

Mrs Elke von Schlichting took over the Third Language IT class and offered extra ICDL classes to the Third Language French boys.

Our thanks are extended to our support staff, especially the IT Department. Mrs Navcshrc Baldavoo, the IT Secretary, performed a very supportive role as ICDL Examiner and IT support together with Messers Brad Flancgan, Simon Dottridge and Gary Schneider on the technical side.

K'DL (International Computer Driving Licence)

The ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence) continued in our E and D Block classes. As part of the new FET curriculum, learners need to attain at least four certificates, a computer certificate being amongst these.

46 new ICDL certificates were issued in 2008, of which two were to staff members. A total of 119 current boys completed their ICDL to date: A Block Full 43, Start 27 (70%), B Block 19 (18%), C Block 34 (33%), D Block 22 (19%) and E Block one (2%). We congratulate Andrew Christodoulou who completed his ICDL in his E Block year.

We introduced the Advanced ICDL for those boys that completed their ICDL and wish to learn more advanced skills.

Conclusion

"The technology at the leading edge changes so rapidly that you have to keep current after you get out of school. I think probably the most important thing is having good fundamentals." Gordon Moore. Intel founder and Chairman.

Our academic programme provided the learners with a 'foundation of knowledge' to prepare them for a career path, higher education and life-long learning, thus enabling learners to become effective members of a computer-using society. This, together with well-
rounded communication skills and a strong work ethic will equip the student with an invaluable life skill. Students who have had exposure to programming or applications usage are at a distinct advantage in the technological world today.

Information Technology
HOD: Mr Brad Flancgan

Staff: Mr Simon Dottridge. Mrs Naveshree Baldavoo.
Mr Gary Schneider. Mr Sbusiso Dlamini (trainee)

"Hello darkness my old friend. I've come to talk to you again..." Simon & Garfunkel 'The Sounds of Silence'

The joke went around at the start of 2008 that the above mentioned song was going to replace the national anthem of South Africa and not without good reason! The frustration of having load shedding timetables distributed and not being adhered to left most of the staff and pupils at the school in various states of frustration. Fortunately load shedding eventually came to an end. but had they continued for the year. I have no doubt that I would have made a career move to a less stressed environment.

One just has to look at the number of replacements that had to be made during the first few months of the year as a result of the power returning to realise that 2008 would have gone down as our most expensive in terms of maintenance to date. Not to mention the fact the staff quickly sensed my frustration and would

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Life is half spent before we know what it is.

George Herbert

'innocently' phone me during the blackouts asking for repairs to their computers. I am sure that many of my replies would not have been found in the Oxford Dictionary.

The silver lining was the acquirement by the School of two generators, which is nothing short of a godsend in this part of the world! In addition to our Eskom induced blackouts, due to our wonderful summer weather, power outages for long durations are not uncommon. So in Irish terms I suppose we can thank Eskom for forcing our hand.

The 'Smartboard' or more correctly the 'Intelligent Whiteboard' has now become the flavour of the year and it seems that all teachers, except the geriatrics (apologies to Bryan and Pete), feel neglected if their classroom is not adorned with one. The accompanying data projector and stereo sound setup is also a must for any self respecting educator. I often wonder at the miracle of those of us who were educated in the days prior to the Internet, e-mail and the electronic media in general. Students often give me incredulous looks when informed that we used to go to the library and use books as a research tool.

On the subject of the Internet, it is still probably the biggest challenge facing the IT Support Team, as bandwidth in South Africa continues to fall way behind first world standards and web developers seem to include video and high resolution graphics as a matter of necessity in the modem web site. This is also not including the students best efforts to circumvent our firewalls to, I am sure, not find academically suitable material. I am utterly convinced that the word 'facebook' ranks right up there with 'load shedding' as the two words/phrases that I detest the most.

Our Local Area Network (LAN) is now campus wide, thanks to the marvels of fibre optic cabling. To this end we now have a whole new breed of home based user who cannot survive the weekend without a connection at home. I understand that the increase in the price of fuel has led to reluctance to use the car absolutely more than necessary, but I often wonder how some could have survived before home connectivity.

On a more sombre note, the great stock market crash of 2008 has put plans for the new IT Centre, which I believe was to have begun construction in 2009 on hold for the foreseeable future. That would have presented a great opportunity to replace some of our more 'State of the Ark' architecture with more up to date and faster 'State of the Art' infrastructure.
In conclusion IT should be like a good referee in a sports contest, the less you see of him, the better his handling of the game. To avoid offending the gender sensitive you can replace him/his above with her/her as required. So without blowing our own trumpet, the network down time, without our big brother Eskom induced blackouts, has been kept to a minimum and to this end I would like to pay tribute to the excellent support I have received from the 2008 IT team of Simon Dottridge, Naveshrec Baldavoo and Gary Schneider.

This is IT (pun intended)!

COUNSELLING & LIFE ORIENTATION

HOD: Mr Tim Jarvis
Staff: Mr Keith Fairweather

"By any yardstick, we are raising the most wired, pampered and monitored generation in history... childhood today seems a far cry from the 'nest of gladness' imagined by Lewis Carroll." Carlos Honore.

There is little doubt that teaching, parenting and even childhood itself has changed drastically over the last few decades. Carlos Honore's book, 'Under Pressure - rescuing our children from the culture of hyper-parenting', provides research from around the world to highlight the fact the today's children and teenagers face stress and tensions that they are simply not equipped to cope with.

He goes on to say:

"Depression, self harm and eating disorders are on the rise among children around the world as are cases of stress induced illness such as stomach pain, headaches and chronic fatigue... The United Nations warns that one in five children already suffer from a psychological disorder."

In fact mental illness is so prevalent that it is having a severe impact on educational institutions around the globe. Steven Hyman, Professor of Neurobiology at Harvard, and former director of the US National Institute of Mental Health, says that the mental health of US College students is now in such a parlous state that "it is interfering with the core mission of the university".
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Visiting Chaplin. Father Don Aitchison (far right), from Canada, enjoying a discussion with C Block hoys in the winter sun

Foundational to all academic success and indeed success in all its forms is that of emotional well being. This is especially the case during the adolescent years. Therefore it is vital that our young men are given the support and guidance from parents and educators that they need if they are to rise to the challenge of the world today.

One of the best ways in which to give the scaffolding our young people need is to stay connected with them. Every boy, says Eli Ncubcrger. "needs someone who is crazy about him". To be known and cared for passionately gives a boy a strong sense of worth and the ability to persevere in the face of difficulties. The ability of parents and teachers to remain connected to an adolescent boy is perhaps the secret both to good parenting and teaching. The power of knowing someone cannot be underestimated and this is particularly true in the school environment. Part of this contact or connecting in the school context starts with knowing each pupil by name.

Known By Name

At the end of June this year I had the privilege of attending the 15th International Boys School Coalition conference in Toronto, Canada, with Deputy Rector, Allan Laing. At this conference we were able to present a workshop entitled 'Known by Name'.

The presentation began with a look at the culture of naming in the management of Nguni cattle herds by the Zulu people and how this deep rooted African tradition gives us food for thought when it comes to the management of our schools and the care of the pupils within them. The quotation below could apply almost as easily to the school setting as to rural Zululand:

"Each beast in a herd of Nguni is individual in the combination of its colour pattern, horn shape, gender, status and history. Each occupant of the byre has its story, as docs any member of the household, and carries its complex identity in the names and terms that describe its attributes." Marguerite Poland

Thereafter the necessity of knowing those in our care was emphasised and an examination of how this can be done in creative and meaningful ways took place. The principles of 'Cenerativity*' and 'Complexification*' were also discussed as a means of doing this. Both audio and visual clips were employed to create a multimedia presentation.

As well as presenting this talk in Toronto we had several other opportunities to present the talk, including to our Parent Support Groups in Pietermaritzburg, Durban and Johannesburg.
Parental Education

The partnership between home and school is a significant and important relationship that should never be ignored. There needs to be a reliance on working in tandem to help our boys through their teenage years. This year we once again ran our Strong Mothers-Strong Sons course by Cape Town psychologist Megan de Beyer. This course has been run with great success for several years.

In addition last year we added to our programme for Fathers and Sons. 'The Courage to Connect' and ran it for the second time this year. Seeing the interaction between fathers and their sons over the weekend of the course left me in no doubt as to just how crucial this relationship really is. Co-facilitator Mr Jacques Pretorius and I plan to refine and enhance this course.

The Michaelhouse Counselling Department remains committed to strengthening this vital link between school and family to best serve our teenage boys and remain connected and engaged with them.

Counselling and Support

The Counselling Department involved providing one-on-one support for our boys as and when the need arose. Such support can be invoked at the request of a Housemaster or relevant staff member, a concerned parent or directly from the boys themselves.

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Issues can be addressed internally at school or with the aid of professionals externally. It was gratifying to have the support of several well qualified, experienced and wise people with a background in psychological support to be able to refer boys to when necessary.

In order to be proactive in the area of personal counselling and support, several interventions were planned and carried out over the course of the year:

Drug and Alcohol Education: Alcohol continues to be a problem in our society and one that young people get a very mixed message about. As part of our ongoing programme, Mrs Caro Smit, a drug and alcohol counsellor from Pietermaritzburg, visited the school over a couple of weeks and every boy had the opportunity to interact with her during Life Orientation lessons.

We also had several enrichment speakers who addressed the topic of drug and alcohol abuse during the year.

Peer Advisors: A total of 16 boys completed a course over six months to give them some guidelines and skills so that when other boys talked to them about problems or they became aware of issues in the school, they were equipped to handle these appropriately. The training started with an awareness of their personality type and moved on to highlight more specific issues that they might be faced with in the boarding houses. While the programme is still in its infancy, it continues to grow and develop. My thanks to Mr Jaques Pretorius for his help with this initiative.

D Block Sexuality Course: This gave the boys a very thorough grounding in this subject and focused on equipping them to make informed decisions in this area. The boys were encouraged to think through a decision making process now, so that they are prepared for what lies ahead. Sister Ruth Loubser, a qualified sexual health educator led this course in her typically frank and direct way.

Careers & Tertiary Educational Guidance

Career education took place throughout the year in Life Orientation lessons and through a variety of presentations given by various tertiary and occupation institutions. In addition boys had the opportunity for individual guidance if they so desired. As well as this ongoing guidance, there were some specific activities which are highlighted below:

Self Directed Search: This year the whole of B Block did an assessment called Self Directed Search. The SDS was the ideal assessment to help clarify each boys' interests and to spark ideas for them in terms of possible careers they may be interested in. Accompanying websites allowed the boys opportunity to do further research around careers that interested them.
Work Exposure: This takes place at the end of the third quarter each year for B Block boys. The aim was to expose boys to the world of work as part of continued careers guidance.

D Block Subject Choice: Making decisions about subjects and eventually a future career path is not a once-off event. It is a process that is being constantly influenced by their own personal growth and maturity and the ever-changing world of work.

All D Block boys got a full morning of guidance on this issue and also got to complete the 'Ideas: Interest Determination, Exploration and Assessment System'. This assessment included an interest questionnaire and a workbook which was filled in and enabled the boys to narrow their search to their top three interests and find related jobs to match these interests. In turn this helped them with their subject choices.

Life Orientation

Life Orientation guides and prepares learners for life, and for its responsibilities and possibilities. This subject addressed knowledge, values, attitudes and skills about the self, the environment, responsible citizenship, a healthy and productive life, social engagement, recreation and physical activity, and career choices.

It equips learners to solve problems, to make informed decisions and choices, and to take appropriate actions to enable them to live meaningfully and successfully in a rapidly changing society.

We were fortunate to be motivated and inspired by excellent Enrichment Speakers during 2008. The aim of these Enrichment Speakers is to supplement our Life Orientation programme at Michaelhouse.

Likewise our Home Room programme was run alongside the Life Orientation programme and addressed important skills, values and attitudes on a weekly basis.

C Block

Along with the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education we completed a certificate course on coaching in the first quarter. In addition we continued with their First Aid Certificate qualification. Strategies to enhance self-awareness and self-esteem were also covered.

During the second quarter we discussed the question, 'What is a man?' Using some film and advertising clips we were able to look at society's image of maleness and look at the mask of masculinity that many men and boys are forced to wear. We looked at why this is the case and how to take steps to truly be yourself.

Building a brand is the most integral part of becoming successful, whether in business or in sport. We discussed the importance of a personal brand, building relationships and networking. A Personal
Brand Strategy task was completed, focusing on short, medium and long term goal setting, personal visions, use of marketing tools, etc.

During the period of the Olympic Games we looked at the environmental concerns in the polluted city of Beijing, and
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also designed a poster depicting the Human Rights debate in China (especially Tibet) and the conflict with the Olympic values.

Qualities of leadership, the Michaelhouse Prefects' Pledge, bullying issues, and the Cop/Cack system at Michaelhouse were tackled in a leadership task. They also wrote letters of application to their Housemasters for Prefect or Student Leader positions.

Finally, they discussed and debated important issues around democracy.

B Block

The first quarter's work saw us continue with their First Aid Certificate qualification. We also completed goal-setting, so as to manage themselves and their activities responsibly and effectively. In addition, we analysed relationships, gender roles, and their effects on self, family and society.

We continued exploring the theme of careers, focusing on building a foundation for making sound decisions around the future. Time was spent preparing the boys for Work Exposure and helping them to begin creating curriculum vitae. We also took a break from career exploration to look at the issue of sex and sexuality.

These boys also completed a Personal Brand Strategy task, focusing on short, medium and long term goal setting, personal visions, use of marketing tools, etc.

They also explored the topic: 'If poverty is the root of immoral behaviour should we condemn this behaviour?'

As with C Block, we explored and debated the Olympic Games and qualities of leadership.

A Block

In the first quarter we examined the entrance requirements for university, how to apply for a tertiary education course and looked at what options were available for 'gap years'. Work done included producing a CV and completing a university application form with covering letter.

Portfolio tasks were our primary focus during the second quarter and we focussed on building a Personal Brand Strategy. As with the other groups, we also discussed the Olympic Games and leadership qualities at Michaelhouse.

Their IEB Common Task for Assessment (CAT) focussed on 'Social Justice: Moral Choices and Poverty'.

Academic Support
With the demands of high school education there were many boys who needed additional support. To this end we were fortunate to have Mrs Debby Evans visit the School three days each week. Debby worked with the boys on a one-on-one or small group level. This year she worked with a number of boys in the area of study and organisational skills. The Reading Plus programme was introduced this year to assist Debby to improve the reading abilities of a substantial number of students.

All E Block boys completed a two day study and exam skills course run by Debby in the second and fourth quarters this year. As always, all pupils at Michaelhouse were able to attend evening study and exam technique classes prior to both sets of exams.

The department also worked with a group of boys and secured a number of internal exam concessions which assisted them in reaching their full potential in test situations. In their B Block year applications are made to the IEB so that the boys can continue to benefit from these concessions in their Grade 12 year and ultimately their finals. My thanks go to Debby Evans for overseeing this aspect of academic support.

Conclusion

Once again it has been a wonderful year full of opportunities to get to know some of the young men at Michaelhouse. It would not have been possible without my colleague Mr Keith Fairweather who has so capably steered Michaelhouse's Life Orientation programme through to Grade 12 for the first time. It is with great regret that we say goodbye as Keith takes up his new post as Deputy Head at St Albans, Pretoria. We wish him all the best in what I know will be the continuation of a remarkable career in education.

"Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope on the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise as on eagles wings"

Isaiah 40:30-31

EAPS-EXTENDED ACADEMIC PROGRAMME FOR SCHOLARS

Master in Charge: Mr Paul de Wet

Members: Alasdair Allen, David Bradford, David Brill, Brian Cox, Guy Cunfliffe, Storm Gallie, Edward Greene, Stuart Hadfield, Paul Hewat, Sean Hugo, Kieren King, Joshua Magor, Nicholas Meyer, Jonathan Purnell, Matthew Purnell, Anthony Strathern, Ben van Aswegen,
The EAPS had a relatively quiet year after the excitement of their trip to the United States in 2007.

'EAP' is a noun, describing someone in the top five in his Block academically. However, 'EAP' is also a verb, used as follows, "Please may I 'EAP' this lesson sir?" EAPS have always been allowed the privilege of taking time out of class providing, of course, that they are up to date with their work.

For some time I have been trying to improve the balance between
the reward component of the programme and the component oilcring opportunities for extension. I fear that, until now we have given too much attention to the former, possibly at the expense of the latter. We have taken the boys on outings to see interesting things but have typically not required too much back from them. This year we asked all our LAPS in B, C and I) Block to work on a project of their choice. The idea was that they worked in small groups on something interesting that would extend them. They chose some interesting topics. One group worked on the 902030 project an initiative which aims to cut emissions of greenhouse gases by 90% by 2030. Another investigated the 'Sub-Prime' phenomenon. Other groups investigated environmental issues. Some of the interest in environmental issues was sparked by a visit to farmer. Mr Shelby Tyne, in the Eston area. He runs his home and farm off power generated by methane gas produced by rotting chicken litter in a biogreaser. I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of their projects.

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

MOD: Mrs Win de Wet

Start': Mr Andrew Brown, Mr Linda Linda. Mr Msi/i Mchunu

This year has been an exceptionally challenging one for most subjects with the introduction of the New Curriculum Statement (NCS) and Economics was no exception. We were faced with a syllabus that seemed a lot more challenging than in the past as well as a new look exam. The exams are going to consist of more open ended questions which will require our boys to be able to interpret graphs and tables of statistics and give their own opinions about what is happening in the South African economy and how international economics and events affect South Africa. While some teachers feel daunted by this, the Michaelhouse Economics Department has always seen this as an important part of the way we teach and arc thus pleased with this addition to the final paper. We continue to encourage the boys to read the newspaper regularly

Mrs IVin de Wet explaining Economics to E Block boys

and to read a wide range of business publications.

The number of boys choosing to study Economics continued to grow. As a result of this we appointed a new teacher to teach three EMS classes. We welcomed Mr Msi/i Mchunu at the beginning of the year. He has settled nicely and enjoyed working with the Michaelhouse boys. Mr Mchunu was instrumental in encouraging some of the C Block boys to enter the JSE/Liberty Investment Challenge this year.

Mr Ian Hobson left us at the end of the first quarter. He made a huge contribution to the Economics department over the past three years and his professionalism and ability to get the most out of the
boys he interacted with in the classroom, in Founders House and on the sports field will be sorely missed! Mr Linda Linda, a young graduate from Gauteng, joined the department at the beginning of the second quarter. He has settled down well and is making his mark in the Economics Department.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter Mr Michael Porter, a

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Scott Wadeson discussing financial matters
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Stuart Maclaren with his model home and explosive water feature

Michaelhouse Old Boy and Director of Harvard House Group, addressed the B and C Block Economics boys on careers in finance and the credit crisis in the USA. It was a most interesting and informative talk. Mr Porter offered to share his insight into the South African and global economies on an ongoing basis which we appreciated.

The South African economic climate, as well as the global economic climate this year, has been very interesting to study. 2008 will be remembered for the high inflation rates in South Africa leading to high interest rates, the credit crisis in America and the resultant crash in stock markets world wide as well as the high oil price.

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS & DESIGN

HOD: Mr Elmar de Klerk

At the beginning of 2008, the syllabus and the subject name changed from Technical Drawing to Engineering Graphics and Design: the emphasis being on learning how to draw within the context of Civil Technology, Electrical Technology and Mechanical Technology. The introduction of Computer Aided Design (CAD) was an exciting new addition to Engineering Graphics and Design and went a long way in making the subject relevant to the future. We were fortunate to have access to AUTOCAD 2009 (24 licences). The pupils were very confident with the programme and most knew the essentials of the programme by the end of B Block. My aim is to introduce advanced 3D Modelling drawings by the end of 2009.

I believe, however, that most drawing for the foreseeable future will still be done using drawing instruments, with freehand drawing receiving a lot more prominence than in the past.

Engineering Graphics and Design was a popular subject choice with a pleasing growth in student numbers.

I have no doubt EGD will continue to be a popular subject choice for many boys who want to pursue a career in the Engineering field.

HUMAN & SOCIAL SCIENCES
Geography Department

HOD: Mr Michael Bownes

Staff: Mr John Crawford, Mr Sibusiso Ncamane, Mr Bernard Whitaker

"If anything is certain, it is that change is certain. The world we
are planning for today will not exist in this form tomorrow." Philip Crosby

This quote bore relevance in two areas in the Geography Department in 2008. The first major change we dealt with was the new HOD, who had the somewhat daunting task of attempting to fill the void left by the departure of Mrs Cathy Thomson and Mr Carl Pachonick - legends in their own right. I believe the transition to new leadership in the department has been relatively smooth. The department maintained a settled and established feel about it and staff morale was high.

Secondly, the world we are planning for today will not exist in this form tomorrow.

This must be the greatest challenge facing us as Geography educators in 2008 and the future. Never before has the subject been as relevant and pertinent when topics such as climate change, load-shedding and economic recession remain foremost in the media and casual conversation. The department emphasised the integrated and systematic approach to engage the subject. We endeavoured to create teaching and learning environments which extended way beyond the classroom in order that the boys were made aware of physical and socio-economic challenges facing society and were empowered to make positive contributions thereto. Integrating the media and other learning areas into our teaching was non-negotiable and essential to teaching practice in the subject. Our aim was to ensure the boys were given skills enabling them to make informed choices and decisions in their participation in society.

Bono of U2 said:

"As a rock star, I have two instincts, I want to have fun, and I want to change the world. I have a chance to do both."

I sincerely believe we can adapt and adopt that credo as Geography educators:

"As teachers, we have two opportunities - to influence young minds to change the world and to have fun doing so. We can do both."

We continued to consider staff development as important this year. Enrichment development seminars, run internally, were held twice. Furthermore, I attended the IEB User Group Conference in February. Two staff members attended an IS AS A Geography
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Educators conference in Cape Town in October. These conferences exposed the staff to ideas and experiences that enriched their teaching. Networking with other Geography educators is also an invaluable component of attending conferences. Two staff members attended a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training course in November.

GIS has become an integral part of teaching Geography at Michaelhouse. We have installed a new version of ArcView in the Geography IT lab. The departmental vision is that all Geographers will be proficient in integrating GIS in their Geography investigations by the time they leave Michaelhouse.

A number of fieldtrips were undertaken this year. The A Block group found their urban investigation into the changing fabric of Pietermaritzburg an interesting and valuable day out. The B Block visited the water storage and transfer scheme at Sterkfontein Dam. The D Block visited parts of Pietermaritzburg as part of their Integrated Studies programme. The E Block worked on the Michaelhouse Estate.

History Department

HOD: Mr Mike Thomson

The History Department spent most of the year working on developing and gathering resources to consolidate the teaching of the new FET syllabus.

The A Block class of 2008 will be the first to write the new style FET paper and all the local schools’ History Departments have been corresponding over the format and level of questions that might be set. Unfortunately Michaelhouse did not write its trials at the same time as the other schools in our cluster this year and thus we were unable to participate in the combined trials paper. However we did manage to secure copies of that paper and that belonging to another cluster and this together with looking at the IEB Exemplar Paper allowed us to set a trials paper that was of an equitable Matric standard. This fact was borne out when this year’s portfolios were submitted for moderation to the Regional Moderator. The trials results indicated that the class competently completed the syllabus and appear well set for the final examination where we will hopefully exceed the 5 'A's achieved in the trial examinations.

The B Block class commenced their FET syllabus for 2009 with some recently proposed changes to both the syllabus and the examination format for 2009 by the IEB. This is to be discussed in February 2009, but has already produced some unhappy responses from KwaZulu-Natal history teachers.
The C Block class studied The First World War and Russia in the 20th Century

Student numbers in the department have held well at about 20 per class, but we would dearly love to be able to offer History on two syllabus lines as there is a definite demand for this. It would also facilitate an increase in the number of people able to take this most important subject.

LANGUAGES
Afrikaans Department

HOD: Mrs Louise Erwee

Staff: Mrs Hlcnnc du Toil, Mrs Kike \on Schlichting.

Mr George Ferreira, Mr. Johan \an Rooyen,

Mr Rvno Combrinck, Mr Andre Black

The A Blockers were well prepared for the new syllabus. The trial examinations were set and marked according to the Exemplars received from the examiners responsible for the final papers, and the results were encouraging. Oral moderation and the moderation

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of portfolios were finalised. We were assured by the Regional Moderator that our work was of a high and accurate standard, executed according to the IEB requirements.

It has been a difficult two-year period for both boys and staff. Overnight Afrikaans became a First Additional Language and the jump in the level of the language was substantial. The skills that were now required were on a par with their first language.

Our focus changed, and the B and C Blocks now write examinations according to the same requirements expected in the Senior Certificate, this to better prepare them for the future. The boys have adjusted quite well, although the weaker pupils arc struggling to come to grips with the raised expectations.

On the advice of Mrs Faith Bam, Mr Johan van Rooyen and I visited St Andrews and St Johns in Johannesburg on a fact finding mission. Both schools operate in very different ways, however, the one thing they have in common, is the Feeder School. This made a huge difference to the level of competence in Afrikaans when they reached high school. Our boys come from far and wide - some from schools that certainly do not prioritise competence in Afrikaans.

Earlier in the year some of our braver pupils attempted the SA Taalbond Bilingualism Examination and received a huge shock when confronted with the standard required. This was a very interesting exercise. Those who used to think their language skills were perfectly adequate, now think otherwise. Congratulations to the following who managed to pass:

Kasper Buys Grade 1
Hanko von Schlichting Grade 2
Julian Wissing Grade 2
Richter Landman Grade 3
Naude Breet Grade 3

At mid-year the D Blockers produced some lovely presentations when they were required to produce a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Dit is Michaelhouse" as part of their I) Block Integrated Studies programme. The D Blockers also manfully struggled through the CTA's this year.

Mr George Ferreira is leaving the Afrikaans Department at the end of the year to take up his new post in the Life Orientation Department. Mrs Elke von Schlichting will be taking over his Afrikaans classes. We would like to thank Mrs Liczel Ferreira who unhesitatingly took over Elke's
classes when she was ill.

English Department

HOD: Mrs Mary McMichael

Staff: Mrs Colleen Cook, Mr Simon Crane, Mr Peter Dennyson, Mr Peter Huntley, Mr Bryan Tarr, Mrs Dionne Redfern

Groucho Marx said, "Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men - the 999 follow women."

1 having taken over the reigns from the venerable Mr Peter Dennyson this year, I was unsure whether the English staff would join the 999. Most thankfully they did, and proved to be a warm, witty and supportive group of colleagues too.

As my initial year as HOD draws to a close, I am relieved to say that 2008 has seen no 'winds of change' in our staffing. In fact I am delighted to hear that Mr Peter Dennyson, due for retirement at the end of this year, will be with us for 2009. Sadly though Mrs Colleen Cook decided not to continue teaching next year, but hopefully we will be able to call on her expertise as she continues in the Media Centre as Assistant Librarian. I am indebted to her for her valuable insight at meetings and her quiet guidance through the mysteries of assessment standards and Bloom's Taxonomy.

Perhaps a little disappointing were the results from the English Olympiad in which only seven boys received bronze medals. This exam, which required pupils to respond to a different literary work each year and to study on their own, inevitably comes at the start of the hockey and rugby training season. Thus, 'The Law on Stage' (this year's theme) took second place to beep tests and push ups and the opportunity to write a dialogue between a shark and a lawyer or create a psychological profile for a juror was lost on many of the candidates.

A number of young poets and writers entered a variety of
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competitions this year and Patrick Smythc's winning essay from the Old Boys' Essay competition brought him further accolade in the Natal Witness Short Story Competition in which he was a semi-finalist.

Three of our students were awarded anthology prizes in the Whisper Poetry Art and Literature competition. Their work will be published in the anthology. Congratulations to Ben van Aswegen, Jake Trchaeven and David Horscroft.

It is a pity that today much of our teaching time is taken up with 'functional* writing in preparing the boys for the world of commerce. As a result, many poetic and creative powers have been laid to waste as youngsters gear themselves for a world of 'getting and spending*. I hope next year to remedy some of this by encouraging those who arc interested to join a Writer's Club and afford them the opportunity to write creatively and to share their ideas.

Having walked a conservative path this year, perhaps the time has conic for me, like Harold Macmillan, to encourage some changes knowing that "whether we like it or not this growth of [OBE] is a political fact. We must all accept it as a fact"*. We may find that it is not just an ill wind that blows no good.

WRITINGS
(little) i

Written by Nicholas Skyer

i woke up today when i searched eyes

for even a glimmer
of depth

and realised you're not worth it (really really)

just an idea quite fabricated

as wishful as god

vacuous
for all

intense

and purpose non-existent

but you made me (wish i was)

i made up your
love
me
u r the persisting day-dream
hazy yet painfully vivid
SCREAM!
And the jarring sound could create
maybe reality
feel, you are hiding
empty face
don't know why i care
its always going to be un-requited
marvelously misunderstood
cant.
selfishly blame you for your limitations
paralysed fool
Dear God

Written by Ben van Astcegen

Perhaps it is odd
that i should seek refuge in Your tower
of strength at this hour
whilst the world is snoring,
and from the heavens are pouring
Your life giving blessing.

1 know you have much to do.
what with all the universe demanding from you
constant attention...

...not to mention
the sublime
passage of time
You perpetually manage.

But. You see, my wooden heart now gnarls
and with baffled dolour snarls

at its scars, can be by the blade of a once blunt love - love honed
by a failed fancy: that flinty feeling of lust that moaned
as it flared and flamed
yet couldn't be tamed!

Hence it set my core alight
and blazed so bright
that it scorched my center
and allowed an anguish to enter
my naTve soul.

So God. I meekly ask

that between imperative tasks.

You douse these disturbances
with Your acumen, reassurances
and lastly Your dcvinc certainty

that earthly life and its hurdles are but a gateway to paradise:

eternity

With You.

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The night is still,
It is silence,
It is the whispers
And the echoes of
Memories long past and
Days long dead and gone.

It is blood, in
Its sanguine beauty.

And life, and fire,
Muttering ancient tales
To those who will listen.

It is water,
Formless and unpinnable,
Enigmatic and fluid,
Flowing with reams of
Sacred knowledge and power.

It is joy, and
Fear, and hatred.
And longing, and sadness.

It reeks of melancholy
And nostalgia, and the
bittersweet perfume of
Love and compassion.

It is darkness and Death,
Pricked with the silver souls
Of those who shed their shackles.

The night is mine.
When discretion is smashed
Written By Ben van Aswegen
You sip slowly
Lips tender but unholy.

Minds numbed
By the dominion of the bottle.

You hold it loosely
Inhibitions are shunned.

Deafening speakers roar
Sporadic lights flash
It's not the bottle that I'm thirsting for
It drops to the floor.
You - your lips - want more
More!
Is that all?
Nothing less than the entire
That's your call

I guess this is what it's all been for
The charade of love, pretending to adore
It was only a facade
You might as well have been a whore!

Here we go then
We'll let loose our lust
No time to waste, no time to squander
Feel good feel pleasure. We'll soon be dust.

W INNER OF THE OLD BOY'S ESSAY COMPETITION
Thou Art Indeed Just Lord

Written by Patrick Smythe

The Zululand sun rose in the Zululand sky, promising to provide warmth for what was to be another Zululand day, humid and without relief. She smelt that familiar scent of burnt sugarcane, the farm workers will have their work cut out for them during the harvest.

It amazed her how the usually docile farm suddenly sprang into life. From the moment the first match was lit, to the destruction of the chest-high green sea, the blackening of the sky to the falling of
the most common rain at this time of year, those delicate strands of ash. These all meant one thing, ironically this raping of the land meant a betterment of their family's life. Today that rumble of the trains stretched to rouse them from their sleep before the sun had risen, carrying their loot to be refined and returning back in the form things more useful, of greater value to them in their simplified lives. Those trains signified the assurance of food on the table, more certain than their rhythmic 'clickity-clack', and yet it was the trains that would take it all away; the food, the farm and the faith in a country where smoke could be smelt.

Life as a farmer's wife was to her a lot more than what most people made it out to be, apart from the 'usual' tipping of frogs out of gumboots and washing overgrown moths down the plughole, there were tasks that were not included in the job description: Chasing unnaturally large monkeys out the kitchen and shooting even larger snakes out of trees. It all made her proud in an abstract way; proud to be able to protect her children, proud to live off the land, and proud to be African. Despite those hazardous journeys embarked upon by her great ancestors who infact lived in Europe, many decades later (and skin tones darker) she felt she belonged in this land. She was born here, gave birth here, found love in both her husband and the land, and planned on taking her final breath here. A train changed such a harmonious way of life, the clicking of a locomotive on a track ended the thumping of her heart for this place.
Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

George S Patton

Trips into town were rarely taken at best, and even though they didn't live in a different time period, they chose to live at a different tempo. The shrill cry of an eagle was preferred to that of a car horn. She and her three children set off on this journey not out of enjoyment, but necessity... rations, provisions, supplies. All humans have a desire for such simplicities, anything to allow the beautiful brutality of farm life to be cushioned. The smell from the cane fires was still detectable in the car, yearning for their return already. A train, possibly filled with their harvest, was approaching from the left, its tracks dissecting the road in two at the crossroad. She realised it would be unnecessarily dangerous to attempt to cross and the car willingly came to a subservient halt. As it screamed past, blocking out anything else from being heard, dark men emerged from the bush that almost engulfed the road. Their intentions were evident before their demands were barked: Her car. her jewelry, money, dignity, possibly even her life. But what of her children? Nothing comes between a mother and her young, even these hyenas should have acknowledged this rule of Africa. They had obviously foreseen this problem as the guns at their sides would imply. This land had taught her many things, and one of those was a stubbornness that was now rooted deep within her. thicker than her heels from the many hours of walking barefoot, connected to this land. And so when they demanded that she get out the car, she refused, when they demanded the car itself, she reversed. When she was getting away, they shot at her. When her jaw was hit by a bullet, blowing it off, something that would require uncountable operations, she continued reversing, away from it all. leaving a nation without boundaries behind. For what? A better life? That was not possible; Zululand was her home, their home. A safer life of course, a sacrifice in itself.

She managed to drive all the way to hospital in that state, and lived. The morphine, surgery and love of her family were not enough to counter the pain that burnt her from inside. Africa had failed her; her faith was shattered worse than her mandible. They moved, within weeks, to more sterile shores. Shores that lacked the beat of Africa, but possessed a safety Africa was unable to provide. She heard from her new land, that the men had been caught, and days later had bribed their way through the bars of their cell and back into the open, while her family had been ripped from the land, their roots still bare and sensitive. Thou Art Indeed Just, Lord.

French Department
Exchange programme with Northfield International School

In August the department contacted Northfield International School, in Mauritius, to put in place the first steps in organising exchange programmes between their school and Michaelhouse next year. Their response has been very positive and the matter is in progress.

2008 Outings

The D Blockers enjoyed an outing closer to home this year and were treated to a visit to La Petite France, followed by a picnic, in the company of Mrs Schweyer. They really enjoyed the event and had an opportunity to learn about the art of making camembert.

The C Blockers also enjoyed a picnic at La Petite France in the company of the St Anns Grade 10 girls.

The B Blockers attended the annual Grade 11 quiz at Hilton College in the second quarter. The boys who took part in the quiz did very well and they enjoyed catching up with students from Durban and neighbouring schools.

The A Blockers attended their annual French Matric Dinner held at St Marys. The evening was a great success and the highlight was the French can-can, which was organised by the girls of Eden College. Mrs Hawthorne's slide show on her tour to France was also much enjoyed.

To end the year on a relaxed note, the E Blockers enjoyed a coffee break at Knight's Coffee Shop.

Challenges in the Matric Syllabus

This year a new section, in the form of literature, was reinstated at examination level. The students studied the theme of Identity through the novel ‘Monsieur Ibrahim et les fleurs du Coran’ and some poetry. Despite significant changes in the new portfolio, the Matrics lived up to the challenge and worked hard throughout the year.
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They who dream by day are cognisant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

Edear Allan Poe

isiZulu Department

HOD: Mr Sandile Khuluse

Staff: Mr Sam Mofokeng, Mr Mandla Cele

It is always an emotional moment to say farewell to the boys that one has worked with for five years. The saddest thought is that we may not see some of these boys ever again! I can just wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

Zulu Evening

On 22 August Michaelhouse hosted an amazing Zulu evening. About 400 people from 12 different schools (including Michaelhouse) attended. Each school was given a 10 minute slot on stage where they performed different cultural activities. All the performances took place in the Schlesinger Theatre and the programme was well directed by Patrick Howard and Mr Sam Mofokeng. We started at 15h30 and finished at 17h30. At the end of the show everybody applauded them for the dignified manner in which they conducted the proceedings.

From the theatre we proceeded to the Inglis Indoor Centre where a traditional Zulu feast was prepared for everybody who participated in this fabulous evening. I wish to thank the kitchen staff for having prepared such a delicious meal.

The second day greeted the boys earlier than they expected, but still greeted them graciously. After breakfast they were taken for some team building activities which included a treasure hunt and spear throwing, just to mention a few. The boys were told they had to practice a short Zulu play to be performed in the evening. Being the skilled actors our boys are, they rose to the challenge. After a tedious practice session, the boys decided they were ready. The time came. The air was buzzing with anticipation
and all eyes were on our boys, wondering if they had it in them or not. When our boys took to the stage, the air was filled with tension. Everyone was silent. Our boys were then called to step up for their performance. It was electrifying!

The morning of our departure was upon us and the only thing left to do was say goodbye. We left the legacy of the hills of Eshowe and a place we called home for a weekend.

C Block Outing To Shakaland

On Saturday 11 August the C Block Zulu class travelled to Shakaland just outside Eshowe. Our traditional Zulu experience got underway at 20h00 with Ingoma, which is a collection of traditional dances from various members of the Nguni tribes. As with the D Block outing, the boys were well entertained by dancing, drumming and clapping.

I wish to thank all the schools that participated for having uplifted the standard. I wish to make special mention of our boys, they were outstanding. Thanks to Mr Mandla Cele who worked tirelessly to get them prepared.

After breakfast on the second day the boys were taken on a tour through Shakaland where they were shown spear throwing, weaving, traditional herbalists and Zulu love letters. We were even lucky enough to be offered a taste of some fine, home brewed Zulu beer, but only a sip.

D Block Outing To KwaBhekithunga

On Saturday 23 August the D Block Zulu class travelled to KwaBhekithunga just outside Eshowe. After a long journey from highways to gravel roads, we arrived safely and were greeted by the very receptive people of the village. We were escorted to our sleeping quarters where we had a shower and then proceeded to a delicious traditional supper.

The boys were told they had to learn a Zulu dance for the night as they were the main guests, and being the skilled movers our boys are, they rose to the challenge.

After breakfast on the third day we said goodbye and returned to Michaelhouse.

Our traditional Zulu experience got underway at 20h00 with 'Ingoma', which is a collection of traditional dances from various members of the Nguni tribes. The boys were dazzled by the Zulus, entertained by the Xhosas and serenaded by the calmer movements of the Swazi nation. The loud drumming and constant clapping created an atmosphere that would make a cynic smile. As there was only one event scheduled for
the evening we decided to retire to our rooms early as we had a long day

Conclusion

To those remaining in the isiZulu Department, I wish to say continue working hard. I have no doubt that at the end of your Matric year you will realise that you took a wise decision by choosing isiZulu as a subject.

Our current Matric boys were the first group to write the new curriculum and I am optimistic that they will receive favourable results at the end of the year.
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KZN Midlands Maths team members (back l-r) Joshua Magor.

Mr Viktor Kurz. Alex Waller, (middle l-r) Reece Chittenden.

Kyle Flancgan

MATHEMATICS

HOD: Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield

Staff Members: Mr Albic Dahlberg, Mr Paul de Wet,

Mr Given Dzingwa, Miss Lisa Hardie. Mr Viktor Kurz,

Mr Allan Laing, Mr Michael Schwartz, Mr Andre van Wyk

The Mathematics Department had a busy year, particularly since 2008 saw the first A Block final examinations in the new FET curriculum. Our mission was, and remains at the core of all that we do: to make Mathematics relevant, challenging, exciting and accessible to all our boys. The department offers Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy and Advanced Programme Mathematics as subjects.

Competitions

South African Mathematics Olympiad

A number of our boys took part in the Olympiad and 11 juniors and 20 seniors advanced to the second round of this competition. The following boys were placed in the top 150 in the province in the second round: Daniel Holliday. Alex Waller, William Gowans, Ben van Aswegen, Donald Sinton, Guy Cunliffe. Kieren King. Joshua Magor. Reccc Chittenden. Mitchell Green. Michael Harrison, and Kyle Flancgan.

Inter-Provincial Mathematics Olympiad

The following boys were selected, based on their SA Maths Olympiad results, to form part of the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands Provincial Team to take part in the Inter-Provincial Maths Olympiad: Alex Waller, Joshua Magor, Reece Chittenden, Mitchell Green, Michael Harrison. Kyle Flancgan.

All of these boys represented their province well in the final competition.

Li Block hoys reading in the Media Centre

MEDIA CENTRE
2008 - A Milestone Year

2008 was a very special year for the Media Centre as it marked the 10th year of the Library and Audio Visual Department being housed in the magnificent new Business and Media Centre building. A 'commemorative newspaper' was printed to celebrate the occasion and it was distributed on Friday 2 May to commemorate the opening of the Business and Media Centre building on that day in 1998. The newspaper traced the history of the Michaelhouse Library from a very modest reading room in 1899, through its stately existence in the Rector's Reception area and finally, to its current superb position overlooking the Snell Memorial, with the green hills of the Midlands in the background. The Board of Governors was invited to sherry in the foyer and enjoyed a presentation entitled: 'Where have we come from... and where are we going?' which depicted a typical day in the library and also gave some insights into future plans for the library.

Spotlight On Reading And Research

Stocking the 'Cherub Series' in the library engendered a competitive spirit amongst the younger boys - they have tracked the books down when they have been issued out and spurred the slow culprits on to hurry up and finish reading the books so that they could get back into circulation. For those not caught up in the 'Cherub' hype, some new series such as The Ranger's Apprentice, Jonah Wish and The Pendragon Series brought new interest and escape. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the release of Brisingr by Christopher Paolini, the third book in the Inheritance Series. For many the long wait was over when it arrived after the Michaelmas
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Trust that little voice in your head that says "Wouldn't it be interesting if... And then do it.

Duane Michals

holidays. For many the wait until then was just too long and they bought their own copies. For all, the question now remains, 'When will the fourth book be available?' Sports biographies continued to be very popular and there is a general interest in books about current affairs, financial management and personal growth.

The E Block boys were extremely fortunate to have Mrs Annie Robinson, the renowned actress, come and do some dramatised reading for them. The aim of inviting Annie to read to the boys was to expose them to books from many of the lesser known genres and to encourage them to be more adventurous with the types of books they like to read. Excerpts were read from various books and Annie's superb dramatic ability really made the characters come to life.

Readathon Week, with its theme 'The More You Read, The More You Know', was celebrated with a presentation by Parent and Old Boy, Mr Peter Harris, author of the book 'In A Different Time'. Peter kept the boys enthralled with stories of acts of violence perpetrated by both policemen and ANC struggle fighters alike. Throughout the presentation Peter made events in the book and decisions which he had taken relative to the boys' lives. He emphasised that choices which they made would shape their lives and left them with the thought 'To what length would they go to stand up for what they believed in?'

The use of encyclopaedias and books for research seemed to be on the up. Pressed for time and frustrated by the massive amounts of information which a search on the internet produced, many boys came to realise that the answer to their many questions lies in the book a consolidated, quickly accessible resource which is actually quite pleasant to use!

The Media Studies programme for the E Block this year introduced the Champion Readers challenge. To become a Champion Reader each boy had to read at least eight books throughout the year and do a report on each book. The reports were quite varied including designing a Facebook profile for the main character of the book, designing a computer game based on the book and directing a film based on the book. In the project research skills component of the programme the boys were guided through the steps required for producing a good project. These skills were used to produce a brochure in celebration of 2008 being recognised as the International Year of the Potato.

Adding Interest

'A picture tells a thousand words' aptly sums up the visual world we live in and Mrs Colleen Cook, who joined the Media Centre team
this year, has underwritten this saying wholeheartedly with the stunning displays which she has created. These displays attracted the boys' attention and spiked their interest in the various topics which were highlighted. Some of the topics featured in displays include: 2008 - The International Year of Languages; Valentine's Day, which depicted famous couples; Human Rights Day, which looked at man's inhumanity to man in general; Protest Action in South Africa, which was enhanced by a rolling visual presentation; the Beijing Olympic Games; National Library Week and a Focus on Health.

Staff Development

The 'Lectures Over Lunch' programme, introduced in 2007, continued throughout the year. These talks are aimed at introducing staff to skills which can be used to enhance their teaching and also to add interest to the type of tasks which they set the boys. Topics discussed included Excel, web page design, conducting surveys online and an overview of the technologies which Web 2.0 offers.

Audio/Visual Department

The Audio/Visual Department experienced another year of growth as the DVD collection was expanded with many popular new titles, as well as some very interesting educational titles. The boys enjoyed watching these during their free time. The department was once again extremely efficiently run by Mr Simon Zondi and my sincere thanks go to him for his hard work and support throughout the year. Mr Sibusiso Dlamini assisted Simon during the first part of the year but has now taken up a position in the IT Department. My thanks go to Sibusiso for his hard work whilst he was part of the Media Centre team and I wish him well in his new challenge.

