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# MILTON HIGH SCHOOL



*Here is no ancient pile all stained and scarred  
By centuries of rain and blasting storm,  
Yet in the few short years since thou wast born,  
No backward look thy spreading fame has marred.  
Forth went thy sons when jealous races warred,  
Died at Latema, and 'mid Flanders corn.  
While Achi Baba grim and battle worn  
O'er Milton graves eternally keeps guard.  
Proud was the man whose noble name you bear  
Could he behold the inmates of your walls.  
O'er half a continent thy summons calls  
Fathers to place their sons in Milton's care.  
Throughout this land thy cry rings loud and long,  
"Oh quit yourselves like men, Be strong, be strong!"*

N.D.H. SPICER

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### HARRY FINCHAM

Harry Fincham came to Milton in September 1984 and left in December 1988 — in years one of the shorter periods of office that a Milton headmaster has had. Coincidentally, it was exactly the same length of time — three years and a term — that his immediate predecessor, Erick Anderson, served and it is Milton's loss that two able headmasters, dedicated to maintaining the school's proud standards in difficult times, should both have been forced into retirement, one by ill health and the other by age — or, more accurately, it must be said the pig-headed intransigence of a ministry that seems to have learnt neither how to interpret the rule book flexibly nor the value of senior teachers who actually know what they are doing.

However, if Harry Fincham's time at Milton was, by the calendar, short, it was certainly rich in happenings for it coincided with some of the most eventful years in the school's history. That history was very much to the fore in his first year for he took over just in time to preside over and be responsible for the extensive and ambitious celebrations designed to commemorate the school's 75th birthday. He took it all in the style to which the school soon became accustomed — an unflappable manner that faced crisis and sometimes seeming catastrophe with calm dignity.

These qualities were very much needed in the succeeding years as the school was forced to expand at a rate beyond its capacity and all reason — the previous maximum enrolment was comfortably exceeded at the beginning of 1986 only to be increased by more than 200 in 1987 at a time when staff shortages were becoming increasingly chronic. The school has not opened in more than five years with a full staff and some terms have seen the deficiency in double figures. The administrative problems naturally proliferated and the paperwork became mountainous but Mr. Fincham soldiered on, his door always open to anyone who needed advice, help, a sympathetic ear — or merely someone on whom to vent spleen! The paper didn't go away, though, and it was rare for him not to be the last away at the end of the day, and always with a briefcase primed for the evening stint. It was rare, too, for him not to be in his office for at least part of the weekend (his much enjoyed tennis became an early victim of Milton's burdens!) whilst the holidays came as a relief to him, not because he was able to forget the paperwork and the problems but because he was able to work at them comparatively undisturbed.

That perhaps is Milton's lasting impression of Harry Fincham, an indefatigable worker who was concerned that the school, however large it became, whatever the problems it faced, should continue to function smoothly and strive for that excellence which had always been its hallmark.

But it was by no means the whole man: there was, too, great compassion, often admittedly very deliberately hidden from the school! There as an occasion when poor A level results made him determine to impose very considerable restrictions on the Upper Sixth: I pleaded for leniency on the grounds that it was, after all, last year's Upper Sixth who had achieved the offending results and suggested that we had moved from the Old Testament precedent of visiting the sins on the fathers upon the heads of the children &c., all to no avail. 'Michael, you can be nice to them if you like,' he said, 'but I'm going to be a bastard.' And he was. And the A level results at the year's end showed a very marked improvement. There was certainly no easy courting of popularity — decisions were made in the best interests of the school and the boys and sometimes they seemed hard, but always they were carefully and compassionately considered and fair — and nearly always they were right too.

Fairness, too, was part of his make-up — rebukes and criticism were delivered when merited without fear or favour — as, indeed, his son Chris found when some ragging of prefects at the end of term led to his receiving a headmaster's beating *after* the end of term!

If all of this begins to sound severe to those who knew Harry Fincham only slightly, it should be stressed that the sometimes Olympian detachment concealed a delightful companion and an excellent sense of humour that was sadly not often seen by the school as a whole. But those who were present at a Prefects' Dinner when a wickedly accurate impersonation of the Headmaster addressing the school masqueraded as a speech will not forget that the loudest and longest laughter came from the victim himself.

It was, in truth, a short stay but one rich in achievement — it was an achievement simply to hold the school together in increasingly turbulent times educationally; but Harry Fincham did more than that and the results of the O and A level examinations, only issued after his departure, bear striking witness to the fact that he maintained an indeed raised the academic standard when it was plummeting all around — and that, after all, is the principal reason why 1660 boys are at Milton.

When Mr. Fincham announced his retirement to the school, a tribute appeared in the Milton News and its closing paragraph makes an apt valet:

"We thank him for his efforts and challenge any critics he may have to walk one day in his moccasins! We wish him all the very best for the future, and God's blessings in his family life. Hamba kuhle."

**MFB.**



**STAFF 1987**

*Back Row:* Mr P Karongo; Mr M Smith; Mr M Perigoe; Mr E Mavugara; Mr T Bimha; Mr X Nhambasora; Mr R Paine; Mr D Rawson; Mr G Dooley;  
Mr B Nleya; Mr J Sibanda.

*4th Row:* Mr M Ndlovu; Mr M Kumalo; Mr M Musekwa; Mr T Mupfeka; M P Mkandla; Mr S Poku-Awuah; Mr D Mitchell; Mr C Swartz;  
Mr M Hove; Mr F Matimba; Mr K Nare; Mr S Zgambo.

*3rd Row:* Mrs A Van Der Merwe; Mr W Manda; Mrs S Allard; Mr M Sakhrombe; Miss F Mangwanda; Mrs C Dube; Mrs T Khumalo;  
Miss G Hadede; Miss J Ndimande; Miss K Ndaba; Mr I Dlodlo; Mr J Moyo.

*2nd Row:* Mrs L Bullivant; Mrs G Evans; Mrs S Long; Miss N Khumalo; Miss W Moyo; Miss G Bhala; Miss W Yates; Mrs V Ngwenya;  
Miss A Hogan; Miss M Gaba; Miss T Ngwenya; Mr S Banda.

*Front Row:* Mrs J Rochester; Miss E Bortolan; Mr C Hawkins; Mr I Kemp; Mr M Bullivant (Senior Master); Mr H Fincham (Headmaster);  
Mr J Mandikate (Deputy Headmaster) Mr H F Day; Mr A Walker; Mr S Long; Mrs J Nixon; Mrs M Fish.

## **OBITUARY**

### **MICHAEL-JOHN MINSHULL**

(died 9th July 1987)

It was a sad day when Milton School learned of the passing of Michael-John Minshull of Form Three. Here was a boy who did everything to the best of his ability –there were no half measures.

As Housemaster of De Beer House I came to know Michael-John well. He was a boy we could trust and rely upon. If he said that he would be at training, then he was there; if he promised a cake for a school function, we got it. Of greater importance was the willingness with which he gave to the House and to Milton. I recall that at the beginning of the second term, when I called for volunteers for the house play one of the first boys to come forward was M-J. "Sir, I can't play Rugby for the house any more so I want to be in the play". I knew that a painful back condition had ended his rugby career in Form one and was delighted to have him in the play. He turned out regularly for rehearsals, and even arranged his visits to the doctor to fit in with the school. At his own request he was cast in the role of the Criminal — one of the few mistakes he made. After one rehearsal he was re-cast as the Bishop. His natural firmness, compassion and authority fitted him for the role. Regrettably the play was never staged since flu took its toll on the cast and the House withdrew from the competition.

The end of his rugby career was a great blow to Michael-John and so he took to road running and Cricket. In all sport he played with a real love of the game. It was far more important to play well than to win — a lesson a number of people would do well to learn.

In the classroom Michael-John took his lessons seriously and obtained some pleasing marks. He was prepared to give and to accept. On the rare occasions he needed disciplining it was accepted in the spirit in which it was given. On one occasion he told me that he felt sorry for children who came from homes where there were no rules or discipline.

Outside the school he took an active interest in the Boy Scout movement and was a Cub Instructor. His infinite patience with and love for the younger boys won him their love and respect in turn. He helped build up their confidence as he went through the intricacies of tying knots and all the other skills that a cub must know.

As we remember this fine young man let us also remember the Scout Motto — Be Prepared — and follow in his footsteps prepared to give of our best in whatever we undertake to do.

May he rest in peace.

H F DAY

## *Milton Award 1987*



### **JOHANNES PARADZA**

Throughout his school career, Johannes has displayed a high level of integrity and involvement in the life of the school.

His academic standards are very high. In the 1985 Ordinary Level examination he gained ten A symbols. He was awarded an Academic Tie for this achievement. He is studying four subjects for Advanced Level and last year was awarded the Physics Prize for Lower Sixth.

He has played a variety of sports with enthusiasm and has represented the School First Cricket XI on a few occasions. He has been very involved in House activities, where he has displayed strong leadership qualities.

He was appointed a School Prefect in 1986 and in 1987 was made Deputy Head Boy. In these leadership posts he has displayed mature judgement.

He is a member of the Toastmasters Club and has represented the School in the Inter-Schools Quiz and the Management Game (the team of which he was a member was highly successful and in 1987 came first in Matabeleland).

He writes with insight and maturity and as a result of an essay competition he was chosen as one of twelve young people from the whole country to go to the United States of America in August 1986 on a cultural exchange visit.

For the 1986–87 period he was chosen as Bulawayo's Junior Mayor and after his term of office was chosen as an Alderman of Junior Council.

He has a strong interest in drama and has both produced and acted in House plays. He is courteous and helpful, is respected by all who know him and is eminently reliable. The Milton Award is an honour he richly deserves.

H. FINCHAM  
HEADMASTER

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# Speech Day 1987

## HEADMASTERS REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present my fourth Speech Day report at Milton. It is also my last, since, as many of you already know, I am retiring at the end of this year.

Our enrolment in 1987 has been 200 higher than in 1986 and we have as at today's date 1 366 boys at Milton. This has very seriously stretched our facilities and it was only through Mr Bullivant's administrative prestidigitation and using hostel prerooms and recreation rooms that we avoided double sessioning. Even one end of the Central Dining Hall was at one stage being used as a classroom. The background noise of washing up and preparations for lunch was not the happiest atmosphere for assimilating knowledge.

While understanding the pressures which led to the tremendous enrolments we have had to accept, I feel the goose that laid the golden eggs of good schooling at Milton is being trampled to death under too many feet. To use another analogy I have used before, if too many people get into a life-boat, everybody drowns.

Our examination results for the 1986 examinations (all Cambridge), reflected in percentage passes, were as follows:-

*A Level* — 52% (a most encouraging 5,5% improvement on the previous year). This included some very pleasing individual subject results, the best of which was English (90%). 85% of boys who wrote the General Paper (not an A Level subject) passed.

*O Level* — 45% (an improvement of 4% on the previous year). This again included some very pleasing individual subject results, the best of which were Woodwork (80%), Metalwork (75%), French (78,4%) and Physical Science (73,1%). There were also some subject areas which need very serious attention.

*ZJC* — 42%. This is a decline from previous year's 60% overall pass rate, but I am in fact not displeased with the general performance. The decline in the overall pass rate was occasioned largely by the ridiculous national pass rate in Science. Our own pass rate in Science was 6%. I cannot believe that the same children who got pass rates as high as they did in other subjects (except Mathematics, which also had a very low national pass rate—our's was 38%) could have been so abysmally poor in one subject.

We were told in 1986 that the ZJC results would be reflected on the stannine scale, which was always used for the internal JC. This was obviously not done. It is highly discouraging to children and Staff not only in this school, but all over the country, to have worked hard for two years and then at the end of it to be confronted with an ill-designed examination paper, with results not subject to the normal statistical controls used by examining boards all over the world.

I must view with suspicion also the good results we achieved. Commerce headed the list with a 97% pass rate, French 89%, English 85%, History 77%, Ndebele 72%, Geography 70%. In a well-constructed, well-administered examination, pass rates in a full ability spectrum school like ours should be a few points above or below 50%.

As in 1986, we had some grave staffing difficulties in 1987. These staffing difficulties, which are obviously yoked to big enrolments, are not going to be alleviated unless some positive action, fuelled by money, is taken. The plain fact is that, to many talented youngsters, teaching is a last resort. They see teaching as a profession under pressure and as a profession which cannot compete in the field of

earnings. This has got to change before we shall start drawing an adequate number of teachers into the profession.

Milton is fortunate in that, shining like beacons in the murk of staffing problems, we have a number of teachers to whom teaching is a vocation. Let us be grateful for them. They care for the whole child, both inside the classroom and outside, educationally, physically and spiritually.

Many members of Staff also recognize that the administrative side of a school is very important and that the surroundings in which a child learns and lives have a profound influence on him.

In particular I want to commend the work done in these areas by my Deputy, Mr Mandikate, who brings to his work considerable administrative talent and a rare understanding of people. He is not on the stage today looking harassed, because he is on leave. Nevertheless, he is with us, sitting down there and looking as though he has benefited considerably from being away. He rejoins us on Monday. Mr Bullivant, ever involved in many administrative facets of the school, has been acting Deputy in Mr Mandikate's absence. My thanks to him. One of the administrative duties he has discharged with his usual efficiency is the organizing of this Speech Day ceremony. He well deserves his leave, which begins next week. Mr Day, also on leave this term, again has done a great deal in the school outside the classroom. Mr Hawkins looks after our fields, buys our sports equipment and involves himself in many other responsibilities around the school. Mr Long looks after our trees and gardens. Mr Walker looks after our vehicles and travel arrangements. He and Mr Kemp, also of the Technical Department, have involved themselves in a number of school projects. My thanks to them all.

My thanks also to Divisional Heads, games Housemasters and those other members of Staff who cheerfully undertake various jobs around the school. Their efforts are much appreciated, as are the efforts of those members of Staff who coach sport and run clubs. My particular thanks in this area to Mr Perigoe, whose enthusiasm and efficiency have contributed so much to the sporting image of the school. Rugby touring sides, inter-schools competitions in water polo (at provincial and national level) and in swimming, as well as the normal sporting fixtures, have all been handled by him with a minimum of fuss.

The support Staff in the school offices, in the hostels, in the dining-hall and in the grounds have also earned my thanks for jobs well done.

We shall, at the end of the year, be losing a number of members of Staff — the normal attrition in any school, though somewhat accentuated this year.

Among those members of Staff who are leaving I must make mention of Mary Fish, who has served Milton for 20 years or more. She leaves in a nimbus of deep affection from her colleagues and from the vast cavalcade of children she has taught. The school will miss her.

Elda Bortolan also leaves us, after 6 years at Milton, during which time her total dedication and involvement (and her Latin temperament) have made a lasting impact. The school will miss her, too.

Frank Day is very likely also to leave, on transfer to Plumtree, and while this has not been finalised, I feel I must express the thanks of the school to him also for his 8 years of selfless service to Milton.

One of the aspects of the sporting scene which has troubled me this year has been what appears to be a decline

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in House involvement among a proportion of the boys. This is not a malaise confined to one house. While I am conscious of some of the difficulties, not the least of which is transport, I am equally conscious that a good many boys regard the school as a certificate factory. If I may resort to imagery again (an old habit among English teachers), they are like pebbles thrown skittering over the water of the school. They touch the water for ZJC, again for O Level and again, with luck and a strong throw, for A Level. They leave the school faceless and unremembered and indeed, uneducated, for education is vain if all you know is the value of pi squared or how to spell diarrhoea or what the symbol for magnesium sulphite is.

Far richer than this knowledge is maturity, the ability to mix with other people, the acquisition of dignity and compassion. In deference to our guest of honour, perhaps I should paraphrase all that into "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven, and all else will be added unto thee".

My message to boys at the school and indeed to Staff and parents is, "Get busy and get involved!" Not for nothing did the mediaevalists list sloth as one of the Seven Deadly Sins, bracketed with things like avarice and gluttony. Today we call it laziness, idleness-pretty words. Perhaps we should go back to that ugly, expressive word, Sloth.

The school is involved in a wide spectrum of sport, including rugby, soccer, cricket, field hockey, swimming, water polo, basketball, tennis, volley-ball, squash, cross-country running, athletics golf, indoor hockey and karate. Rugby had a good season, with 12 teams playing. Overall they won more matches than they lost.

The First XV played two touring sides from Britain, beat one and lost narrowly to the other. 3 boys were selected for the Matabeleland Schools A Team and 4 boys for the B Team. Two boys, B. Ray and H. Nguruve, were selected for the Zimbabwe Schools squad.

Soccer also had a good season, the First Team winning five games out of nine. One of the teams they beat won the Dunlop Trophy.

Indoor hockey and field hockey progressed during the season, finishing well. A worrying aspect of hockey is the shortage of reasonably priced hockey sticks. This equipment problem is being experienced in many sports. Sports like hockey and cricket and tennis should not become the preserve of the rich, or those with funds outside the country.

Cricket is still not having a run of success, but there are encouraging stirrings of talent among the juniors. I salute those cricketers who, after repeated defeats, have stuck to their guns and maintained their enthusiasm. *Floreat cricketoribus Miltoniae*, for which piece of dog Latin Mr Bullivant will doubtless take me horribly to task.

In thinking about swimming I cast about for the appropriate metaphor and indeed found it. Swimming is at a low ebb. More than by any other aspect of our sporting activity, I am troubled by poor performance and lack of involvement in swimming. This is a crucial sport, since it is a survival skill. The thought may seem hilarious to citizens of drought-stricken Matabeleland, but it is true.

There has to be more attention paid to swimming as a skill and as a sport. I am grateful for the interest which some talented parents have shown in helping our coaches.

Water Polo, which is a related sport, has done very well this year. 3 boys were selected for the Matabeleland Schools A team and 1 for the B team. Two boys, B. Beattie and A. Simon, were selected for the Zimbabwe Schools Team.

Basketball has had an erratic success run, but has a very enthusiastic crowd of aficionados. One boy was selected

for the Matabeleland Schools A Team and four for the B Team.

Although a number of very talented players left at the end of 1986, tennis has had a successful year and a lot of team building has been done. Here, too, the acute shortage of equipment, mainly tennis balls, has made things difficult.

