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WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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EDITORIAL ...



"BEEN THERE, DONE THAT"

The ominous world predicted by George Orwell in his novel '1984' has fuelled speculation for many years about what the 'real' 1984 would be like. Now it's a case of

"Been there — Done that" (well, almost) and we can look back at the events of 1984 as they affected us.

Coverage of the Olympic Games held the attention of many of us for a fortnight during the year. The high-powered razzamataz of the opening and closing ceremonies grabbed our immediate attention but on reflection it was the personal achievements of the individual athletes which formed the true basis of the Games. We all shared in some small way, the pride felt by our NZ medal winners but we should not forget the achievements of those who competed but did not win. We value excellence but surely it is more important to value the concept of someone doing the best they can do.

In our school this year there has been a group of young people who have "done their best" and ended up with National titles in a wide variety of activities. Maybe they are upholding NZ's Olympic tradition of "going for gold". As there are eight of them, this is surely a record and all deserve our congratulations. Their exploits feature in a later article.

However, the rest of this magazine will show the achievements of our other students who have excelled themselves (or done their best) in a vast range of endeavours — from drama to dancing, music to mathematics, art to articles, sports to science!

It is indeed auspicious that we enter our second 25 years as a school with such a record but it is not enough to dwell on self-congratulation. We must all endeavour to try that little bit harder, whether it is in the sporting field, cultural activities or personal relationships, and not be satisfied until we can say "I've done my best".

— D.R. HEATH



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Wanganui High School is 26 years old. As our family's immediate connection with the school comes to an end — for now at least — I realise that one way or another our connection spans half of the school's life. I joined the staff as a relieving teacher at the beginning of 1972 and finished part-time teaching a few weeks before I was elected to Parliament. (I have often wondered how many school staffs could boast a Member of Parliament and an All Black — Sandy McNicol — in the same year!)

My wife, Barbara, was elected to the Board of Governors for her first term in 1976, and for the last eight years Wanganui High School has been "graced" by the presence of one or other of our family.

The educational experiences of our family cover several schools. But no other school has had us in three different roles, has suffered us for as long, or has been as much a part of our lives.

This is why Wanganui High School was the first secondary school I visited — one week after I become Minister of Education. It is also why my first prize-giving address as Minister is at Wanganui High School.

Compared with some schools, Wanganui High School may not be very old or long in tradition. But those of us who have had anything to do with the school have much cause for gratitude — to the school, the teachers, the parent supporters and the students.

Wanganui High School, thanks!

Russell Hargrave

— Minister of Education

WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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(* = left during the year)

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PREFECTS – 1984

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FRONT: *R. Spicer, S. Johnston, T. Holt, P. McKnight, *J. Pachoud, S. Round, *G. Ander, P. McDowell
Absent: G. Miles, L. Fox, *L. King, A. Bishop, P. Jellyman, M. Holmes, P. Nelson, N. Abraham, *K. Taylor, D. Hamilton-Gibbs,
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STAFF NOTES . . .

"LET'S RING A BELL AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS"

In a time of falling rolls and teachers being terminated, our roll has stayed more or less constant. In spite of this, a number of staff changes have taken place. This year has rung its changes as staff change their status, are promoted, go overseas or leave. Our waistlines have benefitted from many morning teas.

A delightful wedding in Christchurch at the end of January saw Miss Burgess return as Mrs Willacy. Mr Craig Burgess also returned from America, with new skis but no oil revenue from his year on a drilling rig.

New staff to arrive were Jacquie Aitken and that roving rugby rep Kahui Watling. The former to teach Biology and the latter to assist Gavin Hodges, the new Commerce Department HOD.

Our first tragedy was the loss of Frank Blakeley to HOD Languages at Girls College. Coming as HOD in 1972, Frank left quite a gap after years of playing and coaching the 1st XI Soccer team and playing and coaching the 1st XI Cricket team, to say nothing of a sound and stalwart senior staffroom colleague, a man of dry asides and meticulous competence.

We did a swap and received Joan Street from Wanganui Girls College to take senior French as a part-time teacher.

Ian Cormack, whose mana in Maori is nulli secundus made it a fait accompli by becoming Head of Languages in the first term. Ian has a teaching background of Maori French, German and a smattering of other languages.

At the end of Term 1 Robert Lakeland was suitably farewelled by the English Department for a peripatetic tour of the Continent for two terms. We have been regaled since by a steady stream of enviable post cards from Trondheim or Dubrovnik or Poros or Dunfermline.

Robert's duties were ably taken over by Garry Willacy, the ranks of the Maths Department closed and things have gone on as normal.

Christine Lilly came from Palmerston North to relieve in Maths for two terms.

The end of Term 2 saw the early retirement of Alan Wilson after 15 years in the Music room. He entertained us, not only to morning tea, but to his unusual reminiscence of teaching in Britain.

The dimmers finally wound down early in Term 3 on that ebullient character Phil Boyle who departed for Canada. We lost a first rate mimic, music-hall comedian, a lightning riposte man whose quirks were wont to set the staffroom aroar. After a hilarious send off from the English Department, his classes fell to Helen Northcott who moved from her part-time position to a full-time relieving position in Phil's place.

A delightful afternoon function saw the passing of David Dix, Phil Rowland and Terry Vousden from List A to List B. Welcome to the permanent headaches of teaching.

Peter Donne left us for two months at the end of Term 2 to engage in a series of lightning visits to schools of Art and Technical Institutes in Britain for a private refresher course. He has spent weeks dashing the length and breadth of England by Britrail, sending us scribbled postcards of his progress. He returns on 5 November with a bang.

This year has seen an increase in our relieving part-time staff. Wendy Girven (an old pupil back from Europe) in PE, Chris Michalski in English, Chris Pearson in PE and Wendy Pittaway (a former Head Prefect) in PE.

The year closes with farewells. Helen Northcott joins the English Department in a permanent position next year while Terry Vousden returns to the stately dignity of Christchurch, whence she came. Terry, we will miss your

expertise in the classroom and your breezy initiative in sports organisation and volleyball — au revoir.

— L.P.

STOP PRESS: Au revoir also to Jacquie Aitken who will attend Teachers' College in 1985.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Everyone knows that a "school" is far more than the buildings that house its pupils and staff. It is also the standards that it upholds and aims to pass on, the climate of caring and concern for all within it, and the spirit which gives it its special character.

But, for all that, it must be conceded that the environment of a school does play a part in shaping attitudes. While a few go so far as to judge a school solely by the grandness, or otherwise, of its buildings, nevertheless it is difficult not to be discouraged when you have to put up with poorly-designed and outdated facilities.

Since the remodelling of the Art Block and B1/B2 four years ago, and the revamping of the Administration Block a year later, we have seen little of the money that the Government has made available for other schools. In fact, most of the money which has been spent here has been devoted to maintenance and repair rather than to new facilities. Most of the significant improvements to our environment, such as Centrecourt and the Fitness Trail, have in fact been provided almost entirely by our own efforts.

But now it seems as though our turn is coming due. Already this year we have been provided with an attractive and effective front entry and foyer, in place of the inconvenient and ugly entrance which we endured for 25 years. The additions to the Library should be completed by the start of next year, and the remodelling of the Home Economics suite should commence immediately after this. The best news of all is that the much-needed extensions to the gymnasium are promised for 1985-86. The long-awaited upgrading of our grounds has just been approved, and we have high hopes that this upgrading will also bring us such essential features as all-weather jumping pits and cricket nets. These will make our facilities without equal in similar schools.

At the same time, our spirit of self-help is as strong as ever. The PTA have transformed the Willowbank Terrace, and made it a place to use and to enjoy. Their further plans are very exciting, especially those involved with further planting of trees. Stage I of the project to turn B5 into a proper theatre is well-advanced, and this has been made possible solely by the efforts of pupils and staff in raising over \$10,000 from the Murray Halberg raffle earlier this year. Similarly, the "Fitness for Living" Trail has now been completed, and is a testimony to the determination and dedication of Mrs Mahoney and the PE Staff. The Board has continued to fight for additional, and improved, facilities for the benefit of students and staff, and the fact that the school gained 3rd prize in the Senior Lions "Garden of the Year" (Commercial Section) contest testifies to the efficacy of the ground staff.

And so I look forward with real enthusiasm to the building programme for the immediate future, and to further improvement in our grounds and environment. But above all I look forward to a continuation of that spirit of self-help which has given so much to the school in material terms, and possibly even more in terms of spirit and pride. With this, we are indeed a wealthy school.

— P.G.C.

SCHOOL DIARY

January 30 to February 1 – Holidays end regretfully and all the poor innocents return for a year of fun and learning.

February 10 – All the school are “in the swim” at the Tabloid swimming sports.

February 15 – Swimming Championships. Serious swimmers competed against each other.

February 20 – Prefects go to camp (to set up the ghastly loos).

February 22 – Third formers to camp – an appreciated break for them and the rest of the school.

February 29 – Class photos – “smile everyone”.

March 8 – A very successful Murray Halberg raffle with over 18,600 tickets sold.

March 13 – Tabloid Athletics – great participation by everyone.

March 15 – Athletic Championships – Records were either equalled or bettered by various athletes.

March 21 – Inter-school Athletics – High School performed brilliantly as usual.

March 23 – 3rd, 4th and 5th see the African Safari film.

March 27 - 30 – Rowing Maadi Cup – another excellent performance by all rowers.

April 7 – North Island Athletic Championships.

April 12 – Junior Dance (No theme)

April 21 – Wedding bells for Mr Smeaton.

May 21 – Term II starts

June 7 – Rangitikei inter-school sports – both schools performed to the best of their ability.

June 13 – Australian Maths Competition. A number of distinctions and merits.

June 20 – Waverley inter-school sports.

June 27 – Westpac Choir Competition. Our choir came a proud first.

June 28 – Hawera inter-school sports.

July 5 – Fourth Form Day with a dance at night. The poor weather in no way affected everyone’s enjoyment.

July 11 – Collegiate and Sacred Heart sports visit.

July 12 – Junior Dance with a “Haunted House” theme.

July 16 - 18 – Science Fair – all competitors did well with several first placings.

July 24 - 26 – “Pyjama Game” musical – a great production enjoyed by both the cast and audiences.

July 30 – Round the Lake Relay – fortunately no one fell in the lake.

August 1 – A win for High School in the Waiopahu Soccer game.

August 1 - 3 – 6/7th French Camp – Parles-vous anglais?

September 10 – Term III begins.

September 12 – Inter-house sports – good participation from all houses.

September 28 – Music Festival. High School’s performance was a great success.

September 27 – School Cross Country (puff puff).

October 1 - 4 – High School hosted exchange students from all around the world for International Week.

October 2 – Sports photos – say cheese!

October 10 – Inter-school cross country and the Junior Dance with “Time Warp” as the theme.

October 12 – Some WHS pupils marched down Victoria Avenue to mark lives lost on the nation’s roads.

October 24 – The Choir and Orchestra gave a free admission concert.

October 26 – The major social event of the year – The School Ball.

November 7 – Senior Prizegiving – Minister of Education and ex-teacher of WHS, Russell Marshall is the guest speaker.

November 14 – School Cert begins and accrediting is announced – good luck to all those sitting.

November 16 – Third form exams start and three days later fourth form exams begin.

November 27 – Tararua Sports for the third and fourths.

November 30 – Community Day. Members of the junior school were a great help to the community.

December 1 – National Athletics held in Auckland.

December 5 – Junior Prizegiving – successful students receive their awards.

December 6 – The end of another busy and enjoyable year. Finally a chance to rest the brains and relax. Farewell to all those leaving and to those returning – see ya!

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT

The Board of Governors plays a curious role in many ways in the running of a school. For while in theory a school Board can exercise considerable authority, and does, it is also true that without the co-operation of the numerous groups and individuals that work for the school, a Board on its own is very restricted in what it can do. For example, the Board has no monies of its own; that is to say we receive grants of various kinds from the Department of Education which must be spent in specific and designated ways (eg. buildings, equipment, heating) but if it is decided that the school needs extra equipment or facilities then any funds for these must be raised additionally.

We are indeed fortunate at Wanganui High School that we have several hard-working groups that enable the school to not only improve its environment but also to keep up with new technology in the shape of, for example, computers. Four groups stand out for their contributions – the Parent Teachers Association, High School Contractors Inc, the staff, and the pupils of the school. Without the hard work and enthusiasm of all four it would be very difficult to maintain and improve the school’s facilities.

One area that does come within the Board of Governors jurisdiction is that of buildings. We have been fortunate this year to start on what we hope will be an on-going and major project to improve the school buildings. The hall foyer is now completed and is a credit to those who have been involved; the entrance way to the library will be upgraded within the next few months; 1985 should see the remodelling of the Home Economics Suite and plans for an enlarged and greatly improved gymnasium are currently being considered.

Our school suffers perhaps from having being built in the early 1960’s when building materials were often of a type that have proved difficult to maintain and keep looking good. The Board is working for a gradual but steady upgrading of both buildings and furniture over the next few years.

Grounds have long been a source of much discussion and argument at Board meetings. As many will be aware, a number of attempts have been made to improve the drainage of the recreation areas and we, with the Ministry of Works and Development, are about to embark on an extensive project that we are optimistic will solve at least some of our long standing problems once and for all.

The Board’s most important function is arguably in the appointing of the staff. That we have such a fine and dedicated staff is a reflection of the high esteem with which the school is held both in Wanganui and wider community and by the Education Department, who constantly use our staff members as a resource.

It has been my privilege to serve as High School Board Chairman for the past 18 months and I should like to thank all those who are involved in school activities for their help and support.

– Hilary Wooding

PTA NEWS

This year the PTA programme has certainly taken us through many different activities. Not quite the sublime to the ridiculous; perhaps a mixture of both!

Perhaps our Pizzas could be classed as the ridiculous — although our organisation for the making of them was certainly far from that. Superb, in fact!

The sublime encompasses our highly-attended and vocal evening for the discussion of the Minister of Education's Core Curriculum proposals, our continuing service of running the second-hand uniform sale and catering for sports functions, not to mention running the cafeteria. In this respect, the PTA was sad to lose Mrs Jannette Bell as Manageress after many years of hard work, but are pleased to welcome Mrs Linda McKay as our new Manageress. It is interesting to comment that she has found the hungry hordes always pleasant and helpful! Even the blackboard provided outside to advertise her wares has only had the more pleasant variety of graffiti. A compliment to the school in general.

But most importantly to the PTA this year has been our environmental work carried out on the Willowbank. This year things have really moved, and the school proudly sports new hedges in embryo, new seating bays to be developed as time and finance allows, new table and seating combinations, new stadium seating, and last but not least, a magnificent new slatted fence, one that even has an angled end, to boot! We are pleased that future pupils will benefit from our efforts as well as those presently at school.

By the time this magazine appears, our other Monument to Posterity — the WHS Cook Book — will also have gone to press. Funds from the sale of this will help us develop our contributions to the school even further.

1984 has been a busy year — no doubt 1985 will be the same!

— Joan Gifford

FUND RAISING — 1984

Another bumper year. Pupils, staff, parents and the community were all out in full force, all working together, all striving to reach the same goal; 'to satisfy our needs'. This year's fund-raising activities were:

MURRAY HALBERG RAFFLE AND WORK-DAY

Over 18,600 tickets were sold and the return to the school was a tidy sum of \$10,000.

More importantly, every pupil of the school was gainfully involved in the fund-raising activities.

The profit to the school was used to up-grade the Audio Visual Room.

FIREWOOD SALE

This helped to purchase and replace our school-owned representative uniforms.

MUFTI DAY

We staged a mufti day which raised approximately \$500.

This amount was donated to Nikki Payne so she could represent New Zealand in the Junior World Rowing Championships.

SPONSORED CRICKET MATCH

This was organised by Mr P. Rowland and his senior boy cricketers. They managed to raise \$460 towards the purchase of new equipment for the cricketers which cost \$900 in total.

We also purchased \$600 worth of equipment for the cricketers in Term One.

THE ROWERS' FUND

A joint venture undertaken by the Japanese 1986

Tour Group and the Rowers. The funds were used to complete their obligations for a shell and oars. This raffle raised approximately \$400.

Firewood sales paid for the use of WHS representative uniforms. This has meant new gear for many of our teams.

SPONSORED SWIM-A-THON

We raised the sum of \$500 towards "Operation Splash". Therefore we are now a fully-fledged Foundation Member of the Wanganui Aquatic Centre Trust Board's projected indoor swimming pool complex.

RECENT RAFFLES

Recently we have been involved in the National Secondary Schools Athletic Raffle, along with Super Sport 29.

Four groups stand to benefit by this by approximately \$500 each:

1. Maori Cultural Group
2. 1986 Japanese Tour Group
3. The rowers' commitment
4. WHS athletes attending the Nationals in December of this year.

HEAD PREFECTS REPORT

Each year at Wanganui High School a new group of 5th year students take over the leadership of the school. This year it was our turn and we hope that we gave something in return for our past five years.

The first event of the year for us was the 3rd Form Camp; a week to forget the pressures of schoolwork and discover the new problems of pitching tents and dealing with yellow water. The entire camp had a really enjoyable time.

This year has also seen interhouse sports competitions like the swimming sports, tabloids and most recently, the cross country run. An easier course this year made the run more fun and plenty of school spirit was evident with record participation.

As is customary, the 5th year students have organised three Junior dances, one Senior dance and the traditional Ball. The organisation of these events are often chaotic but come together without too much panic on the night, to provide what we hope is a good night's raging.

This year for the first time the seniors have taken over one of the two weekly assemblies. These have provided a forum for many speakers from both inside and outside the school as well as various other entertainment, such as a break-dancing display by the school's boppers.

The common room has been a well-used retreat from the rest of the school and has seen many a heated argument over a trivial '500' game.

Finally I quote, "Take this year as a learning experience" ... it sure has been!

— Toni Holt and Paul McKnight





Around the Departments

1984 SCIENCE REPORT



Science at Wanganui High School has undergone some changes in recent years. The school now has eight laboratories, all staffed by full-time teachers. In 1981 two new laboratories, B1 and B2, were completed. The equipment supplied, provided a much needed boost to our teaching resources. These "flexible plan" laboratories have proved to be good in practice.

A central resource room is now located in S3, and operated by our Science Technician, Mrs Oliver. While each laboratory contains basic equipment, the resource room provides the remainder. The department has gradually improved the availability of equipment and chemicals to a point where practical work on all aspects of the syllabi can be successfully carried out. In 1982 we finally got a much needed dangerous goods store.

In recent years, Wanganui High School students have made excellent contributions to the local Science Fair, and this year's winner, Jennifer Wooding, went on to compete in the National Fair. There has also been the addition of Sixth Form Agricultural Science, mainly to cater for students interested in Biology, but not wishing to study it at University Entrance level. Next year, Horticulture will be introduced as a Third Form option, and subsequently carried through to at least School Certificate level.

TRENDS IN SCIENCE EDUCATION IN NEW ZEALAND

One of the most important developments, initiated in 1979, is LISP (Learning in Science Project). The aim was to study the teaching and learning of science in Forms 1-4. The study revealed five main points:

1. Children find scientific ideas and theories difficult to understand, particularly bearing in mind the number of abstract concepts introduced in earlier years.
2. Children have strongly held views about how and why things behave as they do.
3. There exists a conceptual confusion between terms in science language and everyday language.
4. The purpose of experimental work was often not well understood.
5. Much science teaching was content oriented.

