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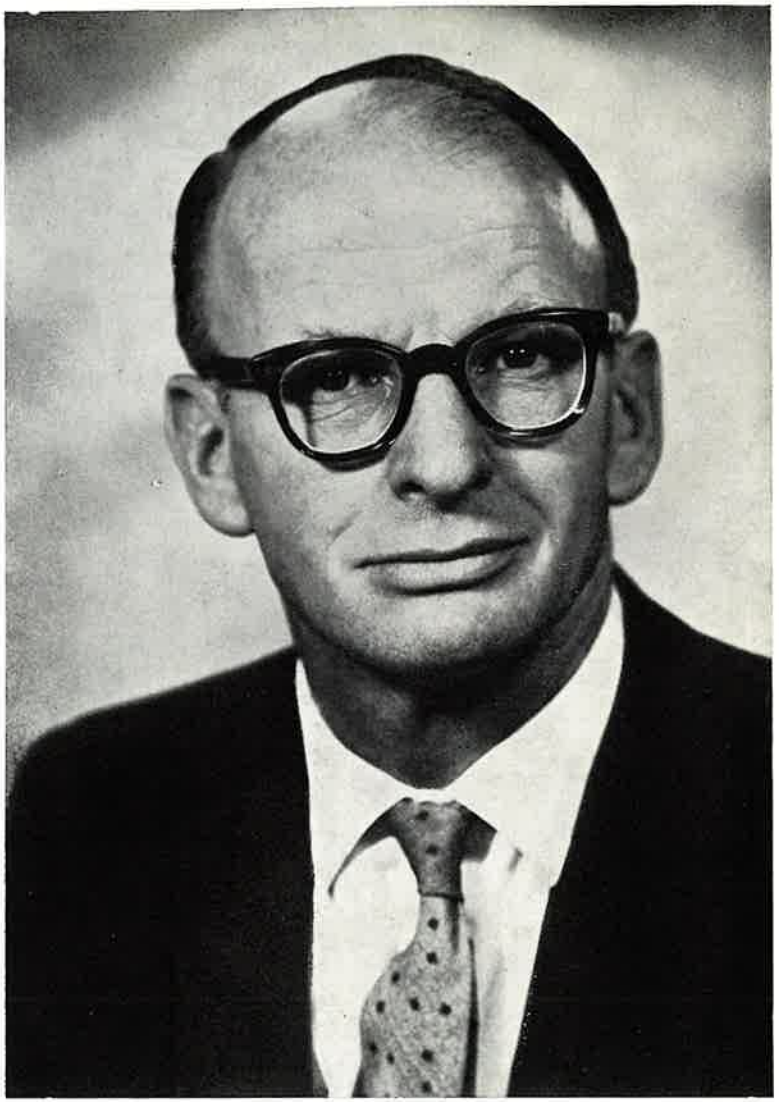

Mr. H. J. Commons, M.A.
After being Vice-Principal of the School for seven years, Mr. Commons was Headmaster during 1964 and 1965. He was, as a school-boy, Dux of Maritzburg College, to which school he has now gone as Headmaster. This is an achievement which very few can hope to accomplish. We wish him, and Mrs. Commons, every happiness in his new sphere.

At the assembly where Mr. Commons said farewell to the School, he stated, *inter alia*, that he had had nine happy years at Westville. The only promotion post in the Province to which he would go from Westville, was the one to which he was going.

Staff, 1965

Headmaster:
Mr. H. J. Commons

Vice-Principal:
Mr. R. E. H. Burnett

Mr. A. B. Bame
Mr. T. Barker
Mr. A. Chambers
Mr. M. H. Comrie
Mr. R. W. Couzens
Mrs. R. du Preez*
Mr. S. A. Elliott
Mr. A. D. Evens
Mr. H. R. France
Miss D. J. Good*
Mr. T. R. Goudie
Miss J. F. M. Hulme
Mr. R. Hurworth
Mrs. S. C. Irvine
Mr. J. A. Kearney
Mr. P. C. Kemp
Mrs. S. I. Liversidge
Mr. D. R. Mayo
Mr. J. N. McMillen
Mr. D. M. Newmarch*
Mr. M. T. O'Connor
Mr. A. J. G. Perrett
Mrs. V. Y. Ryan*
Mr. F. H. Schumann
Miss G. M. Sherratt*
Mr. V. J. Slabbert
Mrs. E. P. Stockil
Mrs. A. W. Thomson
Mrs. G. M. Udal
Mrs. S. M. D. van der Westhuizen*
Miss J. M. von Maltitz*
Mr. A. D. Verster*
Mr. C. J. Viljoen*
Mr. R. A. Warner
Mr. R. M. Wyllie
Mr. L. P. Zaayman

Secretary:
Mrs. S. D. B. Gossow

Librarian:
Mrs. E. Gray

*These teachers either left or were replacements during the year.

American Field Services

Donald Corlett Woolston of Billings High School, Billings, Montana, U.S.A., is our A.F.S. guest for 1966. He has been placed in Form VIA, but will study Form V Geography and Form III Afrikaans. He has been "adopted" by the Borgen family of Westville. Don is our fourth American visitor in recent years. A.F.S. have provided two of these, in Miss "Sandy" Mackenzie and Bill Mathers. Rotary provided the third, Miss Beverley Eck. We hope Donald enjoys his stay with us and in this country.

We are proud to announce that A. H. (Sandy) Barnes, who was in VIA in 1965, has been selected to go to the U.S.A. this year as a South African delegate, chosen by A.F.S., to spend a year in America. Sandy was a pupil of this School for only two years but in this short time proved his ability, integrity and worth. We congratulate him most sincerely on this signal distinction, and wish him happiness and success during his time in America.

He is, we feel, a worthy successor to Peter Duys, Alison Ross and Morton du Preez, our previous A.F.S. delegates to the U.S.A.

R.H.

Headmaster's Annual Report, 1965

Staff

We had, with only minor interruptions, a full staff throughout the year.

During the year Mrs. Ryan was transferred to the Girls' High and Messrs. Verster, Newmarch and Viljoen left the Natal service and were replaced by Mrs. van der Westhuizen and the Misses von Maltitz and Sherratt, while Mrs. du Preez was kind enough to undertake Vocational Guidance work on a part-time basis. Mrs. du Preez will continue in this capacity, so that this department of the School's activities can function independently of the teaching staff. In this way greater continuity can be achieved and also greater interest, for then it will have standing in its own right and not be regarded as a side issue—an adjunct to somebody's teaching programme.

I must pay tribute to Mr. Schumann as an outstanding teacher who has, over the past six years, done much to raise the standard of Afrikaans at this school to a point where we can compare more than favourably with any new school of the same constitution. He goes on well-merited promotion as Vice-Principal to Glenwood High School and we wish him well in the future.

Mr. Zaayman, after two years of excellent all-round service, leaves the Natal Department in order to take up a more remunerative post at Kearsney College.

Mr. O'Connor, after one year, leaves us on transfer to D.H.S.

Accommodation

Our numbers fluctuated around the five hundred and twenty mark, divided amongst twenty-three classes, giving a very manageable class average. We certainly were not able to complain of over-crowding of classes and classrooms; in this respect we were most fortunate. Taking account of the seven dreary temporary classrooms, which are certainly not conducive to a diligent and academic frame of mind but which have all been used, we did not lack for space.

The Physical Science department had the use of two laboratories and a lecture-room, the Geography department made good use of a specialist Geography room with ancillary visual aids, while the Art department was housed in the old Domestic Science room which, despite the presence of stoves and other culinary accessories, is far more roomy than the true Art room.

In fact, though we are now entirely boys, the promised conversion to a school equipped to cater solely for boys was delayed as it had become quite obvious that further permanent classroom accommodation was demanded as an immediate necessity. Thus, both projects—the conversion of the present school and the erection of the new classroom block—have been combined into one contract which was commenced in October and is due

for completion within a year. The new three-storey block will comprise seven classrooms, a second Geography room, a tennis shelter to replace the tennis pavilion which had to be cleared from the site, a tea room and store rooms.

I must pay tribute to the whole-hearted co-operation that I have had from the contractor, Mr. H. E. Platt, in avoiding interference with schoolwork and school routine. He has gone out of his way to accommodate me in my numerous requests aimed at reducing such interference to a minimum.

Once the new building is complete, we are promised a redecoration of the whole school with new fences and so on. We should then indeed be in a fortunate position regarding accommodation.

Examinations

As a co-ed school, this school worked harder by far than as a boys' only school. Girls are more diligent and conscientious than boys and so tend to infuse into the boys some of this application. Boys tend to rely far too much on a furious spurt at the last—at least I hope they made such a spurt, for many did little enough at the half-yearly examinations!

Statistics in connection with our own internal examinations are as follows:

In Form II there were eighty-six Advanced grade passes, twenty-four Ordinary grade, three Leaving Certificates and one Failure. In Form III there were eighty-one Advanced Grade passes, twenty-four Ordinary grade passes and eleven Failures. In Form V there were fifty-nine Advanced Grade passes, fourteen Ordinary grade and nine failures.

Judged on general standards, this represents a high ratio of Ordinary to Advanced grade pupils. In other words, we are not keen to relegate a boy to "O" stream if he has a chance of managing in "A" stream, and this must be borne in mind when judging public examination results.

Some schools complain that the institution of the ordinary Grade has served to lower individual ambition and attainment, in that many pupils are content to take the easy way out in the "O" stream. This is not a tendency which applies here. Generally our boys and their parents are keen to attain Advanced Grade status, and a high proportion hope to enter university, far more than is really warranted.

I must here mention the success of R. Bonfa of Form VI, and P. J. van Zyl of Form V, who gained the distinction of being two of eighty South African schoolchildren who qualified to attend a National Youth Science Foundation forum in Pretoria earlier this year.

The abolition of the Natal Junior Certificate examination, to my mind, will be a good thing. We tend to spend a very considerable amount of time preparing for this examination. The boys occupy the last months furiously memorising a tremendous amount of information which they do their best to forget immediately the examination is over. Such time we can turn to better advantage. For my part, I am much in favour of project work where the boy is required to be an active agent in the learning process and not simply a passive listener and a digester of notes. Projects can be incorporated in our examination system and thus more inducement offered to take them seriously. In this regard the experience of the Science

department is interesting. Practical work now forms an essential part of the examination system. This has made the subject far more real and meaningful to the pupils whose overall standard and insight into the subject have thus improved.

Perhaps, too, we can devise a system whereby more English and Afrikaans books may be prescribed for study, the treatment to be less rigorous and detailed. At present, a few books are studied to the point of complete satiation—revulsion even.

There is a fear that, with the passing of the Junior Certificate, standards will drop. This, I can assure you, will not happen at this School. If anything, standards will rise, for the J.C. examination has not operated as an efficient selector of those fit for Form V.

Curriculum

In Forms V and VI, a period called—loosely—"Speech", was introduced into the weekly schedule. The aim was to improve the boys' speech, to give them confidence in addressing a group, and to train them in the use of language as a means of communication through:

1. class debates and forums,
2. speaking impromptu,
3. delivering short prepared addresses,
4. listening to good speech from records, and
5. simulating and devising live broadcasts and recording these on "tapes".

An interesting development was the preparation of "tapes" for exchange with overseas schools.

As part of the scheme, the privilege of reading the lesson in assembly was extended to include, not only the prefects, but good readers from throughout the Sixth Form. I must admit, though, that some of the readers regarded this as an imposition rather than as a privilege.

As with so many experiments, the degree of success depended upon the enthusiasm of the individual teacher. Some would like to see the experiment extended into the lower school. Some classes did excellent work; others regarded it as just another non-examination subject to be taken not too seriously. For my part, I still believe that, if taken sensibly, the scheme has much virtue.

The availability of a Geography room made it feasible to employ more visual aids, the purchase of which was assisted by the Parents' Association and of which good use was made by the Geography, Art and Science Departments.

The Education Department has agreed to the introduction of a course including both Physical Science and Biology. This I regard as a most valuable concession. There is a general movement away from the classical tradition. Latin is losing in prestige and practical value. I understand that, of the forty-four high schools in Natal, only nine offer Latin. Our own Latin course is losing ground. There is thus a need for a course to test the academically better equipped and which will acknowledge the modern shift towards the Sciences. This is achieved by the new course, without it being too heavily weighted against the humanities. Educationally, it

provides a good allround background and at the same time is valuable as a preparation for numerous careers, both professional and otherwise.

Library
The boys were encouraged to read historical novels of which they had to write summaries, and so the boys' reading interests were broadened immeasurably. Over six thousand more books were issued than in 1964. In 1965, we again concentrated on the provision of non-fiction and reference books.

Sport
We made an effort to insist that the juniors play games, with the intention of continuing this policy during successive years, so that eventually the whole school will actively participate. Cricket provided a problem here in that it is so demanding of fields and time that it is impossible to accommodate the whole school. Part of the season, too, occurs during the last quarter of the year, when the boys, now really serious about preparation for examinations, are jealous of their free time. It is a game, too, for the skilled, not the hoi-polloi. Some other game, perhaps basket-ball, is needed to supplement it.

The desirability of games, as part of a boy's regular routine, is greater than ever before, as a healthy counter to the many unhealthy distractions of modern living, as a wholesome recreation to occupy those who would otherwise go home to empty houses, and as exercise for those who rely so heavily upon mechanical means of transport; these, apart altogether from the time-honoured virtues attributed to games by way of character-formation.

Rugby
Our thirteen teams had a busy season. Relying largely on its forwards, our First team fared better than we had dared to hope and was fairly successful. For the first time, our fixtures list included only First XV's, D.H.S. being newcomers to our programme.

We were happy to entertain Guinea Fowl School from Gwelo during the season. Negotiations are at present proceeding with a view to our team making a tour of Rhodesia.

Cricket
With fixtures against only the top flight of cricketing schools, including Michaelhouse, D.H.S., Maritzburg College and the visiting Parktown Boys' High School from Johannesburg, it is not surprising that our XI, strong in bowling, with mediocre batting, had a testing time and came away from some matches only with lessons learned, from which, nevertheless, we profited greatly. Evidence of this is the fact that, of 13 players chosen from six schools to represent the composite Coastal Schools at Offord Week, 11 were from this school.

Lack of grounds throughout the Durban area means that our teams get insufficient matches to keep interest at a peak. Some re-organisation is called for here in regard to New Field where a change must needs be made in the situation of the turf wicket. The field is big enough to accommodate two pitches, but the siting of the turf wicket precludes such optimum use of the field.

Tennis
Our two teams did very well. Both topped their respective leagues. The First team won all its matches and could thus conceivably claim elevation to the top Schools' League.

Swimming
Competing at the High Schools' Gala, our team was narrowly beaten into third place by Kearsney and broke records in two relay events. A. Hatfield broke records in two individual events and recorded the fastest ever 100 m. Freestyle swim in the Beach Baths. A. Hatfield, W. Gertenbach and C. Milford represented Natal Schools. In the Inter-Provincial Schools' meeting, Hatfield broke the South African Schools' record for the 100 yards Freestyle.

Athletics
The school athletics' season is fairly intense. It incorporates five meetings in which we participate to greater or less degree. With the assistance of our

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Mr. H. J. Commons reading his annual report at the prize-giving on 10th December, 1965. Mr. Commons is now Headmaster of Maritzburg College.

In the background are Mrs. J. Sulin, wife of the Chairman of the Parents' Association and Mr. H. A. F. Dettmann, M.P.C.

Dr. E. G. Malherbe was our Guest-of-Honour at the Annual Prize-Giving. He is seen here delivering his address.

A. F. Phillips, Head Boy, Captain of Cliff House, Captain of Cricket and Athletics, Colours for Cricket and Athletics re-awarded, winner of the Walton Trophy for Service to the School, reading the lesson at the Annual Prize Giving and Speech Day, 1965.

J. R. Coventry-Brown who was First in the Sixth Form on the year's work, and won the Sixth Form English, Latin and History prizes. He was also a School Prefect and played rugby for the Second xv.

Parents' Association, we played hosts this year to the Boys' High School "A" Group Meeting. Generally we maintained past standards in this department. K. Simoni and C. Bodill were chosen as members of the senior Durban and District Schools' team.

Hockey

Our boys played a series of friendly matches against other schools, but did not fare very well. This is largely because hockey is treated as a subsidiary game in which Rugby players are not welcome. The idea is to give non-Rugby players a chance to show their prowess and gain recognition. Obviously we cannot hold our own with schools where such restriction is not practised.

Generally, despite the introduction of these matches and the enthusiasm of members of staff who undertook the coaching, there was not as much keenness for hockey amongst the boys as in 1964.