Volleyball is growing in popularity. It has been confined so far to seniors, but skills building among juniors would have good spin-off for the sport.

Squash is popular and the first team have played with success in various leagues. Many juniors are turning to squash and sessions for beginners have been well attended.

Athletics in schools suffer from having too short a season. Nevertheless, it has a keen following and the school has considerable talent. We participated in a number of inter-school meetings as well as having two of our own. An interesting development initiated last year is the inter-schools meeting for the U13 and U14 age groups. This is a good training ground.

Cross-country running at Milton has for many years been in the experienced hands of Mr Walker. Seeing him Pied Piper a crowd of boys and running them into the ground in his red jogger shorts is a sight to lift the heart. The annual inter-house competition at Hillside Dams yielded one new record-in the U14 age group. *Floreat Crosscountryanus* also.

Milton has a team playing in the Matabeleland Schools Golf league and they have acquitted themselves well. A karate club has been established at the school and started off with a big membership which dwindled somewhat when it was discovered that true karate has little in common with Kung-fu. Proficiency tests will soon be held. Earlier in the year there was a programme of life-saving instruction and several boys gained medals.

In the area of non-sporting clubs the school has also been active.

The Science Club, confined to junior classes, has done some practical projects on electrical repair work.

Drama has had a resurgence, mainly through the excellent production in the second term of "See How They Run". It was sad that this fine effort did not have better audience support.

The inter-house plays managed to avoid the epithet of "execrable" which I applied to them last year. Glimpses of talent were given. What was pleasing was that one or two plays also bore the stamp of good direction.

The Art Club caters not only for those boys who take Art as a subject, but for others who do not have this privilege.

The Chess club, under pressure of numbers, has introduced instruction in Bridge as a side-line, but the intricacies of chess are still the main attraction. Matches were played against other schools.

The St John Ambulance division continued with its training programme and with rendering service, mainly at our sporting occasions. A number of boys wrote and passed first aid examinations.

An Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bulawayo South, was established at the school in 1986. This year they were heavily involved in fund-raising and at their 1987 induction dinner presented \$800 each to St Joseph's House for Boys and King George VI Memorial School.

Each term a large number of boys donated blood to the Bulawayo and District Blood Transfusion Service.

The Marimba band, under the enthusiastic direction of Mrs van der Merwe, has had a very good year. At the 1987 Musical Eisteddfod they gained a First Class Plus award.

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They have a repertoire of between 60 and 70 different pieces and regularly play at various venues round town. The band now has its own distinctive uniform.

The school choir, though seasonal, is still part of the cultural scene at the school. They will sing in the 1987 Combined Schools Carol Concert.

The Debating Society has a strong following and a number of fledgling public speakers have the opportunity there to try out their oratorical wings, as indeed they do in the Toastmasters Club, which has also been active, but is keeping a low profile. A popular aspect of Toastmasters is meetings with the Toastmasters' Club at Townsend and Girls' College. An unpopular aspect of Toastmasters is having to pay for meals.

Scripture Union is flourishing at the school and meetings are held regularly.

The school also entered a team in the Lions Inter-schools Quiz and won the Matabeleland segment of the competition.

The school newspaper, "The Milton News," appears several times a term. In order to try to cater for all tastes, the editorial Staff includes boys from each form year, from Form 1 to Form 6.

The school has also hosted cultural events, the most notable of which was the visit of the 40 strong Rias Youth Orchestra from West Berlin. 200 Milton boys and 600 children from other schools heard their concert and then the Milton marimbas entertained the orchestra. This proved so popular that the orchestra was late for lunch.

The school entered four teams in the annual Business Management Game organized by the Society of Chartered Accountants and the Computer Processing Group. One of the teams won the Matabeleland finals.

The school entered 10 candidates in the Old Mutual Mathematics Olympiad. 3 of these obtained Grade B certificates.

Milton has, for the third year running, had one of its representatives on Junior Council (Rangarirai Midzi) elected as Bulawayo's Junior Mayor. Our other representative, Andre Parsons, was elected Junior Town Clerk. Johannes Paradza, last year's Junior Mayor, was elected an alderman.

Vocational guidance programmes have been in operation in the school this year, but this aspect of the preparation of children for life does not get the attention it deserves. The constraints of staffing are such that it has not been possible to build vocational guidance into the curriculum for all.

The school library has been well used, especially by juniors, and boys have assisted the Librarian with library duties. The problems of the library centre largely round the difficulty of getting books and also the old problem of theft. One is told that all libraries, whether public libraries or school libraries, suffer from theft, but that unhappy fact does not make our own losses any more acceptable.

We have a good deal of audio-visual equipment in the school, including a colour television set and video, a 16mm. projector (currently a borrowed one, since our own has been with Audio-Visual Services for almost a year, awaiting parts), a slide projector, an overhead projector and a tape deck. The room which we had adapted for video and projector work has had to be used, because of pressure of numbers,

as an ordinary classroom, so the use of our equipment has been somewhat inhibited.

Several educational trips were undertaken during the course of the year, the most enterprising of which was an Upper Sixth Biology field trip organized by the Head of Science, Mr Long. This was a seven-day trip to the Urungwe Safari Area near Chirundu, where ecological studies were conducted.

We entertained several distinguished guests during the year. The British High Commissioner, Mr Ramsay Melhuish, was the guest of honour at the 1987 Milton Address. At this function the 1987 Milton Award was made to Johannes Paradza.

Some individual boys distinguished themselves during the year in areas outside the normal ambit of the school. One of these was Nilay Naik, who came second in Matabeleland in a French essay competition organized by the French Embassy. Wayne Querl was selected to represent Zimbabwe in the World BMX Championship in France.

The Milton Parents' Association is a body which, since its inception, has made a very considerable contribution to the school in all its aspects. This year was no exception. Among the projects undertaken this year through the Parents' Association (and notably the Chairman of the Council, Mr Squair, personally) have been the fencing of Thompson Fields, a very big programme of maintenance and redecoration of buildings, tarring of driveways and other areas and the purchase of textbooks and stationery (a big item). Many thousands of dollars have been spent on these projects, over and above the normal expense concerned with vehicles, machinery, fuel, sport equipment, security etc.

All parents should be conscious of what the Association is doing for the school. It is not merely the financial support, which is very considerable, but physical help, such as the ladies of the catering committee render at functions, and informed advice and influence used on behalf of the school.

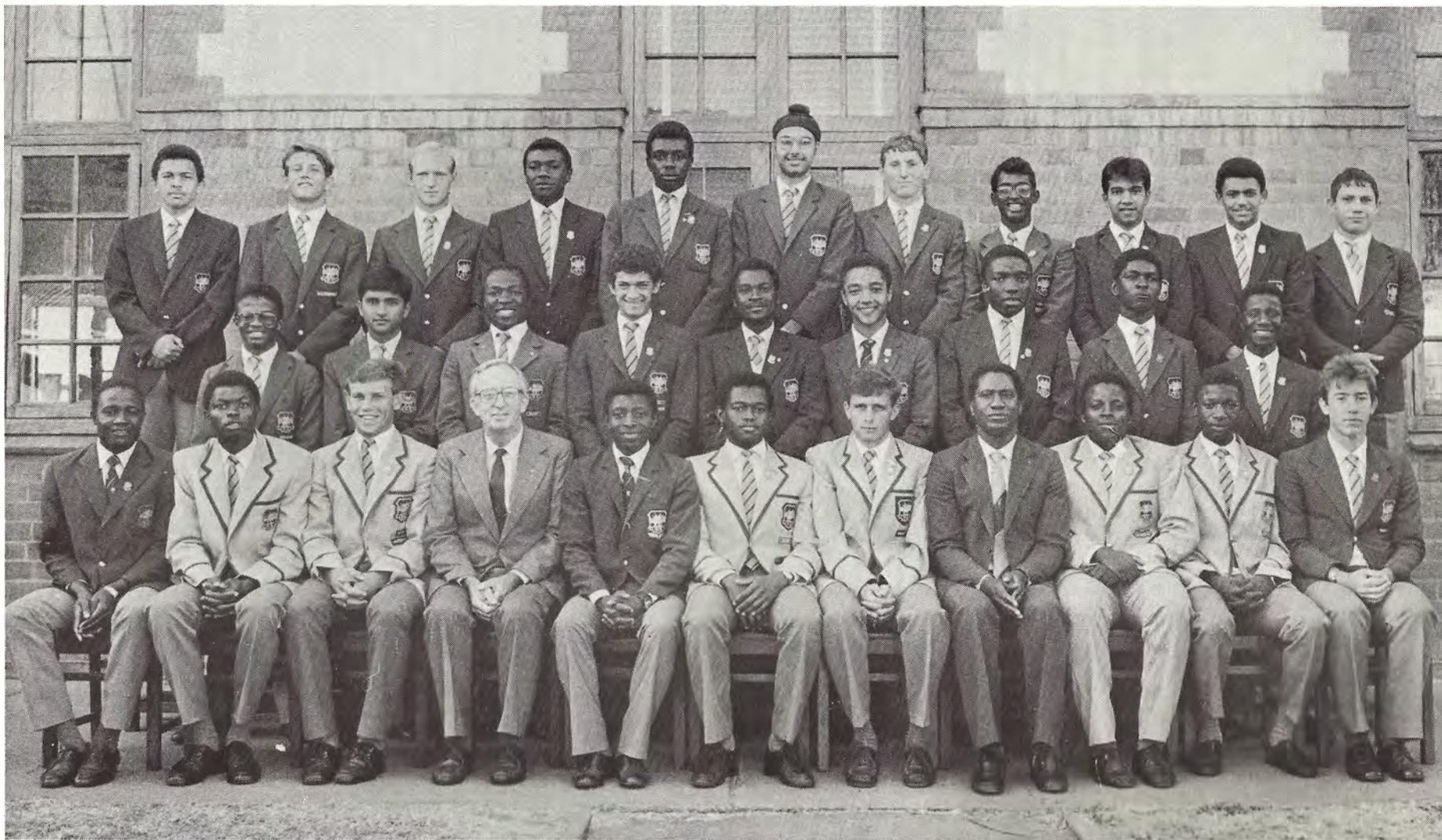
The Association Council deserves your strong support. I render my grateful thanks to the Association for the support it has given me during my years at Milton and I should like to thank very particularly this year's chairman, Mr Squair, for his invaluable help and his friendship.

I should like also to thank this year's prefect body, under the leadership of Keith Zondo, for all their work during the year. It has not been an easy year, particularly because of the big increase in the size of the school, and I have been conscious of their activity in the school. Keith's quiet, calm nature has been a most effective influence among the prefects and the whole school.

During the year, a friend of Milton died — Lord Soames, whom many of us remember with affection. I was glad to have been given the opportunity of going to sign his Condolence Book on behalf of the school.

You are probably wondering by now when this marathon report is going to stop. It is about to. Forgive me if I have been a little prolix about the year's activities of the school. I am proud of Milton and grateful to have been part of it for the past three years.

My wife and I wish you all, and all the future children, Staff and parents of Milton, joy and fulfilment in this great school.



**PREFECTS**

*Back Row:* M Pensee-Arnold; A Simon; S Boncey; M Gwaunza; B Tshuma; S Singh; A Durand; D Rajaratnam; S Doolabh; A Parsons; J Zevgolis.

*Middle Row:* V Rankin; M Naik; D Rusheche; K Umar; T Armstrong; N Vlahakis; T Khosa; S Dhliwayo; R Midzi.

*Front Row:* B Charakupa; S Nkomo; B Beattie; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); J Paradza (Deputy Head Boy); K Zondo (Headboy); B Ray (Senior Prefect); Mr J Mandikate (Deputy Headmaster); T Msika; S Mazonde; W Carnegie.

# The Head Boy's Valedictory Address

Milton 1987 saw yet another increase in the nominal roll figures, this time to just under 1400 boys, 450 of which are Form Ones. In turn, the prefect body expanded to 30, with the introduction of a new administrative post of Senior Prefect.

Education with production was introduced for the first time this year. These lessons involved the form one and two classes which were engaged in such activities as clearing the old tennis courts of weeds and grass, weeding the sports fields, picking up litter around the school yard as well as being a hand for any assistance. These lessons were under the supervision of the prefects, who later in the year were assisted by some members of staff.

On the competitive side, Milton maintained its high standards. The marimba band and junior choir took part in the Eistedfodd where they attained first and second grades respectively. Forty compositions and poems were entered for the literary section but unfortunately we do not have these results yet.

V Rankin represented the school in the finals of the Lions Inter-High School Public Speaking competition where he acquitted himself very well although he was not placed among the first two.

J Paradza, G Sibanda and T Ngwenya took part in the Old Mutual Maths Olympiad where they achieved B Grades.

Our Business Management Team, comprising of J Paradza, N Vlahakis, S Mazonde and T Msika featured in the Inter Schools Competition and emerged the victors in the Matabeleland Finals, and were unfortunate not to have been rated in the 12 hour long National final contest. The Quiz team won the regional finals of the Lions Inter High School competition and attained 3rd place in an exciting National Finals held in Bulawayo.

The golf team came 4th in the Nomads Inter Schools Competition, out of the seven teams taking part.

Yet again, Milton combined with Townsend to produce an annual school play. This year the hilarious comedy "See How They Run" was produced. It left those who watched it pointing 'That Way' — thanks to Mr Long's outstanding efforts.

Although the school did not put on the annual variety concert this year our newly formed Interact Club, a charitable organisation, put together a well applauded variety show called "Showtime '87". A considerable amount of money was raised from this function and was donated to the needy.

The second term's attraction was the filming within the school, by the British film company "Working Title", of a considerable length of their film "A World Apart".

Academically, Milton held its own. M Naik obtained 5 A's and 3 B's at O — Level last year.

This year Milton dominated the Bulawayo Junior Council. J Paradza, having finished his extended term of office as Junior Mayor, was appointed an Alderman of the Council. He was succeeded as Junior Mayor by R Midzi. A Parsons was Junior Town Clerk.

On the sports field the standard of sportsmanship among individuals remained very high.

At the Junior Inter Schools Athletics Competition, Milton won quite convincingly, while in the senior groups the school team finished 3rd with a 3½ point difference from the leaders. This contest also saw the shattering of a 21 year old triple jump record by S Mazonde.

W Querl represented the country in the world B M X Junior Championships held in France in August. B Beattie, B Ray and A Simon were selected for the Matabeleland A Waterpolo side. B Beattie and A Simon were subsequently selected for the Zimbabwe Schools Waterpolo side. A

Simon was chosen as the most improved waterpolo player in Matabeleland.

S Mazonde was selected for the Africa Eleven Cricket Team, a national boy's side chosen to practice against the Zimbabwe Men's National Cricket side in their preparation for the World Cricket Cup. He was also chosen for the Zimbabwe Schools select cricket team.

Basketball saw S Nkomo captaining the Matabeleland B Side which also featured D Dowie, H Alfred, H Nguruve and H Matandaware.

K Umar was selected for the Matabeleland B side for Hockey.

Rugby was well represented. B Beattie and H Nguruve were selected for Matabeleland A Team while B Ray captained the B side which also featured W Mills, A Jani and S Boncey. A Jani also played in the A Side. H Nguruve was further selected for the Zimbabwe Schools Team.

I Zulu was selected for the U 18 Soccer squad.

Life at Milton hasn't been without its dramatic moments. Regularly, Mr Mitchell is seen dashing off to the Common Room to call in the "Riot Squad" in an effort to bring control to his Form One music classes, who disintegrate at the appearance of these heavily armed commandos.



At a Rugby match against a touring side, the prefects were put to shame by being toppled off their War Cry pedestal of command. Who better than Raymond — a job well done.

This term's attendance figures at assembly shot up in a bid to attend Mr Bullivant's "Comedy Half Hour" The prefect body boast its own "Morcambe and Wise" (Malcolm and William of course) and their own "Paul Simon and Lady Smith Black Mambazo" — Zevgolis and Rajarasta.

An interesting conversation was overheard in the Common Room: A compliment was passed on how the noise at assembly had been brought under control this year was quickly crushed by "But that's because all the noise makers are now prefects".

# The Head Boy's Valedictory Address continued

1987 could be termed an International Year for Milton. Having sent a rugby team on tour to the United Kingdom last year relations were established with schools in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. This year the relations were strengthened when Milton hosted two touring Rugby sides from Britain — George Herriot School from Edinburgh and Woodhouse Grove School from London. Last years tour further strengthened ties with Sevenoaks School in Kent when we played them for the 3rd time in four years. I hope these ties are not only maintained but further strengthened in the future. Milton was also honoured by the presence of the British High Commissioner who was the speaker at our annual Address.

As the 1987 Head Boy I feel that the year was fair but could have been better, but one must bear in mind the changes in condition that the school has gone through. In Economics this could be described as "Diseconomies of scale" where the school has expanded in numbers but not physically. We have met with great difficulties in maintaining the dress standards, self discipline and school traditions. All such problems arise because of misunderstanding by newcomers to Milton, especially Form Ones, of the school traditions. In future I urge Parents to play an active role in ensuring that their sons dress correctly according to school regulations and that they abide by the school rules.

For the future, my wish is to see Education with Production lessons become more productive. For instance the classes involved could make simple cricket stumps and wickets, repair broken furniture, stands on the sports fields and hurdles for athletics. It is also my wish to see the full exploitation of the abundant sports facilities and other extra mural activities offered by the school.

To conclude, my thanks go to the Headmaster, Mr Fincham, the Deputy Headmaster Mr Mandikate and to the Divisional Heads Mr Bullivant, Mr Hawkins, Mr Walker, Mr Kemp and Mr Day for their support, co-operation and encouragement throughout the year.

My thanks also go to my prefect body, although some were inconsistent in their approach to duty. Thanks to Staff and to you, the School. Once again I emphasise the importance of better working relations between the Staff and prefect body in the eradication of indiscipline that is slowly creeping in.

To Andre, Bryn and Stuart I wish you the very best for the year ahead of you. I thank you all for the privileged position you have honoured me with and am proud to have led Milton in 1987. I shall follow Milton's fortunes with affection.