Conclusion

Each of the Media Centre team qualified for an Olympic Gold this year and my sincere thanks go to all of them! A special word of thanks to Mrs Colleen Cook who brought a whole new vibrancy to the library with her innovative ideas and eye-catching displays. Sadly, after twenty years of loyal service, Mrs Thembi Sikhakane retired in July. Thembi, in her time at the Michaelhouse Library, was the assistant to four different librarians - quite an achievement! She was an extremely valuable member of the Media Centre team and she will be missed by all of us. We wish her well in all of her new ventures. We welcome Ms Zanele Mchunu to the team and look forward to working with her. The support from the Student Leaders and in particular, Michael Richardson, was fantastic - my thanks go to them all.
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OUTDOOR EDUCATION
E Block: Oribi Reserve: 15 - 17 September

Written by Corel Sworn (Fourniers)

We began our journey from Screens on Monday morning with the taste of adventure on our tongues and our feet at the ready. We were informed by Mr. Guthrie of the route we would be taking. We set off down the road and on the never-ending (almost) path to the Oribi Reserve. Little did we know that the path we would be taking was no ordinary path but the dreaded BACK ROUTE! This took us to the top gate. This lead to a lot of complaints as each House attempted to take short cuts, some included jumping, breaking or climbing the fences which all lead to drastic results. We then reached the main camp and our exhaustion overtook us as we sat down with many sighs and heavy breathes! Then we saw Mr. Guthrie, looking as chipper as ever, smiling as we eagerly gulped down the water at hand. He then gave us our supplies, instructions and accessories and sent us off to build our camps. As we passed the other camps we saw all types of arrangements - some were indescribable and brought an almost sadistic smile to your face, others were rather ingenious and some required rethinking and rebuilding. Building camps took up most of the morning and some took even longer. In the end, we finally found relief in our favourite word: Lunch!

We only did one more activity that day and for some it was hell and others it was bliss (due to some ingenious moves by a few members). This was orienteering! In this task we were all tied together by one single rope and had to walk across the great

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expanse of the reserve. All the members took part in it from small to tall and fat to thin and as you can imagine this caused pain, grief and one too many snide comments within the different Houses. That night we were all tired and mentally exhausted and many were too worn out from the day to continue their petty arguments which had been going on throughout the day. Some people were relieved while others were sad that we didn’t have to cook our own dinner that night. As the night wore on each House could be seen snuggling in their tents, though some were seen outside the tent due to some minor spatial issues caused by dodgy designs. Unfortunately a rather chilly breeze also blew through the hills that night making it even colder. The next morning we woke up. (some people unable to sleep due to other people snoring) with the sun rising up and shining right into our faces. We were told to light the fires (for the first time on this camp as the wind had died down) to cook our own first homemade, and might I add delicious, breakfast of oats porridge.

Once we made our breakfast and put out the fires properly we made our way to the main base where we were briefed on the mission, the dreaded raft building exercise, or as we called it 'hell'. We first had to walk up all the way back to the top gates of the reserve only to find many heavy poles and obese-looking oil barrels. After we had each collected the right number of both we made for the starting line, some with poles and some with barrels. At the sound of "Go.......") we made a juddering start and many were almost trampled by the teams anxious to get to Alex Dam, our first target. This was no easy task as we had to cross the feared valley and then onto the almost impossible task of climbing Mt Michael.

This task brought out the best in the Houses as many of the weaker Houses, both mentally and emotionally, were brought together by the blood and sweat of physical competition. As each House made their way to the dam some were split while others stayed together. All were coming in dribs and drabs. The trip to the dam and then across the freezing cold water on our homemade rafts was a real experience. Lucky in the end all Houses finished although only a few rafts remained intact.

Sadly, this was only the first leg of our challenge and as we ate our sandwiches and tea we were told that we still had another chapter to our story, and as we made our way to the next starting line down at New Dam, all you could hear was the commotion and buzz of competition. Once we had all made our way to New Dam we were given our deadline for which to make our final creations of rafts and send them on their last voyage over the dreaded New Dam. After this huge task (successful for some and not for others) we all just lay down in the sun on the nearby bank to thaw out and catch our breath. Finally the lunch van arrived from school and most people, nearly to the point of starvation, really appreciated the food.
After lunch we felt the pull of the nearby dormitories and hot showers. Only to have to turn around and return to our campsites, where, after a short break and some clean cold fresh water (which was very welcome) we were called back to main base where the teachers were waiting to inform us of our next task of the day.

By this time in the day we were basically all already tired and to add to that, it was really hot and windy. For our next task we had to go into the wonderful indigenous forest (and it was great to be in the shade) and come out again with the right kind of tree leaf that would have to match up with the drawings on the information cards. This exercise was very enjoyable and I think everybody learned a lot.

The final task of the day was to pluck the freshly killed chickens and cook them. The chicken potjies were very interesting: some Houses had a great meal and others um…..well let’s just say they tried! We left the cold, miserable, misty, rainy weather outside and crawled into bed, this night being even colder than the one before.

The next morning we woke up to a bit of a surprise because as we climbed out of our 'shaky huts' we were struck by a huge white wall of mist that was slowly devouring the land as it went. That day, due to the weather, the only tasks we had to complete were to cook breakfast and to pack up our camp sites. After we had finished folding up and packing away the last things there was a quick check-in at the main base (which I have to mention was for some Houses very far away) to see if we had everything that we had been given at the start and once we were given the pass, there was one last closing off speech by Mr Guthrie. We then said our thank you's and after grabbing a quick sandwich for the road we all, like a herd of impala, made our way galloping down the hill as to get back to School in minimum time and finally get that one shower we had been dreaming about over the whole three days. We all got back to School at different times and although I think most of us had a great time and had come out with a lot more knowledge of the environment than before, we were quite glad to be back in the comfort and safety of Michaelhouse.

I personally really enjoyed this camp and learnt a lot from all the activities and talks. To me the main point of it was to learn, have fun, to build up team work and leadership. Not so much winning or being the best.

Always try your hardest in all you do...

D Block: Kamberg/Highmoor: 15- 17 September

Written by Alasdair Allen (Baines)

The events of our hike started the morning of our re-scheduled departure (we were originally going to leave a day later) with the
handing out of the ever so vital rations. In our group each boy was to carry something, which I feel gave us a much needed sense of equality, this is extremely important for a group, before departing on a hike.

There we stood, in the blistering heat, wide-brim hats on, large backpacks and covered head to foot in sun block, waiting to be
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sorted and counted and to be placed on a bus.

After a long bus trip we finally arrived and were a little more re-energised as most of the boys drifted away in a land of sleep as a result of the burning sun. We then rested under the shade of two fairly large trees.

We reached our campsite that afternoon, where we had to, for the first time, pitch our tents. This was done, for safety reasons, on an uncomfortable firebreak. The next challenge we faced was getting up! The night had been rather uncomfortable and most of the guys were suffering in the morning.

The hike continued: we were walking, seemingly aimlessly, to a point in the Kambcr which seemed awfully far away. We walked through the heat, stinging grass like bushes and through an area which never seemed to change. We pressed on.

We reached our chockpoint by lunchtime and when we finally saw the other House groups, our spirits lifted. There we sat having a lunch consisting of whatever we could find in the groups' rations. A river flowed by at the checkpoint which helped us recover, it provided us with cold, refreshing water for drinking purposes and it also helped us to cool down.

Founders D Block boys planning the next move on their hike

We walked on, and for the first time, upwards. We approached the summit of the small mountain and at about 2100m above sea level, the wind started to show us its power. The wind made walking in a straight line a bit of an "uphill battle".

That night we slept in a 'dry' wetland, the area was covered in grass and so the challenge of pitching our tents, which we thought we had overcome, became once again a small problem.

Light rain fell that night and we awoke the next morning to mist so thick that we could barely see 40 metres on either side of us. We were meant to walk to a large mountain in the area called Mount Lebanon, however by some good luck a decision was made to walk along the road and to avoid the dangerous wet and steep climb.

Relief stricken and eager to get back, we made our way to where we were to meet up with the busses. About 12 or so kilometres later we met the buses. Our faces and clothes so muddy that we could have been mistaken for coal miners. We had arrived.

C Block: Three Day Hike Challenge, Midlands,
Fort Nottingham: 15-17 September

Written by Grant Walker (East)
As we packed our noodles and dry peanuts into our rucksacks along with our clothes, we felt a certain anxiety the night before our C Block hike. We went to sleep in what would be our last night in a comfortable bed for three days. We woke up the next morning and got our gear ready and started the trek... down to the starting area.
where we were met by Mr Bownes with a challenge that required a lot of thinking. It was not what we were expecting as it determined when we would be leaving. Subsequent to the challenge we set off in fourth place for the dreaded C Block hike with just a compass and a map.

In my opinion I believe that our hike started relatively well as firstly, we did not get lost and secondly, we were moving at a sound pace. However, it did not continue like this for long as when we encountered our first checkpoint, we noticed that Tatham managed to find it before us even though they started after us. I had no clue how they managed to perform like that, but we had to deal with it and eventually after a bit of bickering we gladly continued our hike. After a couple of hours of endless walking we were greeted by two of our teachers at a dam which appealed to the eye after strenuous walking. At first we thought it was a mirage but those thoughts quickly changed as we were told by the other Houses in front of us that we must enjoy the challenge of swimming across it. However, they told us this with nasty smiles. We figured we were in for a horrible surprise...

As I jumped in I felt my body freeze and many thoughts flew through my head as we swam across a twenty meter ice pool. The thought that this challenge would affect our final position in the hike did not cross my mind. All I wanted was to get across to the other side, collect the 'coke can' we were told to collect and get back to the side which we started from. My wish was granted in ten or so minutes and compared to the other House's times, we did exceptionally well. After our cool down in the dam we were told that we had about an hour to relax by the dam and devour the food given to us. We ate our cheese sandwiches very greedily and they tasted ten times better after the dip in chilly water. During the remaining time we all relaxed and everything seemed to be going well. I had to chuckle to myself as I was looking around at everyone either drying themselves in the sun or eating their sandwiches. What made me chuckle was an image that popped into my head while looking around. That image was one associated with the images that popped into my head while reading William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies'. We all looked like boys trying to survive in the wilderness. However, that image immediately left me when one of the teachers told us that we were to start our hike again in a couple of minutes.

We walked for the rest of the day until we saw the sun setting over our beautiful camp site where we would set up our tents and spend an enjoyable, relaxing night in them. I fell asleep quickly after a

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Tatham C Block hoys before setting off on their hike tiring but fulfilling day of walking.

On the second day of our hike things were not too different from the first. However, our House’s disappointing seventh place from the first day of walking meant that we were to try going beyond our limits and walk at an extreme pace. We did just that and luckily we did not find ourselves in an area unknown to us the entire day. As we were walking we saw many startling sights. The most significant of those sights was the mountain of ‘Inhlosane’ in the distance. This mountain was one that most of us had climbed. This sight helped us continue at our great pace as it gave us a sense of pride. We knew that if we could climb to the top of Inhlosane then we could accomplish any task given to us. We accomplished the task of walking for 15 kilometers and finding our next campsite. It was extremely rewarding to be able to lay down our tents on the lush grass and relax for a couple of hours after the tremendous effort we put in.

The rest of the afternoon on the second day was a very busy afternoon. While most of us were quite tired, the rest of the boys seemed to be quite energetic. I believe that the teachers could sense this as they gave us a very interesting and challenging task to complete. The task involved the constructing of ‘Catapults’ and completing tasks around the majestic dam by the campsite. Most of the boys seemed to enjoy the tasks. That was until we found ourselves walking in the marshes by the dam. The mud leaked in to every bit of our shoes and socks and felt incredibly uncomfortable. We were not expecting it and it made me laugh to see all the faces of the boys as we ambled through the dirty mud. However, things were back to normal after a while as we all washed in the icy dam water and to the delight of all the boys, a tasty supper of boerewors and traditional ‘pap’ was laid on. We all consumed this food with great delight and while we were at it we didn't notice that a forceful storm was gathering in the distance. The storm signaled the end of the day for us as we quickly washed our plates and moved our bags into the spaces of our tents that were not occupied by boys setting themselves up for the night. It was a rough night but most of the boys were in good spirit as we fell asleep in our muddy tents quite quickly knowing that in twenty-four hours time, we would be in our comfortable beds at school.

It was the third and final day and we woke up in the same manner as we fell asleep. Some boys were relatively wet and others quite dry. But we were happy as it was the last day of our walk. We quickly set ourselves for the march that would lead us back to our home. We walked for about four hours until we finally saw Michaelhouse through the mist on top of our new Oribi Reserve. From that moment on we started running as a group and we found ourselves near the familiar ‘New Dam’ where we were met by a group of friendly teachers. We were home.
We did not know what place we had come overall. In fact, it did not matter for we all walked into our dorms with a sense of great achievement. I will never ever forget a comment made by one of my friends and it goes: 'Hey, we might have been complaining about the hike while walking but I'm telling you now that you will never ever forget the good times, the tough times and the amusing times we had together as a group on this walk.' I could not have agreed more with him. This walk may have been tiring and demanding, but I will never forget the good experiences I had with my friends on this incredible C Block Hike.

B Block: Spirit of Adventure: 22 - 24 September

Written by Kteren King (Mackenzie)

We set off for Spirit of Adventure pondering the same three questions: 'What does it mean to be a leader?' 'What makes a great leader?' 'Can I be a leader?'

Shortly after arrival we were sent on our first task; orienteering. It was clear right from the start that this was much more than just a leadership camp as we were forced to conquer our own fears and deal with personal conflict. After coming face to face with my own fear of water, I began to understand that becoming a successful leader starts with knowing yourself and your own boundaries and limitations.

After a long day of kayaking and orienteering, we retreated to camp to cook our own stew and were then sent back down to the dam through a long and dark tunnel and arid wilderness covered in darkness. We then had to travel across the river in a raft held together with ropes, spit and prayers in the ultimate show of determination and teamwork. At times it felt like we were going nowhere and it took a big effort from the team to get through these difficult times.

We limped back to our cabins and collapsed in our beds only to be woken up in the early hours of the morning by monkeys. After much fist banging and cursing, we reluctantly went to breakfast and began our tasks for the day. The day involved more rafting, hiking, rock climbing and abseiling among others and we were left completely exhausted by the end of it. We then had to sleep the night under the stars on the beach near the river. The next day we...
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enjoyed a good few hours of rest before hopping on the bus back to school.

We set off for Spirit of Adventure hoping to learn about leadership, and left having learnt much more than this. We learnt about friendship and determination. We learnt that we define our own limitations and that at times we are our own worst enemies. We were hoping to become better leaders and became better people.

SANATORIUM

Sister in Charge: Sr Joanne McMillan
Staff: Sr Alice McGhee, Sr Morag Aitcristone

First Term

The new boys settled well with no major home sickness this year. We had one major casualty with a spiral fracture of his lower leg within the first week as a result of touch rugby with contact. The rainy season doesn’t help as duck diving and playing in the rain arc fun but also dangerous resulting in minor injuries.

Almost 400 boys completed the impact assessment baseline program.

The dentists from Nottingham Road visited to take dental impressions on boys who needed fitted gum guards for their winter sport. Not only do they fit properly but they also had the boys house number laminated into it.

Second Term

It is that time of the year when normality flicks out the widow. In other words, it is the rugby season. We had a gentle start to the rugby injuries, partly due to the house matches being canceled resulting in fewer injuries at the start of the season.

Third Term

As usual we had a problem with boys becoming ill leading up to the Michaelhouse/Hilton game. Thanks to coaches’ support and their responding to our daily messages of ill boys, we had a good day on 2 August, with few injuries.

We invested in a computer medical program called Profdoc. We collected data from all boys’ medical information we have on file and now keep more comprehensive records on all the boys and copies of their x-rays and photos on this electronic system.

Fourth Term

Discussions are at an advanced stage with the LO teachers to teach
rugby specific first aid. The boys will then do community service at the edge of the field for rugby, hockey or soccer. This will help in many ways:

- It solves the problem of a shortage of first aiders
- The boys have a functional certificate
- The boys have another avenue to obtain the required community service points

Some of the pressure will be taken off the San staff when planning first aiders

First and second level first aid training was organised for interested boys. Two Sundays were set aside and Drakensburg Ambulance did the training.

Staff News

Helen Thompson who retired from Hilton San two years ago, helped in the San on home rugby days and occasionally during the week.

Sr McMillan and Sr Athcrstone secured licenses to dispense medicines from the Department of Health in September.

Mrs Flossie Buthelezi retired at the age of 67 years. Flossie had been employed at Michaelhouse for a total of thirty three years in the San and the laundry. Flossie has been replaced by Mrs Toko Mende.

Building improvements

Air-conditioning was installed in the San drug room and Salton wall heaters were placed in every room.

Balgowan Community Committee

A new committee was established and 19 Michaelhouse staff and a few from outside the school were trained in HIV counseling during the July holidays. The committee members also received training on their role as a committee member and in meeting etiquette. In September they completed the Home Based Care course.

The committee enthusiastically planned an Aids Awareness week from 14 IS September. Part of the arrangements included an Aids Awareness Day which was attended by approximately 500 people from Mooi River to Lidgetton.

We had a number of speakers from the Department of Health, religious leaders, the Umngeni AIDS project, as well as entertainment from local groups throughout the day.
The Balgowan Clinic sisters spent the day doing VCT. screening BP’s. glucosc testing, seeing anyone who was unwell, weights and encouraging mothers to bring their babies in for vitamin A drops.

The Clinic sisters saw an increase in the number of visitors to the clinic the following week, especially those for VCT. They saw a total of 133 for the month apposed to 90 the previous month.

Two unemployed visitors who completed the HIV counseling and Home Based Care course are now employed as Home Based Carers with the Red Cross and will be working in our area.

It is hoped the Committee Members will have regular meetings in
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An A Block Science class in their lab coats and protective eye wear

their departments, encouraging their colleagues to be tested and to support anyone who is found positive, by encouraging them to have regular CD4 checks and early commencement of ARV treatment.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

HOD: Mr Adrian Moran

Staff: Mr Gavin, Ross, Mr Jaap van der Yegte,

Mr Michael Schwartz, Mr Raymond Duma,

Mr Mfanseni Phungula

The year got off to a good start with the introduction of the new IEB syllabus for 2008. The staff realised from early on that their teaching style and questioning technique would need to change slightly to adapt to the new syllabus. Attending the IEB conference in Johannesburg helped the department to understand the expectations and assessment criteria that are required for 2008.

The pupils had a busy year participating in the Science Expo and Olympiads. Fifteen A Block boys wrote the National Science Olympiad and 41 B and C Block boys wrote the Kaaste Science Olympiad in October. Hopefully this group will grow and results will continue to improve. Nineteen C Block boys participated in the annual Science Expo; their projects varied from which brand of nappies hold the most water to the effects of energy drinks on your performance on the sports field. Julian Atkinson, Robert Gifford, Grant Walker and Michael West-Russell were our top performers.

The interest in Science over the past year increased with 76 D Block boys choosing Science as a subject for next year. This is very encouraging. The purchase of Plato Physics and Chemistry has benefited the boys and staff. It is an interactive programme which has made teaching difficult concepts easier. The boys have access to Plato in their rooms which means they have an added revision tool.

The following boys received awards at Speech Day:

â€“ Simon Farrow received the award for the Most Improved Science Mark over the past year

â€“ Edward Steere received the Top Achiever Award

â€“ Matthew Purnell and Edward Greene received the JL Robinson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Theory and Practical Realms
Brian Cox and Steven Green received the Kevin King Memorial Award for Outstanding Scientific Project Work

William Gowans received the Proctor Science Award which is awarded to the boy who achieves the highest combined mark for Physical and Life Sciences

We expect a good set of results for 2008 from A to E Block.

One of the highlights of the year was the entertainment of the Grade 6 boys during their visits to Michaelhouse. The boys loved the explosions of balloons and eruption of volcanoes; they also enjoyed learning about ice, dry ice and liquid nitrogen.

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Written by Revd Canon Alan Smedley

Another year has come and gone and once more God has, by his grace, blessed our school in many ways. It gives me great pleasure to report on the following activities that have taken place in the spiritual life of Michaelhouse during the past year.

Confirmation Camp 2008

On Monday afternoon of 18 February, at the end of the half term weekend, we set off with 104 boys to F.mseni Canip and Conference Centre at the base of the Spioenkop Mountain near Winterton. Ninety-nine of the boys were in C Block and five were B Blockers. We returned to Michaelhouse on Friday 22 February at 14h00.

Mr Xavier Moran, the National Director of Scripture Union in Independent Schools, helped facilitate the programme. We were also joined by Messrs Allan Laing, Tim Jarvis, Paul de Wet, Andrew Brown, Iain Guthrie, Michael Bownes, Bernard Whittaker, Viktor Kurz, Simon Crane, Keith Fairweather and the Rector at various times during the week. The following A Block boys also came out to assist: Edward Steere, Brian Cox, Wesley Camphor, Dale Walker (Second Prefect), Patrick Lambie (Senior Prefect), David Zwemke, Daniel McCarthy, Nicholas Turner and Stephen Green. I am most grateful to all these men for their willingness to give of their time and energy to be with us. The value of their presence and contribution cannot be overemphasised.

The programme followed the same format we have used before. As we addressed each topic, we first had discussion in House groups, then the talk, and then further reflection in groups. We started off by dealing with common objections to the Christian Faith. Xavier spoke on the subject 'Christianity, boring, untrue and irrelevant'. Paul de Wet followed with 'The Person of Christ'. Tim Jarvis then looked at 'The significance of Jesus' death on the Cross' and commitment. After supper on the Tuesday night we watched Mel Gibson's movie, 'The Passion of the Christ'.

On Wednesday, Iain Guthrie answered the question 'Who is the Holy Spirit?' Tim Jarvis then gave a talk on 'What does the Holy Spirit do?' I then spoke about 'How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?' After supper, and after answering all kinds of questions, we gave the boys the opportunity to make a commitment to Christ and to receive prayer for personal needs as well as to experience the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The following evening we gave this same invitation for prayer. Over those two evenings we prayed individually for over 80 boys. Many of them had a profound personal encounter with God. Each morning we also gave the boys the opportunity to share with the whole group what they had
experienced the day before. During the course of the week, about 40 boys stood up and told their stories.

On the Thursday we looked at the content and significance of the Confirmation Service as well as the Eucharist. This was followed by a talk entitled 'How can I make the most of the rest of my life?' That evening we had a general question time during which boys were able to write down their questions on a piece of paper, anonymously, and then a 'panel of experts' tried to answer them. On Friday morning we considered the topic, 'How can I be sure of my faith?' Since returning to school, I subsequently dealt with 'How can I resist evil?', 'Why and how do I pray?' and 'Why and how should I read the Bible?' in Divinity classes.

Once again, it was an enormous privilege to watch God touching the lives of so many boys and to be part of this whole process. As before, I felt deeply humbled and also personally renewed, by witnessing our Heavenly Father, the Living God, drawing these young men to himself and beginning to make a difference to their lives.

Confirmation Service

The Confirmation Service took place on Saturday 15 March at 18h00. Bishop Rubin Phillip confirmed 90 boys. Of these, 21 were also baptised. The Chapel was packed with family and friends and the choir sang beautifully making the whole experience very special. Bishop Rubin invited the parents to come forward and join him in praying for their sons. He sensitively took time to pray with each boy and anoint them with the Chrism. On Sunday morning we all returned to the Chapel for the Eucharist, and Bishop Rubin again presided and preached.
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Cell Groups

At the start of the second quarter we embarked on a programme to make our House cell groups more effective. The Christian Representative Council identified boys in each House who could be Cell Group Leaders. We have been meeting each Sunday evening at 20h30, in the Crypt, to do some training in how to lead a cell group. We also use it as a time for reporting back on the previous week and mutual accountability. Our vision is to ultimately have a cell group for each Block, in every House!

National Independent Schools Chaplains' Conference

This year we were hosted by St Andrews College, from Friday 15 to Wednesday 30 July. Pastor Sipho Zuma and 1 flew to Port Elizabeth with five other Chaplains from Natal and then were transported to Grahamstown. There were 25 chaplains attending from around the country. Revd Don Aitchison from Trinity College School in Canada (with whom I did an exchange last year) also joined us.

As always these few days provided a most valuable opportunity to learn, to interact with fellow chaplains, to share notes, joys and Canon Alan Smedley sorrows, and to encourage one another. I am most grateful to have

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Christian Representative Council 2008

This year’s Christian Representative Council members have been: Brian Cox (Chair School Prefect in West), Patrick Lambie (Senior Prefect), Dale Walker (Second Prefect), Daniel McCarthy, Stephen Green, Nicholas Turner and Wesley Camphor. They met twice a quarter at a formal meeting to discuss the overall spiritual life of the school. They are a group of fine young men who have given wonderful spiritual leadership to Michaelhouse this year.

Christian Fellowship

The committee has included the above Christian Representative Council members, plus the following B Blockers: Dean Dowic, Michael Strachan, David Strachan, Sandu Shandu, Benjamin Bradford, Joshua Magor and A Blocker Jeremy Veenstra. This group met each Thursday evening during break to plan for the forthcoming Christian Fellowship Meeting on Wednesday night. Under the chairmanship of Daniel McCarthy they have discussed and organised each weekly event. The meetings in the Crypt have been attended by between 60 and 80 boys. The Christian Fellowship Band has led the worship and the boys have taken turns to give a talk. I have been most impressed by the standard of the talks. In most cases they have done considerable preparation and spoken eloquently about issues relating to living the Christian life.

It is worth noting that in many respects, due to their weekly occurrence, the planning and executing of these Christian Fellowship meetings offer the boys the opportunity to grow in leadership more so than most other clubs or societies in the school.

Informal Chapel Service

Once a quarter we have what we call an Informal Chapel Service on a Sunday evening. The members of the Christian Representative Choristers Bryan Buchler, Brian Kariihi, Magashe S'goepe and Mutale Chileshe take responsibility for the service. The congregation are allowed to attend in civvies as long as they wear closed shoes, long trousers and a collared shirt. The worship is led by the Christian Fellowship Gospel Band, and one of the boys will give a talk.

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Mr Donald Blackhurst. Mr Quinton Stubbings.
Middle row: Canon Alan Smedley.
Mr Walter Strachan. Mr Roy Gathorne.
Mr Alan Robertson. Mr Gonion Chapman.
Rector Guy Pearson.
Front row: Mr Barry Stacey

In the fourth quarter the preacher was Daniel McCarthy. Daniel is in A Block and a Prefect in West. He has also been the Chairman of the Christian Fellowship group this year. He gave an excellent sermon. He spoke about the importance of having a 'living, personal relationship with Christ'. It was well constructed, theologically sound and delivered with conviction and sincerity. As I listened, I marvelled that someone so young could have such a good grasp of what is central to Christian faith, as well as the ability to speak about it so eloquently and authoritatively. His message was pertinent to the boys and they were clearly listening.

The Gospel Band has come a long way in recent years. Both their playing as well as their vocal leadership was tremendous. It was only seven years ago that two A Block boys summed up the courage to stand in front of the school, with their guitars, and very tentatively lead the singing. Today, the band has five members who unashamedly lead the worship and the whole school joins in enthusiastically.

Although the Informal Services tend to be very loud and sometimes a little exuberant, the boys enjoy them and it provides the opportunity to experience a different form of Christian worship.

Unity Camp

Over the half term weekend in the fourth quarter a 'Unity Camp' is traditionally held at Emseni. The camp is run by Scripture Union in Independent Schools (SUIS), under the leadership of Mr Xavier Moran. It is for Christian Fellowship Committees from all the independent schools, plus a few others, in the Midlands area. This year 12 of our boys attended. Amongst them were eight current B Blockers and four C Blockers. Unfortunately our Senior Prefect for 2009, Benjamin Bradford, was not well and so was unable to be among them. It was a wonderful leadership training experience.
for those who will be the student spiritual leaders in our schools next year.

Guest Preachers

As part of Michaelhouse Vision 2015, we have continued to invite a number of black preachers to speak in Chapel. In the first quarter, Revd Thulani Ngcobo from The Parish of Mpophomeni was our guest preacher. In the second quarter, Revd Barnabas Nqindi from St Matthew, Fstcourt, spoke to the school. In the third quarter, Mr Linda Linda, who joined the staff in the Economics Department at the start of the second quarter, gave a very good talk one Wednesday morning. Then in the last term of the year Revd Madoda Khumalo from the Parish of Harding, spoke to the school on Sunday evening, 16 November. It has been wonderful to have this rich diversity of preachers come and participate in our services.

Roman Catholic Mass

The school policy has always been to try and enable Roman Catholic boys to receive catechism classes and be continued as Roman Catholics. During my time at Michaelhouse the clergy from Howick or Ccdara have been willing to get involved and facilitate the process. We were informed at the beginning of this year that they could no longer offer this service. It seems that it was due to a lack of personnel as well as availability. Consequently, we had no alternative but to suggest that the boys be continued at home.

However, towards the end of the first quarter I was informed that a priest from Mooi River was willing to get involved! I was delighted when Father Mu/i Madlala, the Parish Priest, agreed to come to Michaelhouse. Last quarter he came on five occasions and conducted Mass. The average attendance has been about 20 boys. The services take place in the Crypt C'hapel at 20h00 on Sundays. He has agreed to continue to minister to our boys on those Sundays when there is not a 'Full School' service.

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Remembrance Day scrvicc took place on Sunday 9 November. This year there were a number of parents and friends of
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the School also in attendance. At the start of the service wreaths were laid by the following: The Rector and Senior Prefect, Patrick Lambie, on behalf of the School. Mr Quinton Stubbings and Mr Barry Stacey on behalf of the Navy. Messrs David Gcredts, Walter Strachan, Roy Gathorne and Donald Blackhurst on behalf of the Army. Mr Alan Robertson on behalf of the Air Forces. Mr Gordon Chapman on behalf of Prisoners of War and the Red Cross. And Hon Colonel Errol Richardson on behalf of the Durban Light Infantry.

We greatly missed the presence of three men who have been regular attendees during the past few years: Messrs Jo Harle, Roland Steer and Peter Francis who were unable to be with us due to ill health. We also very sadly missed Mr John Sulin who went to be with the Lord on 13 June this year, but were delighted to have Marty and her family with us.

Crawford, Paul de Wet, Allan Laing, Viktor Kurz, and Tim Jarvis.

Mrs Kate Smedley, who has continued to teach Divinity to all the boys in E and D Blocks, as well as ensuring that there are flowers in the Chapel every week.

Pastor Sipho Zuma who has continued to minister to the Zulu speaking employees of the school and to the members of Zinzane village.

The Choir Master, Mr Abri Venter, who has faithfully instructed the choir and played the organ each week.

The Chapel Servers, School Prefects and the Bellringers who participate in the life of the Chapel.

After the service we blessed a new plaque which has been put in the baptistery of the chapel in memory of three old boys who have died in recent conflict. These are Paul Crouch and Philip Lord who were killed in what was then Rhodesia, and Tim Patrick who was killed in 1980 on the South African border.

As has become our custom, we had a delicious breakfast in the Centenary Centre after the service. The Rector expressed the Schools' appreciation to our OMs and their spouses for taking the trouble to get up early and be with us, on what is such an important occasion in the Schools' annual calendar. It is the one event which reminds the current school boys about their heritage and some of the timeless values, traditions and ethos of Michaelhouse.

Conclusion

Once again I would like to conclude this report by thanking all
those who have contributed to the spiritual life of the school during 2008. In particular I would like to thank the following:

The Layministers: Messrs Guy Pearson, Paul Fleischack, John

Visiting Preachers

We are most grateful to the following people who were our guest preachers this year: Mr Tim Jarvis, Mr Michael Bownes, Revd Thulani Ngcobo, Revd Barnabas Nqindi, Mr Linda Linda Revd Madoda Khumalo

Weddings 2008: Old Boys and Staff
Date Bride Groom Comments
26 /01 Tracy Wereszczuk Chris Folker OB 1991
08 /03 Yasmeen Minshull Giles Embleton OB 1985
04 /04 Marianne Swanevelder Andre Black Stuff
19/04 Katherine Gibson Chris Wadman OB 1990
03 /05 Leigh Gosling Craig Briscoe OB 1994
16/05 Miehkle Cooke Graeme Callway Staff
28 /06 Carlien Myers Damien Walters Staff
16/08 Caryn Marshall Murray Evennett OB 1990
30/08 Catherine Rogers Craig Legge OB 1990
20 /09 Gaylene Archer Brad Roets OB 1999 & Staff
11/10 Louella Scribante Richard Chcnnells OB 1996
06/12 Megan Gearing Russell James OB 2001
Clubs & Societies Fair

Master in Charge: Mr Paul Fleischack

The Clubs and Societies Fair again provided an opportunity for boys to join the societies which most appealed to them. Societies advertise their activities and attractions in the Main Quad on a Friday evening early in the first quarter. The queue of hopeful members was longest at the Wine Tasting Society, until disappointed juniors learnt that seniors only were allowed! The smoke from the braai of the Afrikaans Kultuur Vereniging was a feature of the event, as always, and on this occasion free samples of wore were on offer. The evening saw the Debaters and Toastmasters strutting their stuff in opposite corners and at least one member of the Scuba Club was found in the fish pond in full wetsuit, mask and snorkel, much to the amusement of the resident Koi: Jehosaphat and Jehosathin.

Agricultural Society members, in their clean, as yet un-muddied overalls wooed new members from the west corner, while an unsuspecting observer of the scuba diver may have found himself ensnared by a fly line cast from the vicinity of the Founders entrance. Bird calls sounded from the Bird Club stand at the Vestry door. The most colourful display was seen at the Art Club, and Mr Tim Jarvis presided over the lethal-looking Street Leuje machines near Screens.

All boys are expected to sign up for one club or society at this fair and to be active participants in their chosen interest throughout the year.

African Affairs Society

Master in Charge: Mr Sandile Khuluse

Chairman: Sekatle Sekatle

Vice Chairman: Ben van Aswegen

The African Affairs Society is a club where members are informed about current topics of discussion over-shadowing the African continent. The society is one of the oldest at Michaelhouse, and not short of being the best. Members were allowed to be opinionated and debated topics in discussion.

To try and alleviate some of the fears and concerns that our boys may have regarding the future of South Africa. I invited Mr John Jeffreys who represents the ANC in the National Government, as well as Mrs Moira Groenenberg, from the DA, to speak to the boys on the topic Is South Africa heading in the right direction.

The two speakers came to Michaelhouse towards the end of the first quarter and I believe they were both outstanding. It was interesting
to hear representatives from a ruling party and the main opposition party sharing their views with us. Boys were very cooperative. They were given an opportunity to ask questions which were well answered by both speakers.

Michael Richardson watching Alistair von Glehn signing up for Archives Society

Calvin van der Riet signing hoys up for the Photographic Society

We've had a number of other society meetings where a number of different issues were discussed. These ranged from provincial matters to continental issues.

Overall, it has been a very successful year for our society; thanks to the good leadership of Sekatle Sekatle and Ben van Aswegen.

Agricultural Society

Master in Charge: Mr Iain Guthrie
Chairman: Michael Griffin
Secretary: Andrew Campell

This society was revived after a number of years of neglect. There were 12 members who were keen, active and derived considerable enjoyment from the activities this year.

Boys were involved in the fitting of weaning rings, vaccinations and dipping of the herd of Nguni cattle on the Michaelhouse Estate on three occasions while the herd were worked through the cattle crush.
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We had an interesting visit to Ivanhoe Farm near Impendle where farm manager Mr John Campbell hosted our visit and gave a detailed tour of the farming activities. While the lifting, cleaning, sorting and packing of potatoes was particularly interesting, John's insight into beef cattle farming and general agricultural principles was thoroughly educational and much appreciated. So too was the braai that the Campbell's hosted that evening after a busy outing.

A visit to the Royal Show was well supported and much time was spent in the livestock areas where various breeds were admired and discussed.

The society year ended with a braai at Mr Guthrie's house where all members appeared in the Agric Soc overalls! Thanks to all the members for their contributions this year.

Archives Society

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Lynn van der Vegte
Chairman: Nicholas Turner
Secretary: Michael Richardson

In celebration of the tenth year of the library being housed in the current Media Centre building, the Archives Society chose as its theme for the year 'The History of the Michaelhouse Library and Michaelhouse Old Boys who are Authors'.

Mrs Penny Purchase, the librarian at Michaelhouse from 1989 to 2005, was the guest speaker at the first meeting. She used a sequence of photographs to create a timeline of the progress of the development of the Michaelhouse Library from its small beginnings as a reading room to its present splendid position. In preparation for this talk, the boys were taken on a tour of the Rector's Reception area and were shown how the library had been organised when it was housed there prior to 1998. This first meeting set the scene for the society to start tracking down Old Boy authors who would be prepared to come and address the society.

The first of our invited Old Boy authors was Matthew le Cordeur. Matthew fondly remembered the old library as a place to be revered - a place of learning and a symbol of the privilege of private schooling. The new Media Centre, for Matthew, was a symbol of new opportunities. Matthew told the boys about his current position as a journalist and emphasised the importance of multimedia in this visually stimulated world. He concluded his presentation with a few examples of his work.

As the Michaelhouse/Hilton rugby day approached, a deviation from the chosen theme for the year was on the cards! Mr Adrian Rogers, by special request from the boys, once again
presented his thoroughly enjoyable talk on the history of rugby at Michaelhouse, entertaining the boys with an amazing array of interesting anecdotes.

Returning to our theme, Mr Iain Guthrie's book 'Free Bounds' was the next to be acknowledged. Iain brought his collection of sketch books and journals for the boys to browse through and kept them entertained with stories about his time at Michaelhouse. He also explained to the boys how expensive it was to produce a book like 'Free Bounds' and the process he had been through to get the book published.

Mr Peter Harris, author of the book 'In a Different Time', doubled up as a guest speaker for both the Archives Society and Readathon Week. Peter addressed the entire school and kept the boys enthralled with descriptions of the horrific violence taking place in South Africa in the 1980s. He also described how challenging the trial of the 'Delmas Four' had been for him.

The last outing of the year was a visit to Mr Richard Poynton (1962-1966) at Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse. Richard has published the book 'Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse' in which he describes the history of the farm and has also included a collection of his favourite recipes. Our reception at Cleopatra's was amazing and the food was culinary heaven. Richard spoke to the boys about

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The “food riot” in 1966 which he had instigated. The boys were interested to know that this incident had led to the formation of the 'Kitchen Committee' as it is known today. Richard then did what he loves doing most - cooking and what a master he is! The Society voted Cleopatra's as the place to go for each final outing in the coming years!

Art Society

Teacher in Charge: Ms Joy Preiss
Chairman: Alexander Polterra

The purpose of the Art Society has been to encourage the students at Michaelhouse to attend Art Exhibition openings both on and off campus, and this year the members of the Art Society have attended the opening of the KwaZulu-Natal Matric Art exhibition which is held annually at the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg. Members also attended all the local exhibitions in the Schlossinger Gallery.

The attendance of members on the Art Society outings was somewhat erratic this year, due to the number of activities which the students were involved in; and often the Art Society activities clashed with one of the other many events held at Michaelhouse and off campus. Plans have been made to re-look at the aims and purpose of the Society; to make outings to Durban and Johannesburg for significant exhibitions, and to have guest speakers come and address the Society on relevant topics.

Birds for Africa

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Kate Smedley
Chairman: Mivan Howard
Secretary: Antony Kenton

At the beginning of the year we signed up 20 members, including seven new ones. Two general meetings were held in the first quarter, the second of which, we sadly bid farewell to Mr Ian Hobson. He had been a 'co-teacher in charge' for the past three years and his wide knowledge of birds and his enthusiasm for the Society was greatly appreciated by us all.

The second quarter is always a difficult one for our Society as the boys have a very busy schedule with all the winter sports on the go. and bird watching and outings can be fairly time consuming. However, they were encouraged to be observant around the Campus and to keep their eyes open to report any unusual or interesting sightings.

We were able to fit in one outing to the Bird of Prey Centre near Ashburton which is always a popular choice with the boys. The Centre is a highly professional set up. with a number of really
interesting raptors to view as well as the fascinating Air Display. The owner, Mr Ben Hoffman, is keen for our members to become

An African Harrier Hawk spotted in the tree on Terraces

involved with a release programme which could be done in the Oribi Reserve. This idea was received with enthusiasm by Mr Fleischack as he believes it could be a viable undertaking.

For the rest of the year we anticipated a lot more action within our society, which included meetings, outings, and guest speakers. Mivan and Antony presented a 5 10 minute talk at the beginning of all our meetings to help the boys learn identification skills using the Roberts CD Rom as a visual aid.

Board Games Society

Master in Charge: Mr Albie Dahlbcrg
Chairman: Simon Sharratt

The Board Games Society met twice a quarter and the meetings were attended by approximately 20 boys. Some of the games were rather rowdy and were more popular, while others were more serious. It was often difficult to get some of the members to leave at the end of the scheduled meeting time as they were so engrossed in the games that they were playing.

The society had quite a large number of games including Battleships. Backgammon. Clucdo, 30 Seconds. Monopoly. Trivial Pursuit. Risk. A Word or Two and Jenga to name but a few. The record for Jenga was 37 levels!

The object of the society was enjoyment and the boys had a great deal of fun in a relaxed environment. However, there seemed to be less interest in the society of late, possibly due to the electronic age and the popularity of computer games.
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Boxing Club

Master in Charge: Mr Given D‘ingua
Coach: Mr Phlorian Mnikathi
Captain: Mfanclo Shoba

The Michaelhouse Boxing Club met twice a week for training and sparring sessions under the watchful eye of Mr Phlorian Mnikathi, a Junior Welter Weight who had a seven year career which included eight professional fights (four wins, three losses and a draw) before retiring and coming to work at Michaclhousc. Mr Mnikathi is currently part of the Media Centre team.

At the beginning of the year the club had nine members, but after a successful visit to the PJ Boxing Club in Cato Ridge, where the members had the opportunity of sparring in a ring with KwaZulu-Natal Professional Champions, the numbers increased to 17 by the end of the year.

Professionalism and safety are Mr Mnikathi’s key concerns and when sparring the boys wear head guards, mouth guards and body boxes, and there has not been one injury since the club started in 2003.

Chess Society

Master in Charge: Mr Richard McMichael
Chairman: David Horscroft

While a number of new boys joined the society throughout the year there tended to be a solid core of around 10 boys who were regular members. Two evening sessions were organised in most quarters. The boys enjoyed biscuits, cool drinks and, at times, good chess. It was interesting to note that some pupils tended only to match their skills against the same opponent whilst others would play all and sundry. The most promising player was Richter Landman, who competed at national level within his age group.

Business Society

Master in Charge: Mr Rory Drvsdale

The Business Society met regularly during the year, and a number of trades took place: SA Breweries. Group 5. Italtic. Scharrig. Wesizwe Platinum and Mondi shares were all sold. The only shares purchased were 50 Anglo American. 100 Wilson Baylcy and 500 Coal of Africa.

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Club members in 2008 were: David Bennett, Martin Blore, Rees Keene, Peter Brown, Louis Albertse

Debating Society

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Louise Erwee
Chairman: Dustin Holohan

Cultural Honours: Dustin Holohan

Cultural Colours: David Horscroft, Calvin van der Riet,
Nicholas Turner, Daniel McCarthy

Cultural Half Colours: Arniv Badal

2008 was an extremely busy year for debating. During March, Dustin Holohan participated in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking competition held in Germany, as a member of the South African team. Competition from all over the world was fierce, particularly from Canada and the USA. There were 180 participants. Dustin's individual scores were as follows:

After-dinner speech 19

Debating 29

Impromptu 41
We congratulate Dustin on this excellent achievement. He certainly did Michaelhouse proud.

Michaelhouse participated in the Midlands Debating league over five rounds. The juniors lost only one debate, while the seniors were unbeaten. Both the juniors and the seniors participated in the finals. The senior team of Nick Turner, Dustin Holohan and Calvin van der Riet emerged as the winners of the Midlands Debating League, while the juniors (Rati Mashego, Bryan Buchler, Magashe Ngoepe) lost to Estcourt after valiantly arguing an impossible point. During the course of the league fixtures, the following were awarded Best Speaker:

David Horscroft, Magashe Ngoepe, Nicholas Turner,

Rati Mashego, Dustin Holohan, Bryan Buchler, Richard Griffin.

The senior team then participated in the grand finale of the KwaZulu-Natal Schools' Debating Association held in Pinetown in August, which they lost to Glenwood High.

In October, Cameron Wilson, Joshua Magor, Simon Watt-Pringle and David Horscroft participated in the South African World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Competition held at Parklands College in Cape Town. There were 58 participants from all over the country, of which only the top five were selected to represent South Africa in England next year. Results were as follows:

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During the same weekend the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Tournament was held in Port Shepstone. The following were selected to participate:

Nicholas Turner, Bryan Buchler and David Horscroft.

Unfortunately David was in Cape Town, Nicholas preparing for finals and Bryan could not be sent to Port Shepstone by himself.

All round, the debaters did Michaelhouse proud, and pupils must be congratulated and praised for the endless hours, effort and commitment to this satisfying cultural activity.
I was irrevocably betrothed to laughter, the sound of which has always seemed to me to be the most civilised music in the world.

Peter Ustinov English actor & author (1921 - 2004)

Murray Rail and Mr Ryan King assisting at a rugby match

Film Appreciation Society
Master in Charge: Mr Simon Crane

The Film Appreciation Society is not a society about heading off to the Mall to go to the cinema. What it is, is an in-house society which meets to watch creative and sometimes challenging and unconventional films in order to learn something about why and how they were made.

At the inaugural appearance at the Societies' Evening in January an unbelievable 140 boys signed up to the society. I dutifully broke them down into Blocks and decided that, as the numbers were too great I would run the society for A Block in the Lent Quarter, B Block in the Pentecost Quarter and so on. Well after extremely poor attendance at all four meetings held for the A and B Block, I decided that some changes were in order. So I threw out the initial list, hit the delete key and through conversations with various people I winnowed the society down to people who were actually interested in attending. What I was left with was a small group of about ten boys who were motivated and enthusiastic and who, like me, loved the movies.