While on the subject of sport, I must mention that arrangements have been made and money set aside for the installation of an irrigation system for the school fields. The Administration will provide a main on each of Bowden's and New fields, while the School Fund will finance the purchase of the system itself.

Societies

Society life was once more not as active as I would wish. Boys are loath to give up any of their out-of-school time to such activities. The Arts simply do not hold their interest as do so many other attractions and distractions of the day, some mechanical, some transistorised, some social, some healthy enough, yet all disruptive from the School point of view.

Dramatic Society

Pride of place must go to the Dramatic Society which this year produced "St. Joan", an ambitious yet highly successful undertaking which took months of preparation and brought to light considerable talent.

The Fifth-formers, later, almost entirely by their own efforts, produced Henry IV, Part I. This was originally planned as a play reading, but developed to the point where it could justifiably claim nearly full play status. The boys concerned deserve commendation for this project and must have benefited considerably from the self-help involved in the venture.

The profits from recent dramatic society productions have now been used to provide better lighting facilities.

My thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Walton for making available to the school a Dramatics Trophy for annual presentation. This will take the form of a scroll carved in wood and mounted with presentation plaques.

A similar trophy has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. McLean, this time for debating.

Debating Society

The School this year once more participated in the Junior Chamber of Commerce knock-out Debating competition. In the second round we were eliminated by New Forest High School, the eventual winners of the Durban section.

For the first time we took part in the J. H. Hofmeyr Speech Contest and were represented here by A. Barnes.

Friday Society

Without the girls, this did not flourish and confined itself to the showing of films of a cultural nature.

S.C.A.

This continued very active and deserved credit for so successfully maintaining enthusiasm amongst its members.

Old Boys

The Westville Old Pupils' Association has not had an easy infancy over the past few years, but is now affiliated to the Westville Country Club which has recently acquired a Club House as well as some sports amenities. With this as headquarters, I feel the Association will now grow to its rightful proportions. A strong School and strong Old Boys' Association go hand-in-hand. They help each other reciprocally and, in the process, are themselves strengthened. I thus appeal to the boys who have left School to enrol as members of this Association.

Mrs. Janie Malherbe presenting Helmuth Schumann with his prize for coming first in Form III. Helmuth Schumann also won the subject prizes for English, Afrikaans, History, Physical Science, Latin, Mathematics and Arithmetic. As he took no other subjects, there were no other prizes that he could win. We offer him our sincere congratulations. Helmuth plays for the Under Fourteen B Rugby xv and the Under Fourteen B Cricket xi.

Parents' Association

Once more the Headmaster of this school must pay tribute to the tremendous support that he has received from the Parents' Association and particularly from its committee under the genial and effective chairmanship of Mr. John Sulin. The Association has given me mammoth backing in my work here—financial, material, moral and by way of service to the School and has never refused me a request.

This year it adopted as its project the provision of a gymnasium or P.T. shelter. Much investigation had been carried out into the best type of building for the purpose, into financial arrangements, siting and so on. When, however, we found ourselves without a P.T. master, we felt that it was judicious to delay a decision in the matter until the situation in the physical education department became crystalised.

Apart from this, the school has acquired educational aids, library books, strip films, prizes and a multitude of other benefits in kind through the good offices of the Parents' Association committee. The parents, too, have given cheerfully of their services, whenever asked for, in school functions.

Negotiations are now proceeding with a view to establishing a Trust Fund for the School, the trustees to be nominated by the Parents' Association, the Old Boys and the Staff of the School. This, I believe, is a development of tremendous import for the School and its future and I commend it to you all.

American Field Service

For lack of a foster home, no American schoolboy was based at Westville. It is surprising and a pity that this exchange scheme is so little supported by a community as comfortably endowed as Westville. However, Mr. and Mrs. Borgen have undertaken to provide a home and family for a student this year so that it is most likely that the School will once more have a faint American flavour.

On the other side of the world, our own Morton du Preez is enjoying the benefits of the scheme and, from reports, is making a considerable name for himself in the United States.

Prize List

Form VI

1st in Form	Jeremy C. Brown
2nd in Form	Stephen Pillinger
3rd in Form	Roger Bonfa
	John Chambers
English	Jeremy C. Brown
Afrikaans	John Chambers
	Stephen Pillinger
Latin	Jeremy C. Brown
History	Jeremy C. Brown
Science	Stephen Pillinger
Mathematics	Roger Bonfa
Geography	Brian Kirby
Art	Gary Thompson
Bookkeeping	Frederick Joles
Biology	Terence Sorour
Diligence	Alexander S. Barnes

Lester Hall Trophy for Good Fellowship—Roger May

Walton Trophy for Service to the School—Alan Phillips

Form V

1st in Form	Mark Chesters
2nd in Form	William Cooper
3rd in Form	Anthony Wiblin
English	Anthony Wiblin
Afrikaans	Mark Chesters
Latin	Mark Chesters
History	William Cooper
Science	William Cooper
Mathematics	Peter-John van Zijl
Diligence	Christopher Buckley
	John Granger
	John Olden
	Peter Unstead

Merit Certificates

Mark Chesters, William Cooper, Anthony Wiblin, Peter Unstead, Ross Heron, Robert Goldfinch, Peter-John van Zijl, David Frow.

Form IV

1st in Form	Jeffrey Roberts
2nd in Form	Clive Davidson
3rd in Form	Mark Bradshaw
English	Clive Davidson
Afrikaans	Ferdinand Heinen
History	Jeffrey Roberts
Science	James Davidson
Mathematics	Donald Munro
Art	Roger Palmer
Bookkeeping	Robert Krohn
Arithmetic	Mark Bradshaw
Diligence	Bryan Abbott
	Adrian Ridl

Form III

1st in Form	Helmuth Schumann
2nd in Form	Willem Coetzee
3rd in Form	William Keen
English	Helmuth Schumann
Afrikaans	Helmuth Schumann
History	Helmuth Schumann
Science	Helmuth Schumann
Latin	Helmuth Schumann
Mathematics	Helmuth Schumann
Arithmetic	Helmuth Schumann
Geography	Hartmut Heinen
Art	Gregory Glasson
Bookkeeping	Govert Abendanon
Woodwork	Alistair Lax
Diligence	Peter Haines
	Roger Finlayson
	Christian Koenig
	Brian Webb

Merit Certificates
Helmuth Schumann, Willem Coetzee
William Keen, Peter Hudson
Brian Pittendrigh, Peter Haines
Roger Finlayson, Shaun Hammond
Eric Burgess, David Wilson
Guy Yelland, Bryan Bradfield
Ian Scott, Peter Barratt
Alistair Lax, David Leverton
Michael Allan, Richard Brown

Form II

1st in Form	Timothy Davidson
2nd in Form	Anthony Rhodes
3rd in Form	David Platt
Diligence	Peter Bradshaw
	Michael Vatter
	Michael Platt
	Karl Karlsson

Merit Certificates
Timothy Davidson, Anthony Rhodes
David Platt, Peter Bradshaw
Trevor Kemp, John Jackson
George Woudberg, Derik Scorer
Robin Morling, Charl Pienaar
Neil Forrest, Frederick McCreedy
Donald Tretheway

Public examination results, 1965

Senior Certificate: Advanced Stream

MATRICULATION EXEMPTION PASS, WITH MERIT
A. H. Barnes, O. D. Beier, R. J. Bonfa
J. R. C. Brown, J. D. Chambers
C. M. V. Clarkson, G. D. Dobie
D. A. Evens, P. S. O. Horwood
F. C. Joles, D. O. Jones
D. J. McLean, B. S. Meehan
C. L. D. Petit, O. S. Pillinger
A. P. Schollick, M. A. Todd
J. W. A. Walton

MATRICULATION EXEMPTION PASS
C. R. Austin, W. L. Blake
C. R. Bodill, W. R. H. Bowden
P. Crabbe, R. de B-Bourquin
R. B. Dixon-Carter, G. C. Fletcher
R. J. Fryer, T. A. Gould
A. Gulbrandsen, B. G. Kirby
C. Leigh, K. G. Leverton, M. Lovatt
C. G. Marks, R. H. Marston
R. B. May, N. E. McFall
D. C. Munro, A. F. Phillips
H. R. E. Phillips, A. N. Ridl
K. D. Simoni, T. P. Sorour
T. Theunissen, P. W. Thompsett
G. W. Trollip, T. G. Troye

SENIOR CERTIFICATE, ADVANCED STREAM PASS
B. D. Airey, R. S. Allison
G. R. Bullock, B. S. Cline
N. A. Freeman, D. C. Garbutt
I. G. Gould, M. P. Hurworth
S. T. Judd, B. A. Pearson
N. H. Ringrose, G. G. Sharp
A. W. Shedlock, A. Silbert
D. Singleton, D. F. Smith
G. S. Thomson, J. E. Twine

SENIOR CERTIFICATE, ORDINARY STREAM PASS
O. N. Armstrong, J. N. G. Bohmer
A. Derungs, A. D. Firbank
N. K. Holding, C. J. Pallent
Analysis: 79 entries
18 merit passes, 29 matric exemptions
18 S. C. "A", 6 S.C. "O", 8 failures

DISTINCTIONS:
"A" aggregate R. J. Bonfa
J. R. C. Brown
Physical Science A. H. Barnes
O. D. Beier, R. J. Bonfa
J. R. C. Brown, J. D. Chambers
G. D. Dobie, D. A. Evens
D. J. McLean, N. H. Ringrose
A. P. Schollick, T. Theunissen
J. W. A. Walton
Mathematics R. J. Bonfa
J. R. C. Brown, J. D. Chambers
G. D. Dobie, D. A. Evens
D. J. McLean, B. S. Meehan
O. S. Pillinger, A. P. Schollick
J. W. A. Walton
Add. Maths R. J. Bonfa
J. R. C. Brown,
English O. S. Pillinger
Latin J. R. C. Brown
German O. D. Beier
History R. J. Bonfa
Geography A. H. Barnes
Bookkeeping N. H. Ringrose

Senior Certificate, Ordinary Stream
D. W. D. Allcock, O. V. Borchardt
M. P. Granger, B. S. R. Hirst
M. J. Judd, V. A. J. Kennaugh
D. C. D. Martin, P. G. Menezes
T. B. Moran, R. B. Paddon
G. V. Trevisani, G. S. P. Wood
Analysis: 17 entries, 12 passes
5 failures.

Junior Certificate: Advanced Stream

PASS WITH MERIT
M. F. Blumenfeld (1), B. T. Borgen
M. Bradshaw (2), T. A. Brazil
F. P. D. Cocks, J. R. Cowling
C. Davidson (3), J. S. Davidson (4)
H. de B-Bourquin (3), R. H. Dunn
G. W. Emery (1), R. K. Gee (1)
D. G. Gower-Jackson (2)
G. N. Hamilton (2)
T. J. Hampton (2), F. Heinen (2)
J. C. Holloway, C. N. Keal (1)
J. M. Keen (1), R. C. Krohn (1)
M. G. Lello (1), D. C. Munro (3)
L. G. Nell, J. B. Platt (2)
J. B. Roberts (4), R. E. Scorer (3)

ADVANCED STREAM PASS
B. S. Abbott, P. J. Algie
R. M. Anderson, M. H. Beven (1)
S. A. Bock, C. B. B. Browne
A. B. Cadle, B. A. D. Coulter
M. L. Drake, J. P. Eichelgruen
R. D. Frank, W. J. N. Gertenbach
S. E. A. Gillbanks, M. D. Goodman
M. P. Hart, A. M. Hatfield
R. J. Hewitt, B. M. Hobson
T. R. Holden, G. de C. Hugo
G. J. Lawrence, E. G. Litchfield
D. E. Lumsden, A. J. C. Mackey
P. L. Mann, B. McFayden
I. McGregor, K. A. McLean
J. V. McMillen, K. G. Minnie (1)
I. M. R. Moorhouse, G. A. Munro
K. T. Nason, G. H. J. Ogilvie
M. M. Oosthuis, T. J. Purdon
J. W. Sherratt, N. C. Shotland
D. C. Sink, M. Slade, J. R. L. Smith
P. R. Soane, J. R. Stewart
G. N. Thomas, C. R. Thompson
B. P. J. Wardell, M. J. Williams
J. E. P. Woudberg, G. J. Wright

ORDINARY STREAM PASS
B. K. Dicks, P. M. S. Levy
J. D. Newell, D. J. Regester
I. M. G. Smith
Analysis: 86 entries
26 merit passes, 49 "A" passes
5 "O" passes. 5 failures, 1 result pending
DISTINCTIONS:
Arithmetic 17, Mathematics 9
Science 4, Bookkeeping 3, German 2
Afrikaans 2, English 1, Geography 1
History 1, Latin 1

Junior Certificate: Ordinary Stream
T. L. Bamberger, D. C. Chaloner
C. J. de Marigny, E. J. Dodd
B. R. Drake, A. M. Fabian
R. H. Gilbey (1), A. R. Hatch
B. E. Henderson, L. J. Liebenberg
H. A. Logan, D. J. Meikle
R. F. Millichip, A. M. Mitchell
R. N. Palmer, J. T. Pollard
A. L. Ridl, R. J. Stedman
G. A. Wight, T. C. Winter
L. H. Wright.
Analysis: 26 entries, 21 passes, 5 failures
DISTINCTIONS: Afrikaans 1
Arithmetic 1
The number of distinctions gained by individual pupils is shown in brackets.

Comment

The departure of Mr. H. J. Commons has broken a line of continuity of nine years' duration. Appointed as Vice-Principal, with Mr. N. W. Bowden as Principal, when the School first reached Secondary status, Mr. Commons assisted the growth of the School first to a Co-educational High School, then, under his control as Principal, to a fully fledged Boys' High School. This break in continuity is a great pity—the school with tradition, in this and other provinces, is the school which has had the same Principal for a span of years. For so long in some cases, that the names of the school and of the Headmaster have become synonymous. Nicholas, Snow, Langley, Hudson, Heese, Pearse—this short list will serve to illustrate the point.

Another great pity is the end of high school co-education in Westville. But we cannot turn back the clock, and that which has been done cannot be undone. We are missing already the emollient effect of the girls—and we missed their assistance when we had the annual School Dance.

Dr. E. G. Malherbe was gracious enough to be our Guest-of-Honour at the annual prize-giving. Had we known what a spate of functions would be his lot as retiring Principal of the University of Natal, for which he has achieved so much, we would never have presumed on his time and energies as we did!

It is with considerable pleasure that we record in the annals of the School two marriages—these may serve to underline the advantages of co-education—or in the mind of the cynical, the disadvantages!

MacFarlane—Slevin: Jennifer Slevin to Bruce MacFarlane, in April, 1965.

Swart—Sherratt: Anne Sherratt to Rupert Swart, in November, 1965.

We record these marriages, since, to the best of our knowledge, they are the first between contemporaries. Could we please be corrected if we are wrong?

1965 marked the end of an era. If you will read the pages headed "Valete", in which we wish—in some cases, optimistically—our Sixth Formers farewell, you will realise that some of them have attended no School other than Westville. Without exception, these boys have contributed to the life of the School outside of the class-room. We wish them the best of good fortune, and would like them to know that we shall follow their future careers with absorbed interest. They, like long-established Headmasters, are the foundation of our growing tradition.

Mrs. Joan McFall, Mrs. Rangi Phillips and Mrs. Flo Ridl are mothers of three of these. These ladies have been conveners of fetes, organisers of fund raising, bakers, sellers and buyers of cakes, members of Parents' Committees, arrangers and growers of flowers, and behind the scenes in so many ways during the past many years, that mention must be made of them—and in making this tribute we realise that we cannot mention all who have helped during the past. We hope that those not mentioned will not take offence—we need their support now more than ever.

In starting the new feature "Valete" in this magazine, more to record the first Sixth Formers of the all-boy Boys' High School than for any other reason, we hope that future Editors will see their way clear to continue this feature. As we compiled it, from information provided by the pupils themselves, so we became aware of the fact that this School owes far too much to the few, and very little to the many. There are boys in the Sixth Form who have played no games, and participated in no societies. They have as a consequence contributed nothing to and benefited little from what this School has to offer. They have been schooled but not educated. The material gain, not the personal good, has been their *vade mecum*—and many are leaving without knowing what they intend to do in the future!

Of these pupils, many have never been seen at any School function, whether on the playing fields or in the School Hall, and, apart from being present to sign the Application-For-Admission form, nor have their parents either. Those of us who have the interests of the School at heart feel this very deeply.

Our very good friend, Mr. Norman Mumby, has photographed Natal School children for more years than we would dare to mention. We would like to thank him once again for permission to print the group and team photographs which appear in this issue.