K ZONDO

## Speech Day Prizes

### FORM PRIZES

Form	Form
1/1 J Dube	2/7 D Masiyiwa
1/2 P Munyanyiwa	2/8 A Findlay
1/3 T Chirinda	2/9 J Dhlamini
1/4 T Mloyi	2/10 F Beechey
1/5 K Tazvivinga	
1/6 M Gopal	3/1 T Dube
1/7 C Masuku	3/2 G Razemba
1/8 R Kufa	3/3 S Tshililiwa
1/9 S Sithole	3/4 O Gamu
1/10 H Mago	3/5 L Nkala + L Kafantaye
1/11 C Madzore	3/6 E Frokalis
1/12 M Moyo	3/7 M Madubeko
1/13 M Mukuyu	3/8 J Holland
1/14 S Mashavave	3/9 I Sakala
1/15 G Moyo	3/10 R Mackay
2/1 M Mukwashi	4/1 M Rajaratnam
2/2 P Gumpo	4/2 N Komichi
2/3 B Ngwenyama	4/3 L Surasinghe
2/4 M Ncube	4/4 T Choto
2/5 L Pillay	4/5 C Mazengera
2/6 Z Moyo	4/6 T Dlodlo

### SUBJECT PRIZES 'O' LEVEL

<i>The Jack Avery Prize for Art</i> . . .	E Matsikidze
<i>The Timothy England Prize for Biology</i> . . . . .	M Rajaratnam

<i>The A D Campbell Memorial Prize for English</i> . . . . .	H Moyo
<i>Commerce</i> . . . . .	L Surasinghe
<i>French</i> . . . . .	N Naik
<i>The School Council Prize for Geography</i> . . . . .	R Somalingan
<i>The School Council Prize for History</i> . . . . .	M Nyakudarika
<i>The Trevor Harris Prize for Mathematics</i> . . . . .	M Rajaratnam
<i>Ndebele</i> . . . . .	V Msipa
<i>Physical Science</i> . . . . .	M Rajaratnam
<i>Combined Science</i> . . . . .	M Ngwenya
<i>Technical Subjects</i> . . . . .	M Sheffield
<i>The Barnett Smith Prize for the Best Performance at 'O' Level in 1986</i>	M Naik

### SIXTH FORM

	Lower 6th	Upper 6th
<i>Biology</i>	B Muchabayiwa	C Campbell
<i>Chemistry</i>	M Naik	S Mazonde + M Sibanda
<i>Economics</i>	R Mphahlele	N Vlahakis
<i>English</i>	W Els	W Carnegie
<i>Geography</i>	M Mthunzi	J Zevgolis
<i>History</i>	W Els + T Murevanhema	E Sithole
<i>Mathematics</i>	D Mathache + K Murangai	S Gupta + S Mazonde
<i>Physics</i>	M Naik	S Singh

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## CAMBRIDGE 'A' LEVEL

- 3 passes** — R Chinamira; D P Doolabh; K Dube; J Gadzikwa; P Gumbo; Q Khumalo; A T Magava (Biology Chemistry); S Manasa; P T Manditereza (Chemistry Physics Maths); F Masove; T Masiyane; S Mkandla; D M L Morgan; E Moyo; Z S Moyo (Maths); D Mpofu; L Mtungwa; R Musoro; D Ncube (History, English); P Ncube (History); D Ngwenya; M G Nyaku (Chemistry Physics Maths); G Panesu; G F Pessina; R Pessina; V T Utete (Maths); S P Williams; O Mbiza.
- 2 passes** — L Chitumba; R Cockerton; W G Duberley; Z H Hawa; K Kyriacou; K Maduku; C S Makwavarara; J Maswodza; W B McDowell; V I Midzi; K C Moyo; B Possiwe; M R Reed; H Sodomba; G R J Steinbach; H Wagner.
- 1 pass** — G J Beets; M Chamunorwa; C Chitereka; C M da S Christodoulo; J Kamanga; S G Miller-Cranko; T Moyo; N N Mpofu; P Mutigi; S Naik; D Ngoni; F Nhari; D C Orange; P R Sinclair; G W Skinner; D G Stephens; S P Tiller; M B Treger; P S Joseph; B D Maritz.

## 'O' LEVEL

- 8 passes** — D V Asirvatham (English Language, Mathematics); M Gwaunza (Biology, English Language, Maths); T K Khoza (Afrikaans, English Language, Maths); L Khumalo (History, Physical Science, Mathematics); I V Masiye (English Language, Physical Science); R I Midzi; (English Language, French, History, Physical Science); M Naik; (Biology, French, History, Physical Science, Mathematics); T A Ngwenya; (English Language, French); N Nkala; (Biology, English Language, Physical Science, Mathematics); S A Nxumalo; (English Language, French, Maths); A A Parsons; (Mathematics); R Ruzungunde (French, English Language, Maths); I T Samson (Biology, English Language, Physical Science) B T Tshuma (English Language, French, History); S C Van Leeuwen; K C Vasanje (Biology, Mathematics); C Zulu (English); A Patel (Physical Science, Mathematics); B J Manganzani.
- 7 passes** — D Beckley (English Language); R J Chanson (English Language, French, Maths); W S Mullah (English Language, Maths); K Muyedzwa (Physical Science); S Naik; M Ncube (History, Geography); N Moyo; R M Mphahlele (English Language); T K Mutete; A Yasini (Physical Science), H H Nguvuve (General Science); B Mguni (General Science); C M Chuchu.

**6 passes** — W P Els (English Language, Afrikaans); C M Jansen van Rensburg; G M Mooney (Mathematics); R Nembaware; G Ntekula; N Moyo (English Language); M Nsingo; J Patel; L Siphambili; A K Chigwada; U Daya; C R Hill (Metal Work, English Language; General Science); N Mataruse; N Ngwenya; E D Dube (English Language); D Hung (Commerce).

**5 passes** — S Tankwa; M Mabusela; S Mnyama; T Muringanidza; S Naran; E Nyathi; A J Orr; O M Chitrin (Metalwork); T Makoni; T Tshabalala; L Machazire; N Masoko; M S Muramgari (General Science); P R Suchak (General Science); B M Mpofu; G Musakasa; K C Matsikidze; F Ngwenya.

**4 passes** — M J Patel (Mathematics); C N M Gudu; B Khumalo; K Guest (Metalwork); R J Maburutse; O Maware; T M Choto; S L Mushipi; S C Makhudzangi; J B Mayson; D Britten; S M Gatehouse; S Kassim; S M Pensee-Arnold.

**3 passes** — D J O Cooke-Yarborough; A Johnson; A J Luwaca (English Language); M M Tshuma; R D White (English Language); Z Cassim; K A Cole; P Guerreiro; V D Ncube (English Language); I H Petker; G M B Vudzi; D J Dowe; T Mugigo; M Ndiweni; S Zikhali (English Language) L A Mudimu; H Naik; B Choto; J G Duncan; P S Joseph; B Malangu; T F Mutazu; M Mdabambi; R O G Sengwayo.

**2 passes** — B E Berrington; M Mills; A Doolabh; R C Manning; M Mazula; J R Taylor; W Chikalamuka; K I Manuel; S P Markham; G Ngwenya; J C I Pullen; K E Smit; N Siso; D Gondzo; N M Mukuchete; G Manyumbu; S Mewse; T T Mutambanengwe; M G Pholi; B Sibanda; R A Davidson; M A M Gandiyah; D W Pistorious; S F Boncey; B D Maritz; E Sidat; P Manyumbu; G F Muronda; T P Ndora; G W J Wise.

**1 pass** — C Cummings; J Dhlwayo; H Parshotam; R D Skelton; K Kahanye; M A Hoffman; G D W Jones; M A H Lombat; K G Mahopolo; F Matukutire; M M Mkuku; N Mulla; A F Murashiki; A J Nel; R Ncube; S Shaw; G S Shirto; A Vas; J P Barker; B Chanda; R H Clocte; K P Madzibanzi; M Mkali; S B Moore; E Nadat; J Ncube; E C Roslee; K Sai; J Sibanda; B Strachan; O Best; A T Matherson; S T Musungezi; N Nathoo; B Ndebele; P Rancho; B R G Steyn; D Jackson; P Kwidini; T Sibanda; A Botha; M Mahlobo; N Naik; B N Sibanda (Woodwork); P S Bremer; D Laxmidas; D C Orange.



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## THE SIXTEENTH MILTON ADDRESS

delivered on Saturday, 25 July 1987

by The British High Commissioner  
Mr M R Melhuish

I am delighted to be here. This is in fact my third visit to Milton over a period of years. I came here last time in February 1986 when Lord Soames visited you and spoke to the assembled School. That was a happy occasion. But before that — and I do not think your Headmaster or even that doyen of Milton tribal memories, Michael Bullivant, know I was here in 1950 when, as a British school leaver of 18 years old, waiting to do my National Service, I toured East, Central and South Africa in the course of which I spent a couple of days in Bulawayo, based on Milton and living with a Milton family. My host, Peter Walshe, subsequently went to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar and won his Blue as wicket-keeper.

I am conscious too that this is a great honour which you have bestowed on me. Looking through your list of past speakers on this occasion, I am struck both by their eminence and by their closeness to the country. I think I am the first genuine bird of passage and for that reason you can perhaps understand more easily why I have chosen to talk — or rather to pass on a few random observations — about something I know quite well, which has a certain relevance to what goes on in this country but which is not too immediately controversial. I thought I would share with you some reflections on diplomacy and on how it has affected my country; and towards the end, some personal comments on some of my experience.

So, what is diplomacy? Is it, as a prominent French thinker described it in the 19th century: "the best means devised by civilisation for preventing international relations from being governed by force alone"? Or is it practised by people "who can tell you to go to hell in such a way you can actually look forward to the trip"? Each one of you present here tonight will, I am sure, have your own view about diplomacy and the typical diplomat, and I would guess that most of those views would not be flattering. To the outside world diplomats are represented as brandy-swilling, cigar-smoking, smooth-talking, sweet-smelling, fast-living confidence tricksters.

Advertising and marketing pundits all over the world trade on this image to give names to products which appeal to a sense of snobbery (and which cost a lot) so that cars, hotels, cigarettes, scent and night-clubs find themselves dubbed Embassy, Ambassador, Consul or Diplomat. And in the pages of fiction diplomats are portrayed as either gullible or Machiavellian; and often as figures of fun. Lawrence Durrell has provided memorable vignettes of the more eccentric types of diplomats. Graham Greene, in his many novels, and now even the British Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, who was himself a diplomat once, have profited from writing about the diplomats.

The reality is very different. Like a number of professions which have an outward glitter, diplomacy, if ever it was a refuge for the *dilettante socialite*, has become a hard grind, a job which is not just nine to five but breakfast to dinner time (and beyond). Its practitioners find themselves following a stressful, rickety way of life where the tug of loyalty normal in most vocations often becomes a thing of anguish. Family life is disrupted and there are not many children of diplomats who want to become diplomats themselves. It has, moreover, now joined those professions like rally drivers or free-fall parachutists that qualify for a much increased premium on their life assurances. There are few of us in the profession who do not have a colleague who has been hijacked, kidnapped, blown up or even assassinated.

But we would all say, at the end of the day, that we feel privileged to have been able to practice diplomacy. To have a seat in the stalls at the theatre of contemporary history is a treat given to very few people.

How did all this start? The word diplomacy is derived from the Greek verb meaning "to fold". In the days of the Roman Empire all passports, passes along imperial routes and waybills were stamped on double metal plates, folded and sewn together in a special way. These metal passes were called diplomas and so over the years the clerks who drew up these documents, and then the bearers of the documents, were considered to carry out diplomatic business. The need to resolve differences between States in some other way than by way ensured that specially designated envoys travelled between Courts on specific missions. Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio and Machiavelli were all at one time Ambassadors of Florence entrusted with foreign missions. But modern diplomacy really starts from the expansion of the world after World War I, the establishment of nation states and the proliferation of foreign policy issues. It is a 20th century phenomenon which has been described by the most polished writer on diplomacy, Sir Harold Nicolson, as the movement from the narrow conception of exclusive tribal rights to the wider conception of inclusive common interests.

In the second half of this century diplomacy has grown and expanded far beyond anything that Nicolson foresaw. It now embraces a wide spectrum of disciplines ranging from straight political work through information and consular work to the contemporary need to act as an extra dimension of overseas trade representatives. And each posting represents a new challenge.

By way of illustration, it may be useful to have a quick look at why Britain needs abroad and why abroad needs us. And for "Britain" most other countries, including Zimbabwe, could be substituted. Our Diplomatic Service has been, since World War II, probably the most inspected foreign services of any country. We disagreed with some of their conclusions and many of their findings but a report of 1977 identified four main British objectives overseas. There were to ensure the United Kingdom's external security; to promote its economic and social well-being; to honour certain commitments, for example to the Department Territories or to our citizens overseas; and to work for a peaceful and just world. Again, for British read *pari passu* Zimbabwe.

The first two of these objectives hang together. It has become a truism that we live in an inter-dependent world but we in Britain, and you in Zimbabwe, cannot act in isolation of what goes on elsewhere. For us there is no question of our armed forces by themselves defending the United Kingdom against all potential aggressors. Our security is and must be collective. We depend for it on our allies, as they depend on us and on each other. NATO is, of course, by far the most important of our collective security arrangements, but not the only mutually defensive arrangement to which we belong and on which we rely. In the economic and commercial sphere our dependence on others is even greater. Twenty years ago we exported only 20 per cent of our GDP. Today, it is getting on for one third and rising. Today Britain's overseas investments are worth £44 billion — some 14 per cent of all overseas investment — and we have the world's second largest surplus on invisibles. Since we joined the European Community our economic inter-dependence with Europe has greatly increased. Nearly half our exports now go to Community Europe.

I mentioned the need to honour our commitments. By this I mean not only the links derived from history — although there are plenty of those, including still the Falkland Islands, Hong Kong, Gibraltar, and other dependent

territories, some very small but politically sensitive — but also a web of ties with countries in the Commonwealth and beyond. These range from our status as Guarantor Power in Cyprus to the prominent role which Britain plays in Antarctic exploration. And then there are the bonds between immigrant communities in Britain and their areas of origin such as the West Indies or the Indian Sub-Continent. Another important concern is the welfare of the 22 million Britons who now travel abroad each year and of the five million citizens who live and work overseas.

“Working for a peaceful and just world” is very difficult to define but is in some ways the most important British objective. For without a stable and orderly world, our traders cannot trade or our travellers travel. Nor can we enjoy peace or security at home. From nuclear non-proliferation to the fair allocation of radio frequencies, international order is a major British interest. And it is one to which we make a substantial contribution, whether it is through our membership of the United Nations Security Council or through our global aid programme, one of the largest in the world. And it is under this heading too that I find myself deeply involved in Zimbabwe; the need for stability in a troubled region will be obvious to you all. And our concern here, our involvement in the country, is designed, so much as we are able, to enhance the security and to promote the prosperity of this country.

Ranging further afield, it may be instructive too look at the whole question of why Britain needs to have representation overseas. I say this because there are many people who think that it would be better to deal directly between the leadership of two countries rather than to work through Embassies or High Commissions. There is no doubt that rapidly improving telecommunications and faster air travel have made a huge difference. Within the Community, across the Atlantic, and to a smaller extent between Britain and Africa, Ministers, officials and experts often deal direct with their opposite numbers, bypassing traditional channels with a telephone call or a flying visit. But this has not made traditional channels superfluous. Lagos, Riyadh, Tokyo, Harare or Maputo are still a long way off, psychologically as well as geographically.

Differences of language, culture and historical perspective, as well as of physical distance, complicate the task of the instant visitor. They muffle or distort his impact unless the visit is carefully prepared and equally carefully followed up. Ministers in London cannot maintain constant personal contact with colleagues throughout the world. Negotiations have to be prepared and advice on local circumstances and personalities can be decisive. The way a case is presented is often crucial to its success and this can only be judged in the capital concerned. Instructions drawn up in London look less realistic when trotted out in the harsh sunlight of Harare.

The pattern of consultation and representation has been intensified vastly in the past few years. The bilateral business which Embassies and High Commissions have to do has grown in parallel. There are more issues to keep abreast of and discuss with the host government; more visits to prepare and follow up, more advice needed on who are the right people to tackle and what are the most effective points to be made. In some ways, better communications have increased the role of the Embassy rather than reducing it. An Ambassador or High Commissioner can now be drawn more closely into the policy-making process at home. Missions are no longer remote outstations but part of what is rapidly becoming a global Foreign Office. Just as instructions to me in Harare can be transmitted almost instantaneously, so my advice can be on British Minister's desks in London with similar speed.

It would be in order at this stage, I think, to introduce a personal element in this address. I have been working for

the British Diplomatic Service now for over 30 years, in the course of which I have served in South-East Asia, North America, Eastern Europe (twice, once in Czechoslovakia and in Poland), the Middle East (four times, twice in Bahrain, once in Jordan and once in Kuwait) and now in Africa. I have seen many events and developments and have learnt a great deal. And yet, when I ponder on what it all means, I can only draw two rather trite conclusions which just be worth passing on. Like many of the major issues I have wrestled with, these two conclusions have contradictory as well as complementary features.

The first is a strong objection, a deep instinctive suspicion, towards people or groups of people be they political parties or angry rioters, or issues, that espouse extremist causes or follow extremist aims. Partly through natural temperament, but largely I suppose through subsequent experience and training, I cleave to the middle ground and find genuine solace in compromise. It is of course a trait which sits easily on British shoulders. (There is, revealingly, no word in Arabic for “compromise”. In the Middle East you pursue your aim with unswerving tenacity and admit no middle ground — just look at what is happening in the Lebanon or indeed in Iran). Our history over the last three centuries — before that we were executing our kings, killing each other off with rare abandon — has shown a tolerance, a wish to negotiate rather than to fight, except when there is no option but to take up arms, and in the political sphere, a movement towards the centre which has made gradualism, caution, compromise the name of the game. And these three traits characterise diplomacy at its best. A diplomat believes that his mission has failed totally if one party to a dispute walks out in dudgeon. Or at a more serious level the ultimate failure of diplomacy is the outbreak of hostilities.