The following example illustrates how a non-scientific viewpoint can be retained in spite of 'classroom science'. A picture shows a student on a bike, slowing down, without pedalling or applying the brakes. The subject is asked "Is there a FORCE on the bike?"

Typical responses in the study, were as follows:

"YES . . . the wheels are still going so that there would be a force from that." (9 year old in Standard 3)

"It is just putting force on by itself . . . from the force you gave it before." (11 year old in Form I)

"YES . . . the speed that he has already got up."

(2nd year Teachers College student with SC Science)

"There is a force because of the bike's own mass . . . the mass of the bike has come (to) such a speed that it won't just stop straight away . . . the force is still in there . . . in the bike . . . the force was transferred from the person pedalling . . . and it is now still adherent in the bike . . . the bike still moved forward."

(2nd year Teachers College student, ex-7th Form Physics)

TRENDS IN SCIENCE EDUCATION AT WANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

In 1982, Chemistry was dropped as an option at fifth form level. Physics and Biology have been retained, since there is a demand for them. The national trend is towards the removal of single subject sciences at fifth form level, although many teachers are opposed to the move. It is a question of how soon students should specialise. The danger in early specialisation can mean that career opportunities are narrowed. School Certificate Science is designed to be the best general preparation for all the senior sciences. The new syllabus came into operation in 1983, and is considerably streamlined, with major changes in the Biology section.

Last year, we were able to offer our fifth form alternative science students the "Manawatu-Wanganui Science Certificate" course. This has proved to be a successful course for those students for whom School Certificate Science is an unrealistic goal.

Human Biology was a popular subject choice at this school, but for this year, numbers were down and the course not offered. The future of the subject is uncertain. It is a valuable course for students who wish to study biology as a terminating course at fifth form level.

SENIOR BIOLOGY

Student numbers have remained fairly static, although a little down at UE level. The department has upgraded its resources in recent years with the purchase of a bone skeleton, a variety of models and maintenance work on the microscopes. Our students continue to get good results in the UE, Bursaries and Scholarships examinations. The prescriptions for UE and Bursaries/Scholarships are currently under review.

— H. Shaffer

SENIOR CHEMISTRY

Chemistry at Wanganui High School has undergone some major changes over the past few years, with more students seeming to have difficulty in coping with the subject, particularly in the 6th Form and naturally with some carry-over to the 7th Form. This has partly been due to changes in the Fifth Form option structure and the new School Certificate Science prescription which doesn't match up very well with the Sixth Form Chemistry prescription. Nevertheless as a department we have endeavoured to provide the grounding and extra assistance students need to succeed in this subject area. In this regard, the Chemistry students sitting Bursary and also Scholarship examinations are continuing to gain some fine results.

In terms of job opportunity, Chemistry, both in the 6th Form and the 7th Form, is still very important for many of the scientifically-based occupations. These would include medicine, veterinary science and psychotherapy, as well as degrees in science and food technology. Students taking up a career in nursing or hairdressing have found it advisable to take 6th Form Chemistry as an important pre-requisite for entry into these courses at tertiary institutions.

The new University Entrance Chemistry prescription, which will be examined for the first time in 1986, looks to be both challenging and exciting for both students and teachers. For the first time it will include optional topics. These topics include: Consumer Chemistry, Chemistry of Food, Chemistry in the Environment, and hopefully a unit on the chemistry of copper. As a teacher I'm looking forward to the added opportunity to directly relate the fundamentals of Chemistry to everyday life and show to my students how vital an understanding of Chemistry is to the understanding of our environment.

— C. King

PHYSICS

In the late 70's there was a fall in the number of candidates for School Certificate Physics, nationwide; but there is now a steady growth again and we are well placed to service the demand. Despite a need to develop skills and discipline, the main problems in Physics are "ideas" and Physics should be started as early as possible to avoid the big trouble (too big for many) of changing your ideas.

ELECTRONICS

Electronics is a subject full of specialist vocabulary (jargon) and special skills. There is no need to be doing Physics but it helps if aiming at high level tertiary Electronics. The replacement, by computers and robots, of many jobs in the labour force, creates a big demand for skilled technicians, engineers and particularly the new job of "software engineer" (who is a combination of engineer and programmer).

At Wanganui High School, Fourth formers are given a light introduction to Electronics, but the real opportunity is the Sixth Form Certificate in Electronics which has run now for eight years and has supported many successful job applications.

— D. Lang

THE 1984 SCIENCE FAIR

The 1984 Science Fair was again a very good year for the number of entrants and the variety of exhibits. The entrants and their topics were:—

Nicola Parry — "Colour" — a study of Newton's colour wheel and how to trick the eye.

Simon Brown — "Plastics from Milk" — a study of how we used to obtain plastics to make buttons in World War II.

Kerry Baxter — "Dangers of Smoking" — a rather smelly exhibit which showed the tars obtained from cigarettes and cigars when they are burned. (First in the Senior Biological Sciences section.)

Sarah Falk and Campbell Mair — "The Difference between Butter and Margarine" — a taste experiment to see if we can tell the difference between butter and margarine.

Craig Lilford — "The Technology of Batteries" — a study using 6V motorcycle batteries and the amount of charge they could hold using different acids in the battery. (First in the Chemical Sciences FII-FIV.)

Diane Phillips and Helen Pearson — "Ripening of Kiwifruit" — a study to show how other fruits can be used to speed up the ripening of kiwifruit. (First in the Agricultural Science Division.)

Greg Newton and Simon Bridge — "Burglar Alarm" — a home designed burglar alarm that Grey is now selling as a commercial venture. (First in the Senior Electronics Section.)

Congratulations to all the above students for the great success they have had. I have left one person from the list

— Jennifer Wooding, who not only won her section on the "Food Colouring in Smarties", but also won the Fair overall. She represented the Wanganui region at the ICI New Zealand Science Fair in Hastings. You may also have seen her on Video Dispatch describing her project.

THE CHALLENGE IS ON!!!

Next year's Science Fair is in early August so start now as the overall prize is a trip to Auckland!

All the best to budding scientists from DLC (Dirty Lab Coat).

NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR — HASTINGS

Jennifer Wooding (15) Wanganui High School
"Food Colouring in Sweets"

The aim of the experiment is to show the different chemical dyes used in colouring sweets, in particular Pebbles, to show that these colours are made up of a composite of dyes.

To separate the coloured dyes which coat the sweet involves the separation of the sugar from the dye which is carried out by transferring the dye into bleached wool and then its removal to form a concentrate. The dyes were then further separated into the components by using various chromatography techniques.

Jennifer's impressions of the Fair —

"I was lucky enough to participate in the New Zealand ICI Science Fair. This year it was in sunny Hawkes Bay — I was looking forward to five days of hot weather. After 4½ hours on the bus I was tired and the weather didn't help. It started raining soon after I arrived. Setting up was a long, tedious job — have you ever had one of those days when nothing goes right? Well for me it was that day. The glue didn't stick, the sellotape was a sticky mess, everything was crooked.

The next day was judging and all the exhibitors were nervous. I got to know ALL the exhibitors — they were normal people (I was surprised). The venture was worth all the effort. I really enjoyed getting blisters from standing around all day, climbing hills, seeing the killing at the freezing works, and visiting sick fish at the aquarium. What fun, fitting eight people into an Escort and going for a Tiki-tour around the Bay. But nothing beats the friends I made, not only in Hastings but in the Wanganui Science Fair as well. I will be trying again next year as it is in Auckland."

A DEADLY SUBJECT

OR

HOW SOON A CORPSE DECAYS

Mr Lewis, of the General Board of Health, from his examination of the contents of nearly 100 coffins in the vaults and catacombs of London Churches, concludes that the complete decomposition of a corpse and its resolution into its ultimate elements, takes place in a leaden coffin with extreme slowness. In a wooden coffin the remains, with the exception of the bones, vanish in from two to five years. This period depends upon the quality of the wood, and the free access of air to the coffins. But in leaden coffins, 50, 60, 80 and even 100 years are required to accomplish this. "I have opened," says Mr Lewis, "a coffin in which the corpse had been placed for nearly a century; and the ammoniacal gas formed dense white fumes when brought in contact with hydrochloric-acid gas, and was so powerful that the head could not remain in it for more than a few seconds at a time." To render the human body perfectly inert after death, it should be placed in a light wooden coffin, in a pervious soil, from five to eight feet deep.

— From "Curiosities in Science" 1899)

— Contributed by C.T. Janes (LISP experimental work? - Ed)

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Mathematics for fun once again proved popular with one hundred students sitting the Australian Mathematics Competition. Nearly a quarter gained a distinction and nearly half gained credit certificates — a very good performance from Wanganui High School students.

Thirty-one juniors entered. Thirteen were awarded credits, eleven were awarded distinctions, with the top mark being 95%. Of forty-six intermediates entered, seventeen were awarded credits, nine were awarded distinctions, with the top mark again being 95%.

Twenty-three seniors entered, thirteen gained credits and two gained distinctions. The top mark was 85%.

Distinctions:

Junior — Helen Holmes, Sandra Phillips, Rachel Powell, Peta Drayton, Paula Bullock, Jason Rumney, Lee Tyson, Mark Wilson, Emrys Hughes, Janak de Zoysa, Stephen Brandon.

Intermediate — Dominic Taylor, Paul Baily, Jeffrey Whitlock, Donna Watson, Kate Green, Snalet Shalav, Nemisha Ranchhod, Shayne Morris, Christopher Johnston.

Senior — Stuart Mackintosh, Kimmo Wiltshire.

— W. Greenwood



ART DEPARTMENT REPORT — 1984

This year has been a very busy one for the Art Department with a number of competitions offered to interested students.

Early in May, approximately 50 posters were displayed in the Karori Library to inform Wellington citizens about "Conservation Week - 1984" and were very well received. Thank you to those who were involved. The standard was very

high and efforts were appreciated.

In August the Dr and Mrs Robertson award was very well supported by Wanganui High School pupils and after a pre-selection, no less than thirty of our pupils had work on display along with other schools in the Wanganui area.

The following pupils gained places in the Award:
ART SCHOOL AWARDS — Sarah Maxey, Wendy Quirk.
CERTIFICATES OF MERIT — Sheila Oliver, Eva Stormont.
Well done all of you who took part.

We have also had an enjoyable participation in scenery production for "The Visit" and "The Pyjama Game" and again pupils set to and painted props and scenery for these exciting productions. We are particularly grateful to all those people who gave up their weekends to assist.

There have been gallery visits, outdoor drawing groups and the work produced this year has been of a high standard.

Senior selective classes have been organised in enamelling and screen printing, and the standard of work has been very high indeed.

We are at present embarking on maintenance of the outdoor murals, and these should be finished soon.

Mr Donne has been on study leave in UK for 10 weeks, and we are looking forward to hearing and learning about the latest artistic developments in that area of the world. Welcome back.

We are very grateful to Mrs J. Roach and Mr E. Lewis

who looked after Mr Donne's classes during his absence.

Good luck to all those busy students involved in examinations and to those leaving school.

— J.M. Webby

FRENCH WINTER SCHOOL

Towards the end of the winter term, High School sixth and seventh form French pupils again attended a three-day French Winter School held in conjunction with Wanganui Collegiate School and Wanganui Girls College at the T.U. Wells Lodge, Brunswick.



During these three days, only French was spoken, French food eaten and French activities indulged in! Native speakers, including the French Cultural Attaché from the Wellington Embassy, encouraged groups in various situations, to communicate in the language — often with hilarious results!

The highlight of the school was the "Grand Diner" where pupils and guests wore hats with a French theme and ate snails, paté, etc. — often for the first time but with great courage.

Gareth Miles often managed to manipulate groups to his way of thinking, Lisa Mahoney overcame her basic terror of such an event at the School, Mrs Brough was a tremendous asset as she is bi-lingual (wouldn't Lisa like to be, too!) and Mrs Martel made an amazing after-dinner speech "en francais".

As pupils said, they continued to think, hear and speak in French well into the following weekend. The School may be deemed to have been "un grand succès"!

JACQUES BREL

Jacques Brel is alive and well and living in Palmerston North! Seventh Form French pupils persuaded Mrs Street to take them through there to Centrepont Theatre to see the review celebrating the work of this brilliant, contemporary French songwriter/poet whose songs and poems we had been studying.

The trip was well worthwhile as the cast performed brilliantly and allowed us to share the many emotions expressed in their songs.

Mrs Street would like to thank the seventh form for bullying her into going!

— J. Street

BEYOND AND BACK!

This year, 10 budding young 7th form geographers plus our dedicated chauffeur, Miss Tilley, boarded the minibus for a field trip of a life-time.

With so much travelling to be done, it quickly became apparent that the person with the toughest derriere or with cunning enough to find a place to sprawl, would survive the ordeal in front of us.

Day One involved travelling from Wanganui to Rotorua with studies of the Chateau, Tokaanu, Tongariro Power



CHOIR

Back: B. Wilson, W. McDowell, C. Bridge, G. Rangiwhehu, J. Davidson, C. Nixonsen, M. Wilson, S. Duthie, J. Wilson, C. Mair
Middle: C. Bishop, T. Weekes, M. Davidson, A. Savage, M. Brandon, B. Siddall, R. Chainey, A. Lewin, A. Stevens, E. Barker, Mrs Lewis
Front: H. Spencer, D. Berridge, K. Harper, T. Falk, K. Green, S. Hartfield, E. Oldfield, S. Shalay, H. Pearson



ORCHESTRA

Back: D. Berridge, S. Maxey, E. Barker, C. Johnson, J. Wilson
Middle: C. Bishop, M. Wilson, S. Shalay, H. Pearson, T. Gilbertson, J. Davidson, K. Green, A. Gemmell, S. Brandon
Front: S. Duthie, H. McDowell, W. McDowell, G. Rangiwhehu, Mrs McLean (Tutor), G. Lewis, M. Brandon, C. Nixonsen
Absent: M. Davidson



YOUTH ENTERPRISE

Back: E. Hood, G. Newton, A. Hainsworth
Middle: Mr G. Hodges, S. Jones, D. Berridge, J. Layburn
Front: S. Ball, M. Hodson, P. Seiler, A. Robinson



BRASS BAND

Back: D. Robinson, N. Miller
Middle: C. McKenzie, E. Barker, J. Wilson, M. Wilson
Front: M. Garrett, A. Robinson, H. Pearson, T. Palmer



LIBRARIANS

Back: M. Nutter, A. Ball, M. Hodson, Mr A. Goodwin, A. Bothof, K. Stormont, M. Bycroft
Front: J. Halligan, E. Oldfield, Mrs D. Lamont, C. Johnston, T. Brockway



DEBATING

Top: M. Brandon, Mr A. Goodwin (Coach), B. Siddall, E. Lamont
Front: J. Wooding, C. Bishop, T. Donald, H. Spencer
Absent: J. Williams, N. Ranchhod

Station and the Wairakei Geothermal station en route. Rotorua's motorcamp was a welcome sight.

This was to be the first night of dinner preparations and if mushed spaghetti or mince is your scene then this would have been the highlight of the night! However, if serious 500 card playing is more your forte then the deadly combination of Miss Tilley and certain 7th formers proved too dynamic.

Next morning with the main theme being Forestry, we set off to Whakarewarewa State Forest Park where we learnt ALL the steps in forestry development. We also visited the Waipa State Mill and then travelled to our waiting bunks in Hamilton.

The food situation here improved immensely as we all dined out at the local Cobb and Co! I'm not sure about the 500 playing.

Day Three was partially spent on an indepth study of Urban Hamilton including the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet, whose salt provided the seasoning for someone's tea.

We spent the remainder of the day observing landforms and townships en route to the evening's destination of New Plymouth.

There is no doubt that New Plymouth holds special memories for the Beast of Burden Fans whose music provided the incentive for moonlight dancing in the empty learners' swimming pool.

However New Plymouth wasn't the place to be if you enjoy Macaroni Cheese; but it's amazing what starvation forces one to consume!

By now our bodies were becoming immune to both the bunks and the minibus. Was it the sound of the sea or the Beast of Burden that lulled us to sleep?

Rise and shine? An early start to Day Four as we had a tight itinerary of Taranaki's energy projects. First on the list was the Methanol plant and then the synthetic fuels (Motonui) Information Centre. The next stop was the Maui Production Station followed by the Kapuni Gas treatment plant. By this time our brains were so crammed full of information that the sight of another energy project was becoming almost as intolerable as the sound of THAT song!

But after an interesting tour of the Ammonia-Urea Plant it was time to head up to Dawson Falls (Mt Egmont) for our final night. This was spent catching up on homework (including a mass recitation of King Lear), playing cards and that popular activity of consuming food, of which certain 7ths who shall remain nameless were becoming extremely competent at!

Day Five dawned bright and clear and we were kindly joined by Mrs Lace for what I think was to be the highlight of the field trip.

All fully equipped with our mountain gear we began our trek with Herb Spannagel the resident ranger. Unfortunately Hamish accompanied by Mrs Lace had to return to base with stomach cramps - food poisoning? (Bernie and Stu - do you know anything about this? - Ed).

Herb proved to be an informative and interesting man who challenged our thinking and our muscles when he took the fitter ones amongst us (or those fools who thought they were!) upwards in a quest for snow. We were not disappointed even though it had the texture of ice.

Coming down was much quicker and our journey was almost over. We would return to comfortable beds, decent meals and a completion date for the assignment that was to follow!

But not before the most anti-Beast of Burden fans were becoming converted and even allowed two renditions of the song to be sung, full gusto by the WHS 7th Geography Choir.

A big thank-you must be given to Miss Tilley for her courage and patience in making the Geography field trip such a success, both academically and socially.

- M. Park

PA-RADE OF HISTORY

On the morning of April third, nine hopeful historians comprising Lisa Weekes, Tracy Donald, Penny Nelson, Paul McKnight, Brent Siddall, Sarah Bardsley, Louise King, Catherine Bishop and your author, Belinda Smith plus Mr Woodbury (alias teacher, interpreter and big daddy) set off in hope of exciting finds.

Our first stop was Tutahi Church, near Waverley to offer prayer and to learn about the history involved. Here our resident advisors and experts, Mr Cormack and Mr Ian Church of the Wanganui Museum, helped us out.

Our next stop was Poronui Pa, the first pa site of the trip. We could only look at this site across a valley and most of us spent the time dodging Stephen Spielberg-Woodbury and his elusive video camera. From here it was all out to unhitch the trailer and re-connect it after the van had turned around.

Next up Kariponia Marae and pa site. After an on-the-move history lesson we again unhitched and rehitched the trailer.

A quick stop for lunch at Patea and onto the Turuturu-Mokai Redoubt after three more Pa surveys. Another photo session followed (lucky Mr Woodbury with his zoom can catch anyone on the camera!). Now we practised for our next major assignment - the Kete Marae.

After being greeted and feeling right at home, we entered a discussion at 8.00pm, well some of us did, others disappeared to the land of nod. I tell you, directing trailers is hard work!