Another good friend of the School is Mr. Ray Walsh, who has seen the Dramatic Society through the intricacies of the lighting of "Androcles and the Lion" to "St. Joan", and has given his considerable technical knowledge to the development of our lighting in the School Hall. From Shaw to Shaw, in fact!

We congratulate most sincerely Roger May (Good Fellowship) and Allan Phillips (Service to the School) on winning the two premier non-academic awards that this School has to offer. They are both worthy winners and we wish them all the success that the future has to offer.

During the course of 1965, the Staff showed the pupils that they had more than mere academics to teach them! The Staff beat the School at hockey. This had happened before. But history was created when the Staff beat the School at cricket! The School, having scored 102 for two, (Borchardt 34 n.o., Phillips 33 n.o.), made an injudicious declaration. The Staff knocked off the required runs with the loss of four wickets, the main contributors being Mr. Slabbert 29, Mr. Mayo 29 retired, and Mr. Couzens 21 run out. These three gentlemen also contribute Mathematics, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Latin and History to the academic life of the School. It is clear that a broad, general education is well within the scope of the Staff. The wicketkeeping of Mr. Slabbert and the cover fielding of Mr. Bame (Science) were also the subject of favourable comment.

One of the most regular spectators at School functions, whether sporting or social, during the past years has been Mrs. Gwen Commons. We shall miss her gracious and effervescent presence. but realise that our loss is Maritzburg College's gain. We hope she is as happy there as we like to feel she has been with us.

Another family which now reaches the end of a long association with the School is that of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walton. Their daughter, Jill, was Head Girl of the School when it was still co-educational. Their

younger son, James, has now completed his schooling here. Mr. and Mrs. Walton perpetuate the family name in the School in that they donated the Walton Trophy for Service to the School several years ago, and have now donated a handsome, hand-carved scroll for dramatics.

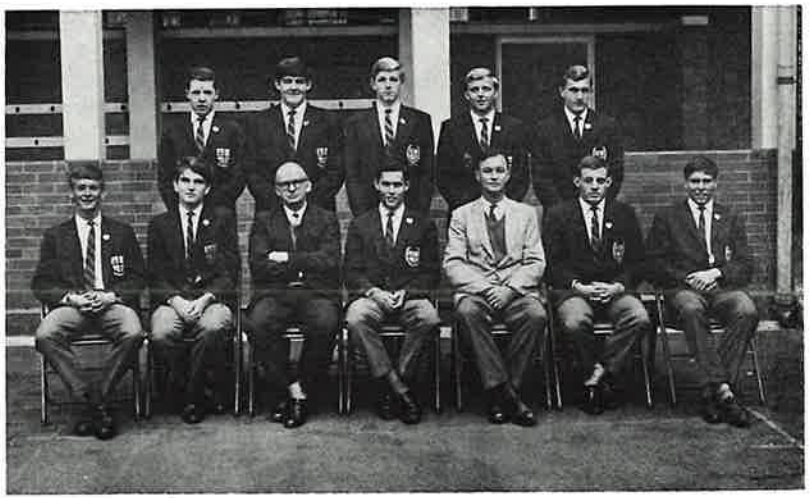
An interesting promotion during the year was that of Mr. R. Hurworth to the post of Supernumerary Principal of the Morningside Primary School. Mr. Hurworth will remain on the School Staff to continue teaching Physical Science. He had previously been Supernumerary Headmaster of the Harding Primary School.

We decided in 1964 that the award to the Dux of the School would be made on the results of the Natal Senior Certificate examinations. The first winner of the Dux Medal under these new conditions, was Alan Roberts, who received his award at a special assembly held during the year. His parents and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Freed, donors of the trophy, were our guests on this occasion. Alan Roberts scored distinctions in Mathematics and Physical Science, and gained an A aggregate.

R.H.

Prefects

Back Row: R. Dixon-Carter, D. McLean, A. Ridl, J. Coventry-Brown, O. Borchardt. *Seated:* A. Shedlock, M. Meehan, Mr. H. J. Commons, A. Phillips (*Head Boy*), Mr. R. E. Burnett, G. Thomson, F. Joles.



Rugby

FIRST XV

The First XV had a season of rather fluctuating fortunes, their performances varying from very good, in matches against Kearsney and Northlands, to extraordinarily poor, in matches played against Mansfield and D.H.S. This was not surprising because of the marked differences in ability between the forwards and the backs. Usually, though not always, the result of any match depended on the ability of the forwards to size up the opposition at an early stage.

The first match of the season was against Glenwood. Few of our supporters gave us much of a chance against a team which had, on an Easter tour, already had an opportunity of developing some understanding and team spirit. The final result was a win for Glenwood by 11 points to 3, but the match was a very interesting one. In the first place, our team showed that, under constant pressure, they were capable of defending in the finest spirit of the game. This was true of the forwards in general and of the loose forwards in particular. Their cover defence was excellent and they set a standard which they were to maintain in all but two of the remaining matches of the season. In the second place, the woeful weakness of the team in the back division was very apparent. With plenty of opportunity for attack—Fletcher won the hooking battle handsomely—it frittered away its chances. This, unfortunately, was to become a feature of the season. Even when Roger May was moved to centre, in an attempt to strengthen the line, his presence merely served to highlight its limitations.

Of the next four matches, all of which we won, the best by far was that against Kearsney. The forwards found their feet quickly and dominated the game with their speed to the loose ball and with their close support. There were weaknesses and the lack of a good line-out forward was particularly felt but, taken all in all, it was a most satisfying game. On only one other occasion was the pack to play in quite the same storming spirit and that was against Northlands, a match which was won by 14 points to 6. It is perhaps significant that of the twenty-three points scored in these two matches, fourteen came from the forwards.

Of the other matches played, the most surprising was against Pinetown and the most exciting, as far as the actual result was concerned, against Ixopo. Pinetown started off at a tremendous pace and in the first ten minutes or so had scored six points. Fortunately for us, they were unable to maintain the pressure and the final score of 16-6 in our favour would have been much higher had the team been able to finish the many promising moves that were initiated by both forwards and backs.

In the Ixopo match the two teams were very evenly matched, and, although the match was no great spectacle as such, it did provide an exciting, ding-dong battle. Minutes from the end, Ixopo was leading by three points when May, in a very determined run, scored far out to level the scores. Joles converted in one of the finest kicks of the season to give the team a narrow win by 16 points to 14.

In a season of fourteen matches, it was almost inevitable that there would be a few in which the marked superiority of the opposition could not be countered. The games against Michaelhouse, Mansfield and D.H.S.

fell into this category and, although we lost each of these matches by a large margin, it is to be hoped that the lessons they provide will stand the members of the team in good stead in their future rugby careers.

Highlights of the season

1 Borchardt's dropped goal against Kearsney.
2 May's break in the D.H.S. match, unfortunately unsupported.
3 Michaelhouse's shove in the set scrums.
4 Joles' last kick of the season against Ixopo.

Our Team Members

BORCHARDT, O. V. Fullback and Centre. Started the season as a fullback of tremendous promise but was injured in the match against Campbell after which he faded noticeably. Later tried at centre, he lacked both penetration and defence.

DIXON-CARTER, R. B. Wing, Centre and Fullback. One of the most intelligent players in the side but his positional play was at times suspect. Too much inclined to do the unexpected. Played several games at fullback where his fielding of the rolling ball excited very favourable comment.

BODILL, C. R. Wing. Very fast. Made several crowd-pleasing runs on the wing but lacked experience and rugby sense. Tackled well at times.

MAY, R. B. Captain. Flank and Centre. (Colours). One of the few "naturals" in the side. An excellent, hardworking flank who was moved to the centre in an attempt to strengthen the back line. Played every match with tremendous spirit. Had a devastating tackle and an eye for an opening which he took with deceptive ease.

SIMONI, K. D. Wing. Improved enormously during the six matches he played for the First. Tackled well and ran hard. It is a great pity that injury kept him out for the greater part of the season.

Roger May ended his school career at Westville — he has attended no other school — by being awarded the coveted Lester Hall Trophy for Good Fellowship. Roger captained the First XV, played consistently for the Second XI, and was a member of the Athletics team. He was awarded Colours for rugby and Half-Colours for Athletics. In 1966 he goes to the Navy Gymnasium.

ALLCOCK, D. W. D. Vice-captain. Centre and flyhalf. As a centre, had an eye for an opening but was often too selfish to have been of much use to the team. Did not live up to his early promise.

ROLLAND, P. C. Scrumhalf and flyhalf. Good scrumhalf with a long pass. As a flyhalf, had a good pair of hands but was slow off the mark. A tendency to go into an opening sideways robbed his attacking game of penetration.

THOMSON, G. S. Support. (Colours). Steady and very dependable. Played in every match over two seasons, a total of 37 games. As a result, became something of a tactician.

FLETCHER, G. C. Hooker (Scroll). One of the finds of the season. Combined steady improvement as a hooker with a terrier-like enjoyment of the open game.

MARTIN, D. C. D. V. Support. One of the keenest members of the side. His rugby was characterised by a constant eagerness to get on with the game.

JOLES, F. C. Flank (Colours). One of the trio of really good loose forwards. He worked hard at everything he did on the rugby field. His defence was very sound and he covered well. One of the best place-kickers we have had for some time. He converted fourteen of the twenty-one tries scored and had eleven penalties to his credit.

KENNAUGH, V. A. J. Lock (Colours). As the most senior member of the side, he was the nucleus around which developed a good pack of forwards. His game was characterised by honest hard work with occasional sorties into enemy territory. These were made with a better understanding of the value of support than in the past.

MCLEAN, D. J. Lock. Did an excellent job in the set scrums and had the makings of a capable line-out forward. Slow for the open game, but on occasions led the forwards in surprisingly well co-ordinated rushes.

GESSNER, B. Flank. Plenty of promise. Very good in defence and always worked hard.

DRIFFILL, J. S. Scrumhalf. Worked hard at improving his game behind the scrum. Inclined to be a bit slow. Developed a very useful pass and tackled extremely well.

RIDL, A. N. Number 8 forward. (Colours). Another of the loose forward trio. His cover defence was

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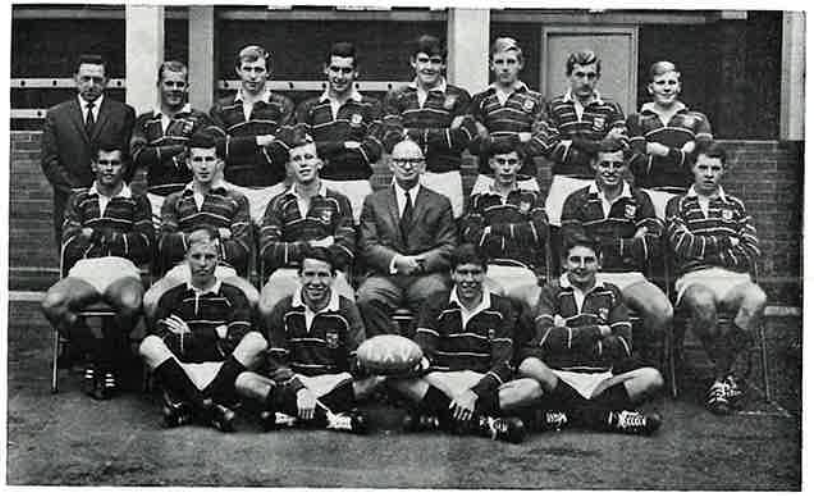
First Rugby

Back Row: Mr. J. G. Perrett, J. Driffill, V. Kennaugh, K. Simoni, D. McLean, A. Ridl, O. Borchardt, D. Martin.
Seated: C. Bodill, B. Gessner, R. May (*captain*), Mr. H. J. Commons, D. Allcock (*vice-captain*), G. Thomson, R. Dixon-Carter.
Front Row: G. Cawood, G. Fletcher, F. Joles, P. Rolland.



nearly always excellent. Real ability to anticipate the opposition's moves as he had no great speed to rely on.

Also played:
B. Donald, M. Lovatt, G. Cawood, M. Granger, C. Leigh, A. Firbank, J. Olden, B. Liddle, A. Shedlock and R. Martin.

Results of Matches

Home

Glenwood	Lost	3—11
Guinea Fowl	Won	21—3
Kearsney	Won	9—0
Campbell	Won	11—3
Michaelhouse	Lost	3—18
St. Henry's	Won	16—0
Northlands	Won	14—6
Pinetown	Won	16—6
Ixopo	Won	16—14

Away

New Forest	Won	15—6
Alexandra	Lost	0—11
Grosvenor	Drew	3—3
Mansfield	Lost	3—22
D.H.S.	Lost	3—33

A.J.G.P.

SECOND XV RUGBY

The Second XV improved steadily as the season progressed and, in general, enjoyed a fairly successful season. They played as a team and the forwards, ably led by Dowse, learnt the value of hunting as a pack. The three-quarter line did not display any flair for penetration but defended soundly.

Team spirit was good and this, coupled with fitness, was often the only factor that kept the often heavier and superior opponents from scoring. In the game against Kearsney, after trailing the opponents for the majority of the game and being reduced to thirteen men, the team did admirably to win 21-3 with a burst of scoring in the dying minutes of the game.

The game against Ixopo proved to be a grand finale to the season. Westville, seemingly affected by the altitude, trailed by 0-16 at half time, but came back in a storming finish to the season to win 23-16.

Match Analysis

P	W	L	D	F	A
12	6	5	1	128	95

Detailed Results

Glenwood	Lost	0—25
New Forest	Won	12—0
Kearsney	Won	21—3
Campbell	Won	12—0
Michaelhouse	Lost	5—10
Alexandra	Lost	6—10
St. Henry's	Won	11—0
Grosvenor	Draw	0—0
Beachwood (1st)	Won	11—0
Northlands	Lost	8—16
D.H.S. (3rd)	Lost	0—9
Ixopo	Won	23—16

D.M.

THIRD AND FOURTH XV RUGBY

As the season progressed, many of the better players were lost to the second XV, so that it was impossible to build up any sort of working combination in either side. As a result, both teams lacked enthusiasm. Although we often lacked specialists to fill the key positions, a number of very useful players emerged. The third XV was ably captained by P. Vermeer and finished the season with a series of good wins against Beachwood, Pinetown and D.H.S. Better handling and more determined defence would have brought more victories. The fourth XV faded badly because of a lack of reserves.

M.H.C.

UNDER 16A RUGBY

The under 16-A had a successful season. They played mobile, enterprising rugby and scored some fine wins. The backs were always willing to run with the ball, while the pack was very effective in the loose and developed into a powerful scrumming-machine.

Wiblin scored some memorable tries through sheer power and pace; Paton was a wily flyhalf and he and Cavanagh developed into an incisive halfback combination. Frow led the team well and was always an inspiration to his team-mates. Milford, Larsen and Heron were sound loose forwards and often turned unconsidered trifles into scoring movements. Although beaten by the strong D.H.S. under 16 side, our boys proved to be stern opposition and used their scrumming-power to good effect.

L.P.Z.

UNDER 15 RUGBY

This section of the pupils had a full and interesting season's rugby. Two teams played regularly and, on one occasion a "C" team also had a match.

The "A" team had a good season, losing only three matches. These were against Michaelhouse, Alexandra and D.H.S. respectively.

The forwards and backs combined well, mainly due to the fine service which Borgen, as scrum-half, provided. Borgen had the happy knack, also, of knowing precisely when an individual break would produce results. Consequently, he scored a number of very fine opportunist tries during the season and was a worthy captain of the side. He was well supported in the fly-half position by Thomas, who played some extraordinarily fine games. Keal, while a little slow for a centre, was a determined runner and a good tackler. Brazil, while making good use of the ball, was too prone to hold on too long, and many good movements broke down as a consequence. Of the wings, Lawrence was always dangerous with very fast and determined running, and Smith showed signs of developing along the right lines. Both boys have adequate speed and weight to do well. Cocks, at fullback, was safe and frequently linked with the three-quarters to good advantage. As a reserve winger and regular B team player, Chaloner was reliable without being spectacular, but found his lack of weight a disadvantage.

The forwards hunted well as a pack, but were frequently outweighed by the opposition. Nevertheless, they scrummaged well and gave Browne, as hooker, every opportunity to rake the ball to his advantage. There were more changes among the forwards, but, of the regulars, Ridl, Emery (who captained the B side until promoted), Nell (vice-captain), Hudson and McMillen played well, and McLean's place-kicking was brilliant at times.

Borgen and Lawrence played for the Durban under-15 team, while Keal was chosen as travelling reserve.