Bringing this subject nearer to home, the pursuit of compromise, the spirit of “live and let live” bespeaks a more comfortable and civilised way of tackling life's many problems. It smoothes away those jagged corners and avoids ugly confrontation. Within the family, as in the larger diplomatic world of foreign policy issues, it provides a sensible and warm area of agreement.

And yet, and yet. Have the real leaders and movers of men throughout history, the geniuses who have made all those earth-shattering discoveries, the musicians, the artists, the sculptors, the writers who have created the many things of beauty that made your hearts stop or make you want to cry out for joy — have they settled for the comfortable, middle way of compromise and gradualism? The answer is, of course, “no”. They refused to accept the conventional wisdom, the accepted limits to knowledge or beauty or political action. They set their own pace and broke through the barriers. They succeeded where others failed because they had faith in themselves and felt obliged to no one.

In my own experience I would cite the years I spent in Poland between 1979 and 1982 as the best example of this refusal to accept the obvious constraints. The birth of the workers' movement Solidarnosc or Solidarity in September 1980 in the shipyards of Gdansk ushered in 15 months of effervescent effrontery which set the totalitarian regime of Poland and many others in Eastern Europe a challenge they could only answer by the use of force, on that bright starry night of 12 December 1981 crackling with frost when most of Solidarnosc's leaders were arrested and martial law was proclaimed. But in the heady 15 months that preceded the clamp-down the only genuine working class movement that communism has ever produced — the Russian revolution was dreamt up by intellectuals and carried out by the bourgeoisie — defined the strength of the state, went beyond the norms of what we all expected of them, and demonstrated to the Poles themselves and to an admiring, if

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apprehensive, outside world that the love of freedom, the hatred of coercive suppression generated its own dynamism. Those of us living in Poland during those years will never forget the excitement and the despair of the brief flowering of the Solidarity movement. There will be many others like it coming to light in all totalitarian regimes throughout the world.

Sir Harold Nicolson describes diplomats as "reasonable and humane sceptics". And this is, I suppose, how I would attempt to reconcile the two trends I have described above.

Scepticism is a prime attribute of the great men of the world, as it was of the founders and supporters of Solidarity. It is the refusal to accept in a totally non-thinking way everything that is drummed into you as received wisdom, as the conventional bounds of behaviour, as the impossible. But the scepticism has to be tempered by some wider and warmer qualification, lest it fall away into cynicism or slip back into irresponsibility. Reason and humanity provide the liberal antidote to iconoclasm. If I were to try to sum it up in one succinct phrase, I would come up with "benevolent scepticism". It is not a bad yardstick by which we can judge our actions; and it is not a bad precept for running our lives.



### All Creatures Great and Small

Microscope work in the Sixth form Biology lab.

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## THE LIONS INTER-HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ

In 1986 the Lions Clubs introduced an inter-high school quiz which proved sufficiently successful for it now to have become an annual event. In the first round of this year's competition the Milton team of N Vlahakis, W Carnegie, R Midzi and J Paradza were easily successful and duly presented themselves for the semi-finals the following week. Unfortunately an administrative mix-up deprived them of any opponents and so the following week saw the team compete successively in semi-finals, Matabeleland final and national final — an exhausting evening which perhaps affected the final result.

The semi-final involving three other schools was easily won and then came the Matabeleland final, a much closer affair between Milton and Girls College; it was only in the last few questions that Milton pulled away to score a convincing win.

Both finalists participated in the national final where the other teams were from Peterhouse and the Harare Convent. Here Milton was not so successful and came third to Peterhouse and Convent although the team did chalk up another victory over Girls College. It was unfortunate that the Bulawayo teams had to play three rounds to the Harare teams' one and the general consensus, too, was that the Bulawayo teams were unlucky in their questions for there was a distinct lack of balance amongst those set for the final. Nevertheless, it was a very creditable performance and the breadth of the teams' general knowledge was most encouraging — some members of Zimbabwean schools

evidently still know a little about a great many things whatever the pressures of early specialisation!

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

This event unlike previous years, took place in the morning, with the idea of increasing the participation of the school. The judges were Miss Hogan, Mr Swartz and Mr Mpofu. Mr Day was compere. It was an interesting morning with a variety of speeches from both senior and junior competitors.

From the Interhouse competition, two representatives, V Rankin and N Vlahakis were chosen to represent the school at the Lions Public Speaking Contest in the large City Hall. The speakers acquitted themselves well and V Rankin was chosen to go through to the finals where he gave an exhilarating account of "The little things that get you" He was unfortunate to be 'pipped' into 3rd position by Chaplin (1st) and Convent (2nd).

J NIXON

## BULAWAYO JUNIOR COUNCIL

Milton carried on its tradition of providing the third successive Junior Mayor.

This year's representative Rangarirai Midzi and Andre Parsons were voted Junior Mayor and Town Clerk respectively. Last year's Junior Mayor Johannes Paradza is an aldermen.

This year the Junior Council continued with its charity work, and also has decided in conjunction with the Harare



### LIONS INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ TEAM

*Back Row:* W Carnegie; R Midzi.

*Front Row:* N Vlahakis; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); J Paradza.

Junior Council to set up a Junior Council in Gweru. So far the Gweru City Council has expressed willingness in this venture and schools in the area seem interested.

At the beginning of the year the council held a dinner at Milton High School for senior students from the various schools. We hope to make this an annual event.

We also held the annual Miss Teen Queen, had cake sales, a disco and also held a tea party at Entembeni Old People's Home, who were our main beneficiaries together with St Francis Home.

We also hope to hold a Christmas party for a children's home in our final event this year.

Next year we hope to hold a Career's day for the benefit of the school leavers.

RANGARIRAI MIDZI

## BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP

This year's U6 Biology field course was held at the Mashonaland Hunters Association camp near Chirundu in the Zambezi Valley. The camp was organised by the Hunters Association and although we did less work than intended nobody was heard to complain.

The journey to Chirundu took us two days with an overnight stop in Harare where accommodation had been organised by Steven Feigenbaum. Unfortunately the bright lights of the city proved to be a greater attraction than a good night's sleep — with devastating effect on some of the revellers. When we left Harare the following morning we took with us a number of red eyes, headaches and empty wallets as a reminder of the night before.

The Hunters Association camp is set amongst beautiful Tamarind trees alongside a flood plain of the river and it was with much relief that we finally got there and escaped from the broiling heat of the bus. Home for the next five days was an open dormitory into which we scattered ourselves, our

beds, mosquito nets and piles of equipment. The mosquito nets proved to be the subject of endless practical jokes, mostly aimed at Morris Muzenda who took it all well — perhaps due to his preoccupation with one of the girls from Lord Malvern school who shared our camp with us. Practical jokes of various kinds seem to be a feature of Biology field trips but I appeal to the 1988 students to retain a degree of subtlety — something that was occasionally lacking this year.

During the time that we were at Chirundu we learnt a great deal about the Zambezi valley from the very knowledgeable hunters and about the flora and fauna from the lecturers. The dissection of an impala was especially enjoyable though somewhat smelly on a hot afternoon. From the hunters point of view the main aim of the camp was to increase our awareness of the importance of Zimbabwe's wild areas and wild life. In this it was a complete success and we all left at the end of the course convinced conservationists.

On the last night a "concert" was arranged and here we were at a disadvantage. Outnumbered by Lord Malvern and lacking the exuberance of some of the girls we looked rather a dull lot. "Fudge" Pesanai salvaged some of our pride with his musical ability but we remained spectators for the most part. The evening was eventually brought to a swift conclusion by the arrival of an elephant to browse on the tamarinds.

Grant Mullin was unperturbed and took a suicidally close up photograph while the rest of us went inside. Like every other night of the course this one finished with loud and inane conversations drifting on into the early hours of the morning.

Finally our thanks go to the hunters and lecturers for their hard work, to Mrs Long for catering, Mr Phiri for the hours of driving and Nkosilathi Sibanda for "entertainment".

S LONG

## *Literary Section*

### WHY CALL A DOG A DOG

In all walks of life, in every home, whether it be that of a rich tycoon or a poor peasant we find that there is one animal that is present. This animal is very dear to many and it is referred to as man's best friend, yet the only name we could come up with for it is dog. Yes D-O-G. It's not exactly a thrilling name to call a best friend I must admit.

Dog. Short and lifeless. That is the only name we could conceive. This animal that we gave such a boring and ghastly name is full of life and can always be seen running to and fro in an attempt to please an ever demanding master. If any person is called a dog all hell breaks loose and the reaction forthcoming is often violent. Surprise, surprise! The brilliant people that call their best friends dogs actually become agitated and cannot stand to be addressed in this manner. What is so disgusting and appalling about a name that even its inventors shrink from it? Surely if we do not like it, then why force it on our so-called best friends, that cannot utter a word in their defence but just wag tails and growl occasionally?

I cannot think how anyone could come up with such a name. Whatever it is that links the name Dog to the animal in question I am afraid I cannot begin to imagine. Why not call the poor animal a Fourlegger or a Furry. You might laugh but you must admit that my two brilliant names have something in character with the animal. Bright as my ideas are I suppose we shall have to shelve them and live with the name Dog, for if we change this name then pretty soon we

might start to wonder why a cat is a cat or why people are called people and then we would really cause havoc.

K MIDZI 3<sup>1</sup>

### THE SNAKE

Hiss! that's the  
Way I speak.  
I speak this language  
When I am happy, hungry  
Or Angry.

Hiss! that's what  
I always do  
I want to attract  
My prey, I turn myself  
Round and round with  
My beautiful colours.

Hiss! that's when  
I am full  
I have to sleep  
I can't move  
I have to sleep  
In one place.

Hiss! That's my way  
Of sleeping, I do it silently  
I have nothing to do,  
But next day my life's  
Pattern will start again.

H SHINGIRAYI 1<sup>2</sup>

## THE EXPLORER

With sun helmet and swagger stick  
Under the sun that blisters  
With only a tired beggar for company!  
His throat parched with thirst, and hunger eating  
Away his stomach.  
Through raging torrents of mountain streams,  
Through steaming foliage of the jungle paths,  
The eerie echoes of a distant tiger making  
The ground on which he trod tremble.  
Under the starry sky,  
Through deserted villages  
Mosquitoes by night and  
Flies by day tormenting him endlessly  
The explored surges on until he  
Finds a burial place of days gone bye.  
His mission is complete, he has found  
What he set out to find.  
Soon he will return to civilisation  
To tell the world about his discovery.

B KANDA 1<sup>3</sup>

## CAUGHT IN THE STORM

They gazed at the skies with awe and fright  
At the forces that changed the day to the night,  
In the heavens the demons fought  
With shafts of light that they had caught,  
A clap of thunder opened the cloud  
That enveloped the forms in a drenching shroud.  
They tried to run, they tried to flee  
But the wind only tore at them with greater glee  
Amidst this great and chaotic turmoil  
The waters grew and began to boil,  
The trees were torn from the ground  
And their leaves and branches tumbled around.  
They were lashed by the streaking, stinging drops  
Hurled by the forces above the hill tops,  
Above the mountains there came a sign  
Seven bright colours in a line,  
Soon the tumult would be over  
And the earth no longer like a nova.

I CRIGHTON L6

## OPERATION ERADICATION

Without hesitation  
I got down to my mission  
Assigned by Comrade So-and-so  
The rest you needn't know.  
I took the mission lightly  
It was just too small for me  
I was used to big time Al Capones  
And working on my own.  
I didn't need any assistance  
With my K G B experience  
All I needed was my notebook  
And pen to catch the crook.  
His name was Carl Debarge  
Wanted for espionage  
He was every secret agents dream  
With a million Dollars behind him.  
As far as I'm concerned  
I left no stone unturned  
I took in all the info  
There was nothing to ignore.

It took me but a day  
To put it all in play  
Soon I was on his track  
And then behind his back  
He nearly put some lead  
Into my brainy head  
I would have got more than a cut  
Had I not used Martial Art.  
My mission was to catch the spy  
And catch him I did  
I had no choice but to kill the guy  
You needn't ask me why.  
I took the corpse to my V W  
Headed for H Q  
Mission accomplished  
And a million dollars dished.  
Efficiency won my fame  
Thoroughness the game  
Any wonder why they chose me  
Secret agent 103.

P CHITONGA 3<sup>1</sup>

## DROUGHT

Greenery can be seen everywhere  
Beautiful bright flowers litter the fields  
Birds chirp joyfully and children laugh with glee  
But alas that is very distant and only lingers with the elders  
For now there is drought and all has changed.  
Dry choking dust fills the air  
The ground hardens and cracks  
The heat is unbearable  
And only the vultures are gay.  
Rivers and streams run dry  
Cattle wallow in mud pools  
But these soon disappear  
Animals vanish faster than ever  
And only their bones remain.  
Children lose their once abundant zeal  
Grannies fail to walk and die quietly  
Young men sit helpless under a lifeless tree  
And wonder what to do.  
Suddenly clouds form  
Thunder booms and lightening strikes  
Everyone rejoices when it starts to drizzle  
But mourn when it does no more and the skies clear  
It looks like the drought is here to stay.

K MIDZI 3<sup>1</sup>

## LETHAL LOCUSTS

They come at noon in broad daylight  
Audacious and obstinate where they had no right  
Forewarned is forearmed so they say  
But they took us unawares on that inauspicious day.  
In a huge dark cloud overhead they flew  
In their ceaseless search for anything that grew  
Striking fear into the hearts of mankind  
Devouring, destroying in unison — one mind.  
Disaster and damage left in their wake  
Heartless and merciless in their aggressive work  
They left behind a world forlorn and desolate  
Moving on — audacious and obstinate.

C MATYORAUTA 3<sup>1</sup>

## THE SNAKE

Slithering and sliding in the dark,  
Went the snake across the park.  
Is he there just for fun?  
NO . . . He's there to bite someone.

Here he comes, he's red and grey  
I hope no one gets in his way!  
His teeth are sharp and full of venom  
Who ever he bites, he is sure to kill'em.

There are two people on the grass  
They'd better get up, the snake is coming fast!  
There it slides across the grass.  
Smack . . . There he lay. I think he's dead,  
For a stone has just hit his head.

L VAN RENSBURG

## FROGS

The day springs up anew  
And the water is as still as death  
The pond weeds suddenly shiver  
Then a croak then a plonk  
And before my eyes the pond is soon surrounded  
by FROGS

There are all sorts of frogs in sight  
Some plumps and lazy  
Sit there and watch the day wear away  
Next are tiny greenish fellows with twinkles in their eyes  
Waiting to have some fun  
Suddenly a belch is heard  
And the ugliest, meanest frog appears  
I wonder what will come next?  
As the day matures the pond livens up  
The water is given no rest  
As frog after frog  
Clumsily splatters in  
The noise is deafening  
Only to be made worse by the older creatures  
Who decide to join the violent discord.  
Finally the day retires  
Night envelopes the world  
And the frogs march away  
One behind the other  
Leaving the pond in heavenly silence.

K MIDZI 3<sup>1</sup>

## THE STORM

The day was hot and very dry  
And there was no sign of a cloud in the sky  
But when the evening did arrive  
The sky began to come alive.

Masses of cloud began to appear  
Brought by winds with respectful fear  
Then when the darkness did prevail  
The skies let down their pounding hail.

With lightening illuminating all around  
And thunder which rolled and shook the ground  
And trees that were bending under the great strain  
The countryside looked as though it were insane.

And then came the rain in fearful torrents  
Flooding the rivers which created dangerous currents  
Until the rains began to move on  
As quickly as it had come, the storm was gone.

M CHADWICK 3<sup>1</sup>

## OCTOBER

They call it the Suicide month  
When its steaming hot  
Night and day  
And makes even the most comfortable bed  
Seem like an oven.

The sky is a beautiful blue  
And the sun penetrates through the clear sky  
People get their swimwear  
And scurry off to the nearest pool  
To try and cool  
The relentless heating of their bodies.

It is a fine time when everything  
Seems to be on the edge  
Even the bees are not  
In their usual bustling mood  
As everything seems intolerable.

The heat is on  
And it is here  
To torment us as it usually does.

R KATSO 3<sup>1</sup>

## CAUGHT IN A STORM

My head swirls, mind swoops in giddy motion,  
Pressure mounts, fear taunts, swelling the tension,  
Certitude settles in, degenerates to indecision,  
Mind darts in sheer consternation,  
Thoughts so few, so little in no direction  
Irresolute, unresolved, mind untamed: utter vexation.  
Stability, equilibrium and sobriety all prostrate in dipilidation  
Every alley and galley leads to ends in perplexity,  
Thoughts, conscience, emotions in commotion,  
Puzzled visage cannot belie minds unstable station  
Mirror Mirror on the wall  
Haven't you answers to it all?  
Out of your wisdom, still the mind in a storm.

N MABENA U6<sup>1</sup>

## I HATE BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO

I hate being told what do  
By everybody — especially you!  
Its always do this, do that, you are doing it wrong  
Whether I am doing English, Art or singing a song.  
Nobody's perfect in this world of ours  
I wish I was a bee buzzing round flowers  
Then I would be without a care as I flew  
And nobody could tell me what to do.

K MATTHEWS

## THE SNAKE

Tap. . .  
Tap, Tap, Tap  
Small cracks appear on a tiny white egg  
A head appears, and then a body.  
Soon a small snake is lying, exhausted,  
On the sand  
Years pass . . . . .

Strong, sinuous, sleek and streamlined  
A body slinks through the undergrowth.  
A mouse scurries fast!  
The body follows. Then  
Flash! A leaf blocked my view  
When I arrive, the mouse is gradually disappearing  
Then a swollen snake slithers away. . . . .

M MINSHULL 1<sup>1</sup>

## LEOPARD

"Listen you guys," Gerald had always been persuasive, we've got three dogs between us and a .22 rifle, no cat can escape that". "I think we'd better just wait for the game ranger, he'll soon be here," I said doubtfully, "in about half an hour." "Ben," Gerald looked at me, "are you chicken or something? It's only a leopard."