And from there we began again properly...

So what did we get up to? We met in the Media Lecture Theatre generally at about 19h30. I gave a brief, approximately 15 minute, introduction to the chosen film in which I highlighted various important aspects to look at and why in particular I had chosen that specific title.

We looked at Ron Howard's 1999 film 'Ransom' and discussed why Mel Gibson might have returned to reasonably conventional action fare straight after the Oscar success and directorial success of 'Braveheart' the year before.

Secondly we saw Jonathan Mostow's fairly claustrophobic submarine adventure 'U-571'. This film raised hackles in the United Kingdom when it suggested that Americans had retrieved the Enigma decoding device. By way of explanation I and every 'U-571' cinemagoer in the United Kingdom was presented with a colour brochure in which the 'truth' was presented through interviews with the cast and crew of the movie.

In third place we had a look at a 2004 Denzel Washington remake of the famous Frank Sinatra conspiracy thriller 'The Manchurian Candidate'. This proved particularly topical as it concerned US
elections and the associated influence of business.

Our final film of the year was a John Grisham adaptation called 'Runaway Jury' which was notable in that it featured Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman sharing screen time for the first time.

The template has been set for the future. The Film Appreciation Society took shape and existed as a supported and viable society. I enjoyed the fact that our group settled down and that I was able to show films that: firstly the boys had not seen, secondly presented them with themes or plots that challenged their thinking and thirdly, and quite importantly, which entertained them.

First Aid Society

Sister in Charge: Sr Joanne MacMillan
Chairman: Simon Farrow
Secretary: Mark Farrow

Sr McGhee and 1 trained 13 boys this year. We held the classes in the evenings from 20h00. We found in previous years that having hourly lessons in the evenings was more practical than two whole Sundays. It doesn't eat into the boy's free time at the weekend and it is easier to catch up on an hour's lesson than a day if they miss one.

To assist with the growing demand for First Aid, we arranged for Ryan King to help us for all home games. Ryan started with the first aid team in his first year as a school boy at Michaelhouse and was always an enthusiastic supporter of our team. Mr Brad Sessions, a student teacher at Michaelhouse, and also very experienced at first aid, helped us when ever he could. The Drakensberg Medical Rescue Ambulance service was on standby for the Michaelhouse/Hilton games.

Over the first half term a first aid course was run for staff from different support departments. After half term Sr McGhee ran a second course to train boys interested in first aid in preparation for the winter sports.
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Benjamin Bradford straps up before taking flight from the Howick Gliding Club.

Gliding Club

Masters in Charge: Mr Andre Back and Mr Msizi Mchunu

The gliding society was an exciting addition to the line-up of societies offered at Michaelhouse.

Mr Peter McEvilly, a member of the Howick Gliding Club visited Michaelhouse and gave a presentation to a group of interested boys. The purpose of the presentation was to introduce the boys to gliding and to promote the club and its activities.

Following the presentation, Benjamin Bradford, Antony Renton, Reggie Holliday and Dale Stephen travelled to the Howick air strip where they were taught the basics of gliding, shown how to perform the safety checks and read the instruments. The boys then had the opportunity to fly with some of the very experienced members of the Howick Gliding Club.

The long term goal is for our boys to join the Howick Gliding Club and then train towards becoming a glider pilot.

MTB Cycling Club

Master in Charge: Mr Elmar de Klerk
Chairman: Matt Dyer

During the 2008 season, the MTB Cycling Club participated in six different calendarised races: Cumberland Classic, Maverick Classic, Howick Highlander, Howick Classic, Karkloof Classic and the bonitas Sunday Tribune Michaelhouse Classic. Special mention must be made of Andrew Laing who successfully completed the 87 km Giants Castle Challenge.

Most of the boys entered the Intermediate races, (25 km) and most of our riders achieved good results with impressive times. Matt Dyer developed into a fine and strong cyclist, participating in most of the Classic races with an average distance of 45km. His best achievement was being placed 9th at the Howick Highlander.

Most of the races took place on a Sunday and it was difficult to motivate boys to participate in the races after their Saturday sporting commitments.

The MTB Cycling Club continued to be a popular society. I would like to see cycling introduced as an official sport at Michaelhouse combined with Biathlons and Triathlons. It will, however, take a full-time staff member to co-ordinate all the races and practice.
For the past five years the membership of this society has been shrinking. This despite the good work of Edward Steere and Daniel McCarthy, who tried to muster support from the boys. Along with this there was a growing reluctance on the part of boys to devote weekend time to outdoor pursuits such as hiking in the Berg or visiting local game reserves. More and more boys take Sunday leaves and the only trips which found support were purely recreational in nature, such as cable-sliding over the forest canopy in Karkloof. As a result, most outings were cancelled due to a lack of sufficient numbers to make the trip viable. This was a far cry from the situation a decade ago when boys had to wait their turn to go on Berg hikes.

Perhaps this was compensated for by a number of related clubs which have emerged, each providing for the more specific interests of groups of boys: Scuba Diving, Snake Club, Agriculture Society, and Birds for Africa. Through the enrichment speaker programme the whole school heard presentations on relevant topics such as Ecological Intelligence, the elephant population scenario, the rescue of animals from Baghdad Zoo and rowing across the Atlantic. A small group of boys who were more interested in natural history frequented the Oribi Reserve and participated in afternoon activities there. A Berg hike is now compulsory for all boys in D Block and this experience is now one of the developmental 'milestones' in their Michaelhouse career. E Block boys also participate in a camp-out in the Oribi Reserve, where the focus is on environmental education and natural history.
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Photographic Society

Master in Charge: Mr Graeme Calway
Chairman: Dale Walker

The Photographic Society had a good year with more entries to the Pietermaritzburg Camera Club competitions than in previous years, and the standard was greatly improved. Francis Edwardes (D Block) was named the Camera Club’s Young Photographer of the Year; a great achievement in his first year of submitting photographs.

I would like to thank Dale Walker, Chairman for the past four years, for all his hard work.

Scuba Diving Club

Master in Charge: Mr Michael Schwartz
Staff: Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield and Mr Msizi Mchunu
Chairmen: Dustin Holohan and Francis Gellitich

Michaelhouse family went to Ponta Malongane in Mozambique to do five dives. There were 22 scuba divers and nine spectators. The experience was amazing and disappointing at the same time. The beaches were unspoiled and the water clean, but many of the game fish had been removed by foreign fisherman trawling the coast.

Sunday 31 August saw a large group of boys going down to Aliwal Shoal to do their last social dive of the year. The experience was fantastic because the raggie sharks had returned this year. The idea of swimming with the sharks was scary, but most enjoyable. Many attempts to get back into the water after this dive failed because of the bad weather conditions. The swells were too big and the visibility was poor.

All in all, a most enjoyable diving season. The boys and I managed to log many dives this year and many boys are experiencing the wonders of under water diving. My thanks to Mr Adlington-Corfield and Mr Mchunu for their assistance this year. My thanks also go to Bcryl@Africa Blue for her instruction, help and leadership during all our diving in 2008.

Theatre Technology Society
The year got off to a very good start with 66 boys registering for
the club, in one of three categories, namely Open Water, Advanced
and Social.

Teachers in Charge: Mrs Dionne Redfern
and Mr Jean-Louis Swart

Chairmen: Simon Farrow and Nkosana Wakatama

The Open Watercourse started on 31 January with much enthusiasm
and with the biggest group to date. Twenty-one boys and Mr
Mchunu obtained their Open Water One certificates at the start
of the second quarter. On 9 March, 20 April and 25 May, groups
consisting of 18 boys and one staff member did some recreational
dives at Aliwal Shoal.

Over the weekend of 9/10 August, 13 boys did their training and
completed the course that allowed them to receive their Advanced
qualification.

Over half term in the third quarter, a group of 31 people from the

The crew worked incredibly hard this year, given the number of
productions we have had. Particularly challenging was the rig for
‘Lord of the Flies’ which had to be taken down each night and then
set up again in the afternoons. Many, many hours were spent working
around the actors, recording sound effects, perfecting the lighting
effects and ensuring the fires were lit. Without the crew, the production
would never have worked. The number of shows listed under the
theatre report gives some indication of the time and commitment the
theatre crew gave. In addition, they were called upon to run lights for
drama exams and rig microphones for enrichment speakers. Under the
superb leadership of the Chairmen and the guidance of Mr Jean-Louis
Swart, the crew is well-trained and efficient.

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Hide not your talents, they for use were made. 'Wil it's a sun-dial in the shade?

Benjamin Franklin. US author, diplomat, inventor, physicist, politician. & printer (1706 - 1790)

Toastmasters experiencing traditional cuisine on an etiquette course at the Botanic Gardens

Toastmaster's Society

Teachers in Charge: Mr Viktor Kurz and Mrs Dionne Redfern
Chairman: Patrick Lambie
Vice Chair: Brian Cox
Secretary: Dale Walker

Along with a core of other societies, the Toastmasters' Society remained one of the premier societies of Michaelhouse. The fact that 67 boys from B and C Block applied to be members, knowing that only 25 boys could be accepted, was testimony to how the society was viewed by the boys. It was seen as an honour and privilege to belong to this society a fact that Mrs Dionne Redfern and I supported and endorsed.

Each quarter saw the society host two formal evenings. At each meeting both prepared and impromptu speeches are delivered with evaluation for each speaker provided by the boys as well. At the conclusion of each evening, a Best Prepared Speaker, Best Impromptu Speech and Best Evaluator were awarded. Each meeting saw us choose a theme for the evening, with all speeches (prepared and impromptu) centred on this topic.

This year saw us have numerous memorable evenings. We hosted St Johns DSG in the first quarter to a meeting, with the topic: Santa, the fairies and all that ... While in the second quarter, we changed the venue and traveled to the Botanical Gardens where an etiquette course was conducted and speeches presented around the topic: Freedom

The Parents and Sons' meeting in the third quarter remained a highlight for parents and their boys, as it was an opportunity for boys to use the skills learnt throughout the year. The theme for the evening was: Message in a bottle. The boys once again rose to the occasion and produced speeches of the highest order. What was encouraging was the understanding that the boys had that the evening was a formal one. with no need for language which was inappropriate or content which was distasteful.

The Parents and Sons' meeting is always an evening from which one returns feeling proud of being associated with Michaelhouse. At this evening, awards were made to certain boys for their contribution to the society. These were voted for by the boys. The awards for 2008
Jack Crutchley Award for Excellence in Public Speaking:

Ben van Aswegen

John Pluke Award for the Most Improved Speaker: David Zwemke

Dudley Fordc Award for the promotion of Excellence of Toastmasters: Brian Cox

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Michael Greig with a rainbow caught during the snowy East Griqualand tour

The Toastmasters' Society remains a society to which Mrs Redfern and I are wholly committed. We believe in it and promote it at every turn. It is a life-skill which all of us need (and most want). The frustration is that not everyone can enjoy the opportunity to belong to the society. Attending meetings where one sees boys grow and develop as well as produce speeches of the highest quality, makes the visit to the Centenary Centre a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity.

Trout and Fly Fishing Club

Masters in Charge: Mr Paul de Wet and Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield
Chairman: Stuart Harley
Secretary: Jac Aldous

The Trout Club enjoyed a busy and fairly successful year. We had six day outings to a variety of venues. Included in these was our annual fun competition against Hilton College Trout Club. We won this in style, thanks to the two youngest members of our team, Matthew Heenan and Michael Greig, who were very successful in spite of the awful conditions. Matthew Heenan won the prize for the Best Angler of the Day with Michael Greig the runner up.

In addition to the outings we had a meeting where Mr Paul de Wet taught the boys a variety of fishing knots. The highlight of the year was our annual Trout Camp' to East Griqualand where we are royally hosted by the Cathcart family. The fact that Easter fell on the first weekend of the holidays meant that the Trout Camp was held in Michaelmas for only the second time in 54 years. Mr Paul de Wet was away in the USA so the ten boys, three Dads and one Grandfather were accompanied by Messrs Iain Guthrie and Alan Adlington-Corfield. It turned out to be a highly successful and enjoyable trip with some good fish being caught in some heavy snow! Mr Rhino Cathcart hosted 25 Trout C camps before handing over to his son Stiggs who hosted the next 28. This year Stiggs handed over to his son Murray. The generosity and hospitality of this family has to be experienced to be fully appreciated.

As always we were totally indebted to all the riparian owners who allowed us access to their lovely water.

Water Skiing Club

Master in Charge: Mr Andre Black
Chairman: Nick Byrne
The Water Skiing Society remained a popular choice amongst our boys.

Outings took place during the course of the year and much fun was had by the members. A word of thanks must be extended to all the parents who made their boats available for the outings.

The less experienced boys were made aware of safety on the water and it was great that they responded to the advice given by more experienced skippers and skiers.

Wine Appreciation Society

Master in Charge: Mr Peter Huntley
Chairman: John Stathacopoulos
Secretary: Robert Hackney

Great interest was shown at the beginning of the year with over 80 boys indicating their desire to belong to this highly sought-after Society. A series of tests based on the Cape Wine Academy course soon sorted out the serious connoisseurs from the rest and 34 boys were accepted as members. They benefited from lectures on the history of South African Wine, viniculture, viticulture and matching wine to food. Eight lucky candidates participated as pourers at a 5-star wine tasting evening hosted by Mr Trevor Gower at Michaelhouse and were suitably impressed by the nectar on offer.

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Green Flag

Master in Charge: Mr Paul Fleischack

The programmes which we established in the Green Flag programme have been retained and some have been developed further. The waste recycling continued and was extended to include staff homes. A complete energy audit of the school was undertaken. The report emanating from this audit will be used as a guide for
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Earth and sky, woods and fields, takes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from hooks.

John Lubbock

future energy supply and consumption. Our Environmental Policy was reviewed by the Environmental Committee.

The Oribi Reserve remained a focal point of our outdoor and environmental education programmes, particularly for E Blockers.

The composting programme started last year has taken off. Grass cuttings, leaves and garden waste collected by the estates department were all composted with the aid of chicken litter supplied by Mr Barry Hulley, a neighbouring farmer. The wood chipper kindly donated by Mr Wilf Mole was put to good use chipping smaller branches for easier composting. Soon there should be no need to buy compost for the school grounds.

The grasslands on campus, which were not required to be kept manicured, were managed with the cattle. This saved money, reduced the need to bum and restored the grassland cover and biodiversity.

As we no longer have to submit a portfolio of activities to retain our Green Flag status, we will be subscribing to the 90 x 2030 programme. This aims to change energy consumption and lifestyle habits in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 90% by 2030. A group of boys in the Extended Academic Programme will be participating in projects related to this programme.

Other groups will be investigating alternative energy sources using a pilot biogas digester.

Oribi Reserve

Masters in Charge: Mr Paul Fleischack and Mr Iain Guthrie

The Oribi Reserve grows from strength to strength. Last year four Oribi were released in the reserve and another seven were introduced this year. The total population now stands at about 17. A small herd of six Blesbuck were donated by a group of stalT members.

The reserve has become the most wonderful outdoor and environmental education site. For the second year the E Block camp-out was held here. Boys continued to visit the reserve almost daily, some on training runs, others finding some quiet space or

Edward Steere and Daniel McCarthy at the WESSA Green Flag
involving themselves in service projects, removing alien trees, moving the Nguni herd or doing other useful outdoor work. A number of boys experienced the pleasure of drinking fresh spring water and working with animals for the first time in this reserve. For many of these boys these outdoor opportunities become life-changing experiences and will become some of their happiest memories of their time at school. Some boys can't wait to get back to the comforts of their Houses. Many farmers' sons conic into their own here. It was a pleasure to work with these practical and keen boys, who were happy to help with all aspects of the management of the reserve. Their knowledge and enthusiasm often rubbed off on other boys who had not had as much outdoor experience.

The start of the long weekend in the second quarter was earmarked for an annual ceremony in the reserve for the whole school. This year we celebrated wetlands and grasslands with poetry and appropriate readings accompanied by our jctnbe drummers.

The holistic principles which were applied to the management of the grasslands are paying div idends. The grass cover on large areas of the reserve has been restored. The amount of exposed soil is decreasing. Water in the streams is sweet and clean and flowed throughout the past two winters.

StalT and boys, under the guidance of Mr Iain Guthrie, continued to update the species lists for the reserve. Recently an endangered Black Rumped Button Quail was seen. This is further evidence of the value of the reserve in prov iding undisturbed habitat for threatened and endangered species.

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A spectacular view across the Oribi Reserve

KZN Ezemvelo Wildlife assessed the Oribi Reserve and confirmed that we may apply for full Nature Reserve status. Work is currently underway to have this status proclaimed. Once this proclamation has been made, the reserve will enjoy the same legislative protection as the national parks. This, along with the trust fund set up from the sales of Mr Iain Guthrie’s book ‘Free Bounds’, will ensure that this valuable piece of mistbelt grassland on our campus is protected and remains viable in perpetuity.

Community Partnership News

Written by Mrs Michelle Huntley

2008 was a busy and productive year in the area of Community Partnership. The outreach programmes were dedicated to improving those less fortunate in the wider community and thus we have run several programmes again this year with special focus being on Michaelhouse boys’ involvement in the community.

ICDL: (International Computer Drivers License)

Coordinator & Trainer: Julie Flanagan

ICDL Trainer: Mfanseni Phungula and Lungi Hlela.

Hlanganani

Although this class started off well attendance dwindled during the year. Only two of the seven original group members (Dumisani Mnculwane and Henry Zuma) attended the class regularly and as a result, progress was slow.

Michaelhouse Staff

This class showed steady progress on Monday and Tuesday afternoons with regular attendance of 15 Michaelhouse staff from various departments, i.e. Estates, Kitchen, Dormitories, Transport, etc. Attendance was good due to the fact that the staff didn’t have to travel. Better attendance obviously improved performance. There were eight candidates who showed good progress and moved on to the next module, and the balance acquired basic skills. Eight students have been registered for the E-Citizen course and will write their E-Citizen exams using the ICDL Automated Testing system at Michaelhouse.

Boys drinking water from a water source in the Oribi Reserve

Smile (St Marys’ Interactive Learning Experience)
Having completed two full years with Indezi School, we finally introduced SMILE at Indezi. They received classroom reinforcement and teacher training on a weekly basis. Two workshops were held at Michaelhouse with teachers from Indezi and Silindele (from Fort Nottingham). Silindele were unable to come to Oral Skills Lessons at Michaelhouse as they only have nine children in both Grade 4 and 5. Both these schools were issued with work books and teacher guides and used them throughout the year. The Oral Skills Programme at Michaelhouse commenced at the beginning of February with three classes - two from Currys Post Primary School and one from Nottingham Road Primary School. A total of 72 children attended 16 weeks of lessons during the year. The level of understanding English was higher than we had before and we were therefore able to assist more with putting English words into sentences - a great improvement. The year culminated with a party for the children. The 76 B Block Michaelhouse boys who participated in the programme during the year received their SMILE Certificates from Mrs Daniella Browne, Director of SMILE. The children enjoyed refreshments and were each given a gift. Special thanks to the three ladies, Mrs Kate Smedley, Mrs Charlie Ross and Mrs Emma Guthrie, who gave of their time so willingly.

Nina Campbell-Quine Art Project

This is the seventh year we have run this art programme with the assistance of Mr Sandile Sibiya and HOD of Art, Ms Joy Preiss. The main aim this year was to teach ceramic skills and to produce at least four pieces of work per student. The group produced cereal/soup bowls, candle stick holders, soap dishes and vases. They were also taken on trips to The Tatham Art Gallery, Ardmore Ceramic Studio and Trayci Tompkins Ceramic Studio. All in all a very successful year.

Nottingham Road Farmers' Donation assisted the following schools:

Asithuthuke School

Numerous Teachers' Guides and Student Learners text books in both Maths and Geography were purchased for Grades 11 and
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Rector Guy Pearson. Mrs Daniel la Browne. Alex Poliera, Stuart Smallwood and Mrs Jo James with students from Nottingham Road Primary School

Naude Breet and Michael Karam teaching young students

12. The books were put to good use and Mr Paul de Wet from Michaelhouse, together with two Michaelhouse boys, went regularly to Asithuthuke to assist with Maths. We purchased three sets of sporting kit, namely netball (one) and soccer (two) which the school managed and used for matches the students participated in.

Iilanganani School

Having been involved at Iilanganani for some years now, I was very aware of the need for educational aids to assist the teachers with the teaching of English and Maths in general. We purchased a number of educational board and card games the children could have fun with while learning the subject at the same time. We also purchased a number of building blocks, puzzles, etc. for the Grade 0, 1 and 2 classes which were immediately put to use as the children were previously only drawing and listening to stories.

Nottingham Road Primary School

Assistance was given by sending the children on two outings. The first one was for Grade 7 to go to Bhckczcla for two days and the second was to send Grade 5 and 6 to uShaka Marine World. The children paid the entrance fees and contributed to transport costs. Both educational outings went well and the children enjoyed them. We purchased paint, clay, paint brushes, etc. to allow the children to experiment more in art. We also purchased basketballs and hockey balls.

Nottingham Road Combined School

Nottingham Road Combined School were delighted with what we managed to do for them. We purchased rugby boots, balls and full kit as well as numerous set work books for Geography, Maths and English and a DVD Player.

Wellington College (UK)

Wellington College visited Michaelhouse early in the third quarter primarily to play rugby as they were on tour in South Africa. They had a group of 48 boys and six staff and they spent a morning at Nottingham Road Combined School. They were welcomed by the Headmaster, staff and children from the school with a traditional African song and then divided into groups and taken on a tour of the school by the matric students. The staff were taken around
by the Headmaster. They spent most of the morning in different classes and were made to take part in the lessons. These ranged from Zulu to English, Geography, Maths and Science. It also included going back to Grade 1. After attending lessons they were given a concert of African dancing, singing and drum displays. A great morning was enjoyed by all and the outcome was that the boys from Wellington College promised the school £1000 from their tour fund. They will continue the relationship with the school in that one of the boarding houses at Wellington College would like to adopt the school as a project to continue working with.

Sports Development

Basketball was run the whole year with a group of 10 students from Asithuthuke School and they eventually ended up participating in eight matches, including playing against a Michaelhouse team in the Indoor Centre. The team was fitted with kit in their school colours. The basketball court facility at Asithuthuke was finally finished and officially opened during the year. It is a wonderful facility.

The Michaelhouse UI5C and D rugby teams played matches against Nottingham Road Combined School.

Health Awareness

The programme continued during the year with the Balgowan Health and Social development committee and members from the Umgeni AIDS meeting weekly to organise a day at Balgowan Clinic on HIV and AIDS awareness. This eventually took place in September. Michaelhouse helped to keep the cost down by providing chairs and PA system. All the other expenses were charged through the Community Partnership health budget. These included security, public toilets, and staff to clean the toilets, food, entertainment and payment of the Balgowan Clinic nurses as they gave up their day off. Mr Jerome Mnikathi was the Master in Charge. Jerome is a teacher at Asithuthuke School. Pastor Sipho Zuma opened and closed the proceeding with a prayer for all.

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those who have died or are currently living with HIV. Mr Dudu Dlala, a local ward councillor, issued a blessing on the proceedings in place of the Deputy Mayor who was unable to attend at the last minute. The Department of Health provided a speaker, Mr Justice Shelembe, who presented an informed speech on HIV and AIDS and encouraged all to be voluntarily tested. A large number of pamphlets were also provided. Mr Thulani Mthalane a para-legal from Umgeni AIDS, spoke on gender issues and Simphuwe spoke on human rights. A talk on nutrition was given by Mr Zuma from ACAT. Michaelhouse C Block drama students staged a play relevant to the issues around HIV The boys' performance was part of their class work and was marked. Entertainment was also provided by Lidgetton's Isicathamiya group. The star was a three year old boy who stole the hearts of all the ladies with his dancing. Fordoun sent a group of young children who staged a play based on relationships. Three children presented poetry. Two of these children came from Asithuthu and one from Jabula School in Lidgetton. All three of these children are peer councillors at their schools.

Twenty eight people were tested for HIV on the day and more came forward during the week that followed. The Department of Health found the day very useful in promoting health care and Mrs Lunga the District Manager thanked the Committee and Michaelhouse for initiating and funding the day.

Esiphetwini Sendiza School (ilanganani School)

Support for this school has been amazing. The Michaelhouse Boys, in particular Pascoe House Boys, visited the school on a regular basis and interacted with the children, be it reading, working on computers, playing board games or teaching soccer and rugby. We also received support from Woodberry Forest School in the USA. They visited Michaelhouse during the first week in March. They sanded and sealed some lab benches no longer required by the Michaelhouse Science Department. They painted two classrooms, fixed broken windows and taught the pupils conversational English and basic Maths. The Headmaster of Hlanganani, Mr Henry Ngcobo, said the week of their visit was the best of his teaching career - such was the impact of their involvement. The Woodberry Forest teacher, Mr Ben Hale, said “this is arguably the most meaningful time I have spent with school boys in my career of over twenty years”. Since returning home the boys from Woodberry Forest School raised money which will be used to install a borehole at the school.

Art Competition

This was run for the second time this year. Sadly due to the sudden death of Ms Gabi Nkosi of Ulwazi CreACTive Centre, who won the Senior School Trophy last year, the number of entries was down as the schools in Lidgetton did not participate. However a total of
850 entries were received from nine schools. The theme for this year was 'My Family' and the level of the art produced was of a higher standard compared to last year and this was encouraging to see. A wonderful prize-giving ceremony took place in conjunction with the end of the SMILE Programme and was attended by Mrs Jo James, Rector Guy Pearson, Ms Joy Preiss, Mrs Daniella Browne from SMILE, and teachers from the various schools which participated. This competition has certainly proved to be worthwhile and the children enjoy participating. Nottingham Road Primary School was the overall winner but it was encouraging to see that in the different age categories there were winners from a variety of schools compared to last year.

Khazimula (Letting the faces smile)

Written by Mrs Elke von Schlichting

This project was run by Mackenzie House under Community Partnership leader Keegan-Jon Moore, ably assisted by Matthew Fraser. Staff involved were Mrs Emma Guthrie and Mrs Elke von Schlichting.

The faces at Khazimula have continued to smile this year. Despite huge financial strains on the Foster Care Home, which saw its first children admitted almost two years ago, the Management Committee of the Khazimula Children's Project managed to keep the project going, and it is indeed a success story. Driven as an outreach project by Mackenzie House, Khazimula was visited on a weekly basis in 2008.

Our Michaelhouse school boys contributed to the lives of those less advantaged children by helping them once a week with their home work, working on their computer literacy, establishing a small library in their dining room, teaching them some cricket and basketball and ending off the weekly visit with a soccer match. In return, our boys saw the less privileged side of children of their own age, humble accommodation, plain meals, less technologically advanced education and so forth.

We received numerous donations of clothing, books and sports kit from Michaelhouse parents, for which we were so grateful, as supplies always run out and there simply is no budget at Khazimula to supply all those basic needs. We received some kind food donations from the Spar outlet in Nottingham Road, a gesture which helped greatly in keeping the running costs down.

It is estimated, that at least 12 children at Khazimula will be placed back into the community at the end of 2008, either with foster parents or with their own family. The re-integration programme for these traumatised children remains a challenge, but we can proudly say that the first success stories of re-integration are encouraging. We remain hopeful for more financial assistance from outside institutions to employ a person to concentrate on this important component of this Children's Foster Care project.
My thanks go to Mackenzie House who embraced this project this year, as well as boys from other Houses, for their support in making it such a successful outreach project at Michaelhouse. Thanks to all the parents and Michaelhouse staff for their donations, support and
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Jason (/'arke playing soccer at Khazimula little of the abundance we all are blessed with.

Sunfield Home

A regular Thursday outing at Michaelhouse was a visit to Sunfield Home, a refuge for sufferers of Down's Syndrome. Although this was a Baines House project, boys from all Houses regularly accompanied Mr Johan van Rooyen on these outings. The boys were initially very unsure of themselves, but soon they conversed comfortably with the residents and played ball games with them. Soccer balls, donated from proceeds from a Khazimula Fundraising project were greatly appreciated by the residents and staff of Sunfield Home. On most occasions the first timers return to school with a warm heart, knowing that they had made a difference to the life of someone who is desperately in need of contact with other people. Unfortunately this outing often clashed with other school commitments, but I would like to challenge every single Michaelhouse boy to participate in this very worthwhile cause at least once in his Michaelhouse career.

prayers for the well-being of the Khazimula Children's Project. A special thanks to Mrs Anna Bruce for her continued visits to provide healing therapy to some of the traumatised children.

My wish is that Michaelhouse gets more and more involved in community outreach projects, to give back to the community a

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Launch of IT Facility at Khazimula

Winner of the 2008 Peter Brown Memorial Award. Edward Steere, saw his proposal to make a difference coming to fruition on Thursday 20 November with the opening of the Peter Brown Memorial Khazimula IT Facility in Lidgetton.

Peter Brown was a well known anti-apartheid activist and his son. Mr Chris Brown, introduced the memorial award to continue the good work of his father. Each year, students at Michaelhouse submit a proposal for a project which will make a difference to a rural or disadvantaged community. The winning proposal is then granted R 15 000.00 from the fund in order to make the proposal a reality.

The winning proposal in 2008. submitted by Ed Steere and Dale Walker, was actually the creation of a sustainable vegetable garden for Aids Orphans at the Khazimula foster care centre in Lidgetton. However, this was not to be: Dale, who is Second Prefect at Michaelhouse, found that he was overcommitted and could not spend as much time on the project as necessary, and the children at Khazimula did not embrace the vegetable garden concept and preferred to use the prepared land for other activities.

This left Ed in an awkward position, having been given the award, he was now working on his own and had a "flop" on his hands. Undeterred, Ed continued to visit Khazimula and on one of these visits came across the IT facility, housed in a falling apart Zozo hut. with only three of the four computers in vague working order, and all of them with outdated software.

Ed, who is passionate about computers, saw an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the children in care at...
Khazimula through introducing them to technology, and so began Round Two of his proposal.

Through another Michaelhouse student, James Murray, Ed was put in touch with a company called Container Conversions who subsequently donated a container worth almost R50 000.00 to Ed's project. The container was insulated, had air conditioning put in, and was set-up with lockable doors and burglar proof windows, twelve power points, a switchboard and fluorescent lighting.

While the container was being converted, Ed was preparing the site at Khazimula by leveling the ground, with the assistance of the Michaelhouse Estate staff. He was also busy rebuilding the three old computers from Khazimula as well as three other computers which had been donated by the Michaelhouse IT Department. Ed removed all the old software, which included Windows 98 and loaded on Windows XP as well as some basic open source software.

Once the container arrived at Khazimula, Ed set about adding counter tops for the computers, as well as sourcing educational posters to decorate the walls. The container was linked in to the Khazimula power supply by the school's electrician, and Ed networked the six computers and linked them to a network printer.

Through the Outreach Programme at Michaelhouse, the young orphans of Khazimula will be able to learn the basics of
Nick Byrne and Rees Keene displaying the cheque donated to the Asithuthuke School Trust. Funds were raised through their membership of the prestigious Eight Mile Club.

working with computers. Ed is writing a manual which will be used each Monday by the boys of Michaelhouse who go to Khazimula to teach the youngsters.

As a sign of their excitement and acceptance of the project, the children of Khazimula have planted grass and flowers around the container. They have also made a path and a step to the door which signifies their respect.

Ed is currently writing his final matric exams and when asked if all the work and time spent on the Khazimula project detracted from his studies, he replied that he had applied his personal "Inhlosane Rule" to this project, as he does to all challenges that face him.

A Michaelhouse tradition is that all new boys walk from the school in Balgowan to Inhlosane, a well known mountain in the Dargle Valley, approximately 23km from the school. Ed, who walked to Inhlosane for the first time in 2004 as a new boy at Michaelhouse, has done the walk every year, and plans to run to Inhlosane and back the day after he writes his final exam.

Ed's Inhlosane Rule is "when you feel like you can't do anything more, keep going and you will be able to do more than you think you are capable of".

This inspirational young man, who is also captain of the School's Athletics team, hopes to pursue a career as a computer electrical engineer.

MySchool Fundraising

Written by Mrs Elke von Schlichting

"MySchool is South Africa's foremost community support programme, contributing more than R1.5 million to schools and charities every month. To date, we have raised over R63 million through a collaborative community support model. The MySchool programme acts as a channel which raises and delivers essential funding to schools and charities in order to improve education and social development in South Africa. This enables members of the
community to participate in the future development of our Nation in a sustainable way.

The programme gives parents and other community-minded individuals a vehicle through which to make a meaningful contribution to schools, in a convenient and transparent manner. This is not a donation service, but a true partnership between schools and business partners." - www.mvschool.co.za

The MySchool fundraising scheme at Michaelhouse commenced in 2003 and we would once again like to thank all parents for their efforts and their contributions. We managed to get a steady income every month, which we plough directly into outreach projects. This year we donated money for stationery, washing lines and cupboards to Khazimula, as well as a lawn mower to Hlanganani School. We kept a few reserves for crisis situations, and appreciate your continued support in this fundraising venture. Parents are welcome to contact us for more information on this project, or visit the website: www.myschool.co.za for the latest updates. It does not cost parents anything, but every time your card is swiped at a support outlet, money is donated to our fundraising programme.

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Swimming

Master in Charge: Mr Rory Drysdale
Coaches: Mr Brad Roets. Mr Andre Van Wyk
Captain: Andrew Chance

Colours: Rees Keene (50m Breaststroke), Cameron Lindsay (50m Breaststroke). Patrick Durham (50m Butterfly)

Half Colours: Nick Byrne, Andrew Batley. Michael Eybers, Stuart Maclaren. Jason Clarke, Stephen Thring,

Chase le Roux. Liam Royce

Inter-House Gala

The Inter-House gala was. for the third year, held in near perfect conditions.

Results were as follows:

Junior Individual Medley (A Wex Trophy):
Renier Janse van Rensburg

Senior Individual Medley (Branson Bowman Edgar Trophy):
Andrew Chance

Junior Victor Ludorum (.Wick Folker Trophy):
Renier Janse van Rensburg

if 17 Victor Ludorum (Andrew Wex Cup) Benjamin Bradford

Senior lector Ludorum (Boh Larsen Silicones Trophy):
Andrew Chance

Open freestyle relay (Bowman Edgar Trophy) Farfield

Winning House (relays) (K & B Reeve Trophy): Farfield

Twenty man Trophy (Swimming Staff Trophy): Tatham
Age group championship

U19 Gold: Andrew Chance; Silver: Patrick Lambie;
Bronze: Jason Trautnian. Jonathan Ritten

U17 Gold: Benjamin Bradford; Silver: Cameron Lindsay;
Bronze: Stuart Maclaren

U16 Gold: Kyle Schoerie; Silver: Matthew Shave;
Bronze: Patrick Durham

U15 Gold: Renier Janse van Rensburg; Silver: Ryan Shiel;
Bronze: Luca Scribante

UN Gold: Lee Savory; Silver: Sean Clarke;
Bronze: Greg Waterman

The following records were broken at this year's gala:

Farfield U19 4 x 25m Medley relay 56.20
Farfield U19 4 x 50m Freestyle relay 1:50.80

Inter-School Competition

We were ranked eighth in Kwazulu-Natal. Our position was one place worse than last year with Clifton Durban coming through strongly.
Michaelhouse hoys w ho successfully swam all eight Midmar Mile events
Johan van der Linden

Results were as follows:

Michaelhouse Invitation Gala:
A GALA
1 st Kearsney
2nd Pmb College
3rd Hilton
4th Northwood
5th Michaelhouse

B GALA
1 st Kearsney
2nd Pmb College
3rd Northwood
4th Michaelhouse

5. Midlands Schools Gala
1st Hilton A 125
2nd Michaelhouse 96
 Provincial Competition

Midlands

The following swimmers were chosen to represent the Midlands Swimming side:

U14 Sean Clarke 50m Butterfly & 50m Freestyle.
U15/16 Patrick Durham 50m Butterfly & 200m IM
U17/19 Nick Byrne 400m Freestyle

Top Ten Gala: 9th out of 9 teams

It has become clear over the years that we are just not able to compete at this level. The emphasis in future will be on the individual rather than on team participation.

Private Schools Quadrangular Gala: 4th out of 6 teams

KwaZulu-Natal

Sean Clarke was selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal at the South African Schools Nationals in East London this year.

S A Schools

Sean Clarke won two gold medals at the South African Schools

1st Kearsney 140 Championships.
2nd Clifton 128
3rd Hilton A 113 Other
4th Michaelhouse 83
5th St Charles 56 Zimbabwean Inter Provincial Gala
6th St Patricks 14 Andrew Chance was selected to represent Zimbabwe at the FIN A World Cup in both the 50m and 100m Freestyle events. He Dimant Co-Ed Gala: 4th & 8th out of 10 teams achieved his best time in the 50m Freestyle event; 23.8 seconds.
1st Durban Girls College & Kearsney A 394 which ranked him 17th in the world for this event.

2nd Fatima & College A

3rd St Marys & Michaelhouse

4th TWC & DHS A

5th GHS A & Hilton B
Swimming all eight events has become very popular and we instituted a Michaelhouse 8 Miler Award. Each boy who successfully swims all events swum on the weekend, (with a minimum number of three on each day if races are officially cancelled for dangerous conditions), was awarded a numbered medal engraved with their name, school and the year in which they successfully completed the challenge. The cumulative list will now form part of the report in each Chronicle.
8 Miler Award

Medal Number Name Near
J Michel Mahieu 2006
2 Richard Bennett 2006
3 James Winter 2007
4 Simon Dougall 2007
5 Dougie Button 2007
6 Nick Byrne 2007
7 Andrew Chance 2008
8 Rees Keene 2008
9 Johan van der Linden 2008
10 David Bennett 2008
11 Hcnk Appelo 2008
12 Michael Eybcrs 2008
13 Nick Byrne 2008
14 Alain Mahieu 2008
15 Stephen Thring 2008
16 Cameron Lindsay 2008
17 Andrew Batley 2008
18 Chase le Roux 2008
19 Jason Clarke 2008
20 Storm Gallic 2008

Special mention must be made of Rees Keene and Nick Byrne who swam in the official 8 Mile Club. They raised R40 000 for charity.

A further special congratulations to Sean Clarke who came 2nd in Race One, for disabled swimmers.

Triathlon

Michaelhouse had a fairly large entry at our first BSG Lncrgade Triathlon on 12 October. Boys entered individually and completed all three stages, and we entered four teams where two or three boys took part in some of the stages.

The field consisted of about 300 men of all ages, mostly in their early twenties, with about 25 to 30 teams participating.

The best individual result was Tristan van Dam who came in 137th overall and 20th in his age group. Jason Clarke was the second Michaelhouse individual at 180th overall and 23rd in his age group. Special congratulations to Sean Clarke who finished the individual event.

Chase le Roux. doing the swim and the run. and Matt Dyer, cycling, were the 4th team in and were 1st in their age group, winning gold medals.

Storm Gallic (swimming), George Purbrick (cycling) and David Pearce (running) were the 6th team in and they came 2nd in their age group, winning silver medals.
The water polo season was an extremely busy one and a year of mixed successes. The number of boys who played the sport continued to grow. The group of young men that availed themselves were dedicated and committed, having to learn an immense amount of information as well as the skills of the game in limited pool time.

It was a building year for the First Team, which was a very young side. The team however, played with determination and our results against the top schools were not a true reflection of the way in which the boys played.

The Second Team came on in leaps and bounds, with many boys pushing for places in the First Team. They played great attacking polo and got some good results.

The U15 age group fared well this year but often ended up on the wrong side of a close game. There was a large amount of depth in this age group, and it looks encouraging for the future.

The U14 age group continued to improve as the season progressed and I am confident they will become a very useful and competent group of players in the years to come.

A highlight of the year was our overseas trip to the Netherlands and Croatia. In the Netherlands we were fortunate to have Robin Van ialen coaching us, who went on to coach the Netherlands Women’s team to Gold in the Olympics. For Croatians, water polo is not just a sport, but a way of life, with the sea being scattered with goal posts. We learnt a great deal on this tour, and hopefully this will bear fruit in the future.
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WATERPOLO - 201(8)

Date Opponent HI 2nd 3rd 4th L16A UI6B L15A U5B uawi UI4A U14B

WATER POLO TOURNAMENT
26 01 Maritzburg College Northwood L3-5 L3-6 D I-I W 3-1 D 3-3 L 2-3 (3rd) 1.1-6 1.1-4 L 2-3 W 1-0 W 7-1 W 1-0
02M2 Clifton College Mens Midlands Meander L 2-18 W 11-10 W 5-3 L2-5 L 2-10 L 1-4
22/02 St Charles W 13-6 W 5-2 W 3-2 W 7-0 W 8-0
22/02 Maritzburg College L 5-10
29/02 Thomas More W 21-2 W 16-2 D 4-4
01/03 Weston W 10-3 W 2-1
JF.PPF. TOURNAMENT (15TH OUT OF 20 SCHOOLS)
Hilton L 1-5
Jcppc L 2-4
01/03 St Peters Selboumc Clifton St Davids W 5-3 L 1-4 L 2-4 W 4-2
0803 Hilton L9-I2 1.4-5 L 1-4 D 7-7 L6-7 W6-5 L 3-8 L4-I2
05/10 Hilton W 13-12 W 10-4 W 7-1 W 8-5 W 9-5 L 15-0 L9-3
0610 Treverton Girls Treverton U1SWV75 la\W9-3 1st W 11-0
11/10 Kearsney L 17-8 W 11-4 W 14-1 1.4-6 W 7-4 L 4-2
18/10 Top 10 Competition 9th S(h 9th
01/11 Thomas More L 9-7 W 13-3 L 7-5 W 5-4 D 4-4
0611 Treverton W9-7Tkv 1st WII-3Ticvl5A
09/11 Mant/burg College L 13-2 L 11-3 W9-8 L 11-3 L 11-4 L 8-3 L 11-1
17/11 Westville L2I-5 w 15-5 1.9 -3 L8-3 L 5-4 1.6-5 L7-4
22/11 Clifton L 29-0 L 12-0 L 12-6 L6-1 L 15-0 L6-2

W ater I'olo Tour To Holland & Croatia

Written by Mr Rory Drysdale

Thursday 19 June

We left school at 07h30 and traveled uneventfully to Johannesburg. The only concern to me was that I had all passports except that of Patrick Durham which was due to be delivered to him at the airport. Talk about cutting it fine!

Arrived at the airport with plenty of time to spare and Patrick's passport was received from Edusport.

The Air France flight left at 19h45

Friday 20 June

We arrived at Charles De Gaulle airport early the next morning and connected immediately to Schipol airport in Amsterdam. Mrs Mieke Bakker was there to meet us and arrange for our transport to the youth hostel; Stay Okay. A priority was to set ourselves up with communication, as I needed to be in contact with the school in the
event of emergencies, and 1 also needed for the boys to be able to contact me and vice versa.

Cameron Lindsay

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Sport

After off-loading luggage at our accommodation, it was straight off to Zeist (one hour drive), for a training session with Robin van Galen; the coach for the Netherlands Olympic women's team. The boys had a two hour session with Robin, a break for 1 Vi hours and then straight into three matches. A tiring day was had by all!

The three matches (all 4x12 minute chukkas), were extremely one-sided against us as we were playing club sides who train twice a day for six days a week. We did not mind this as we were in Europe to learn as much as we could, and learn we did!

Our 1st team went down 37-10, 2nds lost 17-0 and the U15's lost 16-6.

Saturday 21 June

Today we have a morning bike tour of Amsterdam and I discover to my horror that the only thing worse to have on a public road than a Johannesburg taxi, is 30 Michaelhouse boys on bicycles in a city where the traffic travels on the wrong side of the road.

Holland is playing Russia tonight in the European Football Championships and everyone is wearing 'orange'.

Sunday 22 June

A late start today will be appreciated by all I'm sure as most boys had a late night last night. Holland is quietly morose today, probably because they lost to Russia last night.

Mieke arrived with our bus to take us to Holland's version of Durban beach. The wind is blowing like it does in Port Elizabeth but all is good. There are places out the wind that serve great lattes, yet with the view intact.

This is the perfect place for kite surfing!

Monday 23 June

An early start to get to the airport, for our flight to Paris.

It takes an hour to fly there and takes two hours to get into Paris. Traffic!!

Our coach drove through the historic part of Paris en route to the Eiffel Tower. Amsterdam is fairly small and friendly, Paris in contrast, is large and fairly intimidating. The French do not like speaking English!

Tuesday 24 June

I'm ultra efficient this morning, handing out passports on the bus,
to save time once we get to the airport. Bad mistake!! One of the D Blockers put his passport in the pocket on the bus seat in front of him, and realises his mistake only once the bus is on the way back to Paris.

Air France help desk - no help
Pray

Our hotel - no help
Pray

Our land agents in France - not open
Pray

Telephone help line - can't understand French
Pray

Edusport in Durban - contacted the bus driver whilst still on his way back to Paris, had him turn around and deliver the passport back to us.

Prayer answered!!! God is good.

Unfortunately James and I miss our flight to Zagreb and have to wait 10 hours for the next flight.

Wednesday 25 June

There are training sessions this morning and matches this afternoon. The two occasions are virtually indistinguishable. Non stop waterpolo is played for about 1 1/2 hours. Although we played younger sides than our boys, we manage to hold our own against strong opposition. No scores are kept.

Prices in Croatia are far less than in Northern Europe. A large pizza and draft beer costs about K51 (R90.00).

Thursday 26 June

Today we travel to Zadar. The drive down is through some seriously beautiful countryside not too dissimilar from the scenery of the Western Cape. Where is everyone? The country seems to be largely unpopulated and the roads are new and in excellent condition, with very little traffic on them. On the way we stop for an amazing six hours of kayaking on the crystal clear Zrmanja river. Our guide, Luca, says that we are the best group that he has led in his five years of guiding on the river. I can understand why, the boys had a ball and showed it. Today is definitely a highlight!