Players during the season were P. Hudson, G. Lawrence, F. Cocks, T. Brazil, D. Chaloner, G. Thomas, B. Borgen, M. Bradshaw, C. Browne, A. Ridl, K. McLean, L. Nell, P. Mann, R. Krohn, C. Keal, J. McMillen, M. Blumenfeld, I. Smith, G. Emery, J. Louw, M. Oosthuis, K. Nason, D. Buckley.

During the season, 13 matches were played, of which ten were won, the team scoring 182 points with 52 being scored against them.

The B team was considerably lighter and did not fare as well, winning six of the twelve matches they played. They scored 105 points, while 165 points were scored against them. After Emery had been promoted, Davidson took over the captaincy, and did very well. The team was keen and always showed spirit but, lacking weight and speed, this enthusiasm did not always suffice to weigh the balance in their favour.

Regular team members were: G. Gower-Jackson, D. Wilson, C. Wootten, J. Roberts, C. Davidson, G. Hamilton, J. Sherratt, M. Vermeer, N. Shanley, M. Goodman, B. Hobson, G. Allison, M. Bennett, J. Robertson, G. Munro, G. Glasson, D. Evans.

The C team's only match, which was against Campbell High School, was lost by 6 points to 12. On this occasion the team was T. Allison, J. Roberts, I. McGregor, G. Munro, C. Davidson, G. Allison, L. Rifkin, M. Mills, M. Bennett, K. Nason, D. Munro, T. Purdon, G. Abendanon, D. Silburn, C. Kilian.

R.H.

UNDER 14A and B RUGBY

This group began the season with great enthusiasm for the game. The first practices were very well attended, but later in the season interest appeared to wane slightly. This, however, had little effect on the teams concerned, both of which played with vigour.

It is difficult to single out individual names, but three players must be mentioned. They are Rogers Browne (flank), Bryan Bradfield (Lock), and Gregory de Wet (Prop), who were chosen to represent the school at the Durban and Districts' Trials.

As so often happens, a few games were lost merely because of the inherent fear of hard tackling. This problem was, to a certain extent, overcome as the season progressed.

The forwards played well together but were let down by the back-lines which dropped many passes and so squandered their chances. Peter Barratt, a sole exception, showed considerable pace and penetration.

Apart from these defects, the teams played with determination and their losses were generally by small margins. Injuries and waning enthusiasm made the selection of strong teams more difficult. Full teams, however, always turned out.

The following boys were regular members of the teams mentioned.

A Team

Rogers Browne (captain), Richard Brown (vice-captain), Gregory de Wet, John Parton, Guy Yelland, Bryan Bradfield, Dereck Burgess, Michael Allan, Trevor Hampton, Neville Sorour, Peter Haines, Peter Barratt, David Wiblin, Kevin Hodgkiss, James Young.

B Team

Kevin Conway (Captain), Roger Finlayson (vice-captain), William Cooper, Helmuth Schumann, Ian Robinson, Warner Bird, John Robertson, Robert Scott, David Bennett, Sean Hammond, Willem Coetzee, Robert Beddy, Desmond Smith, Michael Hodgkiss, David Leverton.

Summary of Results

	P	W	L	D	F	A
A Team	12	7	5	0	167	77
B Team	11	6	5	0	126	66

UNDER 13A RUGBY

This team enjoyed a successful season winning nine of their eleven games and losing only two.

The forwards, well led by Anthony Taylor, were never out-played by any pack, as our speed to the loose ball and tenacious tackling, especially by A. Taylor and D. Brown, wore down all opposition. Play by the tight forwards was usually good, at times perhaps not tight enough, but this was overshadowed by a high standard of loose play in which D. Firbank (hooker), P. Deale (prop) and R. Theunissen (lock) were always prominent. The backs were extremely well led by T. Cocks who developed into a most capable and clever fly-half. Their attack, when they were in full cry, was very good indeed, but defence, in the face of strong attacking opponents, was suspect. Hence, the crushing defeat at the hands of Grosvenor.

Regular members of the team, which should do extremely well in the future, were:
S. Hannocks, P. Snow, T. Dale, K. Wentzel, D. Chaplin, P. Harland, P. Bradshaw, T. Cocks (vice-captain), P. Deale, D. Firbank, B. Kydd, D. Vaughan, R. Theunissen, N. Thompson, D. Browne, A. Taylor (captain), K. Parton and K. Healey.

UNDER 13B RUGBY

As is the misfortune of all B teams, this one had constant changes and consequently somewhat mixed fortunes, winning five games, losing three and drawing one. The team spirit, however, was unflagging and it has, during the season, grasped the rudiments of the game which augers well for next year.

Led by K. Todd, regular members of the team were:
M. Platt, D. Platt, D. Beattie, P. Claxton, D. Schou, B. Cadle, D. Tretheway, G. Brookes, J. Lyon, K. le Reservee, T. Morgan, D. Wilson, M. Ramsay and in the last half of the season, R. Morling and P. Smallbones, who proved to be two most capable acquisitions from the C team.

A.B.B.

UNDER 13C RUGBY

Although matched, for the most part, against far stronger teams from whom they received severe drubbings, this team remained enthusiastic and acquitted itself well. D. Coker and C. Pienaar among the backs, and K. Davis, P. Dixon and D. Scorer in the pack, played with courage and determination. The season came to a triumphant end with a win against Glenwood under 13D in which the "men" who took the field excelled themselves. J. Israelsson was a capable captain while, apart from players already mentioned, W. Webb, R. Dearing, I. McKechnie, P. Blakey, F. McCreedy, E. Woudberg, N. Forrest, C. Osborne, K. Boyd, D. Commons and M. Evans were regular members of the team.

Match Analysis

P	W	D	L
9	3	1	5

M.W.

Athletics

For the first time, the High School Sports Day was held mid-week. It had been washed out on the previous Saturday. A smaller crowd than usual was on hand to watch some good athletics on an extremely heavy track which militated against good times. Three records were broken, viz., 220 yds. Hurdles under 16 by G. P. Cawood in 28.1 secs., Mile Open by A. F. Phillips in 4 min. 44.2 secs. and 880 yds. under 15 by G. N. Thomas in 2 min. 13.6 secs.

In an exciting tussle Cliff House, who had started the day 10 points ahead, hung on to beat Wandsbeck House by 7 points. Final House points were:
Cliff 188: Wandsbeck 181: Carr 157: Swain 129.

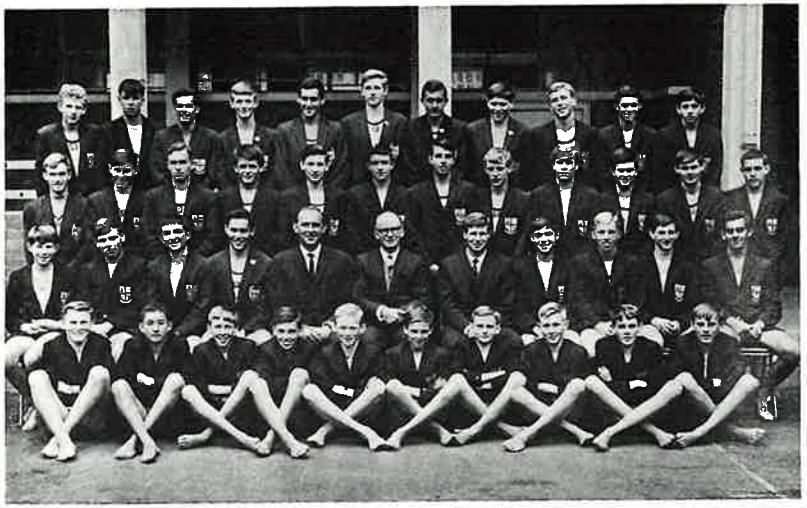
After an address by Mr. D. W. McLean, Mrs. McLean presented the trophies.

Best performance awards were made to:
M. Lovatt and A. F. Phillips in the Open age group;
A. G. V. Phillips in the Under 16 age group;
G. N. Thomas in the Under 15 age group;
R. J. de Marigny in the Under 14 age group.
Victor Ludorum for 1965 was K. D. Simoni.

On the 11th September, we were hosts to the A Group Boys' High Schools in which the top ten Coastal Schools competed. After a thrilling day's athletics. Glenwood pipped Northlands by three points for first place. Westville competitors who shone at this meeting were:

K. D. Simoni—2nd in the Open Discus.

C. R. Bodill—4th in the open 440.



Athletics
Back Row: P. Barratt, J. Robertson, C. Bodill, A. Shedlock, K. Simoni, A. Ridl, O. Borchardt, F. Joles, R. May, G. Gibb, M. Gershanov.
Standing: M. Lovatt, N. McFall, A. Wiblin, C. Keal, R. Cowling, K. McLean, G. Thomas, D. Munro, T. Troye, R. Martin. A. G. Phillips, P. Hudson.
Seated: R. de Marigny, G. Lawrence, T. Brazil, A. F. Phillips (*captain*), Mr. P. C. Kemp, Mr. H. J. Commons, Mr. C. J. Viljoen, R. van der Waal, G. Cawood, R. Millichip, N. Shotland.
Front Row: M. Ward, J. Sherratt, R. Brown, R. Hodgkiss, A. Lax, T. Kemp, R. Finlayson, D. Wiblin, T. Hampton, F. Cocks.

A. G. V. Phillips won both under 16 Sprints.
G. P. Cawood won the under 16 220 yds. Hurdles.
R. F. Millichip won the under 16 Long Jump.
R. Cowling—3rd in the under 16 110 yds. Hurdles.
We were placed fifth in the competition, half a point behind Kearsney.

After the Durban and District Schools' Championships, the following were selected to represent Durban and Districts' Schools in the inter-District competition:
K. D. Simoni, C. R. Bodill, A. G. V. Phillips.

The annual quadrangular relay meeting was held at Northlands this year. Once again Northlands ran out easy winners (56 points) with Grosvenor (40 points) second, Westville (39 points) third and Alexandra (31 points) fourth. We had the distinction of winning all the open relay events.

Awards for 1965 were:

Honours	K. Simoni
Colours	M. Lovatt, A. F. Phillips, C. Bodill
Half-Colours	R. May, A. Shedlock, M. Gershanov

P.C.K.

Cricket

1st CRICKET XI

Upon inspection of match results, it would appear that the School 1st XI has not enjoyed a successful season. It should be appreciated, however, that 1965 has marked Westville's entry into the ranks of the longer-established cricketing schools. These include D.H.S., Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse 1st XI's. The experience derived from these fixtures has been of considerable value to several members of the 1st XI, whose standard of performance has shown great improvement. Yet there has been a tendency to be overawed by the opposition and this has had an inevitable bearing on the result.

In his first season as captain, Alan Phillips showed a progressive maturity and a competent handling of his bowlers. The main weakness once again lay in batting—a refusal by batsmen to use their feet to the spinner and to play down the line of flight. Only Borchardt and Phillips showed any measure of consistency. The bowling, however, has been outstanding and, combined with a fair standard of fielding, it may be said that Westville won its matches in the field rather than at the crease. Of the bowlers, Gessner and Driffill repeatedly returned excellent performances, with useful support from Twine and Borchardt.

This year, Westville forms part of the composite Coastal Schools' side to play in the Offord Cricket Week in December. Of the 13 members, Westville gained 11 players in the side.

The 1st XI will lose at least eight of the present players, but it is hoped that those remaining will sustain the fine team spirit which has characterised the 1965 1st XI.

PHILLIPS, A. (Captain) Colours. An attractive batsman inclined to make injudicious errors on the leg side. Has inspired his side by his keenness and alertness in the field.

BORCHARDT, O. Colours. The outstanding batsman in the side. Has been a most consistent run-getter. A useful off-spinner, but inclined to lack accuracy.

GESSNER, B. Colours. An outstanding left-arm opening bowler who has been the spearhead of the attack. A willing learner who should do well in Offord Week.

ALLCOCK, D. Half-colours. Has ability as a batsman, but tends to be impatient. In his first season as wicket-keeper has been adequate.

DRIFFILL, J. Half-colours. Has maintained consistent form with his left-arm seamers. An unorthodox yet effective batsman.

TWINE, J. Half-colours. Opening batsman who lacks a wide range of strokes. Has proved effective as a change bowler.

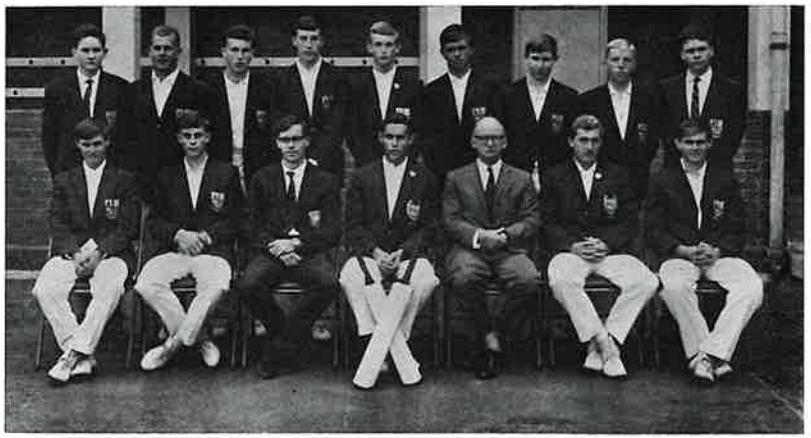
PHILLIPS, A. Opening bowler who lacks maturity. Should improve next year.

MCFALL. N. Fair bat.

CAWOOD, G. Has lacked confidence and, too often, has played across the line of flight. An outstanding fielder.

BORGEN, B. An under 15 player who has shown promise as a batsman. Must learn not to step away from the leg-spinner.

AIREY, B. Commenced the season with promise, but his refusal to leave the crease has resulted in his early dismissal by spin bowling.
Also represented 1st XI: A Shedlock, H. Phillips.



First Cricket XI
Back Row: S. North (*scorer*), J. Driffill, B. Gessner, B. Airey, A. Shedlock, J. Twine, N. McFall, G. Cawood, D. Garbutt (*umpire*).
Seated: H. Phillips, D. Allcock, Mr. R. W. Couzens, A. F. Phillips (*captain*), Mr. H. J. Commons, O. Borchardt, A. G. Phillips.

Results

Alexandra
Westville 177 (A. Phillips 25, Cawood 25).
Alexandra 54 (Borchardt 5 for 15).
Westville won by 123 runs.
Northlands
Westville 53 (Borchardt 20).
Northlands 107 (Gessner 3 for 26).
Northlands won by 4 wkts.
Campbell
Campbell 41 (Borchardt 5 for 13)
Westville 119 for 5 (Borchardt 39, Allcock 33 n.o.)
Westville won by 8 wkts.
Kearsney
Kearsney 107 (Gessner 6 for 25)
Westville 59 (Phillips 27).
Kearsney won by 48 runs.
Maritzburg College
Martizburg College 192 (Twine 4 for 39)
Westville 115 (Borchardt 61)
College won by 77 runs.
St. Henry's
St. Henry's 155 for 8 declared.
Westville 131 (McFall 29 n.o., Borchardt 43)
St. Henry's won by 24 runs.
Mansfield
Westville 119
Mansfield 77 (Borchardt 4 for 27)
Westville won by 42 runs.
Grosvenor
Westville 134 (Phillips 33, Airey 35)
Grosvenor 105 (Twine 5 for 18)
Westville won by 29 runs.
Parktown Boys' High School
Westville 78 (Borchardt 23)
Parktown 118
Parktown won by 6 wkts.
D.H.S.
D.H.S. 207 (Gessner 5 for 52)
Westville 98 (Twine 32)
D.H.S. won by 109 runs.
Michaelhouse
Westville 60
Michaelhouse 155 for 3
Westville 100 for 6 (Borchardt 63 n.o.)
Michaelhouse won by 8 wkts.
Mansfield
Westville 96 (Borchardt 24)
Mansfield 64 (Gessner 7 for 21)
Westville won by 32 runs.

Maritzburg College
Westville 55
College 117 for 7 (Borchardt 4 for 27)
College won by 6 wkts.
Northlands
Westville 107 (Allcock 27)
Northlands 114 for 3)
Northlands won by 7 wkts.

R.W.C.

SECOND XI

Contrary to the usual fortunes of a second XI, this one was not severely weakened by demands from the first team.

Throughout the season, only two players, H. Phillips and B. Airey, were "filched", while we gained the services of A. Shedlock and J. Brown who were originally first XI cricketers.

On the whole, the team was fairly successful in those games which had a result—four were washed out by rain.

Practices were well attended in the first half of the season, but in the latter half only two were held.

The batting was not particularly strong and most batsmen seemed to suffer from lapses in concentration. We relied chiefly on R. May and B. Meehan and on J. Brown and A. Shedlock, on those occasions on which they played.

