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- ◆ Exams begin for Grades 8 to 11
- ◆ Cricket Awards Dinner
- ◆ Break Up Day

From the Head Master's Desk

In the dark days of Apartheid, we were limited in what we were allowed to say. Criticism of the government was met by harsh reprisals. Newspapers were shut down, reporters had visits in the middle of the night, and editors were thrown in jail or worse. I resented this kind of oppression, and in my own small way I tried to kick sand in the face of the authorities by writing satirical pieces, which I used in exercises and examinations.

I would never have called myself an activist, but I had, I believe, a degree of positive influence on the boys that I taught. I have always believed in the necessity of a free press. I also fully subscribe to the notion of accountability. I believe that if one has a position which is honest, and defensible, one should be allowed to articulate that position. I do not believe that certain individuals or organisations are inviolate. As far as I am concerned, public figures are not Royal Game. If they behave badly, they must be exposed. I cannot agree with the gutter press, which is constantly manufacturing dirt to keep a scandal hungry public happy, but where persons in high places have behaved poorly, they should not escape censure.

What, you may ask, has this got to do with a Head Master's weekly column in a little publication? Well for me the

whole notion of Media Freedom is a critical one. I believe that a free society cannot exist without a free press. I do not always toe the party line. Some of my views may upset some people in higher office - just as they may have done 20 years ago.

If I am told to keep quiet, where will it stop? In an educational institution we should be encouraging freedom of expression - albeit within certain prescribed boundaries. Freedom of expression does not mean one can simply say what one likes. But my concern is that the new Information Bill and Media Tribunal planned by Government will muzzle any opposition. That is the first step toward tyranny and dictatorship, and I certainly do not wish to live under another Vorster or Mugabe!

"Censorship is never over for those who have experienced it. It is a brand on the imagination that affects the individual who has suffered it, forever."

Nadine Gordimer

Let's do something to ensure we have the freedom to speak.

Dave Wagner
Class of 1973





Dr Sherylle Calder with John Grewar (left), Dylan Smith, Tian Munro and Matthew Pieters



Wayne Adriaanse achieved colours in Ice Skating for two provinces recently



The Class of 1950 recently celebrated their 60 year reunion with a lunch at the School



The Class of 1960 managed to arrange 16 of the players from their 1st XV rugby team, plus their linesman, to attend the 100 Years of Rugby Dinner. Per Melin came all the way from Dusseldorf, Germany for the occasion. The team is pictured with John Smit.

Dr S Calder : Eye Gym

DHS was honoured to host Dr Sherylle Calder in Founders on Monday evening. Sherylle is undoubtedly the world leader in visual skills performance training and we were very fortunate that she was able to take time out of her incredibly busy schedule to address parents, learners and staff on the benefits of visual fitness. In the past 2 months alone, Sherylle has worked with the Mercedes F1 team, South African Cricket team, All Blacks Rugby team, Spanish Hockey team, Arsenal FC and she left the day after her DHS visit for Finland to work with their National Downhill Skiers.

Her list of achievements is incredible; amongst other accolades, earning World Cup winners medals with the English and South African rugby teams and the Australian Cricket team.

Sherylle is a Sports Scientist and is based (when she is not traveling around the world) at the Cape Town Sports Institute. Sherylle has spent a large part of her professional career

studying how visual skills affect sporting and academic performance and developing programmes to improve these skills. In her presentation, Sherylle stressed the importance of training the eyes and she introduced us to her cutting edge "eye gym".

Most people are born with the potential for good eyesight but vision, the ability to identify, interpret and understand what is seen can be trained and improved. The eyes feed information to the brain which sets the body in motion. If the eyes relay inaccurate or incomplete information, performance may suffer. Visual Performance Skills is a programme specifically designed using specialised visual specific equipment and programmes to enhance sporting, productivity and academic performance.

DHS will be introducing Dr Sherylle Calder's visual skills programme to learners in 2011 and we are very excited about the benefits the programme will have for all concerned.

Bravo!

The Durban Theatre Awards nominations have been announced and, once again, DHS performers feature:

Daniel Basckin, (currently Grade 11), has been nominated in the New Performer category for his lead performance in *The Guitar that Rocked the World*.

Old Boys:

Brandon Bunyan has been nominated for Best Lighting Design and Best Music Revue for *The Motown Show* and Best Set Design for *The Guitar that Rocked the World*.

Tim Wells has been nominated in the Best Music Revue Performer and Best Music Revue

categories for his production of *Big Blue*.

Andrew Webster's performance in *You're so Vain* has him nominated for Best Performance in a Music Revue.

Neil Coppen is up for Best Director of Children's Theatre for his *Marvellous Mixtures*.

Liam Magner's nomination is for Best Supporting Actor in Musical Theatre for his role in *The Man of La Mancha*.

The awards ceremony takes place on November 22 at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre. Congratulations to all these nominees and good luck!