I was outvoted by two to one, so I reluctantly agreed to join the hunt.

A leopard had been killing my father's cattle and several goats lately. A hunt had been organised by the game ranger. My cousins, Gerald and Linda were staying with us for a weekend. Gerald persuaded me to get my .22 rifle and three big farm dogs so that we could hunt and kill the leopard before the game ranger.

The leopard had a well marked trail leading up to its lair in the kopje. It was an arduous climb up and the leashed dogs kept tugging me forward. Gerald was right in front with the .22, then me with the dogs, then Linda, carrying a skinning knife and a water bottle. Now we showed signs of getting near the killers lair.

"Unleash the dogs," Gerald ordered as he unslung the .22. I obeyed and the excited creatures ran forward, baying with excitement. We followed at a cautious trot. The dogs rounded a huge grey boulder and their barking changed — they had spotted their quarry. Suddenly there was an anguished howl and only two dogs came back, tails between their legs. The leopard itself was no where in sight. We were suddenly frightened.

"Let's get out of here!" Gerald said hysterically. We turned back the way we had come.

"A-a-a-g!" Linda screamed, stumbling backwards. There about five metres ahead the leopard was crouched, its tail lashing angrily from side to side. It snarled, blinking at us. We stood paralysed. It bunched its haunches under it prior to leaping.

"Fire Gerald!" I shouted but he just stood there.

It started its leap then there was a flat crack and it crashed to the ground, dead. The game ranger stepped from behind a rock, his rifle smoking. "That was a very foolish thing to do," he said afterwards, "you could have been killed or seriously wounded." "We're sorry," Linda said, and we were.

K S TEMBO 2<sup>1</sup>

## LIVING TREASURE

Jack was sixteen. He had his own small submarine — this was partly because his father was a coastguard and partly because of his interest in oceanography. He and his young friend Andy were to find an object unique to the rest of the world — by accident.

It was on a fine September day that the two decided to go and explore the seascape and animals in the unstudied region many miles north of the Aleutian Islands.

They set out early in the blue green sub. They enjoyed watching the fishes scurrying about in the water as the craft approached them.

As they got further out from the coast, the ocean floor became more and more rugged. Soon they had to weave their way around the hills and mountains. It was one of those hills that was the start of their adventure.

The had been weaving around for some time, now and then slowing down to get a photograph of a school of fish when Andy suddenly started when he saw a school of fish swimming into a large cave. This was very thrilling to the boys and Jack slowly and carefully manipulated the sub through the opening and went inside.

It was very dark inside and they needed to switch on the

lights. They made their way around and then Jack quite casually happened to look up. He saw the surface of the water! He blinked. At this depth it was impossible to see the surface. He quickly emptied the ballast and rose. Sure enough they did eventually get to the 'top' Andy opened the hatch and looked around. It was very cold and so dark that he could see nothing. He called to Jack "Turn on the flood lights, its dark out here" then he added "and cold" as he felt goose pimples on his arms. They both climbed out when it became lighter. To their amazement they found themselves in a large underwater cave. They jumped onto the dry land and it was then that they noticed the smell.

It was a terrible odour. The smell of rotting flesh. It was so bad that both boys knew that they would not be able to stand it for long. Besides that it was cold — very cold — cold that could make them both very ill. It was silent in there except for a dripping noise which echoed around the cave. It was very spooky. There was in front of them an egg — not an ordinary egg. This one was as big as a fireplace, it was open and from it protruded the head of a baby . . . well . . . something! It was a green black colour and was gaping into space.

"I . . . I think its a baby dinosaur", said Jack at length. The egg and the dinosaur were on a nest of rocks and all were encased in a crystal clear covering of ice. They then realised where the dripping noise had come from. The water was dripping from the rock ceiling onto the coffin of ice. Andy had been so frightened he could still say nothing. Jack smacked him on the shoulder "It's dead, man, so stop looking so worried," then to himself "I hope".

The boys suddenly realised that Jack's father had to know about this. They heard many days later that in the days of the dinosaur, the sea had been further out — that is that the dinosaur was a land animal. They were then told that the stench was from the remains of the mother and that both beasts were of great interest to science. The remains were collected and both boys were awarded decorations for what they had done.

D CHAUHAN 2<sup>1</sup>

## THE DECISION

He had waited all day for this moment. He had crawled through the dust and bush slowly and painstakingly, using every scrap of cover he could. Five years of experience had taught him well. Slowly, inch by inch he had drawn closer to his quarry, taking over an hour just to cover the last fifty metres. He warily manoeuvred himself into position, careful not to betray his presence with a sound or by raising any dust.

There were eight of them, resting and relaxing in the sun. They all had their helmets off so that by peering down his long telescopic sights, he could see each ones face. He moved the cold gun-blue barrel towards each one in turn. He tried not to look at them as he had attempted to convince himself that they were not really men like he, but just an enemy who he was to kill. He had however never succeeded in this and always despised this weakness in himself.

As he looked at each of them in turn again he visualised them at home with their families as he had been before the war had come. He suddenly came back to reality as he heard them laughing. He had already worked out how he would withdraw after he had fired. He knew that he only had time for one shot before the others took cover and located his position, "but which one?" he thought, "which one?"

The wind carried their voices over to him. He lay listening to them talking in a language he did not know and laughing at jokes he could not understand. Again he looked at them. The youngest was still a mere boy whose uniform was too

# Milton is P



**K Zondo**  
Headmasters Award;  
Head Boy



**S Nkomo**  
Matabeleland Schools  
B Basketball Captain.



**K Umar**  
Matabeleland  
B Schools Hockey.



**I Zulu**  
Matabeleland  
Under 18 Soccer



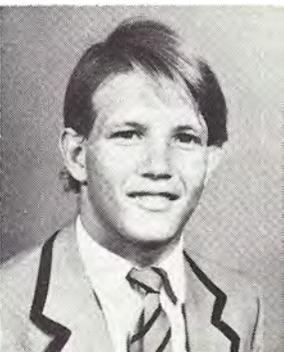
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**A Parsons**  
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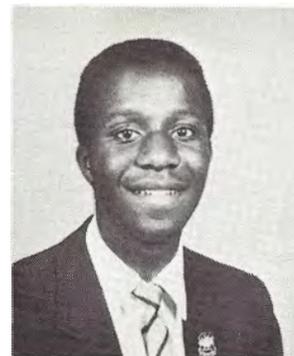
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Matabeleland A Schools Waterpolo.



**W Mills**  
Matabeleland  
B Schools Rugby.

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Bulawayo Junior Mayor



**B Beattie**  
Matabeleland A Schools Rugby  
Matabeleland A schools Waterpolo;  
Zimbabwe schools Waterpolo.



**H Ngunu**  
Matabeleland B Schools Basketball;  
Matabeleland A Schools Rugby;  
Zimbabwe Schools Rugby.



**K Mathews**  
Matabeleland B Schools Waterpolo;  
Zimbabwe Polo Crosse.



**M Matandaware**  
Matabeleland B Schools  
Basketball



**W Querl**  
Zimbabwe B M X



**A Jani**  
Matabeleland Athletics.



**M McNab**  
Matabeleland Athletics.



**K Masiano**  
Matabeleland Tennis.



**M. Minshull**  
Matabeleland Junior Angling

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big and he held the unfamiliar gun awkwardly in his hands. The oldest was grey with a kindly face which was ruined by a scar on his forehead, probably caused by a piece of sharpnel.

He lowered his rifle again and wiped the sweat off his hands onto his jacket. He lay back and listened to the distant roar of the guns. With the warm sun in his face and the soft ground beneath him, it was hard to believe that there was a war being fought just a few miles from his hiding place. He suddenly grew angry with himself, "I am a soldier, my duty is to kill the enemy!" he said this quietly to himself as he put the gun to his shoulder. He stopped however as he saw the forty-six notches carved on the butt with his combat knife, one for each man, he had killed. He remembered how proud he had been when he killed his first man five years ago and how he had boasted about it. Now he was sickened by all the bloodshed and wanted to forget all that he had done.

He thought to himself "I will just pick one of them at random". He steadied himself and quickly brought the cross hairs of the sights to bear on the forehead of one of the men. The man looked straight at him but did not see him for the grass and trees. His finger tightened on the trigger but still he did not fire.

"The war is almost over" he said to himself, "it cannot go on much longer; killing one more man will not make any difference to the outcome". He placed the gun next to himself and watched the soldiers gather their equipment together and move on.

After they had gone he stood up and stared around. Strangely he felt good about letting the other man live. He felt it was no longer his decision to decide on who should live and who should die. For the first time in a long while he felt good about himself, and picking up his few possessions, began to wander back to his own lines whistling to himself.

I CRIGHTON L6

## BEING CHASED BY A BULL

I was running across the field, and I could hear my heart pounding in my head. Behind me an angry bull was charging.

I ran as fast as I could, as if my feet were stamping on fire. My breath came in painful gasps, I nearly threw myself to the ground but because of that charging bull I kept on running for the fence. As I was running my eyes were seeing red mist. The bull was getting close, it galloped along so fast. I felt very sorry for myself for taking the short cut, and knew it was my fault, I should not have ignored the 'No Trespassers' sign. But how was I to know it was a bull and not a harmless old cow? I muttered very crossly to myself. I was still running and the fence looked a hundred miles away, my mind was saying "Can I get there in time before the bull?" because the bull never seemed to get tired.

Still my mind was questioning itself, "will the bull catch me before I get to the fence, and toss me on its sharp horns, then trample me to death?" Surely it was horror.

As I got closer to the fence, I saw little birds singing happily and peacefully sitting on the fence. That day I wished I was a bird.

The fluffy white clouds were sailing across the sky, and everything seemed so peaceful. But the bull was still coming along, shaking the ground as it came. Oh why did I choose the red shirt today? Bulls I know are so fond of the colour red. At last I reached the fence. I don't know how I jumped it. When I was on the other side my body just collapsed. I had left the bull frustrated behind me.

CHIWARA 4<sup>6</sup>

## Club Notes

### ART CLUB

The club is composed of boys from Forms one to four. The members have a great interest in the progress of the club despite an acute shortage of artists materials.

A pleasing aspect of the club is that the members are not necessarily art pupils and these beginners have made remarkable progress.

One hopes that in the future the shortage of materials will be overcome and that boys will be able to maintain their interest in the club.

C NARE

### CHESS CLUB

There has been a revival of interest in our club this year with numbers attending two sessions per week. We have about thirty five regular members drawn from all classes in the school. Due to the shortage of chess sets, we have decided to divide our afternoon practices into two — team and seniors on Thursday — juniors and beginners on Mondays.

We have also decided to give basic Bridge instruction on Mondays to those who are keen. This leaves more boards available. We only have twelve chess sets available for our club. We have a team captain and a juniors captain and team members give instruction to beginners. K Muringai is team

captain, he has been most efficient and helpful in this position, and Muhomba has been our junior captain.

A number of matches have been played this year mainly against other boys' schools but two social games were arranged against Eveline School.

### Results 1st Term

vs Falcon lost 1-9  
vs Hamilton drew 4-4  
vs Hamilton lost 2-6  
vs Gifford lost 2½-7½  
vs Eveline won 7-1  
vs Eveline won 7-1

### Results 2nd Term

vs Hamilton lost 3-9  
vs Hamilton lost 4-8  
vs Gifford Lost 3½-6½  
vs Falcon won 6-2

### Results 3rd Term

vs Gifford (at Home) lost 2-8  
vs Gifford (Away) lost 2-8

G EVANS

## MILTON HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

The Club has been quite busy this year, with several projects keeping the members occupied.

The biggest of these projects was Showtime 87, a fund-raising effort undertaken by the Club. In order to raise working capital for this project, the Club embarked on sweet raffles and cake sales. Showtime 87 was held in the Large City Hall, which was booked and paid for by the Rotary Club of Bulawayo South, our sponsoring Club. We refunded the money after the show. As a result of this show, we were able to donate \$800 each to St Joseph's House for Boys and King George VI Memorial School. The cheques were handed over at a special ceremony during our 1987 Induction Dinner.

Members of the Club at various times helped with street collections.

During the April holidays, four members of the Club (W. Carnegie, M. Mushiko, D. Rusheche and V. Rankin) attended an Interact Conference sponsored by Kwekwe High School Interact Club. This conference was a great success.

In July 1987 the Club was involved in another fund-raising project, this time to raise money to send ten Club members to an Inter-Regional Interact Camp. Those who went derived a great deal of benefit from it.

The new President, Marx Gwaunza, has addressed the sponsoring Club, the Rotary Club of Bulawayo South, at one of their luncheons.

Office-bearers for the new Interact year are: M. Gwaunza

(President), B Tshuma (Vice-President), D. Asirvatham (Treasurer), M. Murangari (Secretary) and K. Muyedzwa (Public Relations Officer).

## CHOIR REPORT

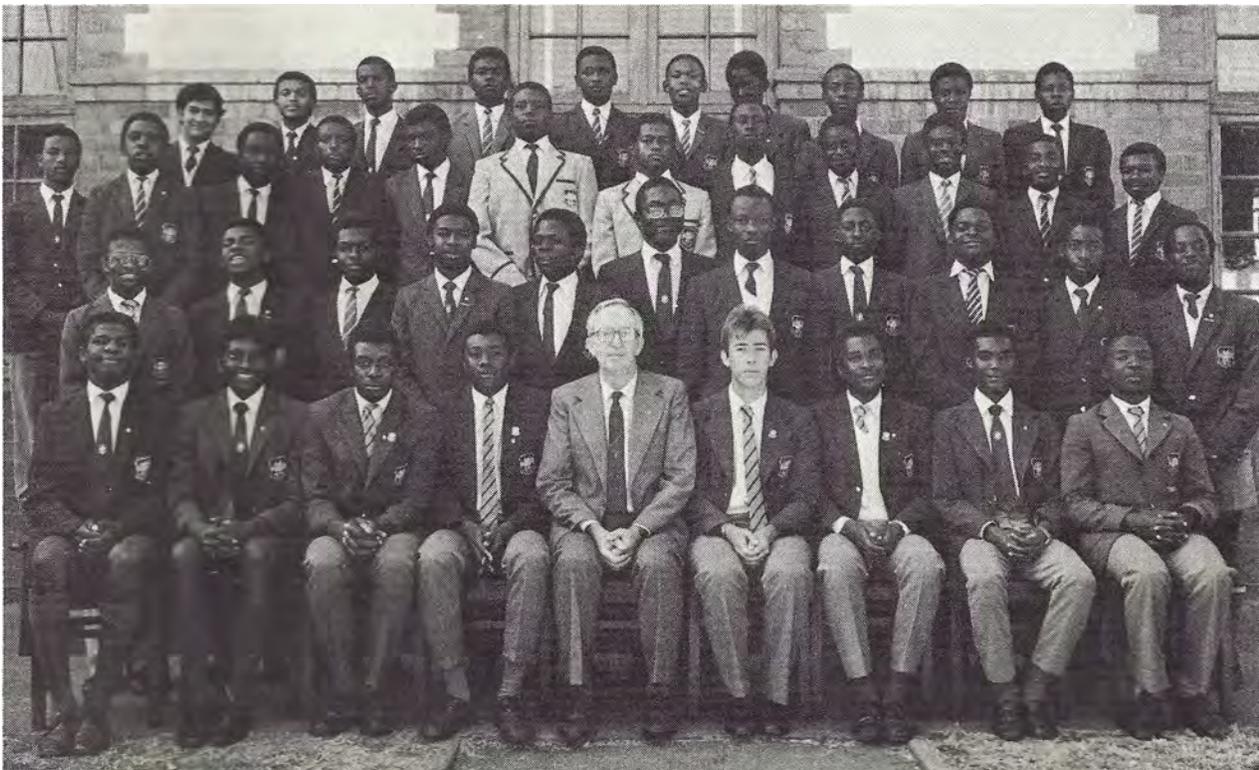
During the first term the choir took part in the Bulawayo Eistedfodd where they won a second Class award for their own arrangement of *The Wreck of the Sloop John B*. At the end of the third term the choir took part in the Bulawayo schools carol concert — an event which the boys enjoyed.

D MITCHELL

## DRAMA CLUB REPORT

A Drama Club was formed at Milton this year and met regularly during the second term to work on a play *Esther* which had been written by the members themselves. This work was based on the Biblical story, in a theatrical style developed from classical Greek Drama and Japanese Noh Drama. The work had to be shelved because of the examination commitments of the main actors and the general difficulty and size of the undertaking, it is hoped however that this production will take place in the future.

D MITCHELL



### INTERACT CLUB

*Back Row:* P Suchak; L Khumalo; K Mutete; O Shinye; P Makuchete; A Velepini; H Moyo; N Ngwenya; V Masiye; L Siphambili.

*3rd Row:* S Mnyama; T Choto; N Nkala; V Mulingo; K Muyedzwa; H Nguruve; K Zondo; N Bhebhe; S Dube; V Halimani; D Moyo; P Kamanga.

*2nd Row:* V Rankin; M Murangai; P Damba; A Mhlanga; T Pesanai; K Murangai; M Valela; M Mabusela; S Dabengwa; T Ngwenya; N Moyo.

*Front Row:* M Murangari; D Asirvatham; B Tshuma; M Gwaunza (President); Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); W Carnegie (Past President); T Armstrong; M Mushiko; D Rusheche.

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## **KARATE CLUB**

*Teacher in Charge:* Mr M Ndlovu

When the karate club was first formed some fifty pupils showed interest in this ancient martial art. The group decreased to about twenty five boys, about ten of which came to the inaugural meeting.

A number of boys left the club when they discovered that the Japanese Karate Association's Shokan Style was vastly different from ZTV's "Masters of Kung Fu". There are no fancy flying kicks, pokes, chops or finger stabs, only lots of hard "training" the ultimate aim of which, in the words of the founder, "lies not in victory or defeat but in perfection of character of its participants."

The pupils that have been training this year will have realised at least what karate is really about — a very strenuous, complicated but enjoyable art form based on the five maxims of Character, Sincerity, Effort, Etiquette and Self Control, and one hopes that they will continue to improve their skills and personalities for the good of the club and the School.