The bowling, more than anything else, was responsible for our victories. At the beginning of the year, R. Goldfinch, J. Granger and R. May were the stars, but when their form waned in the latter half of the season, H. Phillips became our chief wicket-taker, with V. Braybrooke also deserving mention.

Regular members of the team, coached by Mr. Slabbert, were: B. Meehan (captain), H. Phillips, A. Wiblin, R. Heron, A. Shedlock, R. May, J. Brown, M. Granger, R. Dixon-Carter, J. Granger, B. Donald, V. Braybrooke, R. Goldfinch.

Summary of results

P	W	L	D
9	4	1	4

B.M.

THIRD XI CRICKET

The third XI was a very enthusiastic team ably led by F. Joles. Emphasis was placed on attack, with the result that the boys gave a very good account of themselves during the season. Meritorious victories were gained over a strong Kearsney side and the Beachwood 1st XI. Our side consistently topped the hundred mark and played havoc with the Michaelhouse bowling by scoring 150 runs in 45 minutes.

Joles, Abendanon, Leverton and Moran were often among the runs, while Kirby bowled very accurately. Kennedy proved to be our trump-card and his express deliveries were unplayable at times. This player shows great promise and should do very well next year.

L.P.Z.

UNDER 15A CRICKET

The colts XI failed to fulfil the promise shown in the early games of the season, which had included an innings win over Alexandra High, a creditable draw against Kearsney and a narrow single innings defeat by Maritzburg College. This, could be attributed to the fact that Borgen, a promising all-rounder, was promoted to the First XI and that, because of the wet conditions, the number of practices was limited. F. Cocks led the side competently and showed promise as an all-rounder, while once again diminutive van Renen impressed with his aggressive batting and off-spin bowling. G. Wright, too, showed promise as a wicket-keeper-batsman.

Regular members of the side were: F. Cocks, G. Wright, G. van Renen, P. Hudson, T. Holden, C. Browne, G. Thomas, J. Pollard, D. Coker, C. Keal, L. Nell.

Match Analysis

P	W	L	D
12	3	6	3

UNDER 15B CRICKET

This side enjoyed their cricket and, although they won only two games, they lost 4 of their games by less than 10 runs.

Regular team members were:
K. McLean (captain), C. Davidson, S. Bock, J. McMillen, M. Bradshaw, G. Jones, M. Nicholson, P. Mann, D. Gower-Jackson.

Match Analysis

P	W	L	D
7	2	5	—

D.M.

CRICKET UNDER 14A

The enthusiasm of the team far outweighed its successes on the field. In spite of heavy defeats on occasions, enthusiasm and optimism were never lacking. We were privileged to pit our meagre strength against the might of D.H.S., Michaelhouse and Martizburg College, to mention but a few, but at no stage did this enthusiastic spirit wane.

Regular members of the team were:

HAMPTON, T. An able captain, middle batsman and capable spin bowler.

HAMMOND, S. A keen batsman and promising spin bowler.

LEVERTON, D. A regular opening batsman and occasional very successful "donkey-drop" bowler.

WIBLIN, D. Opening batsman and bowler.

BROWNE, R. Wicket-keeper and capable batsman.

SCOTT, T. Useful with bat and ball.

MIDDLEBROOK, B. Catching is not his strong point.

HANNOCKS, C. Shows capabilities with the bat.

PARTON, J. Greatly improved batsman.

BARRATT, P. Opening pace bowler, showing promise with the bat.

HUTCHINSON T. An import from Zambia fast finding his feet in the team.

UNDER 14B

For the most part the team, captained by Cocks, enjoyed their cricket, doing their best to win but not being dejected in defeat. The attendance at practice was always good.

Webb and de Marigny were the most successful bowlers, while Bennett and Willis made a number of useful contributions with the bat. Cox, Finlayson and Bird are promising cricketers and should do well next year.

Regular team members were:
D. Bennett, W. Bird, B. Bradfield, E. Cox, R. Finlayson, T. Kemp, C. Koenig, R. de Marigny, H. Schumann, B. Webb and L. Willis.

Results were:

P	W	L	D
8	4	3	1

S.A.E.

UNDER 13A CRICKET

This was a team of great potential, but it did not come up to expectations. Much more practice by individuals on their own was needed for this team to develop well. Both batting and bowling were strong, with T. Cocks the most successful batsman and P. Snow the most successful bowler. Cocks is a good all-rounder, bowling a good spinning ball and performing well behind the stumps. When they learn to pitch a consistently accurate ball, P. Deale and W. Webb will become formidable fast bowlers. Apart from players already mentioned, A. Taylor, D. Chaplin, D. Browne, D. Schou, K. Healey, K. Wentzel, S. Hannocks, K. Parton and D. Blom represented the team. These boys were enthusiastic and keen to learn and should become very competent as they mature.

Match Analysis

P	W	L	D
11	3	5	3

A.B.B.

UNDER 13B CRICKET

The team approached the game with great keenness and, consequently, an admirable spirit, through the season. Their somewhat inconsistent results may be attributed, to a certain extent to the fact that, being a B team, they had many changes. However, they learned much and enjoyed the game to the full.

Regular members of the side, well led by J. Israelsson were:
B. Cadle, D. Blom, R. Theunissen, D. Firbank, D. Tretheway, D. Coker, T. Reynolds, P. Harland, D. Cowling, N. Forrest, K. Boyd, M. Evans and D. Vaughan who left the team, on a permanent basis, for the "A".

M.H.C.

UNDER 13C CRICKET

The boys in this team were full of enthusiasm for cricket. It was their unhappy lot to play against A and B teams from other schools. As a result of this arrangement, they were seldom able to taste the delights of victory.

On only two occasions did they play games against C teams and enjoyed victory in one of these. Most of the players maintained a keen interest in cricket and continued to attend practices regularly throughout the season. Those who played regularly for the team were:
C. Pienaar, K. Todd, R. Jonnes, P. Smallbones, P. Bacon, J. Jackson, M. Ramsay, G. Brookes and D. Scorer.

R.M.W.

Tennis, 1965

First Tennis Team
N. Shotland, Mr. A. D. Evens, T. Bamberger, G. Buckle, Mr. H. J. Commons, G. Trollip.

In 1965, three teams were entered in the Durban Lawn Tennis Association Boys' Schools' League. The first team played outstandingly well, to come top of the Second Division, without losing a match. The second team, playing in the Third Division, were only beaten by D.H.S. who won this League. The third team, playing in the fourth League, came third, losing to Glenwood and Northlands.

The first team players were:
G. Buckle (Captain), T. Bamberger, N. Shotland and G. Trollip (vice-captain).

All played consistently throughout the season and colours were awarded to G. Buckle and T. Bamberger. Half-colours went to N. Shotland and G. Trollip.

The second team consisted of:
T. Moran, J. Twine, B. Bamberger and L. Blake. M. Koenig, C. Oxenham, C. Koenig and P. Bird played in the third team.

The tournaments for the year were very successful and there were large entries for all events. The Boys' Senior singles was won by T. Bamberger and the Junior by B. Bamberger. N. McFall and G. Trollip gained the Doubles title.

A friendly match was played between a touring Bulawayo team—Hamilton High School—and our first team plus T. Moran and J. Twine of the second team. We won an enjoyable match by eleven sets to four. The standard of tennis is steadily improving in the school due to the enthusiasm of the boys and the support of the staff.

G.B.

Hockey

At the conclusion of the first season in which we were pitted against other schools, it is possible to assess the future of this new school sport. Discounting the fact that our teams were without experience, it appears that we will seldom be able to meet other schools on anything like equal terms. This is due to the fact that we do not, as other schools do, call on the hockey talent which is available among those boys who play rugby. However, as long as we are aware of this difference in the strength of the sides we meet, there is no reason why the game should not be played with the fullest enjoyment. In fact, there are many who see this as a distinct advantage—playing the game for its own sake, rather than to win. Detractors will, of course, produce the counter-argument that, knowing we cannot win, we have no option but to affect enjoyment!

Whatever the truth may be, I believe that those pupils who have chosen to play this friendliest of games have done so for the right reason. The result has been that they have shown a great increase in skill, have played with enthusiasm and determination and have enjoyed the game. A small group showed a real flair for the game, among them the Captain and centre-half, D. L. Briggs, centre-forward G. M. Gower-Jackson and F. E. Bongers, who played at half. The other regular players in the first team gave them support in proportion to their ability. A fine team spirit prevailed throughout the season.

Other first team players were:
J. Butcher, P. R. Unstead, M. O. Rogers, K. G. Leverton, D. A. Evens, P. S. O. Horwood, A. J. Thomson and W. D. Bailey who was persuaded to keep goal.

Two groups were entered in the league—open and under fifteen sides. Thirty-two boys elected to play in the open division, but we were seldom able to muster more than fourteen for practices—the rest having sidled away very early in the season.

The first played against D.H.S. II,

First Hockey Team
F. Bongers, M. Rogers, P. Horwood, A. Thomson, G. Gower-Jackson, S. Gillbanks. *Seated:* K. Leverton, P. Unstead, Mr. R. A. Warner, D. Briggs (*captain*), Mr. H. J. Commons, J. Butcher, D. Evens.

Campbell, Kearsney, Mansfield, Beachwood and Ixopo. We won the games against Beachwood and Ixopo, were completely outclassed by Kearsney, and the remaining two were fairly evenly contested, although we were beaten.

The under 15's began the season with 42 players but they, too, dwindled to less than half this number. Games were played against Mansfield, Campbell and Beachwood.

I hope that the regular players will do some propaganda for this sport among those who play neither cricket nor rugby. If hockey is to survive in the school, we will need far larger numbers to provide full teams for practices and to offer the coaches a wider choice in the selection of teams.

R.A.W.

Swimming

The clerk of the weather no longer smiles on us. The date originally set for our swimming gala was Friday, 19th February. Inclement weather forced a postponement to the following Monday, and this brief postponement robbed the gala of a great deal of interest as Alasdair Hatfield (Wandsbeck House) was then unable to compete as he was away in Rhodesia with the Natal Currie Cup team. Further, Mr. N. C. Gracie, our Guest-of-Honour, was away with the same team and was unable to return in time. Mrs. Gracie, however, was present to distribute the awards at the end of the gala. We were pleased, too, to have Mr. and Mrs. Horace Finlayson of the Westville Swimming Club as our guests.

The gala itself became a benefit for Swain House. All records broken—eight in all—were broken by Swain House swimmers. All trophies were won by Swain House. Willem Gertenback of Swain House won five events, breaking the existing record in each. Chris. Milford was equally successful in two under sixteen events. The Swain House open relay team broke the record for the 4 x 50 metres Freestyle event.

Trophy winners were as follows:
Best Performances:
Under 13 N. Thomson
Under 14 P. Gertenbach
Under 15 R. van der Waal
Under 16 C. Milford
16 and Over W. Gertenbach
200 metres Freestyle W. Gertenbach
Diving D. Allcock
Relays Swain House
Gala Swain House

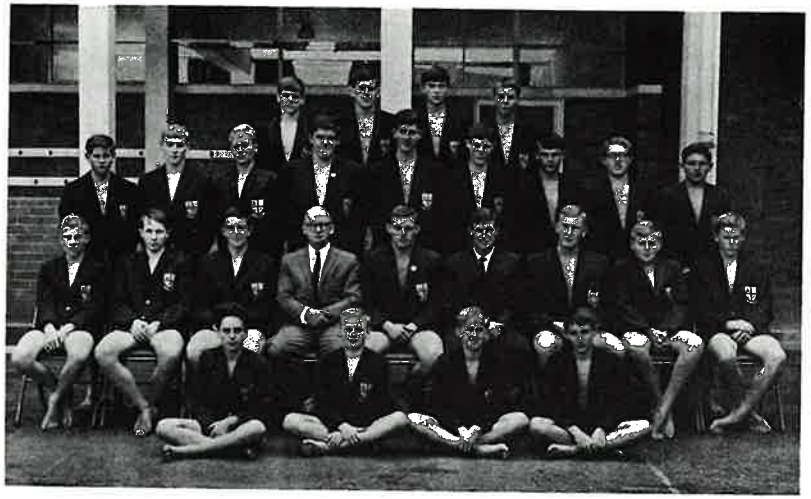
The School team acquitted itself well at the Boys' High School Gala, being narrowly beaten into third place by Kearsney who finished second to Glenwood. Records broken by our team were as follows:
100 metres Freestyle: A. Hatfield
200 metres Freestyle: A. Hatfield
The 2 x U 14 with 2 x U 16
Relay event.
The Open Free-style Relay event.
In the first of these, Alasdair Hatfield recorded the fastest time ever for this distance at the Beach Baths.

A. Hatfield, W. Gertenbach and C. Milford were selected for the Natal Schools' team for the Inter-Provincial Gala, where Hatfield broke the South African Schools' 100 yards Freestyle record.

As a consequence of their performances, A. Hatfield and W. Gertenbach were awarded their swimming honours. C. Milford, who is still under 16, did not qualify for this award but, if he maintains his progress, this distinction cannot be long delayed.

Mention must also be made here of Gordon Thomson, also of Swain House, who has earned distinction in life-saving, and is South African champion in Rescue and Resuscitation. Also, in the South African Championships, Alasdair Hatfield swam third in the 100 metres Freestyle event and has, as already stated, represented Natal Schools and Natal.

Our thanks are extended to the members of the Westville Swimming Club, for their invaluable assistance, and to the Westville Town Board which has always been ready to make the local Bath available for our use. Also, regretfully, we have said goodbye to Mr. Chris. Viljoen who has organised the swimming of the boys in the School for the past several years. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of employment and hope that, one day, he may be able to return to teaching. R.H.



Swimming
Back Row: W. Gertenbach, J. Gar, R. van der Waal, A. Paton.
Standing: D. Allan, C. Milford, P. Larsen, D. McLean, C. Marks, M. Hart, J. Stewart, A. Thomson, P. Rolland.
Seated: N. Thomson, B. Frank, K. McLean, Mr. H. J. Commons, G. Thomson (*captain*), Mr. C. J. Viljoen, A. Hatfield, G. Milford, J. McMillen.
Front Row: N. Summer, R. Finlayson, D. Vaughan, P. Gertenbach.

House reports

Carr House
House Captain A. Shedlock.
Compared with last year, Carr House did not do too well on the Sports field. We felt most deeply the loss of of our girls, the House's strong-point in the past years, and failed to gain any overall victories.

The Swimming Gala at the beginning of the year was taken lightheartedly by all in Carr House and almost all who entered were not accepted swimmers. Thus we came out with few points and could not match up to the skill of the victors—Swain. However, all members of the House warned that we would come into our own on Sports Day.

We had a chance to redeem ourselves in the inter-House Cricket, but failed, coming second to Cliff. Our batting was a case of raised heads and swinging bats, therefore our totals did not amount to much although we had a host of supposed batting talent.

Sports Day arrived with Carr at

the bottom of the list. However, we awaited the track events. Our anticipated revenge was delayed by rain and we had Sports mid-week. Ashley Phillips, Alan Shedlock and young Barratt and Hellyer were those who bore the banner to third place. We failed somewhat here in comparison with expectations, but competition was unusually keen and we lacked all-round strength, being strong in only a few age-groups.

We have five representatives in the 1st XI, namely McFall, Borgen, Cawood, Phillips and Twine the last of whom had a most successful season.

G. Cawood

Cliff House

Captain A. Phillips.

Cliff had a particularly successful year in 1965. The House won the Inter-House Athletic Meeting, the Inter-House Cricket and were runners-up in the Swimming Gala. The climax of the successes was the winning of the Kirby trophy at the annual Athletic Meeting. Good performances in the field events enabled Cliff to be ahead before the day started. Kevin Simoni won the Open Discus and, in doing, broke the existing record. Vaughan Braybrooke ran very well and 'walked away' with the senior Cross-country.

On Sports Day, Alan Phillips won the Open Mile in record time and Mervyn Gershanov won the Open 100 yards against very strong opposition. The athlete of the day was undoubtedly Kevin Simoni who won the Open 440 yards, the Open 880 yards and was third in the Open Mile. Kevin was Victor Ludorum.

In the Junior Section, Michael Clements ran an excellent race to win the Cross-country. Richard Brown won the Under 14 880 yards and Timothy Cocks showed great promise for the future.

Kevin Simoni was awarded his Athletics Honours for being chosen for the Durban & Districts' Athletics' Team. Alan Phillips was awarded colours and Mervyn Gershanov half-colours.

Cliff had three members in the 1st XI; Gessner, who proved to be the main attacking force of the team, Alan Phillips, who was elected captain and awarded colours, and Brian Airey.