Friday 27 June

Today is a free day, a time to catch up on much needed sleep. Matches are scheduled for this afternoon. A local TV crew shows up to do some filming.
All of our boys are noticeably improving.

Saturday 28 June

We all did our own thing in Split this morning after an early journey from Zadar. Pizza for lunch, again!! I am not complaining, as they are great. This afternoon we drive about 25km down the coast and train at the facilities of the local club in the sea. If they can play in the sea then I am sure that we could set up a practice area with floating goals in New Dam.

Sunday 29 June

We have a tremendous drive from Split to Dubrovnik today. A little like Chapman's Peak but for 200km. What a spectacular town. The old part is completely walled and it is possible to walk the entire 4km wall, definitely worth it!

Matches are being played again this evening.

This is the boys last real night out for exploring and we have extended everyone's curfew by an hour. Stupid? No, they deserve it as I cannot fault a single boy for bad behaviour on this tour.

Monday 30 June

Training sessions are again scheduled for this morning and the rest of the day is free until our flight back to Zagreb this evening. This place is hot, at least 35 degrees I would say, and quite humid.
We arrive in Zagreb in lime for a late supper and then an early night is had by all. Our bus arrives at 04h00 tomorrow morning.

A special thanks must go to Andrew Chancc. and the other A Blockers for setting the tone on tour. I know that I speak for all the stalT when I say that our enjoyment is dependent on the reactions and behaviour of the boys with us. We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Boys on tour (In order of their tour number)

1 Griffin Richard
2 Gelletich Francis
3 Chance Andrew
4 van Dam Tristan
5 Clarke Jason
6 Jiinig Brannan
7 van der Linden Johan
8 Karovsky Louis
9 Batley Andrew
10 Byrne Nick
11 Anger Grant
12 Appelo Ilenk
13 le Roux Chase
14 Thring Stephen
15 Nupen James
16 Gallic Storm
17 Shave Matthew
18 Shiel Ryan
19 Janse van Rensburg Renier
20 Dalais James
21 Halsted Robert
22 Stroud James
23 Daly Michael
24 von Glehn Alastair
25 Nuttall-Smith Rory
26 Scribante Luca
28 Lyle Kieran
29 Venter Micky
30 Crouch James
31 Durham Patrick

Staff on tour (In order of their tour number)

32 Whitaker Bernie
33 Drysdale Rory
34 Kunim Kyle

The overseas water polo touring squad kayaking on the Zrmanha River. Cmatia

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Coaches: Mr George Ferreira, Mr Righardt Kotze

Captain: Edward Steere

Colours: Edward Steere, Vaughan Edwards

Half Colours: Gregory Heeger, Dumisani Mabhena, David Pearce

"Friendships horn on the field of athletic strife are the real gold of competition. Awards become corroded, friends gather no dust." Jesse Owens

Inter-House Athletics took place between 29 August and 06 September at Michaelhouse.

Cross Country

The Cross Country Cup: Farfield

Age Group Champions

U14: 1st: Greg Waterman (Fo), 2nd: Michael Fenn (W), 3rd: Christopher Brits (T),

U15: 1st: David Brill (Fo), 2nd: Drew Johnston (W), 3rd: Sabelo Chirwa (E),

U16: 1st: Patrick Howard (T), 2nd: Ian Sturgeon (E), 3rd: Rob Clucas (M),

U17: 1st: Jordan Goddard (B), 2nd: Neil Benton (M), 3rd: Alain Mahieu (Fa),

U19: 1st: Ruan Combrinck (P), 2nd: Andrew Chance (Fa), 3rd: Edward Steere (Fa)

The Inter-House events were well supported by the boys. The Inter-House Standards, Inter-House Relays, Pre-Sports Day Finals and Sports Day ran smoothly and the following is a summary of the achievements.
Relays

The 5 Age Relay (Grant Cornish Bowden Floating Trophy): Tatham

4 x 100m Relays (David Chance Floating Trophy): Farfield
Senior 4 x 800m (The West 1971’ers Challenge Trophy): Farfield
Winning House (CRH Harris Floating Trophy): Farfield

Sports Day

Junior Victor Ludorum (Paul Nash Trophy): David Brill, Founders
Under 17 Victor Ludorum (Martin Rose Floating Trophy):
Jordan Goddard, Baines
Senior Victor Ludorum (John Odams Trophy):
Ruan Combrinck, Pascoe

Standards Points (John Odams Trophy): Farfield

U19 100m Sprint (D Barford Trophy): Vaughan Edwards, East

Best Single Performance in a Field Event (Mike Gledhill Cup):
Patrick Howard, Tatham

Best Single Performance in a Track Event (Steven Waidelich Floating Trophy): Alain Mahieu, Farfield
Best Single Performance in a Javelin Event (J R Cairns Trophy):
Ruan Combrinck, Pascoe
Best Middle Distance Athlete (Ci D Barrie Trophy):

Alain Mahieu. Farfield

Best Single Performance in any event (St Evens Trophy):
Alain Mahieu. Farfield

20x100m Combined Age Relay (J Cahill Floating Trophy):
Farfield

Service to Athletics (M Jeffrey Memorial Tray):
Edward Steere, Farfield

Winning House (MHS Eric Strapp Memorial Trophy): Farfield

The boys competed at various meets throughout the year, with the following results:

2008 ATHLETICS RESULTS
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Jon-Paul Akal Youth SP 3rd
Jusiin Chinyanta Youth SP 1st
Musa Munaisi Youth SP 4th
Erik Wich-Lagesse Youth 100m 15th
200m 3rd (heat)
Pierre Noel Youth 100m 13th
Dumisani Mabhcna Youth 100m 8th
League Meeting
Dean Dowie Youth 100m 15th
Durban
400m 4th (heat)
26 January 2008 Edward Steere Junior 5000m 1st
Louis Albcrste Junior SP 3rd
Jacques Van Niekerk Junior SP 4th
Jordan Goddard Junior IIJ 4th
Jav 3rd
Vaughan Edwards Junior 100m 3rd
200m 2nd
Iien van Aswegen Junior 1500m 5th
Erik Wiehe-Lagesse Youth 100m 6th
Pierre Noel Youth 100m 7th
U 7th
Andrew Craib Youth 100m 12th
LJ 6th
Justin Chinyanta Youth SP 1st
David Pearce Youth 1500m 1st
400m 5th
Dumisani Mabhcna Youth 100m 4th
U 4th
League Meeting Dean Dowie Youth 100m 8th
400m 2nd
Chatsworth, Durban
Spencer Smith Youth 100m 12th
Jonathan Eieldgatc Youth 100m 19th
02 February 2008
Scan Markham Youth U 9th
Casper Badenhorst Youth SP 2nd
Discus 1st
Nicholas Meyer Junior 800m 2nd
Jacques Van Niekerk Junior SP 2nd
Discus 1st
Jordan Goddard Junior SP 5th
Jav 1st
Discus 2nd
Vaughan Edwards Junior 100m 2nd
Menlo Park Invitation
- Pretoria Jon-Paul Akal U15 100m 6th
02 January 2008
Ryan Baker and John Stathacopoulos Patrick Lambie Patrick Howard, the fastest boy in the School over 100m

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2008 was a successful year for the Michaelhouse athletes.
Basketball 1st Team: Back Row: M.Fraser, M.Ziumbe, A.Laing, D.Norman, P. Howard, N.Benton, S. Mhlongo
Front Row: J.Chhvaye, F.Scott, P.Vrontamitis (c), Mr A.Laing, S.Drower-Copley, T.Ning

Basketball

Master in Charge: Mr Klmar de Klerk

Coaches:

1st team: Mr Allan Laing, 2nd team: Mr Mandla Cele,

3rd team: Mr Sandile Khuluse, U16A: Mr Selby Sibiya, U16B/C: Mr Sibusiso Ncamane, U15A: Mr Msi/i Mchunu
U15B/C: Mr Given Dzingwa, U14A: Mr Klmar de Klerk, U14B/C: Mr Johan van Rooyen and Mr Linda Linda
Captain: Philip Yrontamitis
Honours: Philip Yrontamitis

Colours: Andrew Laing, Shane Drower-Copley, Francis Scott
Half Colours: Devin Norman, Siyabonga Mhlongo,

Patrick Howard, Matthew Fraser, Neil Benton, Munatsi Ziumibe, Travis Ning, Jamaine Chiwaye
Provincial Representation: Andrew Laing, Philip Yrontamitis, Munatsi Ziumbe, Patrick Howard

Most Improved Player for 2008: Devin Norman
Most Valuable Player 200ft: Philip Yrontamitis

Mr Allan Laing took over the coaching of the First Team at the beginning of the year and has done exceptionally well. The First Team played 12 games, won 10 and lost two. We had three players represent KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, which is an outstanding achievement. The Captain of the 2008/2009 season is Andrew Laing.

Basketball remains a popular sport amongst the boys at Michaelhouse and the numbers are growing. We are fielding 10 teams but it is not always easy to arrange fixtures for all the teams during the basketball season.

Mr Tatenda Chidzawo has been appointed as an Intern and we are fortunate to have his expertise in the field of coaching and his refereeing ability. We would like to use him to upgrade our scoring standards and the level of refereeing amongst our coaches and school boys.

The Inglis Indoor Centre ranks one of the best in South Africa and we are fortunate to have such great facilities. We would, however, like to upgrade our electronic scoreboard for the main court.

I would like to thank the maintenance staff and the basketball staff for
their coaching and dedication.

Matt Fraser

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Sport

BASKETBALL RESULTS - 2008
Opponent Team Result For Against
St charles Stayers Won 74 67 Andrew Laing & Patrick Howard 21 points

2nd Lost 71 82
U16A Won 32 26
U16B Won 32 12
U15A Won 37 32
U15B Won 47 6
U14A Lost 14 56
U14B Lost 6 23
Westville 1st Won 36 30 Philip Vrontamitis 10 points
2nd Won 28 9 Mohamed-Ali Ahmad 11 points
U16A Won 34 27
U16B Lost 17 20
U15A Won 28 27 Sabelo Chirwa 10 points
U15B Won 20 18
U14A Lost 24 36
U14B Lost 8 22
U14C Won 15 7
Alex High 1st Lost 47 57
2nd Lost 29 31
U16A Lost 28 29
U15A Won 39 13 Sabelo Chirwa 9 points
U14A Lost 21 16
St charles 1st Won 64 56
2nd Lost 36 37
U16A Won 25 23
U15A Lost 36 46
U15B Won 35 14 Daniel Oti 11 points
U14A Lost 36 63
U14B Lost 16 31
U14C Won 30 15 William Grant 8 points
St Nicholas 1st 2nd Won 46 37
U14A Lost 42 45
Carter High 1st Won 55 30
2nd Won 68 24 Philip Vrontamitis 11 points
U16A Won 26 19 Ruan Combrinck 19 points
U15A Won 35 20 Peter Rattray 11 points
U15B Won 22 0 Sabelo Chirwa 24 points
U14A Lost 14 44
U14B Won 20 17
Maritzburg College 1st team Won 52 33 Patrick Howard 10 points
U15A Lost 24 25 Sabelo Chirwa 10 points
U14A Lost 22 38
Hilton College 1st Won 28 18 Andrew Laing 8 points
2nd Drew 20 20 Ruan Combrinck 7 points
3rd Lost 9 18
U16A Lost 22 29
U16B Lost 13 23
U15A Won 29 28 Sabelo Chirwa 15 points
SPORT

BASKETBALL RESULTS - 2008
Opponent Team Result For Against
Hilton College UI5B Won 30 5
- UI4A Lost 24 29 C'hcync Halliday 9 points
- UI4B Lost 16 4K
Marit/burg College 2nd Won 45 29
- U16B Lost 30 38
- U15B Lost 25 28 Daniel Oli 8 points
- U15C Drew 22 22
- UI4B Lost 16 50
- UI4C Lost 16 43
Clifton Dbn U14A Won 26 12 Wade McKillop 10 points
- U15A Won 42 18 Sabelo Chirwa 17 points
- 1st Won 34 17 Philip Vrontamitis 12 points
Treverton 2nd vs Trcv 1st Won 56 18
- 3rd vs Trcv 2nd Won 44 24
- U15B vs Trev U15A Won 57 23
St Nicholas 114 Tournament
- St Nicholas UI4A Lost IX 22
Marit/hurg College U14A Lost 10 56
- Alex High U14A Lost 21 24

Canoeing
Coach: Mr Shaun Griffin
Masters in Charge: Mr Alan Redfern. Mr Iain Guthrie and Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield
Captain: Benjamin Bradford
Vice Captain: Peter Broun
Honours: Stuart Maclaren
Colours: Julian Atkinson. Matthew Dean, Benjamin Bradford. Gregor Martin
Owen Gandar

The Michaelhouse Canoe Club enjoyed another full, varied and successful year. The club remained strong, thanks to the enthusiasm of the boys and the staff who contributed to its success. Mr Shaun Griffin was the main coach and under his tutorage, there was considerable development of our boys. Thanks too go to Mr Alan Redfern, Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield and Mr Iain Guthrie for their efforts at the various events and on the side of our own school dam.
River Races

The year saw our boys tackle a fair number of river races, starting with the Duzi Marathon. Here the boys performed exceptionally and we came away with the School’s Trophy for Top Boys* School. Among our champions for this event were Stuart Maclaren and Gregor Martin (second U18 and 49th overall). Matthew Dean (sixth U18). Benjamin Bradford and Cameron Lindsay (13th U18), Jonathan Chileshe and Owen Gandar (15th U18). while Julian Atkinson and Robert Gifford were first and Ryan Patchitt was 15th in the U16 section. All these boys took part in K2*s and gave of their best in a strong field.

In February we competed in the Intcr-Schools Du/i Race and the Drak Challenge. In the Du/i Race, Stuart Maclaren (K1) and Matthew Dean (K1) were placed third and ninth respectively in the U18 sections and Julian Atkinson (K1) took second position U16. The Drak Challenge, perhaps one of the most scenically beautiful races, had our boys taking to the waters of the Mzimkulu with success. Matthew Dean managed a 40th position overall in his K1 which translated into a 10th U18. Benjamin Bradford took 13th U18 and Julian Atkinson fifth U16 in their K1's.

Prior to the annual Michaelhouse/Hilton Canoeing Weekend, we had considerable success on the Upper Umgeni with Owen Gandar (K2) placed first over all and first U18. Jonathan Chileshe (K1) fourth over all and second U18. the Bradford brothers. Benjamin and Jeremy, (K2) 14th over all and second U18, James Fisher (K1) 12th overall and fourth U18, Antony Renton (K1) 18th overall and fifth U18 and Michael Richardson 47th overall and seventh U18.

A very enjoyable w'cckend was spent on the Mzimkulu.
Sport

Canoe Club: Back Row:
R. Holliday, S. Calien, J. Fisher, G. St Clair, N. Chaplin, S. Griffin,
A. Houston

Third Row: C. Lindsay, M. Richardson, M. Dean, S. Gal lie,
B. Hodgson, R. Patchitt, O. Gandar

Second Row: M. Heenan, M. Green, L. Strachan, J. Dean,
M. Brown, G. Purbrick,
J. J. Bradford, D. Pearce, A. Renton

Front Row: J. Aldous,
Mr A. Adlington-Corfield, B. Bradford (c), Mr Shaun Griffin,
P. Brown (v/c), Mr I. Guthrie,
S. Maclaren

River for the annual Michaelhouse/Hilton Canoe Race. The event was well supported by the parents and it is a great opportunity for them to celebrate their boys canoeing. This year the Michaelhouse team faired well and captured the event for the eighth consecutive year with a points tally of 956 to 316. Many thanks go to the parents who braved the camping at Glen Haven and the canoeist who helped catch, slaughter and prepare Col Reggie Purbrick's sheep for the Saturday evening braai.

The results of other river races this year are tabled below:

2008 CANOEING RESULTS
DATE EVENT CANOEIST AGE GROUP CANOE and DISTANCE RESULT OVERALL RESULT
02/03/2008 Upper Umgeni Benjamin & Jeremy Bradford U18 K2 2nd 14th
James Fisher U18 K1 4th 12th
Antony Renton U18 K1 5th 18th
Michael Richardson U18 K1 7th 47th
27/07/2008 A Gruth Challenge - Upper Umgeni Stuart Maclaren U18 K2 1
09/08/2008 Tugela 20 Stuart Maclaren U18 K2 2nd 2nd
09/08/2008 Highland Tracker Matthew Dean U18 Kl 51st
  Stuart Maclaren U18 K2 1st 2nd
  Benjamin Bradford
17/08/2008 VLC 25 Kms A Gruth Challenge Matthew Dean Owen Gander
  U18 K2 16th
  Matthew Dean U18 Kl 2nd
  Owen Gandar U18 Kl 30th
24/08/2008 Blue Haze Bushmans David Pearce Andrew Houston U16 K2
  2nd 8th
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The river race report would be incomplete without comment on the Fish. The Christmas quarter began with a number of boys heading down to the Fish River Canoe Marathon in the Eastern Cape. This popular race was well attended by our boys who missed the first week of school. The results from this event were pleasing and saw Matthew Dean (K2) placed fourth U18. Benjamin Bradford and Cameron Lindsay 12th U18. Owen Gandar and Jonathan Chileshe 13th UI8. David Pearce and Andrew Houston fifth U16, Jeremy Bradford and Matthew Heenan ninth UI6. Ryan Patchitt and Antony Renton 18th UI8. Reggie Holliday and Storm Gallic 19th UI8. James Fisher and Nic Chaplin 21st U18 and Jonathan Dean 25th U16.

Slalom

The Inter Schools Slalom at Black Rock was put together by MHS Old Boys Alex Rennie and his son. Iain. It was an enjoyable day and our boys did well. Of particular note were Stuart Maclaren, Julian Atkinson and Robbie Gifford who were placed second U18, second U16 and third U16. A tremendous effort.

Sprints

We had an exceptional sprints season which began with the Inter-Schools sprints at Nagel Dam and ended in Europe at the 56th Rhur Regatta and the UK Championships. The training for these events was exceptionally demanding and the boys involved put in long hours at the Drift under the guidance of Attila to get them to international standards. Gregor Martin. Stuart Macalrnon and Julian Atkinson represented the South African contingent at the 56th Rhur Regatta and their performances there were highly commendable. The results of the Sprint season are tabled below:
Stuart Maclaren U18A  5th
Circgor Martin U18A  7th
Benjamin Bradford UI8B  1st
Julian Atkinson U16A  2nd
01/03/2008 Inter-Schools Sprints
Matthew Dean U18C  4th
Owen Gandar U18|C  4th
Andrew Houston U16A  8th
MHS Relay Team UI8  2nd
Stuart Maclaren UI8  1000m- K1 4th
UI8 1000m -K2  2nd
U18 500m - K2  3rd
19 20/04/08 SA Sprint Trials at Nagle  U18  1000m- K4  1st
Dam
Gregor Martin UI8  1000m-K2  3rd
U18 500m - K2  3rd
U18 500m - K4  1st
Julian Atkinson Stuart Maclaren

Date Event Canoeist Age Group Canoe And Distance Result Overall Result
Gregor Martin U18 1000m - Kl 3rd B Final
U18 1000m - K4 3rd
U18 500m - Kl 2nd B Final
U18 500m - K4 3rd
U18 200m - K4 7th B Final
U18 200m - K4 3rd
Julian Atkinson U18 1000m - Kl 8th B Final
U18 3000m - Kl 10th
U18 500m - Kl 6th B Final
25 -
27/04/2008 SA Championships U18 200m - Kl B Final
Stuart Maclaren U18 1000m - Kl 4th A Final
U18 3000m - Kl 3rd
U18 500m - Kl 5th A Final
U18 200m - Kl 7th A Final
U18 200m - K4 1st
U18 1000m - K4 1st
U18 500m - K4 2nd
Stuart Maclaren & U18 500m - K2 2nd
Gregor Martin U18 200m - K2 2nd
Julian Atkinson U16 500m - K2 2nd
200m - K2 2nd
200m - Kl 3rd
1000m - K2 4th
Stuart Maclaren U18 1000m-Kl 4th
1000m- K2 26th
03/05/2008 SA Schools Sprints 500m - Kl 6th
500m - K2 2nd
200m - K2 4th
Gregor Martin U18 1000m - K2 2nd
500m - K2 2nd
200m - K2 4th
200m - Kl (B) 1st
SA Marathon Champs Stuart Maclaren U18 K2 2nd

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Date Event Canoeist Age Group Canoe And Distance Result Overall Result
06/2008 56th Rhur Regatta Stuart Maclaren Julian Atkinson UI8 UI6 100
0m -K4 1000m -K2 500m - K2 1000m -K4 1000m- K2 500m - K4 500m - K2 Final
al 4th Semi final 4th Semi final 6th Final 5th Semi final 4th Final 6t
h Semi final 4th
UK Championships Stuart Maclaren Julian Atkinson UI8 UI6 1000m-K4 1
000m -K2 500m - K2 1000m-KI 500m- KI 500m - K2 1000m-K2 500m - K4 2nd
4th 3rd B Final 5th B Final 5th A Final 5th A Final 6th A Final 3rd

Other events to note were the SA K4 Championships at
Shongweni Dam and the Inter-Schools Shongweni Racc. At the K4
Championships over the weekend of 30/31 August, the U18 team
of Matthew Dean. Benjamin Bradford, Owen Gandar and Cameron
Lindsay were placed fourth. Stuart Maclaren. representing the
KwaZulu-Natal team in the same racc. came second to the Gauteng
team. A large contingent of Michaelhouse paddlers took to the
waters of Shongweni Dam for the Inter-Schools Shongweni Race on
11 October. Stuart Maclaren was placed second U18, Matthew Dean

Our schools' season ended with the Inter-Schools Enduro which
was hotly contested between our canoeists and those of Maritzburg
College. Our first team (UI8) consisting of Stuart Maclaren.
Matthew Dean. Owen iandar and Benjamin Bradford were placed
second in the three hour event. The U16 team represented by David
Pearce. Andrew Houston. Benjamin Bradford and Jeremy Bradford
were also placed second. Overall in the Inter-Schools League Julian
Atkinson was placed second U16. Stuart Maclaren second U18 and
the Michaelhouse Canoe Club came second to Maritzburg College
by a narrow margin.

The Inter-House canoeing on the Upper Umgeni was a greatly enjoyed
and hotly contested event which saw the Baines team consisting of
Owen Gandar. Benjamin Bradford and Jonathan Chileshe taking
first place with a one point lead over the Tatham team of Matthew
Dean, Andrew Houston and Antony Renton. Individual placings
were Stuart Maclaren (East) first, Matthew Dean (Tatham) second
and Owen Gandar (Baines) third. Andrew Houston (Tatham) was
the Junior Champion.

The boys remain motivated and competitive. They enjoy what they
are doing and get to see wonderful parts of the province. They have
camp-outs and fun opportunities which many others miss out on
and we can all be proud of our boys on rivers and dams, in sprint
boats or river boats.

Cricket 2008

Master In Charge: Mr Nick Cahill
Coaches:
First XI: Mr Graeme Calway, Second XI: Mr Adrian Moran,
Third XI: Mr Richard McMichael, Fourth XI: Mr Gavin Ross
U16A: Mr John Crawford, U16B: Mr Alwin Murugen
U16C: Mr Sandeep Ramharack,
U15A: Mr Sam Mofokeng, U15B: Mr Michael Bownes
U15C: Mr Keith Fairweather
U14A: Mr Bryan Tarr, U14B: Mr Gary Schneider.
U14C: Mr David Smythe, U14D: Mr Simon Crane
Honours: Patrick I.amhie, David Zwemke
Colours: Michael Crawford, Jason Trautman, Calvin Freese.
Awande Khumalo. Mark van Ilcerdcn
Half Colours: Garth Davson, Adam Joscelyne, Rowan Salter,
Richard Athsrstone
Provincial Representation:
Cricket Report
Written by tr Sick Cahill
Michaelhouse continued to field a minimum of 14 teams each
Saturday and our results have been good throughout the year.
Schoolmaster cricket coachcs are becoming scarce and I hope that
a shortage in this area docs not influencce our cricket negatively in
the near future. We have wonderful facilities and are consistently
upgrading these. Wc certainly look forward to the opening of the
Indoor Facility in 2009 and I know this will be of huge benefit to
our cricket.

The fourth quarter fixtures were badly aftccted by rain but the
traditional last Saturday fixture was blessed with fine weather and
very good results - we won 11 out of 14 fixtures against Hilton

The traditional First XI vs Old Boys fixture at the end of the third
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Cricket 1st XI: Back Row: C. Freese, G. Davson, R. Withey, R. Athcrstone, A. Khumalo

Middle Row: A. Joscelyne, P. Heat on Nicholls, M. van Heerden, R. Salter

Front Row: M. Crawford, P. Lambie (c), Mr G. Calway, D. Zwemke (v/c), J. Trautman

quarter was an exciting affair with the First XI winning by four runs in the last over of play.

Mr Graeme Calway coached the First XI in the fourth quarter and, while this is a fine thing for the team, it reduced the time that he was able to spend with other sides. I hope that we will be able to improve matters in the near future.

Conflicting half term dates (Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal) continue to threaten festivals in the lower (U15 and U16) age groups and discussion, aimed at resolving the issue, are taking place. Michaelhouse will host the U17 National Provincial Cricket from 9-13 December this year. It is an honour to do this but obviously requires a huge input from our grounds, laundry and kitchen staff. Mr Graeme Calway and Mr Nick Cahill are the local organising secretaries and we wish them well.

My thanks go to our grounds and kitchen staff for their input and to the coaches for their time and expertise.

First XI Cricket Report

Written by Mr Graeme Calway

Team Members:

Patrick Lambie (c), David Zwemke (v/c), Jason Trautman, Calvin Freese, Michael Crawford, Adam Joscelvne, Awande Khumalo, Mark van Heerden, Garth Davson, Richard Atherstone, Rowan Salter, Paul Heaton Nicholls, Russell Withey, James Tatham

Results:

Played: 14 - Won: 8 - Drew: 4 - Lost: 2
The First XI started with a pre-season festival hosted by Michaelhouse, where we drew with ACGS (Australia) and Bishops and had convincing wins over St Peters (Zimbabwe) and St Pauls (New Zealand). Highlights of the festival were contributions with the bat from Mark van Heerden, Patrick Lambie, Michael Crawford and Garth Davson. Chief wicket takers were Rowan Salter, Richard Atherstone and Awande Khumalo.

The first match of the quarter was College on Goldstones. After restricting College to 157 all out, with all the bowlers playing their part, Michaelhouse chased down the target comfortably, with Patrick Lambie top scoring with 54 and useful contributions coining from Calvin Freese and Michael Crawford. There then followed a draw against St Charles, with the highlight being a hundred partnership between David Zwemke and Patrick Lambie, both ending not out on 73 and 78 respectively.

The next two fixtures were comfortable wins over Northwood by five wickets and Glenwood by seven wickets. In the Northwood match, Patrick Lambie had an outstanding all round match taking 3/33 and seeing the team home with 57 not out. Against Glenwood, Richard Atherstone took 5/23 to bowl them out for 127 and David Zwemke guided the team
The next game was a humdinger against Westvillc. Deciding to bat. Michaelhouse were in all sorts of trouble, but thanks to a lower order partnership between Garth Davson (23) and Paul Heaton Nicholls (38), and with the assistance of wides from the visitors. Michaelhouse managed to scrape to 175 all out. Westvillc started off in their normal explosive fashion, with Dclport once again leading the way. But once he was out for 48 in the eighth over, the Michaelhouse bowlers started to apply the brakes to the Westvillc scoring, and in the final over Westvillc needed 11 runs with only one wicket left. Michaelhouse held on to win by four runs.

The next game, at home to Kearsney, was the only match throughout the season where we were outplayed by a better team. Kearsney hatted first and set an imposing target of 248. Michaelhouse lost wickets at regular intervals and only a partnership between Patrick Lambie (79) and Michael Crawford (34) gave Michaelhouse any real chance of chasing down the target, but when they both departed the other wickets fell reasonably cheaply, to lose by 72 runs.

The first Michaelhouse Hilton fixture turned into a tame draw; set a target of 218 in 38 overs. Rowan Salter was the pick of the bowlers with 3/39. Michaelhouse finished 124/2 with Jason Trautman ending on 52 not out.

The fourth quarter started with a trip to DHS, and after a poor start the bowlers once again managed to apply the brakes by picking up crucial wickets and ended up restricting DHS to 162/8. Awande Khumalo was the pick of the bowlers with 3/15 from nine overs. Michaelhouse started steadily and were always going along at the required rate when we lost three quick wickets, but an unbroken partnership of 99 between Patrick Lambie (52*) and Mark van Heerden (53*) saw Michaelhouse through to a seven wicket win.

The following game against St Charles was our worst performance of the season and was a very disappointing loss. Winning the toss on a damp pitch we bowled well up front, restricting St Charles without taking wickets. But after tea the St Charles batsmen set about our bowlers and took us apart reaching a total of 231/5. With Matthew Hulett scoring a very good 112. Michaelhouse got off to a disastrous start and never recovered and only Garth Davson with 43, and Patrick Lambie with 23, gave any decency to the score, losing by 104 runs.

The final game of the season was at home to Hilton. Unfortunately we lost the toss and fielded first. Hilton got off to a good start, but once again the Michaelhouse bowlers pulled it back especially after tea. Where the two spinners Jason Trautman and Richard Atherstone, and left arm seamer. Awande Khumalo, bow led impeccably. Awande Khumalo finished with the excellent figures of 3/13 from nine overs. Michaelhouse once again started badly, losing both openers with only
16 on the board, but a hundred partnership between Patrick Lambie and David Zwemke saw Michachousc take control of the match, David Zwemke departed for a well played 74 and Patrick Lambie featured in another partnership of 40 with Mark van Heerden. until he was out for 23. It was left to Patrick Lambie and Garth Davson to sec Michachousc to victory by five wickets. with the winning runs fittingly scored by the captain, Patrick Lambie.

In conclusion. I would like to thank Mr Ian Hobson for all his hard work in the first quarter, before he left for St Andrews Grahamstown. Thanks also to the Master in Charge, Mr Nick Cahill, for his support and finally to the boys, whose hard work, commitment and effort produced a great cricketing year.

Cricket Results 2008
Team Played Won Draw Lost No Result
1st 14 8 3 1
2nd 10 3 1 5 1
3rd 8 4 0 4 0
4th 7 4 0 3 0
5th 5 3 0 2 0
TOTAL: 44 22 4 16 2
UI6A 8 5 1 2 0
UI6B 10 5 0 3 2
UI6C 7 3 0 4 0
TOTAL: 25 13 1 9 2
UI5A 10 5 1 3 1
UI5B 9 5 0 4 0
UI5C 8 7 0 1 0
UI5D 5 5 0 0 0
TOTAL: 32 22 1 8 1
UI4A 10 4 2 2 2
UI4B 8 5 0 3 0
UI4C 11 7 0 3 1
U14D 9 4 0 5 0
TOTAL: 38 20 2 13 3
Grand Total: 139 77 8 46 8

Cross Country

Master in Charge: Mr Rory Drysdale

Despite having some talented runners, the boys did not participate regularly in the Inter-Schools Cross Country league this year.

The Inter-House Cross Country was held in August. Results were as follows:

Individual

Juniors
Tatham Andrew Houston time: 16m 13.53
Tatham Sam Partridge mi
Baines Jake Goddard 3”
Seniors
Tatham David Pearce time: 24m48.30 n
Farfield Alain Mahieu n
Farfield Edward Steere K3

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House

(The figure in brackets shows the number of participants per house)

House Juniors Seniors Combined Position
Farfield 214(27) 168 (33) 382 1
Tatham 136 (26) 111 (36) 247 KJV
Founders 79(24) 106 (35) 185 [J
Mackenzie 73 (24) 105 (29) 178 rl
Baines 53 (22) 87(26) 140 5
East 42(24) 46(24) 88 - JBi
West 40 (24) 35 (26) 75 g M
Pascoe 23 (23) 37(21) 60

Golf

Master In Charge/Coach: Mr Brad Flanegan

Assisted by: Mr Jaap Van Der Vegte, Mr Rory Drysdale,

Mr Mike Thomson
Captain: Stephen Lishman
Colours: Jason Trautman

Half Colours: Colin Davson, Garth Davson, Stephen Lishman, James Tatham, Tom Kean, Daniel Hulbert.

"7 can airmail the golf ball, but sometimes I don't put the right address on it."~Jim Dent

The year of 2008 was envisaged to be a year of rebuilding after losing six out of our top twelve golfers from the previous year. However with a dedicated captain and some of the younger boys being prepared to put in the time, we achieved some notable victories and the team grew in stature as the year progressed. All the hours of practice put in, by what was essentially an extremely young team, as well as the tournament exposure the boys would not otherwise have had, gave one the feeling that the future looks fairly bright.

The Midlands League produced mixed results and although we suffered two defeats at the hands of an exceptionally strong Hilton team, we did manage good wins against Maritzburg College and St Charles. We also hosted the latter two schools to a friendly match at the newly opened Gowrie Golf Course in Nottingham Road. The opening of this new
course definitely aided us in our all round preparation for the future as it offered a totally different challenge to our traditional practise course at Boschhoek.

The boys then set their sights on regaining the Douglas Cup. A rather tall order as we were up against one of the strongest Hilton teams ever assembled. The boys showed remarkable maturity and put in some of the most courageous performances witnessed in recent years. However the overall depth of the Hilton team prevailed in the long run, notwithstanding the fact that our number one and two golfers in Colin Davson and Stephen Lishman actually beat their more illustrious and provincial opposition in some incredibly tense match play golf. The overall result of Hilton winning by 13 matches to seven does not do justice to the enormous effort put in by our guys; neither does it reflect the actual closeness of the contest.
The Michaelhouse golf team preparing to tee off at Boschhoek for the Douglas Cup

During the Easter vacation it was off to Affies for our six top golfers to play in their annual Festival of Golf. We finished a creditable fourth place overall, narrowly losing to Grey College of Bloemfontein in the 3rd / 4th place playoff. Whilst the First Team were plying their trade in Pretoria, some of the younger golfers played in the Dainfern Schools Championships and although they finished well down the order some valuable experience was gained.

At the beginning of the third quarter a six man team represented Michaelhouse in the KwaZulu-Natal schools trials, which was eventually won by Westville. Colin Davson was our top placed golfer and narrowly missed out 011 selection to the KZN B team.

After the lay off for the winter sports it was off to Sun City in August, with big expectations. Unfortunately after playing well in the first three rounds, the fourth day proved to be one day too many and we ended up 24th out of the 40 schools, which in itself was a creditable finish, being two places higher than our seeding. However we did have the opportunity to finish well inside the top twenty. To effectively gauge the strength of schools golf, we had a combined handicap of twenty-two, with the top school having a combined total of plus five!

We ended the year with our Inter-House and School Championships at Boschhoek, which was eventually won by East House, by a single stroke from Tatham House. East were ably represented by the Davson brothers and Stephen Lishman. A highlight of this day was the fine performance by two E Block boys in Tatham, namely Chris Brits and Patrick Critchley, who finished in first and third places respectively. Garth Davson squeezed himself in between for second place.

In conclusion I would like to thank the assistant coaches: Messers Jaap Van Der Vgte, Mike Thomson and Rory Drysdalc for their help during the year and the work done with the juniors. I would also like to wish the A Blockers farewell, as well as thank them for the time and effort they put into golf. The likes of James Tatham and Jason Trautman are going to be missed for their experience. Finally I would like to express sincere thanks to Mr Jim Smurthwaite, for his generous donation of 12 new golf bags for future first teams.

Summary of Results:

Stroke play:
Dainfcrn: (54 Holes - 4 man second team)

21st place - Matthew Smurthwaite
Natal Champs: (18 Holes - 3 man team).

10th out of 18 teams

St John's Elite International Tournament: (72 Holes - 4 man team). Tie 24th out of 40 schools

Match play:
Midlands A League: 1st team Played 6. Won 2. Lost 4
Midlands B Lcague:2nd team Played 4. Won 4
Douglas Cup vs Hilton: Lost 13 to 7

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Front Row: J. Thomas, J.Trautman, Mr A.Redfern, D.Zwemke (c), M.Crawford (v/c), Mr K.Fairweather, A.Badal, S.Harley

Hockey

Master in Charge: Mr Mike Thomson

Coaches: First XI: Alan Redfern, Second XI: Mike Thomson, Third XI: W in de Wet
UI6A: Cary Schneider, U16B: Mike Bownes, Linda Linda, UI6C/D: Peter Dennyson, Bryan Tarr, U16D: Simon Crane
UI4A: Keith Fairweather,

U14B: Alwin Murugen, UI4C: Simon Crane
Captain: David Zwemke

Honours: David Zwemke, Clinton Panther, Michael Crawford, Jason Trautman, Arniv Badal.

Colours: Dean Dowie, Tom Gardner, Calvin Freese,

Murray Forbes, Stuart Harley

Half Colours: Jethro Thomas, Jake Trehaeven,

Daniel McCarthy, Pieter-Derk van der Merwe
National Representation: SAU18 - David Zwemke (c), Clinton Panther

Provincial Representation: KZN Midlands UISA Team:

Dave Zwemke (c), Michael Crawford, Arniv Badal,

Jason Trautman, Clinton Panther

KZN Midlands U18B Team: Calvin Freese, Murray Forbes,

Stuart Harley, Dean Dowie

KZN Midlands U16A Team: Jethro Thomas

KZN Midlands U16 B Team: Ethan Malan, Daniel Hulbert,

Gaza Khosa

KZN Midlands U14A Team: David Watson, Sean Donaldson, Zipho Mhlongo, Richard Ashforth

KZN Midlands U14B Team: Anthony Miller, Nicolas Ilellens, Timothy Lee
A hockey season never just happens and there are always lots of people who make an invaluable contribution behind the scenes to make a season possible; so before I look at the 2008 season proper, I shall do my best to thank publicly all those who helped in so many ways to make the season run smoothly.

â€“ To Mr Charlie Burton and the Bursary staff: for the financial side of the season; seeing that money was available and accounts were being paid: it was comforting to have such a helpful and efficient bursary staff.

â€“ To Shy. Kees and the drivers: for their assistance in the regular and safe transport of our players all over the province.

â€“ The Grounds Staff: who kept the astro and surrounding fields clean, cut, where necessary, and well-marked. I do believe that in Hannahs, we have one of the best grass fields in the country.

â€“ To Mr John Crawford the MIC Sport: for your input through the season.
Mr Graeme Calway: helped enormously in organising teas, fixtures and juices, etc, especially when I have forgotten to do so.

Ms Mandy Roulliard, our Functions Co-ordinator: for her organisation of teas, lunches and visiting team functions.

Sanatorium Staff: for providing us with ice and first aid kits for home matches and for always being on call to help with any serious injuries.

Michaelhouse is blessed with an exceptional hockey coaching stall'. They are capable, competitive, knowledgeable and committed to the boys they coach and it is a pleasure to work with them.

2008 was a great season for Michaelhouse hockey.

In total we played 146 games, won 87, drew 17 and lost 42. We scored 439 goals for and had 222 goals scored against us. If one was to single out one side this season, then it would perhaps be Messrs Mike Bownes and Linda Linda's U16B's who lost one game and only conceded 13 goals, but I would like in fact to congratulate all sides for in comparison to last year we did really well.

We played 17 more games yet fielded one less team. We won 31 more fixtures than in 2007 and lost 16 less. We conceded 3 less goals, but most significantly scored a total of 204 more than last year.

However 2008 was more than just statistics. To see Mr Alwin Murugen’s U 14B’s annihilate Hilton 7 0 was a moment to savour and to witness the way Mr Keith Fairweather moulded the wonderful talent at his disposal in the U 14A’s will remain long in the memory. The enthusiasm with which Messrs Peter Dennyson, Bryan Tarr and Simon Crane’s U16C’s and D’s approached their practices and matches was always a great thing, as was the previously mentioned success of the U16B side. The U16A side struggled this season, but it is to their and coach Mr Gary Schneider’s credit that they improved enormously through the season and the determination they showed,

David Zwemke

and wins they recorded, in their matches against particularly St Charles and Hilton bodes well for the future.

There can be few third teams in the country who can boast a coach with Mrs Win De Wet’s playing knowledge and experience. They responded well to this and produced some wonderful results this year.

The seconds was a most wonderful side to coach and the fact they only lost two matches this season was testament to the dedication and determination of a wonderful bunch of young men.

In Mr Alan Redfern, the First Team had a gifted and extremely knowledgeable coach and it was a joy to watch this team when
they put things together. Unfortunately, brilliant displays against sides like the touring Palmerston North Grammar school from New Zealand, were often off set by disappointing performances against other teams, Kearsney being a prime example.

Mr Keith Fairweather has been a wonderful asset to Michaelhouse hockey over the past two seasons. Hockey is his passion and he is

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First XI war cry before a match

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knowledgeable and dedicated. No boy or coach was ever refused his help or advice and the amount that we shall miss his input will only be felt next year as he leaves us to take up a well-deserved appointment at St Albans in Pretoria.

We will also miss Mr Gary Schneider in 2009 as he takes up an appointment at Cordwalles. Gary has been a most enthusiastic coach during his tenure at Michaelhouse and the school and the teams he has coached have profited much from this enthusiasm as well has his desire to learn and improve.

Thus 2008. a great season, has finished.

First XI Hockey Report

Written by Mr Alan Redfern

Coach: Mr Alan Redfern

Assistant Coach: Mr Keith Fairweather

Captain: David Zwemke

Vice Captain: Michael Crawford,

Jake Trehaeven, Dean Dowie, Stuart Harley, Arniv Badal, Calvin Freese, Clinton Panther, Jason Trautman, Murray Forbes, Jethro Thomas, Pieter-Derk van der Merwe, Tom Gardner, Daniel McCarthy

The 2008 season will be one I will remember for the amazing highs and the very disappointing lows. This was the most talented hockey team I have had the privilege of coaching. When playing at their best they were unstoppable. For one team to produce two South African Schools' players and five Provincial players speaks volumes for the talent on offer. As a group of fourteen boys they responded brilliantly on the coaching field and were always a joy to interact with.

The team had the ability to absolutely blow the opposition away when playing at their best as they displayed in a 13-0 annihilation of Palmerston North Grammar school, a 12-1 defeat of Glenwood and an 11-0 victory over Affies. The team played exciting attacking hockey with a very solid back four marshalled by Arniv Badal and Dean Dowie, both ably supported by Stuart Harley, Daniel McCarthy and Calvin Freese. Creativity in the midfield came from David Zwemke and Clinton Panther, both SA Schools' players, who complimented each other superbly. Clinton is an exciting young hockey player with sublime skills and wonderful pace and vision. David is creative, determined and reads the game brilliantly. Michael Crawford and Tom Gardner were an excellent foil for the two of them, often feeding off the space that they created and getting in behind the opposition defence. Up front, when on form, Jason Trautman was an excellent
finisher but unfortunately he must hold the record for hitting the post; luck was simply not on his side this season. Jethro Thomas, is an exciting young talent who as a C Block boy, finished the season with 48 First Team caps. We hope there are plenty of goals from him in the years to come. Unfortunately Murray Forbes broke his thumb early in the season and we missed his goal scoring ability in critical games, when on form he was difficult to stop. Pieter-Derk van der Merwe ran hard and gave us an additional option up front.

The two highlights of the season for me were (a) being undefeated on our tour to the Independent Schools' Festival hosted by Bishops where we beat Bishops, St Benedictists, St Davids, St Albans and in one of our best performances of the season we beat a very highly rated St Stithians team 5-1 and (b) a very dominant performance against Maritzburg College. We dominated the game to such an extent that we earned a short comer count of 9-0. Unfortunately we did not convert this pressure and we drew the match 1 -1. Credit must go to College for the resolute manner in which they defended and in particular to their SA Schools' goalkeeper who was in sublime form.

As I mentioned, the season was one of excellent highs but also a few lows. We dominated both fixtures against Hilton but defended poorly and did not finish the chances we created. Against Kearsney, who we caught in top form, we lost 5-1 but those who watched the game felt that the score card could easily have read 5-1 Michaelhouse. The big lesson being: take your chances and don't concede soft goals!!

I know that all involved in this team this year had an awesome time and learnt a great deal, they played with immense pride and not once did I have to question their attitude or commitment. In my opinion this can be put down to the extraordinary leadership of David Zwemke, not only is he a talented ball player but he is an excellent leader. He always leads from the front and he instilled a wonderful sense of pride in everything the team did. At no stage was anything too much for him. David was very well supported by Michael Crawford whose unbelievable drive and self-motivation rubbed off positively on the team. Well done to these two young men.

Mr Keith Fairweather acted as our consultant coach. His knowledge of the game of hockey is enormous and his willingness to share this knowledge is limitless. The boys and I learnt a great deal from Keith and I thank him for his input, council and wisdom. I would also like to pay tribute to Mr Mike Thomson the MIC hockey for the professional manner in which he has organised and run hockey this year. He has remained a fountain of knowledge. I look forward to working with him again.

Results Hockey Season 2008

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A big effort was made this year to educate the boys about the use and abuse of illegal substances and supplements. Professor Hawksworth, a world renowned expert in this field and a member of Drug Free Sport, addressed the School and it will be very difficult to forget his vivid explanations and visual information of what use and the abuse of steroids can do to your body. Sharks Smart also did a presentation. We continuously tried to increase the boys' knowledge in this regard as it is often the parents' drive for the children's success that allows boys and girls to venture into this dark world. It was also encouraging that KwaZulu-Natal Rugby was the first body in South Africa to make a stand against performance enhancing drugs at schoolboy level and we hope to see testing taking place at the KwaZulu-Natal Trials next year and eventually random testing at school rugby matches.