The next day dawned bright and clear. First a visit to the New Plymouth museum. Slides were on the agenda so for some another visit to the land of nod. Don't blame the slides, but the darkness and soft chairs were too much after all those pas. After this we were let loose on New Plymouth - YIPPEE!

Time to bed down at Spotswood College Library among books, a cat and luggage. Breakfast and showers was at Tracy's Dad's place. (I wonder if the bathroom carpet is dry yet?)

The day's itinerary was chock-a-block. First a stop at Moutonui (I put that in just for Miss Tilley. Maybe she'll love Brent and me now?). After this, PA SITES galore! It was pretty hectic in the van, every bump in the road was interpreted as a PA SITE. We had PA-MANIA, PA-WITHDRAWAL symptoms, (these came about if a PA-SITE is not spotted within fifteen minutes), PA-RANOIA and mirages of PA-SITES or AP-PA-RITIONS!

Finally the highlight of the day, a real-live "sap". Now don't ask. I'll spill the beans. A sap is what the enemy used to get close to the Pa. It is a zig-zag ditch. Here some very embarrassing film was shot. Something called "Three Billy Goats Gruff" on the bridge.

Back to Spotswood for tea and high entertainment. Lisa "Charades" Weekes - a book on a shelf. Result - one light down and slight concussion for Catherine who was standing underneath and has never been the same since. All slept well after the action.

Finally we left Spotswood and travelled south round Cape Egmont to Parihaka Pa. This was the high point of the trip. Here we met and fell in love with a Kuia "Auntie Marj", and Tracy found herself a new friend of the four-legged, lamp-post-loving variety. We were welcomed onto the Marae and had lunch. We all studied Te Whiti's memorial and again were subjected to camera focus. A few pieces of anatomy popped up in the finished video, unintentionally. Say no more.

Thanks to Mr Ian Church, Mr Cormack, Mr Power, Mr Woodbury and my seventh form class for a fantastic year of history.

- Belinda Smith

THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE?

Men used to believe the planet Earth was the centre of all. Librarians still believe the Library is the true centre of the school, and of course, they're right. Why else do we have the nicest building in school?

To those who only visit to use the xerox, you have missed a great deal. Many others use our connections with the Labour Department for careers, some use our hot line to Schools' Library Service. Ever had to do an assignment at the last moment? You'll find us helpful.

Few realise that our school librarians arrive at school well before most of you have finished swallowing down your breakfast. Give them that extra thought and help out in YOUR library by returning books promptly!

One of the most significant constructive ways you can leave your mark might be to donate a book before you leave. The book we choose for you will be a blessing to all those who follow you.

A place of learning, study, relaxation and one of quiet. Many realise the lasting benefits of borrowing, browsing, not just bibliophiles (look that one up!)

Can I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Lamont and the trusty crew of librarians for all their dedicated and useful work especially in the less glamorous jobs. (Students with overdue, please note.)

We look forward to more changes with our recently remodelled library foyer, many more new books and students who take a real interest in helping "the Centre of the School".

— A. Goodwin (Teacher-Librarian)

ADULT STUDENT REPORT — 1984

Wanganui High School has again this year enjoyed the presence of a large number of Adult Students, who have participated in a wide variety of courses and activities.

We as Staff have been delighted at the energy and enthusiasm which has emanated from the Adult Student Common Room. The room now conveys a lovely feeling of light and warmth, due to the hard-working efforts of this selfless group.

Thank you to all concerned for your interest in keeping high standards both now and for those who will follow you.

Your offers of help and assistance in such events as the Fourth Form Festival (by helping with the catering) and for your involvement in the sporting programme, are most appreciated. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. We wish you every success in the coming exams and "see you next year".

— J.M. Webby

ADULT STUDENTS COMMENT . . .

Well it has been an exciting and busy year for the Adult Students. We have seen many faces come and go in the 1st term. About 22 saw the year out.

A variety of subjects were sat by all from 3rd form upwards. Getting involved with the students and teachers was a lot of fun in both class and sports activities.

In the first term Maureen Hall, Dolly and Patricia entered the Staff vs Adult Students Swimming Race. Guess who didn't win?

In the second term some of the girls saw "The Visit" at Repertory. It was a good night out.

In term three Carmel, Dolly and Patricia entered the Cross Country. They made it back in the first 35, running with the 5ths. Our bodies didn't forgive us for a couple of days but it was a lot of fun. Patricia was going to sneak in the main gate half way round, but Carmel foiled that plan and came back and ran with her. Tina got a bit nervous before the race and had to have a smoke. A good

advent for healthy living is our Tina.

Dolly and Ngaire got together and raised funds to do up our common room. Blue wallpaper was donated so with a blue mural painted at one end we had to warm the place up with paint. After some heated discussion it was necessary to call in Mrs Titter as mediator on the matter of suitable colours. Our efforts produced equal amounts of paint on the walls and ourselves.

Terry our only male got the job of "paper hanger" (he loved it). Carol, Carmel, Ngaire and Patricia pasted and tried to look busy.

Then a week later Pat Neil found a strip we had hung upside down. We all denied it of course. There we were left with a half finished wall. Further efforts by Terry, Ngaire, and Patricia almost finished it but found they were a strip short. They hunted the town for another roll but to no avail. So it had to be painted. Thank you Henry Maddocks for giving up your time to touch up the mural. The room looks great now.

EXAMS

Some successes and some failures, but overall I think we did extremely well. A great effort by Pat Neil, Maureen Harris, Maureen Hall and Diane Turner who were nominated for prizegiving. (Prizegiving is a controversial topic among Adult Students.) Our thanks go to Mrs Webby, Mr Canham and Staff for their support over the year.

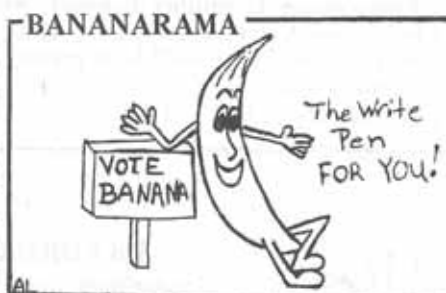
Without a creche some would not be here. It is a hard trek for some getting back into study after many years but a great challenge. Some returned to improve their job chances, to keep up with the times so that they can understand their children better, to fill in time between family commitments, or like Terry to enable him to sit his Ship's Pilot's licence as part of his regular job. Whatever the reasons we have no regrets, and hope more adults have a go. There has never been a truer saying, "You are never too old to learn".

— Pat Avison

TRANSITION TO WORK

Wanganui High School's Transition to Work Course has continued to give strong help to school leavers. Job seeking and job-keeping skills continue to have priority alongside life and leisure skills. Work experience has also been a wonderful help in channelling school leavers into the workforce. Latterly we have also been able to offer assistance to those who wish to refine letterwriting and interview skills before coming onto the job market next year. The course will be in operation again from the beginning of term one 1985.

— Nancy Angove



As a new venture at Wanganui High School 13 sixth form students decided to form a company which made and sold a product as part of the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Young Enterprise Scheme. Our company, River City Enterprises, got over the first stumbling block by deciding on a product — a bright yellow, 14cm long, banana pen.

A local company, Oskam Industries, produced the mould. The 3,000 banana pens came out of the mould in pairs joined by a plastic stem.

The first thing that had to be done was to separate the bananas (with heavy-duty wire clippers) and then sand them with emery paper. Stephen Ball, the Production Manager, spent many hours setting up a special jig to hold the hard-plastic bananas while a small but hardworking band of male committee members drilled holes and put the biro refills in. A few headaches were caused by the bend in the banana. It's a pity they don't make curved drill bits!

At the end of July our Managing Director, Gina Carver, left us to take up a Youth Exchange to USA. We had our annual dinner and farewell to Gina which was enjoyed by all.

Also around this time retail outlets were set up for the pens in fruit shops and bookshops around Wanganui and surrounding districts. Our crowd-attracting advertising gimmick was a large paper-mache banana which Ruth Bradley volunteered to be inside of. We also produced posters with our slogan - "Vote Banana - The Write Pen For You". A radio advertisement was played every day in the first week after we launched our product.

In this first week sales boomed and we sold about 800 pens and in following weeks we kept selling the pens at a steady rate. By the end of October we expect to have sold all 3,000 pens.

The aim of the scheme is to get practical economic experience in the fields of marketing, production and advertising. Our group achieved this and had a lot of fun along the way. Special thanks to Mr Brian Balshaw of the Trusteebank and Mr Gavin Hodges who both advised us and guided us through tricky situations.

The members of our team were Paul Seiler, Stephen Ball, Andrew Robinson, Andrew Hainsworth, Murray Hodson, Evelyn Hood, Shelley Jones, Jackie Layburn, Diane Berridge, Ruth Bradley, Simon Bridge and Greg Newton.

NIHON - NO TOMODACHI

Last year preparation began for a prospective trip to Japan which is planned to take place during August of 1986. It will involve this year's fourth and fifth form Japanese students, who have already put a large amount of effort into many fund raising ventures, such as the weekly cake-selling stall which appears on Wednesday lunchtimes.

A highly successful Japanese Banquet was held at the Palm Lounge, where parents and friends of the students got together to sample traditional Japanese 'cuisine' such as Sukiyaki and Sake.

The most recent event was the Fashion Parade, held in the Riverboat Room at the Riverina. There, the new spring and summer fashions were modelled by professionals and later, supper was served after a highly successful evening.

Other activities have been pamphlet delivering, and manning the car-wash at the Dublin Street Service Station.

Forthcoming is another Banquet, which is an event not to be missed, so feel free to come along!

In two years' time we'll be departing for Japan. Until then, "Say'onara".

- J. Williams



3rd FORM CAMP

Surprisingly enough when talking to 3V about the third form camp neither Mr Goodwin's regular "Hi de Hi" nor the morning runs and not even the horrible bike and

hike out or back from camp were mentioned. When asked "What was most memorable?" I got such replies as expected like, "the big ball games, Certain Sounds Concert, the campfire", and then the not quite so expected "Strawberry Moo-mix instead of mosquito water", and "seeing the tar-seal at the end of the camp road". Actually the water tended to be a focal point of conversation. I don't know why the slimy green mosquito infected water was so prominent in their minds, along with the doorless toilets and guard-dog teachers. I asked, "What do you think the purpose of the camp was?"

"To scare us so we wouldn't come back to school," was one reply. (Bad luck, staff - it didn't work.)

I finished by asking, "Well, did you think the camp was a good idea?"

"Umm . . . Yes. . . No . . . I don't know . . . but it should have been for two weeks!" piped up someone. Well I can't say I agreed - those three days were quite sufficient for me, thanks.

Actually I'm sure most of the seventh formers who went to camp would agree it was a most memorable, testing but enjoyable three days, even though we were chief cooks and bottliewashers for a large number of mother-missing ratbags. Comforts of home were few and far between but we managed to get by. Meal times were probably the greatest test - trying to play mother to a group of hungry but helpless and terribly disorganised boys was a real experience to say the least. Luckily no one seemed to mind the odd bit of grass or charcoal in the baked beans which was often the order of the day.

The highlight of the camp for the seventh formers I'm sure was going home, but that's not to say we didn't enjoy ourselves. It's just that three days of hyperactive third formers, sleepless nights and early mornings was quite enough for most of us.

As said by one of the third formers in a camp diary "Unaccustomed as I am to camping, I think I will survive" and we did, despite everything that may have been said that Friday night after camp. I'm sure a good time was had by all - or most anyway!

- T. Holt

FOURTH FORM DAY

The idea of a Fourth Form Day was greeted with anticipation by some and scepticism by others. By the end of the day, however, everyone had really got into the spirit of it and enjoyed themselves.

Here are a few extracts from some of the people involved:

"On Thursday, 5 July 1984, I took part, along with my fellow WHS fourth formers, in a special "Fourth Form Day". This was designed because the third formers had their camp and the senior forms were concerned with exams, but the fourth form had nothing. Our day was invented as a participation event, and something to remember about the Fourth Form." - P.W.

"After form time each form went to the hall where we were to start the day by having a maths quiz. Myself, not being a mathematical genius, skipped that event. During this event there was much laughter and yelling. I can tell you that our class needed the most egging on, but it was to no avail anyway. Our class failed (in fact came last) but the people who participated in it, enjoyed it very much." - L.H.

"Next the talent quest. MOST classes took part in it with our class being the only one which had nothing to show. 40 stole the show with boys from the class dressed as women and parading in different feminine fashions. I've never laughed so much." - C.T.

"Immediately after this, lunch was announced. There was a lot of eager hungry fourth formers and teachers to feed. Lunch consisted of a kind of hot dog, an apple, two

biscuits, a pot of yoghurt and an orange drink. Not bad for \$1.50! As soon as we had finished lunch we were off on our bikes to the nearby sports stadium for our sports afternoon. The classes made up teams to compete in relay races, piggy back races and other hilarious events." — P.W.

"The day for me was a very exciting and different occasion. Next year's fourth formers will enjoy it thoroughly." — L.H.

— Extracts by P. Wall L. Head, C. Tuffin

SWAP SHOP

— Compiled by Lynda Porteous —



1984 has been another year for International Student Exchanges at Wanganui High School.

Our overseas exchanges began in February with Fiona Page on Rotary Twin Exchange in Australia for one term, returning in May with her 'sister' Petrina Lewis. Those who got to know Petrina regretted that she had only the one term with us.

Those who left during the year on AFS were:— Rachel Hamilton-Gibbs in March (Thailand). In July Janet Hankins (California) and Gina Carver (Missouri). And in August John Morrell (Canada). Inward mail proves that their respective years are living up to all expectations.

Wanganui High School students have shared their year with Donna Stewart (Australia), Tamayo Iwashita (Japan), Annette Lawrence (California) and Pernille Joergenson (Denmark) who is on a private exchange within her family.

We would like to thank Annette in particular - her enthusiasm and her willingness to join in everything endeared her to all. What a pity Kiwi students prefer to sit in glazed silence in assemblies!

We wish all our visitors in 1985 well and hope that their memories of Wanganui High School will long stay with them.

Our three Rotary Exchange students due to leave early next year are:— Kirsti Broadfoot (Japan), Ema Butler (Brazil) and Rochelle Constantine (Denmark).

WANGANUI TO HEALDSBURG

Janet Hankins is currently living in Healdsburg, California, USA as an AFS exchange student. These are some extracts from Janet's letter that tell us of some of her experiences.

"The teachers (at Healdsburg High) are usually addressed by their last name, without the Mr, Miss, Mrs or Ms — and they are more like 'wise friends' than teachers. I have had a few frights, such as people asking what state New Zealand is in and which city it's close to. They ask questions from 'do you have electricity?' to 'what's it like to live in villages?'"

"I watch the news often but most of it is murders, very upsetting at times. The nuclear issue is very real, also very close. I've realised how we in New Zealand are so sheltered from all this." Janet writes that they even have nuclear war drills at her school.

"The kids are very car oriented and often spend the forty minute lunch break riding around the parking lot — very strange to see."

"Students here are very ignorant of History, their own and other countries. For instance, the first day in American History, we had a test. It was out of 50, the average was eight, the highest was 34 and I got 24. I was very pleased and also a little proud of our education system. Both systems have a lot to learn from each other."

A SHORT TRIP OUT OF SYDNEY

"Could you two just wait outside the interview room? We'll just get your overseas placements ready so we can tell you where you're going."

"Yeah."

"Sure."

"Hi, I'm Annette."

"Hi, I'm Mark. I can see you're waiting for your AFS placement too. Where do you want to go?"

"I'd like to go to Greece . . . great food, great weather, beautiful people . . . Or Italy! Venice, Rome, Paradise."

"How about Brazil . . . with its white sand beaches, Rio-de-Janeiro dancing all night long! OR what about Japan? The country of the best oriental delicacies, the country of the rising sun."

"I'd love to go to Australia . . . the land down-under, the wild life, Sydney and its never ending wild life! What a place!"

"My dream is France . . . Paris, the Eiffel Tower, beautiful wine and cheese."

"I'm so nervous. They sure are taking a long time."

"Here he comes."

"We've got your placements now. You're both going to the same place . . . It's the town of Wanganui . . ."

"That sounds like a Greek name."

"No, I'm sure that's in Japan."

"It could be in Italy."

"Or Brazil."

"You're both going to Wanganui, New Zealand."

"Huh?"

"Oh."

"We'll mail your papers as soon as possible. Congratulations and good luck. Bye."

"Do you know where New Zealand is?"

"I'm not sure, but I think it's close to Australia. I think you can take a yacht on a sunny Sunday, have afternoon tea in Sydney, and be home in time for dinner."

After I got to New Zealand, deciphered the language, and got to know the people my impressions most definitely changed. This year has been really GREAT! Especially the school uniform, bussing and biking to school, the 3rd form camp, the raging junior dances, the . . . um . . . senior dances, the difficult exams, the . . . puff . . . cross country, the school musical (especially Mr Mahoney's PJ's), "WE ARE ONE" assemblies, etc. AFS couldn't have picked a better place. Thanks Wanganui High School. If anybody is ever in LA please come and see me. Just don't all come at once.

— A. Lawrence

NEW ZEALAND? WHERE?

"New Zealand? That's somewhere North isn't it? Near Greenland somewhere?"

Yet again I would have to set another ignorant person straight that MY Godzone is south, and by Australia. They now all probably think that New Zealand is a couple of islands off the coast of Australia. Oh well, at least they have the right direction!

During the twelve months from July 1983 to July 1984, I went on an AFS exchange to the United States of America. I lived in DeWitt (population 4,500) in Iowa, the Corn State, which is approximately 265kms west of Chicago.

A month after my arrival I had to start school and I arrived in mufti. Timetables were daily, not weekly, so each day I had the same subjects at the same time. Classes

started at 8.15am with seven, one hour periods until the end of the day at 3.20pm. We only had half an hour for lunch, eating school lunches which, I was warned, were gross – a statement I quickly found out to be true! School spirit ran high in a form which was new to me. 'Homecoming Week' celebrated the last Gridiron Home Game. Also during this week we had a 'Pyjama Day' (when we all came to school attired in our PJ's) and a 'Hat and Toga Day'. This all culminated in a Grand Parade through the streets of DeWitt with me sitting on a red convertible Mustang, waving to the crowd.

Sports play a large part in American schools. When a game was on, a large majority of the school and community came to barrack for the team, with the help of those unforgettable cheerleaders.

During April, my school had an 'American Prom' at which I was made Prom Queen which was a great honour. Graduation had all the pomp and ceremony that I had seen in movies – everyone wearing gowns and mortar boards.

Being away for a year has made me aware that America is NOT what we see on TV but a country where everyone is a lot like New Zealanders with the same hopes and dreams.

– D. Hamilton-Gibbs

THE TONGAN EXPERIENCE

Malo e lelei! Along with seventeen other students from New Zealand, I spent three weeks of May on a "Friends of the Pacific" workcamp in Tonga.

It took us three hours to fly from a cold Auckland to a 26°C tropical island. Our group was to stay in Kolovai Village, and it was here that we were separated and placed with what was to become our Tongan family.

My family consisted of nine people plus a multitude of dogs, chooks and especially pigs. The house was wooden with handwoven mats for carpet and no shower or bath! It had been built after the hurricane and was quite a contrast to New Zealand housing.