The Inter-House Cricket was won mainly due to the excellent bowling of Brian Gessner and Kevin Simoni.

Brian Airey, Brian Gessner and Alan Phillips were selected to play for Coastal Schools.

There were four regular First XV Rugby players in Cliff—Brian Gessner, Freddie Joles, Victor Kennaugh and Duncan McLean.

Freddie Joles and Victor Kennaugh were awarded Rugby Colours for their spirited and outstanding play. Kevin Simoni and Maxwell Granger also represented the 1st XV.

A few days before the Swimming Gala, our position did not look at all bright, but we managed to get a number of our swimmers into the finals. Our only swimmers to win their events were Jackie McMillen and Darryl Vaughan. We managed to fill more than our share of minor placings and finished runners-up to the exceedingly strong Swain Team.

A. F. Phillips

Swain House

Captain G. S. Thomson.

Vice-Captain P. Rolland.

This year was, for Swain House, a year of both success and failure. Our successes were negligible when one considers our failures. Let us start by recalling our few successes.

Swain House had undoubtedly the strongest swimming team in the school. This was shown by the fact that Swain House won every available trophy.

(Details appear in the Swimming Report).

Cricket was one of our downfalls. Although we had D. Allcock and J. Driffill in the first XI, we received severe thrashings in the Inter-House Cricket matches. However, both our first XI representatives were awarded half-colours for cricket—this was some salve for our many wounds.

Rugby was one of our strong points. J. Driffill, G. Thomson, G. Fletcher, P. Rolland and D. Allcock were regular players in the first XV, and M. Lovatt and A. Firbank also played a few games. D. Allcock was appointed vice-captain of the first XV, G. Thomson was awarded full colours, and G. Fletcher half-colours for rugby.

The less said about Athletics, the better! This was not our forte. However, the story of Swain's athletics was not all bad—every cloud has a silver lining! M. Lovatt and C. Bodill were awarded full-colours for Athletics, and the former broke the long-established school record for the Boys' Open High Jump, for which performance, he was awarded the McLean Cup for the best performance. Unfortunately, little or no enthusiasm was shown in field events. This was particularly true of the juniors.

On behalf of the House Committee, I should like to thank those pupils who showed a great deal of enthusiasm towards the well-being of the House, particularly Mr. Hurworth, who was the driving force behind the House.

D. Allcock

Wandsbeck House

House Captains A. Ridl, A. Hatfield.

This year's Sports Day provided keen competition for all Houses. As a result of the departure of the girls, House placings became topsy-turvy. Luckily this proved to Wandsbeck's advantage, and in close rivalry with the leader, Cliff, we secured second place, 7 points behind the winner. This marked a change in Wandsbeck's history as, in past years, it had been customary for Wandsbeck to hold third position. Our competitors must, therefore, be complimented on their fine performances.

In our Under 16 group, Millichip excelled himself by winning the 440 and gaining second place in the 220 events. Special mention should also go to de Marigny who won the mile and came second in the 880

Our under 15 group also was successful. Lawrence dominated the sprint events, closely supported by Brazil. Thomas must also be mentioned for his win in the 880.

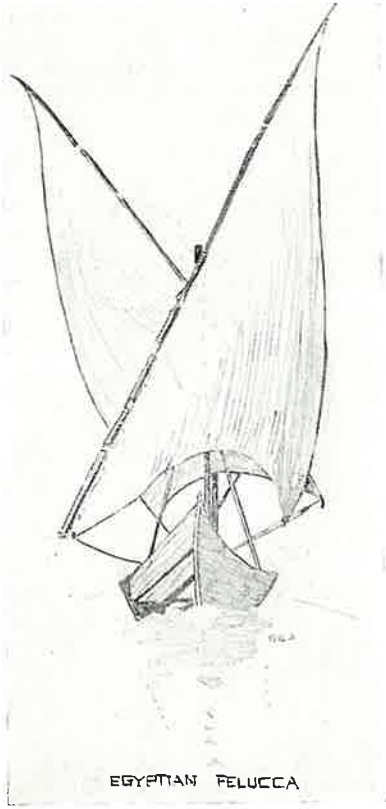
We were indeed unfortunate in that at the annual swimming Gala, Hatfield, our star swimmer, was absent at the South African trials. Hatfield was unsuccessful at these trials but gained the honour of representing Natal. Our team at the Gala, therefore, lacked talent, with the result that we had to be satisfied with third position.

In the House Cricket matches, we secured our customary third place once more. This was partly due to the fact that we had only one Wandsbeck member in the first Cricket team—Owen Borchardt—who was considered one of the better, if not the best, batsmen in the school. He was, however, ably assisted by a number of members of the second XI.

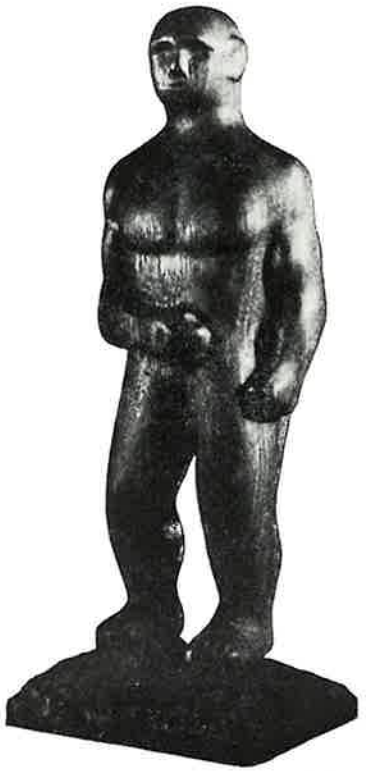
As far as Rugby was concerned, suffice it to say that we provided four members of the first XV. These were A. Ridl, O. Borchardt, R. Dixon-Carter and R. May.

The fact that Wandsbeck is on the up-grade is something that cannot be disputed in the School. We have a number of promising juniors on the sports field and, as far as swimming is concerned, we hope, with the assistance of Hatfield, to produce better results.

R. Heron, VA



G. Sharp



C. Pallent

Art in the School, 1965

A. Paton

A. Parr

R. Allison

P. Rudder

P. Costello

G. Sharp

A. Paton

Dramatic Society

"St. Joan"

After the burning of St. Joan, her defender, Ladvenu, says: "This is not the end for her, but the beginning". As producer, I would have felt successful if, at the end of the play, the audience thought the same about Joan. For, if the actors make sense of Shaw's words, one's imagination should be captured by the spirit of Joan, by her courageous, honest response to her own inner convictions.

Joan's story is a sensational one; heavenly voices, spectacular victories, miraculous escapes from injury, condemnation and death as a witch. Such a parade of sensational events could only too easily obscure Joan as a person. Shaw's play, however, seems to be deliberately constructed to prevent this from happening. During the production, I came to doubt more and more that the real Joan was like his Joan: yet, so great is the force of the character Shaw confronts us with, that I found myself startled into an encounter with a human being, not merely a figure from history. I only hope that many of the cast and audience shared this discovery with me.

The scene in which I first "encountered" Joan was in the Cathedral where, proud and intense as ever, she speaks of her sense of utter loneliness. Here too, I think, Dorian Aiken was most convincing; the meanness and pettiness of the other characters grew in proportion to her splendid detachment. The role was a terribly demanding one for a girl of Dorian's age, especially in the trial scene, where anger must not appear to be venomous, nor challenging denials ever self-righteous. Dorian, undeterred by the difficulties involved, gave a vital and moving performance. Her lively sense of drama helped a good deal to inspire the other leading characters.

Roger Bonfa was every inch the Bishop of Beauvais in his tone and mannerisms. His interpretation was outstanding, showing a highly intelligent grasp of Shaw's level of thought. Cedric Petit stole the comic side of the play, as the Dauphin. It was fascinating to watch the interplay of fear, spite and jealousy on his very expressive face. Clarkson successfully blended together the Inquisitor's artificial air of benevolence and icy ruthlessness. Amazing concentration on moment-by-moment reaction was shown by Stephen Pillinger, though at times this proved somewhat distracting. Nathan Lunn, as De Baudricourt, made a very credible bully, trying to hide weakness and indecision under a flimsy guise of violent temper. David Cline relished his role as the impetuous, vitriolic D'Estivet, though occasionally he made his acting rather melodramatic. Brown, as the egoistic Archbishop of Rheims, and McLean, his arrogant ally, Mgr. de la Tremouille, acted competently when they finally suppressed the fervent desire to giggle, that often overcame them at rehearsals. Sincere performances were given by the two monks, Ladvenu and De Courcelles, played by Theunissen and Milford. Barry Meehan, as Dunois, and Thompsett as the Earl of Warwick, though potentially very good, did not quite come up to expectations. Lyndele Honeysett made the most of her small part as the Duchess de la Tremouille. She seemed to have stepped right out of the pages of history.

Christopher O'Keeffe as Gilles de Rais was suitably suave and affected. Cowering beneath the onslaught of Lunn's wrath, Ian Bell made a con-

vincingly pathetic and amusing servant. Neil McFall as de Poulengey and Anthony Ridl as Captain la Hire acquitted themselves well in their first appearance "on the boards". The courtiers, monks and soldiers enjoyed taking part in the play, even if, at times, they seemed more modern than mediaeval.

Messrs. Evens and Warner worked very hard, with the aid of only a few boys, to produce the stylised, all-purpose set. Mr. Warner was once again a highly competent stage-manager, helped by a very dependable crew. Mrs. Udal, who was responsible for the decor, deserves special praise for her exquisite stained-glass window. Many hours were spent by Mrs. Stockil and Mrs. Ryan altering and fitting costumes provided by the Natal Schools' Theatre Organisation, besides making a number of additional ones. The most harrowing job of all was done by Mr. Mayo who, as properties man, had to provide the miracle of the wind's change of direction at just the right moment. The very attractive costume pictures and life-size cut-out of St. Joan displayed in the foyer, were the handiwork of Miss Hulme. Prompting was done by a relay of pupils. Ladies from both schools, assisted by pupils of the Girls' High School, handled the make-up department. Our old friend, Mr. Ray Walsh, lent his services putting up two very necessary extra panels of lights and giving advice to a team of four very keen senior pupils working in the projection room. Mr. Wyllie, the business manager, had the unenviable task of trying to fill a very large hall on three successive nights, and succeeded admirably in doing this.

I was indeed fortunate to have so many willing and enthusiastic helpers supporting me in a venture of such proportions. Though I breathed a mighty sigh of relief when the production was over, it was accompanied by a feeling of great pride and satisfaction.

J.A.K.

King Henry IV, Part I

In the latter half of the year the Fifth Form staged a production of Shakespeare's Henry IV, Part I. The players appeared to have a sound understanding of Shakespeare's language and succeeded in conveying this understanding to the audience.

Interest among the actors was at first tremendous, then waned desperately, but finally righted itself as the evening of the performance approached. Mark Chesters took to the part of Falstaff like a duck to water—even on the night of the performance all those backstage could scarcely contain themselves at the sight of his realistic interpretation, although they had seen him do it many times before.

Nathan Lunn (Hotspur) acted with boldness and vigour, and the part enabled him to make excellent use of his clear, full voice.

Ross Heron (King Henry) also gave a very convincing performance and he managed to affect the royal attitude extremely well indeed.

Robert Goldfinch (Prince Hal) succeeded in his difficult task of portraying the two sides of Hal's character and his lankiness, when opposed to Falstaff's stoutness, greatly added to the humour of the tavern scenes.

Carol Ezekowitz gave a mature portrayal of Hotspur's wife, while Dorian Aiken, previously seen as Joan of Arc, showed her versatility in the role of Mistress Quickly. The minor characters also helped to keep up a high standard of acting.

All backstage work, assembling of the set, and lighting, was attended to by form members and, apart from an occasion when the stage lights were switched on just in time to see the departure of a dead body, there was little trouble in this direction.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Thomson who regularly attended rehearsals to watch the progress of the cast, and also helped to do make-up, together with Miss von Maltitz and Miss Hulme. Mrs. Udal and Miss Hulme devoted much time and energy to producing eight excellent sets at rather short notice.

Last, but definitely not least, we come to the producer himself. Nathan Lunn did his job extraordinarily well, especially since he himself was playing a leading role. His control and inspiration at rehearsals were astonishing. Many members of staff regarded the attempt as unduly ambitious, but Lunn's achievement gave them cause for admiration. It is to be hoped that next year's Form V will surprise the school just as much by their production.

M.C.

A scene from King Henry IV.

Friday Society

The activities this year were chiefly concerned with attempting to encourage attendance at various N.A.P.A.C. productions. But for the efforts of the chairman, David Garbutt, and the secretary, Bruce Pearson, to keep the Society going, there is little doubt that it would not have survived. It is deplorable that so few pupils in a school of this size avail themselves of the cultural activities N.A.P.A.C. has offered us.

Two films "Oliver Twist" and "Great Expectations" shown in the school hall were well attended.

A.W.T.

Students' Christian Association

Meetings were held throughout the year, usually on Tuesdays, during the lunch break. Attendances were on the whole disappointingly small, averaging about fifteen at the normal meetings.

The theme we tried to follow this year was "Practical Christianity". Speakers drawn from various careers gave interesting talks on whether Christianity was practical in their respective jobs.

During the third and fourth terms three "Fact and Faith" films were shown and these were well supported.

One of the highlights of the year was an S.C.A. rally organised by the D.H.S. S.C.A. and a party from our school spent a very profitable evening there. Another was the all-day outing arranged in conjunction with the Girls' School S.C.A. An enjoyable day was spent near Salt Rock.

Though the S.C.A. has largely run its own affairs, we would like to thank Miss Hulme for her support and encouragement.

K. Leverton

Debating Society

The Debating Society this year functioned on extremely shaky foundations. The reason for this is immediately obvious. To get people to debate was about as difficult as to get Mount Everest to do press-ups! The entire school seemed to regard debating as some particularly subtle form of punishment. This was evident when I asked a certain third-former to debate. "What have I done?" he asked in righteous indignation. The prefects all complain that they have too much responsibility already, which is a fabrication; the seniors threaten me with physical violence, which is unethical; the juniors obey with such evident reluctance that I feel quite a tyrant. For this reason, Brazil, Barnes and I invariably featured in every debate, both internal and inter-school.

This attitude seemed to apply to the audiences as well, with the result that they consisted largely of somewhat indifferent chairs and the debating teams themselves, who could not very well be elsewhere. I consider that the members of the School are missing something interesting by failing to support their team. It is a matter of shame to me that, although our debates against other schools were all held at home, there were always more supporters for the opponents than for ourselves.

I wish to make it clear that the business of the Debating Society is not so much to uphold Westville's name by consistently placing good teams in competition against other schools, as to introduce as many people as possible to debating and to train them in the art. Therefore, although we won two out of three inter-school debates, I consider that the Debating Society has not been successful this year.

Brazil showed himself to be a most convincing speaker, able to utter complete fiction with a conviction and sincerity that completely hoodwinked our opponents. His innocent and seemingly unpolished presentation made hard-bitten judges gullible and he became a great audience favourite.

Barnes was his complete opposite. Quiet and firm in his statements, and coldly logical, his only fault was that he lacked fire. Both were eminently reliable speakers. Barnes made an excellent first speaker, giving our team a solid backing of fact. Brazil, following him, appealed, like Rousseau, rather to people's hearts than their heads. I summed up and was extremely happy in this position, as destructive criticism is my strong point.

We were successful against Westville Girls' High and a particularly strong Pinetown High School team, but in New Forest High we met our Waterloo. Our opponents, seasoned veterans, beat us very narrowly as can be seen from the fact that the judges took well over half-an-hour to decide on the outcome.

I look forward to more interest in the Debating Society next year and I hope all parts of the School will be prepared to try debating at least once.

Natahan Lunn, Form VA

(Sandy Barnes represented the School at the Jan Hofmeyr Speech contest.

Nathan Lunn was awarded the best speaker's prize in the debate against New Forest High School.

Ed.)

The first national youth week

4th-8th October, 1965, Pretoria

Peter-John van Zijl and I had the honour to be two of the eighty school pupils chosen from South Africa to attend. The "week" was aimed at showing selected pupils how science is used in industry. In this purpose it succeeded admirably.

Our return fares to Pretoria, and incidental expenses, were paid by the organizers who even flew in two delegates from South-West Africa. The boys were housed at the Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool and the girls with various families.

The first day at Pretoria was spent at the research laboratories of the C.S.I.R. and that evening we were taken to the Radcliffe Observatory where we were shown round by two astronomers. During the next few days we visited the Geological Survey Department, where the Prime Minister's son works, the S.A.B.S., the A.E. & C.I. factory at Modderfontein and Jan Smuts Airport.