Mr Righardt Kot/e's involvement with our conditioning programme is invaluable. He assisted boys interested in specific training programmes and also those who only wanted to train for their personal well being.

We introduced a Human Kinetics Physical Report that went out to parents; the reason being we would like parents to be more involved in their son’s physical wellbeing.

We again hoped to have a positive influence on our boys with regard to their training and eating habits as they will certainly have an effect on them when they are adults.

We cannot just focus on the now. These boys' futures are far more important than their results on the sports fields.

Rugby

Honours: Patrick Lambie, Ruan Combrinck (awarded in 2007)

Louis Albertse, Reef Nakin, Robert de Bruyn, Awande Khumalo, Michael Simpson.

Colours: Cameron Lindsay, Andrew King, Jonathon Ritten, Francis Scott, James Tatham, Rees Keene, Gary Mann, Martin Blore, Oli Green

Half Colours: Jacques van Niekerk, Adam Joscelyne, David Strachan, Matthew Purnell, Patrick Howard
Representative selection:

Midlands: Patrick Lambie, Ruan Combrinck, Robert de Bruyn, Michael Simpson, Rees Keene, Louis Albertse, Martin Blore, Gary Mann, Reef Nakin

Selectors: Awande Khumalo, James Tatham, Keith Chenoweth

KZN Final Trial: Patrick Lambie, Ruan Combrinck, Robert de Bruyn, Michael Simpson, Rees Keene, Louis Albertse, Reef Nakin, Awande Khumalo.

James Tatham.

KZN Schools: Patrick Lambie (c), Ruan Combrinck, Robert de Bruyn, Louis Albertse, Reef Nakin.

Awande Khumalo

KZN Academy B: Michael Simpson

@lantic 7's Player of the Tournament: Ruan Combrinck

S A Schools South: Robert de Bruyn

S A Schools: Patrick Lambie (2nd year)

Sharks U19: Ruan Combrinck
S A U20 Trials: Patrick Lambie

Representative selection: Coaches

SA Academy: Mr Ryno Combrinck
U18 Academy B: Mr Andre van Wyk

Director of Rugby Report

Written by Mr Ryno Combrinck

The First XV started where the team of 2007 ended and they proved close to unstoppable. Patrick Lambie's team was unbeaten locally and only lost three matches in total. Two of the three matches they lost were close affairs and thus the results could have been better. This was a remarkable achievement and the First XV need to be applauded for their determined effort and the way they raised the bar even higher. This team produced a SA Schools' player and seven KwaZulu-Natal players. Patrick Lambie deserves special mention as he was selected to represent his country two years in a row; not many players in South Africa can make such a claim and we salute Patrick for this achievement. Another feather in his cap was the fact that the Springbok selectors invited him to the SA U20 Trials. Another star player, Ruan Combrinck, was selected and played in the U19 Currie Cup and although he did not play in the final it was quite special to be the only schoolboy to play in a side that achieved what no other
Sharks U19 team managed to do: to be crowned the champions. It's also worth mentioning that between Patrick and Ruan they scored 48 tries, 20 and 28 respectively, that in itself was quite amazing.

I would like to start by congratulating and thanking all the Coaches for a job well done. One doesn't appreciate how difficult it can be to take a team through a season of hard rugby until you've done it. It's a tough job and considering the number of players available to us, one can rightly say that to get an overall 55% winning record on your report card is reason to complement the coaches.

Behind the scenes some people worked hard to make sure that everything ran smoothly; and so great thanks to Mr Graeme Calway for the hours he spent organising fixtures and ensuring that match days ran smoothly. Special thanks also to Mr Gunther Heynecke and his team for the tireless effort that went into the preparation of the fields to ensure that the playing environment was always in superb condition. We would not have been able to play matches if it was not for our Sanatorium. Sr Joanne McMillan and her team of Sr Alice McGhee, Sr Morag Atherstone and the First Aiders did a great job in ensuring our and the opposition players' wellbeing.
They unselfishly spent many hours around the fields looking after the boys and their positive approach certainly showed their commitment. Thank you very much.

Festivals & Touring Teams

The season started with the Third XV playing against the First XV of the touring Trinity College, it was a good way to start the season (35-5) and the Trinity boys were taught a few lessons. The Third XV did not find the going that easy against a Third XV touring team from St Andrews (EC), but eventually won the match 25-19. We again participated at the Voortrekker Sports Festival. It was a wonderful day for our U15, U16, Second XV and First XV. We had good wins but the U15 A’s hard-fought victory (6-0) over Westville was one to remember. These games were good preparation for the teams going to the Easter Festivals.

Michaelhouse teams were literally seen all over the country as the U16s went to Paarl, the U15s to Woodridge, the Firsts to Grey PE and later in the year to St Benedicts and lastly the Second and Third XV played at the Vryheid Festival. Sadly not many supporters saw the First XV play against arguably the best team they faced this year: Wellington College (UK). They were the England Schools’ Champions and they arrived wanting to prove a point. Unlike the normal English rugby teams, this team had an open style of play. We obviously more than matched them, but it was the collective defensive effort from the First XV that proved too much and they were the eventual victors by 24-21. At the Grey PE Festival we had good wins but unfortunately went down against a well organised and effective team of the hosts. In Vryheid we were crowned as the champions, a first ever for Michaelhouse at this week, and the best game by far was the opening match against Harmony Academy from Welkom. Beating them 30-12 showed again that big things were to come. Harmony was a very good team. During the July holiday we participated in the Independent Schools’ Rugby Festival at St Benedicts. Falcon from Zimbabwe and St Stithians were just too good for us on the day but it would not be wrong to note that seven of our players were unavailable due to provincial duties at the various provincial weeks for this Festival.

The Second and Third XV got valuable experience at the Vryheid Festival with the Second XV recording good wins over Middelburg Tech. Second XV, 40-3 and 32-0 against Colby from Australia.

The U16s played in the Paarl Gym Festival. It was a very difficult
week and the competition was fierce. Our boys let themselves down and ended up going down to Oakdale and Framesbury. They ended on a high by beating Marlow 14-11 in the final match. The results did not go our way but valuable lessons were learnt and the fact that they never stopped trying made it worth the long trip.

The U15s attended the U15 Independent Schools' Rugby Festival and recorded good wins over St Andrews (EC) and Muir College, 20-0 and 17-0 respectively. They did however lose their first match in four years at this festival against a very strong EP Development XV.

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Season Review

The performance of the first XV was undoubtedly the talking point of the season. The harder teams tried to beat them, the harder the First XV played. The First XV have an unbeaten record on Meadows over the last two years and it will be hard to find another such streak in our history. Glenwood came close to changing this as this fixture ended in a 20-20 draw. Some will say we were lucky and others will say we should have won by twenty. The fact was that Glenwood were crowned as the World Champs at an invitational tournament earlier in the year in Japan. The double against Hilton was always pleasant but the convincing win. 36-16, against Maritzburg College was arguably the highlight of the domestic season. Another amazing match to watch was the Kearsney fixture. Kearsney scored 36 points and still lost by 18. (56-36), this high scoring match had every aspect of what one would expect from school boy rugby. The dominance of the First XV in KwaZulu-Natal was proved by having scored 417 points with only 143 against. Well done boys, you have left a proud legacy.

The rest of our Open teams won 44 matches and lost 29 in total. The continued improvement was obvious to see and the proof was the remarkable turnaround from the first Hilton fixture, turning bad losses into good wins. I think the Third XV will remember their five tries vividly. The Eighths also changed their score from a disastrous 45 point difference to a respectable seven.

The U16A team fell victim to many injuries and the promotion of a star player to the First XV. This however did not stop them from scoring 53 tries. These boys showed tremendous determination and at difficult times pulled together for some classy performance. The B, C and I) teams were obviously directly affected by all the injuries and could not really get going. It was disappointing not to see this age group capitalise on their good performance from the previous year, but I am sure they will regain their momentum over the next two years.

The U15s were overall the most successful age group with all but two teams recording win percentages of 60% or more. Don't think 1 refer to two of the usual four teams as the coaches and boys managed to push an 'F' Team onto the field for one match. The 'E' Team scored 19 tries in their five matches. not a bad record at all for a lower team. The A and B team showed a dramatic improvement with the A team losing once and drawing once against College and Glenwood respectively.

The U14s were not as successful as in 2008 but the consistent improvement was encouraging. The turnaround in points difference between the first and second Hilton fixture was proof that the Coaches and boys worked hard during the season; the points difference for the first matches were 77 points and in the
last, three. It will take hard work to keep this trend going in the right direction and I hope the boys are up for it.

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The Michaelhouse 7's team has over the last four years played in every final of the tournaments we entered. Our record this year extended to 40 wins out of 43 matches in total after being crowned champions of the Midlands Rugby Academy Tournament and the National Atlantic 7's Series held at Glenwood this year. Ruan Combrinck was selected as Player of the Tournament and it would be widely agreed that Robert de Bruyn was a key member in this year's team.

Conclusion

In 2004 we fielded 19 teams and this year we fielded 23, and it could have been even more if it was not for injuries and sickness. This statistic is encouraging and I hope that everybody will realise that the times to work hard are the times when all is well. All is well at the moment, and I am proud to be associated with Michaelhouse rugby. It is however important to remember that hard work went into the legacy that the 1st XV have left and that now is the time to continue the hard work. In 2008 many new friends were made and friendships renewed, many lessons were learnt, many war stories can be told and hopefully most enjoyed their rugby. That is why we play this wonderful game

1st XV Rugby Report

Written by Mr Gavin Ross

Players who started in one or more games (number of games started in brackets):

Captain: P Lambie (15)

Vice captain: L Albertse (17)

Captain at St Benedicts: M Blore (18)

S Avidon (1), W Campher (1), K Clienoweth (5), R Combrinck (18), A Craib (5), R De Bruyn (15), B Foster (2), O Green (18), I) Holohan (2), P Howard (11), G .lenkinson (3), A Joscelyne (7), R Keene (9), A Khumalo (14), A King (11), C Lindsay (13), S Lishman (1), G Mann (20), C Morris (1), R Nakin (17), M Purnell (7), J Ritten (18), F Scott (13), M Simpson (18), C Smith (1), J Smythe (3), J Stathacopoulos (1), I) Stephen (2), I) Strachan (14), J Tatham (16), J Latz (5), J van Niekerk (8)

At the start of the season, when the squads to attend the festivals
at Voortrekker. Grey PE and Vryheid were announced, the players were once again asked to list each other’s strengths. This they did and the focus from there on was on strengths and the building of confidence in each other in order to play at all times as a team. The lessons learnt from the 2007 season were quickly built into the team philosophy and here I must thank the senior ‘pros’. Patrick Lambie, Louis Albertse and Ruan Combrinck for their much valued support, guidance and input. The credo ‘inch by inch, trust each other and always be humble’ stood the team in good stead throughout the season. This was very important in the third quarter when the team was continuously reminded of the possibility of an unbeaten domestic season. Inch by inch, humility and trust
Dustin Holohan

certainly helped the team to achieve this milestone.

Convincing wins over George Campbell (7 tries) and Middelberg (6 tries) probably led to a little complacency and perhaps the newcomers were under the impression that this was an easy game. We were all disappointed with the loss against Grey PE but in retrospect this may have been the spark that was needed to convince the newcomers that rugby at this level is hard work, mistakes are quickly punished, chances must be taken and patience is always a virtue. The Coach must also be chastised a little for this defeat. Obvious combinations should have been settled before this game. All of the reserves were given a run in the game against Grey PE and the team was made to work hard to score four tries.

Attendance at the Vryheid Festival at the end of the holiday was a must. The Grey Festival was at the beginning of the Easter vacation and a three week break before the start of the domestic season was not ideal. A few adjustments in positions, which in retrospect were obvious, made the game against Harmony one of the finest spectacles of schoolboy rugby I have ever seen. The two teams threw everything at pace at each other and six great tries (four by Michaelhouse) were scored. The pace at which this game was played made Mr Richard McMichael, half way through the first half, ask whether the boys could keep this up. They did and the smiles on their faces after the game said everything. The remaining two games, against Sarel Cilliers and Generaal Botha, were both won convincingly with the team running in a total of 18 tries. The important lesson learnt in these games was the importance of sticking to the plan and maintaining structure. All in all, this Festival played a huge role in the tough games that lay ahead.

The domestic season started with an away game against DHS on their Old Boys' Day. DHS in Durban is always tough and Michaelhouse had not beaten them in Durban for a number of seasons. Word that the team enjoyed spreading the ball preceded us. They shut us down and fortunately we were able to kick the ball around a bit. We only scored one try in this hard fought encounter and DHS replied with a try in the dying seconds of the game.

Michael Simpson

The first game at home, on Grandparents' Day, against Kearsney was eagerly anticipated by all. The teams did not disappoint the large turnout of supporters. Both teams wanted to play attractive, open running rugby and they were allowed to do so. Here an experienced referee, who understood schoolboys, soon sussed out the teams' desire to entertain. A big thanks to Mr Andrew Nicholson, who stood back and let them do so. The half time score was 27-23 to Michaelhouse and the final result hung in the balance up until the last 15 minutes. Thirteen tries (nine by Michaelhouse)
were scored.

The first game against Hilton, for the puritan, may not have been a classic game of rugby but it certainly was an exciting encounter and an exhibition of pride, passion and commitment from both teams. The half time score was 10-10 with Michaelhouse sealing a victory with a penalty in the dying seconds of the game. Two tries a piece indicated how tight this game was. The stage had been set for the return home encounter at the end of the season.

The tight game against Hilton gave the boys a wake up call for the games that lay ahead. College at home was always going to be an interesting game. Michaelhouse had not beaten College since 1999 on Goldstones. The first half (12-9) was extremely tight where resolute defence around the fringes was the order of the afternoon. It was only in the last 20 minutes that the team ran in a further three tries, out of a total of five, to complete a hard but memorable victory. Injuries from the previous two games to key players meant a reshuffle of the team for the game against St Johns. Here the benefit of the two pre-season festivals came to the fore. The replacements settled in relatively quickly. Louis Albertse took over the captaincy and was a great help in guiding the newcomers. After a jittery start (half time 15-6) the team settled and won comfortably. Six tries were scored and it was great that four of these went to the forwards. Here again it was only in the last 15 minutes that the team really dominated.

The Northwood game was always going to be difficult. They had not been enjoying a great season and had suffered some heavy
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defeats to some of the teams that we had already beaten. The boys' focus was important especially in the light of the following Saturday's game against Glenwood. Thankfully the team kept its focus and structure and won convincingly, scoring twelve tries in the process. There was a lot of pressure on the team for the game against Glenwood on Meadows on Old Boys' Day. Both teams were unbeaten in KwaZulu-Natal and this was billed as the 'decider'. The fact that the two teams had not played against each other for the past two seasons also added some spice to the occasion. Injuries were still a problem but thankfully the 'new boys' had gained some experience and were playing with a lot more confidence. Two soft tries off the back had the team under pressure. A try in reply made the half time score 10-17 to Glenwood. A further converted try by Glenwood really had Michaelhouse on the back foot. With the score standing at 10-24 with twelve minutes to go the team woke up and started to play rugby. Quick thinking saw the team score two converted tries and an exciting draw was probably a fair reflection of this 'decider'.

More injuries followed and it was apparent that the mid year break was needed by all. The last game of the term against St Charles, on their Old Boys' Day, was always going to be tough and the boys showed great character to come back from 0-6 down at half time and run in three tries to win comfortably in the end.

The Independent Schools' Festival at St Benedicts in the middle of the holidays was always going to be tough. An inexperienced squad of twenty-two, with twelve new faces from the squad that went to Grey PE and Vryheid, was selected. Injuries, unavailability and provincial selection gave more boys the opportunity to don the broad stripes. For determination, commitment and in true red and white tradition not a great deal would have beaten the boys' performance in the main game, under lights, on the opening day of the festival. St Benedicts were a highly rated team, with a large pack of forwards, who had enjoyed one of their best domestic seasons to date. Sadly this physical encounter really took it out of the boys and they were not able to reach the same heights against a very good side from Falcon in Zimbabwe. The game against St Stithians was disappointing in that they brought their Provincial players into their team. At no stage did Michaelhouse consider this as an option. Sadly what was one of the true festivals has been turned into a win at all costs affair which certainly was not what was envisaged when this festival was initiated in 1983. Hopefully sanity will prevail in 2010 when the festival is held at Falcon.

The pressure of an unbeaten domestic season has already been mentioned and this was no more so then at the beginning of the third quarter. Four tough games lay ahead. Thankfully, three of the four games were played on Meadows. A near full strength team took the field against George Campbell and ran in twelve tries. Thank goodness this was a relatively easy game as the Monday's
fixture against Wellington from the United Kingdom proved to be one of the hardest fixtures of the season. Michaelhouse had last played Wellington in 1996 and had won comfortably by 36-12. Wellington was well prepared and played an attractive and extremely physical game which was certainly not what we had expected. The boys must be commended for scoring three tries at crucial times and for hanging on to win narrowly. In retrospect the game against Wellington certainly got rid of any cobwebs and was ideal preparation for the final two games of the season.

Committed defence around the fringes frustrated the larger Westville forwards and patience led to turnover ball which enabled the team to run in three tries. Once again it was late in the second half (half time 6-3) that the team managed to seal the game.

The team was at full strength for the eagerly awaited final game of the season against Hilton. One of the largest crowds for a number of years graced Meadows and its surrounds. Bearing the close first encounter in mind, it was a determined and focused team that took the field. Mistakes had to be kept to a minimum and once again patience would be a key factor. The boys kept this in mind and whilst not setting the field alight, they scored three superb tries to Hilton's one and thus maintained their unbeaten domestic season record as well as furthering a run of home victories over the past two seasons to twelve games.

Once again this was a very special season for Michaelhouse rugby and special thanks must go to all the coaches who played a large role in nurturing these boys over the past seasons. A season such as this does not just happen. I would like to thank the Rector, all my fellow coaches and all the parents and supporters for their support and camaraderie over the past season. A special word of thanks must go to Mr Mike Schwartz and Mr Righardt Kotzc for the precious family time they both sacrificed whilst attending three festivals. Mike, I really appreciated your input at practices, especially with the coaching drills. Righardt, your fitness monitoring and warm ups were superb. The fact that the team were able to play right to the end and win games convincingly in the last minutes can be attributed in no small way to their superior conditioning and fitness.

I would also like to thank Mr Ryno Combrinck for the clinics on Thursday afternoons. These were important in that they kept us coaches up to date with the new techniques and drills which are so important to the modern game.

A leadership duo of Patrick Lambie and Louis Albertse was a coach's dream come true. When Patrick was injured Louis stepped smoothly into the breach. I really appreciated their subtle advice and honesty in all of our discussions. This certainly played a major role in the team's success over a long season. To those boys leaving, thanks for the wonderful memories and I wish you God speed and all of the best as you tackle your next stage in life's grand journey.
For me this was another unforgettable season and once again I am
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extremely grateful for having been given the opportunity to work with another great group of youngsters. Domestic Season

vs DHS (A) won 16-7

First XV Results: vs Keansney (H) won 58-37

Voortrekker Festival vs Hilton (A) won 21-18

vs George Campbell won 45-3 vs College (H) won 36-16

Grey P. E. Festival vs St Johns (H) won 41-16

vs Middelberg High won 38-7 vs Northwood (A) won 74-0

vs Grey PE. lost 11-19 vs Glenwood (H) drew 24-24

vs Graeme College won 27-6 vs St Charles (A) won 21-6

Vryheid Festival vs George Campbell (A) won 68-0

vs Harmony Academy won 30-12 vs Wellington UK (H) won 24-21

vs Sarel Cilliers won 36-3 vs Westville (H) won 26-8

vs Generaal Botha won 72-0 vs Hilton (H) won 31-16

Independent Schools Festival - St. Benedicts

vs St Benedict won 16-12 Summary: Played: 22, Won: 18, Drawn: 1, Lost: 3, Points for: 736

vs Falcon lost 9-10 Points against: 293, Tries for: 105, Tries against: 30

2008 Rugby Season Summary

Team Played For Against Tries Won Lost Drawn % Coach

1st XV 19 737 288 106 18 3 1 95 Gavin Ross

2nd XV 16 368 175 51 11 5 0 69 Michael Schwartz

3rd XV 18 230 207 38 10 5 0 56 Brad Flanegan

4th XV 11 237 130 38 7 4 0 64 Richard McMichael

5th XV 11 208 185 34 5 6 0 45 Andre Black

6th XV 9 202 151 34 5 3 1 56 Sandeep Ramharack

7th XV 9 82 290 13 2 7 0 22 Nick Cahill

8th XV 3 19 76 3 0 3 0 0 Brad Roets

16 A 15 406 196 67 10 5 0 67 Adrian Moran & Brandon Akal

B 10 251 173 41 4 5 0 40 John Crawford & Msizi Mchunu

C 10 210 164 35 5 4 0 50 Albie Dahlberg & Allan Laing

D 10 65 334 11 1 10 0 10 Jaap van der Vegte

15 A 15 308 148 46 12 2 1 80 Elmar de Klerk & David Smythe

B 10 228 127 39 6 4 0 60 George Ferreira

C 11 183 132 31 5 6 0 45 Bernie Whitaker

D 10 225 129 38 6 3 1 60 Dylan Hawkes

E 5 113 27 20 4 0 1 80 Johan van Rooyen, Jamaine Chiwaye & Nick Griffin

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F 1 10 22 2 0 1 0 0 Johan van Rooyen, Jamaine Chiwaye & Nick Griffin

14 A 11 165 180 29 4 7 1 36 Andre van Wyk & Sam Mofokeng

B 10 161 149 29 5 4 0 50 Sibusiso Ncamane

C 11 172 188 30 6 4 1 55 Graeme Calway & Brad Sessions

D 10 208 175 33 4 4 2 40 Mandla Cele & Kyle Kumm

Total 235 4788 3624 766 130 95 9

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Left: Reef Nakin making a break, supported by Gary Mann and Patrick Lambie

Bottom left: Patrick Howard
Bottom right: Robert de Bruyn

Sailing

Master in Charge: Mr Rainer von Schlichting
Staff: Mr Tim Jarvis, Mr Jean-Louis Swart
Commodore: Simon Farrow
Vice Commodore: William Crockett
Colours: William Crockett
Half Colours: Simon Farrow

Provincial Representation: William Crockett, Simon Farrow, Kenneth Renton

During 2008 Michaelhouse yachtsmen participated in several sailing events at our home club Henley Midmar Yacht Club. These included: three Monthly Mug events, two sailing training events, Sailing Regatta Weekend, nine-hour endurance race, KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Schools Regatta. Ron Weston 20 Miler.


William Crockett crewed on South Africa’s top racing yacht 'Crocs' (formerly Gumption). Fellow crew included those who have competed in events such as the Americas Cup and Volvo Ocean Raccs.

William Crockett was also the First Mate, Tactician, Crew Boss and Trimmer on board ‘Caversham Caprice’ with a complete youth crew and no adults, during the 2008 NCS and MSC Regattas. They were placed 5th in the IRC First Division.


Simon Farrow achieved 1st place for the Youth Laser Radial Class during the KZN Youth Provincials.
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Front Row: Mr T. Jarvis, S. Farrow (c), Mr J-L. Swart, W. Crockett (v/c), Mr R. von Schlichting

From the fourth quarter, training took place on Thursday afternoons, in addition to training sessions on non-racing weekends. A sailing-specific gym routine was also included in the year’s sailing programme.

Mr Rainer von Schlichting tended his resignation as MIC Sailing at the end of the third quarter and was succeeded by Mr Jean-Louis Swart. Mr Tim Jarvis and Mr von Schlichting remain sailing coaches.

Sailing Lasers at Midmar Dam

Soccer

Master in Charge: Mr Tim Jarvis
Honours: Dustin Holohan
Colours: Manuel de Abreu, Thomas Gardner
Provincial: Dustin Holohan - KZN U18B

The beautiful game of soccer had a short compact season lasting seven weeks, with only four Saturdays available to play a full set of fixtures with opposing schools. Despite this, most teams played in the region of nine or ten games due to midweek fixtures and festivals that were held.

This year we had a decent fixture list, and we played most of the major schools that have strength in depth. Such schools included Hilton, Westville, Maritzburg College and St Charles. In 2008 we were able to field four teams at U14 level, four at U15 level, three at U16 level and three in the Open age group.

In terms of results, while the First and A teams performed well, the lower teams struggled. In total 101 games were played of which 28 were won, 25 drawn and 48 lost. However for the First and A teams, 36 matches were played, 16 were won, nine drawn and 11 lost, showing that we were more competitive at the higher ability levels. In total for all teams we scored 159 goals and conceded 198.

Our first team improved drastically on last year and more than held...
Sport

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Middle Row: J. Chellan,
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Front Row: A.Khumalo,
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T.Gardner (v/c). V.Gittakwa

their own through a series of extremely competitive matches. The There
are changes afoot in soccer at Michaelhouse with the season
UI6A side built on their excellent performance of last year, by starting at
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Squash 1st Team

Rack Row: C. Brits

Middle Row: Josh Che Han, P. Pelser, E. Malan, R. Clucas


Squash

Master in Charge: Mr Peter Huntley

Coaches:

Mr Peter Huntley First Team
Mr Michael Schwartz Second team
Mr Andrew Brown U16
Mr David Smythe U14
Captain: Jared Chellan


Ian Sturgeon

Half Colours: Rob Clucas, Paul Heaton Nicholls,

Provincial Representation: Jonathan Short. Ian Sturgeon,

Rob Clucas, Christopher Brits

The first four weeks were extremely busy for squash Coaches and players at Michaelhouse. Interest levels had risen to unprecedented heights with good participation at U14 and U16 levels and three Open Teams being fielded.

There were a number of highlights early in the year beginning with the KwaZulu-Natal Pre-Season Tournament where seven of our boys participated, six of them being ranked in the top 15 in the province in their respective age groups. Of particular note were the performances of Ian Sturgeon, who was ranked second in KwaZulu-Natal in the U16 age group and Chris Brits who finished second in the U14 age group.

The annual tour to Bloemfontein to participate in the prestigious St Andrews Festival is always special and this year proved to be no exception. Our well balanced team performed incredibly successfully, recording convincing victories over St Albans. Parktown Boys* High School. St Andrews College from Grahamstown, PBHS B and the powerful hosts’ B Team. An invaluable and unforgettable experience it proved to be and
affirmed our objective to be recognised as a top squash school.

Our outstanding domestic results attested to the hard work the boys put in, and we recorded comprehensive victories over Kearsney (7-1), St Charles (8-0) and Hilton College (8-0) which bore testimony to their efforts. The seconds, U16 and U14 results have been similarly impressive which all bodes well for the future.

The first quarter ended on a very positive note with our hosting of Mr Des Sacco and his Jaguars team and as has become custom, this proved to be a most memorable weekend of squash. The wily Jaguars again proved too strong for both the staff and boys alike but valuable lessons were learnt. Pieter Pelser was the deserved recipient of the racket awarded to the Most Improved Player.

The KwaZulu-Natal Open tournament, held at the beginning of the second quarter, saw our top players competing in their respective age groups with a great deal of success. Notable achievements were: Jonothan Short placing fifth in the U19 group, Ian Sturgeon second in the U16 and Chris Brits second in the U14.

The KwaZulu-Natal Inter-Schools tournament saw our First Team determined to provide serious opposition to the two top schools and they lost a hard fought contest to Westville to ultimately finish third in KwaZulu-Natal. This was our best result in recent times and was just reward for the efforts of the boys.
Sport

Pieter Pelser, Mr Peter Huntley, Paul Heaton Nicholls

The Midlands Wednesday League was a vital part of our domestic season with both the second team and U16A side performing with great credit. Both teams were unbeaten in this league.

The undoubted highlight of the third quarter was, as always, our annual Johannesburg tour. Now in its fourth year, this again proved to be a most valuable squash experience for our boys.

Our top nine boys (including E Blocker Christopher Brits) played against a variety of skilled opponents gathered together by Mr Des Sacco (Sacco Jaguars Team) and Mr Richard Waller who organised a MHS Old Boys’ Team, led by Mr Zuko Kubukele, a national top 10 ranked player. It was a great credit to our youngsters that they lost narrowly to the Sacco Jaguars 5-4, whilst beating a combined Gauteng Schools Girls Team and in the climactic final match of the tour, beating KES 14-13 on a games count.

The cultural component of the tour saw our party visit the Origins of Mankind Museum on the Wits Campus as well as an exclusive tour of the Palaeontology Laboratory where we were treated to an inside view of 200 million year old fossils being prepared. This was an absolutely amazing educational experience.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to both Mr Des Sacco and Mr Richard Waller for again organising a most memorable squash experience for our boys.

A number of our boys participated in the Midlands Men's Squash League in teams varying from 1st League to 6th League. They all performed with a great deal of success and this bears testimony to the overall success of our programme. Our Second, U16 and U14 teams all played matches against St Annes and St Johns, in keeping with our aim to provide a forum for interaction with girls.

The fourth quarter saw high school squash played on a 'Stayers' basis. Our Open, U16 and U14 teams seemed to indicate that we have a wealth of talent at our disposal over the next few years.

The Stayers First Team, under the captaincy of Paul Heaton Nicholls, recorded convincing victories over the Midlands Jesters by the remarkable margin of 7-1, Kearsney 5-0 and Hilton College, also by an impressive 5-0 margin. Whilst the Second Team accounted for Treverton 1st team, 7-1 and the U16A team beat Kearsney U16A, 4-1 and also inflicted a 5-0 defeat on Hilton College's U16A team.

We held a successful School Squash Championship with a remarkable situation in that the three oldest semi-finalists were C Blockers and the other boy only in E Block. Ian Sturgeon beat
Pieter Pelser in the final to take the title for 2008.

A most enjoyable First Team Squash Dinner was held and two special awards were made. Paul Heaton Nicholls was awarded the Mike and Karen Short Trophy for Sportsmanship, whilst Pieter Pelser won the Collen Family Trophy for the Most Improved Player. All players who had represented the First Team on more than 10 occasions were awarded a citation noting their contribution to the success of the team this year.

Finally I must place on record my sincere thanks to Mr Andrew Brown and Mr David Smythe (the age group coaches) who contributed much to the success of our teams throughout the year.

Tennis

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Win de Wet

Coaches: Mrs Lisa Hardie, Mr Alan Cairns (Professional coach)

Captain: Brian Cox

Colours: Sanda Shandu, Myles Arron

Provincial Representation:

Sanda Shandu - KZN Midlands U19, KZN U19
Richard Ashforth - KZN Midlands U15
Dean Stephen - KZN Midlands U15, KZN U15
Myles Arron - KZN Midlands U19 Reserve

A talented group of tennis players started in E Block this year and I had high hopes for tennis at Michaelhouse. Unfortunately the two best players, Dean Stephen and Richard Ashforth (ranked 9th and 12th respectively in South Africa in their age group) also played U14A cricket and U14A rugby and hockey. This meant they could not represent Michaelhouse in the main league (Deness Trophy) played on Mondays. They did, however, play in other matches on a Friday.

In the first quarter, two Michaelhouse teams were entered into the A section of the Deness League. The A team won six matches and lost two (St Charles, Hilton) and came third in the league, while the B team lost six matches and won two. The results from the Friday matches were as follows: MHS A beat College A 5-4, MHS B beat College B 6-3, MHS A lost to Kearsney A 1-8, MHS B beat Kearsney B 6-3, MHS A lost to Hilton 3-6 and MHS B lost to Hilton 1-8.
The following boys were selected for the Midlands Tennis Teams that played at the end of the first Quarter: Dean Stephen (U15), Richard Ashforth (U15), Sanda Shandu (U19) and Myles Arron (U19 reserve). Sanda Shandu and Dean Stephen went on to make the KwaZulu-Natal team to play in the Inter-Provincial in Pretoria. Dean withdrew from the team in order to focus on his Super 7 Tournaments, for which he is sponsored.

The second quarter was a quiet one for tennis with the only competitive tennis being the Inter-House competition. Mackenzie won the Senior event and Baines the Junior event.

In the third quarter, Michaelhouse entered an U14 and UI7 team into the league. The U14 boys did well to win all their matches. The U17 team played extremely well, only losing one match and ending second in the league. During the Michaelmas holiday the Michaelhouse First Team played in the inaugural Hilton College/St Annes Invitational Doubles tournament. Despite the miserable weather (it snowed at Michaelhouse), we had a very enjoyable doubles and mixed doubles tournament. We ended up having to condense the tennis into one day (instead of 2 Z2 days). The boys played well to come 4th (behind Kearsney, DHS and Clifton College) out of eight schools in the boys doubles and then we teamed up with the Rocdean girls to come 4th in the mixed doubles. I was very impressed with the way the boys treated the girls - they were perfect gentlemen both on and off the court. The Rocdean girls and their coach have requested that we team up with them again next year at this tournament. The team consisted of Myles Arron, Dean Stephen, Richard Ashforth, Sanda Shandu, Brian Cox and Michael Good.

The fourth quarter was frustrating as the weather wreaked havoc with many of the tennis fixtures. Tennis remains a 'Cinderella' sport at Michaelhouse. Although new boys and parents initially faithfully commit to tennis, the team sports hold far more appeal for the boys at Michaelhouse. That sense of belonging is hugely important to them, something which I fully understand.
National and Provincial Reps: Back Row: J. Trautman (VIHA Midlands Hockey), S. Shandu (KZN UIHB Tennis, KZN Youth Choir), A. Ally (KZN Choir), C. Davson (KZN U16 Golf), N. Byrne (KZN UIHB Water Polo) Third Row: A. Stephens (Inland U15A Cricket), T. van Dam (KZN Choir), I. Sturgeon (KZN U/6A Squash), P. Durham (KZN Swim Team), J. Thomas (Midlands U/6A Hockey), R. Patchitt (KZN Choir), J. Short (KZN U19B Squash), D. Dowie (Midlands UIHB Hockey), C. Lindsay (KZN UIHB Water Polo) Second Row: R. Nakin (KZN UIHA Rugby), S. Donaldson (Midlands UJ4A Hockey), S. Clarke (KZN Swim Team), G. Purbrick (KZN Showjumping), C. Brits (KZN U14A Squash), J. Davies (KZN U/4B Water Polo), M. Munatsi (KZN Choir), R. Setati (KZN Choir) Front Row: A. Khumalo (KZN UIHA Rugby), D. Holohan (KZN UIHB Soccer), R. de Bruyn (SA Schools U1H South), C. Panther (SA Schools UIHA Hockey), P. Lambie (SA Schools UIH Rugby, Inland UIHA Cricket), D. Zwemke (SA Schools UIH Hockey, Inland UIHA Cricket), A. Chance (Zimbabwe Swim Team), S. Maclaren (SA UIH Canoeing), M. Crawford (Midlands UIHA Hockey)

South African Representatives: Patrick Lambie (rugby), Robert de Bruyn (rugby), David Zwemke (hockey), Clinton Panther (hockey), Stuart Maclaren (canoeing), Julian Atkinson (canoeing)
Student Life

David Watson and Mr Martin Dewee
Benjamin Bradford and Mr Peter Harris
Mr Righardt Kotze. Mr Steve McIntyre.
Mr Ryno Combrinck

Student Life

Enrichment Speakers

Written by Mr Keith Fairweather

We were fortunate to be motivated and inspired by excellent Enrichment Speakers during 2008. The aim of these Enrichment Speakers was to supplement our Life Orientation programme at Michaelhouse. Life Orientation guided and prepared learners for life, and for its responsibilities and possibilities. This subject addresses knowledge, values, attitudes and skills about the self, the environment, responsible citizenship, a healthy and productive life, social engagement, recreation and physical activity, and career choices. It equipped learners to solve problems, to make informed decisions and choices, and to take appropriate actions to enable them to live meaningfully and successfully in a rapidly-changing society.

Dr Ian McCallum

Dr Ian McCallum, author of Ecological Intelligence - Rediscovering Ourselves in Nature, explored the relationship between human beings and nature. A medical doctor, psychiatrist. Jungian analyst and wilderness guide (and ex-Springbok rugby player). McCallum argued that understanding the evolutionary bonds that connect us would lead to a greater sense of our place in the world.

Mr Peter Harris

It was a pleasure and a privilege to have Mr Peter Harris, author of 'In a Different Time', address us. The book relates the story of the Delnias Four - an assassination squad of the then exiled ANC. When these four young ANC soldiers were eventually caught, they were tried and sentenced to death and Mr Peter Harris was their lawyer.

In this very visual day and age, a guest speaker usually comes to Michaelhouse armed with a slide show to keep the boys' attention during his/her talk but not Peter Harris! He kept the boys enthralled with stories of acts of violence perpetrated by both policemen and ANC struggle fighters alike. Peter did admit to having hesitated at the suitability of telling these stories to young boys, but decided that it was necessary for the boys to be aware of the dreadful slate the country was in at that time. The boys also enjoyed the description of the difficulties Peter had in defending the four ANC soldiers who had decided not to take part in the court proceedings as a continued stand
against the injustice in the country.

Throughout the presentation, Peter made events in the book and decisions which he had taken relative to the boys' lives. He emphasised that choices which they made would shape their lives and left them with the thought "To what length would they go to stand up for what they believed in?''.

Mr Peter van Kets

Peter van Kets was one of two rowers that rowed across the Atlantic in a race that challenged their spirit and forced them to face the elements of nature. This determined South African team won the race and made South Africa proud in an adventure that was both exciting and daunting at the same time.

Peter's superb presentation dealt with:

- Setting clear and achievable goals
- Being a great team
- Preparation and doing your homework
- Expecting conflict and having a clear agreed formula for dealing with it
- Having a clear strategy, but remaining flexible
- Communicate well!
- Take expert Advice - "today you will have 25 Knots of East wind"...perfect! - have a Plan B!
- Focus on staying positive
- Use bad conditions to your advantage
- Always look for areas to improve upon
- Know the race will end - you need to give account of yourselves
- Do not be paralysed by the fear of failure
- Focus on the small things and the big things will fall into place
At the start of the 2008 rugby/hockey season, we were privileged to have Mr Martin Dewee, four times Natural Heavyweight Body Building Champion and author of 'Drug Free Muscle Training' as our Enrichment Speaker at Michaelhouse.

Martin gave a superb visual presentation on the dangers of drugs in sport. AIDS, substance abuse, the use of alcohol, cigarettes, cocaine and ecstasy were also covered. He featured graphic pictures of sportsmen who have overdosed and clearly illustrated the negative effects that substance abuse has on internal organs.

Martin concluded: "The controversial use of Drugs in Sport, which has been the downfall of so many international and local sports celebrities, has been a hot topic of conversation. Various print media and Carte Blanche have highlighted and brought to the attention of so many parents and scholars, the pressure of extreme competitiveness in school sports. This has become a very serious problem amongst our youth. You do not need drugs/steroids for superior performance or to look good!"

Howard Blight spoke about his book 'An Elephant Bloodline'. Essentially this important work is based on a true African story and depicts a 100 year history of The Kruger National Park though the eyes and minds of the elephants. He presented numerous anecdotes out of African elephant family life.

More importantly Howard's talk addressed all the components of the very emotionally driven subject of the ever increasing population of elephants in South Africa.

Steve McIntyre was the fitness trainer for the Springbok team at the 2007 Rugby World Cup.

He presented a wonderful PowerPoint, with great pictures and scenes 'inside the Bok Camp' during their World Cup campaign. Steve emphasised six points that he believed contributed significantly to the Boks winning in France:

- They constantly set new challenges for themselves
- They showed resilience and faced their giants
- They identified what was important and fought for the inches
They created a family and fought for the family
They embraced their role in the pack
They had spiritual energy

Professor Winton Hawksworth

Professor Winton Hawksworth presented a powerful and relevant message to our sportsmen about: 'Drugs in Sport
- Some Medical, Ethical and Analytical problems'.

Student Exchange Programme

Written by Mr Mike Thomson

As has been the case over the last number of years, 2008 was an extremely busy one on the Student Exchange scene, with a number of new exchanges joining our already well established partnerships in the USA, Canada, Scotland and New Zealand.

In the first quarter, we sent three students away on exchange. Anthony Strathern and Vincent Nunes spent the term at Christ Church Grammar in Perth, where they had most enjoyable experiences, with Anthony excelling in rowing. Jake van Koevering went on a new exchange, with The Chase Foundation, to Los Olivos, in Mendoza, Argentina. Jake performed extremely well on exchange and apart from learning Spanish managed to leave a piece of himself (his appendix) in the small town of Metan.

In return we welcomed Cullan Grindlay and David Mulhern, two cheerful Australians, to Michaelhouse and it was gratifying to see how easily they integrated themselves into school life here. We also hosted Cristian Eyzaguirre from The Grange in Chile, our first cricket mad Chilean. He fitted in extremely well as did our first student from Los Olivos in Mendoza, Esteban Cardoza, who came through The Chase Foundation and whose family hosted Jake van Koevering. Esteban involved himself in everything and even managed to win a medal as part of a team in one of our local triathlons.

The second quarter saw us sending Tendai Ponde off to Trinity College School in Canada as well as wishing Nikolai von Stackelberg well as he jetted off to be hosted by Cristian Eyzaguirre’s family at The Grange School in Santiago for the term. Both boys, as usual performed, extremely well and had wonderfully uplifting cultural experiences. Mark van Heerden also went off in this quarter. He went to Merchiston College School in Scotland where he proved to be another in our line of very successful cricketers, scoring three centuries and a 99. During this time, we welcomed Keaton Ambrose to Michaelhouse from Trinity. A quiet yet genial young man, Keaton managed to endear himself to all who came in contact with him.
In the third quarter we welcomed Davis Hunt III and Suhayl Mehio from Montgomery Bell Academy and Harry Fletcher from Merchiston. All three young men integrated so easily that it was a real pity to wave them good-bye after only a month or so. Harry made a particularly good farewell speech where he reminded the Michaelhouse boys of all the great opportunities that are available to them here. We hosted John Gordon, a New Zealander, from a new exchange partner school, Christ's College in Christchurch. A wonderful young man, he survived all that Michaelhouse boys threw him during the Rugby World Cup and came out with many good friends, lots of good humour and much respect from his peers.

For Michaelhouse's part, we sent away Ben Hodgson to Christ's
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College and Peter Rattray to Wanganui Collegiate in Wanganui, New Zealand. Both boys made their mark in their respective schools and came home enriched by the experience in so many ways, one also left a heart or two sighing in the land of the silver fern.

Hallway through the third quarter we commenced with two new exchanges as we welcomed Jasper Honig from Aloysius Kolleg in Bonn, Germany, and Elliott Brewer from Woodberry Forest School in Virginia, USA. Both boys were excellent ambassadors for their schools and countries and it was a delight having them here. In return, Robert Gifford went to Bonn and Aloysius and Digby Bcrriman enjoyed the delights of Woodberry Forest.

We had five other students away during the fourth quarter: Julian Atkinson and Myles Arron were at The King's School in Sydney and Tom Thorpe at Cranbrook in the same city, while Michael Daly and Jonathon Purnell spent their time at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. In their stead, James Marshall (Cranbrook) and Dugald Stranger and Brandon Murray (King's) enjoyed the Michaelhouse experience.

Thus closes another busy exchange year. What is the point and why do we do it? Well I think the following quotes from three of the Michaelhouse exchange pupils sums up all the reasons for the programme:

"My time came to a close extremely quickly there and before I knew it / was standing in the house presenting a gift from home to thank them and receiving my house colours from the house as a leaving gift and was soon on the plane heading hack home. / sat on the plane and thought about what a fantastic experience I had had and I would just like to thank everybody involved in organising this event."

Ben Hodgson

"Recently I was fortunate enough to be awarded the opportunity to go abroad and across international boundaries on an exchange programme to 'The School on the Hill'. Trinity College School in Port Hope, Canada. The exchange programme itself to Trinity College was a life-changing and awe-inspiring experience. A collection of vivid memories, friendships made and countless pictures remain from the experience."

Tendai Ponde

"My time in Argentina passed rapidly with many enjoyable events and interesting people acquainted with it. It is an exchange where a student will not only leave with a great experience but will also take something with him; a sense of achievement, a boost in confidence, an understanding of a different culture and the ability to speak a
new and foreign language. This exchange made me realise and acknowledge a culture and group of people that / previously knew very little about. This exchange has created a new viewpoint and image that I have of this world. It is not an exchange where you see a new culture but an exchange where you experience one."

Jake van Koevering

Matric Dance

Teacher in Charge: Ms Joy Prciss

The somewhat dour and lifeless Sports Centre each year gets transformed into a completely different place by an enthusiastic team of students and mothers, and for 24 hours one would never believe that it was here that sweaty boys bounced around, shooting hoops. And this year was no exception....... 

Ciroovy Love and Psychedelic 60s sounds were the sights and signs that sparked your senses as one entered into the past era of Austin Powers at the 2008 A Block 'Matric Ball'.

The Matric Ball Committee, headed very successfully by Donald Sinton and Ms Prciss. began their planning in the fourth quarter 2007. and most of the arrangements were put in place before school broke up for the year. An enthusiastic mother's committee headed by Mrs Caz Lambie. set out to source the decor, gifts and trimmings; and by the start of 2008 the final arrangements fell into place, and the night of the great event drew nigh.

The aim has always been to create an extremely sophisticated atmosphere in the colours of the chosen theme and this year the colours were fun, bright and very, very loud. From the front entrance, which was covered in colourful large daisies and flanked by two Austin Powers Mini Coopers, to the genuine flower bedecked "shag wagon" kombi parked in the foyer, to the beaded curtains, the checked floor, the bean bags, larva lamps, balloons and baubles the effect was breathtakingly stunning. Each table was decorated in a variety of extremely bright overlays, menus, name tags and serviettes; with hanging glass balls containing brightly coloured gerbers which were suspended in glass cylinders underneath large silver cubes. Ultra violet lights lit up the white dance floor and one half expected The Man himself to come bopping in. shaking his hips!