Our work project involved concreting a school floor, building two wooden classroom floors, painting, and making a coral path. The Tongan people helped a lot with the actual construction and we were amazed with their enthusiasm and strength.

In Tonga we Palangis (Europeans) were treated like royalty, with love and respect, which was easy to get used to! They also showed friendship with their food: mountains of watermelon, bananas, coconuts, paw paw and pork – even though we had to eat with our fingers.

Tonga's timelessness stood out. Life ran according to "Tongan Time". A slogan on a T-shirt sums it up well: "Do it the Tongan Way . . . Tomorrow". Also the genuine love and friendship of the Tongan people was impressive.

I would like to say Malo Aupito (Thank You) to WHS who contributed money from a multi-day towards the projects. Without this help, it would hardly have been possible. You never know, one day you too may become a Friend of the Pacific.

– M. Park

TOTALLY TONGAN, TOTALLY

I was one of the lucky ones chosen for the August 1984 "Friends of the Pacific" workcamp to Tonga. Destination: 'Eua, an island off the main island of Tongatapu. Aim: to sand, paint and build desks for the only secondary school on the island.

The pace of life in Tonga is very slow and the way we were treated like royalty wasn't hard to get used to at all – but the food was a completely different story. Well, what can you say after seeing a live pig being skewered and then asked to eat it! Not to mention the other delectable delights: dogs, horses and even endangered parrots appeared on the menu. If a Tongan ever tells you that taro is for the Tongan

and potato is for the Palangi (European), believe him!

There were fourteen of us in the group, accompanied by Steve and Anita Hausey and Mrs Carol Woodbury – spending numerous nights on the floor with rats and cockroaches – we soon became "Mudder-Carol's little children!"

One of the highlights of the trip was "the home stay", an expedition where we lived with a Tongan family, ALONE! Two out of the thirteen in my family spoke some English. They were so proud to have a 'Palangi' in their home that they watched me eat, sleep, and even stood and waited for me outside the toilet door! With no power or running water there was little bathing done except for those brave enough to suffer a cold Tongan bath – but most of us managed to wait until we went to the beach.

'Eua was a beautiful island with bush not unlike that in New Zealand – a complete opposite to nearby Tongatapu (the main island). 'Eua only has power on one end of the island and the general form of transport was by foot, or on the back of Ivan's truck.

Workcamp No 17 holds many special memories and many friendships were made as a result of having lived through an experience we will never forget.

– T. Donald

ANOTHER FRIENDSHIP BUILT

Looking back on my exchange I realise how much I've done and just how many friends I've made. There was no way previous to my exchange that I could have anticipated what the first two terms of 1984 would bring and how much it would change my outlook on life.

I was put into a totally different environment where it was up to me to make the exchange a success. Gulgong, NSW, Australia, was to be my home – a very historical town with a population of 1700. My family, the Lewis', lived on a farm and had a large family.

At school, we had eight, forty-minute periods and didn't have to wear a uniform in our senior year. There were only 300 pupils in the school and my largest class was only 10-12 pupils.

The town was very closeknit and just about everyone was related to my family in some way.

The highlight of the trip was a 10-day tour around NSW for the New Zealand students on our exchange.

The following term I returned to the shady, green isle with my 'twin', Petrina Lewis. She loved the 'green', the bigger city and our seventh form guys!

My exchange was a great experience that I'll never forget. Thank you Rotary and WHS.

– F. Page

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

WHS figured largely in the Wanganui part of this occasion. The school was used as a base and meeting place and the formal welcome and assembly was on our premises.

On Thursday, 4 October, the school assembled on the quad to watch the Maori Culture Group perform the traditional Powhiri. After a Karanga delivered by Robyn Karena, a Mihi was given by Mark Gardner and a welcome in Maori came from Mr Canham. On behalf of the International students Michel Bordeleau replied in French. A real test for those monolingualists amongst us.

After this, inside to assembly, where each of the thirty students said 'Hi' in a variety of accents and languages, with variations on the USA very much to the fore.

The rest of the week was taken up with visits to the sights and places in the region, and getting to know each other better. The Pot Luck Dinner and the International Evening in the hall were wonderful cheery, and marvellous moments for international exchange (even if Anita's attempts to pass on a Swiss song ended in a break-down in communications.)

Merci et au revoir; dans le fond je vous aime bien.

Ki a koutou kua haere ki tenei kura mo te wiki 'International' ka nui a matou aroha ki a koutou no reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou.

ROVING REPORT



This year many pupils and ex-pupils of Wanganui High School have participated in many varied activities and achieved recognition in different fields outside the school's four walls. Here they are. If we missed anyone, our sincere apologies.

** First off we have Martin Wright who gained third place in the Junior Boys Section at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Canoe Championships.

** Another water sport is rowing where Nikki Payne, a former WHS pupil, gained fourth place in the single sculls at the World Championships held in Husquavana, Sweden.

** From rowing to riding - Andrew Rodgers was selected as a Wanganui Polocrosse Representative.

** Sticking to horses - ex-pupil Leigh McCallum won the open section of the New Zealand Horse Society, North Island, two-day trials in Wairarapa.

** On the subject of Art, Tanya Weekes, Nemisha Ranchhod and Ruia Abraham were all prize-winners in the New Zealand Hearing Association Poster Competition. Other art prize-winners were Jenny Clyde, Jodie King, Stephen Bourke and Leanne Griggs in the National AA Mutual Colouring-In Competition.

** In the art of music Rapti de Zoysa won the annual Leslie Holland Memorial Scholarship for the second time in three years. The scholarship will go towards her piano tuition fees for next year.

** By the way, congratulations to all those who passed their music exams - too many to list.

** From piano to brass - Megan Garrett, Steven Rudhall and Kerry Garrett (two former WHS pupils) were part of the brass quartet which gained a first placing at the National Brass Band Competitions held in Nelson. Kerry has been selected to represent New Zealand in the National Band which will be touring Europe in July next year. All the best Kerry.

** After that musical interlude, it's back to sport - Paul Glentworth, Stuart Mackintosh, Steven Johnston and Michael Lace were all chosen for the Wanganui Under 19 Badminton Squad.

** Another field in which Michael and Stuart have done well is in tennis. Both obtained titles in the Wanganui Residential Tennis Championships as did Tanya Park and Michelle Taylor.

** Also making a 'racquet' on the courts is Shelley Tate who is now the Wanganui Junior Squash Champion.

** Another champion in our midst is Miss Debra Jackson, an ex-pupil of WHS, who combined her looks and personality to win the Miss Wanganui Contest.

** Speaking of personality - Robyn Francis and Kathryn Tunbridge were two girls out of ten who entered the Miss Personality Contest.

** Now the boys have a turn - Mark Cosford and Blair Waipara were selected for the Wanganui Under 14 Rep Rugby team.

** Also making it to a Rep team was John Sula who was picked to represent the North Island at the Boxing Championships in Rotorua in the 55-65kg division.

** Representing New Zealand is ex-pupil Karl John Allen who was selected for the New Zealand Junior Basketball squad.

** From shooting goals to shooting targets - Ross Travers competed in the Wanganui Open Smallbore Rifle Shooting Championships in Okoia.

** Someone else who's right on target is 3rd former Graeme Spencer who won a bronze medal at the North Island Judo Championships held in Wellington.

** From the North Island to Los Angeles - that's where ex-pupil Julie Rowland headed as a reserve for the Women's Olympic Hockey team.

** Sticking at Hockey - Brent Hawkins was selected to umpire at the 1984 Hatch Cup Hockey Tournament in Pukekohe.

** With a leap to gymnastics - Samantha Rudge and Vicky Robertson have both done well in this sport. Samantha came first in the Gold Badge group of the Manawatu/Wanganui Rhythmic Gymnastic Championships with Vicky coming a proud second.

** A shuttle back to badminton - Debra Rigg and Robyn Francis were selected as members of the Under 19 Women's Rep Badminton team.

** From Badminton to brains - Steve Krenek, yet another ex-pupil, was highly praised for his designing and building of the most vital parts of the British and West German satellites.

** Nominees for the Wanganui Sportsperson of the Year included six pupils or ex-pupils from WHS. They were - Greg Brodie (cycling); Lee Hobson (swimming); Martin Holmes (athletics); Nikki Payne (rowing); Tracy Phillips (athletics) and Paula Pryce (skating).

** David Brader, Donna Watson and Rachel Burroughs were selected to represent Wanganui in the table tennis nationals in Palmerston North - competing against teams from all over NZ and New Caledonia.

** From sports to speech - Catherine Bishop came second in the Japanese contest at Massey University. Tristan Gilbertson, Karen Mackenzie and Angela Gemmell spoke well in their telephone drama which they composed themselves.

** From oral expression to written expression - Jessica Williams came first in the regional press release competition with an article about our Fitness Trail.

** And last but certainly not least is Sarah Maxey who won a \$500 prize for the best painting in the Under 20 section of the Wanganui Art Awards. Ex-pupil Mr James Kirkwood won the \$500 regional prize.

This is where we end our brief coverage of just some of the highlights and achievements, both sporting and cultural, of WHS pupils.

- F. Milne

SLEEP-TITERS STRIKE GOLD

(The sort of review you do when the press, who had been invited to the party, couldn't turn up.)

The 1984 musical "The Pyjama Game" was enjoyed by all who participated. The able direction of our perennial director, Mr Noel Mahoney, the musical direction of Mr Alan Johnston, and the choreography of Mrs Bronwyn Carvell, combined "Steam and Heat" to produce a "Once a Year" play.

Originally produced on Broadway in the 1950's, the musical combines The Sleep-Tite Factory satire with fun, frolics and romance, with numbers like "Seven-and-a-half-Cents" and "Hernando's Hideaway"; the show provided an apt vehicle for the exuberance and talent of its vibrant cast.

The leading role of Sid Sorokin was competently handled by Neil Forlong whose dominant male presence enabled him to portray the qualities of this macho character. Opposite him, Alison Lewin, in the role of Babe Williams,



turned in a forceful performance. Both leads combined smoothly to win the hearts of all, with their harmonious duets, especially the spirited number "There Once Was a Man".

They in turn were backed by a strong supporting cast headed by Paul McKnight as the bossy employer, Hasler, hassled relentlessly by the Unionist Gavin Ander (Prez) and his formidable Grievance Committee, Lisa Weekes, Catherine Bishop, Megan Hawkins, Lisa Page and Annette Lawrence. Annette's dumb blonde, Poopsie, was a gem even down to her almost authentic American accent.

Sleep-Tite Secretaries, Tracy Donald, at her best as the gossipy Mabel, and Jane Pachoud (How-can-I-do-my-job-with-him-around) pursued by the jealous Hines, provided the commedienne contrast, par excellence.

[You're so right, Brent. But as producer I must interrupt here. Your interpretation of Hines, the Dr Jekyll/Mr Hyde, Time-and-Motion efficiency expert consumed by jealousy was typical of your tremendous versatility. The Duet/Dance "I'll Never be Jealous Again" with Tracy Donald was a stage masterpiece. Gerald Weekes' graphics complemented your art. — N. Mahoney, Producer]

While elaborating on some of the main characters it is important to give credit to the seventy strong cast of pyjama workers who maintained the momentum of the two and a quarter hour show with its lively song and dance backing.

[About time! We were wondering if you were going to mention us. I call it "The Pneumonia Musical". To me it was a big disappointment. I had to work so hard because I was the factory girl and it took most of my time. But you sometimes get off class. Well that was great but on the night of the show I couldn't go because I had pneumonia and I thought I would get better but I didn't. Warning — if you are in a musical make sure that you don't get ill like I did or you'll be sorry. — Georgina Rangiwetui]

[... Putting on make-up was the best fun-thing I've done in ages, but doing the actual show was even better. I really felt that I was a p.j. worker and got very emotional about the whole play. My only disappointment was that some of the crowd didn't react the way I expected sometimes. I would really enjoy being in the musical every year until I leave this school. — Vanessa Pedder]

The staging and presentation of the "Pyjama Game" owed much to the effective lighting design of Anne Hudig, Steven Frederick and Bill Watson (ex-High School), the striking multi-design set of Mrs Judy Webby and Mr David Heath, the colourful costumes of Mrs Judy Titter and the amazing properties of the Brouchs. Their efforts and those of all the production team maintained the standards theatre-goers have come to expect from a High School musical. Visual effects such as Hernando's Hideaway, grand piano and all, and the spectacular finale with the whole cast dressed in pyjamas kept the audience guessing.

[Yes but they don't know what went on behind the scenes.]

In the finale Sid Sorokin (Neil Forlong) was supposed to wear the pyjama bottoms while Babe Williams (Alison Lewin) wears the pyjama tops while compere Angus Broadfoot says "Sleep Tite is Economical".

Sid: "Married life is lots of fun."

Babe: "Two can sleep as cheap as one."

Neil insisted on wearing his singlet for the first two nights but we made sure he didn't on the last one. He came off the stage to get into his pyjama pants and singlet but he couldn't find the singlet. Guess where it was? It was under the typewriter on stage. We then sat down on stage behind the main curtain and as it opened we waited for the lead roles to come out. One by one they entered, and when Neil appeared without his singlet we all whistled. He went bright red and when he came off afterwards he said, "Who the hell hid my singlet?" and Alison, as she did in Act I

Scene X said, "I did!" — Andrea Donald, P.J. Worker]

Undoubtedly the highlight of the Pyjama Game's three night season was the traditional staff number which combined the boiler talents of the fit men of the staff in a colourful foot-stamping lusty rendition of the shoe-tapper "Steam Heat". Bronwyn Carvell's pride and joy, the guys and their dolls, cavorted round the stage with disciplined abandon. Students and parents alike saw an awesome side of the staff seldom seen and possibly are not sure whether they would want to see again.

[Brent you can't see the wood for the trees. The Picnic Scene was a highlight too. Who can forget the pistol shooting exhibition of Professor Vernon Hines, with a trained nurse in attendance? The second night we could have labelled it the Miss Fire Target Shoot. However, the whole cast deserved a Noely for the way they covered up... and while we're on it, the synchronisation of the Tick-Tock Scene was poetry in motion. I've never seen our dancing girls better. — Producer]

[You can't imagine our surprise and anxiety when of all things — the gun didn't go off. At first I felt alarmed but then realised that we still had to act before our audience. Professor Hines rushed off-stage and tried to get the gun working, but realised that it was no use and very soon came back. Meanwhile we had been talking amongst ourselves acting as if we were surprised as we were. It was really funny when Brent, I mean the Professor, had turned towards the audience after the gun didn't go off and the balloon suddenly popped and it looked as if the supposed gun shot had gone around him and burst it. — Wendy McDowell, A Pyjama Factory Worker]

The success of this number and the many others contributed to the enjoyment of both cast and audience from the moment Conductor Peggy Bowers called for the opening note of "Hurry Up" to the final pyjama chord of pianist Alan Johnston.

— Brent Siddall (with a little help from his friends)

'THE VISIT' and the VISITED



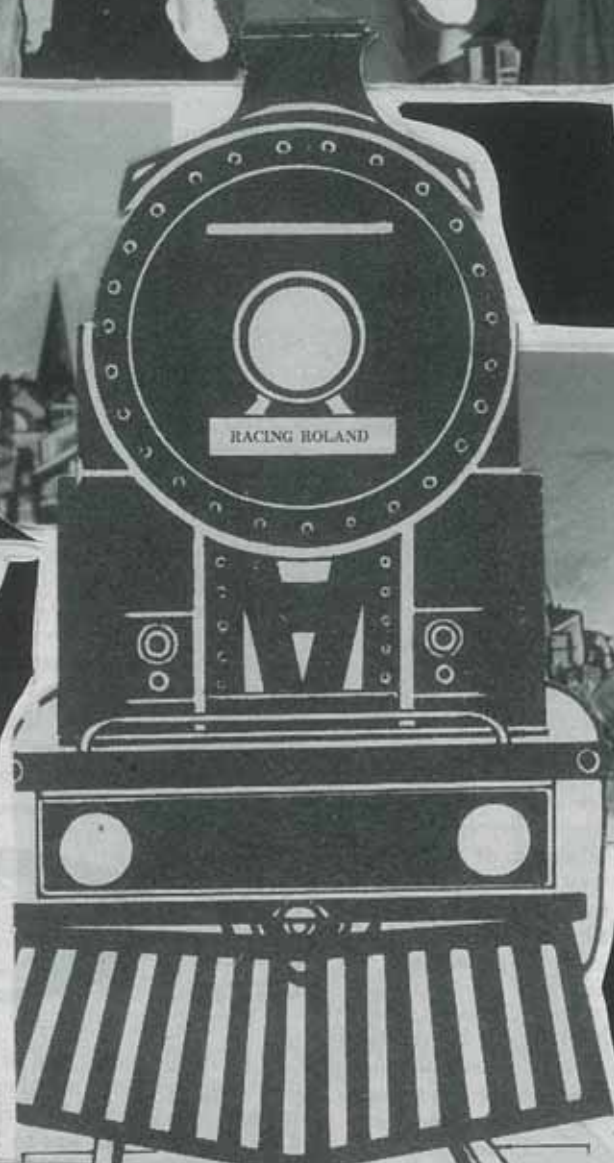
In April, pupils and staff members of Wanganui High School joined with members of Wanganui Repertory for a joint production of Friedrich Dürrenmatt's, "The Visit". That week in April was to be the first of eight, which gave members of the seventh form an opportunity to take part in the production of a play which we had studied in class.

"The Visit", directed by our own Mr Ross Gilbertson, was the first joint High School/Repertory production staged for some fourteen years. Perhaps Mr Gilbertson was trying to make up for lost time; for what began as part-time participation, ended as a full-time commitment. Several "flu bugs" and many cups of Repertory coffee later, we saw our efforts rewarded by a successful season, which gave many of the team a great deal of personal satisfaction.

As a seventh former, I cannot speak highly enough of the consideration and friendliness shown by the more experienced Repertory members, who allowed us to mature into our roles at our own pace. I think we now appreciate that acting is a discipline; it has to be in the sub-zero conditions at Repertory.

Somewhere around the end of April, we lost sight of our director who began to camouflage himself under woolly jerseys, jackets and scarves. However, we always kept half an eye on the wisps of steam floating around the back of the theatre, in order to make sure that he was still all right.

THE VISIT



There was always the voice, anyway.

Personally I learnt a lot by watching the likes of John Maxey and Lynn Taylor create the leading roles of Ill and Claire. For me, the role of the Priest was the first 'serious' role I had undertaken. I learnt how to 'feel' my way into the character. The five to ten minutes of experiencing emotionally, something of what the character feels, before taking 'him' onto the stage for the final 'blueprint'. This, in the 'warm-up' process, gave us an opportunity to think ourselves into our roles; especially those of us in cassocks, who were caught mumbling under our rosaries on more than one occasion. Admittedly, for the seventh formers playing trees, this occasion was a harder process than you might imagine. Nevertheless, they hung around for the opening curtain.

I would like to feel that it was because of the success of "The Visit", that High School has been asked to join Repertory in March of next year for a production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible". Until then, can anyone tell me when the next train leaves for Guellen?

— Brent Siddall

A FALSETTO FROLIC

Imagine this ridiculous situation: wearing completely blacked-out glasses with only a scratch on them the size of a pin head to see through, having a partner dressed exactly like you and stumbling around the stage speaking simultaneously in ridiculously high squeaky voices.