Perhaps the most interesting lecture we attended was given at the Transvaal Museum where we heard all about the myriad of wildlife that lives in the Namib Desert. Birds live there that sit on their eggs to keep them cool and transport water to their young by trapping it under their breast feathers. There are birds that have never been seen to drink, springbok that have not had access to open water for over five years and beetles that have abnormally long legs to enable them to keep their bodies off the burning sand. This lecture was made even more interesting by the lecturer who was so excited about his subject that he managed to instil in his audience the same enthusiasm, a quality so rarely found in lecturers.

If anyone goes to Johannesburg, a visit to the Planetarium is a "must". To see the heavens unfolding before one is fascinating and awe-inspiring. Another impressive sight is the research laboratory of Iscor which must extend over acres.

Altogether, the "week" was an unqualified success due mainly to everyone participating in the many activities.

Anyone who is an above average science student would be well advised to write the examination and try to obtain the percentage necessary to qualify. The experience is one that should not be missed.

Roger Bonfa, VI A

Upon Westminster Bridge

Non aliquid terrae quo monstret pulchrius erit
qui asqectum animae tardus praeterire potest
maiestate in sua tam incendentem semper est.
Urbs vesti gestat mane formam similemque;
Nuda, silens, aedes et templa theatra patescit
Naves et turres ad caelum atque prataque toti
Et candentes in fumo sine aethera clari
Nunquam pulchrius eius in locupletabat Phoebum
Splendore primo vallem tumulum sive saxum;
Nunquam sensi tam altam vidi tranquillitatem,
Sua iucundo sponte flumen labiturque:
Dormire videtur domus ipsae Deus Care;
Ingens omne immotumque illud potens pecus erit.

from William Wordsworth, translated by Mark Chester, V A

Veld and vlei adventure school report

I, with twenty other boys from Natal, left by train on Christmas Day for Sedgefield in the Cape, travelling through the Karoo, an experience new to many of us.

On arrival at Sedgefield station we walked to the camp site. We were promptly divided into patrols of twelve members each, with an instructor in charge of each patrol. Our first task was that of pitching tents and aiding in construction of parts of the assault and circuit training courses. In the area surrounding the camp are twenty-five square miles of water, with a large hill in the background.

The main object of the course is to train young people how to survive under difficult conditions. Other objects are to learn to work with others and eventually to work as a team.

The course takes three weeks, during which one undergoes training for expeditions which mark the end of the course. Naturally, concentration is on those aspects which in all ways prepare for the completion of the course and the strenuous expeditions.

Physical fitness is by no means the only preparation which is made; it is one among others, where a sound knowledge of map reading, life saving, mountaineering, camping and sailing is essential. To teach these things, the day is divided into eight training periods.

At six o'clock the whole camp starts off on an early run of about two and a half miles. On arrival back at the camp everybody does P.T. exercises and, after that, all have to take a swim in the lake.

After breakfast, camp inspection and a flag-breaking parade, the periods start.

One is taken out and taught how to read a map, use a compass and orientate a map by picking out landmarks. A sound knowledge of mapping is essential for, without this, one can easily get lost.

On the physical fitness side, the assault course is important. This consists of a series of obstacles which have to be crossed and here the emphasis is on teamwork. One must swing over three parallel bars and carry a forty-four gallon drum across them. After this, there is a twenty foot wooden wall to be scaled and the drum to be carried over it. There follows a dusty underground tunnel about thirty yards long. Then one climbs a rope net and reaches two ropes strung between two trees over a space of about thirty yards. After crossing the ropes, one proceeds down a "wiffy" slide, then through a series of tyres strung from an overhead beam. One has to go through the tyres without touching the ground; then a small drum has to be passed through the tyre from person to person. After this one dives off a pier and, underwater, has to pass through a tyre. The whole procedure is timed from beginning to end to see which patrol returns the best time.

Campcraft is another interesting aspect; here one is taught to lay out a camp and to set it up as fast as possible. One has to take into consideration the weather, direction of the wind and, if possible, find a sheltered site before setting up camp.

In sailing, one is taught to handle a canoe with split-second timing, also to know a little about yachting and how to handle a lifesaving boat. These are all important as a considerable part of the expedition takes place on the water.

As most of the expeditions are over mountainous regions, we learnt a great deal about mountaineering technique.

The circuit course involves physical training and it consists of ten different exercises. Each exercise is done as many times as possible in one minute. They include push-ups, pull-ups, pushing weights, climbing a rope, sprints and others.

The first expeditions are short, one of fifteen miles and a slightly longer one of forty miles over two days.

To finish off the course there is a sixty mile expedition known as the "Huge Crawl". This expedition takes one over very mountainous country, climbing some of the highest peaks in the region. During all expeditions full pack is carried, this weighing thirty to forty pounds.

After the final expeditions, a prize-giving evening was held where certificates were awarded. Later, reports were posted to us.

F. Joles, VI D

Red

Red . . .
Flaming, bright, aggresive.
The colour for mad bulls — and eye-catching poinsettias.
The burning centre of a peaceful sunset.
The gay wildness of a fairground
Unrelenting, unmistakeable . . .
Red.
Red . . .
— Sweat, grime and curses
Guns, large and small, booming and cracking . . .
The rumble of tanks, the roar of the 'planes,
Smoke and dust, heat and noise
And a lurid glow of the departing light
. . . and a young soldier, abandoned,
Sobbing as he dies;
And all around
Invisible drops
Are wrung from each heart;
— Red drops.
Red drops . . .
Unhappiness —
Misery, — torture, — despair?
Red drops in the Garden — some beautiful flower?
. . . or trembling Hands and a bleeding Heart.
Red stands . . .
For torment, and blood, and war
Yet . . .
For a lofty Hope as well!
For the greatest Sacrifice of all . . .
On a lonely Cross.

S. Pillinger, VI A

A storm at sea

The yacht "Sea Witch" rolled sluggishly in the lengthening swell of the Caribbean Sea. From my position in the wheel-house, I surveyed the horizon which was, by that time, becoming indistinct due to the threatening dusk. As I was apprehensive of the seaworthiness of my vessel, I searched for any perceptible sign indicating a change in the weather.

The barometer was falling rapidly and the freshening wind was tearing the froth from the tops of the marching wavelets to send the spray stinging against the superstructure.

Just as I was about to go below, I glanced perfunctorily at the ocean and, in that fleeting moment, discerned a grey, indefinite column on the far horizon. A terrible word, the dread of all mariners, raced through my mind — Tornado! Grabbing my binoculars, I confirmed my worst fears as I watched the twisting, writhing storm, surmounted by a funnel-shaped cloud, drawing steadily nearer.

Chased on by an indescribable fear, the three crewmen and I lashed to the deck any gear which was in danger of breaking loose. By now, gigantic waves were crashing relentlessly against the hull, causing the boat to tremble from stem to stern, as if the ocean was pitting all its forces against us in an effort to destroy us completely. But worse was to follow! With overwhelming horror, we watched the tornado bearing down upon us. We were unable to do anything to ease our plight. Then, the tornado struck.

What happened after that remains only as a vague memory. The vessel seemed to be lifted bodily out of the water with a horrible sucking sound and flung on its side. When I recovered my senses, I was clinging to the deck, the boiling cauldron beneath me rising at intervals as if to snatch me from my precarious perch and drag me into that seething maelstrom.

Almost as swiftly as it had come, the storm passed. The murky grey sky began to clear; the recently hostile sea now seemed strangely docile. In the lull, I was able to get at our inflatable life-raft and launch it. Seeing no sign of the crew,I concluded that they must have drowned. I rowed away from the sinking vessel as fast as possible to avoid being dragged into the depths. I settled down to my solitary vigil, sending out distress signals on the hand-transmitter at short intervals.

I was indeed fortunate to be found on the second day and picked up by a helicopter. The nerve-wracking horror of the previous days gradually faded . . .

H. Schumann, III A

Leadership course

During the Easter holidays, Nathan Lunn and I were chosen from the School to participate in a Leadership Course.

It was a strange transposition. A few hours after being in a comfortable hotel lounge, we were making camp in a clearing on Mr. Garland's farm "Twin Streams", near Mtunzini. "We" were Abrie Byleveld, Graham Thomson, "Coz" Williams, Nathan Lunn and myself.

The first night was largely uneventful, except for Lunn's getting up to consume part of his store of condensed milk. There was a brief silence apart from eerie gurgling sounds, and then a roar of fury split the night. The milk was swarming with ants and Lunn had partaken of several of them!

The next two days of soft living at the farm passed happily — like a lull before the storm. We were taken around the farm by Mr. Garland, who pointed out many facts of natural history. On the second day we paid a visit to Eshowe, where we met the Town Clerk and three girls, separately, and were tempted to play "Tarzan" on the creepers of a nearby indigenous forest.

We had competition at the camp-site from many nests of black and biting ants, and we had to establish our rights of possession by conquest. I lassoed a tree-branch which had a nest at the end of it, Abrie pulled it lower down, and with Graham and "Coz" assisting, Lunn stood on a neighbouring stump and held at arm's length an Aerosol, with which he sprayed the domicile of the offending insects. They took a poor view of this and a few dozen soldiers descended on to his back and exacted a fearful revenge before they could be removed.

The following day Mr. Garland drove us to the Umfolozi Game Reserve where we met Ranger Hugh Dent, a spare, wiry man who was to guide us through it.

Here, too, I had my misfortune with the condensed milk. I had been falsely informed by some well-meaning moron that wax placed over the holes in the tin would effectively seal it. When I put my rucksack down it positively squelched and all the ants within a two-mile radius perked up their ears and licked their lips as the condensed milk oozed from it. For several days and nights thereafter I was an ant-Mecca, and only managed to beat off their attacking hordes by considerable exertion.

With a last defiant squelch, we hit the rhino trail. Rhino, I should think, are even worse road-makers than the local Council, and take little care to avoid even large obstacles.

Within a few hours, we met our first rhino — a family of three. At this stage we learned Mr. Dent's philosophy of life. "Would you shoot a rhino goring someone?" Graham asked. "Of course not", Mr. Dent replied, "There are too many people and too few rhino. If you can't climb a tree, you haven't much chance."

Each of the four days in the Reserve was completely different. On one we walked through the only rain the Reserve had had for many months, while on the next we had to walk for approximately eight hours without any water.

During 1965, the Reserve had its worst drought of the century and, on occasions, we had to dig a few feet into the river sand to obtain water. It was distinctly muddy in appearance but tasted all right. Despite these handicaps, we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

Finally, we had to leave the Reserve and we were driven to Lake St. Lucia. We passed through Mtubatuba where the local yokel, attempting to impress us with his ancient buzz-bike, drove past seven times on his phlegmatic and panting vehicle. After an afternoon of rowing on the lake, we partook of a meal of fish which we had caught and, during the night, narrowly avoided being tramped on by a hippopotamus which apparently digested his nocturnal meal while roaming around.

The next morning we were taken to the seashore, shown in which direction Mtunzini lay and politely told that we were expected at Richard's Bay, about ten miles from Mtunzini, by two p.m. the following day.

We decided to cover as much of the thirty-eight miles as we could on that day. After about five hours of walking, we were rather short of fresh water. We inquired from a Native who happened by and managed to find a rather grimy waterhole. The water we obtained contained a few pieces of rotting seaweed and a dead locust, but when boiled it made fairly decent coffee, despite the weird taste.

One might consider this walk boring, but we did not find it so. There was more than enough time to devise occupations that would require little exertion and, before nightfall, we were fouling the clean air with bawdy self-composed ballads.

By one o'clock (soon after midnight) we were too tired to continue, and therefore found a spot where we slept. The following morning, after only fifteen minutes walking, we reached Richard's Bay, extremely footsore, but something like seven hours within our limit. From Richard's Bay, we were driven to Mtunzini where we spent the last two days.

Here we found a new source of entertainment, a shallow river and a broken boat with its many holes inefficiently plugged up. Our little game took the following course. We would push the boat out as far as we could and try to jump in without overturning it. The bottom of the river, however, was covered with rotting leaves from overhanging branches, and if one was unlucky enough to lose one's balance, one's foot was covered by six inches of slimy muck, and one was enveloped in a stinking cloud of gas which appeared to consist mainly of hydrogen sulphide, but with carbon bisulphide, putrescene, cadaverene and cacodyl dioxide added in judicious measures. This, however, did not detract much from our fun as we were becoming quite used to such irritating setbacks.

In this manner we occupied the last few days of a holiday that taught us much and, when we returned to Durban, our only complaint was that the holiday had been too short.

A. J. Wiblin, V A

Toe ek 'n donker nag in 'n grot moes oornag

„Baas, baas — luister 'seblief na my! moenie daarheen gaan nie — moenie! Daardie streek is vol groot towery: u sal nie terugkom nie!"

Dit het lank geduur voordat ek die ou naturellegids kon dwing om hierdie „towery" te verklaar, maar eindelik het hy verskrik gefluister.

„Die grot, Baas — die Duiwel se grot! As hy iemand daarin kan lok . . . is hy nooit dieselfde mens wanneer hy uitkom nie — hy is 'n kranksinnige, deur Satan betower!"

Ag wat, as ek bokke in ' sekere plek wil jag, dan jag ek hulle daar! Geen naturel wou my vergesel nie, maar ek was nie bang om alleen te gaan nie . . . of was ek? Ek sal maar alles vertel.

Op die tweede dag het 'n vreeslike storm in die namiddag begin woed, en ek moes haastig skuiling soek. In 'n groot beboste rotsmuur was die swart mond van 'n grot net sigbaar bo die wag-'n-bietjie bos, en daarin het ek gespring om uit die swaar reën te kom. Die duiwel het my ingelok.

Dit het gou donker geword, en daar was natuurlik geen maan nie weens die donderstorm. In die grot was alles pikswart, en ek moes my flitslig aanskakel om 'n slaapplek te vind; maar ek het meer as slaapplek gevind — ek het ook twee sneeuwit menslike geraamtes gevind. Die duiwel se slagoffers?

Wel, ek is ' jagter; en jagters word nie gou bang nie. Hierdie gesig het my natuurlik baie onstel, maar ek was vasberade om hierin te slaap, duiwel of geen duiwel nie! Dus het ek maar gaan lê, vergete, langs my twee oorlede voorgangers. Skielik was my oë wawydoop. Iemand het gelag — ja, die geluid was nog hoorbaar in die groot grot! Daar kom dit weer . . . ek het gesidder — dit was so 'n boosaardige gekekkel as wat julle nog nooit gehoor het nie. Toe het ek probeer beweeg.

Ek kon nie.

Ek het weer probeer — weer het ek maar stilgelê, my bene en spiek loodswaar, asof ek nog aan die slaap was, en hulle het geen boodskap van my brein ontvang nie. Eindelik moes ek opgee en verskrik in die duisternis lê — en wag.

Waarvoor ek gewag het, wis ek nie, maar ek was seker dat iets boos aan die gang was . . . toe het dit begin.

Drup, drup, drup — water op my voorkop. 'n Kraak miskien in die rotsplafon bo . . . maar alles was doodstil — ek kon geen reën hoor nie, net veerdrukkende stilte.

Drup, drup, drup. Nou weet ek miskien hoe daardie ander twee doodgegaan het. Ek — in 'n grot — deur waterdruppels doodgemaak? Dis nie moontlik nie! Die nie . . .

Drup, drup, drup. Nie dood word nie, maar mal? Is dit moontlik?

Drup, drup, drup. Oneindige, kwellende druppels . . . Halt! Ek verhoed dit! Jy sal my 'n kranksinnige maak, Satan! Ek voel dit alreeds.

Drup, drup, drup. Vader, vergewe my . . . wees genadig met my . . . waarom het ek dit verdien?

Drup, drup, drup. Vader, help my! Enigiets, Vader, enigiets behalwe hierdie stadige water-druppels . . .

Drup, drup, drup. Genadeloos gaan hulle aan . . . ek kan nie roer nie — Help my! Help my . . . help my . . . help . . .

Die son het helder en warm buite geskyn. Alles was skoon en blink na die reën. Soos een van daardie geraamtes het ek uit die grot gekom en in die warm gras neergeval.

Ja, dit was net 'n kraak in die rotsplafon waardeur reënwater stadig gelek het; my drome het die res bygevoeg. Maar die duiwel het my ingelok — van die tyd toe ek uitgekom het, was ek nooit weer dieselfde nie; my hare is sneeuwit . . .

S. Pillinger, VI A

A forest fire

Stretched out below me was an undulating coniferous forest. The sun was casting its last golden-red rays over the tops of the hills. Yet a more spectacular sight awaited me. It was a pall of thick, black smoke advancing slowly towards me. The air was still; all the insects seemed to be quiet; they were all watching, waiting.