Food was delicious and as usual the kitchen outdid itself: starters were smoked salmon salad; mains, fillet and vegetables; desert, decadent dark and white chocolate mousse. Perhaps most impressive of all was the atmosphere in the room: throughout the evening the students and their partners behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Socials

Master in Charge: Mr Nick Cahill
Boys attended socials at several girls’ schools during the year and we hosted a junior social and a B Block formal evening. Twenty senior boys attended dance lessons and a formal evening at The Wykeham Collegiate and the B Block group (93 boys) took part in the annual Chanel Ball, and the associated dance lessons, at St Annes. We will meet with representatives from the girls’ schools in order to establish an improved programme for social interaction during 2009.
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Dashing young Men of Michaelhouse at the Matric Ball

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Jubilation after a successful war cry

Successful Learners 'Licence applicants at the launch of the Mobile

Fathers and sons on a team building exercise

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Fathers and Sons 2008

Written by Ur Tint Jar\-is

"I think that every father/son (not only MHS persons) should HAVE TO participate in something like this. I also feel that every boy who completes this gains an advantage over those who do not." Fathers and Sons participant 2008

'The Courage to Connect - A Fathers and Sons Experience* was run for Michaelhouse boys and their fathers* over two days from Saturday 18 to Monday 20 October at Glengarry Park. The facilitators were Mr Jaqucs Prctorius and Mr Tim Jarvis and there were eleven father and son pairs who attended. Throughout this report, feedback from the 2008 participants has been interspersed with the content to give additional perspectives on the weekend.

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The aim of the course was to help fathers and sons connect on a variety of levels. The content of the course included:

- The Father and Son Bond
- Dealing with Anger and Aggression
- Relationships and Sexuality
- Male Identity and Work

"The 'Cowage to Connect' weekend was probably the most profound time that I have ever spent with my son."

A large part of the course, on the Sunday afternoon, involved outdoor activities which were done in groups of three or four father and son pairs. We were very grateful to Mr Paul Fleischack for his willingness to organise and oversee this part of the course. Getting everyone outside and active really helped everyone to relax as a group and for fathers and sons to have the opportunity to work together as a team and to see another side of each other!

generated by the fathers. In this way we were able to have frank and open discussion around this topic without anyone feeling too uncomfortable.

"It only began to dawn on me as the weekend evolved what a wonderful opportunity Michaelhouse had presented to Dads and boys to stop and take time to discuss perhaps the most important and deeper issues in life."

The weekend closed with a very meaningful public session of blessing and affirmation of each boy by his father with a chance afterwards for each boy to respond. This was a very powerful time that was humbling to observe.

"There is the right blend of pairs and group work, serious endeavour and fun and the topics were spot on. I thought the closing ceremony was very moving."

Over the weekend as a whole a wide variety of methods were used in order to overcome the challenge of working with fathers and sons together around some sensitive areas. Presentations included plenty of visual material including DVD clips and a large part of the sessions involved conversation around various issues between fathers and sons as they worked through dialoguing worksheets.

"It cleared any potential blockages which might have existed in our relationship."

This is the second time the course has been run and once again it was a privilege to be able to be involved in this ongoing
initiative.

"I will be there next year with my younger son"

It would appear that all the participants found the weekend extremely beneficial and I have copied some further comments below.

There was also lots of discussion and activity in order to keep each session as interactive as possible. During the session on relationships and sexuality for example, a panel discussion was held where boys were given the opportunity to have their fathers answer questions that were given anonymously before the boys themselves had the challenge of fielding questions

"...as a Dad I certainly came away feeling that I had seldom done anything more worthwhile in my life"

"...thank you for a unique and worthwhile experience"

"I feel very strongly that this sort of initiative should almost be mandatory"

"It was awesome!"

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Brothers Kai and Blake Botha planting a tree on Arbour Dav

Francis Edwardes enjoying a fresh oyster on the Strandloper Tour

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Arbour Day

Master in Charge: Mr Paul Fleischack

When next you visit Michaelhouse, take a walk past the coffee shop, along the south side of the Inglis Indoor Centre. If you are here in summer, spend some time in the shade of the new avenue of trees. Perhaps you will relax to the pleasant sound of birdsong from these new indigenous trees.

This year we celebrated Arbour Day by planting White Stink wood and Mountain Hard Pear trees. These were planted alternately in a short avenue along the edge of the lawns on the South side of the Inglis Indoor Centre. These trees will survive the Balgowan winters and will add an attractive feature to this area in years to come. In all eight trees were planted, one by each house. Patrick Lambie and Dale Walker delivered short addresses appropriate for the occasion.

Members of the Strandloper Hike touring party

Strandloper Hiking Trail

Written by Mr Elmar de Klerk

During the July holidays, five boys and two staff members from Michaelhouse walked the Strandloper Trail in the Eastern Cape. The trail started at the Ecotourism Centre at Cape Morgan and finished at Gonubie. The walk covered an average of 16 km a day, over four days, with kilometers of beaches backed by sand dunes, boulder beaches, beautiful estuaries, shell beaches and long stretches of rocky beach.

The hikers were fortunate to coincide with the Sardine Run which resulted in the sighting of hundreds of dolphins and experiencing amazing bird life. The group also enjoyed the lunches at the hotels next to the coast and having braais around the camp fire. The boys had the opportunity to taste oysters with Tabasco and lemon juice and they attempted sonic fishing, but not with great success.

Mr Elmar de Klerk said: "It was really a great adventure and it is a hike I can recommend to everyone that loves the beach and coastlines. The boys had great fun and it was a pleasure to accompany them on the trip."

Inter-House Activities

Master in Charge: Mr Allan Laing

For the first time in a number of years we were able to complete all three of the traditional fun Inter-House activities, namely Push Car...
Race. Pancake Race and Tug-O-War. As always much enjoyment was derived from these competitions with pride and honour being very much fought for.

The Pancake race was held on Shrove Tuesday in and around the

Main Quad Cloisters. This year in an effort to prevent cheating and pancakes disintegrating, teams raced with an egg in their pan. Unfortunately this proved not to be a suitable substitute and next year we will revisit the 'pancake'. Much cheering and shouting was the order of the day and the crowds certainly enjoyed some of the spills and thrills that go with this event. At the end of the day Farfield were declared winners of the 'egg and pan* race.

The finals of the Tug-O-War were held during the Inter-House Athletic meeting on Family Day and proved to be a most exciting affair. With the whole school down to support it proved to be a highlight in the day. The junior competition was won by Pascoe. beating off a strong challenge from Tatham and the senior competition was won by Mackenzie who proved too strong for East.

The Pushcart race was left to the end of the year and again saw some interesting designs take to the track around Meadows and Vlei. Unfortunately the East Beast prevailed and won its third conccutivc race. A notable result came from Mackenzie who finished third after not completing the last three races. Pascoe made a late charge and were able to finish second.

Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz

Written by Mr Paul de Wet

Quiz Master: Mr Tim Jarvis

The second Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz was held on the last night of the third quarter. Mr Paul de Wet was visiting schools in the USA so the quiz was hosted and run by Messrs Tim Jarvis. Alan Adlington-Corfield and Viktor Kurz. Former Michaelhouse teacher. Mr Carl Pachonick donated a very handsome shield for the winning House. The quiz had three rounds and each House supplied
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four contestants. The first round was competed at an individual level and the 'weakest link' in each House was eliminated. The points from all four contestants carried through to the next round. The second round selected the top four Houses for the final round. The final round was 'fastest finger first' using lights and buzzers. This year Founders House won this enjoyable educational event with Tatham House running a very close second.

Inter-House Debating

Best Supporting Actor: Ryan Baker and Jeremy Smythe
Best Director: Ryan Baker and Jeremy Smythe
Best Dancer: Travis Ning
Best Choreographer: Travis Ning
Best Musician: Keegan-Jon Moore
Best House Song: Baines
Best Ensemble: Founders
Spud Shield for Best Original Writing: Mfanelo Shoba and Jamaine Chiwaye - Founders

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Louise Erwee

Inter-House Debating was held over a couple of weeks. The aim was to expose pupils who have not debated before to public speaking, unearth talent, and foster House spirit and competition. Well, I would never have guessed how fiercely the boys would argue and fight to win! At the end of the second round the following teams won through to the final round:

Top Three Houses:

1. Mackenzie
2. Founders
3. Baines

Inter-House Public Speaking

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Dionne Redfern

Pascoe juniors and seniors, Founders seniors, West juniors.

The adjudicators could not agree on a clear winner in the debate between West and Founders in the senior second round. This lead
to a decision being taken on points in the previous round to declare a winner.

This year, all the speakers produced prepared and impromptu speeches of an excellent standard. There was not one who could not handle the pressure of the unprepared or who crossed any lines with the prepared work. The tone of the evening was very pleasing, with an interesting variety of challenging and entertaining speeches. Results were as follows:

The finals were hotly contested and after a nail biting evening the final results were:

Final round: Senior winners: Founders

Best speaker: Arniv Badal
Junior winners: Pascoe
Best speaker: Kieran Lyle

Thank you to staff who willingly gave of their time to act as adjudicators and make this competition possible.

Inter-House Performing Arts

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Dionne Redfern

After postponing this competition from the second quarter due to a power failure, the boys were under enormous pressure to get things going again. Working under considerable time constraints, the overall standard was surprisingly good. The value of this competition cannot be under-estimated: in terms of confidence, team-building, organisational and leadership skills, the boys learn a great deal. It was also wonderful to see a number of Houses scripting their own material. Mr John van der Ruit donated a marvellous new trophy for Best Original Material for this competition, which will also encourage more boys to be creative and innovative. The results were as follows:

Best Actor: Ben van Aswegen

1. Kieren King - Mackenzie
2. Andrew Craib - West
3. Dale Walker - East

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Baines

Written by Adam Joscelyne

Housemaster: Mr Johan van Rooyen
Senior Tutor: Mr Richard McMichael
Tutors: Mr Andre Black, Mr Rory Drysdale,
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Ben van Aswegen, Johan van der Linden

I am pleased to say that at the close of another year I am still in total admiration of the unity and harmony we had in Baines House. An atmosphere of special camaraderie surrounded us at all times. The boys contributed to all aspects of Baines with such vigour, enthusiasm and pride. As a unit, Baines was able to achieve in all fields. I can only feel a great sense of pride and privilege to have been given the opportunity to lead such a great team of boys.

Before I launch into achievements I want to say that a good House is not necessarily the one that wins all the Inter-House events, but one that competes as a unit with pride and enthusiasm. The success
The 'Baines Boll's' did us proud this year. Congratulations to Nicholas Meyer and Ben van Aswegen who earned their academic honours.

Nicholas. Ben and Christopher Morris each managed a first in Block position. Academic colours went to Henk Appelo and half colours to Dale Stephen. Alasdair Allen and Richter Landman. Michael Harrison was selected for the Midlands A Team maths and came second in the Computer Olympiad. Excellent academic performances were also achieved by Ryan Shiel. Johan van der Linden and Matt Dyer.

Christopher Morris was the recipient of the Walter Lloyd Memorial Prize and Ben van Aswegen recipient of the John Crutchley award.

In the Inter-House Performing Arts Competition Baines was placed third overall and first in the House song, with a passionate rendition of "Ons Vir Jou Suid Afrika". Ben van Aswegen and Nicholas Meyer both received full colours for drama with Siyabonga Mhlongo. Tau Tsiki and Jean-Jacques Rousseau receiving their half colours. Ben was voted Best Actor in the Inter-House plays. Nkosana Wakatama received theatre honours, music half colours, and was Chairman of Theatre Technology. Chase le Roux was fine-tuned and awarded half colours in music. We know that some boys have the 'gift of the gab' -

Michael F. Eybers and Sekatle Sekatle were toastmasters with Michael earning the Best Evaluator Award. Support and goodwill earned Naude Breet and Mkhululi Mkhulisi half colours for service. Sekatle also served as Chairman of African Affairs.

Baines had a more than generous scattering of first team players across the board. Reef Nakin was outstanding and represented the KwaZulu-Natal Craven Week side and received rugby honours.
Nicholas Meyer and Adam Joscelyne displaying the Academic Shield
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Jacques van Niekerk and Adam Joscelyne were awarded half colours for rugby.

Baines performed exceptionally well in the pool and finished in second place in the Inter-1 louse gala. This was a massive improvement from when I was in E Block where we came stone last! Benjamin Bradford was awarded colours and Michael Hybers and Chase le Roux half colours. Ilcnk Appolo, Johan van der Linden and Chase le Roux all played their part in the success of our first water polo team.

Manuel de Abreu had a wonderful soccer season earning his colours with Chase le Roux and Reef Nakin getting half colours. Mohamcd-Ali Ahmed also played in the soccer First XI.

On the track, Baines showed their determination by snatching a second on Sports Day. Outstanding athlete, Jordan Goddard, performed brilliantly to win the U17 Victor Ludorum and gold medal.

Baines was filled with promising canoeists and we had an outstanding achievement in winning the Inter-Nouse canoeing, a great achievement which our canoeists deserved for their hard work. Benjamin Bradford was captain of canoeing this year and Jonathan (hileshe and Owen Gandar were awarded half colours.

Our tennis players served their way into a winning position in the junior Inter-louse tennis. Special congratulations to Dean Stephen who played First Team tennis and represented us on the National tennis courts. He won the UI4 doubles National Championships, which is a fantastic achievement!

There were some more first team players that need to be mentioned for their hard work: Adam Joscelyne received half colours for cricket, Siyabonga Mhlongo half colours for basketball and Dale Stephen was in the golf first team.

The 'cacks' integrated particularly well and made a significant contribution to our Baines community. I will follow their progress with interest.

Thanks to the Prefects who managed to lead with a good balance between discipline and consideration. Duties were done with reliability and efficiency.

It is with great pride that we congratulate next year's leaders. Our own Benjamin Bradford will be next year's Senior Prefect. A fantastic achievement Ben, well done.

Thanks to Menecr van Rooyen, the Captain of our ship, who so successfully integrated the boys, parents and teachers into a Baines unit, which in turn developed an awesome House spirit.

Special thanks to the Baines Tutors who were such a vital part of our
'Baines Family'. Their support and interaction was much appreciated and we wish them all the best for next year.

To the leavers of 2008: it has been my honour and privilege to spend the last five years with you. The support, friendship and memories won’t be forgotten. Thanks guys for a most awesome time of my life.

Salvete: Thomas Coyne, Tim Everett, William Grant, Michael Harrison, Timothy Lee, Matthew Lovett, Simphiwe Msibi, Mathew Mundell, Michael Mvelase, Thomas Stapylton-Smith, Dean Stephen, Louwrence van Niekerk, Jason Venter, Jordan Goddard

Valete: Mohamed-Ali Ahmad, Henk Appelo, Johan Badenhorst, Wesley Campher, Michael Eybers, Adam Joscelyne, Nicholas Meyer, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Sekatle Sekatle, Ben van Aswegen, Johan van der Linden, Jacques van Niekerk, Nkosana Wakatama

East

Written by Dale Walker

Housemaster: Mr Andrew Brown
Senior Tutor: Mr Iain Guthrie

Tutors: Mr Given Dzingwa, Mr Bryan Tarr, Mr Simon Crane
Intern: Mr David Smythe

Home Room: Miss Lisa Hardie
1 Leader of House: Dale Walker

Prefects: Kai Botha, Robert de Bruyn, Evan Hamlyn,
Donald Sinton, Justin Sullivan

What a year 2008 was for East House. The Prefects spent a few days on a leadership camp where we devised a mission statement for the year; it read as follows:

â€” To create an environment in which each individual is able to express himself openly

â€” To create a House in which actions are governed by strong Christian values

â€” Determination is acknowledged as victory
To promote values of trust, respect and integrity

The house of the rising sun

Upon returning to School, the Prefects spent the first day of the year carting the trunks of the 16 new boys (15 E Blockers and one C Blocker) to their dormitories. It must be said that we had a fantastic group of cacks this year. They settled into Michaelhouse perfectly and made numerous contributions to the house. Zipho Mhlongo was selected to play for the Midlands U14A hockey team and Barry Sturgeon achieved fourth place at KwaZulu-Natal athletics trials in the 1500m race. We had many avid cyclists amongst the group and Max Sullivan achieved a bronze medal in the Greg Minaar Downhill Cycle Race. Tom Burnc did wonders academically, consistently being placed in the top five in the Block.

1 know 1 speak for all of the Cops when 1 say it was a pleasure mentoring this year’s Cacks and we look forward to hearing of their future successes.
Our D Blockers were a vibrant, diverse group. This year Craig Clowes played for the U16A hockey team and also played a couple of matches for the First XI, nothing short of outstanding for an U15. We also have three boys who sang in the Pietermaritzburg Youth Choir: Sabelo Chirwa, Gasha Khosa and Lcbogang Mokgosi. This year the group matured tremendously in their dealings with each other and the rest of the Mouse, their talents grew and we can expect some more greatness in the future.

Our C Blockers shared a wide variety of talents, ranging from academics to sports. Patrick Durham was selected to swim for KwaZulu-Natal. Colin Davson represented KwaZulu-Natal for golf and Ian Sturgeon made waves in the squash world. This year he was the School Champion, the number one U16 in KwaZulu-Natal and placed in the top 20 in South Africa - congratulations Ian. The new addition to the Block, Courtney Smith, played for the First XI soccer team. There were also a couple of talented academics amongst the group with Jake van Koevering and Grant Walker consistently in the top five in the Block. Grant even managed to crack the number one spot in the third quarter.

This year's B Block, next year's leaders, were an amazingly strong group and I have no doubt that we are leaving the House in capable hands. They had a great year achieving numerous successes in many disciplines. Mcyrick Hamlyn was selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Body Boarding Team early in the year. Russel Withey played golf for Botswana and Oliver Green was selected to play for the KwaZulu-Natal Invitational U18 Rugby Team. Speaking of rugby, three of our B Blockers started for the First XV during the season: Oliver Green, Brydcn Foster and Stephen Lishman. Roux Wessels also formed part of the First
7s rugby team. Of course, one could not forget the multitude of accolades achieved by Stuart Maclaren for his canoeing. Stuart was selected to represent the South African U18 Team overseas in Germany and the Czech Republic, achieving fourth and ninth respectively in the A finals.

I am nearly at the end of my time at Michaelhouse and with me throughout that time there were 11 other young men who were the A Block this year. It was an amazing five years and it is with heavy hearts that we depart. We shared stories with each other, related our successes and failures and, of course, had the odd quarrel. There were many individual achievers in the group: Robert de Bruyn was chosen to represent the Southern SA U18 Rugby Team. Kai Botha was awarded drama honours and Donald Sinton and Dale Walker were awarded academic...
Blake Botha, Dale Walker and Mathew van Koevering en route to Inhlosane

honours. Christopher Smith played a single game for the First XV but unfortunately sustained a major knee injury during the game and was forced to undergo surgery, ending his rugby career. Brannan Jahnig was a regular starter for the Second XV. On the athletics track, Vaughan Edwards smashed sprinting records left, right and centre; this year he formed an integral part of the East House athletics team. We also had a successful soccer player in Adam Bowes who defended goals for the first team.

When you combined all the individual greatness, you were left with a House that was competitive in whatever competition we found ourselves. This year we proved that we were contenders in almost every event. Our Senior Tug-Of-War Team was narrowly defeated in a hard fought contest, we made valiant efforts in both the swimming pool and on the athletics track and achieved third place in public speaking. Special mention must be made of the incredible performance we put on for this year's Inter-House Performing Arts. We performed a script written and directed by the always entertaining Kai Botha and gave a performance which I am confident was the crowd favourite on the night. The musical section of the performance was directed by Lungelo Nkosi and Stephen Lishman and with their guidance we raised the Theatre roof. We succeeded in winning the Inter-House Golf Competition and, in what has almost become an East House tradition, we won the Pushcar race by half a lap - our fourth victory in the last five years. No matter whether we won or lost, the House could always be counted on to support those involved and do so with passion and spirit. We were extremely proud to be East Boys and will be forever.

In closing I would like to thank all those who made this year as special as it was. To my fellow A Blockers; it has been a long road but we all made it across the finish line, thank you for all the support throughout the year. To all of the East Tutors and, of course, to our Housemaster Mr Brown, always cheering with the boys in his House colours. Finally, to the rest of the house; it was a year to be proud of and that was thanks to all of you. Good luck to Stephen and next year's A Block and to the rest of the House - may the sun never set on East House.

Salvete: Simon Blackie, Martin Blades, Blake Botha, Thomas Burne, David Geerdts, Darren Goosen,
As the year ended, one could not help but reflect on all that took place in Farfield. In 2008 Farfield maintained and nurtured its warm and accepting atmosphere and this went hand in hand with its high spirited and happy ethos. Farfield excelled on all fronts whether it was in the theatre, the art school, the classrooms or on the sports field. The boys gave of their best and performed with gusto and determination which meant we were elite amongst the rest. We managed to bring home a number of trophies but on top of that, we seemed to possess a sense of unity and respect for both the House and the boys. The new boy intake this year hosted a talented bunch of young men. They were a well balanced unit and they out did themselves on the sports field and in the classrooms.

After narrowly missing out on the Academic Shield we were determined to bring home as many of the other trophies as possible. Our 'Big Match Temperament' was present at every House event and was first evident at the first Inter-House event, the swimming gala. Our swimmers were lead by Zimbabwean, School and House Captain, Andrew Chance. The points meant it came down to the last event and through our 'BMT' we were placed first and won the event. Andrew led from the front and was awarded the gold medal on the day for the open age group and broke the 50m freestyle record. I felt this event set the tone for the year and I thank Andrew for inspiring the troops.
Through Andrews' perseverance in the pool he was selected for the Zimbabwean Team and took part in the Fina World Championships where he did very well considering he was swimming along side Ryk Neethling.

Some of our boys started the year early and participated in the annual...
Du/i Canoe Marathon. Ryan Patchitt and Peter Brown raced in the open age group but unfortunately Pete had to pull out when his partner became ill. Julian Atkinson and Robert Gifford did very well in the U16 age group. Our new and up coming paddlers, Matthew Heenen and Luke Strachan, took part in a number of races and we wish them good luck in the future.

Our hockey talents were strong in Farfield and although the Inter-House competition did not take place I have no doubt we would have walked away with the honours. We had a number of Provincial Representatives from U14 to U18. Anthony Miller and Nicolas Hcllcns were in the U14 Midlands side. Calvin Freese, Jason Trautman and Murray Forbes were selected for U1 SB, U18A and U1 SB respectively. Our rugby players also did well and a number of our boys played for the A team in their age groups. We boasted three first team players who made the final trails of the KwaZulu-Natal selections.

Farfield dominated the athletics middle distance events with the 800m and 3000m winners going to Farfield boys. Alan Mahieu and Edward Steere were our outstanding athletes with Edward breaking the 3000m record and Alan coming very close to it. Our B Blockers ran away with the 4 x 100m record which helped us in another of our trophies, the Relay Trophy. On the day we were dear winners with 100 points on our next opponents and we won almost all the major trophies in the competition. Edward was the School and House Athletics Captain and led the House with one goal in mind, to win. Ed and Alan represented KwaZulu-Natal in the Regional Championships where they performed with flying colours.

Sanda Shandu created a master piece in the Inter-House Drama event which I thought would go our way but we couldn't win them all. The fun had on the stage was enjoyed by all as we managed to get the whole I house involved and credit must go to Sanda and Calvin. Sanda blew the crowd away with his piece and amazing charisma which he brought to the stage. But Calvin provided the perfect support and they
played ofTeach other very well. Our Inter-House Quiz did not go as well as planned this year and a miscommunication meant we lost in the first round.

Farfield also brought back colours from the art school and our much acclaimed artists were well recognised with Edward Steere's piece making it to the Tatham Art Gallery. We were also well represented at the Matric Art Exhibition with some outstanding pieces.

The academic efforts were well focused by Mr Schwartz and his team of Tutors and Prefects who helped boost the work ethic in the house. We had a number of prizes at Speech Day and Prize Giving and a number of our boys entered Olympiads and received various
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David Bennett being pushed by Liam Royce in the Push Car Race awards. I am also pleased to mention that the Peter Brown Award was once again awarded to a Farfield boy, Edward Steere. It was his responsibility to manage an outreach programme and he created an inspirational IT facility from a converted container and a number of old computers at Khazimula. With so much on his plate as a Matric boy we congratulate him on his efforts.

Our amazing achievements and prizes must not cloud the superb moments of laughter and friendship we experienced this year. I will definitely miss the chats and fun and often destructive times had in the wall of shame 'Cop Shop'. My five years at Michaelhouse and Farfield went by very quickly indeed but were truly wonderful and the friendships will be life long. My time was most memorable.

Our House Parents, Mr and Mrs Schwartz, put their all into Farfield and realised the many sacrifices that come with the job. Helped by the new Senior Tutor, Mr Alan Adlington-Corfield, and the Prefects of 2008 we can say we did very well and this was reflected in the fact that Farfield was a happy place.

It has been a year where the boys have had fun and have enjoyed the many experiences together. We have learnt a lot this year and the challenges that come with it were overcome. The A Blockers will leave at the end of this year with all the values that Michaelhouse has bestowed on us since our start as immature and inexperienced boys. We leave with integrity and skills with which to confront the challenges of the outside world. I wish the A Block and all those who are leaving the very best and hope that you carry the good name of Farfield and Michaelhouse with you into the future.

Salvete: Nicholas Baber, Kyle Dreyer, Michael Greig,
Cheyne Halliday, Matthew Heenan, Nicolas Hellens, Adrian Krige, Clive Legoalo-Phillips, Anthony Miller, Bryce Nicholson-Deh,
Alex Pienaar, Piers Rosholt, Craig Smorfitt, Luke Strachan,
Scott Wadeson

Valete: Daniel Barge, David Bennett, Martin Blore, Peter Brown, Andrew Campbell, Andrew Chance, Murray Forbes,
Calvin Freese, Rees Keene, Edward Steere, James Tatham,
Nic Tingle, Jason Trautman

Founders

Written by Pieter-Derk van der Merwe
Housemaster: Mr Alan Redfern
Tutors: Mr Keith Fairweather, Mr Mike Thomson, Mr Andre van Wvk, Mr Sandeep Ramharack, Mr Mandla Cele
Home Room: Mrs Dionne Redfern
Head of House: Pieter-Derk van der Merwe
Prefects: Keith Chenoweth, Jamaine Chiwaye, Nicholas Griffin, Stuart Harley, Nicholas Turner

Founders House achieved many great things this year, even though we don’t have much to show for it on our boards! We were placed favourably in many Inter-House events: we won the Senior Debating and Inter-House Quiz competitions; we were placed second in Inter-House Performing Arts and fourth in the Sports Day event. Apart from our various achievements, Founders House has also been a very happy place this year. I feel that boys have enjoyed themselves thoroughly and all felt a part of the Founders House community.

The new boys this year proved to be a diverse yet competent group. Achievements ranged from cultural to sport to academic: Cole Hunt and Robert Anderson did very well to be placed consistently in the top 10 academics throughout the year with Carel Swarts placed in the top five (achieving first position twice). Robert Anderson played in both the U14A cricket and rugby teams and was vice captain of the cricket team. Cole Hunt and Carel Swarts both played for the U14A water polo team; Carel as well as Justin Moberly played for the U14A rugby team. Adrian Salter came second in central Gauteng for fly fishing. Greg Waterman played for both the U14A cricket and hockey teams this year and achieved a gold medal in Inter-House athletics and a bronze medal in Inter-House swimming for his excellent performances. Shaheed Roberts was part of the choir tour this year; Sine Shelembe was a member of the Chamber Choir and Marimba Band along with Bongani Munatsi.

The D Block continued their success this year, with many notable achievements: David Brill was placed consistently in the top five academically while Richard Griffin, Jonty Needham and Stuart Hadfield took top 10 places. Joe Bosch, Reece Chittenden, Richard Griffin and Dominic Harris all played for the U15A water polo side; Richard Griffin went on the overseas water polo tour this year; Stuart Hadfield captained the U14A water polo side; David Brill, Richard Daniel and Richard Griffin all played for the U15A rugby team. David Brill represented the U15A cricket team, was the junior Victor Ludorum on Sports Day and was awarded the Chree Bright Award on Speech Day. Kyle Dunn made it into the Midlands Youth Choir for the second year running and went on the overseas cultural tour. Kevin Anger, Dale Atkinson, Joe Bosch, Richard Daniel, Dominic Harris and Ben Mole all contributed
fantastically in the Founders House Community Service Project. The C Block continued to perform well too: Jacques Adam, 0
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denden 4th Row: (L R) R.Hoisted. D.Brill. M.Collins. B.Mole,

derburn-Maxwell, N.Chaplin, C.Panther, M.Munatsi.
S.Mashwama 3rd Row: (L R) P.Halsted. J.Atkinson. G.de Villiers. J.Hoe


Mr A.van Ifyk. J. Chiwaye. Mr M.Thomson, N.Griffin. Mr I. Hobson. P.La
mbie. Mr A. Redfern. PD van der Merwe. Mr M.Cele. S.Harley.
Mrs D.Redfern. K.Chenoweth. Mr S.Ramharack

John Aitkinson. Robert Halstcd and Michael Nash all improved
academically while S'wakhile Mashwama achieved first place in
the Block; Jacques Adam played in the U16A squash and U15A
water polo teams; Kweku Bortsie made the Kwazulu-Natal Judo
team, played in the first basketball team and the U16A rugby
team; Daniel Hulbert played in the U16A cricket team, U16A
hockey team as well as the Kwazulu-Natal Midlands hockey
team; Nicholas Clucas was the U16A soccer captain; Nikolai von
Stackelberg competed in various cycle races such as the 94.7 and
Sani-2-Sea challenges and was placed 14th overall in his age group
in the country. Nikolai also went on a very exciting exchange to
Chile this year.

The B Block contributed wonderfully to Founders House this
year. They were a tremendous support to the current A Block and
have had a wanning presence on the House. Guy CunlilTe is to be
congratulated on being awarded academic colours. From a sporting
perspective, there have been many noticeable achievements: Grant
Anger played first team water polo and along with Tristan van
Dam (who played second team water polo) went on the overseas
water polo tour; Nic Chaplin, Matthew Collins and Paul Halstcd
represented the second soccer team; Jonty Tatz toured with the First
XV rugby squad and played for the second rugby and cricket teams

this year; Rowan Salter opened the bowling for the First X1 cricket
and was awarded half colours for cricket. Clinton Panther (who
joined us at the beginning of the year) represented the First XI
hockey, first soccer side and the second cricket side, the Midlands
U18A hockey team, the South Africa U18A hockey team and was
awarded hockey honours. All this despite being only seventeen
years old! Guy Cunliffe and Morgan Weddcrbum-Maxwell both
went on the overseas cultural tour this year while Cameron Wilson
went on the overseas music tour; Alex Poltera was awarded his music honours and Tristan van Dam (who achieved his Grade Six voice with merit) was awarded music colours. The Founders House Community Service Project was run by Alex Poltera who was awarded service half colours. Nic Chaplin, Paul Halsted, Jason Hoepf and Stuart Smallwood all did service to the community in the SMILE project. Cameron Wilson went to Cape Town this year to compete in the National Debating Championships.

Finally, to the A Block of 2008: I have had the privilege of spending the past five years with this group of boys. We have shared and made many fond memories during our time at Michaelhouse which I am sure we will treasure for the rest of our lives. To the Prefects of 2008. (Stu. Nick Turner, Nick Griffin, Jamaine and Keith). I want to thank you for the wonderful job you did in Founders this year.
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Enthusiastic Founders D Block supporters at the Inter-House Gala

A number of the A Block boys represented Michaelhouse at first team level: Arniv Badal, Stuart Harley and 1 played in the First X1 hockey (coached by our Housemaster, Mr Redfern.) Arniv Badal also made the U18A Midlands side, re-qualifying for hockey honours. Stuart Harley was awarded colours for hockey as was I. Jamaine Chiwaye played for the first basketball team. Patrick Lambie captured the First XI cricket and First XV rugby teams as well as the Craven Week rugby side and the Inland U19 cricket team. He also made the SA Schools rugby team for the second year running. Keith Chenoweth made appearances in the First XV rugby, but played consistently in the Second XV, being their lead try scorer. He also represented the Second XI cricket. Academically, William Gowans, Nicholas Turner and I were all placed in the top 10 this year. William Gowans and I were awarded academic honours. Culturally, Mfanelo Shoba, assisted by Jamaine Chiwaye, was awarded the John van de Ruit "Spud" Trophy for Original Writing for the best script in Inter-House Performing Arts.

To Rowan and the Prefects of 2009 (Grant, Paul, Clinton, Alex and Jonty), I wish you all the best of luck. I am sure you are more than capable of fulfilling the job.

Lastly, thank you to the Founders House Tutors for all they contributed to Founders this year. To Mr Redfern, I want to thank you for your great House-Mastering wisdom and for everything you did for the House this year. We are fortunate to be under your care and guidance.


Valete: Arniv Badal, Keith Chenoweth, Jamaine Chiwaye, William Gowans, Nicholas Griffin, Stuart Harley, Craig Kohler, Patrick Lambie, Mfanelo Shoba, Nicholas Turner, Pieter-Derk van der Merwe

Mackenzie

Written by Michael Crawford

Housemaster: Mr Viktor Kurz
Senior Tutor: Mr Rainer von Schlichting
As the time comes to say good bye to Michaelhouse, it's hard not to feel overwhelmed by the experience I've had over the last five years. Michaelhouse and Mackenzie served as my home and the boys as my brothers.

The year of 2008 was much waited upon. It all started at New Boys' Day where Mackenzie received 16 new boys which consisted of 14 E Blockers (cacks), one D Blocker and one C Blocker. The new boys got off to a good start and settled in well. These boys were about to experience the best years of their lives.

Mackenzie is a House that allows all types of boys with different talents to achieve. Being the newest House, Mackenzie established a culture to succeed in everything that we did. This culture has shown this year which was evident in all the various achievements.

The first quarter started off well with the D Block going off to a leadership camp to aid them in the tough process of moving from E Block to I) Block. Mackenzie's traditionally a very strong academic House. This however has been lacking in recent years. There were however a few shining lights in the House: Matthew Purnell and Kieren King were awarded academic colours. Abbey Ally, David Horscroft, Jonathon Purnell, Jack Bassett and Andrew Stephens were awarded academic half colours. Green Cards, which were given out on the basis effort symbols, were awarded to the following: Thys Albertse, Jack Bassett, Jonathan Purnell, Myles Arron, Abbey Ally, Kieren King and Matthew Purnell for the first quarter.

At the end of the first quarter the shining lights in the academic department made us proud once again. Kieren King obtained first position in B Block, whilst Jonathan Purnell, Mathew Purnell and Jack Bassett were all placed in the top five of their respective Blocks. Mathew and Jonathan Purnell both won Internal Scholarships in recognition of their fine academic achievements. Abbey Ally, Mathew Fraser, Jonathan Purnell and Jack Bassett were awarded Green Cards for their academic efforts.

Mackenzie was also an extremely strong sporting House which showed in the various awards and achievements. Louis Albertse was elected first team rugby vice captain and myself as the first hockey team vice captain. Our swimmers did us proud.
with Jonathan Rittcn receiving bronze in the Intcr-Housc Gala. Lee Savory receiving gold and Sean Clarke receiving silver. Scan Clarke was also selected to compete for the South African Schools U14 Disabled Swimming Team. He won two gold medals. Jason Clarke completed the prestigious 8 Mile Midmar Challenge to raise funds for charity and completed the challenge with ease. On the basketball front. Andrew Laing was awarded colours. Mathew Fraser. Devin Norman and Neil Benton were awarded half colours. Robert Clucas was ranked and placed ninth in the KwaZulu-Natal U16 section for squash. Myles Arron was chosen as a reserve for the Midlands U19 tennis team which is a superb achievement as he is an U16 boy.

On the cultural front. Ryan Baker and Jeremy Smythe were both lead actors in 'Lord of the Flies*. Abbey Ally was awarded honours for music and David Horscroft was awarded colours for debating.

The second quarter saw the introduction of the Mackenzie 'Orange Card' to give boys an incentive to achieve academically. It is certainly an exciting prospect. An amazing evening was spent at the Mackenzie Michaelhouse McKcnzie Hilton dinner. 1 hope this evening becomes an annual one.


Culturally, Ryan Baker and Jeremy Smythe were awarded cultural honours for their constant contribution to the theatre. A brilliant achievement as it is the highest award the school can offer. Kieren King was named Best Prepared Speaker at the second quarters’
Toastmasters Meeting.

On the sporting front, Mackenzie boys participated widely in all age groups. This ranged from the U14D hockey and rugby teams to boys representing the Schools' first teams. Louis Albertse and Michael Simpson were chosen for the Midlands U18 rugby teams which would progress to final KwaZulu-Natal trials. Lee Savory represented Zambia at an international swimming event where he won four gold and three bronze medals. Louis Albertse and Michael Simpson were awarded honours for rugby and I was awarded honours for hockey.

The third quarter was one which contained many Inter-House events. These included the Inter-House Dramatic Arts Competition which wc won. Special mention must be made of Ryan Baker and Jeremy

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Ryan Baker - Mackenzie Magician

Smythe who led the event superbly. Inter-House athletics and cross country were held which were always a favourite for the Mackenzie boys. At the end of the second quarter our Inter-House tennis teams did very well. Our junior team reached the finals and our senior team won it!

During the second quarter holidays various boys went on the water-polo and jazz band tours to Europe. Louis Albertse was selected to play in the KwaZulu-Natal Craven Week U18 team during the holidays. Michael Simpson represented the KwaZulu-Natal Academy Team and had a brilliant tournament. I represented the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands U18A hockey team at the Inter-Provincial Tournament. Rory Pelser obtained first place in the Pro 125cc Motocross class and Ross Pelser obtained Pro 80cc class.

The third quarter saw the famous Inhlosane trek. The E Blockers all finished which was a great achievement. Special mention should be made to Sean Clarke who finished despite his disability. Everyone slept extremely well that night.

Special academic mention should be made to Kieren King who came first in his Block and Jonathan Purnell who came second in his Block.

The fourth and last quarter of my Michaelhouse career was an emotional one. Academically, Mackenzie had individuals that excelled yet again. Mathew Purnell was awarded academic honours for his consistent achievements over the last five years. At a Theatre dinner, Jeremy Smythe was awarded two significant awards: The F S Bishop Trophy (Best Actor) and the Van Velden Trophy (Greatest Contribution to Performing Arts). David Horscroft competed at the International Debating Competition held in Cape Town. He was placed 23rd in the world which is outstanding. Cultural half colours were awarded to Casper Badenhorst, JD Mwaura and Nick Vilankulu.

Andrew Laing was chosen for the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands basketball team. Lethu Mtshali was awarded half colours for his involvement in the first soccer team. Our big, fit and masculine Tug-Of-War team crunched all teams that stood in their way. The gym has obviously been well utilised over the last years as we comfortably won the event.

As the Matrics were getting ready to leave, the E Blockers were still only starting off. Hopefully the boys staying on to represent Michaelhouse and Mackenzie will continue to do us proud. There is no better place to do this. Mackenzie House was more than a boarding House. It was a home where friendships were forged that will last forever. I wish Kieren and his fellow prefects all the best for 2009.
What a great year 2008 was for Mackenzie. I believe strongly that a good year is founded on the quality of the years’ A Block. I would not only like to thank the Prefects for their efforts, but the entire A Block. It was an awesome year which made everlasting memories. We led from the front which was evident in the amount of honours awards we received.

Mr Kurz ran Mackenzie House with total and utter passion. Mackenzie was extremely lucky to have a man of his quality. Sir, thank you so much for guiding me and the A Block this year. All your extra work was appreciated and it was never taken for granted. It’s also necessary to thank the Tutors for their hard work doing duties and looking after the House. What a great set of teachers Mackenzie had!

And finally, to the boys staying behind, I wish you all the best for your futures. Without being too clichéd, please make the most of the best in South Africa. Michaelhouse is only what you make it!

Salvete: Joshua Beere, Sean Clarke, Jonathan Davies,
David de Souza, Zawadi Dlamini, Jake Dovey, Daniel Funcke, Byron Grealy, Matthew McCathie, James McJannet,
Wade McKillop, Olwethu Mhaga, Ross Pelser, Lee Savory,
Jack Swynnerton, Ryan van Greunen

Valete: Louis Albertse, Jac Aldous, Ryan Baker, Joshua Beere, Oliver Boyes-Varley, Eric Chang, Michael Crawford,
Daniel Funcke, Stephen Green, Justin Johnstone, Mark Lombard, Wade McKillop, Keegan-Jon Moore, Matthew Purnell,
Jonathon Ritten, Michael Simpson, Jeremy Smythe,
Blake Thornycroft
As the 2008 year draws to a close I feel it appropriate to proclaim that Pascoe House was one of the friendliest and most welcoming Houses on campus, a House I feel proud to call myself an Old Boy of. The quality of young men Pascoc had to offer was of an exceptional calibre, and continued to grow from strength to strength. At the beginning of the year Pascoe welcomed 14 E Block new boys, and as the year progressed, we welcomed Dan Rogers and Brett Hardman (C Block), and Steven Avidon and Steven Leclezio (B Block).

On the cultural front Pascoe continued to perform exceptionally well. One of the most notable achievers was Roche van Tiddens who received music honours as well as being awarded Best All Round Musician of 2008 on Speech Day. During the Inter-House Musical Production, Pascoe didn't place in the top three however the feedback on our enthusiasm and charisma was worth the hard
hours. There was some encouraging involvement with respect to the choir. Earlier in the year James Creasy, Khumo Phalatse, Robert-Dcrrick Senekal, Magashe Ngoepe and Murray Rail ventured to Europe with the Michaelhouse Choir. On the debating front Dustin 1 Ilohan received honours for his involvement in the South African Debating Team who competed in Germany in March. The Pascoc juniors won Junior Debating, with the seniors losing in the final. A great effort all round. Justin Chinyanta must be congratulated on his colours award for music.

On the academic side Pascoe produced some exceptional results. In E Block Sean Markham consistently came in the top ten, and was in the top five for his June Exams. In D Block Magashe Ngoepe was placed in the top ten consistently, and achieved a Green Card every quarter. In C Block Kwezi Sogoni, Mnczi Ndhlovo and Vincent Nunes all achieved exceptionally well. B Blockers Munatsi Ziumbc and Jake Trchacvcon excelled consistently achieving top ten positions throughout the year. In A Block, Daniel Holliday, Dustin Holohan and Roche van Tiddens produced very impressive
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The successful Pascoe Junior Tug-Of-War team

scores, with Rochc receiving his colours. Special mention must be made of Daniel Holliday who received the awards for Best Mathematician and Applied Mathematician for 2008.

When it came to sporting ability, I need not say too much, simply... Godlike. In E Block Xolani Shezi consistently represented the A team for every sport he played, special mention must be made of his appointment as captain of the U14A basketball team. Zaahir Hurribunce represented Pascoe in the U14A rugby team. In D Block Jon-Paul Akal, James Dalais, Costa Mysiris, Jonty Sacks and Julian Wissing were selected for the Paarl Gym Touring Side, a great achievement. Special mention must be made of Luke Sales who opened the batting for the U15A cricket. C Block had a variety of talent with Peter Rattray, Mokhele Ramaseli and Ned Brown representing U16A basketball and James Hitchcock representing both U16A cricket and rugby.

On the rugby front, Munatsi Ziumbe and Justin Chinyanta represented the U16A team. In the A Block, John Stathacopoulos and Dustin Holohan represented second team, with Ruan Combrink playing first team, as well as Craven Week. Special mention must be made of Ruan's selection for the SA 7's side, a truly awesome achievement.

With regards to other sports, Dustin Holohan captained the first team soccer and received honours. Jake Trehaeven and Tom Gardner represented the first team hockey with Tom receiving colours.

From an Inter-House perspective Pascoe did particularly well in the junior division, winning the Inter-House Tug-Of-War, as well as debating. Although Pascoe got off to a shaky start, coming last in the Inter-House Gala, we quickly put that behind us with some exceptional achievements on Athletics Day. Ruan Combrink won the Senior Victor Ludorum, and special notice must be given to the U18 4 x 100m, and 4 x 200m Relay Team which cleaned up. The potential Jamaican threat included, John Stathacopoulos, Dustin Holohan, Ruan Combrink, and Calvin van der Riet. On the public speaking side Munatsi Ziumbe performed exceptionally well.

Overall it was a truly outstanding year with respect to all fields of the spectrum. I am very confident that Jake and his team will lead Pascoe to its true potential: being the undeniable top House on campus. I know my Matric Year will agree with me in saying that Pascoe House will always be a place they will feel proud to have been part of. I believe our lives have been shaped by our experiences here in Pascoe. To the rest of the Blocks in Pascoe, make the most of your little time at this magical place, make use of all the opportunities that come your way, and whatever you do, do it with pride because you are all 'True Pascoe House Boys'.
Salvete: Omar Bazian, James Creasy, Tyrin De Gidts, James Foster, Zaahir Hurribunce, Sean Markham, Kalelelya Mbizule, Matthew Molyneux, Nicholas Murphy, Khumo Phalatse, Robert-Derrick Senekal, Xolani Shezi, William Smale, Nicholas Wichura, Daniel Rodgers, Brett Hardman, Steven Avidon, Steven Leclezio Valete: Mokhele Ramaseli, Romal Raja, Ravi Raja, Nicholas Halsey, Luke Cresswell, Ruan Combrinck, Victor Githakwa, Robert Hackney, Daniel Holliday, Dustin Hollohan, Alex Mwai, Douglas Rattray, Jonathan Short, John Stathacopoulos, Calvin van der Riet, Roche van Tiddens

Tatham

Written by David Zwemke

Housemaster: Mr Nick Cahill
Senior Tutor: Mr Sandile Khuluse
Tutors: Mr Graeme Calway, Mr Bernard Whitaker,
Mr Brandon Akal
Home Room: Mrs Helene du Toit
Head of House: David Zwemke

At the beginning of the year we had 16 new boys join us in Tatham, 14 were in E Block and two in D Block. They were welcomed warmly and settled in nicely and soon became part of the Tatham family. We in Tatham encouraged all boys to get involved in the various activities this fine School offers.