That was my part in the High School/Repertory play. Having to play the part of a 'Castrated Male' with only eight weeks to perfect it, became a test of patience, co-operation, and team work not just for me but for the entire cast.

Several of the High School staff were in the cast. It was a good experience for us all, rehearsing together, putting on make-up together and all getting into gold shoes.

After endless rehearsals and being awash with coffee back stage, the time came to put our eight weeks of hard work into practice.

"The Visit" is a tragi-comedy but the 'tragi' did not affect the number of laughs we had (both back stage and on stage). Accidents do seem to happen, as yours truly just happened to fall off the stage and into the middle of the audience! But the show must go on, even with a sprained ankle.

Finally it all had to come to an end. Even though we were sad that it was all over, we were still happy as everyone who took part in it had achieved something to remember. So all those out there who would like to give this type of thing a go, I am certain that you will get as much pleasure out of it as I did!

— Deborah Loveridge

THE VISIT

A Tragi-Comedy by Friedrich Dürrenmatt

— Cast List —

Visitors —

Claire Zachanassian, née Washer, multi-millionaire,	
Armenian Oil	Lynn Taylor
Her Husbands, VII-IX	*Howard Taylor
Butler	Don Colway
Toby } Gum-chewers	*Mike O'Hara
Roby }	*Don Kilpatrick
Koby } Blind	*Deborah Loveridge
Loby }	*Andrew Ball

Visited —

Alfred III	John Maxey
His Wife	Elaine LITTLE
His Son	*Robert Brough
His Daughter	*Leigh Monks

Mayor	*Colin Milne
Priest	*Brent Siddall
Schoolmaster	Ron Chapman
Doctor	Christel Kelly
Policeman	Les Gregory
Citizen One	Stuart Adam
Citizen Two	*Lisa Weekes
Citizen Three	*Sarah Bardsley
Citizen Four	*Gareth Miles
Painter	Elizabeth Wilson
First Woman	*Jean Martel
Second Woman	Elizabeth Wilson
Mayor's Wife	Elizabeth Wilson
Gymnast	*Phil Boyle

Extras —

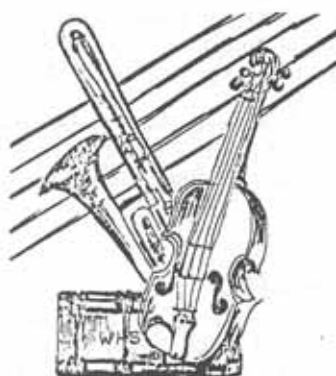
Ticket Inspector	*Tony Goodwin
Guard	Pam Colway
Bailiff	*Tony Woodbury

Distractors —

First Reporter	*Brent Siddall
Second Reporter	*Paul Canham
Radio Commentator	*Kirsten Dale
Cameraman	Pam Colway

Behind the Scenes

Guellen Theatrical Manager — Chris Houlihan
 Crew — Don Colway (Foreman), David Brough, Brian Deighton, *David Heath, Wayne Hill, *Sarah Maxey, *Mary Sewell, *Bevan Conley
 Smith & Smith (Guellen Branch) — *Peter Donne, *Judy Webby, Lisa Webby.
 G.T. Construction Co — David Brough, *David Heath, Pat McGrath, *Graham Wakely, *Robert Brough.
 Guellen Fashions — Freda Bleasdale, *Judy Titter, *Sue Luoni, Dorothy Tucker.
 Guellen Illuminations — Len Jamieson, Paulane McLean.
 Guellen Properties Inc — Vera Mulvaney, Ros Davies, *Eileen Snell.
 The Guellen Sound — Sharon Derby
 Guellen Public Relations Officers — Kay Shearer, *Jean Martel, *Joy Milne.
 Acoustic Advisor — Jill Tizard
 Guellen Wake-Up Service — *Anna Dunlop, *Rachel Pottery.
 Posters and Programmes — Jane and *Sarah Maxey.
 Guellen Halls Managers — Yvonne Savage, Robin Winter.
 Guellen Ringmaster — *Ross Gilbertson
 Assisted by — Ann O'Reilly
 Guellen Typewriting Co — *Lorraine Roxborough
 * - Wanganui High School



MUSICAL NOTES:

THE ORCHESTRA

At the end of last year the Orchestra lost several players, but with an influx of new members is now back to strength, with a good balance of 14 strings, 6 woodwind and 3 brass, and various members taking turns at percussion.

At the beginning of the year we were joined by third formers Stephen Brandon (cello) and John and Mark Wilson (brass). And later in the year by Claire Nixon (flute) and four third form violinists,

Georgina Rangiwhehu, Sandra Duthie and Wendy and Helen McDowall. We will be losing only one player, Catherine Bishop, at the end of the year, and we wish her happy flute playing at university.

If all the other members return and work hard, the future for the orchestra looks bright. The steadily increasing competence of the players is proved by their very pleasing examination results, and we congratulate the following members:

Grade 6 — Catherine Bishop, flute (distinction); Helen Pearson, clarinet; Angela Gemmell, violin.

Grade 5 — Greg Lewis, clarinet (merit); Tristan Gilbertson, theory

Grade 4 — Michael Brandon, flute.

Sarah Maxey, oboe, has also reached Grade 6, but was unfortunately prevented from sitting the exam.

The orchestra now has quite a wide repertoire (ranging from Vivaldi and Telemann to "Eye Level" and "Z Cars") and has performed at lunchtime concerts, the Westpac Competition and an evening concert in October.

Evan Barker's competence as a conductor won the approval of the judge at the Westpac Competition, and we have also appreciated his ability as both a brass player and a percussionist. Angela Gemmell has been a good co-leader of the orchestra and string chamber music group, and our thanks go also to Tristan Gilbertson, who has been an able leader and a helpful organiser on a number of occasions.

— H. Maclean

THE WESTPAC SCHOOL MUSIC CONTEST

June once again heralded the prestigious Westpac School Music District Contests, a series of regional preliminaries judged by eminent musicians. The adjudicators this year were Miss Elsa Jensen, tutor at the Wellington Polytechnic School of Music, who judged the instrumental section, and Mr Andrew Carter from England, who evaluated the vocal performances.

The Wanganui District Contest this year encompassed an area as far afield as Feilding and Hawera. The evening's programme was begun by the WHS Orchestra playing music of the 16th and 20th centuries — "Greensleeves" and "El Condor Pasa". The leadership was shared by Tristan Gilbertson and Angela Gemmell, and the orchestra performed commendably under the skilful baton of Evan Barker.

The WHS String Quartet (Tristan Gilbertson, Angela Gemmell, Brenda Carrig, violins and Mary Davidson, cello) performed a suite of music by Handel, and the highly acclaimed Clarinet Trio (Shelley Head, Greg Lewis and Helen Pearson) rendered a well-received performance of "Divertimento No 1" by Mozart.

The High School Singers gave an outstanding performance of Grieg's "Boat Song" and "Down Town" by Tony Hatch. Undoubtedly it was the choir's convincing and energetic interpretation of "Down Town" that brought a thoroughly deserved first placing in the vocal section despite fierce competition from the rigorously trained Adastrians of Wanganui Girls' College.

The judges acknowledged the very high standard of performance and the months of practice invested by both the groups and the tutors which contributed to the general excellence of the entries.

— T. Gilbertson

CHOIR NEWS

Wanganui High School Choir has grown considerably since it started up again in April 1983. Under the skilful teaching and helpful ideas of Mrs Barbara Lewis, the Choir has shown Wanganui some of its talent.

The first breakthrough was in June when the Senior Singing Group, the "Crescendos", won a first at the Westpac Provincial Competitions. They were accompanied by Evan Barker at the piano and adjudicator, Andrew Carter,

commented on the infectious rhythm and vitality of the singing.

Since then we have sung in the Inter-School Music Festival in the Opera House where our item "Mama don't let no music played in here" brought great response from the audience. We have performed in School Concerts as well and are hoping our Choir will grow from its present number of approximately twenty-five students and that they will enjoy the singing as much as we have done.

Special thanks to Evan Barker, assistant pianist, and instrumentalists Helen Spencer, Dianne Berridge, Helen Pearson, Snaiet Shalay, Catherine Bishop, Kylie Head, Greg Lewis and Nicky Mallasch.

Might we add that the new grand piano has proved a great asset.

MUSIC CERTIFICATES

Department of Education Music Certificates were awarded to the following school leavers:

Catherine Bishop, Shelley Head, Robyn Karena, Rongopai Karena, Alison Lewis, Brent Siddall.

MAORI SPEECH COMPETITIONS

A Personal Diary

August 8
1984: Wanganui said goodbye to a bus load of supporters, excited and enthusiastic to get on the road. Farewelled by Mr Canham and other teachers, Ruia, myself and our fellow



friends, family and teachers parted for the National Maori Speech Contest, being held at Christchurch. A stop at Ratana Pa to pick up more of our supporters and a visit to the Ratana Temple for karakia before we travelled to Wellington where the Arahura awaited us.

At 4.00pm all aboard. Everyone comfortably settled in hoping desperately that our 'Pie, Hamburger, Pie' lunch wouldn't make a sudden appearance all over the place.

After arriving at Picton at 6.30, onto the buses and straight to Picton Marae. A warm welcome followed by tea and concerts from both hosts and visitors.

Thursday, August 9: "Goodbye" and "We'll meet again", then off we set for our destiny and soon we arrived at Rehua Marae where the official Powhiri (welcome) for all schools was given. Then to our host school, Mairehau.

Friday, August 10: The day when Ruia and I spoke in our competitions. Ruia entered in the Te Rawhiti Ihaka Junior, a twelve minute speech in Maori with the topic of "E hara i te mea, nonaiane te aroha". I was entered in the Sir Turi Carroll Junior with a four minute speech in English entitled "Where do I fit in this World?"

As time passed I found myself seated between eleven of my fellow contestants in the Junior section. I was due to speak ninth. I waited patiently for my turn to face the hundreds of students, parents, teachers, hosts and judges... and two hours later Ruia was facing the same situation.

That evening we returned to the Christchurch Town Hall where all contesting schools or regions contributed a 15-20 minute item. The flinging poi, swaying action songs, hakas, hymns and other Maori songs echoed throughout the large hall.

Saturday, August 11: After listening to the Senior

Speech Competition and finding out the final results (which unfortunately didn't include us) we attended the Poroporo-aki (farewell) and then set out to examine the sights and scenes of Christchurch.

Sunday, August 12. At the ghastly hour of 4.00am once more onto the buses, and a final farewell to our hosts. The trip home was a quiet one; everyone trying to catch up on sleep and thinking about our four day stay.

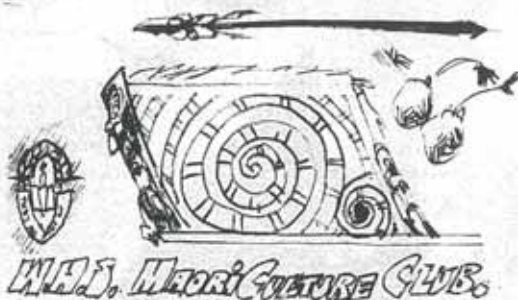
The ferry trip was peaceful and calm with only the slight rock of the 'Bop Boys' as they break-danced around the stairways and decks.

All too soon we were back in the North Island and home to our families.

We will all remember the new friends gained and relationships strengthened and hope that next year we may have the opportunity to return to the Nationals again.

— R. Davis

MAORI CULTURE GROUP



In 1981, Wanganui High School formed a Maori Culture Group of 55 students. During the past three years they have performed locally in Wanganui and throughout the North Island. The 1984 Maori Culture Group has been tutored recently by Louise Otim and we are very pleased and grateful to have a permanent tutor.

During this year the group has welcomed many different visitors from here in New Zealand and overseas. One occasion was the welcome for the Minister of Education, Mr Marshall, in August.

The Group also welcomed the American Field Scholars attending various secondary schools within the North Island who visited our school during International Week. We also performed in Christchurch at the National Maori Speech Competition.

Lately the Group has learned new songs, haka plus the traditional poi. With practices every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Club is improving.

Earlier in the year there was lack of confidence and strength in students within the Club, but through the teaching and support of our tutor and other teachers such as Mr Ian Cormack and Mr Watling, the Group has once again restored its mana. The Group would like to acknowledge our first two tutors, Mrs Rangi Hemi and Mrs July Minell.

Kia u, Kia manawanui

Kia pumau Ki nga taonga

Tuku iho na koro ma, na Kui ma.

— D. Turner

SHALL WE DANCE?

1984 could not have been complete without the traditional Senior Ball. As usual, many people, especially Fifth Years were involved for weeks beforehand, in order to make the Ball as successful as it was.

Nobody would have believed the transformation that the normally unexciting hall underwent during the morning and afternoon before the big evening. Sprawling tropical pot plants, tons of paper streamers, piles of greenery, a massive glittering ball, and even details as small as candles

in decorated bottles and red tablecloths all contributed in the overall effect of a palatial dance hall somewhere in the midst of India.

Our band for the night "Remnant Set" played a broad selection of music new and old, to provide for anything from waltzing to jiving!

And, of course, we owe a debt of thanks to Mrs Mahoney for her "How to perfect the art of ballroom dancing in approximately seven not-so-easy lessons" course.

Thank you also, to the members of the PTA who did a wonderful job in organising supper, arranging flowers, as well as policing the evening, leaving seniors with the enviable task of enjoying themselves.

As Fifth Years (at long last, some might say), this was to be one of the last formal functions on the school agenda, so a lot of trouble was taken over the 'haute couture' (and a lot of comments were made on how decent we can look all dressed up, outside the walls of the Common Room!).

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the Ball the evening it deserved to be, especially Mrs Titter, who was the esteemed MC for the evening; it certainly was a night to remember!

— L. Weekes, T. Donald

JUNIOR DANCES '84

Whether you're dancing in the dark, dancing with yourself, carelessly whispering in one of the intimate corners with a 'friend', or just there to watch the 'flashdancers', you'll agree that '84 has been the year for the best all-round trio of Junior Dances ever.

Wanganui High School's Junior Dances are so good because of many things. Such as the hand-selected music, the variety of costumes and themes, the mass turn-outs, and the especially ragey bunch of trendy teachers! It must be all of these points that make them so good and so popular.

Junior Dances renew the feeling of unity and school spirit which often goes astray during the hectic hours of the school day. It unites people to create a great night out for all.

A lot of credit goes to the fifth years, of course, who organised the whole affair during their own free time. They created atmospheric scenery as seen at the 'Haunted House' and 'Time Warp' dances and generally made it appealing to the imagination. Their presence and good cheer made sure a few unsure third formers felt at ease.

We thank the fifth year students for their time and effort, and also, the enthusiastic Juniors who made the evenings such a wonderful success.

The only hope is that next year's fifth-year students can uphold the extremely high standards set in presenting junior dances the way their predecessors have.

— M. Hawkins

INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

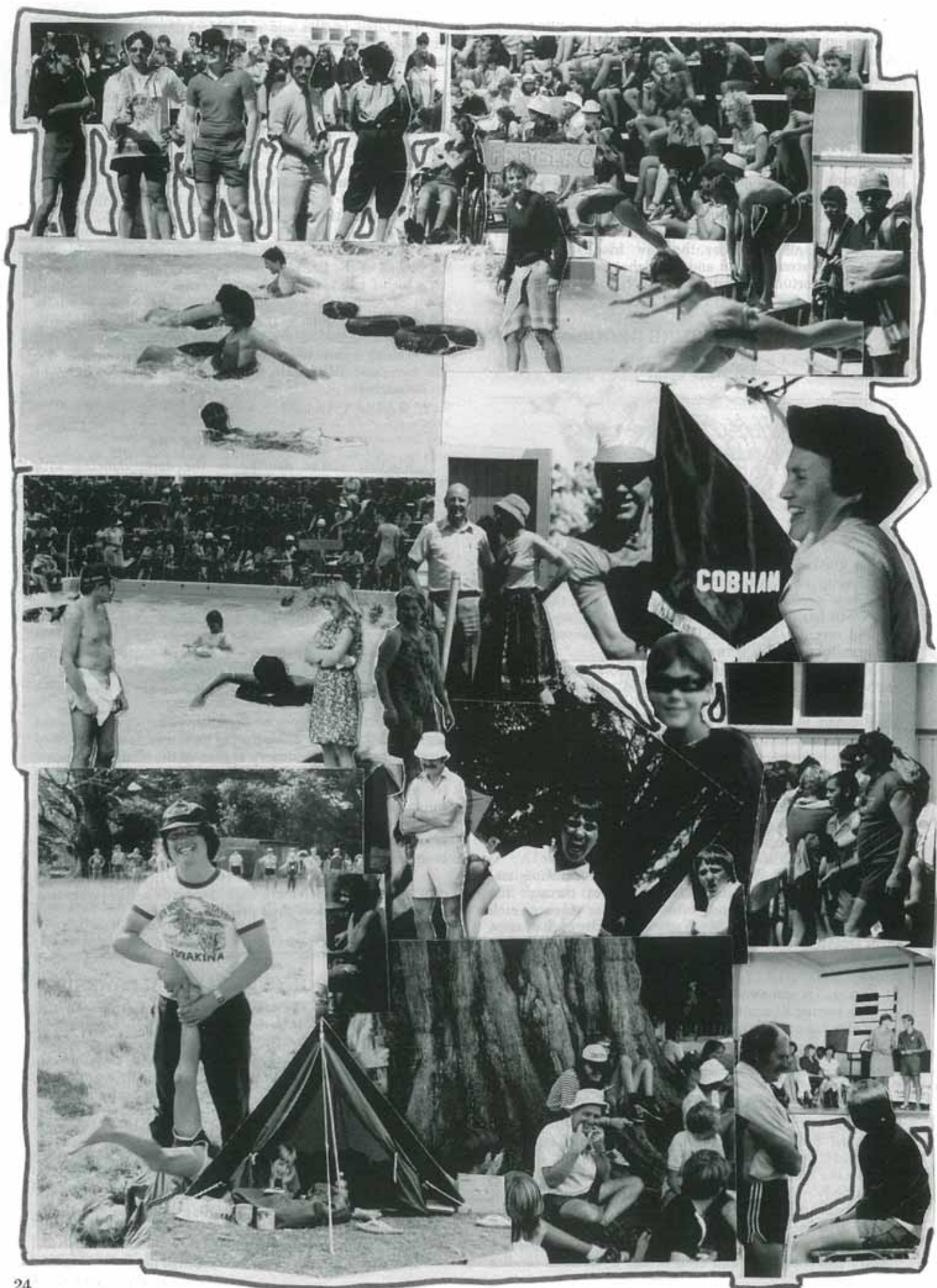
1984 has been a year of a few ups and downs for the Fellowship group within the school. The year commenced with a small group meeting every Tuesday in B6 at lunch-time for fellowship, singing, discussion and a chance to meet other Christians in the school.

Early in the first term a barbecue was held with Girls College at the High School pool and those who came enjoyed a good night of fun and some slightly over-done steaks and sausages.