## **TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

The support for the Toastmasters Club during 1987 was somewhat variable and it was sometimes disappointing to find that members suddenly failed to turn up at the last moment, nor was it always easy to extract payment for the dinners from certain members! However, there was a substantial core of members who worked hard to make the Club a success, foremost among them Neil Vlahakis and William Carnegie, both of whom were also polished and amusing speakers who could be relied upon to give full value.

During the year two meetings were held with Townsend an two with Girls College, in both cases one at each school. These meetings were all very successful, especially the occasion of the Girls College visit to Milton — perhaps the girls were inspired by the freedom from prohibition! The Milton visit to Townsend was marked by a marathon evening organised by the Rotary Exchange Student, Marti Elliott from Australia — virtually everyone present was compelled to do something and there were more than twenty one-minute impromptus among other things.

One of the values of a Toastmasters Club is that it is an opportunity for those who are hesitant about public speaking to acquire some skills in friendly and relaxed surroundings. It is perhaps a pity that too many members seem to want to avoid speaking at all costs and to leave it to the "experts". It is to be hoped that next year will see the full involvement of all members.

## **ST JOHN CADETS**

The Milton St John cadet division has continued to meet regularly throughout the year for training. The Divisional Officer instructed the boys in the first two terms but was on leave in the third term, when the meetings were run by Cadet Corporal Yasin Mullah. He is to be commended on his work for St John Ambulance Brigade and especially the Milton Cadets.

The division was represented at the Annual Church Parade and Inspection in July. It is unfortunate that Headquarters in Harare chose to combine these two events and hold them on a Sunday — our numbers were considerably reduced since a number of members already had their own Church and Family commitments. In future one hopes that the annual inspection will be held on Saturday afternoon as it has been in the past.

The Cadet of the Year award for 1987 was won by a boy from Mzingwane School Division, and presented to him at a

social in September. Milton Cadets were present, Yasin Mullah was runner up for this award. It is pleasing that other divisions are improving all the time. The need for First Aid training in schools cannot be over emphasised; accidents and sudden illness are an almost daily occurrence and frequently the first person present is a pupil. His reaction to the situation is made easier if he has been trained in First Aid.

The 1987 Rugby season was rather unique — it was the first season in which the St John Division was able to watch a whole afternoon of rugby without having to run onto the field. This was when Milton played C B C. Indeed there were fewer injuries at rugby this season than in any other year that the Divisional officer can remember. It is good that Schoolboy Rugby is still a clean game and the St John Cadet Division at Milton have enjoyed the matches. There have of course been the occasional injuries but the thanks of the coaches and players have made us proud to be there.

One thing that has been of concern to the Divisional Officer is that boys seem to drop out of St John as they progress up the school. This is unfortunate since Junior members cannot be on duty alone — a senior member must be present. One hopes that as time progresses so more senior boys will come for training and be able to help with duties. It would be good for all major sports to have First Aid coverage, but at present this is impossible.

St John Ambulance is a service to Milton and to Mankind and one hopes that the cadets will continue in this proud tradition, even with a change in leadership.

H F DAY  
(Divisional Officer)

## **MARIMBA BAND**

The band has moved from strength to strength this year and expanded its repertoire to between sixty and seventy different pieces of music ranging from traditional to contemporary rock.

The melodies and accompanying chords are worked out by the band members themselves, the most prominent being Tirivanu Pesanai (Band Leader), Alfred Sidambe, Cuthbert Zulu, Abinah Chitate, Emmanuel Gumbo, Duminsane Dube, and Anele Dube.

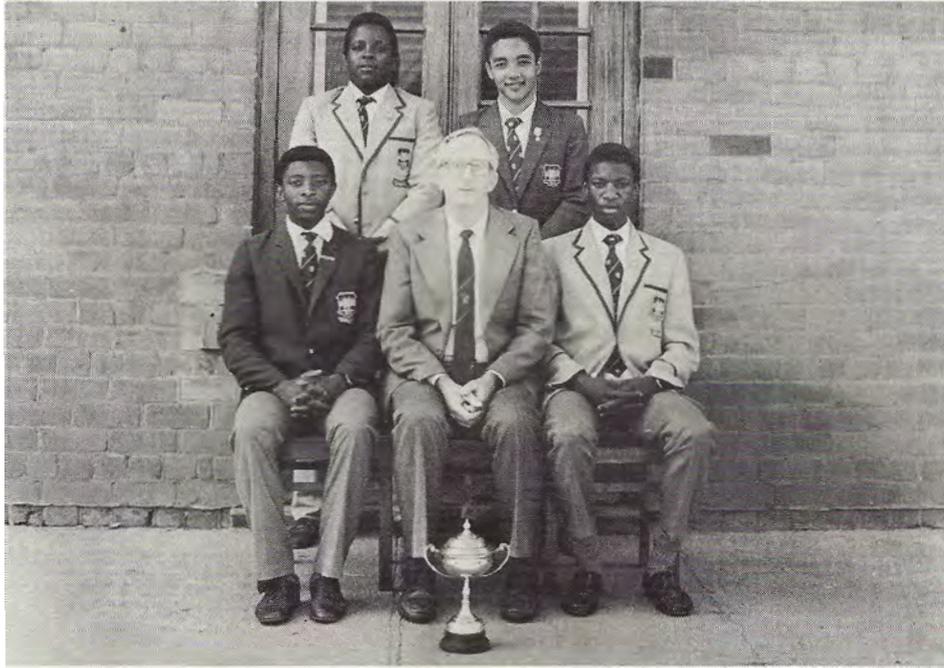
The band has enjoyed entertaining various audiences this year—the most successful and satisfying performances being those staged for Coghlan Junior School whose "little people" were unable to contain themselves by sitting still and listening to the rhythmic sound but impulsively leapt up and displayed amazing break and traditional dance skills. The open musical fun-day, hosted by Girls College, at which the Marimbas met the George Herriot Pipe Band from Edinburgh, was a special highlight of the year.

The Marimba band achieved a "First Class Plus" award in the Eistedfodd. The adjudicator, an experienced musician who has worked closely with the world famous rock group Boney M, praised the overall performance and stated that the sound and rhythm was soul moving and rustic. He pointed out that all types of modern Jazz and Rock music has stemmed from the core of African rhythm and beat.

The band would like to thank the Parents Association for financing the new uniform.

Finally I should like to bid farewell to all the band members who will be leaving at the end of 1987. Special mention must be made of T Pesanai who has been with the band since its inception in 1983. I would encourage the next musical team to work closely and sensitively together, to be dedicated and ever inspired and so move from strength to strength as we have done in the past.

V VAN DER MERWE



**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TEAM**

*Back Row:* T Msika; N Vlahakis.

*Front Row:* J Paradza; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); S Mazonde.



**MARIMBAS**

*Back row:* R Mkandla; A Chitate; N Ndabambi; A Dube.

*Middle Row:* M Kamasamba; W Ngwenya; P Damba; E Gumbo; D Dube; M Moyo.

*Front Row:* C Zulu; Mrs A Van Der Merwe; T Pesanai (Leader); Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); A Sidambe.

## SCRIPTURE UNION

The Scripture Union Group at Milton has grown in size from about twenty boys to about sixty boys who attend regularly. This has demanded a change in structure and we now have "Discipleship Groups" of seven to twelve boys meeting once a week in addition to the weekly Bible Study, and twice weekly meetings of the whole group.

Our committee this year, led by Cedric Chuchu, has provided a strong and united leadership for the group which draws its members from every form.

Many different church backgrounds are represented in the group some boys had no Christian beliefs before becoming involved. However we are all united in the belief that a relationship with Jesus Christ, as presented in the Bible, is the most important thing in life.

D MITCHELL



### CHESS TEAM

*Back Row:* M Muhomba; S Velepini; Z Ndebele; T Moyo; O Mbedzi.

*Middle Row:* E Abdul; B Dube; K Mkhwananzi; M Ndlovu; T Gumbura; M Mthunzi; R Mhone.

*Front Row:* N Khumalo; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); S Dhiwayo; Mrs G Evans; K Muringai.

*In Front:* F Abdul.

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# Sport Reports

## ATHLETICS

The athletics season this year saw the introduction of several new competitions in an attempt to provide increased Inter-School competition and stimulate athletes to improve their performances. Despite organisational difficulties these two aims were met and objects achieved. Milton continued to provide keen opposition in the Inter-Schools events and notable successes were recorded especially performances by the Captain of Athletics, S Mazonde.

The Inter-House competition saw the Boarders triumph once more, the result largely teamwork and spirit. New records were established by Mazonde S, Jones S, Ngwenya V, Moyo N and Mills G, who broke the U14 Javelin record set eleven years ago in 1976 by W McDonald.

## BASKET BALL

### FIRST TEAM BASKETBALL

**Coach:** Mr M Ndlovu

The first team got off to a fairly good start in the first term although it did not win all its matches it played competitive basketball and showed a great deal of potential. Two major weaknesses at this time were the boys individual skills and team cohesion. Player attitude proved to be a hinderance.

The third term came about and with the Leyland Shield competition looming in the future, the boys skills and determination began to take shape. The school lost to a

number of teams they should have been able to beat and as these defeats threatened to push us out of the Leyland Shield Competition at an early stage the boys made a more determined effort and played much better basketball. The team was however not successful in the Leyland Shield tournament.

M. NDLOVU

### UNDER 15 BASKETBALL

**Coach:** Mr M Smith

**Captain:** M Fourie

**Team Members:** P Utete, J Pensee-Arnold, L Hassan, B Makuchete, C Kee-Tui, Z Nkomo, R Woodend, O Kapfunde, M Mukwashi, C Forbes, G Ngwenya, A Botha, B Foxen, T Miller.

**Comment:** A dissappointing set of results which were not a true reflection of the potential of this age group. Both teams faced stiff opposition which was on average larger and more mature than the Milton sides.

The first term saw little cohesive teamwork, but a gradual increase in individual skills. In the third term ball skills continued to improve and the teams began to work together producing some competitive and exciting play. By the end of the season moves had begun to work and were put into use effectively against Plumtree in an end



### BASKETBALL TEAM

*Back Row:* D Asirvatham; P Makuchete; B Tshuma; M Mathe; D Silamba.

*Middle Row:* R Midzi; S Lynx; D Dowie; R Alfred.

*Front Row:* Mr M Ndlovu (Coach); S Nkomo; N Matandaware; H Ngruve; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster).

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of term tournament. Hopefully the interest shown at this level will be nurtured and produce an effective first team in a few years time.

**Results:**

**Under 15 A**

**First Term**

vs Plumtree	lost	14 – 31
vs Founders	lost	22 – 29
vs Northlea	lost	21 – 60
vs Gifford	lost	22 – 28
vs Falcon	won	38 – 16
vs Hamilton	lost	16 – 30

**Third Term**

vs Plumtree	lost	20 – 21
vs Plumtree	won	20 – 12
vs Founders	lost	9 – 30
vs Northlea	lost	14 – 26
vs Gifford	lost	15 – 28
vs Falcon	won	47 – 14
vs Hamilton	lost	19 – 22

**Under 15 B Team**

**First Term**

vs Plumtree	lost	15 – 22
vs Founders	lost	8 – 16
vs Northlea	lost	14 – 26
vs Gifford	lost	14 – 39
vs Falcon	won	58 – 4

**Third Term**

vs Plumtree	lost	19 – 23
vs Founders	lost	15 – 17
vs Northlea	lost	5 – 16
vs Gifford	won	30 – 18

**U 14 Basketball**

**A Team**

**Coach:** S Mazithulela

**Captain:** E Moyo

**Team Members:** M Moyo, S Dempster, R Dube, J Forbes, A Katso, A Jamba.

**B Team**

**Coach:** B Moyo

**Captain:** A Weir

**Team Members:** Q Page, H Patel, S Chitrin, V Tsikisai, P Makubire

**Results:**

vs Northlea	won	18 – 4
vs Plumtree	drew	18 – 18
vs Gifford	won	12 – 2
Founders	won	16 – 4
vs Hamilton	lost	15 – 18
vs Falcon	won	22 – 15

**Comment:**

Most of the boys were new to the game at the beginning of the year and having acquired the services of two senior boys as coaches the team grew from strength to strength. The first term was devoted to learning basic skills and principles of the game and boys made a clean sweep of their matches. The third term saw a move to building up tactical awareness, fitness and team work. These efforts paid off as the team emerged as a well oiled morale was always boosted by the bounding confidence and cheerful optimism of Miss N Moyo the teacher in charge.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Falcon hosted the Inter-schools run this year and so provided the only competition at Schools level. Despite the increased numbers participating there was a marked reluctance to compete in the Fun Runs organised by the Milton Athletic Club. In the Inter-House competition, Boarders again recorded another success but only one record was broken, the U14, the new record was set by Sigiba of Morgan House.

**CRICKET**

Generally this year was a dismal one for the school's cricket. Most teams were soundly beaten by their opponents. Various Z.C.U. coaching schemes have after several years produced few cricketers. The players receive little recognition. This lack of interest was felt deeply by the players.

**FIRST XI**

The team did not attain to great heights in terms of cricketing achievement winning only against Prince Edward but the players deserve congratulations for their keenness and fine sportsmanship.

The batting proved to be the side's downfall time and again. Here determination alone will not suffice as natural talent is a prerequisite. So often after a creditable achievement in the field the batting failed miserably.

The bowling was adequate with Mazonde, Vaghmaria and in the third term Webber being the stalwarts.

The following players represented the 1st XI:-

D. Rajaratnam, J. Evans, J. Paradza, T. Msika, F. Makoma, S. Dollabh, D. Vaghmaria, S. Mazonde, M. Margerison, D. Webber, K. Muyedza, R. Jain, M. Margerison, C. Surasinghe S. Mubobo.

**UNDER 15 CRICKET**

As always seems to be the case in recent years, we started 1987 with the promise of a good u14 team coming through to u15 but the promise did not last beyond first match. The team that played in the first term was almost completely replaced by the third term as players were lured away to the 1st XI, waterpolo or simply staying at home on a Saturday. Our results did not change however and we failed to win a single match against Falcon, Plumtree or C B C. One glimmer of hope was the keenness of the team that emerged in the third term. In spite of loosing every Saturday the U15A team always seemed to enjoy the game and to try their hardest, ably led and encouraged by their captain, S Danisa.

Our greatest successes came from the bowlers and fielders where again Danisa was conspicuous by L Moyo also performed well and J Dube showed much promise. Our batting rarely gave the opposition much to think about although they frequently seemed to suspect we possessed hidden talent and scored 200 or more before daring to let us bat.

S LONG



**CRICKET 1987**

*Back Row:* J Evans; J Paradza; T Msika; S Singh; F Makoma; S Doolabh; M Margerison  
*Front Row:* D Vaghmaria; Mr C M Hawkins; D Rajaratram; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); S Mazonde  
*In Front:* J Moore



**ATHLETICS TEAM**

*Back Row:* C Green; V Khanye; S Malumo; T Ndlovu; G Mazithulela; T Tsvara; M Taurayi; I Mataruse; J Ndlovu; T Dongo;  
M Msongelwa; Munodawafa; B Kombe.  
*4th Row:* A Moyo; H Dlamini; C Shadaya; N Sibanda; T Pesanai; C Sitanimezi; N Moyo; L Kujinga; T Chirinda; S Chigwada;  
V Ngwenya; F Majuba.  
*3rd Row:* F Mukoma; D Gumede; D Mills; A Ndlovu; T Dube; T Khosa; M McNab; C Masuku; N Moyo; G Mhandu;  
G Mills; N Ncube; V Mlingo.  
*Front Seated:* S Nkomo; Mr A Walker (Coach); D Rusheche; B Tshuma; S Mazonde (Captain); Mr H Fincham (Headmaster);  
H Nguruve; T Msika; K Zondo; Mr M Perigoe (Coach); R Midzi.  
*Front Row and Ground:* S Maphosa; H Wood; G Mkuku; M Craft; T Goremuचेche; Q Page; R Mutete.



**VOLLEYBALL**

*Back Row:* F Masuku; B Nare; A Mpala; N Dube; B Gumpo; M Ndlovu.

*Front Row:* A Mhlanga (Vice Captain); Mrs T Khumalo (Coach); G Sibanda (Captain); Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); F Musipa.



**WATERPOLO TEAM**

*Back Row:* M McNab; K Mathews; B Ray; S Boncey; A Marques;

*Front Row:* Mr M Perigoe (Coach); B Beattie (Captain); A Simon; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster).

## WATERPOLO

### 1st Team Waterpolo

**Coach:** Mr M Perigoe

**Captain:** B Beattie

**Players:** A Simon, B Ray, S Boncey, K Matthews, A Marques, D Chowles, B Tokoza, M McNab.

Milton 1st Team Waterpolo was not as strong this year as in the past since only four players returned from last season. The severe lack of enthusiasm and lack of depth in the sport resulted in us having to recruit a number of U15 players, who lacked the necessary experience and skills for the 1st Team. Despite this fact we still managed to hold our own and were placed fifth in the country.

Unfortunately we were unable to retain the Hart Trophy this year, but the players gave of their best and the opposition had a run for their money.

B Beattie, B Ray and A Simon were selected for the Matabeleland Schools A Team, and K Matthews for the B Team, Simon and Beattie were also selected for the Zimbabwe Schools Team.

The Fred Wilson Trophy for the most improved player was awarded to A Simon.

#### Summary of Results:

##### First Term

Played 15 matches, won 9, drew 1, lost 5

##### Third Term

Played 18 matches, won 9, lost 9.

### U15 Waterpolo

**Coach:** A Simon

**Captain:** D Chowles

It is a great pleasure to see so many keen young players at Waterpolo practice. For the first time we have had enough boys to field nearly three full sides. From our U15A side four boys have also played First Team this year, they are: D Chowles, J Evans, B Tokoza and J Ashley. The A side had a tremendous season and in the last game against Falcon defeated them 8 – 3. This was the first time during the year that they had beaten Falcon. Players who played well in that game were D Chowles, J Evans, B Tokoza and S Rorke. The B Side which was predominantly made up of U13 players managed to beat Plumtree in all matches but lost to Falcon except for one match.