This year we saw an amazing set of rugby results for the First XV and with Gary Mann, Awande Khumalo, Francis Scott and Patrick Howard all representing the team from Tatham it was no surprise. All of the aforementioned were selected for the Midlands Rugby Teams in their respective age groups. Awande Khumalo went on to make the Craven Week side, which was captained by our Senior Prefect Patrick Lambie. Hilton Mudariki was a valuable member of the U16A side along with Dumisani Mabhcnca and Erik Wiehe-Lagesse. Harry Epsom was in the U15A side. Bongumuso Zondi, Patrick Critchley and Christopher Brits were in the U14A side.
Awards

Honours: Awande Khumalo
Colours: Gary Mann, Francis Scott
Half Colours: Patrick Howard

On the hockey field we had four boys representing the Michaelhouse First XI: David Zwemke, Dean Dowie, Pieter Pelser and Jethro Thomas. Three of these boys represented Midlands: David Zwemke.
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Mr B.Akal, S.Sharratt, Mr B. Whitaker


Awards

Honours: David Zwemke
Colours: Dean Dowie
Half Colours: Jethro Thomas

On the cricket field there were many noticeable achievements: David Zwemke was selected for the U19A KwaZulu-Natal side and Hilton Mudariki was selected for the U17A side. In the first XI we had David Zwemke and Awande Khumalo. Hilton Mudariki was captain of the U16A side and played a game for the first side. Both David and Hilton scored centuries in the first quarter along with Stephen Griffin whoro scored a massive 132 not out.

Awards

Honours: David Zwemke
Half Colours: Awande Khumalo

In our new Inglis Indoor Centre we enjoyed watching Philip Vrontamitis, who was the 2008 basketball captain. Francis Scott and Patrick Howard play for the first team. Philip Vrontamitis was selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands U18A side. Philip also reached 100 caps in the first team - an awesome achievement for any sportsman. Mpumi Nhleko captained the U16A side and
Francis Edwardcs played for the UI5A team.

Awards

Honours: Philip Vrontamitis
Colours: Francis Scott
Half Colours: Patrick Howard

In the pool we had Nick Byrne playing first team water polo. Richard Wolff and Harry Hpsom were part of the U15A side and Andrew Christodoulou represented the U14A side. Nick was selected for the Kw aZulu-Natal U19B side. Nick also completed eight Midmar Miles this year and was later selected for the Midlands Swimming Team.

Awards

Half Colours: Nick Byrne

On the athletics track. Tatham came second in the Inter-House Cross Country Competition and had individual success through...
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Jonathan Dean and Matthew Argo

the selection of Dumisani Mabhena and David Pearce for the KwaZulu-Natal athletics team. David came first in the senior Inter-House cross country - a fine achievement for a 16 year old. Andrew Houston and Sam Partridge came first and second in the junior race. Patrick Howard won the gold medal in his age group. Patrick also won the U16 100m in a time of 11.7 seconds making him the quickest boy in the school over 100m. Christopher Brits won the bronze medal in the U14 age group.

We had three first team squash players: Pieter Pelser, Ethan Malan and Christopher Brits. Christopher Brits was selected for the KwaZulu-Natal U14A side and was ranked number two in the province. In the National Tournament, Chris was ranked seventh in the country in his age group. Andrew Christodoulou and Digby Douglas-Dufresne were both in the U14A squash side.

On the golf course we had great joy in celebrating the success of our Inter-House team who came second to a very strong East team. In the individual scores Christopher Brits shot 76 to place him in first place and Patrick Critchley shot 78 which placed him third. Jethro Thomas was part of the first team golf this year.

Awande Khumalo was our only first team soccer player and James Quick was in the U14A soccer team.

George Purbrick participated in a number of show jumping events this year and was placed the B Grade Victor Ludorum.

In Tatham we had a number of very talented canoeists: James Fisher, Reggie Holliday, Matthew Dean, Andrew Houston and Jonathan Dean. Matthew Dean came third in the U18 age group and was also the KwaZulu-Natal River Champion.

Awards

Colours: Matthew Dean

Gareth Jnkinson, Awande Khumalo, Savvas Christodoulou, Mivan Howard, Olwethu Songca and Hanko von Schlichting were all part of the Michaelhouse choir. Gareth Jenkinson was Deputy Chorister. We had a number of boys that were part of the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Choir: Savvas Christodoulou, Gareth Jenkinson and Mivan Howard. This year we only had Hanko von Schlichting in our talented jazz band.

Awards

Colours: Gareth Jenkinson
Half Colours: Savv as Christodoulou

On stage we had Francis Scott, Kopano Maroga and Hanko von Schlichting performing in 'Lord of the Flies'. Francis Scott played the part of 'Rodger' and was awarded the best supporting role in the play. Hanko von Schlichting and Kyle Flanegan were part of the 'STARS' production.

Awards

Honours: Francis Scott

Academic Awards
Colours: Geoffrey Woollatt
Half Colours: Dean Dow ie

This was a memorable year for all involved, especially our A Block as we enjoyed so much time in this House. So to Mr Cahill, and the rest of the Tutors, a huge thank you for all that you did for us, all the extra time you invested to make our stay so much happier and more enjoyable. You always went that extra distance to make sure we would make the most of our opportunities; your guidance was invaluable and will not be forgotten. Thank you!

Salvete: Matthew Argo, Christopher Brits,
Andrew Christodoulou, Patrick Critchley,
Jonathan Dean, Digby Douglas-Dufresne, Kyle Flanegan,
Mitchell Green, Sam Hewat, James Quick,
Olwethu Songca, Tyrone Thomas, Hanko von Schlichting,
Bongumuso Zondi, Richard Wolff, Nick Wiehe-Lagesse

Valete: Kyle Schoerie, Gregor Martin, Craig Allen,
Wilson Chambulo, Greg Christodoulou,
Gareth Jenkinson, Awande Khumalo, Gary Mann,
Francois Schutte, Francis Scott, Simon Sharratt,
Warren Thomas, Johan von Mollendorff,
Philip Vrontamitis, David Woodham, David Zwemke,
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As the year slowly draws to its end we, the A Block, start to think back and wonder what epitomised and made up this House. The red bricks and concrete foundations were not the only things this House was built upon, but strong moral values and an ethos of camaraderie and trust amongst the boys were also strong foundations of West. One does not have to look hard to see how we as a House grew together and worked together to overcome obstacles and strived to reach those goals that we set out to achieve from the start. I believe that as I leave this House the cohesion amongst all the Blocks and the spirit in the House could not be any higher.

As the new boys entered the School we knew we had a challenge as Prefects to keep the balance of upholding what we in the School and House stood for, yet still make their time here enjoyable and prosperous. I believe that we successfully did that and looking at the new boys now is a simple indication of how they grew from the boys that relied on Parents, Teachers and Cops to independent young men that will continue to grow as human beings as they
progress through Michaelhouse. They were a strong bunch of boys and their commitment to any given task was something to be admired. Their commitment was not only evident in the House but also in their sporting, cultural and academic activities. Christopher Taylor had a strong year academically finishing first in the Block in the first quarter and performing outstandingly in the other quarters. They were a strong hockey year with Sean Donaldson, Richard Ashforth and David Watson playing for the Midlands U14A hockey side. Thomas Watt-Pringle and Wandilc Mzuku were part of the Michaelhouse Choir and Thomas displayed great talent with the saxophone, passing Grade 6 and becoming a member of the South African Jazz Band.

D Block, after coming back from a leadership course early in the year, was a strong, accountable Block. They were an integral part in the settling down of the new boys and their willingness to help was somewhat of a revelation. These boys had a fantastic year all round, excelling not only on the sports field but also in their...
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Jared Chellan planting a tree watched bv Mr George Ferreira and West House boys

cultural endeavours. James Crouch and Kieran Lyle went on the overseas water polo tour. Drew Johnston preformed superbly to come second in his age group in Inter-House athletics. Paul Hewat had a solid performance with his academics by consistently coming in the top ten of his Block each quarter. We had two boys who were part of the Chamber Choir: Brian Karithi and Rati Mashego, who was also part of the Pietermaritzburg Youth Choir. Phillip Clay won the Lions River Conservation Award and Daniel Oti and Rati Mashego gave strong performances on stage in the 'Stars Variety Show'.

Our C Block boys, after having endured a tough C Block hike, proved they were a well gelled unit and the spirit amongst them carried them through through many a mile. They were a Block that was talented in both the sport and cultural fields. Olaoluwa Oyewo was a member of the Toastmasters Society and received half colours for his contribution to music. Neil Mosienyane played first team basketball and U16 rugby. Matthew Shave played first team water polo and also U16A hockey. Mark Farrow was awarded half colours for music. Michael Watson and Guy Brunskill both represented the U16A rugby team.

B Block was, without a doubt, the strongest B Block in the entire School. They overcame many a tough obstacle and stood with each other through thick and thin. They showed solid characteristics that will carry them through with good esteem for the next year, and the rest of their lives, and I am sure the House will only benefit from the skills and leadership they have to offer.

We had many boys representing first teams for their various sports and also subjects. Joshua Chellan and Paul Heaton Nicholls both played first team squash. Joshua Chellan also played U16A rugby and soccer. Ranga Mavhunga and Mudiwa Mwayi both represented first team basketball as well as U16 soccer. Michael Watkins, Louis Karovsky and Cameron Lindsay played first water polo with Cameron Lindsay being selected for the U19B KwaZulu-Natal water polo side and awarded half colours for canoeing and service, and colours for swimming and rugby. Andrew Craib received half colours for academics and was first in subject for drama. He also played second team rugby and first team tennis and was an active member of the Toastmasters' Society and Christian Fellowship. Joshua Magor was part of the KwaZulu-Natal Maths A team and competed in the National Public Speaking Competition. He was awarded academic colours and won Silver in the English Olympiad. He was part of the EAPS programme, Toastmasters and Christian Fellowship committee. Joshua was also first in subject for English and received a Merit Certificate. Simon Watt-Pringle competed in the National Speaking Competition and received
academic colours. He was a member of the Toastmasters' Society and the EAPS Programme as well as coming first in subject for art and receiving a Merit Certificate.

It has been said that the seniors reflect the attitude of the rest of the House and School. I believe that we as the seniors lived up to the values that we in West stood for and provided a place of security for the new boys and an environment that nurtured the unique talents and personalities of the boys who came into this House.

The A Block boys have excelled in academics, sport and cultural activities and were a true inspiration for the rest of the boys in the House. Brian Cox was appointed an additional School Prefect in the House. He played first tennis and was captain of the team. He received honours for academics and was chairman of the Christian Fellowship Council. Shane Drower-Copley and Travis Ning both played first team basketball with Shane receiving colours for basketball and Travis was the vice captain of the team. Mitchell Hedges was our tech-savvy student leader by coming first in the Computer Olympiad and also coming third in the country for Eyeball. He also captained the second team squash and was an integral part in leading his team to an unbeaten season. Simon Farrow was awarded honours for performing arts and music and he toured Germany and Austria with the jazz band. He also placed first in the Laser Radical 2008 KwaZulu-Natal Junior Regatta. Simon also completed his Level Two First Aid course which he put to great use during the rugby season. Edward Greene was placed first in the KwaZulu-Natal U18 cycling league as well as being Junior (U18) Cycling Captain. Patrick Smythe received colours for art and was a member of the sizzling second team squash. Jeremy Veenstra received his half colours for service. Michael Griffin did the School a service by reinstating the long lost Agricultural Society and being honoured Chairman of the society. He received half colours for service. Daniel McCarthy was part of the first hockey side and received half colours for it. He was also on the Christian Fellowship Council and received colours for his contribution to debating. Jared Chellan played first team squash and first team soccer and was captain of first team squash. He received colours for squash for the second year and was awarded half colours for soccer. He was also a member of the Midlands Squash Team.

A special mention must be made of Mrs Florence Jali who was always there for the boys and often regarded as our second mother. Our Housemaster, Mr Ferreira, was always there to help and support us when times were difficult and the Tutors played an important role in the running and control of the House. I would
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finally like to thank the Prefects who kept the House in the standard that was required and expected of them. To my fellow A Blockers. I would like to thank you for making this year such a memorable one; the friendships we have forged in this Mouse will never “Be forgotten as we leave this place as men of substance.

Never take the followed path, rather take your own and make sure you leave a trail' 


Valete: Jose Cabelcira, Jared Chellan, Brian Cox, Shane Drower-Coley, Simon Farrow, Francis Gelletich, Michael Griffin. Mitchell Hedges. Daniel McCarthy, Travis Ning, Patrick Smythe, Christopher van Zyl, 

Jeremy Veenstra

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It is a pleasure for me to present my report for the 2007/2008 year. The past year has been an exceptional one for Michaelhouse. The School remains at full capacity and the waiting lists are considerable. An indication of the positive position that the School holds in the market place is that we have considered 245 applications for 105 places for 2009.

There are many factors which contribute to the success of the School. There is no doubt that this magnificent estate and environment is a paradise in which young men can grow and develop to their full potential. We are also fortunate to have an excellent Staff that are all resident on the campus and are able to support the boys 24 hours a day, seven days a week in all their endeavours. In a time when there is a serious shortage of teachers in the country and worldwide, we are indeed fortunate with the calibre of Staff we have at Michaelhouse.

We are also indebted to the support which we receive from our parents. Old Boys and the Board of Governors, all who play their part in ensuring that the Michaelhouse experience can be an exceptional one for our boys. Most importantly though, it is our boys who have contributed to the success of the past year. There is no doubt about it that the very nature and design of the Michaelhouse buildings give the boys a tremendous sense of belonging and contribute to the special camaraderie which the boys experience here.
The A Block group of 2007 produced excellent final examination results. All 108 candidates passed with 94% of the class achieving the University Endorsement course. There were 21 A aggregates and 139 subject distinctions.

This year sees the introduction of the new FET curriculum and I
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am confident that the Staff has equipped the boys to cope well in the final examinations.

Culturally the School continues to offer boys many opportunities to develop their talents on Stage, in Music, in Public Speaking and Debating, and Toastmasters. Our Choir and Jazz Band are about to embark on an exciting tour of Europe during the June/July holidays.

The year 2007 will go down as one of the most successful in the School’s history with the School excelling on a number of fronts, most notably, in rugby, hockey, cricket, squash and basketball. The First XV of 2007 set numerous records and in total we had six players selected for the KwaZulu-Natal A team. In total we had 50 Provincial and five National sportsmen last year. I am pleased to report that our sports teams have continued in the same vein this year, and whilst we are still at the halfway stage of the rugby season, the team of 2008 has surprised friend and foe with their superb performances, in many instances outdoing their illustrious predecessors.

There is no doubt that schoolboy sport has taken on a much more professional emphasis and I am pleased to report that our coaching at all levels is excellent and our results over the past few years are proof of this.

A highlight of 2007 was the formal declaration of the Oribi Reserve, and I would like to pay tribute to Old Boy, Peter Ardington, who was a driving force in this initiative. The Oribi Reserve has played a central role in environmental education for our boys and I am pleased that efforts in this most important area are at the forefront of our curriculum. Our Deputy Rector Academics, Paul Fleischack, and Head of Biology, Iain Guthrie, and an Old Boy of Michaelhouse, must be commended on their personal enthusiasm and drive to promote environmental issues at the school. Iain Guthrie’s exceptional book ‘Free Bounds’ was published late last year and my thanks to another Old Boy, Tony Ardington, for his terrific support of this project.

All costs relating to the publishing of the book were covered by donors, and Iain Guthrie donated all proceeds from the book towards a fund for the future sustainability of the Oribi Reserve.

Michaelhouse today is so much more than just academics, sport and cultural activities; it is also about environmental awareness, community service, leadership development and spiritual growth. The Chapel continues to play a central role in the lives of our boys. There is the opportunity for every boy to find his special niche and develop a positive sense of his self-worth.

The mission of Michaelhouse challenges us to provide a dynamic
and progressive education for our boys, and I am confident that Michaelhouse is well placed to do this. For this reason we were extremely excited with the Vision 2015 process which occurred last year. I know that the Chairman of the Board will speak in greater detail on the process, but from a School perspective, it was encouraging that much of what we do at Michaelhouse was affirmed in the research which was done. At the same time we need to be constantly challenged and must never be complacent in our quest to provide the very best education for the boys at Michaelhouse.

Old Boys will know that at last year’s AGM you were introduced to our Chairman of the Board, Bruce Dunlop, and a year later we welcome distinguished Old Boy, Gary Ralfe, as our new Chairman. No, there has not been a coup d’etat, but Mr Dunlop’s work commitments at Tongaat Hulett made it impossible for him to devote the necessary time required in this important position. In February he decided to step down from the position, mainly because of such an able replacement waiting in the wings in the form of Gary Ralfe. While thanking Bruce for his contribution, he has served on the Board since 1999; it is great to have Gary with his Old Boy background heading up the Board of Governors.

It was Rector Norwood at his last Speech Day in 1968 who had this to say:

'I believe that Michaelhouse is a priceless jewel in the treasure house of South Africa. A place where, far from state control, excellence may flourish and not be reduced to a uniform mediocrity and we, the Community of Michaelhouse, boys, parents, staff, must always remember that it is our important duty to embrace and enhance the bright lustre of that jewel'

These words are as relevant today as they were then.

Mr President, I would like to close by thanking you, the Central Committee and all the Old Boys for their continued support of the School and in particular for me as the Rector. I am indeed most appreciative of the support and encouragement I get in this fantastic School.

Report by the President Mr Brett Davidson

Good morning to you all, Gentlemen. It is with great pleasure that I share the report as President at the 96th Annual General Meeting of the Michaelhouse Old Boys’ Club.

It was with some trepidation that I undertook this role but, I am most pleased to report that the calibre of people I have found myself surrounded by, has made the task most enjoyable and the objectives which we set out to achieve never too far from our grasp.

As the old adage goes, 'a new broom sweeps clean' and with the
exuberance, if not ignorance, of youth on my side it gives me great pleasure to provide feedback on some of the events in the past year and some of the new initiatives we are attempting to introduce; so to ensure our club maintains its high standard of excellence.
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My term thus far has been a busy one and I have been very fortunate to be involved in the Vision 2015 process on transformation. I was asked to give a presentation on the role of Old Boys at Michaelhouse and can confidently say that we were a large contributing factor in the process. The Chairman of the Board will address us on this topic a little later to give you some further insight into the Vision.

Through the Vision 2015 process, the OBC highlighted the importance of the role they play at Michaelhouse and we asked lor, and have been successful in gaining, two Old Boy representatives at Board level. The President and President Elect will fill these positions thereby ensuring continuity in leadership of the Old Boys' Club. We hope that with this continuity comes a larger role to play in the decision making of the School, especially from an Old Boys' perspective.

The Gaudy formats were modified slightly to include special anniversary dates, i.e. 10, 20, 25, 30 and 40 year leavers holding some combined and some separate functions on the eve of Old Boys' Day. This format provided, we feel, far greater attendance from the combined efforts of the Conveners than previous years.

Lastly, at the end of 2007 we saw the introduction of the Michaelhouse Old Boys' Electronic Newsletter which includes information pertaining to the term at School, results, upcoming fixtures, noteworthy events from the Old Boys community and the like. The newsletter has been really well received in all parts of the world and we welcome the feedback from Old Boys. The newsletter brings with it the feeling of a renewed bond between the School and the OBC and we hope to use this medium to recreate ties with the School and contemporaries alike.

The electronic age has brought with it an easy vehicle with which to communicate and all it takes is for the correct information to be at hand. If you do not receive the newsletter, please heed my objectives for 2008 and become part of solving our never ending battle.

The Branch Reports are well tabled in the programme you have in front of you and as can be seen, another year full of activity amongst the branches is evident.

Our branches all over the world have had at least one function this past year - dinner with 'Spud', drinks with students and professors in Cape Town, polo in Johannesburg and golf in London to name a few.

Sadly with the current exodus of people from South Africa the one positive is that our numbers overseas are swelling and the
ties remain ever loyal to the School.

Before I end with the objectives of the Old Boys Club for the next year. I wish to share with you some of the information that we as an OBC thought were characteristics of an Old Boy during the Vision 2015 process. The slides that you are about to see were what we as Old Boys, convened to the Forum as to the meaning of the School to us, as a club, and the very essence of our passion for this School.

Objectives 2008

â€¢ Data Base Any club's strength lies in its members. The power to communicate with them defines the strong clubs from the weak ones. We as a club have stood ever resilient for over 100 years; however we are at risk of weakening this base if the current data base model that we work off is not rectified within months.

Communication in this day and age is imperative and we all play a role in assisting with it. Put simply, those with access to Internet, please log onto the website and update your details and those without, simply pick up the phone.

â€¢ OMs Sons Financial Fund - This has been launched due to an ever increasing need to ensure that the sons of Old Boys are able to receive the same privilege we did attending Michaelhouse. In the face of current economic times and amidst all the other pressures and demands we are faced with, we need to ensure that an education, as provided here is achievable. The fund will be administered by the School and circled exclusively for the use of Old Boys' sons. The fund has been launched nationally and will be done on a personal basis so as not to bombard Old Boys with mail shots that may be perceived inappropriate to the nature of this objective. The fund has been given the green light by our Board of Governors and it is this common goal that has already galvanised the local branches in order to sustain the heritage that we are so proud of. It has been remarked by previous Rectors that perhaps the Old Boys' Club is the life blood of the School and that we are the custodian of the School. If this is so, let us ensure its longevity for another 100 years.

I would like to thank the Central Committee and the Branch Chairmen for all their efforts and their support in my first year. Attending Saturday morning meetings and sometimes Friday evenings can sometimes be onerous, but we seem to have had some fun along the way making the tasks at hand that much more enjoyable.

Thank you too to Mrs Michelle Huntley, our Secretary, for all the work she has put into this weekend and during the course of the year.
To Charlie Burton our new Treasurer, thank you for your guidance and efforts. You really do take away some of the heartache that we may have had to endure in your taking on of this role with the relish that you have.
Canadian Reunion Dinner: from left to right, standing: Mr Peter Houghton, Mr Hugh Coppen, Mr John Walker, Mr Mark Hickman, Mr Guy Erikson, Mr Alan Burns, Mr Dale Townsend. Seated: Mr Grant Kolling, Mr Bill Galloway, Rector Gw Pearson, Mr Michael Brooke

Farfield Old Boys at the London Reunion, from left to right: Mr Malcolm Mabbett, Mr James Meyer, Mr Adrian Rogers, Mr Jeremy Pein, Mr Alisdair Pein, Mr Rob Howard

Mr John Macaulay celebrating his 102nd birthday

Finally to the Rector, Guy Pearson; I can honestly say that we have watched in awe as the School has grown under your guidance. Your wisdom and sound leadership has seen Michaelhouse grow to the top of the heap in all respects and for this we, as the Old Boys' Club, thank you.

All that now remains is for me to thank you for attending Old Boy's Day and the Gaudies last night. Those of you that are here today, and were there last night, an even bigger thank you. I know people have travelled far and wide to attend these Gaudies and we as an Old Boys' Club recognise that and fully appreciate it.

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Canada Branch

Chairman: Mr Michael Brooke

A reunion was held in Vancouver on 11 October 2008 at which the Rector was the Key Note Speaker. The Rector started the dinner with a Latin Grace which appeared to challenge him slightly as Latin Graces are no longer said at the School. Not to be out done, former Senior Prefect, Hugh Coppen said a long Latin Grace which he recalled from his days at School. After a very large and sumptuous meal with a wide variety of Oriental dishes, OMs introduced themselves and their guests. The Rector then gave an interesting visual presentation which highlighted the recent activities and changes at the School. We were all amazed at the major changes for the good that had taken place and came away feeling that this Rector is making a very positive impact on the School as he brings it into the modern era without lowering standards: a very challenging task in any location, but especially South Africa.

Two OMs came from California: Grant Kolling and Hugh...
Coppen. All the rest came from British Columbia. The Cack of the event was Guy Erikson. The ‘Khehla’ was Michael Brooke.

It was a fun and interesting evening which everyone appeared to enjoy. We very much appreciated the Rector’s presence at this annual event.

Cape Town Branch

Chairman: Mr Charles Phillips

It was another great year down the Cape for OMs - and two student evenings were held at Forries Pub, New'lands, in April and another out in Stellenbosch - both of which were very well attended! Students are somehow attracted by the mere mention of two words - "free beer"! A great way to introduce OMs to the Club and the Committee.

The Annual Dinner took place on 22 August 2008 at Kelvin Grove Club where over seventy OMs enjoyed a great 3-course menu, far too much wine and listened to Prof Tim Noakes' presentation on 'Doping - Who isn't Doing It?’ which was rather appropriate during the Olympic Games! OM President Brett Davidson updated us on the OBC and the School as the Rector was not able to attend. The evening ended on a high with the singing of the School hymn and several rugby war cries with linked arms and much foot stomping!

A luncheon in Stellenbosch, planned by Simon Rosholt for 21 November 2008, and a final Chairman’s Luncheon early December on board Rob Lapping’s new yacht out on Table Bay will bring the year to a close.

Durban Branch

Chairman: Mr Kevin O'Brien

2008 has been an active year for the Durban Branch of the Old Boys' Club. The following events took place during the course of the year;

â€¢ An Old Boys' drinks evening with Hilton and Kearsney Old Boys' took place on 17 April in Durban

â€¢ The Annual Old Boys' Golf Day took place at Beachwood Golf Course during May

â€¢ Drinks evenings with Kearsney and Hilton Old Boys' were held on 30 July and 11 September

â€¢ A Pony Racing evening on 22 November at Greyville race course with 300 people expected to attend.
A successful four hall at the Gauteng Old Hoys' Golf Day
Mr Andrew Cunnington. Mr David van Onselen, Mr Julian Hand
and Mr Sandile Koza at the Gauteng Old Hoys' Golf Day

The introduction of the drinks evenings with Kearsney and Milton
Old Boys has been a great success and has enabled the Old Boys of
the three schools to resurrect old friendships and form new ones.

The Durban Branch is still committed to providing financial
assistance to boys who would otherwise not be able to go to
Michaelhouse. The Annual Golf Day and the end of year function
are used as events to raise well needed finances for this purpose.

Anton Southwood will be taking over the Chairman's role from
Kevin O'Brien at the end of 2008 and we wish Anton all the very
best for this role.

Many thanks to all the Committee for their support and energy
during the course of this year. An Old Boys* Branch is only as good
as those Old Boys who give of their free time to assist in arranging
Branch functions. A special thanks to Steven Boast for all the hard
work he has done in organising the Pony Racing evening.

East Griqualand Branch

Chairman: Mr Roger Spencer

An evening was held in Underberg for Old Boys. Parents, past
Parents and prospective Parents. The evening was well attended and
there were two presentations, one by Philip Stanistreet explaining
the workings of the Wcaner Scheme and how this benefits Old
Boys Sons from the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands.

The other was a presentation by The Rector who gave us an insight
of the Michaelhouse 2015 Vision and an update on how the School
was doing in current times. It is always appreciated by the Old
Boys and current Parents when the Rector is able to attend these
functions.

Some people travelled from far and this was also much appreciated
by the organiser. 'Khchla' for the evening was Mr Alan Hankinson
who left Michaelhouse in 1938, 70 years ago.

Western Australian Reunion: Hack Row: Mr Bruce icutt (West
61-64), Mr Rhidian Dalrymple (Pascoe 60-64), Mr Ken Whiling
(West 63-66). Mr Alex Norman (Past 74-77), Mr Andrew Burnett
(East 61-65), Mr Andrew Blore (Tatham 84-87). Mr Jeremy Wood
(Tatham (57-59), Mr Mark Grohicki (Mackenzie 98-02). Front
Row: Mr Boh Jenkins (West 49-52). Mr Charles Brookes (Pascoe
42-45), Mr Jim Woods (Farfield 32-33). Mr John Nelson (Pascoe
40-43), Mr Brian Downing (Tatham 54-55)

Gauteng Branch
Chairman: Mr Hal Kosholt

The year has again been a good one for the Gauteng Branch with a well-attended evening at the OJC and a very successful dinner at the same venue, followed by the annual Old Boys' Polo Match between teams from MHS and Milton, and a really outstanding Golf Day at Killamey.

The dinner, addressed by Dr Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert, was fully subscribed at the limit of the OJC's capacity, and should by all rights, have produced a tidy surplus to bolster the Branch's meagre bank account. Sadly, this was sabotaged by a surprising number of last-minute cancellations and no-shows, which is extremely annoying and disappointing. We tried to appeal to the collective MHS conscience and were, to a very limited degree, successful - but in the end, we have to thank Charlie Burton for making up a small deficit. Lessons were learned, and next time a strict no pay-no play rule will be in force. We are very grateful to F.van Alexander for his very generous donation of a large quantity of Waterford and Pecan Stream wines to complement the OJC's excellent fare.

Tragically, our three-year winning streak at the Polo came to an abrupt end, and Milton managed to scrape past us in the dying moments of the match. Congratulations to them - but we're assured that next year should see the resumption of normal relations. This very popular annual event was, as ever, well supported by both Old Boys' communities, and the public-at-large.

The Annual Golf Day was held in early October, and a full field booked (72 players) finally saw 66-odd golfers tee off for a great (and this year uninterrupted by rain) afternoon - superbly, and almost single-handedly, organised and managed by Nqoba Koza and Themba Mtombeni. Great support was given by Dom Bothner, who provided magnificent player prizes, and various OM's supported â– Q
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the day either financially (Rob Brown of DRS basically sponsored the
day, a fantastic gesture), and Winchester Marketing gave their normal
very generous support in the form of raffle-able prizes which enabled
us to raise close to R10 000 for a school-supported community project.
Nqoba is in touch with the school in this regard. We were very fortunate
to have the Director of Marketing, Mrs Melanie Wester, present to lend
a very capable and welcome hand, as well as the Club President in the
field.

Finally, our thoughts of another OJC evening have given way to a joint
Christmas lunch with Hilton at the Country Club in late November, and
Paul Stuart-Reckling is running with this one.

We look forward to a successful 2009.

Midlands Branch

Chairman: Mr Philip Stanistreet

The Midlands Branch of Old Boys as well as the Weaner Scheme is
in good shape. I would like to thank my Committee for all the effort
and hard work and in particular all the farmers holding cattle for us. To
summarise in short:

â€¢ We have about R4 million in assets including shares, livestock and
cash on hand

â€¢ We have eight boys on bursaries, which we give an amount of up to
30% of the fees

â€¢ We have approximately 175 head of cattle in the field at the moment,
the best in a very long time

â€¢ We have held a Golf Day and a Cocktail Party, at Nottingham Road
Hotel, and both functions were well attended

â€¢ Our meetings have been less frequent but cover extensively all
business

â€¢ We have four new members on the Committee to assist us

Pietermaritzburg Branch

Chairman: Mr Mark Lynn

Two main events have been held this year. The first was the Hudson
Bennett Golf Competition and the second was the Cocktail Party.

Report on the 71st Hudson Bennett Golf Tournament held at The
Victoria Country Club on Friday 2nd May 2008
Another wonderful autumn day saw a field of eighty eight players pit their skills against the wiles of the beautifully manicured but testing Victoria Country Club Golf Course. The scores reflected the varying skills of the good, the bad and the ugly! But though the golf is important, the camaraderie of the greater Michaelhouse community continues to make this occasion a highlight of the Michaelhouse calendar. Well organised by the Committee under the Chairmanship of Bob Mitchell with the considerable help and generosity of the sponsors, a fine time was had by all. The Hudson Bennett Trophy for the Best Stableford Alliance with three scores to count was won by John Berriman, Brad Flanegan, Bill Tillett and Jabulani Schoeman. The Rhys Evans Trophy for the Best Gross Score went to Brad Flanegan with a fine score of 77 - he also runs the Computer Department in between golf! Patrick Lees won the Ken Drysdale Trophy for the Best Individual Stableford Score - 41 points. The Khehla Trophy - the Best Individual Stableford for those over 60 years of age - went to George Whitsitt on a count out with Frank Dyson. (With thanks to John Pluke for the report).

The Cocktail Party

The second event of the year took the form of a cocktail party held on 29 October at the Victoria Country Club. About 120 people attended the event that was co-hosted by the school. The popular presentation 'Known by name' was presented by Tim Jarvis and Paul de Wet and was well received. The School kindly paid for the snacks and a cash bar was available. All those who attended seemed to have enjoyed the evening.

United Kingdom Branch

Chairman: Mr Andrew Dixon-Smith
UK Annual Dinner - 8 October 2008

This year we had another great dinner at the RAF Club in Picadilly, London, where 84 Old Boys attended across a broad spectrum of age groups (oldest left in 1945 and youngest left in 2007). We were very grateful to both Mr Gary Ralfe (Chairman of the Board of Governors) and Mr Guy Pearson (Rector) for attending and for both addressing the Old Boys and updating the Old Boys on recent developments at the School and some of the future developments and visions that the School has as its goals. The Old Boys were particularly interested in the goal of the school striving to continue to be an elite school for boys in South Africa but also an elite South African school espousing the strong values it has always cherished.

It is without question an invaluable contribution that both Gary and Guy are providing to the School and this is something the Old Boys are very proud of. We thank Gary and Guy for making the trip to speak to us. The dinner had a large turn out and we were especially happy that Paul Trewhela (recently awarded the St Michael's Award) and long serving ex master Adrian Rogers, were
able to attend the dinner. Once again, thanks go to Rick Peacock-Edwards for facilitating the RAF Club as our venue.

MHS / Hilton Annual UK Old Boys' Golf Day - July 2008

Once again we had a fun filled (although with testing English weather conditions) golf day at Pineridge Golf Club, west of London. I am pleased to report that MHS won the Group Team Event although a Hilton team won the best Two Ball Betterball Individual Team Event. This is always an enjoyable day which was finished off at the 19th hole with much refreshment and a Springbok rugby match! We encourage UK old boys to attend next year when we hope to show Hilton again how the game of golf should be played.

General: We encourage all UK based Old Boys to register their' latest details with the Old Boys' Administrator, Mrs Michelle Huntley (especially e-mail details) so that Old Boys can receive invites to events and updated news. We once again thank
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Michelle for her invaluable support throughout the year.

Zululand Branch

Vice Chairman: Mr Richard Chennells

Sadly, our Chairman Mally Abraham passed away this year. He will be truly missed and our thoughts are with his wife Sharon, son Michael and daughter Jaime.

The year has been a quiet one in the rolling hills of Zululand. other than our annual Quadrangular Sports Day. Michaelhouse took the Quadrangular 1 rophy home for the second year running despite very heavy rains. The cycling event took place along with the squash. The other events were replaced with draughts, poker and one or two boat races. Michaelhouse won the cycle, the squash and took the attendance with a landslide victor). The three diehard Kearsney participants Pat McLaverty, Dan Verbaan and Myles Matthews flew the flag high all afternoon and came second. We look forward to the challenge next year.

Looking ahead we have quite a few social events planned in Lemgani. Eshowe and Kwambonambi. Please feel free to join in and enjoy some old school Zululand hospitality.

OLD BOVS'NEWS

Balson. Scott (1971)

Scott has now published eight books and recently released his latest title. 'Children of the Mist: the lost tribe of South Africa'. This book took 30 years to research through collecting a vast library of rare and valuable contemporary books and documents. The book follows the history of the Griqua people from 1652 to today.

Clothier, Guy (1963)

Guy is living on the British Virgin Islands where he runs a photography business.

Edwards, Mike (1979)

The University of Pretoria Centenary celebrations and the FABI 10th Anniversary ceremony took place recently. At the ceremony, Mike Edwards was awarded a Vice Chancellors Medal for his contribution to research and development in agriculture and forestry.

Guthrie, lain (1986)

observations on wildlife and Guthrie's meticulous watercolour illustrations. The funds from the sale of the books have been donated to the Michaelhouse Oribi Reserve.

Harkness, Tim (1989)

A qualified specialist in sports psychology, he has developed a neurofeedback programme that can help children with Attention Deficit Disorder.

Ir\'ing, John (1950)

John recently competed at the World Masters* Squash Championships held in New Zealand. John won the Men's Over-75 category for South Africa.

Macaulay, John (1925)

John recently celebrated his 102nd birthday quietly in Cambridge with his two sons, Alasdair (who lives in South Africa) and Ranald (1950-54) who is retired and lives in the United Kingdom. John is still of sharp mind and memory, but physically getting frailer.

McIntosh, Cameron (1994)

Cameron represented South Africa at the Olympics in Beijing in the Canoeing Event C2 Slalom. He has already started with his training programme for the Olympics in London in 2012 together with starting his Masters in Sports Medicine.

Pluke, Rob (1982)

Rob is a qualified Psychologist and is married with three children. He began his career as an English Teacher and School Counsellor before returning to university to complete a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology. He is a keen sportsman, having completed the Du\’i Canoe Marathon four times in his younger days. He recently wrote and published a book of Guidelines for Parents of Emotionally Sensitive Children.

Whitton, Alastair (1986)

Alastair graduated N.Dip FA with distinction from Natal Technikon in 1994 where he was awarded the Emma Smith Scholarship. MFA studies followed at the Glasgow School of Art in Scotland. He lived in London from 1998 2002 and since 2006 he has been the David Krut Arts representative in Cape Town where he manages their specialist art bookstore and project space dealing in artist's editions from DKW, Johannesburg by leading SA artists including William Kentridge. He married Candice Atkinson in 1992 and they have two children, Joshua (1998) and C'hloc (2001). They live in Claremont, Cape Town, and are actively involved at Church-on-Main, their local church
which relates to New Covenant Ministries International.

Hickman Christening - a thank you letter

Thank you so much for baptising Alexandra Rose at the Michcalhouse chapel. It was a very special service which we will always remember very fondly. We are very grateful to have been able to christen Alexandra with her close family and godparents present. Living far away from our families has made us really cherish the times that we are able to spend together and it was lovely to share the occasion with them. We were married in the chapel in January 1998 so it was special to return there with our own family ten years later!
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Obituaries
Abraham, Malcolm Metcalfe

Bom 1955 - Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1969- 1972)

Written by Jono Chennells and Laurie Kramer

The Zululand and Michaelhouse communities were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Malcolm (Mally) Abraham on 23 May, 2008. He fought a hard battle against leukaemia, diagnosed in July 2007, never once complaining, and always had time for a chat and a laugh.

Malcolm was bom in Eshowe and grew up on Cramond Farm, owned by his father Ernie. Here he developed a love of the outdoors at an
early age, and always knew he wanted to farm.

His junior school years were spent at Cordwalles, followed by Michaelhouse, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Malcolm's sporting prowess was never truly realised whilst at Michaelhouse as his father's untimely death meant he had to leave in C Block to return to the farm to assist his mother, Connie. Michaelhouse's loss was Eshowe High School's gain as he excelled at cricket and rugby. After school he attended Cedara and attended various sugar cane courses at Mt Edgecombe. As a proud father he was determined his son Michael would have an opportunity to attend his old School. Mally so enjoyed spending time up at Michaelhouse, watching Mike play his sport, as well as supporting the senior teams. He would always sit quietly on the side lines analysing the game (whether it be cricket or rugby), and his ability to read the game and give constructive praise or advice was inspirational to many.

He was Chairman of the Zululand Branch of the Old Boys Club for a brief period until his passing, earning the respect of all as he continued with this role throughout his illness and treatment.

Malcolm was a man who was always involved in the community and captained the Eshowe Cricket Club for many years, giving much of his time to the upkeep of the grounds and the pitch, which he did with his usual attention to detail. He played cricket for Zululand and in later years the Cane Rats. As a respected cricket selector for Zululand, he had a keen eye for scouting good talent, inspiring many a young hopeful to achieve greater heights, including 'Zulu' Klusener.

An avid golfer playing off a 7 handicap and often far lower, he captained Eshowe Country Club Golf for a number of years. A highlight in his golfing calendar was playing with Michael in the Michaelhouse Fathers and Sons Golf Day, which he did on numerous occasions.

He was a talented sportsman who played to win, but was gracious in defeat. He had an eye for sorting out players' problems, and of fine tuning the talents of young sportsmen. His quiet demeanour and catchy laugh was so typical of Mally, particularly after a few good ol' 'rum and cokes' and armed with a Texan plain.
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Malcolm was a very highly respected farmer in the Eshowe area, meticulous in everything he did, and was particularly proud of his garden-like orchards. His neat, orderly touch was very visible throughout his farm, which was often described as the best-maintained in the district. He expected the best from his staff but always had time to listen and offer advice to his loyal employees. He loved hunting and often went away with hunting friends to the Free State and the Lastem Cape. Loading his own ammunition was a special hobby of his and he spent hours making sure the exact punch was achieved in his bullets, down to the precise gram.

Mally had that special talent of always being able to strike up a conversation with anyone whether it was the car guard, a cane cutter on the farm, a business acquaintance, friend (young and old) or family. He was always interested to hear what you had to say and his ability to communicate and pass on wisdom will be missed by so many.

Malcolm and Sharon (née O'Farrell) were married in 1985 and had two children, a daughter Jaime who is finishing her third year at UCT and son Michael, who finished matric in 2007, and who has come back to the farm to help and support Sharon. Malcolm would be so proud of both Sharon and Michael as they have picked up the baton and continued to run the farm Mally loved so dearly.

Our communities are richer for having known a man of such high ideals and integrity, specially loved by so many. He will be sadly missed as a loving father and husband.

Hamba Kahlca our dear friend!!

Akerman, Bernard Stott

Bom 1932 - Died 2007
(Michaelhouse 1947-1950)

Written by his nephew - Anthony Akerman

Bernard was the youngest son of Dr Conrad and Mrs Vera Akerman of Pietermaritzburg. He attended Cordwalles and then went on to Michaelhouse, in the footsteps of his brothers John and Cedric, where he matriculated in 1950.

Bernard came from a long line of medical practitioners, so it came as no surprise that he registered to study medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1951. During his student years he not only got his Red Cross first aid and nursing certificates, but also his private pilot’s licence. Shortly after obtaining his MB B.Ch in 1958, he left for England where he specialised in anaesthetics at the Royal College. His return journey was characteristic of the adventurous spirit Bernard was: he flew from London to Dar-es-Salaam and from there travelled overland to Durban. While practising in Durban during the early 1960s, he spent his spare time sailing, flying and running his small, if
Pamela Reardon was working as a midwife at Addington Hospital when they met and fell in love. They were married in 1966 and had two children: Leigh-Anne and Charles. During the 1970s, Bernard decided to specialise in histopathology. After he'd completed his primary exams, the family moved to England while he worked for his finals. In 1980 he became a Member of the Royal College of Pathologists and in 1992 he was made a Fellow. After returning to South Africa, he worked as a histopathologist at Addington. At the time of his retirement in 1997, he was not only Head of Department at both Addington and the Natal Regional Lab Services but also found time to publish academic journal papers in conjunction with the Natal Medical School based at King Edward Hospital and RK Khan Hospital.

Sadly, his wife died in 1994 and in his latter years Bernard had to undertake his various adventures alone. He was a warm, unassuming man, a loving father and grandfather, who will be sorely missed by all who knew him, especially by Leigh-Anne. David. Charles. Gillcan. Stephanie. Kristin and Sarah.

Baumann. Walter Bryan

Bom 1931 - Died 2007
(Michaelhouse 1946 1959)

Bryan Baumann was born in Durban on 31 October 1931. Bryan grew up in the Ridge Road area on the Berea where he attended Marist Brothers during his early school years. Later he attended Highbury until Std 6 and in 1946 he started D Block in Pascoc House until he matriculated in 1949. During the early Fifties Bryan travelled extensively overseas and then settled down by firstly joining the family business, Bakers Ltd. and secondly, marrying Evelyn Mary Cory in 1959. Bryan rose through the ranks at Bakers Ltd and ultimately became a director of the business. He spent his entire working life with the company until his retirement in 1980. Later in the nineties Bryan married Loraine and they moved to Plettenberg Bay where he spent many happy retirement years, forming new friendships with his bowls and snooker friends. Bryan Baumann will be remembered by his family, friends and business colleagues alike for his generosity, sense of fair play and, in particular, his integrity. Bryan passed in January 2007 after a 3 month battle with pancreatic cancer and will be sorely missed. He is survived by sons Paul and Christopher.

Brereton, Michael Taberer

Bom 1932 - Died 2007
(Michaelhouse 1945 - 1948)

Michael, or Mick as he was generally known, died on 15 November, 2007. Mick was one of those bright, fortunate individuals who seldom appeared to strain themselves academically but always ended up at or near the top of the class. This, in spite of the fact, that he was a year
younger than his class contemporaries and matriculated only a couple of months after his 16th birthday. He was a well-rounded member of the Michaelhouse community enjoying, apart from his academic activities, a variety of sports, in particular hockey, cricket and tennis, all of which he played in later life. He came to Michaelhouse from KES in Johannesburg and immediately after matriculating he joined the Rand Mining Group at Comer House in Johannesburg where, as he often recounted, one of his first work assignments was to make out a cheque well in excess of £1.000.000. Even at this tender age Mick was
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interested in law and spent a short period as clerk of the District Court in Bikita in Rhodesia and thereafter he joined Theron's Recruiting Agency known as Telona and was sent to Maclean in the Eastern Cape. He was subsequently transferred to the much larger Pietermaritzburg branch and it was here that he decided to embrace law as a career and eventually qualified as an Attorney by recruiting by day and studying law at night. He then joined the law firm Elliot & Walker in Kokstad and very rapidly established a reputation as a highly capable and painstaking criminal lawyer. He was appointed as Defence Attorney in the court cases involving the Pondoland Riots and in due course became the Senior Partner at Elliot & Walker. He then decided to personally open a branch office in Port Edward and he lived and practiced there until his death. During his sojourn there he was closely involved in the establishment and construction of the Wild Coast Casino and quickly earned another reputation as 'The People's Lawyer' whose clients were often those of lesser means who simply could not afford to pay attorney's fees. This never prevented Mick from taking their cases and he eventually became known to his Xhosa clients and many other Transkeians - as 'Dlotovu' which has many connotations, the black eagle being one. Mick married twice - first to Vallie with whom he had a son Peter and a daughter Toni and secondly to Beryl with whom he had a son Simon. He further leaves five grand children.