Then, suddenly, I saw it! Huge orange flashes springing hungrily up. The air suddenly became alive with an electric tension. Forest fire! The monster that was able to ruin thousands of acres of vegetation that some poor soul had spent years trying to cultivate! And now it was to be destroyed like ants being trampled underfoot.

The air was shimmering; a hungry crackle of trees being eaten up filled my ears. Flames were engulfing whole trees and consuming them in seconds. Flames, red and ugly, were lunging up, feet into the air, in their dreadful attempt to destroy everything before them. Flames, flames, flames, filling the air with a fiendish glow.

A wind had risen and was fanning the flames to even greater fury. They were marching onward and forward as though nothing could stop them. It was an awe-inspiring sight to see the whole forest burning. Behind the flames was a black, smouldering mass of useless, worthless ash. Black twisted remains of trees, that only a few minutes before had been a pride and joy, were all that remained.

The wind was growing stronger and fanning the flames ruthlessly onward. The smoke had, seemingly, smothered the sun. The sky was dark. The fire was now only half a mile away.

It was advancing at a fantastic speed, eating up everything in its path. The next minute it was sweeping past me. First I felt its tremendous heat. I could almost taste the intensity of it. Now I knew why man was afraid of fire.

Huge trees went crashing to the ground in flames. The smoke came billowing slowly down. It was thick, full of minute particles of ash. My eyes watered and stung. My face felt as though it was being dried by the heat. I could feel the flames licking around me in their endeavour to claim another victim.

As suddenly as it had come, it swept past me, the heat going with the fire. The roar of the flames subsided and I was left in a sea of black ashes, smouldering profusely under the thick, black smoke overhead.

Gradually the smoke cleared and I could see the stars in the blue-black sky.

E. Burgess, III A

Valete

VIA

A. H. Barnes (1964-5). Second Hockey captain. Debating Society. School representative at Hofmeyr Speech Contest. Diligence Prize. University to read Chemical Engineering.

O. D. Beier (1954-65). Second team Hockey. University to read Biochemistry.

C. R. Bodill (1964-5). First Rugby xv. Colours for Athletics. University to train as a teacher.

R. J. Bonfa (1954-61: 1963-5). Mathematics prize. Third in Form. Won a trip to Pretoria to attend the first National Youth Science Week. Awarded special prize for his interpretation of the role of the Bishop of Beauvais in St. Joan. University to read Chemical Engineering.

J. R. C. Brown (1954-65). Second Rugby xv. School Prefect. First in form. Special prizes for English, Latin, History. Dramatic Society. University to read Chemical Engineering.

J. Chambers (1954-6: 1961-5). Second Rugby xv. Dramatic Society. Third in Form. Special prize for Afrikaans. Accountancy.

C. M. Clarkson (1961-5). Third Cricket xi. Dramatic Society. University to read Law.

Form VIA

Back Row: A. Barnes, B. Kirby, R. Fryer, S. Pillinger, K. Leverton, G. Dobie, D. Beier.
Middle Row: D. Evens, I. Morgan, J. Walton, J. Coventry-Brown, M. Todd, R. Bonfa, J. Chambers, A. Schollick, C. Bodill.
Seated: D. McLean, T. Theunissen, P. Horwood, Mrs. A. W. Thomson, M. Meehan, D. Jones, C. Clarkson.

G. D. Dobie (1961-5). Third Cricket xi. University to read Civil Engineering.

D. A. Evens (1957-65). First Hockey xi. University to read Chemistry.

R. Fryer (1964-5). Third Rugby xv. University to read Chemistry.

P. S. O. Horwood (1961-5). First Hockey xi. University to read Naval Architecture.

D. O. Jones (1962-5). University to read Law.

B. G. Kirby (1963-5). Fourth Rugby xv. Third Cricket xi. Geography Prize. Naval Academy.

K. G. Leverton (1961-5). First Hockey xi. Third Cricket xi. S.C.A. Secretary. University to read Journalism.

D. J. McLean (1954-65). First Rugby xv. Swimming team. Dramatic Society. School Prefect. Accountancy.

B. S. Meehan (1961-5). Second Cricket xi Captain. Deputy Head Prefect. Dramatic Society. Film production and direction.

S. Pillinger (1956-65). S.C.A. Chairman. Dramatic Society. Second in Form. Afrikaans and Science prizes. University to train as a teacher.

A. P. Schollick (1959-65). Library monitor. University to study electronics.

T. Theunissen (1964-5). Athletics and swimming teams. Dramatic Society. University to read Law.

M. A. Todd (1956-65). University to read Geology.

J. W. A. Walton (1954-65). Dramatic and Friday Societies. S.C.A. Library Monitor. University to read medicine.

Form VIB

Back Row: D. Cline, C. Leigh, S. Judd, C. Austin, J. Butcher.
Middle Row: O. Armstrong, N. Freeman, R. May, K. Simoni, B. Donald, C. Cuthbert, C. Petit.
Seated: C. Marks, P. Costello, J. Bohmer, Mr. A. D. Verster, M. Rogers, G. Trollip, R. Marston.

Mr. Verster is now in South-West Africa. His place was taken by Mrs. S. M. D. van der Westhuizen.
Absent from photograph: R. de B. Bourquin, G. M. Thaw.

VIB

O. Armstrong (1956-65). Third team Tennis. Stage lighting. Projectionist. University to study entomology.
C. R. Austin (1960-5). Onderstepoort to train as a vet.
J. N. G. Bohmer (1961-5). Technical College civil engineering course.
R. de Bellelay-Bourquin (1963-5). University to read Architecture.
J. Butcher (1962-5). First Hockey xi. University to read Geology.
D. Cline (1960-5). Dramatic Society. Speech and Drama certificate. University to read Engineering.
P. H. Costello (1964-5). Fourth Rugby xv. Game ranger.
C. Cuthbert (1960-5). Industrial chemistry.
B. G. Donald (1957-65). Second Rugby xv. Second Cricket xi. Industrial engineering.
N. A. Freeman (1961-5). Technical College civil engineering course.
S. T. Judd (1962-5). Nautical training.
C. Leigh (1963-5). Second xv Rugby.
C. G. Marks (1954-65). Third Rugby xv. Swimming team.
R. H. Marston (1961-5). Chemical or medical technology.
R. B. May (1953-65). First Rugby xv captain. Second Cricket xi. Inter-school athletics team. Rugby colours. Athletics half-colours. Good Fellowship prize. University to read Geology or Law.
C. Petit (1964-5). Second and third Rugby xv. Dramatic Society. University to read Law.
M. O. Rogers (1964-5). First Hockey xi.
K. D. Simoni (1953-65). First Rugby xv. Inter-district and School Athletics team. Victor Ludorum. Athletics honours. University to read Law.
G. M. Thaw (1958-65). Athletics colours. Banking.
G. W. Trollip (1957-65). Vice-captain of Tennis. Third Cricket xi. Half-colours for Tennis. Winner of Doubles. Dramatic Society. Accountancy.

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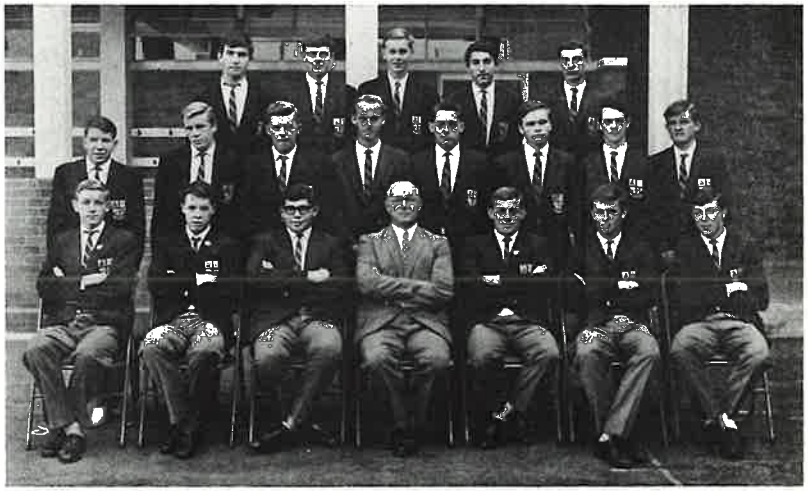
B. D. airey (1963-5). First Cricket xi. Third Rugby xv. Accountancy.
R. S. Allison (1961-5).
W. L. Blake (1963-5). Second Tennis team. Accountancy.
R. Bowden (1956-65). Fourth Rugby xv. Yachting. Accountancy.
G. B. Buckle (1961-5). Captain of Tennis. Tennis colours.
B. S. Cline (1961-5). Speech and drama festival award. Accountancy.
P. Crabbe (1964-5). Under 16b Rugby team. Laboratory technician.
A. Derungs (1960-5). Geological Society. Civil engineering.
R. B. Dixon-Carter (1961-5). School prefect. First Rugby xv. Second Cricket xi. Merchant navy.
G. C. Fletcher (1963-5). First xv Rugby. Half-colours for Rugby. Third Cricket xi. Speech and drama award. Accountancy.
D. C. Garbutt (1960-5). Friday Society chairman. First xi umpire. University to train for diplomatic corps.
I. G. Gould (1965). Second xv Rugby. Draughtsman.
T. A. Gould (1964-5). Geological Society. University to read Geology.
I. Q. Morgan (1962-5). S.C.A. Dramatic Society.
C. J. Pallent (1960-5). Draughtsman.

Form VIC

Back Row: I. Gould, G. Sharp, T. Gould, B. Cline, P. Crabbe.
Middle Row: G. Fletcher, T. Troye, C. Pallent, L. Blake, A. Derungs, D. Garbutt, B. Pearson, R. Bowden.
Seated: A. Ridl, R. Dixon-Carter, A. Silbert, Mr. F. H. Schumann, G. Thomson, R. Allison, B. Airey.

Mr. Schumann has left on promotion. He is now Vice-Principal of Glenwood High School.
Absent from photograph: G. B. Buckle, I. Q. Morgan, T. P. Sorour, P. W. Thompsett.



Form VID

Back Row: H. Phillips, N. McFall, M. Hurworth.
Middle Row: M. Lovatt, J. Twine, F. Joles, A. Phillips, H. Ringrose, D. Munro, A. Firbank.
Seated: D. Singleton, D. Smith, V. Kennaugh, Mr. P. C. Kemp, A. Shedlock, G. Bullock, A. Gulbrandsen.

Of the men on the Staff, Mr. Kemp has had the longest service with the School.
Absent from photograph: N. K. Holding.

B. A. Pearson (1961-5). Friday Society. University to read Architecture.
A. N. Ridl (1954-65). School prefect. Captain of Wandsbeck House. First Rugby XV. Colours for Rugby. Dramatic Society. School athletics team. Accountancy.
G. C. Sharp (1961-5). Fourth Rugby team.
A. Silbert (1952-65). Second Rugby XV. Ficksburg Agricultural College to train as agricultural merchant.
T. P. Sorour (1960-5). Fourth Rugby xv. Biology prize. Accountancy.
P. W. Thompsett (1964-5). Dramatic Society. Architecture.
G. S. Thomson (1956-65). First Rugby xv. Colours for Rugby. School swimming team. Prefect. Captain of Swain House. Captain of swimming. S.A. Lifesaving rescue and resuscitation champion. Accountancy.
T. G. Troye (1964-5). Third Rugby xv. Post Office to train in tele-communications.

VID

G. R. Bullock (1955-65). Cedara Agricultural College.
A. D. Firbank (1957-65). Second Rugby xv. Mining.
A. Gulbrandsen (1958-65). Third Rugby XV. Durban Corporation survey department.
N. K. Holding (1961-5). Third Rugby xv. Accountancy.
M. P. Hurworth (1960-5). Regular first Rugby xv linesman. Stage lighting. Projectionist. Horticulture.
F. C. Joles (1962-5). School prefect. First Rugby xv. Colours for Rugby. Captain of third Cricket xi. School Athletics team. Merit award at Veld and Vlei Adventure School. Accountancy.
V. A. J. Kennaugh (1952-65). First Rugby xv. Colours reawarded in 1965. Motor engineering at Technical College.
M. Lovatt (1960-5). First and Second Rugby xv. School Athletics team. Best performance cup in Athletics. Athletics colours. Laboratory technology.
N. E. McFall (1954-65). First Cricket xi. Third Rugby xv. School Athletics team. Dramatic Society. Tennis doubles champion. Ficksburg Technical College. Farming.
D. C. Munro (1961-5). School Athletics team. Half-colours for athletics. Accountancy.
A. F. Phillips (1953-65). Head Prefect. Captain of Cliff House. Captain of Cricket. Captain of Athletics. Colours for Cricket. Colours for Athletics re-awarded. University to read Business Administration.
H. R. E. Phillips (1961-5). First and second Cricket xi. Accountancy.
N. H. Ringrose (1961-5). Captain of Second Rugby xv. Accountancy.
A. W. Shedlock (1961-5). School Prefect. Captain of Carr House. First and Second Rugby and Cricket. School Athletics team. Half-colours for Athletics. Business management.
D. Singleton (1952-65). Third Rugby xv. Technical College for mechanical engineering.
D. F. Smith (1962-5). Technical College for Civil Engineering.
J. E. Twine (1961-5). First Cricket xi. Second team Tennis. Half-colours for Cricket. Accountancy.

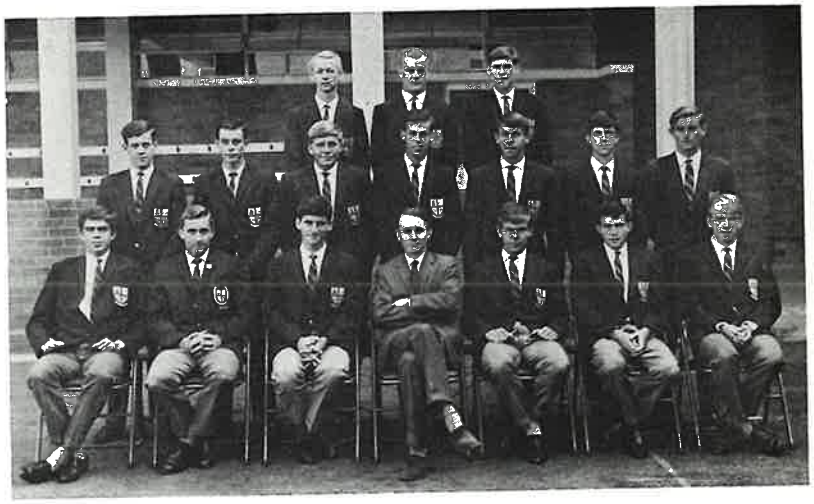
VIE

D. W. D. Allcock (1960-5). First Rugby xv vice-captain. First Cricket xi. Half-colours for cricket. School diving champion. Cedara. Agricultural representative or journalism.
O. V. Borchardt (1953-65). First Rugby xv. First Cricket xi. Cricket colours. School Athletics team. School prefect. Sugar technology.
V. G. Braybrooke (1954-65). Second and third Cricket xi. Senior cross-country winner. Salesman.
J. S. Driffill (1956-65). First Cricket xi. First Rugby xv. Half-colours for cricket re-awarded. African-Oxygen.
M. P. Granger (1960-5). Second Cricket xi. Captain of second Rugby xv. Comptometry.
B. S. R. Hirst (1965). Third Rugby xv. School Athletics team. Laboratory technology.
M. J. Judd (1961-5). Third and Fourth Rugby xv. Engineering.
D. C. D. V. Martin (1959-65). First Rugby xv. Sugar technology.
P. G. Menezes (1959-65). Banking.
T. B. Moran (1961-5). First and second Tennis. Third Cricket xi. Draughtsman.
R. B. Paddon (1953-65). Sugar technology.
C. A. Parr (1957-65). Banking.
P. S. Rudder (1959-65). Commercial art.
G. V. Trevisani (1961-65). Engineering.
G. Thompson (1957-65). Dramatic Society. Award of Merit, Queensburgh Festival of Arts.
G. S. P. Wood (1957-65). Second Rugby xv. Building trade.

Form VIE

Back Row: A. Parr, J. Driffill, V. Braybrooke.
Middle Row: P. Menezes, D. Allcock, D. Martin, M. Judd, B. Paddon, G. Wood, M. Granger.
Seated: P. Rudder, O. Borchardt, G. Trevisani, Mr. D. M. Newmarch, G. Thompson, T. Moran, B. Hirst.

Mr. Newmarch resigned to return to University to read for his Honours Degree. His place was taken by Mr. J. N. McMillen.



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