My thanks go to Brian Beattie, Bryan Ray and Stuart Boncey who also helped in coaching this group.

A SIMON

## VOLLEYBALL

**Coaches:** Mrs T Khumalo, Mr T Zgambo, Mr S Sibanda

**Captain:** G Sibanda

**Team Members:** A Mhlanga, A Mpala, A Phiri, B Gumbo, B Nare, M Mthethwa.

**Comment:** During the first term the team played a number of matches but did not win all their games. When they lost they did so cheerfully. The overall poor performance in terms of matches won has its roots in the fact that only sixth formers have played volleyball and each year new members have had to be found to replace the leavers. By the third term the standard has improved and we are able to beat those schools that beat us in the first term. One hopes that in future boys in the lower forms will take an interest in volleyball, and that the strength of the team will improve.

## RUGBY

### First Team Rugby

**Captain:** Mr M Perigoe

**Captain:** B Ray

**Vice Captain:** B Beattie

**Colours:** Re Awards B Ray, B Beattie, K Zondo, H Nguruve  
New Awards S Boncey, W Mills.

**Most Improved Players:** S Nkomo and A Jani.

**Players:** D Ruscheche, R Katso, N Moyo, M Sinclair, A Jani, D Weber, W Querl, W Mills, A Simon, K Zondo, S Boncey, S Nkomo, B Ray, B Beattie, H Nguruve, B Muchabaiwa, M Ndiweni, D Mills, M McNab.

#### Results:

vs Peterhouse ( <i>Harare Festival</i> )	lost	8 – 22
vs Ellis Robins ( <i>Harare Festival</i> )	lost	7 – 8
vs St Georges ( <i>Harare Festival</i> )	lost	0 – 19
vs Falcon	lost	0 – 24
vs Plumtree	lost	6 – 26
vs Gifford	won	14 – 6
vs C B C	won	19 – 6
vs Msiteli	won	82 – 0
vs Chaplin	won	82 – 0
vs Chaplin	won	28 – 4
vs George Herriot	won	29 – 15
vs Plumtree	lost	14 – 21
vs Woodhouse Grove	lost	10 – 16
vs Gifford	won	32 – 12
vs C B C	won	49 – 3
vs Falcon	lost	7 – 37

**Comment:** As has been the case for the last couple of years

Milton 1st XV has not been able to produce the quality of backs needed for this standard of rugby, to contain their opposition and to fully utilise any ball won for them by their pack. This unfortunately was the problem we faced this season with only one player returning from last year, hopefully next season this situation will be rectified as six out of seven backs are eligible to return as well as a number of talented 2nd team and U 15 players. The pack on the other hand boasted a wealth of experience with six of the players from last season. Despite having this obvious talent as well as the added advantage of knowing each other, they did not combine as well as they should have done, and therefore performed below capacity. The team went from strength to strength during the season as a result of much chopping and changing of the backs in the earlier part of the season.

The highlight of the season was the match against the George Herriot School team from Edinburgh. This was a return match since the Milton Touring Side had played them in December 1986, where they had drawn with a score 0 – 0. On our own ground we won 29 – 15 in an extremely exciting game.

Congratulations must go to the following players: H Nguruve, B Beattie and A Jani for making the Matabeleland A Team, B Ray, S Boncey and W Mills for making the Matabeleland B Team. H Nguruve was also one of the few Matabeleland players to be selected for the Zimbabwe schools side.

Finally the team and I would like to thank Mr Perigoe for the time and effort he spent coaching us this season.

B RAY

#### Critique

**W Mills** (Prop) Willy, despite his lack of height used his sturdy farmers build to provide the essential platform necessary for good scrumming. Willy also managed to get around the field a bit more, probably due to his fathers

extra 'Fitness Sessions'. He was chosen to represent the Matabeleland B schools team.

**A Simon** (Hooker Scrum Half) Anton acquitted himself well when he was moved from hooker to scrum half and then back again to hooker. He is to be complimented on his keen attitude towards the game especially in training.

**K Zondo** (Prop) As this was his third season in the 1st XV Keith could always be relied upon when the going got tough. His experience was a great asset to the side. He is a powerful scrummager and also has the speed to get to the loose play where he can use his strength to set up good second phase.

**S Boncey** (Lock) Stuart excelled in his second phase where he won a great deal of good ball for the team, although his fitness was never up to scratch for one reason or another. Stuart's major downfall was his lack of height which was a problem in line outs. He was selected for the Matabeleland B schools team.

**S Nkomo** (Lock) "Josh" started playing rugby this season but despite his lack of experience and knowledge of the rules he still pulled his weight. His 6'3" frame was a great asset in the lineouts often winning us the ball. "Josh" went from strength to strength throughout the season which earned him the cup for the most improved player.

**B Ray** (Flank, hooker, scrum half, 8th man.) Bryan captained the side and led the team by example and dedication both in training and the game situation. He was an inspiration to his team mates. These qualities were not

lost on the Matabeleland selectors who chose him to captain the B side.

Although a little light Bryan, nicknamed "Dog", used his terrier-like workrate to the teams advantage. Always one of the first to the breakdown and working tirelessly when he got the ball he was a real asset to Milton.

**B Beattie** (Flank 8th Man) Brian was vice-captain of the side, he is an outstanding flank with a lot of experience which coupled with his powerful build and determination resulted in him being one of the teams highest scorers for the second season in succession. Brian is also a very good tackler who often put a great deal of pressure on the opposition's line. Brian was selected for the Matabeleland A schools team.

**H Nguruve** (Flank) Honeywell is a very good player who used his huge build to excell in lineouts. He is also a very powerful runner with the ball and is difficult to stop when he gets going. Although his attitude at times was questionable he still scored numerous tries, thus battling with Brian for top scorer. He was selected for the Matabeleland A schools side and later the National side.

**W Querl** (Hooker, scrum half) Wayne started off the season as hooker but later moved to scrumhalf where he excelled. Using his build and forward instincts to keep the ball tight around the base of the scrum he also combined well with the loose forwards, passing the ball where necessary. He is a talented player who shows great promise for the future.



#### FIRST TEAM RUGBY

*Back Row:* R Katso; D Weber; D Mills; S Nkomo; F Mukoma; M Ndiweni.

*Middle Row:* N Moyo; N Sibindi; W Mills; A Simon; S Boncey; D Rusheche; A Jani.

*Front Row:* H Nguruve; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); B Ray (Captain); B Beattie (Vice Captain); Mr M Perigoe (Coach); K Zondo.

*Inset:* M Sinclair; W Querl

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**D Weber** (Fly half) Darren joined the team late in the second half of the season from the U15A side. This was due to his kicking abilities since the first team had lacked a good kicker for some time. He adapted well to the pressures and this experience will have stood him in good stead for the future.

**A Jani** (Wing) Aaron is a very fast wing, who when he got the ball used his speed to score some exceptional tries. He is another promising player who should be watched for the future having already played for the Matabeleland A and B sides. For his achievements this year he was awarded the trophy for the most improved player.

**M Sinclair** (Centre) Malcolm was a regular member of the team who always attended practices and gave of his best. He combined well with the other centre and was a hard tackler.

**N Moyo** (Centre, Wing) Despite his lack of size he always tried hard never missing a single practice.

**R Katso** (Centre, Wing) Roy is a determined little player who is not scared to tackle. He improved greatly throughout the season and should be an asset of the side next year.

**D Ruscheche** (Fullback) Although De Villiers was our only experienced line player his game unfortunately seemed to have deteriorated from last season. He seems to lack confidence and his hands seem to let him down especially when he was under pressure. One hopes this is only temporary and that he will soon be back to his previous standard.

## Second Team Rugby

**Coach:** Mr M Perigoe

**Captain:** D Mills

**Team Members:** N Green, A Marques, N Ndiweni, G Mullin, N Dabengwa, E Mutare, G Weale, D Dube, N Moyo, P Masuku, P Gonera, G Musakasa, N Sibindi.

**Comment:** The second team played throughout the year with a lot of enthusiasm and effort. Initially there were a lot of changes in the side but by the third game a strong side had been formed and the team progressed considerably.

Although the team worked well at practice they lacked a lot of self motivation. The forwards however played with determination and gave the three quarters frequent possession of the ball.

Thanks go to the coaches without whom the team would not have been as successful.

## 3rd and 4th Rugby Teams

Once again the 3rd and 4th's did not win many matches but usually showed a lack of enthusiasm at times. This was largely due to a long stretch in mid season with no fixtures — something we hope will not be repeated next year. Training sessions continued to be dominated by the need to practice the most basic techniques but with a large number of players in their second or even third year at this level we eventually produced our best 3rd XV for some time. It was always disappointing in matches to see the organisation that we had worked so hard at in practice, break down under pressure. At times all 15 players would join in a loose maul, leaving enormous gaps in defence which the opposition could easily exploit. This together with the perennial problem of weak tackling, led to some heavy defeats, especially against Falcon, but there were some brighter moments, notably a 3rd XV win against C B C when the whole team performed at their best.

S LONG

## Under 15 Rugby

**Coach:** Mr G Dooley

Overall the season was a successful one winning over 2/3 of the games played, but one of the most pleasing aspects this season was to see the interest and enthusiasm shown for the game at this level. Twice a week as many as sixty players turned up for practice to vie for places in the teams. This all augurs well for the future of Rugby at Milton for the next few years.

The A side captained by J Evans had already consolidated themselves into a fine side last season and continued to improve this year winning over half the games played, despite having lost four key players throughout the season.

The B side captained by J Ashley had a great record losing only 2 and winning 7 games. They capped the season by winning at home to a strong Falcon side.

The C side who showed great commitment, just did not have enough opposition to show what they were made of but nevertheless did well in the few games they played.

### Results:

#### vs Falcon

A Team	lost	6 – 29
B Team	lost	0 – 54
C Team	lost	8 – 12

#### vs Plumtree

A Team	lost	0 – 4
B Team	won	10 – 4

#### vs C B C

A Team	won	6 – 3
C Team	won	30 – 6

#### vs Morgan

B Team	lost	0 – 36
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#### vs Gifford

A Team	won	20 – 0
B Team	won	36 – 0
C Team	won	36 – 0

#### vs Northlea

A Team	won	32 – 0
B Team	won	40 – 0

#### vs Gifford

A Team	won	23 – 0
B Team	won	38 – 0

#### vs Plumtree

A Team	won	15 – 3
B Team	won	34 – 0

#### vs Gifford

A Team	won	17 – 4
B Team	won	34 – 0

#### vs Hamilton

A Team	won	50 – 0
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#### vs C B C

A Team	lost	7 – 9
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#### vs Falcon

A Team	lost	10 – 14
B Team	won	16 – 8
C Team	lost	0 – 15

## U 14 A Rugby

**Coach:** Mr M Smith

**Captain:** G Mills

**Team:** J Madonko, S Toppin, J Nyaguza, P Mhondera, V Ngwenya, M Nxumalo, S Weizel, M Makwembere, W Ncube, T Chirinda, R Scott, C Shadaya, P Ngwenya. S Chigwada P Madondo.

**Comment:** The season opened with an away fixture against Falcon which ended in defeat. Our forwards failed to work cohesively and the backs saw little of the ball.

Mid week saw a match against Plumtree which ended in victory. The pack had settled down and the two locks Mills and Mhondera provided plenty of force. This was a successful combination and in all our future matches the forwards dominated the opposition with plenty of fierce aggressive rugby. Our back line started the season poorly with some poor ball handling but by the final match against Falcon the ball was moving to the wings. Chigwada, our right wing, was at last able to make his speed tell scoring two tries. Despite some hard pressure by the Falcon forwards in the second half, Milton emerged victorious, a fitting end to a successful season.

**Results:**

vs Falcon	lost	3 – 14
vs Plumtree	won	16 – 12
vs C B C	won	20 – 6
vs Gifford	won	11 – 3
vs Gifford	won	36 – 0
vs Plumtree	lost	10 – 16
vs Gifford	won	24 – 12
vs C B C	won	22 – 3
vs Falcon	won	22 – 10

**Under 14 B Rugby**

**Coach:** Mr M Smith

**Captain:** B Muzenda

**Team:** J Forbes, S Nkwane, T Chimuti, P Beswick, A Van Beek, W Weale, T Davis, A Katso, P Madondo.

**Comment:** This side was composed of a number of inexperienced players and it took some time before the

team began to work together as a cohesive unit. Throughout the season the line was plagued by poor passing and frequently the hard work of the forwards was hindered by the backs. Towards the end of the season the forwards finally began to work together and the last match brought victory over Falcon. Forbes Madondo and Beswick committed themselves to the game and motivated the rest of the team.

Hopefully the spirit achieved in this end of season match can be kept alive until next year.

**Results:**

vs Falcon	lost	4 – 24
vs Plumtree	lost	0 – 24
vs Plumtree	lost	0 – 32
vs Gifford	won	20 – 0
vs Falcon	won	18 – 0

**U 13 Rugby**

The season began with hard seasons against Falcon and Plumtree. The team had little chance to prepare and were well beaten. After these defeats a lot of effort was put into training and the team began to take shape.

Victories then followed against C B C and Gifford, both home and away. New boys attending rugby allowed a B team to be fielded who beat C B C but lost to Falcon. T Levendale skippered the B Team.

By the end of the season the A Team had made a great improvement and were unlucky to loose narrowly to Plumtree and Falcon. G Lord Captained the A Team. Several players show a lot of promise for the future.



**FIRST TEAM SOCCER**

*Back Row:* G Mhandu; S Rashayi; B Nare; R Kanonhuwa; I Zulu; N Mpofu.

*Middle Row:* W Ngwenya; N Dube; E Bitu; F Moyo; C Sibanda; M Gwara; L Kujinga; A Ndlovu; M Vera.

*Front Row:* Mr H Hove (Coach); B Khumalo (Captain); Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); T Tsvara (Vice Captain); Mr S Poku-Awuah (Coach)

## SOCCER

### 1st Team Soccer

**Coaches:** Mr S Poku Awuah and Mr H Hove

**Captain:** B Khumalo

**Vice Captain:** T Tsvara

**Team Members:** I Zulu; C Sibanda; E Bitu; N Dube; F Moyo; A Ndlovu; M Gwara; M Nyathi; G Mandu; S Rashayi; L Kujinga; B Nare; W Ngwenya; N Mpofu; M Vera; R Kanonhuwa; S Mnyama.

#### Results:

##### League Games

vs Nkulumane	won	4 – 0
vs Gifford	drew	0 – 0
vs Tennyson	won	6 – 1
vs Ihlathi	won	2 – 0
vs Hamilton	lost	2 – 5
vs Cyrene	lost	0 – 1
vs Northlea	won	1 – 0
vs Founders	lost	0 – 1

##### Knockout — Dunlop Trophy

###### 1st Round

vs Tennyson won 6 – 1

###### Quarter Final

vs Founders lost 1 – 2

###### Friendly Match

vs P T C Bulawayo won 12 – 2

**Comment:** With more than six new players groomed into the first team, the squad gave a hint of optimism by beating Tennyson 6 – 1 in its first match. This served as testimony to the strength and depth of the team which the coaches had worked tirelessly to build.

By playing purposeful soccer with a lot of dedication, enthusiasm, and by working as a team the group fared well in the league tournament. It could even silence the dreadful might of the Ihlathi team that won the Dunlop Trophy.

The team was unfortunate to be knocked out in the quarter finals of the Dunlop Tournament, by Founders school in a closely contested match.

Under the captaincy of the influential B Khumalo discipline on the pitch was good this year and so the team were worthy ambassadors of Milton.

The smart hardworking goalkeeper, I Zulu, won school colours for his outstanding performance throughout the year. His perfect anticipation enthusiasm and discipline during matches won him many friends. Seven other players were awarded team tabs.

Our thanks go to Mr P Pretorious, a retired National Referee, who found time to come and referee some of our games.

#### Critique

**I Zulu** — A talented goal keeper, nicknamed "Short Cat".

His safe pair of hands were a worthy asset to the team.

His daring and suicidal saves were an inspiration to all.

**C Sibanda** — A keen defender but rather slow. Honest and enthusiastic.

**N Dube** — Strong defender who was particularly tough to beat in the air. He made some remarkable contributions to the defence.

**F Moyo** — Promoted from the U 16's. Fortune played a clean game and never gave up.

**T Tsvara** — A reliable central defender and Vice Captain. He liked to overlap, even on unsuitable occasions, and was easily excitable.

**A Ndlovu** — A talented and entertaining mid fielder who could create chances for the team to score.

**W Ngwenya** — A capable winger whose form was rather erratic at times.

**B Khumalo** — A highly gifted player whose absence from the team could easily be felt. He can defend, link and strike equally well.

**M Gwara** — An aggressive striker who was the top scorer for the team.

**E Bitu** — Started off as a defender but rose to be winger towards the end of the season. Very keen and enthusiastic.

**L Kujinga** — A good player who could cause havoc in opposing defences. His style is rather too slow.

**B Nare** — Liked dribbling but lacked in physical fitness.

**G Mandu** — A player full of energy whose hard running often unsettled opposing defences.

### Under 14 Soccer

The under 14 soccer team was made up of Form One boys. These young boys proved to have a lot of talent. This was shown by the performance which they displayed during the short period of practice and in matches against other schools.

The formation of a team and the selection of the eleven players and the substitutes was a real task since as many as fifty boys would turn out for practice.

In the three matches played the boys performed very well. In the first match against CBC the school won 4 – 1 and in the return game the score had improved to 10 – 1.

The match against Hamilton was narrowly lost 2 – 3. There is hope that if these boys could be trained seriously with a full set of fixtures Soccer at Milton will improve.

P KARONGO

## SQUASH

**Coach:** Miss W Yates

**Captain:** V Rankin

**1st Team:** V Rankin, S Feigenbaum, K Umar, D Laxmidas, K Zondo.

**Schools League Team:** M Gopal, S Naran, S Sissons, I Samson, D Asirvartham.

Squash has been continuing steadily throughout the year. The first team played in the Matabeleland Winter League, and came fourth in the Sixth League. The school also took part in the newly formed Matabeleland Schools League.