Bvron, Charles A

Bom 1935 - Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1949- 1952)

Charles was born in Malvern, Natal, in 1935. At an early age he began his school career at Cordwalles, and moved on from there to Michaelhouse. He always looked back on his schooldays as being an enjoyable and happy time, and was grateful for the privilege. After school he had a brief period at UCT and afterwards spent some years in the United Kingdom, mostly with the Shell Company. He later worked with Shell in Durban and in Cape Town, spending some years in the Western Cape, and moving to Bruply.

Charles always involved himself in club and community activities, and was deeply involved in sailing and motor sport during this time. In fact he worked tirelessly to help with the establishment of the Formula One Circuit in Westmead, near Pinetown, where in the 1960s Stirling Moss and
other great drivers raced, but sadly only briefly. In his mid forties Charles decided it was time he had his own business, and bought Gracelands Trading Store near Muden, in the middle of nowhere. He became fluent in the isiZulu language, and was successful and well liked locally. After some years he was able to sell the store, and he fulfilled his ambition to live in the Midlands of KwaZulu-Natal, settling on a small farm in the Kamberg area. Here he lived for twenty years, and became thoroughly involved in the community. His involvement in and commitment to the Crane Foundation is well known, but he also was deeply concerned in all aspects of the community there, helping to establish the Dabulamanzi High School. Being the Fire Warden for many years, he was active in conservation and the Conservancies, and the Wild Life organisation. He also was a prime mover in the re-opening of the historical small St Peter’s Church, Kamberg, which he found to be full of bees and with a leaking roof. It is now an active part of the Mooi River Parish, holding regular monthly services in that far flung area. Eventually Charles moved to Mooi River for two years, but poor health persuaded him to move to Kenwyn in Pietermaritzburg latterly. Typically he was very soon serving on the Residents Committee there. Sadly it was cancer which led to his untimely death in June 2008. Charles was a man of enthusiasm, with a wide knowledge of many things. He had faith and integrity, was generous and friendly and loved people. He will be missed by many.

Carte, Bruce Svdnev

Born 1933 - Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1947 - 1950)

Bruce attended Michaelhouse from 1947 to 1950; whilst there he acquired a lifelong loathing for cold showers. His prior education began at DPHS and Clifton (1941 - 1946), and his tertiary education started at the University of Natal (1951 - 1953, B.Com), and continued at Reading University (1954 - 1957), where he graduated with a B.Sc., which was to prove useful when he began his career at Clover Dairies later that year, after riding a scooter through southern France.

Following the sale of Clover Dairies, he acquired Vandan, a manufacturer of press-cutting dies for the footwear industry, which business he developed until he eventually sold it in 1998. He remained an active member of the Durban Rotary Club, becoming president in 1981. Later, in 2007, he founded the Probus Club in the Champagne Valley of the Central Drakensberg, of which he was elected President for two consecutive years.

His very active business life did not preclude a busy social life. He made time for tennis and loved skiing and travel. His many trips took him to the United Kingdom, all over Europe, and also to South America, Turkey,
Thailand, and China.

His first heart attack in 1981 led to his determination to eliminate harmful fats from his diet long before it became fashionable to do so, and ensured that he continued to lead a very active life. Problems with his legs, however, saw him trade his skis for a Subaru, which he used to travel extensively around Southern Africa with his wife, family and friends.

He was justifiably proud of his book documenting the Carte family lineage, 'Cart Routes', which he completed in 2008 after years of extensive research. His pride was, perhaps, no less justifiable regarding his children and grandchildren, who, along with Judy, his loving wife and companion since 1992, survive him.

He used to say, 'getting old is not for sissies.' He was no sissy, but died a young man of 75, at his home in the Drakensberg, following a sudden heart attack.

Chance, Martin Ferguson

Born 1930-Died 2007
(Michaelhouse 1944-1948)

Martin was born in Salisbury, Rhodesia, and spent his formative years on 'Sandford', the family farm in Umvukwes. He went to Prep School at Ruzawi before moving on to Michaelhouse and joining Farfield
where he became Head of House in his senior year. Marlin completed his agricultural degree with honours at Trinity College, Oxford, before returning to Umvukwcs to farm his beloved N'Rowe. Martin met and married Betty in 1964 and became a devoted and loving father to Leslie*Snd Gordon and an indulgent Grandfather to Brcndon. Serena. Andrew and Tessa.

Martin was a man of many facets with a wide variety of interests and an even wider circle of friends. Ever the perfect 'gentleman'. Martin's warmth and infectious sense of humour endeared him to all.

Being a committed community man meant that Martin was actively involved in the welfare of those less fortunate within his district. He was an active and founder member of the Umvukwcs Lions Club and a master at finding the right 'man for the job' (often being Betty!). He was a trustee of both the Umvukwcs Country Club and Malvern House Trust, the local retirement village. A large amount of his time and energy was devoted to the local Rural Council where he was the Chairman for many years. Martin's agricultural interests encompassed more than his fanning of tobacco, coffcc, maize and beef. He developed an admirable game farm within N'Rowe and was a keen conservationist and hunter. These interests meant that he also spent many years on the committees and as Chairman of the Mashonaland Hunters Association and the Umvukwcs Stockow ers' Association.

Martin's sporting prowess coupled with his love of all sports 'equestrian' meant that the racing industry and polo would become natural pursuits. He became a member of the Umvukwcs and Mashonaland Turf Club and a pivotal member of the Umvukwcs Polo Club, later becoming Chairman of the Rhodesia Polo Association for a large part of the 1970s. this gave him the opportunity to tour the Midlands on many occasions, thus maintaining those friendships and contacts established during his Michaelhouse days.

The tragic political events in Zimbabwe robbed Martin of his desire to see his days out on the beautiful farm that he had created over his 52 year farming career but he died peacefully in Howick where he had settled after leaving N'Rowe.

Daly, Michael

Bom 1931 Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1945 1948)

Published In NATALIA Dec 2008

Michael Daly, who died aged 76 in Pietermaritzburg on 17 January 2008, was an attorney, city councilor, director of companies and president of The Natal Society.

Bom in Barberton, the son of a state veterinarian, he came to
Pietermaritzburg as a schoolboy when his father was transferred to the Allcrton Veterinary Laboratory in Pietermaritzburg. He attended school at Michaelhouse and then completed a BA at the University of Natal, followed by an LLB.

In 1956 he was admitted as an attorney, conveyancer and notary public of the Supreme Court of South Africa, Natal Provincial Division, and was later also admitted as a solicitor in the High Court of Swaziland.

Daly practiced as an attorney for many years in Pietermaritzburg, retiring in 1985 to become the assistant general manager and legal adviser of the Central Timber Co-op Ltd., which became Safirc, and retired in 1999.

He was active in public life as a city councilor between 1961 and 1968 until obliged to resign due to pressures of his legal work. In 1975 the Administrator of Natal appointed him as a member of the Town Planning Appeals Board, of which he served as chairman from 1977 to 1985.

He was a director of various companies, chairman of the Pietermaritzburg Philharmonic Society from 1961 to 1980, and president from 1986 to 1998 of the Natal Society which then ran the Pietermaritzburg public library on behalf of the city council.

When the Msunduzi Municipality assumed control of the library, he was instrumental in separating the accounts and holdings of the Society from those of the library and establishing the Natal Society Foundation Trust, of which he was a trustee and chairman from its inception in 1998 until his death. On his initiative the special collections of The Natal Society, comprising the libraries of William O’Brien and Alan Hattersley, were transferred to the Alan Paton Centre at the Pietermaritzburg campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Former director of the Natal Society Library, Shona Wallis, spoke warmly of Daly’s ‘ability to turn a meeting into a lively and amusing event, his command of the English language and his quirky sense of humour’.

Former secretary of the society, Pat McKenzie, recalled him as an attorney of total integrity, who was very principled, which some may have mistaken for stubbornness; and a respecter of tradition, with a sense of history.

At his funeral, warm tributes were paid by two of his former articled clerks who have gone on to have distinguished careers: Mr Justice Kevin Swain of the Natal Bench and Professor Lawrence Baxter, former Professor of Law on the Pietermaritzburg campus of the University of Natal and at Duke University School of Law, North Carolina, and recently retired Chief e-Commerce Officer of Wachovia Corporation in the United States, another of Daly’s one-time articled clerks.

Daly is survived by his wife Marlene, four children from a previous marriage and eight grandchildren.
As a boy, he was taken by his father to St George's Garrison Church. In his retirement years its worship and welfare became the great passion of his life, and as chapel warden he was responsible for significant
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improvements to its fabric. His funeral service took place there in the presence of a large congregation. As he was taken from the church for the last time, the church bell, which he had made usable again after a silence of more than 40 years, was tolled possibly for the first time since the days when the British garrison occupied the nearby Fort Napier.

Gill, Peter

Born 1943-Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1957 - 1960)

Written by his wife - Barbie

Conventional is what Peter Gill was not. Colourful, restless and larger than life he was. Peter attended Cowan House from 1951 to 1956 and went on to Michaelhouse from 1957 to 1960. On leaving school, he worked for a short while on Wenslydale tobacco farm in then Rhodesia and hence attended Gwebi Agricultural College. Once qualified, he left for England to seek fame and fortune! However, Africa was in his blood. He returned to Rhodesia where he married Barbara Lee in 1971. The first four years of their married life was spent in Angola where Peter first worked on Setta tobacco farm. In 1973 he bought his own tobacco farm, but in 1975 the family was forced to leave the country, under the harrowing conditions of the civil war. They returned to Muden where they ran a trading store for a few years. Then it was back to Rhodesia to the Lee family's cattle ranch, Lalapanzi, in the Gwelo district. It was while he was here that Peter became involved in the 'Bush War', as a tracker with PATU. At the end of the war, he moved to the Cape and was involved with the building of Koeberg Nuclear Power Station. Thereafter he returned to Weenen and bought a cattle and game farm where the family lived for the following 25 years. Whilst in Weenen he started an earth-moving business (Earth Trek) together with his two sons. In 2002, a land claim was lodged on the farm. Peter sold to the, government and the family moved to a smallholding outside Howick. Peter Gill was a man with many friends. He loved the bush and he lived life to the full. He passed away on 2 January 2008. He is survived by his wife Barbie, his sons, Warren and Travis and his daughters Dagny and Amber.

Harker, John Edward

Born 1930-Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1944- 1947)

Written by his wife - Ann

Psalm 37: 'Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.'

John Edward Harker was born in September 1930 and was a man who lived life to the full. Born in Cape Town, he moved to Durban
at a young age. He was educated at Highbury and Michaelhouse. Academically sound and a fine sportsman (he played in every first team!). He gained recognition as a gymnast. He worked hard all his life, whether as a Quantity Surveyor at Thompson and Martin or later serving the Community. He also thoroughly enjoyed sport playing rugby, cricket, golf, tennis, squash and later in life - bowls. He was a loyal Old Boy and served as a Governor at Michaelhouse for a period of time. He was married for 48 years to Ann and was a wise counsellor to her and his five children. He had 10 grandchildren. He kept a tidy ship, was a gentleman, was much loved and will be sadly missed. We love you dearest.

Hunter, Andrew William Gray, M.B.E. (Bill)

Bom 1920-Died 2008.

(Michaelhouse 1934- 1938)

Written by his son - James

Andrew died at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Joan, sons James, Andre and Pierre; daughters in law Denise, Rika and Magriet and grandchildren Jolene, Melani, Melisa and Lauren; and Renee, Elizabeth and William.

Bill was bom in Turffontein, Johannesburg. His parents James and Mary Hunter were considered mining pioneers in the early days of Johannesburg. James arriving in Johannesburg in 1895, firstly in gold mining and then coal mining and Mary first female typist to founder of Webber Wentzel and sister to Mine Manager, Bonanza Gold Mine. Bill went to Prep School on the hill (later Mountain View which became AECI's Training Centre) and then Michaelhouse.

Bill's senior school years were spent at Michaelhouse, matriculating in 1938. He completed his first year in Civil Engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1939 and finally qualified as a Civil Engineer in 1948. He contended that he had experienced a 'sabbatical' period, during which he saw active service in East Africa, the Western Desert and Italy, starting off as a sapper in the South African Engineering Corps and ending as a Lieutenant seconded to the United Kingdom forces.

He was a great sportsman, captaining the Wits Hockey Second Team in 1946 and 1947, and playing in the Wits First Team in 1948, together with six other Old Boys including Steve Anderson and Paddy Dobson, who gained Springbok colours.

During his funeral service an address was given by another outstanding hockey player and cricketer, Don Walker (an Old Hiltonian), who said he was sure Bill had been protected by a 'Guardian Angel' during six years of war service involving many daring escapades under enemy fire, which led to the 'Grant of the dignity of an Additional Member Of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire to Lieutenant Andrew William Gray Hunter'. This had followed his
actions in penetrating the 'Gothic Line' in Italy, which was reported to be a continuous stretch of fortifications across the country from the east to the west coasts. One episode is best described in Bill’s own words extracted from a story submitted to the Sappers Association magazine: 'I started by Jeep with my driver, but the first day we came under accurate fire from an 88 gun and each of us had to do an immediate roll into the ditches on the sides of the road and let the Jeep continue its way, drawing fire away from us. After recovering the Jeep and doing a quick duck back to safety it was clear I would have
to continue on foot. This I did and managed most days to penetrate a bit further, measure up the demolished bridges I found, and then nip back to base with my sketches. When the walking distance became too long, I persuaded the O.C. to lend me a horse, as I felt that a horse, with its weight spread over four feet, would be less likely to set off an anti-tank mine! And so I continued the recce right through the Gothic Line, sometimes sleeping in an amiable Italian’s home (in fact, on one occasion I actually used the same bed that a German Officer used during the day!).

About another episode he wrote: ‘One exercise we had was to recce and clear any mines on the spit running up to the Casa Del Bosco Forte which was planned to be used for an amphibious assault across the Valli to the east bank. We did this at night after the moon had set. We had to be very cautious as the enemy had a machine gun emplacement at the start of the spit and kept a regular lighting up of the area with flares which meant we had to freeze repeatedly. The procedure was for me to lead, prodding the way ahead with a surveying arrow and followed in my footsteps by a Sapper with a roll of white tape on his back which unrolled, leaving a line for the follow-up Sappers. When I found anything I was to signal the follow-ups to proceed towards me prodding as they came. When my Sapper and I reached the end of the tape on the first night and signalled, we waited, but nobody came. After about an hour I sent the Sapper back to find out why and, when he did not return. I went back to find the group of Sappers busy lifting mines. In all I found that he and I had walked through three ‘S’ mine fields in both directions, which were enough for one night!*

Bill was part of that illustrious ‘1948 Class’ of Wits Civil Engineering who qualified after the war and numbered sixty six, who are now spread all over the world, but few would have known of his famous war exploits, or his ‘gong’, as he was a very humble man. Yet he was a strong character and always respected for his integrity and ability, and obviously had strong leadership qualities. He lived for many years in Kempton Park, where his wife, Joan, was Mayor at one time, lie was proud of his sons James. Andre and Pierre's business, political, sport and community achievements and involvement. His grandchildren had a special place in his heart, this was evident when Lauren (granddaughter) read their thoughts at the funeral as they are scattered all over the world.

keath, Michael

Bom 1934 Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1948 - 1952)

Written by Mr Ivor Daniel. President. 2006 -2008
KwaZulu-Natal Institute for Architecture

I was privileged to know Michael Keath both as an architect and as a friend. Our friendship started out on the basis of a client/consultant relationship, when Michael was Chief Architect for the Department
Our practice was commissioned to design schools for his department. My respect for him as a person grew out of his personal integrity, which he imbued his approach to architecture and humanism. He viewed architecture as a means of enriching our understanding of the environment, in particular in the architecture of school buildings.

This passion has its roots in his early experience of the architecture of his school days at Michaelhouse. His interest in both the buildings and the minds behind the design of the architecture led him to completing a doctoral thesis on the construction of school systems and his authorship of the definitive study on the works of Sir Herbert Baker. Both of these elements are clear in the preface to his book on Baker in which he states:

'Since my childhood I have had a fascination for Herbert Baker's architecture and his career. split as it was between England and South Africa. In this sense only has there been any similarity between Baker's life and my own. It is nevertheless, something which at moments has led me to believe I might have some special insights into his unique experience. My curiosity has been sustained ever since reading the Prospectus for the Natal school I was shortly to be sent to. With dreamy anticipation I viewed pictures of the most beautiful school I had ever seen, and first saw the name of Sir Herbert Baker.'

Michael was born in London, educated at Michaelhouse and graduated in Architecture from the University of Natal in 1960. Returning to England, he worked for many years on schools in Hertfordshire, later becoming Principal Architect to the London Borough of Harrow and completing his doctorate (PhD) at Thames Polytechnic on 'The Development of School Construction Systems in Hertfordshire 1946 - 64*. He returned to South Africa to join the CSIR as head of Education Research at the National Building Research Institute, Pretoria. After six years there he took up the appointment as Chief Architect for the Department of Education and Culture in the House of Delegates Administration, Durban. In this period he authored the book 'Herbert Baker - Architecture and Idealism 1892 1913 The South African Years* He became the Director of the Education Sector in the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Works until his retirement in 2001.

Our friendship over the years developed both professionally and personally and I grew to know the many other aspects of Michael's character, including his love of music. It was through an invitation extended to Michael to join my wife and I at a symphony concert, that I introduced him to our close friend Di Higginson. Their friendship blossomed into marriage in 1998. after which we shared many family experiences with them as a couple. At another music related occasion, an open air music concert. Michael's affliction with Parkinson's, first appeared. I was privileged on that occasion, to be able to carry him out of the stadium in my amis. It was with great sadness over the years, that I viewed Michael's failing health. He however continued research into other aspects of the architecture of Herbert Baker as well as many other areas of study. His failing health never stopped Michael from
expanding his talents and interests.

As a colleague and friend I salute Michael Keath as a 'Scholar and a Gentleman'.
John was born at Quthing, Basutoland (Lesotho) on 31 July, 1921. In 1930, he and his elder brother Tom went to Kings School at Nottingham Road. He followed Tom to Michaelhouse in 1935 which was quite an expedition in those days. They caught the train at Ficksburg early afternoon and were woken by the guard at 02h00 in time to dress before reaching Balgowan at 02h30 where they were met by 'umfaans' waiting to carry their suitcases to the School, to earn a bob or two. then into a cold bed.

John matriculated at 16 with no career ideas in mind, so drifted into the Government Treasury in Maseru. In 1940, when Tom, who was at Pretoria University, joined up, he joined him in the Pretoria Artillery - later Transvaal Horse Artillery. He was lucky to be picked as a member of a team to go on the War Train recruiting for three months, touring South Africa, both Rhodesias and as far as Elizabethville (now Lumbumbashi, Belgium Congo). He then signed on to going up North. He was captured at Sidi Rezegh on 23 November, 1941, when they inadvertently ran into a German Panzer division and didn't stand a chance. He was a P.O.W. until May, 1945. The Germans handed them over to the Italians who boarded them onto a ship on 8 December. The ship was not well marked and had 2000 British and Commonwealth troops in the hold, and was sunk by a Royal Navy torpedo. They spent three months in dungeons of a Greek Castle before going to Italy in a ship plastered with Red Crosses. They were in Italian camps, then finally in Germany when Italy capitulated. They were lucky to be in working camps and after Tobruk, by chance John was joined by Tom so could share letters and Red Cross parcels. He learnt new skills - laying paving, coalmining and steel works. Also being a working camp, they had better rations. They moved out on the long march in January, 1945, from Poland and ended up at Muldorf on the River Inn where they were released by Americans. He kept a diary on the march. He learnt law in camp but decided against it. He applied to the Colonial office in London who told him to get a degree first, so he went to Rhodes in 1946 and 1947 doing two years in one in economics and commerce. After that he took third year by correspondence while working in Molumong at a trading station 10.000 ft up in the mountains on the border of Basutoland and Natal. He reapplied when he had his degree and asked for preferred choice of Kenya, Uganda or Mauritius, so they gave him Nyasaland - typical!!! Anyway he never regretted it.

Being older he missed out on normal university fun, but eventually was persuaded by Mick Pennington (son of K.M.P. brother of Rex)
to go on a blind date organised by Dawn Pennington - this was Jean Tully (from the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands) and the rest is history.

They married in 1949 and spent 58 happy years together before John's death in 2007.

He served in Malawi from 1948-1964 leaving before Independence. They went first to Ireland where his grandfather grew up and his two sons were at Senior School. After 18 months they decided to do a recce of Isle of Man and loved what they found so decided to move there, where their daughter was educated.

They found a house on 3 Zi acres with a stream, a bluebell wood and made an interesting garden together. John's vegetable garden in straight lines and Jean's somewhat wilder made a haven for their families to spend quiet holidays in the country. He had an amazingly retentive memory and was a great help to children and grandchildren with his vast number of books.

In 1982 the family persuaded him to write his memoirs as they wanted more information, not just random snippets, so he started a typed page in the weekly letter to the children. The Isle of Man home where they lived for 41 years was a quiet backwater that suited them both.

In 1996 he had a multiple bypass heart operation from which he made an amazing recovery and IOV2 good years but at the end of 2007 it caught up with him and he died peacefully in hospital on December 30, 2007. He was 86 and ready to go, especially as he could no longer read.

Ladlau, Winston Ian (Mannie)

Bom 1920 - Died 2007
(Michaelhouse 1933-1936)

Mannie Ladlau, who died at his home 'Beverley', Umhlali, on 3 June 2007, was a proud Michaelhouse Old Boy. Born on 18 January 1920, he grew up on Beverley Estate and attended school at Cordwalles before going on to Michaelhouse in 1933. He excelled at all sports but especially at rugby and athletics. He held for many years the One Mile Junior Empire record. One of his fond sporting recollections was the way in which he and two friends engineered a dead heat in winning the school cross-country, crossing the tape arm-in-arm. According to him, members of Staff were dismayed because it was the custom to place bets on the race! After leaving school he served as an articled clerk in Durban.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 he joined the Royal Durban Light Infantry. Three years later, the unit he commanded as Lieutenant was overrun by
German panzers at Commonwealth Keep in the western desert. With several of the survivors of the engagement, he attempted to make his way through enemy lines to rejoin the allied forces. Half-dead from dysentery, he was captured three days after the fall of Tobruk and miraculously recovered his health in an Italian hospital. He spent the next four years as a prisoner-of-war in Italy and Germany.

On his return to South Africa, he took over the management of Beverley Sugar Estate from his father and in 1947 married Rosemary MacDonald. His many activities in the community included the foundation of the Umhlali Club, of which he was President for many years. He represented the North Coast at rugby, cricket, tennis, golf and bowls. For over 25 years he organised the North Coast Tennis Championships, at a time when South Africa's leading tennis players were attracted by the legendary hospitality of the local community. His contribution to sugar farming was also considerable. Apart from developing a model farm on his estate (no
the Simbithi Leo Estate), he was for 12 years Chairman of the Central Committee of the Cane Growers’ Association and was also chairman of the Sugar Association's Experiment Station at Mount Edgecombe. His association with the army continued after the war. He transferred to the *Natal Mounted Rifles, where he became Major and Second-In-Command.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters. His love for his farm and family is encapsulated in the name that was affectionately given to him by the Zulu workers at Beverley: "Inkunzi edle edu/e kamvilika/i kamashobanc" which means 'the bull that never wanders far from the kraal'.

Lister-James, Charles David

Born 1931- Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1946 1949)

David, as he was commonly known, was born in Kokstad in 1931. He grew up in Last Griqualand (as it was then called), as the youngest of six children.

He was fortunate to get a Scholarship to attend Michaelhouse where he was a House Prefect in Founders and excelled in sport. He represented the First XV in rugby, as a wing, the First XI in hockey and was a fine athlete.

Shortly after leaving school he spent a few years working and travelling around the United Kingdom, where he played rugby for Wasps. On his return to South Africa he continued to play rugby for Berea Rovers and thereafter became a capable tennis and squash player.

David had four sons. Grant, Jeremy Christopher and Wayne. Wayne attended Michaelhouse in the early 1990’s and he also excelled on the sports field, representing South African Schools at rugby. Two of David's grandchildren, Nicholas and Thomas, are currently in Pascoc House at Michaelhouse. David really loved going back to Michaelhouse to watch Wayne, Nic and Tom playing sport.

David spent most of his working life in Durban in the office furniture industry, culminating in the establishment of his own business. Smile & Lister-James.

David was a committed Christian and spent the last few years of life writing a book entitled "The World's Greatest Story", which is essentially a summary of the Bible.

In 2008 he was diagnosed with lymphatic cancer and died on 23 October 2008. All will remember with fondness his affable nature and wonderful
sense of humour.

Meikriereid, Gerald Wyndham

Born 1922 Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1937 1940)

Written by Mr Charles Meikriereid

Gerald was born in Muizenberg, Cape Town, to immigrant parents from the United Kingdom. His father was a Bank Manager which required them to move extensively within South Africa. Gerald attended Kilgobbin school in Dargle, the Natal Midlands, followed by Prep School at PTS (Parktown School) in Johannesburg and then later attended Michaelhouse.

Dad. always spoke so highly of Michaelhouse and was one of their greatest ambassadors, and he was rarely seen without wearing his Old Boys' blazer and tie during the weekends! Prior to his death he told me that at Michaelhouse it was the first time he came across Masters who showed respect to their students which had a profound effect on him in later years and that is how I remember him towards others. He was a gentleman to his finger-tips and after being taken to hospital in Port Elizabeth at the start of his illness he thanked the paramedics and insisted on shaking their hands for their help first according to the paramedics!

He was very proud of his association with the School, its ethos, its traditions and with his peers who helped shape his life. Dad would often reminisce with stories about Piet Barnard, Fred Snell. *KMP\ Tafly Ow en. Neil MacGillivray and others. He always enjoyed Old Boys' Day when he could meet up with friends and they could remember 'the good old days' together!

In 1953, Dad married Priscilla Fennell of Maidstone, Natal and they settled in Johannesburg where he was director of Northern African Mining & Finance Limited from 1947 to 1964 after which we moved to Durban where Dad joined the Durban Falkirk Iron Company where he stayed until his retirement in 1992. In 1997 my parents moved to be near their daughter in Port Elizabeth as my family and I had emigrated to Ireland. He suffered from poor health in his last year which he endured with great dignity and fortitude.

Dad leaves his devoted wife of 54 years, my sister Jennifer, her husband Michael, their daughters Alison, Deborah and Catherine, myself, my wife Rita and our children Hugh and Sarah.
Dad was very loyal to his School, his family, his Country, his religion and his ancestry and it is my honour and privilege to carry his torch and to eventually pass it on to my son. Our world is a poorer and emptier place without him and we thank God for the gift of his life.

'Avc atque vale'

Morphet, Derrick

Born 1938 - Died 2007
(Michaelhouse 1952 1955)

Written by his wife - Carol
Derrick died on 17 September 2007 after battling cancer for fourteen years.

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years. He kept a positive attitude throughout and fought the disease courageously. Derrick was born in Kokstad, East Griqualand and grew up on the farm Trout Waters. Along with his two brothers, Mick and Tony, he attended Merchiston and Michaelhouse. He was fiercely proud of his schooling and single-minded in his loyalty to East House of which he was a Prefect in 1956. He played rugby for the First XV. After leaving school he obtained a B.Commerce at Natal University. Durban Campus.

In 1965 he married Carol Coldicott and had two children: Jonathan who followed him to East and Michaelhouse and Vanessa, who was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

While in Durban, he worked for Clover Dairies Ltd. where he headed the Sales Division. A change in career took him to Johannesburg where he became Chief Executive Officer of Kohler Flexible Packaging and later Chief Executive of Mondi Carton Board. He was an avid trout fisherman loving nothing better than to spend hours thrashing the waters at Three Falls in Lydenburg, where he was a regular visitor. But above all, Derrick was a family man dedicating many hours to watching his children on the sports field and in later years, devoting time to his four grandchildren. His death has left a vacuum in all our lives.

Rymer Craig (Horton), Kevin

Born 1966 - Died 2007
(Michaelhouse 1978-1981)

Kevin (who changed his name from Horton to his mother's maiden name, Rymer Craig) was a Michaelhouse Old Boy (West) who died in a paramotor accident in July 2007 in the United Kingdom.

Kevin (41) was a highly respected pilot who held licenses to fly paragliders, hot air balloons and paramotors. He had held the Virgin Balloon franchise in Bath, UK, and at the time of his death ran a flying school in Kent. He was one of the most experienced paramotor pilots in the world. He was a BMAA (FLM) qualified Paramotor Instructor, and an instructor of Instructors of this pioneering sport.

AAIB, Farnborough, concluded that his accident was a tragic failure of equipment. His inquest is due in February 2009. Hundreds of people attended his funeral in Surrey and he is deeply missed by his family and friends. He did however live his dream. He wrote these words about the sport:

"Flying is in my blood, it has been since the age of seven when I had my first flight in a hot air balloon. I grew up with balloons and when old enough, became a balloonist myself. Freedom in flight was properly found 11 years ago when I was introduced to paragliding, or so I thought. It was in fact, five years ago when I
turned to paramotoring that I found exactly what I was looking for in flight...Ultimate freedom.

The ability to go anywhere and explore from above, to fly high and low, to fly fast and slow. To play hard and experience the sensation of both positive and negative G.

I've flown over mountains, sea and country side. I've dragged my feet though miles of sand on beaches and across water on lakes. I can take off from anyw here I want and land on six pence. The sky is the medium I play in...it is truly awesome and I can't get enough of it. I'm not alone in what I do and how I feel, there are others like me and in our small sport we are family."

Ralph and Margaret Horton (Kevin's parents) represented South Africa in the First International Balloon Race in 1976. They flew one of the first hot air balloons in South Africa from the grounds of Michaelhouse.

Savory, Thomas Edward Lee

Born 1937-Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1950- 1954)

Written by his wife - Thea

Thomas Edward Lee Savory was born 13 May 1937, to Harold Henry Lee and Irene Mary (Parker) Savory, of Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia. Tom was educated at Cordwalles, and at Michaelhouse. He completed his education at the University of Cape Town, majoring in Mathematics and Statistics. After a few years with Dunlop in Bulawayo, he joined his father on The Moorings, the family fann, pioneered by his father and grandfather in 1920, in Monze, Zambia. Tom worked on the farm until the time of his death on January 2, 2008.

Tom married Corin Crozier. They had two children, Joanne and Jacky. Corin passed away on 9 December 1983. In 1993 he married Dr Thea van Huis, from Holland. They had two boys, Thomas Lee in 1994 and Henry Coulsey in 1995. Lee has now followed his father to Michaelhouse.

He was active in the farming community: one of the first to enter the field of soya bean production, to pioneer zero-till farming and combine harvesting. He was always trying out new things and he collected the seed of traditional crops to try to prevent their extinction. He gave his workers training and responsibility, and enjoyed their initiative. He frequently hosted field days for nearby small-scale fanners. He assisted nearby villagers in times of drought with food and materials.

During his life Tom was known for the many facets of his personality. He loved his family, the farm he nurtured to great beauty, and his country. With his excellent memory he could trace the family lines of
his workers to their great grandparents. He was a man of science who cared for the environment of Zambia, a birdman whose knowledge was respected and sought after by colleagues and visitors. He was a devoted conservationist of all wildlife, indigenous trees and land. He was an intellectual who loved his literature and his poetry. He loved the little things of life: a cigar, a glass of wine, the visit of an old Tonga friend, a chat with a visitor at the campsite, a bird or a flower. One of his greatest pleasures was to travel the bush, especially at difficult
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times of the year, and to camp.

Toni is survived by his wife Thea, his daughters Joanne and Jacky, his young sons Lee and Coulson, and also by his sister Maryle. He will be very sorely missed.

Scogings, David Andrew (Prof)

Bom 1927 Died 2006
(Michaelhouse 1942 - 1945)

Written by his wife - Irene

David was bom in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, but six weeks later the family moved to Natal, where David's father was made Rector of St Faith's Parish, Gracyville, Durban. Seven years later his father became Dean of the Old St Saviour's Cathedral and so David attended Merchiston in Pietermaritzburg. His brothers John and Timothy preceded David at Michaelhouse where he spent his fulfilling years from 1942 - 1945.

Then following a B.Sc. in Land Surveying at the University of Natal, Durban, after which he worked for the late James Steere, he left Natal and joined the British Directorate of Colonial Surveys and worked in East Africa. He then accepted a lectureship at the University, Durban and soon was married to Irene whom he had met at the Cathedral.

David established the new Department of Photogrammetry and Aerial Surveying becoming the first Professor, lie was affectionately known as 'Prof Scogs' and many tributes have been paid to his enthusiasm and inspiration, lie was always concerned for his students who could approach him at any time always with courtesy, for help and advice.

He led an exemplary life as a committed Christian and only retired from Lay Ministry' in 2005 after 51 years service. The Anglican Parish of Christ the King, Mariannridge, a forced removal community of coloured folk, held a special place in his heart. In 2005 he was made a member of the Order of the Holy Nativity for Meritorious Service in the Diocese. His funeral at St John's Pinetown was a Eucharist of Thanksgiving for his life, with many tributes to a gentle gentleman who was a consistent example of dignity, kindness, grace, humility and wisdom. Together with these virtues went a good sense of humour. A remark could give rise to a clever pun, with a mischievous twinkle.

Irene and family are greatly blessed to have had such a loving and caring family man, who, after a lifetime of excellent health was struck down with a rare form of bone marrow cancer and died five months later.

'Well done, good and faithful servant. Come and share in your master's happiness.' Matt. 25: 21
Maynard Allister Thiselton. was known by many as 'Frank' during his years at Michaelhouse where he boarded from 1948-1951, including a post matric year. A member of West House, he was a School Prefect and played First XV rugby and squash. He was also a very enthusiastic cricketer and partook of any other sport for which there was time. He loved his years at Michaelhouse and recounted many stories of such things as the Sunday hikes that he enjoyed with a regular trio of friends.

After school he went to Natal University in Pietermaritzburg where he admitted, in later life, that sport took priority but this did eventually culminate in a B.Sc degree with Honours which he completed through UNISA. He went on to teach at Maritzburg College for six years before joining Kearsney College in 1965. where he taught for 29 years. He was a feared but revered teacher, who headed the Science Department and was known by generations of Kearsney boys as 'MAT'. He ended his fine teaching career as Director of Post-Matric. He introduced squash to Kearsney in the late 1960's and supervised the building of two courts, with two more added later.

He played squash for Natal in the 1960's and was the Natal Veterans Squash Champion for three years running from 1974-1976. He was a very successful squash Coach and also achieved excellent results with his cricket teams. He duped many a Kearsney boy, before sporting fixtures at Michaelhouse, into believing he was in their First XV in 1919, as his father to whom he bears a strong resemblance, also MA Thiselton, appears in the School rugby photo of that year! In 1956 he married Avice Rainnic, whom he had met in Pietermaritzburg. She was to give him two sons, Michael and David. She died after a long illness in 1976. In 1983 he married Heather Williams. He retired at the end of 1993 and enjoyed life to the full until illness overcame him in his last year. He died on October 5 2008.

There is no right time to lose a husband and a father and we deeply mourn his death. But seeing him in hospital on life support after undergoing major emergency surgery on Tuesday night, it was clearly his time. We believe that once we were all there and reconciled to that fact, it was a relief for him to leave this world.

Dad's life is easy to celebrate because he enjoyed a full life with few regrets. Loss of his singing voice years ago and of his eyesight more
recently, were body blows which to the outside world he stoically bore. He had a great ability to accept the things he could not change.

The only regret our analytical generation ever dragged out of him was that he had not met and married Mum sooner than 52 years ago! I have not seen a more devoted couple and their marriage and his Christian fait h 0
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were the two rocks on which Dad built his life. While able to bicker with the best of us on the small stuff, on the big issues of values, behaviour and commitment to each other they were united as a formidable pair. "A dream team" my brother called them.

Dad had many talents. In another time he would have been termed a Renaissance man. In sport, music and acting he excelled. Indeed his grandsons in Johannesburg (Claire's sons) who are currently at St John's College where Dad went to school say simply: "Grandpa is a legend".

In 1956 Dad found his vocation as a teacher - a profession which he served with distinction at Michaelhouse for 31 years and at All Saints College in Bisho for 6 years. Even in retirement he ran science courses for the University of the 3rd Age at his home in Amberglen. He forged lifelong friendships with many of his colleagues, some of whom are here today. How he felt about many of them is captured in his affectionate greeting of Roy Gathome - "Comrade"!

Dad was a popular and much loved teacher. I think that was because he was a man who set a clear example more by his behaviour than by his words, which were few but well chosen. His intimidating telephone greeting was a good example - "Thompson here!" When a friend of Jonathan's was slacking in class, his science report from Dad at the end of term simply read "Bone Idle".

Perhaps his economy of words and focus on the basics was why he coached sports like rugby and cricket well and had great success in getting the best out of less able physics and chemistry students. One boy from Dad's first year over 50 years ago said this week: "You don't remember many teachers from that long ago. but he was very committed to us -the dregs of the school's intellectual capital!" Dad's efforts at congregational practice, exhorting the school to out-sing him, are a lasting image for many of us.

Dad simply said what he meant and did what he said. In short, he was a man of integrity. That made him a clear role model for his own and other children to follow.

He was comfortable in his skin and not scared to be himself As at ease with the nigger buggers having a beer, as in a woman's group embroidering kneeler cushions for this chapel. My wife Linda says he was a man in touch with his feminine side, although that was "thirty-something speak"
he would never use!

He had no fear of being different, particularly if his values or beliefs required it. Many remember him calmly sitting in the front row of the stage here at Speech Day, refusing to join a standing ovation by everyone else for a politician he disapproved of.

A less impressive difference was his lack of clothing sense or style. His nickname of Bus Driver (later shortened to Driver) was apparently derived from wearing a dull suit day after day. One boy who left nearly 40 years ago referred yesterday to Dad's "magnificently utilitarian dress sense!"

Of course the other side of a man of conviction who sees the issues in black and white, with not much grey in between, can be difficult to deal with in the real world. When I asked Dad how far to stretch and borrow from the bank for a new house, the answer was "Save until you have enough to pay cash!" Perhaps in today's economic crisis that answer does not sound as other-worldly as it did that day.

Dad could never get used to prices rising and delighted in cheaper do-it-yourself remedies. These Heath Robinson contraptions ranged from water pumps to toilet handles to showers and they have a patchy record. The most spectacularly unsuccessful project was perhaps the home brewed beer which he insisted on bringing out in our youth, if it had not already exploded in the bottle. Uncle Mick politely said that it tasted OK - after the first few Castles!

If Dad sounds like an inflexible and distant patriarch - he could be. But over the years he became a warm hugger. And often, when fire and brimstone was most expected, he showed a subtle touch in encouraging a wayward child back in line. Many also remember his DIY sense of humour and the broad smile with eyes twinkling.

As a sensitive and shy man underneath, he had the empathy and compassion which made him a fine Housemaster, led his involvement in the Clinic, the farm school, Sunfield Home and ultimately drew him to becoming a lay minister. He thought very deeply about his sermons given at St Matthews Lidgetton and All Saints in Nottingham Road. He loved being part of those congregations.
The Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club sent out an email informing OMs of Dad's death. From them and others hearing the news, we have received an overwhelming number of responses.

Dad will be embarrassed by my reading some out. But I think a few say it best -

"Don't think he ever realised that he had such an impact on the lives of all those boys that he taught."

"A man of great compassion and humanity"

"My most informative years under Mike's tutorship...changed the direction of my spiritual and physical being..."

There are no words adequate to comfort a mourner. But today we remember and celebrate the life of Mike Thompson. An SMS from Jessica's friend captures how we all feel:

"A beautiful and mighty oak tree has fallen."

Goodbye Dad

Thornton, John Alan

Bom 1934-Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1948-1952)

Alan was born in Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia in 1934. His father, George, was in the Colonial Service and became Financial Secretary of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Alan was educated at Prep School in Ruzawi in Southern Rhodesia and went on to join his brother.
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Edwin, at Michaelhouse in 1948. His years at Michaelhouse were very happy and he always spoke highly of the standard of education he had received at the School. He left Africa to study law at Lincoln College, Oxford University (1954-1957) and was awarded a BA (Hons) in Jurisprudence and became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators. Alan was passionate about flying, held a Private Pilots Licence and for three years was a member of the Royal Air Force as a Volunteer Reserve Pilot. Alan returned to Africa in 1959 to take up a career in banking where he was employed by the Merchant Bank of Central Africa (Zambia). He also worked for N. M. Rothschild. RIB Finance (Hong Kong). Amex Bank and, finally. Scandinavian Bank (Bahrain & the Middle East, Australia and the UK). Alan lived in London for many years and retired to the Berkshire countryside in 1999. He was a keen golfer, squash player and skier and enjoyed extensive travel abroad. His enthusiasm for flying never diminished and one of his main hobbies was model aeroplanes, which he made and flew himself. Alan was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus in February 2006 and, after a short illness borne with enormous courage and hope, died on June 16, 2006. He leaves his wife, Jilly, two daughters, Camilla and Emma by his First wife, Hilary, and four grandsons.

Tod, Alexander David Barry

Born 1931 Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1946-1949)

Submitted by Tnnor Fisher

Barry was the only child of ex-pat parents who fanned firstly in Zululand. and then at Bulwcr and Nottingham Road. The solitary and rural background influencccd him for life. He was educated at Cordwalles and Michaelhousc. He readily admitted he found the classroom a difficult place, much preferring more active pursuits. He captained the Gym Team in his senior year.

Barry went on to Cedara w here he obtained an Agricultural Diploma. He and his friend Derrick Hamlyn then had the"OE" experience of the time by working on farms in the UK and hitch-hiking through Europe.

On his return to South Africa he took on the management of the family's sugar cane farm at Mtubatuba. where he immediately began a general improvement and re-organising programme, including special attention to the well-being of his work-force.

Barry met his w ife, Judy Hassard. while in Zululand. They were married in 1956 and had three children Alec, Marjorie and Lyn. By 1963. the complexities and uncertainties of SA seemed insurmountable to Barry. He made the decision to go to New Zealand and take up sheep and
cattle fanning in Waikato.

He committed himself to the challenge with hard work, the pursuit of excellence in animal husbandry and progressive fanning practices. He steadily improved the quality of his sheep, and was at the forefront of the introduction of exotic cattle to New Zealand. He established a highly successful Limousin Beef herd.

There was a fine line between work and play with family, community working-bces and the local tennis club ofT-setting the daily discipline of farming tasks. Socially, he was a genial and generous host, and a good conversationalist. He read widely and kept himself well-informed about the changing trends beyond farming to include political, social and environmental issues.

In 1990 Bany and Judy retired to a 14 acre life-style block in the Nelson area of the South Island where he was able to indulge his long-time love of trees. He planned and planted a spectacular arboretum of over two hundred specimen trees. He died peacefully in his own home after a gallant battle with lung cancer.

To both his family and friends he was a very' special person.

Woods, James Dickinson - MBBCh, FRCP, I RAC P, MRCP(G)

Bom 1917-Died 2008
(Michaelhouse 1933 - 1935)

Jim was bom in Pietermaritzburg and attended Michaelhouse before graduating from Witwatersrand University with a medical degree in 1941. He joined the South African Medical Corps in January 1942 and was posted to the 8th Casualty Clearing Station in Egypt in time for the Battle of Alamcin. Over the next few years he moved with the 8th CCS, as part of the 8th Army, through north Africa and then on to Italy where he was Medical Officer with the SA Road Engineers at the Battle for Casino in May 1944.

After the war he married Florence (Honey) Rossiter. Together they travelled to the United Kingdom with their new baby Peter, where Jim undertook postgraduate studies in Glasgow, Edinburgh and London. The family returned to South Africa where two more children, Susan and Stephen, were bom. In Pietcmiaritzburg he worked as a Specialist Physician until 1958 when the family emigrated to Canada. In 1960 the family moved to Perth, Australia where Jim worked at Freemantle Hospital and in private practice until his retirement.

Throughout his working life Jims main interest was heart disease having liad the opportunity to study a variety of people and their lifestyles in South Africa Canada and Australia. He undertook a great deal of investigation into the micro anatomy of cardiac vessels and research into viral infections and myocardial infarction.

Jim was a keen handyman, sailor, golfer and photographer when not
drinking tea on the back veranda he was invariably in his workshop. He was also an amateur prospector and farmer having gained a lot of his knowledge from a vast array of patients.

He was a great storyteller, especially about his war, and we are fortunate that he has written most of his stories down, together with photographs he took during the war and during his travels, in a series of books with a copy given to each grandchild.

Jim is survived by Honey, his three children and eight grandchildren.
Justin Sullivan (centre in tie) leaving East House Jose Cabeleira and Nick

Patrick Smythe and Jared Chellan

Jason Trautman, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Wesley Campher and Jeremy Smythe

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