Then in March, ten students, accompanied by Mr & Mrs Hodges, joined a group from Tokoroa on Mount Ruapehu for a weekend of riotous fun and tramping. Despite a cold and wet day on the Saturday everyone enjoyed a great weekend and made some good friends from places that many didn't even know existed.

In many ways the camp was the high point of the year,

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De brugwachter/sluismwachter

Wie kent hem niet de brugwachter/sluismwachter? Overall in Holland komen we hem tegen. Er is geen land die zoveel bruggen en sluizen heeft. Als we er over praten, kunnen we zeggen dat Holland nooit zonder brugwachter/sluismwachter zou kunnen. Het is hun werk de bruggen en sluizen te openen en sluiten. Sluizen zijn noodzakelijk om de waterstand te beheersen in rivieren, meren, kanalen en sloten.

Weinig mensen zullen weten dat wanneer 1 van de honderden sluizen opengaat, dat van invloed is op de waterstand in een groot gebied.

Om over een paar sluizen te spreken: in de rivier de "Maas" zijn een paar hele grote.

De grootste sluizen van de wereld zijn sluizen met 17 openingen. Iedere opening heeft 2 deuren van 56 metre breed. De sluizen zijn in de buurt van Rotterdam.

Er komen veel toeristen de sluizen bekijken.

The Bridgekeeper/Sluicekeeper

Who doesn't know him, the bridgekeeper/sluicekeeper? Everywhere in Holland we can find him. There is no country with so many bridges and locks as Holland. If we talk about it, we can say Holland can never without the bridgekeeper/sluicekeeper. Their job is to open and to shut the bridges and locks. Sluices are necessary to control the water-level in the rivers, lakes, canals and ditches.

Few people will know when one of the hundreds of sluices opens, the water-level in a big area sinks or rises.

If we talk about some sluices: in the river "Meuse" are a few big-ones.

The biggest sluices in the world are sluices with 17 openings. Every opening has got 2 sluice-gates of each 56 meters. The sluices are situated in the neighbourhood of Rotterdam.

Many tourists come to visit them.

— Ron Wieringa, 3G

Two of a Kind

Our emotional wall separates us.

We are together but yet apart.

Our personalities — totally different

Yours with sport — mine with art.

— Lee Williams, 3L

Does Anyone Care?

Is anybody out there?

Is the moon ever sad?

Do the stars ever cry?

or are they just a figment of my imagination?

Do they too have feelings that are easily crushed?

Does the sunshine brighten when I am happy

or does it just seem that way?

Life can be as sweet as honey

or as bitter as an unripe lemon.

Do we understand and know these feelings?

— Kerry Baxter, 5L

FOUND

In the deep, dark, wood

An outcast there lurks

For he was not understood

And now he stays alone

Thrown out because of people's blindness

He knows only cruelty and hate

But locked in his heart there is kindness

He doesn't let it out.

Days pass, he becomes more wild

Until one day out hunting

He stumbled upon a child

Abandoned and alone

Wrapped in his warm fur

She looked up with trusting eyes

He picked up, cradled her

In his strong arms

Although neither spoke

A firm bond was built

She felt protected in his cloak

And he was finally understood.

— Cathryn Bridge, 4H

Films and TV Animals

Cute animals are not only popular pets, they can also be the highly-paid stars of TV and movies. Lassie, Benji, and Fred the Cockatoo are the three highest paid animal stars in America. In the last 15 years Lassie has produced earnings of over \$100 million, which is not to be sniffed at! Little dog Benji has starred in several films and now get \$7,500 for a single appearance. Fred the Cockatoo appeared in the Baretta TV series for 4 years, and is still earning large amounts of money for personal appearances. Fred's owner is even happier than Benji's, because cockatoos, unlike dogs, live to 50 or 60 years of age. So Fred still has a lot of earning power left. Wish my cats were TV stars.

— Tara Rowe

To Die or Not to Die

Hurriedly the full length of my arm darted in a spurt to retrieve a large can of fly spray which stood dormant on the coffee table. Unfortunately there was none left. With sheer frustration I hurled the object at a neighbouring wall, just as this disease-infested creature swooped low and skimmed gracefully across my left knee.

It reared dangerously as I seized the Herald. Swat! I had missed . . . or had I? I watched the fly as it hobbled, tottered and wilted, in an effort to keep its wings from skating across its back.

Again it tried to buzz away in the opposite direction. WHACK! With a final thud across the wall with the paper I watched deviously the insect's legs ricochet off the wall and meander away.

WHIZ! Again I struck and decapitated it, while mincing its body with my awesome finger-nail.

That was the end of my diving, looping, plunging friend . . .

— Megan Hawkins, 4DN

Dear Daddy

Dear Daddy,
My canine creep has positioned her rear end
To the opposite side
Of the fence
I stand here with 50,000 crazed Liverpool fans
Gazing
With hateful optical instruments
As I (and many others) look upon a peculiar picture
As my (see above) gruelling task
Gradually
Positively
(Too gradually)
(Too positively)
Slips with radiant anti-humility
Down the drain
Never to set foot on earth again.
— Angela Forbes, 3G

Soar like a bird, up and high
Catch a glimpse, far and wide
The port, the city, the skyline.
Islands beyond and ships passing by
Feel the excitement, join the fun
Don't miss the beauty of the setting sun.
S. Cockburn, 40

Kiwi and the Three Opossums

One day, Kiwi was walking through the bush when he smelt food. Naturally, he explored to find out where it was. Then he saw a cabin. Nobody was in, so he just walked into it. There on the table he saw three bowls. They had strange coloured contents in them. There was a large one so he tried it. Then he tried a smaller one, then he tried the smallest one. He liked it so much that he ate all of it.

Kiwi felt tired so he went into the bedroom. He tried the first bed, it was too hard, then he tried the second bed, it was too hard, then he tried the last bed, it was just right, so he went to sleep.

A few minutes later, three opossums came into the cabin and they noticed their bowls.

Father Opossum said, "Who has been eating my cyanide?"

— Tony Russell, 3L

Hair, Hair!

Hair
Straight, Lank
Shampoo, Rinse, Condition
Rollers, Heat, Prickly, Tight
Dry, Wait, Wait . . .
Curls, Bouncy
Hair
— V. Smith,

South Africa

White face
Black shirt
White socks
Black shoes
Black hair
White face
Bled white
Died black

POEMS

Why do we have poems
In this day and age?
Surely they are no use to us.
They just fill page after page.
The poets themselves,
Write what they think and feel
Putting pen and pencil to paper,
But totally ignoring what is real.
How many of YOU read poems?
And enjoy them for what they say.
How many of YOU understand them?
So why keep on writing this way?
Poems rarely venture from the shelves,
Yet they are still being written more,
You say they are irrelevant,
But I ask you are you sure?
Who cares about the colour of the rainbow
When we have the National Debt
Who cares about the sea, trees, or birds?
When we know where the Nuclear Wastes are kept.
Is the path of the sea swallow,
Really more important to
The economic Summit,
And jobs for me and you?
Poems tell us things are beautiful
But what about the real thing?
The rubbish, wastes and crimes
committed by us — Human Beings!
So I ask you which is best,
What is fantasy or what is real?
Is the colour of the rainbow
More important than the innocent lives we steal?
— Michelle Dougherty, 6B

Campfire

Bright
The energetic flames dart
Fiercely pricking the cold night air.
Heat
Flames radiating warm waves
Children's tired, frozen limbs are soothed.
Surroundings
Calm people pensively stare
The hypnotic movement of the fire.
Cinders
The last little flames die down
Leaving the hot ash and eerie smoke
— Rachel Powell; 3J

Classrooms

Such noise
A clash of thoughts and conversation
The master standing and trying to control it all
But there's no such luck today.
— Gary Sheppard, 3DX

Maths

It's one of those things
they teach at school
which I really hate
For what do I care if 4 and 3
makes 7 instead of 8.
— Karla MacKenzie, 3L

The Gobi Desert

(Inspired by "The Long Walk")

The Gobi with your toll so high
As you sit and wait for people to die.
Your huge basalt columns arranged in clusters
Resembling bundles of six-sided pencils.
You are commonly known by any Mongolian
With your three Gobi beauties
Gov, Gurvan and Saikhan.
Gobi Gobi with your sand so rich
And your landscape so dismal.
One can only survive when at nightfall.
Thank goodness for your part of the oasis-dotted plain
Sparkling brightly against the sandy terrain.
Stretched East, West, North and South is . . .
The Gobi Desert.

— L. Costello, 4A

The First Time . . .

"Come on, come on! Drat!" James cursed and slammed his fist truculently on the perspex screen of the video machine. Nothing would help; he needed those stupid round discs with the groove in the middle to operate the machine. Dispiritedly, he shoved his hand in his pocket and trudged out of Knight Rider. One hour to go. A whole hour's wait until home time. Shouldn't've wagged school.

Absently, he wandered into Stewart's Electrical Store. A small transistor, just like his own one, was sitting on a bench. He walked through the stereo department. The scientific calculators were laid out on a bench.

Nobody would notice. Nah, nobody would. Bending down, he scooped one up and into his pocket. Then, glancing around briefly, he pivoted on one foot and sauntered out of the store.

THE LONG WALK



Wordscapes

The town clock showed half-past two. James was hungry and his stomach gurgled when he saw the buns and cakes in the shop window. But he was broke.

He turned and walked back toward Woolworths.

A large packet of Burger Rings caught his fancy. Walking past, he slid a packet on to the floor. Roughly he kicked them across the lino until he could scoop them up, unnoticed. Outside, he devoured the first few. A thought struck him. What if somebody had seen him? What would he do? His parents would kill him. All of a sudden, the Burger Rings didn't seem so appetising. He threw the rest to a dog.

Three o'clock. Time to go. James hopped on his ten-speed and fled.

The next day James forged a note and went to school. At form time the teacher told him to go and see Mr (-). He made his way to the office.

"Hello boy. Is your name James McKirstein?" Mr (-) bellowed.

"Ye-yes," James stuttered.

"Were you at school yesterday?"

"N-No, I was home, — sick." He began to shift uneasily under Mr (-)'s piercing stare.

"Well, well, a rather expensive calculator was stolen, and you were seen, taking it. Half-past two actually." James gulped. "You dropped this." James forced himself to look up. Firmly clutched in his hand was a pen with his name, form and school engraved on it.

— Natasha Saunders, 3J

The Kitchen

The scent of dinners cooked long ago hung heavily in the air of the dark kitchen. The only illumination came from the flickering light through the slats on the front of the wood fire which powered the old stove. There were dingy cupboards in one corner which left splinters in your fingers as you drew them across the unplanned surface. Conchetta sat at the table with her head in her hands, an uneaten pile of tacos in front of her.

"I can't eat," she moaned. "This is not like we get back in Mexico."

The blind man turned to the sound of her voice.

"These are pancakes," he said softly, losing the words to the whine of the city traffic.

Wordscapes



I felt like an intruder in a giant's castle.

Amongst the eager prospectors, I entered a room filled with miscellaneous objects. My emotions were that of sadness as I watched the Sisters stare wistfully into nothingness. They stood unmoved; but behind their brave faces I could almost see their tears that were beginning to well and wrench emotions from deep in their hearts.

Looking up I caught sight of a picture that haunts me. It's that of Jesus Christ. Around his head he bears the crown of thorns that pierce his forehead and spring forth rivulets of ruby blood. His facial expression is to me a mockery — is he trying to tell me something? Maybe his torn and bleeding soul depicted so strongly ever reminds us that he came here to be destroyed. The tainted gold frame enveloped my feelings, as it retold a story of its beginning and that alive impact the artist created.

I only wish I was not alone in capturing this spectacle.

One by one I scampered up each stairway, flanked either side by supportive bannisters. Each panelled wall told the story of human occupation and true majesty as they glowed in retrospect. The coldness I suddenly felt was not unfeeling, but the opposite — a touch of the past mingled with emotion.

Over the balcony I leaned and soaked in the sights of the city sprawled before me. Above me an innocent victim, a tiny brown sparrow, teetered and sang a piercing cry of alarm and uncertainty. Watching his every movement I traced it and found to my dismay it was building its nest in the grass-grown and lichen-covered drainpipe. I only wish I could have told it to go — before it was too late. I felt strangely guilty but I knew that soon the creator's masterpiece would be destroyed.

One night I went back, regardless of the crude

apes

Wordscapes

Outside, the sky was leaden with the rain that would not fall. Conchetta, suddenly angry, pushed the plate from the table. It fell with a clatter onto the floor, mixing with a lifetime's grime. The plate rolled across the floor with drunken movements, finally resting beside the laundry basket filled with sacks and old clothes. The smell in the kitchen was now of Mexican spice. Without a word the blind man reached for one of the dirty sacks, and with his strange sixth sense started to wipe up the spilled food.

Outside the city purred. The evening had just begun.
— Jessica Williams, 4A

Beginning of An End: The Sacred Heart Convent Building

Beneath my feet lay an intricate pattern of tiles coloured brown, white and green, each worn with constant traffic. Into each room I walked gingerly, thoughtfully picturing what it once looked like. But now unfurnished and ordinarily bare, I sensed that it knew what the bleak future held. I saw no reason why they had to pull it down.

warning signs scattered around the now part-demolished remains. The stars above twinkled in their own glory despite this ruination, I was lost in thought.

— Ann-Marie Moss

Summer

Sunny weather
swimming every day
days are lasting longer
while the clocks are forward
looking forward to the next day
especially if its a weekend
want to stay home
on Monday too
weather report
fine.

— Andrew Donald, 3G

Prologue

Modern technology had taken a giant leap in the last century. Space craft filled the air. Space was like a giant garbage dump for Nuclear waste. Nuclear bombs were pointed toward certain points on the planet Terra. Space Patrol, a highly technical outfit, was 'keeper' of these weapons. Only a selected few out of hundreds from Terra were ever accepted. Cadets were many, coming from all over the nine galaxies.

Space Cadet Krip Vorlund, 2019

Arranging my leave had been difficult but because of an illness, I had a seat on the "Seiuz" with my buddies Tex and Oz. We were to go to Tex's place in Texas where apparently many relatives of his lived. During 'freefall' back to Terra, we changed from our simple white and grey patrol suits into the outrageous garb many races were wearing throughout the nine galaxies. Unbeknown to myself or any other cadet, Terra was in the grip of a great freeze that no astrogation or experience could prepare us for. As Seiuz landed back on Terra, we unbuckled ourselves from the seats we had been occupying as we came through many gravities. Over by the hatch we could hear the yelling of cadets as a silly twit unsealed it. As the door burst open, we encountered for the first time 'the freeze'. It was so cold the pain was excruciating.

"In the name of Maelen - close that hatch!" The angry voice came loud and clear through from the cockpit but no one moved. Jumping up, Oz, Tex and I struggled to seal the door as the metal was freezing up.

"Jesus, that was cold. It could have frozen the essentials off a cock-eyed cooster." At this, my companions laughed but it was a brittle laugh. We all knew the serious consequences it could have.

"That was no laughing matter. If this ever happens again, you will all go on report. Except for that slip up, well done Vorlund, Ozolone, you too, Gatlun." To many, this would encourage a reply but in the Patrol it meant exactly that and don't talk back.

Lift-off from Terra was now an impossibility. All we could do was to wait it out, observe and report back to 'Trigon' all that had happened. Many cadets sat in a trance-like state most of the time but this was not unusual. Studying under hypnosis was faster than the method under which I study when living with my parents before signing on. Meanwhile we were able to observe the freeze that gripped Terra. Many were the times during those weeks that we ventured outside in our uniforms to ask questions and take samples of the Terra and ice which we later filed with our conclusions.

Studying the library list one day I realised that the tape I had just overlooked could be the answer to our problems. It was dated, 14/8/1986, the year many persons had fled from Terra.

"Rivers had frozen over, oceans were now great skating rinks. World trade had stopped, nothing grew. A freeze had settled over the earth. Many animals were dead. The only solution we could find was to flee the Earth or Terra as it is now called, later we could come back."

Somehow, now we had to leave Terra, get out, fight it from above in the skies we knew better than our names . . . but the problem could wait. I needed the sleep I had denied myself . . . Tomorrow, I promised.

- Andrew Ball, 4 Br.

Clouds and Sun Rays

Candy floss in the sky
It moves slowly
With bits of blue, white and grey
that moves slowly away
to let a giant petal from a dandelion
drift to earth.

- Toni Lean, 3DX

Seagull

Screaming across the sky
Ready to unleash their cargo at a
Moment's notice,
Who are they?
Where do they live?
Where's their destination?
Will they ever get there?
Beautiful but dangerous.

- Gary Sheppard, 3DX

Here we go again.
Together but apart.
We express how we feel
Too little, and we never
Seek each other's company.
This is not the way
Togetherness should be
No emotion shown or felt,
Between two people.
No this is not the way.

- Paula Wilson, 3L

Class Teachers

As I look in the window
I see a group of computers
and dream of what I see.
A group of tiny micro chips
their bodies hard at work.
For the boss of them stands in front
and punches in to their board
to tell them what to do
With no amazement they look at you
As if to say
We don't know what to do.

- Arlene Simonsen, 3DX

The Flower

A bunch of blazing bullets
resting on a stalk.
Blown away by the wind
disregarded by passersby.

- David Douglas, 3DX

Boiler Tank

It stands there
All round and proud,
Just the colour,
Of a big fat cloud,
Never moving,
Never making a sound,
It stands there,
Cemented to the ground.

- Angela Hughes, 3DX

A Painting on the Wall

That famous look, that famous smile,
Made you look real for a while.
And in the while, that little while,
I saw you smile a little smile.
But with the paint, all about you.
And paper as your back,
You do deceive me so.

— Michael Turton, 3DX

The Weeping Willows

Why are you weeping, so bitterly dear,
You don't have to worry, or despair.
Spring has arrived, to clothe your limbs,
In shades of green, which blow in the wind.
Why not lift up your tresses and show your face,
Instead of miserably sitting fixed to your place.

— Wendy McDowall, 3DX

I wrote this poem in remembrance of when we were
placed in incubators after birth . . .

In the Incubator

Our bed was a cabinet, the shape of a box,
Our routine determined, by watching the clocks.
Each half hour the nurses would come,
A half teaspoon of milk, they'd deliver to us.
Not very much, but at least it was some,
Being woken up was what I would dread,
Lying there peacefully in my incubator bed.
Six weeks we lay there, with wailing cries,
Faces pale white, and tearful eyes
Slowly getting better, much improved,
Our progress was visible, easily seen.
It wasn't long now, until we were moved
Into a comfy cot, we soon went,
That was where the following days were spent.

— Wendy McDowall, 3DX

The Books in the Bag

There are people acting and talking,
They are yelling and screaming,
Trying to get out of jail.
They escape but they don't get very far,
Because they get caught again,
And locked up till they finish.

— Phillip Freeman, 3DX

WHS, 3.30pm

Conversations are going on. People are doing skids
on the stones. People getting pushed, bikes hitting bikes.

Then I see another mob on the road. People doing
wheelies, cars going past beeping their horns, bikes four
abreast. I hate having to wait so long to get across.
Same faces! Same pile-up! Same mess!

— G. Tyler, 3C

The Clouds

Is that a dog I see?
A girl, a boy, a polar bear.
But really, it has a
White, moist and foaming look.