Interhouse Squash took place in the third term and was won by Brady.

Beginners squash is enthusiastically attended, and several boys show promising talent. There is a strong Junior Squash following with boys keen to challenge each other. The squash court is of course open to boys every afternoon, and they are encouraged to make use of it.

W YATES

## HOCKEY

On the whole the school hockey teams had little success during the year. There was not much evidence of any adequate coaching in the primary schools and we had few experienced coaches.

### 1st XV

With few of last year's players returning the team was not as successful as in the past. Early in the season we went to Harare to play in the Inter-Zonal tournament where we



**SQUASH**

*Back Row:* K Zondo; K Umar; D Laxmidas.

*Front Row:* Miss W Yates; V Rankin (Captain); S Feigenbaum; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster).



**1st Team Hockey**

*Back row:* M. Naik, D. Rajaratnam, S. Doolabh

*Middle row:* N. Vlahakis, A. Van Rheede, S. Mazonde, C. Sitanimezi, S. Feigenbaum

*Seated:* A. Durand, Mr. C.M. Hawkins (coach), A. Umar (Captain), Mr. H. Fincham (Headmaster), T. Msika

*In front:* W. Rice

played Eaglesvale, Churchill and Peterhouse losing all three matches. The team, however, improved and we beat Gifford and drew against Northlea. This improvement culminated when we defeated C.B.C. 3-2 in the last game of the season.

Milton participated in the Matabeleland Schools Trials when Umar was selected for the Matabeleland 'B' side to play in the National Trials.

The School enjoyed taking part in the pre-season Indoor Hockey tournament.

Players: K. Umar (Capt.) D. Rajaratnam, T. Msika, W. Rice, M. Naik, N. Vlahakis, A. Durand, S. Doolabh, S. Mazonde, S. Feigenbaum, C. Sitanamezi, O. Van Rheede

## SWIMMING REPORT

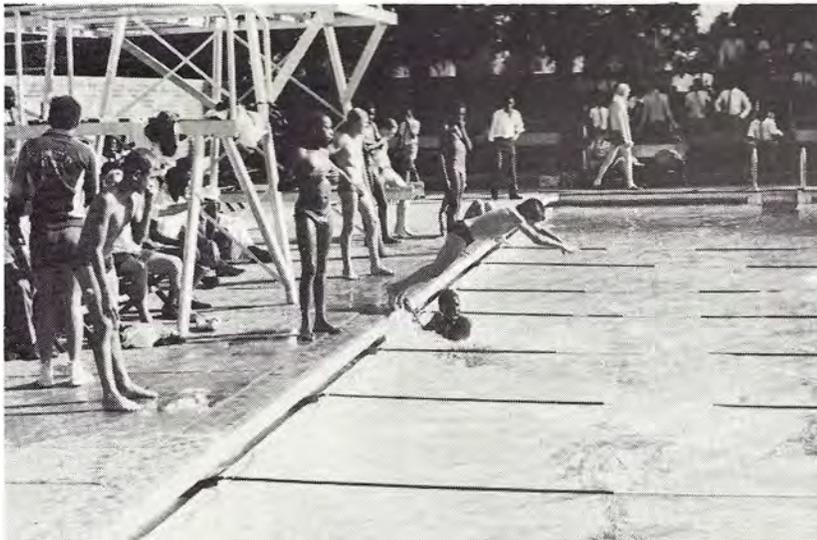
Swimming at Milton showed a lack of depth of capable swimmers. As a result in the Inter-School Gala we were well beaten, coming fourth in the event. However all those who took part gave of their best. Two of the more successful swimmers were Fay and Lord.

In the Interhouse Gala the lack of capable swimmers was even more evident with some houses failing to provide full teams. Those who took part though showed great enthusiasm.

As a school activity swimming is popular amongst the Form One pupils. For these boys a beginners course was held. In the third term a programme of water survival and awareness was completed by these boys. Assistance was given by the P.E. Students of the Hillside Teachers College. For the more able swimmers Mrs Lord assisted in trying to improve their stroke technique. Mrs Lord must also be thanked for her assistance in preparing the school team.

The future for competitive swimming looks bleak as more and more boys come into the school unable to swim so a beginners course in swimming is important to give the non swimmers a chance to learn to swim or at least survive in the water. Maybe some of these boys will then progress to become competent swimmers.

D RAWSON



**Swimmers at the Gala.**

B Ray receiving the Chancellor Cup from Mrs Paradza. Gebbie House won the Gala.





### TENNIS TEAM

*Back Row:* S Naik; N Moyo; J Kujinga; T Matenge; D Vaghmaria.

*Front Row:* W Carnegie; Mrs S Allard; (Coach) S Dube; K Masiane; Mr H Fincham (Headmaster); B Khumalo.

### 1st Team Tennis

**Coach:** Mrs S Allard

**Captain:** S Dube

**Team Members:** K Masiane, B Khumalo, S Dube, S Naik, W Carnegie, N Moyo, J Kujinga, D Vaghmaria, N Tshuma, T Matenge.

#### Results:

##### 1st Term

vs Plumtree	won	10 – 6
vs Falcon	lost	5 – 11
vs C B C	lost	5 – 11
vs Plumtree	won	9 – 7
vs C B C	lost	5 – 11
vs Falcon	lost	4 – 12

##### 2nd Term

vs C B C	lost	2 – 14
vs Hamilton	won	15 – 1
vs Hamilton	won	9 – 2 <i>(1st Round Mim Du Toit)</i>
vs Plumtree	won	10 – 1 <i>(2nd Round Mim Du Toit)</i>
vs C B C	lost	10 – 5 <i>(3rd Round Mim Du Toit)</i>

##### 3rd Term

vs Falcon	lost	4 – 12
vs C B C	lost	2 – 14
vs Falcon	lost	5 – 11
vs C B C	lost	5 – 11

The loss of four talented players at the end of 1986 greatly affected the strength of this years team. The bottom seeds from last year suddenly found themselves playing at the top and the new team members lacked the experience of playing at first team level. The team was continually shuffled around in an attempt to find workable combinations

of doubles pairings. Only towards the end of the year did the team start to unify and the players begin to feel more confident. It was a difficult year but the players gained valuable experience. Only one member of the team will be leaving at the end of the year so the team should not experience the same difficulties next year.

1987 has been regarded as a practise and consolidation year and the players look forward to 1988 when they hope to be able to match the strength of that teams they were defeated by this year.

### 2nd Team Tennis

**Coaches:** Miss A Hogan & Mrs S Allard

**Team Members:** C Whata, S Lynx, M Ndlovu, T Donga, V Mlingo, N Bhana, N Nyathi, S Naik.

#### Results:

##### 1st Term

vs Northlea	lost	5 – 11
vs C B C	won	9 – 7
vs Northlea	won	11 – 5

##### 2nd Term

vs C B C	won	12 – 4
vs Founders	won	15 – 1
vs C B C	drew	8 – 8

##### 3rd Term

vs Northlea	won	12 – 4
vs C B C	lost	11 – 5
vs Plumtree	won	9 – 7
vs Northlea	won	12 – 4

The Team members have acquitted themselves well this year and the results have been pleasing.

S ALLARD

## Under 15 Tennis

**Coach:** Mr C Swartz

**Captains:** C Whata, N Tshuma

**Team Members:** N Bhana, S Bhebhe, M Brand, F Chinamatira, T Dube, M Gwanzura, O Kapfunde, K Khupe, S Kuzvinzwa, N Mabuto, T Matenge, M Mhambi, N Moyo, S Ndllovu, N Nyathi, A Alfred, K Muhomba, W Nleya.

### Results:

#### 1st Term

vs C B C	lost	2 – 14
vs Northlea	won	14 – 2
vs Plumtree	won	7 – 5
	won	14 – 2
vs Falcon	lost	5 – 9
	lost	2 – 14

#### 2nd Term

vs C B C	lost	5 – 11
	lost	2 – 10
vs Northlea	won	14 – 2
	lost	6 – 8
vs Plumtree	won	10 – 6
vs Hamilton	won	12 – 0

#### 3rd Term

vs C B C	won	14 – 2
vs Northlea	won	13 – 3
vs Plumtree	drew	8 – 8
vs Falcon	lost	6 – 10
	drew	8 – 8

There were many good players attending faithfully throughout the year and it was difficult to choose only eight players for the team, so the team was often selected on the basis of simply giving all decent players an opportunity to play with the team at least once. As the sporting activities changed

with the terms so also did the team as boys went to play other sports.

The team is to be commended for its optimistic spirit and their support for each other.

C SWARTZ

## U 14 Tennis

**Coach:** M B Nleya

**Captain:** Bhana

### Results:

#### 1st Term

vs Plumtree	lost	4 – 12
vs C B C	lost	6 – 10
vs Falcon	lost	3 – 13

#### 2nd Term

vs Plumtree	won	10 – 6
vs Falcon	lost	3 – 13
vs C B C	lost	7 – 9
vs Falcon	lost	5 – 11

#### 3rd Term

vs C B C	lost	6 – 10
vs Plumtree	lost	7 – 9
vs Falcon	lost	3 – 13

The U 14 team only won one match, against Plumtree, but the boys tried their best and continued to improve. At the beginning of the second term more boys were keen to join the U 14 tennis group. This made it difficult for the teacher in charge to manage the large numbers since the five courts were unable to support the three dozen or so boys that attended. This meant that the group had to be split and some attend on Tuesday and the rest on Thursday.

Most of the boys have a lot of potential as tennis players. With practice they are going to improve as was shown in the matches during the third term. In a set most boys would lose by three games to 4 and this is encouraging, as we look forward to greater success in the future.

B NLEYA

## House Reports

### BOARDERS HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster Charter House:** Mr I Kemp

**Housemaster Pioneer House:** Mr C Hawkins

**Resident Staff: Charter House:** Mr G Dooley, Mr B Ileya, Mr F Matimba, Mr D West, Mr R Paine.

**Pioneer House:** Mr D Rawson, Mr S Poku-Awuah, Mr T Karonga, Mr F Zgambo.

**Matrons: Charter House:** Mrs M T de Jongh, Miss J Findlay.

**Pioneer House:** Mrs O Taylor, Mrs B Chindedza.

**Kitchen:** Mrs C Phiri Mr J McLeod.

It is with great pride that I write a report of another successful year for the Boarders. Although we have fewer members than the other houses, we took first place in a number of house activities, including Cricket where everyone had written us off. In the Public Speaking our very talented speaker, V Gwebu, did well to come first in the senior section. With the help of the prefects we staged *Something to Talk About* in the Inter-house Drama Competition which gave everyone something to talk about at the end of the day.

It was through the ever present House Spirit that we achieved one of the most commendable efforts of the year in the swimming gala where we climbed up the ladder from

our traditional 6th place to 3rd. It was most pleasing to note that we have some very good Junior swimmers — J Arnold, S Toppon and T Chirinda — which augurs well for the house. We will be a force to reckon with in the near future.

Finally I should like to thank our Housemasters, staff and matrons for giving us all the assistance that we needed. Their work made the year a successful and most enjoyable one. My thanks also to my fellow prefects who worked hard throughout the year to see that we succeeded. As a small community we showed astounding strength and fortitude in what we did.

Best wishes to my successor and his prefects. Do your best and the Boarders will be triumphant once more.

S NKOMO

### BRADY HOUSE REPORT

Having come second in the inter-house competition in the last two years we started 1987 determined to improve on that and to dislodge the Boarders from first place. Unfortunately the house cricket teams go us off to a bad start, losing most of the matches and finishing fifth. The Athletics was a great improvement, everyone worked hard to get as many points as possible and we finished second.

These two results set the pattern for the whole year — some excellent performances (notably in drama, hockey and squash) and some not so good but always maximum effort from those participating. It was always very pleasing to see how hard our teams tried, this was especially obvious in waterpolo and swimming where we have few specialists but nevertheless gave of our best in every event. Not so pleasing was the lack of interest in House affairs of at least half the house, leaving the others to do everything. We have yet to find a solution to this problem.

As usual Brady House was well served by its house prefects this year, and T Msika carried on the recent tradition of the head of house becoming temporarily mute every Wednesday morning. Our thanks to those members of staff who gave their assistance, especially Miss Yates who made an excellent job of the thankless task of preparing a house play.

Thanks to the prefects, T Msika, A Durand, V Rankin, A Umar, G Mullin, R Midzi, B Tshuma and A Parsons — your help has been very welcome.

S LONG (Housemaster)

## GEBBIE HOUSE

**Housemaster:** Mr M Maynard (1st Term)

**Housemistress:** Miss E Bortolan (2nd & 3rd Terms)

**Staff:** Mrs Evans, Mrs Rochester, Mr Mitchell, Mrs Ngwenya, Mr Mazwi.

**House Captain:** B Ray

**Prefects:** S Mazonde, J Paradza, N Vlahakis, A Rajaratnam, M Gwaunza, M Naik, B Charakupa.

**Comment:** Throughout 1987 Gebbie has held its own in the Inter-House competitions, largely due to the enthusiastic participation and commitment of some of its members. House Spirit has, however, been sadly lacking this year, a trend I hope will be reversed in years to come. With greater participation Gebbie could undoubtedly have reached much greater heights.

The year did not start off to well, with poor placings in the Athletics Competitions, but on the whole the results improved as the year wore on. Congratulations must go to those members of the house who excelled themselves on the Sports field and off it.

My thanks must go to the staff and prefects for their continued support and co-operation throughout the year; I hope my successor enjoys it as much as I did, and wish him the best of luck for the coming year.

B RAY

## MORGAN HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr M F Bullivant

**Staff:** Mr Swartz, Mrs Nixon, Mrs Ngwenya, Mr Shoko, Mrs Bullivant, Mrs Fish.

**House Captain:** K Zondo

**Prefects:** S Doolabh, B Khumalo, D Mills, T Tsvara, S Dabengwa, S Lupahla.

**Comment:** Morgan had a rather disappointing year. Despite all the talent and potential within the house, Morgan ranked low in the competitions. The main set back this year was the senior age group who lacked dedication, commitment and participation. The juniors once again proved their dominance — the minority that kept the house going.

Attendance at house activities was very poor, and sadly this has been the case throughout the school. House spirit and tradition withered away — the six member cricket team in the senior age group, the non participation of the house in the Drama competition, the nine member hockey team dominated by juniors. Surely

this is not what is expected of a house with a good heritage and a membership of well over 200?

Full participation, dedication and commitment is expected of every member of the House if the House's future is to improve. All activities must be taken more seriously and competitively.

Finally I wish to thank my prefects who, although inconsistent in their duties, showed concern for the House's well being. My sincerest and most hearty thanks to Mr Bullivant for his support co-operation and confidence in me and the house prefects. Thanks also to the staff who have assisted in any way throughout the year.

K ZONDO

## LIVINGSTON HOUSE REPORT

**Housemasters:** Mr E Mavugara 1st and 2nd Terms, Mr P Mkandla 3rd Term.

**House Captain:** B Beattie

**Prefects:** A Simon, J Zevgolis, S Singh, T Armstrong, A Van Rheede, K Murangari, M McNab.

Livingston had a mixed bag of fortunes as far as results go this year and this is due to there being less enthusiasm than in previous years. We did however do well in the following sports: in inter-house Cricket we won the in open age group without much effort, the inter-house plays and basketball were also Firsts as was the waterpolo where we had four first team members in the House team.

Our thanks as a house must go to the staff and prefects whose support and enthusiasm won our successes.

## DE BEER HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr. Day (1st and 2nd Terms), Mr. M. Perigoe (3rd Term)

**House Staff:** Mrs. Allard, Miss Hogan, Mrs. Khumalo, Mr. Mkandla, Miss Moyo, Mr. S. Ncube, Mr. Ndlovu, Mr. Smith, Mr. Nhambasora.

**House Captain:** M. Sinclair

**House Prefects:** W. Carnegie, C. Chuchu, T. Khosa, C. van Rensburg.

**Comment:** 1987 was not a good year for De Beer due to the lack of co-operation from most of the boys. Our thanks go to the members of staff and the prefects for doing most of the work. De Beer did, however, have a few good results which were: Basketball — 3rd, Cross Country — 3rd, Soccer — 3rd, Squash — 3rd and Swimming — 2nd. We hope that 1988 will be a better year for De Beer.

## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION 1987

	Board.	Bra.	De B.	Geb.	Liv.	Mor.
Athletics: Team	1	2	6	4	5	3
Athletics: Championship	1	2	4	6	5	3
Basketball	3=	2	3=	5=	1	5=
Cricket	1	4	6	2	3	5
Cross Country	1	4	3	5	6	2
Drama	2	3	5=	4	1	5=
Hockey	3	1	6	2	4	5
Public Speaking	2	1	6	4	5	3
Rugby	1	3	6	2	5	4
Soccer	1	6	3	4	5	2
Squash	4	1	3	2	5	6
Swimming	3	5	2	1	4	6
Tennis	1	4	5	6	2	3
Water Polo	3	5	4	2	1	6
OVERALL POSITION		2	6	3	4	5

## INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

**Adjudicators:** Mr W Manda, Mrs A Van Der Merwe, Mrs S Allard.

Milton School held its Inter-House Drama competitions on the mornings of 25th and 26th June. The plays were held during school hours to enable the whole school to view and appreciate the efforts of those involved.

The Livingston House production of the play *Roland Ruby* won the competition with the Boarders coming a close second with their play *Something to Talk About*. Both Plays were lively and very entertaining and it was obvious that these Houses had put a lot of time and effort into their productions.

The Brady House presentation of *The Man Upstairs* earned them third place. The acting in this play was excellent but the pace was slow and there was very little action. Gebbie House presented "*Thirty Minutes in a Street*", a production with a great deal of action and very poor acting.

De Beer house had to withdraw at the last minute because their two main actors fell ill. Morgan House were withdrawn from the competition by the Organisers as their production was considered unworthy of public presentation.

Shane de Lange of Brady house awarded the trophy for the Best Actor.

Congratulations go to all boys who were involved in this competition — producers, players and back stage crews. They provided the school with excellent entertainment. It is hoped that all houses will participate in next years competition.