Extra-Mural Results

PRO 20/20 CRICKET vs CLIFTON

1 st XI	Clifton	121/10
	DHS	123/3
	(J Grewar 48 no)	
	DHS won by 2 runs	

CRICKET vs GLENWOOD

1 st	DHS	123
	(Michaux 36)	
	Glenwood	58/1
	(Rain stopped play)	
	Match drawn	

2 nd	Glenwood	247/7
	Rain stopped play	
	Match drawn	

U16A	DHS	78
	(Chetty 30)	
	Glenwood	79/3
	DHS lost by 7 wickets	

U16B	DHS	114/9
	Glenwood	115/5
	DHS lost by 5 wickets	

U15A	Did not play	
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U15B	DHS	64
	Glenwood	65/2
	DHS lost by 8 wickets	

U15C	Glenwood	212
	(Kalidas 3-10)	
	DHS	115
	DHS lost by 97runs	

U15D	DHS	49/9
	Glenwood	50/2
	DHS lost by 8 wickets	

U14A	Glenwood	178/9
	(Scheepers 3-28)	
	Rain stopped play	

U14B	Did not play	
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U14C	DHS	42
	Glenwood	43/1
	DHS lost by 9 wickets	

U14E	DHS	105
	Glenwood	107/3
	DHS lost by 7 wickets	

WATER POLO vs GLENWOOD HIGH

1 st	DHS	9	G'wood	7
2 nd	DHS	5	G'wood	7
U15A	DHS	6	G'wood	6
U14A	DHS	7	G'wood	7

WATER POLO vs ST HENRY'S

1 st	DHS	11	St Henry's	4
U15A	DHS	4	St Henry's	5
U14A	DHS	5	St Henry's	4

BASKETBALL vs ALEXANDER HIGH

1 st	DHS	110	Alex	56
2 nd	DHS	96	Alex	27
U16A	DHS	105	Alex	15
U16B vs 3 rd	DHS	15	Alex	34
U15A	DHS	40	Alex	21
U15B	DHS	20	Alex	17
U14B	DHS	53	Alex	0

BASKETBALL vs GLENWOOD HIGH

1 st	DHS	114	G'wood	8
U15A	DHS	41	G'wood	24
U14A	DHS	77	G'wood	0

BASKETBALL vs ST CHARLES

1 st	HS	72	St Charles	27
2 nd	DHS	46	St Charles	27
U16A	DHS	46	St Charles	22
U16B	DHS	36	St Charles	13
U15A	DHS	87	St Charles	20
U15B	DHS	22	St Charles	21
U14A	DHS	32	St Charles	21

Congratulations!

- ♦ The following boys received awards for Water Polo:

Honours	Brandon McCormack
	Tim Vels
	Adam Waites
½ Colours	Tylan Koekemoer
	Sam Pennington
	Cameron Smith

- ♦ The following boys received awards for Badminton:

Honours	
Re-Award	Blaise Govender
Honours	Shaheel Maharaj
	Suhail Sayed

- ♦ The following boys received awards for Football:

Colours	Khaya Nzimande
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- ♦ **Reneshan Naidoo** has been selected for the Badminton SA U19 Squad which will compete in the All Africa U19 Champs in 2011.

- ♦ **Richard Curtis** has been selected to play for the Kingsmead Mynahs XI.

Unbeaten Champs

The five DHS learners below make a formidable team. They are the KZN A League Badminton Champions as well as being the SA Champions within the school league.

This season both provincial and nationally, they have won all their games. Not only do they do well in sport, academically Maharaj, Sayad and Govender recently achieved Honours awards at school.



Back Row:
(L-R) Travers Pellew, Shaheel Maharaj, Reneshan Naidoo
Front Row:
(L-R) Suhail Sayad, Kerry Harrington (Coach), Blaise Govender



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Open Air School

Blessing Xaba, Mthokozisi Ntshingila, Maqhawe Madonsela and Fabian Henley attended Open Air School's Senior Speech day on Friday, 22 October 2010. It certainly was a Speech day with a difference that left the DHS learners overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of these learners despite their various challenges.

The DHS team did us proud by comfortably interacting with the Open Air learners. They all shared the same sentiment that the experience was indeed very humbling. Lifelong lessons were learnt that good health should not be taken for granted.

Ntshingila had the privilege of chatting to Thomas Rout. He was in grade 11 at Kearsney College when a car accident left him paralysed from the waist down. Despite his circumstances he has an amazing outlook on life. Thomas is very smart and commented that: "when you're stuck on your butt for the whole day, you don't have anything to do but think". Ntshingila said that he had never seen such happy children in any school EVER! Their sense of humour is amazing.

The experience allowed the DHS Interact learners to identify areas where they can make valuable contributions.

The Weeks Ahead

Thursday 11 November
Remembrance Service : 12h15

Friday 12 November
Grade 9 Exams Begin

Monday 15 November
Grade 8 Exams Begin

Friday 26 November
Break Up Day
Cricket Awards
Dinner : 18h30



Clarens History Conference

During the recent school holidays the South African Society for History Teachers (SASHT) held their annual conference in Clarens in the eastern Free State. Ms du Preez and Mr Ward attended. The theme was "Heritage in the History Curriculum: The how to of yours, mine and ours in a still divided community environment."

I can already hear the responses from those of you who did not "do" history at school. Dull? Boring? Au contraire! Nothing about the conference, Clarens and environs could possibly be negatively labelled.

Firstly the sheer magnitude and beauty of the travel up through the Oliviershoek Pass and then the Golden Gate National Park made one aware that this conference venue was chosen with insight. Here the old really meets the new. It is a palaeontologist's pleasure and a historian's haven. Fossils abound and monuments and anecdotes of the South African War are ubiquitous.

The papers presented were from a diverse group of historiographers

ranging from university professors to mere teacher ordinaries. The commonality of each message was to enliven, invigorate and to ensure the continued inclusion of Heritage as part of the curriculum.

I am pleased to say that at DHS are on the right track when it comes to preserving our heritage. We have ensured that School's history is preserved in various publications. The school campus is an amazing source of heritage. We have to name but a few - an archive, monuments, memorials, statues. We honour our old boys be it their achievements or their passing on. Our learners are exposed to public representations of heritage on visits to museums, cemeteries and by just driving through the streets of Durban.

This one-and-a-half day conference proved to be interesting, affirming and memorable. I was pleased to have attended and will apply some of the ideas suggested in my teaching.

Ms J du Preez
HOD History



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