— Michael Turton, 3DX

Incinerator

With a long body with a big handle
Throws fire out of his nose.
Loves to take any kind of rubbish,
Doesn't worry about the cold or hot weather
With a hard tough skin
Doesn't drink and doesn't eat.
IT JUST BURNS!

— Sharon Hazeldine, 3DX

S is for slaving, which we always do
C is for careful, which is hard work too.
H stands for helpful which we never are.
O stands for obedience, which never gets us very far.
O is for object, of which there is none.
L is for last when all is said and done.

— Androulla Matsis, 3G

I stand high and tall,
With never endless life
Stretching up so high to the sky
I stand proudly in the wind
Breathlessly I stand
Moving freely like a bird
As the wind pushes me from side to side.

— Priscilla Tamati

Centre Court

A path of stones
that leads away that
people walk over every day.
The stones are all covered
in tar that we take on our
shoes so far. It looks like a
busy street where teachers
walk up and down on their
beat.

— D. Pedley

Spring

Spring is the time when all the glorious flowers
bloom in their magnificent colours. Golden daffodils,
multi-coloured roses and Livingstone daisies blend to-
gether to form Nature's own beautiful carpet. The vast
sky is always azure blue and clear and the many rivers,
shimmering lakes and bubbling creeks are pure and fresh.
Wonderful spring is the magic season when frolicking
lambs and warm, cuddly puppies arrive and many of
nature's wondrous events occur. In Spring, the rich
grass is a deep velvety green with early morning dew
clinging precariously to each wavering blade until the
life-giving sun penetrates the grey mist of early morn to
transform a rather sombre scene into a twinkling, glorious
picture of nature.

— Debbie Mahoney, 3J



Coxwain's Lament

One thing that makes me nervous is being at the starting line at a rowing regatta. Being the coxwain, you're under a very great strain.

Your stomach is churning, your head is light, and you feel weak all over. You turn around towards the boat holder. You tell her to hold onto the very stern of the boat and not the rudder. She does so and you feel a wisp of relief. But it is short-lived and you find yourself checking to see if your course is straight.

You then mentally go over what the coach has told you. After this quick memory recall, you start questioning yourself — will I remember what to say, what to do, and when to do it, or will I freeze under the pressure? But you must dismiss these thoughts.

Now you check your course again, and say "Set 'em up". Then you say stuff to psyche the rower up. Next, you sit back and get ready.

Suddenly the starter's voice rings clear: "Are you ready? Row!" By the time he's said, "Row," the boat's already racing.

— Sean Hammond, 4DN

Unrestrained

He lifted it to his moistened mouth. The reed vibrated as the wind was split and blown down the brass body. A sound wisped out, hit the yellow window frames, echoed on the floorboards and resonated across the room. Outside, the sea swam in tidal roars of sorrow, contrasting with the warmth glowing from the horn inside the room.

Now, as he sat in his chair, he let himself be surrounded, taken captive. The music filled his mind, forcing against consciousness, and compelling his fingers to submit. As he succumbed to its control, his thoughts turned to a passionate frenzy, as his lungs tumbled out pure, soul-stirring notes. His body swayed from side to side with zeal. The music urged him on and on into a fever. He was a slave to it now. . .

Outside a crying sprite of a child broke into his psychadelia, burning the hold like acid. He shut his eyes as the music died and shivered. He sat there, head dropped, his instrument now a brass corpse. Sighing, he lifted the saxophone into the case, shut it in and he fell into a sorrowed mood.

— Geraldine Canham, 4A

Whose Fault is it?

Whose fault is it
That I am different?
It's not mine,
It's not my mother's,
Is it society's?
Is it because they treat me like a freak?
As a contagious disease?
As if I'm not there?
Why don't they understand
That I'm the same as them?
Just different,
Not a freak,
Not a contagious disease.
No, not there.
Will they understand?
Is it possible?
Someday
Maybe.
— Mark Baker

Why do some guys stick together
And pretend to act all tough
They put everyone else down
And all that sort of stuff.

They try to make themselves look cool.
In fact they are quite thick.

These people aren't pleasant at all.
These people make me sick.

Other people who are around
Are made to feel quite small
But these cool dudes when out of their group
Are not so cool at all.

— Observer

Black

No, it's not a colour like yellow and blue,
No, it's not in the rainbow, I admit that's true.
Yet . . .

Black is a mystery hidden behind,
Its own cloak of darkness and infinite time.

A sinister evil, a bad luck sign
The place where hatred goes to dine.
It feeds off your fear, your rapid heart beat.
Yet, at the moment it's a fashionable treat.

So by wearing clothing black as night.
We say, "I'm immune to fear, misery and spite".
— Leigh Marr, 4L

The First Sail of the Season

I'll hate it, hate it, hate it!
He said we'd go at eleven.
It's now ten past.
We get to their place.
Load up the boats,
Go to the club.
He shows me how to rig up.
Spent a lot of time trying to find a kicker rope.
Why is he wearing shorts?
Nice legs though.
I get changed.
Wetsuit, T-shirt, trackpants, shorts, jacket, thick
jersey and lifejacket.
And gloves that are too big.
Get on the water.
It's windy, but not cold through all my clothes.
It's terrifying, wet.
It's too fast.
The wind whips my sail around . . .
No! My tiller's caught!
I have no control.
He sailed back to me, tells me what to do.
My Hero.
I'm off again.
Keeping up with him.
He's cold; goes back in.
I stay out by myself.
Alone.
My own person.
Not racing with anyone.
The tide's going out again.
I'd better go in now.
Unrig, get changed and have a hot shower.
I loved it, loved it, loved it!
— Helen Pearson, 4L

Slow
slimy
unmoving
disgusting
silent
gaping
unusual
pale
monstrous
unfriendly
revolting
wet
cold
ugly
secretive
unchanging
repulsive
disliked
hated
strange
elusive
shy
macabre
axolotl

— Matthew Boyd

The School Desk

In the space of two short years,
A plain school desk sheds many tears,
It suffers the pain of compass bites,
Ruthless scratches and graffiti fights.
Those lovehearts scratched upon its surface,
Cause conversation— was that their purpose?
These desks get a taste of care.
Only a few times during a year.
Souvenirs of love affairs long past,
Surely should be allowed to last.
And a desk that's newly sanded down,
Only invites more pen or crayon.

— Katy McDonell

Run Away

Out on the highway
pedalling alone
the boy sighs inwardly
and thinks of home;
His mother who cried
his father who hit
his battered body
were just part of it.
He thinks of his mother
there to fight on her own.
Changes direction,
heads for home.

— Kathy Gibson, 4A

Myself

I'm not very loud,
Don't stand out in a crowd,
I'm quite fit and sporty,
Don't ever get naughty.
I'm not all that tall,
Don't ever miss roll call,
I enjoy TV and computer games,
Don't go around calling people names.
I'm pretty good at some things,
Don't like getting bee stings,
I like a tan and the sun,
Don't like missing out on fun.
All in all, I'm just MYSELF.

— Adrian Gibbs, 3V

The Combat

The ferret silently crept towards the unaware rat who was scurrying around the dark grain shed looking for some long wanted food. The ferret paused for a second, then pounced. The rat let out a shrill scream and whirled around to face his opponent. Whenever it could, the rat nipped the ferret with its sharp needle-like teeth. The ferret latched onto the rat's tail, crushing its small tail bones. The rat pulled away leaving the end of its tail to the ferret. Scurrying away to safety, the rat was unaware of the ferret stalking along behind it. With a swift movement of its jaw, the ferret ripped a strip of skin off the rat's back. It then closed its strong jaw over the rat's head, crushing the skull and letting the warm blood trickle out its mouth. It ate to satisfy its hunger, then slouched off into the darkness of the shed to leave the twitching body to rot.

Imagine one Mr Macbeth becoming elected at a local body election. What kind of letter would Mr Lange get, I wonder?

Here's one idea . . .

4 September 1987

Right Honourable D. Lange
Prime Minister
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Dear Sir,

Once again I find myself writing to you and once again I will sit in my humble abode in hope of some relief which seems, so far, to be alluding me.

Several weeks, no months, ago I wrote to the 'Beehive' outlining the situation here in Wanganui. After a considerable length of time I accepted the fact that my letter may have been intercepted at the Post Office by Lord Macbeth, as he probably did with my letters to the newspaper.

So I wrote again, but this time I posted the letter from Palmerston North. Twice! I will believe that one of my letters may have been lost in the post, but both, I do not believe.

I am not an unreasonable man, so again, for your benefit, I will explain the conditions that I am complaining about.

Last year shortly after the Local Body elections, Mr K. Duncan, the newly-elected mayor, was found tragically murdered in his home and the alleged murderers were said to have been killed in an accident involving their get-away car and a south bound freight train.

Mr Duncan's deputy, Mr Macbeth, was installed as the new mayor. Being the manager of Wanganui Newspapers, he had an ideal vehicle with which to get his ideas across to the community. It was not long after this that councillors, critical of his ideas, were involved in mysterious accidents. Using a combination of slanderous newspaper articles and other tactics not seen since Hitler's era, Macbeth gained considerable power.

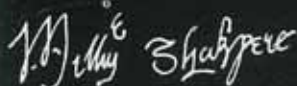
He banded together a group of young unemployed and formed his own police force. He changed his title to 'Lord' Macbeth and, helped very much by the wonderful new motorway bypass, he began to control the flow of traffic into and out of Wanganui.

Six months ago Mr Macduff, an ex-council member and strong critic of Macbeth's policies, managed to get out of Wanganui to try and drum up some help. Shortly after his departure a fault in the gas mains caused a suspicious explosion which killed Macduff's wife and children. The public outcry that this event generated was abruptly quietened when other homes around the city began to mysteriously explode in the middle of the night.

Neither Macduff nor the help he went in search of has been seen since and life here in Wanganui has taken on the look of George Orwell's 1984. There have even been rumours spreading that Macbeth plans to install video cameras in every home!

So I plead with you to send some help or at least acknowledge that you received my letter. I am appalled that such a man could so easily take over a whole city and yet the government does nothing about it. If I do not get some sort of reply within, say a month then I will accept that my worst fears have been realised, that the rest of the country has suffered the same fate, and will send my pleas for help to other shores in the form of letters, books, plays, etc. Anything to let the rest of the world know what is happening.

Awaiting anxiously for your reply, I remain,
Yours Hopefully



William Shakespeare.

PS - Please do not take this as a light-hearted threat as I know of many smuggling operations with which to export my message.

From Vietnam to New Zealand

My name is Kiet. I am 16 years old. I would like to tell you the true story about how we got to New Zealand. I don't know where to begin. Why don't I start in 1975? In 1975 the war was still going on - North Vietnam fighting against South Vietnam. I was in South Vietnam of course. I'm on the South Vietnam side. North Vietnam is the Communist side.

In 1976 the war is over. North Vietnam has won. Now the Communists have taken Vietnam.

In 1979 we left Vietnam by boat. When we got into the boat, it started to rain. The next night we found out that we were surrounded by two Thai boats. They robbed us. The next day we saw another Thai boat. They were chasing us, our boat was too slow. They wanted the same things the other two wanted. eg. gold, watches, etc. They threw out all our sweet water. There was no more water to drink except sea water. There were about 25 to 40 people who died because of no water to drink. I lost one youngest brother and one

youngest sister. They also have taken our motor away because in the motor there is gold hidden in there.

That means that we haven't got any motor any more and that means we can't get anywhere except floating in the middle of the sea. Altogether there were 22 Thai boats who came and robbed us. We had been in the sea for 17 days. The last Thai boat they said that they had come here to rob us but they would also help us. They promised that they would give us a tow to Malaysia Island at 6.00 when it is dark. And we will do what they say. The reason that they would tow us when it was dark was because if the Malaysians saw them tow us in, they would get shot down. If they got caught alive, they would get their throats cut. They said that they had helped a lot of other Vietnamese boats.

As soon as we got there, we had to make a hole in the boat, because if we didn't the Malaysians would tow us out to sea again. So we did.

We stayed there for about six days. And then they took us to the other islands by boat. We stayed there for about two weeks. Time to go again. The big ship went first, took one big boat and the big boat towed the little boat. They go as fast as they can and try to sink us. My family was on the big boat. The little boat started to sink. The people from the big boat said get on our boat as quickly as you can. If you start to sink we have to cut the rope. If we don't the little boat will sink and pull our boat with it too.

Everybody is safe now. It is dark now and the rope cut between our boat and the ship. They pointed towards the light on one of the Indonesian islands and said go towards that light there, there is an island there.

Something was wrong with the motor. One of the men knew how to fix it. When we got there it was dark and nobody was there. The light we saw was somewhere on the other side of the island.

The next day we climbed up the coconut trees and picked the coconuts and got the leaves and built little houses.

Suddenly we saw a boat coming. They took us to another island and we got paid for picking coconuts. Me and my brother went fishing and my Dad went to work. He didn't get paid with money but with food, eg. rice.

The next two or three weeks, they took us to another island. We weren't afraid that they were going to kill us this time.

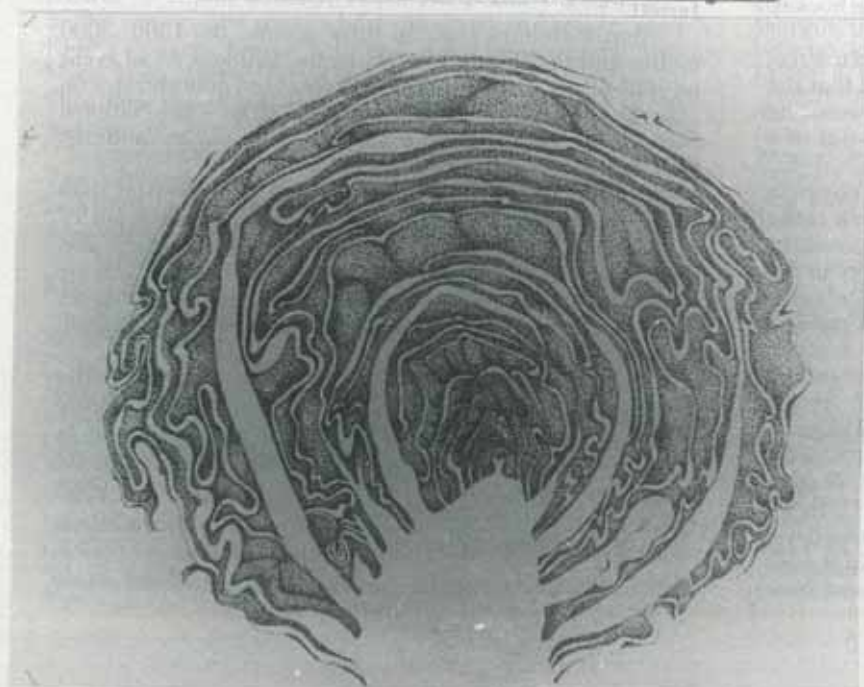
A month later, we were going to another Indonesian land, by ship this time. There are mostly Vietnamese people. We had never heard of New Zealand before. So we wanted to go to America. They ask a lot of questions eg. what is your name, what is your age, what is your business in Vietnam, etc. Dad told them that he is a soldier in Vietnam. She didn't believe him. She asked for the number. My Dad said he had forgotten his. She gave us a certificate. The next time they said the American Indians would accept us to their country, if we wanted to wait for three years.

One day we heard that New Zealanders were coming and I think they could only take 200 people. One of our friends said if we wanted to go, they would help us. Of that 200 people our family was one of them.

We went to Singapore by boat, stayed there for one night and flew to New Zealand and stayed at the Auckland camp for one month, and then flew to Wanganui.

I learn a little English in Indonesia. When I got to New Zealand all I knew how to say was "Hello, how are you?" "I am fine, thank you." "What is your name?" "My name is . . .", how to count one to twenty and a little bit more.

- Kiet Truong, 40



as the rest of the year was marked by fluctuating numbers, at both weekly school meetings and social events, as many students found their involvement in many other school groups limiting their ability to come to ISCF.

The third term has been taken up with lunch time viewing of videos of the TV programme "The Herd" with discussion on a wide range of issues.

All members of the group would like to thank Mr

Hodges for his leadership throughout the year and a small group of 6th form students who assisted with the planning and organisation of the year. The challenge to next year's seniors is to come forward with good ideas and be willing to give strong, enthusiastic leadership, if they wish to see the Christian Fellowship group have a greater impact on the school.



PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

Wanganui High School enters its second quarter century with no less than nine title holders who gained their awards in swimming, riding and skating as well as various other events. These pupils spent hours training to obtain their goal, and the result was a first class performance which brought credit to the school and the participants themselves.

Matthew Nutter obtained first place in the National Age-group Diving Championships. He has been diving since the age of seven, and in the period before the championships, he was training two hours a day, six days a week. However, he said that he believed that too much time and effort was put into the training, but in general he was satisfied with his results. His other hobbies include hockey and sailing.

Fourteen year-old Debra Jones won the Open Free-skating event in Dunedin earlier this year. She said that the competition was tough, and she was glad to have won. She won her skating title with an average score of 4.5 out of a possible six.

During October, Debra travelled to Tokyo to compete in the World Championships. She fared well and now ranks seventeenth in the world.

Gavin Hayes rode a Honda CR125 RE to victory in the National Junior Moto cross Championships in Christchurch. In his age group of 12 to 16 years, competitors rode in races lasting 30 minutes with points awarded to the first ten who finished. Gavin finished in the first ten in all races, and came first in four of those. He has now decided to try for the Junior Championships which are to be held in Wanganui during December.

Fourteen year-old Paula Pryce won the roller skating Tour of Dunedin earlier this year. The event for 12 to 14 year olds was held in six stages over the period of three days. Paula trains daily, and she says, "It's hard work, but it feels great when I win." Her ultimate aim is to represent New

Zealand at the World Speed Skating Championships in 1986.

Lee Hobson started racing and training for swimming six years ago and she now holds two New Zealand Back-stroke titles. Lee won these titles at the National Age Groups Competition in Rotorua with times of 1.09.8 for the 100 metres, and 2.29.8 for the 200 metres (a personal best). Lee is in the Target 88 team which means that if her times lessen at a steady rate, a place in the 1988 Olympic team could be achieved.

Leigh Garrett holds the current New Zealand title for the B Flat Bass Solo held in Nelson earlier this year. Leigh has been playing for nine years and this has been reflected in the results he has achieved. He is a member of the Tenderkist Band, and is under the tuition of Mr Kevin Jarrett.

Martin Holmes races in three events: the 1500, 3000 metres and the Cross Country. In the build-up to an event he runs 60 to 70 kilometres per week, and concentrates on other speed work as well. He holds two titles - the National Secondary Schools' Senior Boys Cross Country and the New Zealand Colts 3000 metres.

Sixteen year-old Tracy Phillips is a New Zealand High Jump Champion, and she won this title with a jump of 1.75 metres in Wellington earlier this year. Tracy also competes in 200 and 400 metre races, 100 and 400 metre hurdles, triple jump and long jump. She trains four times a week. Tracy also represents the school in basketball, soccer and badminton.

Ross McCallum played in the New Zealand Under 17 Hockey team which toured New South Wales earlier this year. Ross is the only Wanganui High School pupil to be selected as a member of a New Zealand hockey representative team since Alan McIntyre's tour nearly twenty years ago.

— J.W., N.R., R.M., M.G.

SPORT SPEAK



ATHLETICS

The season, which opened in November 1983, began on a strong note with a talented junior team travelling to Palmerston North to compete with many other schools from the lower North Island. Excellent performances came from Anne-Marie Moss, Fiona Hogg, Ngaire Tamati, David Robinson, Craig James.

The National athletics, held in Wellington in December, produced some best ever performances with a new New Zealand record being set in the Junior High Jump at 1.75m by Tracy Phillips. This jump was sufficient to place Tracy second in the adult national rankings for the season. Martin Holmes also gave an indication of his ability with a 3rd placing in the Senior 3000m.

The local inter-school regular weekly competition proved an interesting tussle between High School and Nga Tawa with the latter school winning by the narrowest margin on the last evening of the competition. We are unable to give Collegiate any serious competition because of the small number of boys who take part on a regular basis. The value of this regular competition showed with the number of our athletes who were selected to represent Wanganui for the North Island Champs in Hamilton in March: Kim Falconer, Ann-Marie Moss, Fiona Hogg, Lisa Mahoney, Joanne Mahoney, Tracy Phillips, Helen Holmes, Martin Holmes, Murray Hodson (back after severe injury took him out of athletics for three seasons). Best performers were Tracy Phillips, 1st Senior High Jump and Martin Holmes, 2nd Senior 1500m.

The highlight of the school sports was a record setting spree by Tracy Phillips who took six titles and set four records - 100m, 100mH, Triple Jump and High Jump - in the senior girls grade whilst other record breakers were Kim Falconer, Junior L.J. and S.P.; Intermediate: Ann-Marie Moss, 100m; Tanya McLaren, Javelin; Ngaire Tamati, Shot Put. Brendon Hamilton-Gibbs in the Junior Shot Put was the only boy to break a record.

Impressive results from the inter-school sports include: Tracy Phillips - Record High Jump, Senior; 1st 400m.

Lisa Mahoney - Record 800m, Senior; 1st 1500m.

Ann-Marie Moss - Record, Intermediate Long Jump; 1st 100m.

Kim Falconer - Junior 100m H, 1st; 100m, 1st; Long Jump, 2nd; High Jump, 3rd.

Martin Holmes - 1st Senior 1500m; 1st Senior 800m.

Other athletes to gain placings were Lance Anson, John Baker, Henry Tatupu, Murray Hodson, Debbie Mahoney, Helen Holmes, Joanne Mahoney, Fiona Hogg, Christina Paenui, Jackie Hogg, Donna Stewart.

Tracy and Martin and Ann-Marie, also represented West Coast North Island at the National Under 18 Champs, Martin winning the gold medal in the 3000m and Tracy taking the silver in the high jump. Ann-Marie was placed 5th in the Long Jump. Tracy was placed 7th at the adult Nationals in Auckland. Martin and Tracy have recently

attended a young athletes' school training camp and they should benefit from this advanced training.

At the National Secondary Schools' Championships held in Auckland on 1 & 2 December, High School snatched four national titles in a superb showing. Tracy Phillips, who last year set the junior girls high jump record, established a record for senior girls (1.75m). Martin Holmes won a thrilling senior boys 3000m in a personal best (8min.38sec). Kim Falconer impressively won the junior girls 100m (12.98sec), then teamed up with Fiona Hogg, Kate Irvine and Ann-Marie Moss to grab the junior girls 4x100m relay (50.98sec). Other good performances came from A. Moss (2nd junior girls' long jump and 6th in 100m), M. Hodson (4th senior boys 1500m); F. Hogg (4th junior girls 100m hurdles); senior girls 4x400 relay came 5th; N. Tamati (6th junior girls' discus).

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS:

RECORDS - GIRLS

Junior - Shot Put: Kim Falconer 8.42m; Long Jump: Kim Falconer 4.95m.

Intermediate - Javelin: Tania McLaren 25.40m; 100m: Ann-Marie Moss 13.00s; Shot Put: Ngaire Tamati 9.75m.

Senior - High Jump: Tracy Phillips 1.595m; Triple Jump: Tracy Phillips 9.54m; 100m: Tracy Phillips 12.9s; 100m Hurdles: Tracy Phillips 17.3s.

RECORDS - BOYS

Junior - Shot Put: Brendon Hamilton-Gibbs 9.45m.

BOYS' RELAYS

Junior: Bledisloe 1, Seddon 2, Vogel 3, 56.7s.

Intermediate: Reeves 1, Ballance 2, Freyberg 3, 53.4s.

Senior: Bledisloe 1, Freyberg 2, Cobham 3, 51.1s.

JUNIOR BOYS

3000m: A. Gibbs 1, M. Wilson 2, S. Munson 3, 11m 06.9s.

800m: A. Gibbs 1, S. Munson 2, G. Wright 3, 2m 36.1s.

200m: L. Anson 1, M. Hampton 2, P. Browne 3, 27.4s.

Triple Jump: L. Anson 1, B. Waipara 2, D. Earnest 3, 9.89m.

400m: J. Stewart 1, M. Hampton 2, N. Bradshaw 3, 1m 04.96s.

Shot Put: B. Hamilton-Gibbs 1, E. Hughes 2, N. Reu 3, 9.45m.

Long Jump: J. Baker 1, N. Reu 2, L. Anson 3, 4.54m.

Javelin: E. Pokai 1, M. Oler 2, R. Cameron 3, 24.71m.

100m hurdles: J. Baker 1, J. Stewart 2, A. Gibbs 3, 19.0s.

Discus: M. Whareaitu 1, C. Adam 2, E. Hughes 3, 27.86m.

100m: M. Hampton 1, L. Anson 2, C. McDonald 3, 12.7s.

1500m: N. Reu 1, A. Gibbs 2, S. Cox 3, 5m 11.8s.

High Jump: C. McDonald 1, N. Reu 2, D. Earnest 3, 1.44m.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

100m hurdles: C. James 1, G. Stewart 2, J. Hamlin 3, 18.10s.

Javelin: S. Anthony 1, A. Watkin 2, C. Bishop 3, 36.83m.

400m: C. James 1, S. Hall 2, A. Lawrence 3, 63.8s.

Shot Put: D. Robinson 1, A. Palmer 2, D. Gifford 3, 11.55m.

100m: D. Robinson 1, J. Carse 2, C. Gibson 3, 12.3s.

1500m: P. Wall 1, S. Hall 2, M. Brandon 3, 5m 01.3s.

Triple Jump: J. Brown 1, S. Hall 2, A. Lewin 3, 10.03m.

High Jump: B. Francis 1, A. MacDonnell 2, A. Bothof 3, 1.58m.

800m: S. Hall 1, C. James 2, P. Wall 3, 2m 23.1s.

200m: D. Robinson 1, C. James 2, G. Stewart 3, 25.8s.

3000m: B. Francis 1, K. Rowe 2, G. Petherick 3, 11m 05.7s.

Long Jump: J. Brown 1, D. Robinson 2, C. McKenzie 3, 4.66m.

Discus: S. Anthony 1, L. Nyssen 2, S. Ta'ala 3, 32.36m.

SENIOR BOYS

Javelin: M. Holmes 1, M. Downes 2, S. Sua 3, 36.89m.

Discus: A. Rogers 1, H. Tatupu 2, M. Haley 3, 34.10m.

400m: M. Holmes 1, M. Hodson 2, B. Wakeling 3, 55.55s.

Long Jump: M. Hodson 1, S. Sua 2, J. Moore 3, 5.29m.

100m: S. Sua 1, M. Hodson 2, H. Tatupu 3, 11.8s.

Shot Put: H. Tatupu 1, S. Sua 2, J. Moore 3, 11.21m.

1500m: M. Holmes 1, N. Forlong 2, L. Mahoney 3, 4m40.5s.

100m hurdles: M. Hodson 1, D. Hamilton-Gibbs 2, 17.4s.

200m: M. Hodson 1, M. Holmes 2, H. Tatupu 3, 24.9s.

3000m: M. Hodson 1, 9m 44.07s.

800m: M. Holmes 1, N. Forlong 2, A. Rodgers 3, 2m 06.1s.

High Jump: D. Katene 1, H. Jackson 2, A. Rogers 3, 1.66m.

Triple Jump: M. Hodson 1, S. Sua 2, J. Moore 3, 11.48m.

GIRLS' RELAY

Junior - Ballance 1, Cobham 2, Jellicoe 3, 60.4s.

Intermediate - Seddon 1, Freyberg 2, Ballance 3, 58.2s.

Senior - Bledisloe 1, Ballance 2, Freyberg 3, 59.2s.

JUNIOR GIRLS

High Jump: Kim Falconer 1, Jenny Clyde 2, Kaley Davidson 3. 1.380m.
100m hurdles: Kim Falconer 1, Helen Holmes 2, Kaylene Hobson 3. 19.2m.
400m: Kim Falconer 1, Helen Holmes 2, Rosemary Brown 3. 1m 14.4s.
Discus: Linda Robinson 1, Leanne Cromarty 2, J. Williams 3. 17.80m.
200m: Helen Holmes 1, Rhonda Hainsworth 2, Carlene Smith 3. 29.5s.
3000m: Carlene Smith 1, S. Duthie 2, 12m 28.16s.
100m: Kim Falconer 1, Rhonda Hainsworth 2, Helen Holmes 3. 12.5s.
800m: Debbie Mahoney 1, Karlene Walsh 2, Denise Scott 3. 2m 51.10s.
Javelin: Androulla Matsis 1, Penny Broadhead 2, Isobel March 3. 19.55m.
1500m: Debbie Mahoney 1, Karlene Walsh 2, Diane Phillips 3. 5m 52.05s.
Triple Jump: Helen Holmes 1, Annie Hartwell 2, Nemisha Ranchhod 3. 8.61m.
Shot Put: Kim Falconer 1, Penny Broadhead 2, Pricilla Tamati 3. 8.42m.
Long Jump: Kim Falconer 1, Rhonda Hainsworth 2, Georgina Rangiwhehu 3. 4.95m.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

200m: Ann-Marie Moss 1, Fiona Hogg 2, Kate Irving 3. 27.9s.
3000m: T. McLaren 1, R. Burroughs 2, H. Hall 3, 12m 24.5s.
800m: Jo-Anne Mahoney 1, Michelle Taylor 2, Helen Hall 3. 2m 37.1s.
Javelin: Tania McLaren 1, Christine Paenui, Arohina Whareaitu 2 equal, 25.40m.
100m: Ann-Marie Moss 1, Fiona Hogg 2, Kate Irvine 3. 13.00s.
1500m: Jo-Anne Mahoney 1, Tanya McLaren 2, Rachel Burroughs 3. 5m 30.6s.
100m: Fiona Hogg 1, Donna Watson 2, Vicki Robertson 3. 17.7s.
Triple Jump: Ann-Marie Moss 1, Megan Garrett 2, Amanda Gilbert 3. 9.61m.
400m: Fiona Hogg 1, Vicki Robertson 2, Paula Binns 3. 69.6s.
Shot Put: Ngaire Tamati 1, Tania McLaren 2, Raima Tidd 3. 9.75m.
Discus: Christine Paenui 1, Arohina Whareaitu 2, Missy Haley 3. 23.59m.
Long Jump: Ann-Marie Moss 1, Vicki Robertson 2, Nara S'ua 3. 4.515m.
High Jump: Megan Rodgers 1, Ann-Marie Moss 2, Trudy Hodge 3. 1.34m.

SENIOR GIRLS

Discus: Donna Stewart 1, Lisa Fox 2, Julie Van Dyk 3. 22.25m.
Long Jump: Jackie Hogg 1, Lisa Mahoney 2, Annette Bishop 3. 4.16m.
High Jump: Tracy Phillips 1, Robyn Francis 2, Jackie Hogg 3. 1.595m.
Triple Jump: Tracy Phillips 1, Jackie Hogg 2, Annette Bishop 3. 9.54m.
200m: Tracy Phillips 1, Rochelle Constantine 2, Jackie Hogg 3. 27.00s.
800m: Lisa Mahoney 1. 2m 34.20s.
100m: Tracy Phillips 1, J. Hogg 2, R. Constantine 3. 12.9s.
Javelin: D. Stewart 1, L. Fox 2, S. Kaua 3. 24.83m.
100m hurdles: Tracy Phillips 1, Lisa Mahoney 2, Robyn Francis 3. 17.3s.
1500m: Lisa Mahoney 1. 5m 55.33s.
400m: Annette Bishop 1, Jackie Hogg 2, Rochelle Constantine 3. 77.5s.
Shot Put: Tracy Phillips 1, Donna Stewart 2, Karen Noyes 3. 8.64m.

HARRIERS

On the national scene, Wanganui High School runners have concentrated on quality, rather than quantity, the highlight being Martin Holmes' excellent win in the 6000m senior boys at the Nationals held this year near Rangiora. Murray Hodson, the only other team member to travel, was placed a meritorious 18th in the same race. These two lads travelled to Tuakau for the annual 9km road race and were placed 7th and 29th.

For the first time, we were able to field full teams for Collegiate's "Round the Lakes" relay in all grades, and although we finished out of the placings, the junior teams showed that they will be a force in future years. Adrian Gibbs, Philip Wall, Neil Reu in the boys and Debbie Mahoney, Carlene Smith and Karlene Walsh show considerable promise. Our third form girls' team, the three above-named, plus Rebecca Dickenson, were our top placed team - 7th.

In May, a boys' team from Armidale in Australia competed against a strong Wanganui team. Martin Holmes won the senior race, Murray Hodson was 3rd and Philip Wall was 14th in the junior race.

This year's overland race was run in fine, cool conditions, on Thursday 27 October, over a shorter course encompassing the High School block and Collegiate grounds. The eagerly awaited tussle between Martin and Murray did not eventuate, as the former was out through injury. Each form grouping was won convincingly, with the closest contest being in the 3rd form boys, with only 6 seconds separating Lance Anson and Chris Brown. The inter-school cross country was held at Collegiate (the Mosston course no longer suitable for large fields) on Wednesday, 10 October. The weather was cool and windy, but the rain held off until the final race was over.

High School six man and twelve man teams were placed in all six events, best performance being 1st in the junior girls' team and 2nd in the senior girls' team events.

Individual placings for High School were: an excellent win in the senior boys' event by Martin Holmes, with a time of 16 minutes 20 seconds over a 5110m course. Murray Hodson was a creditable third in 16m 34s; Carlene Smith won the junior girls' event in 11m 49s; Lisa Mahoney was second in the senior girls' race in 11m 33s).

RESULTS OF SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

24 September 1984:

3rd Form - Carlene Smith, Debbie Mahoney, Melanie Smith; Lance Anson, Chris Brown, Adrian Gibbs.
4th Form - Fiona Hogg, Rachel Burroughs, Paula Pryce; Philip Wall, Tony Hodson, Shane Hall.
5th Form - Tanya McLaren, Rachel Cloughton, Eva Stormont; John Brown, Blair Francis, Michael Brandon.
6th and 7th Form - Lisa Mahoney, Joanne Mahoney, Lisa Fox; Murray Hodson, Steven Johnstone, Derek Hamilton-Gibbs

BADMINTON

High School Badminton continued to show its strength this season with both the boys and girls "A" teams winning the local competition.

These teams had the opportunity of representing Wanganui at the Zone Finals in Wellington but were sadly unable to attend.

The only inter-school match - against Hawera - was won by High School, ten matches to four.

With the keen participation shown this season, badminton will continue to be a very popular sport at High School.

All the members of school teams would like to thank the teachers involved and the members of the association for their assistance and organisation.



BASKETBALL

Boys' Basketball

This has been a time of rebuilding for WHS basketball with only three players with 'A' team experience under their belts remaining from last year's squad. Coach, Mr Tonkin had a real task with team selection, but finally came up with what he thought would be a successful formula.

The team was Scott Gardner (Captain), Solomon Su'a (Michael Jackson), Henry Tatupu (Ninja), Michael Clyde (Skid), Jason Hamlin (Trendy), Chris Round, Andrew Gifford, Derek Gifford, Mark (Freeze Frame) Spencer, Dion Katene. The big help came from 6'4" forward Solomon Su'a. Our Samoan import really made his mark in all games he played. He was a source of inspiration for the rest of the team with his outstanding determined point-scoring under the basket. The team played as a unit and its strength was not in each player individually but in its unity.

This season's results:—

1. v St Augustines - won 60/20.
2. v Boys College - lost 45/33
3. v Rangitikei - won 33/18.
4. v Collegiate - won 45/22
5. v Hawera - lost 52/40.
6. v St Augustines - lost 38/35.
7. v Boys College (National Squad) - lost 76/58.
8. v Collegiate - won 62/30.
9. v Boys College - lost 56/30.
10. Semi final v St Augustines - won 50/28.
11. Final v Boys College - lost 39/29.

Senior Reps — Solomon Su'a, Scott Gardner, Henry Tatupu.
Under 16 Reps — Paul Paurini, Tane Mateparae, John Brown.

Many thanks to Mr Tonkin for the hours, effort and energy put into his coaching of the game. We hope everything goes well for him and Wanganui High School Basketball in the future.

— S.G.

Girls 'A' Basketball

BUZZZZ... and on flashed the five fouls light for the fourth time in a row. Four down and two to go with one minute left to play. Must be a new game; five on two. This was the scene in one of our Friday night games against Sacred Heart. This tended to be the story all season with not one game passing without one of the team being fouled off. Some more than others!

This year a very young inexperienced team was picked by coach Barbara Baxter but there was certainly no shortage of talent. The team was Annette Bishop, Kirsty Bell, Rebecca Davis, Lisa Fox, Ngaire Tamati, Nara Su'a, Juanita Pene, Tracy Phillips and Toni Holt (Captain).

In the Friday night games we still failed to get the better of Girls College but usually beat Sacred Heart and had good friendly games with the ever improving 'B' team.

We defeated Sacred Heart and lost narrowly to Hawera High School in Inter-School fixtures and also with a much depleted team were defeated by Rangitikei College.

The highlight of our season was inevitably the Regionals held in Palmerston North in August. With a new coach and renewed enthusiasm we set off for the Regionals where we defeated Otaki, Dannevirke and Sacred Heart to gain a place in the semi-finals, but were beaten by New Plymouth Girls High. An extremely unfit and tired team took the court to face Girls College in the play-off for third and fourth place. In a game full of errors, we were defeated narrowly once again by the girls in blue. Thank you to our keen coach Mr Earnest and to Tracey Smith, Tanya McLaren, Stacey Wild, Linda Bloor and Suzie Clyde who ably took over from regular team members who couldn't play that weekend.

Special thanks also must go to Miss Aitken, our staff representative and manager who took such a great interest in us and our stomachs. Also once again to Mrs Pam Dawson who every year does so much for WHS girl basketballers.

Those gaining representative honours were:

Secondary School A Grade — Annette Bishop, Lisa Fox, Suzie Clyde, Lynette Townsend, Nara Su'a and Toni Holt.

Under 16 — Tracey Smith and Donna Watson.

Also Suzie Clyde was in the Senior Wanganui Women's Representative Training Squad.

— T.H.

Girls 'B' Basketball

The B Team had an erratic season, having no coach or practices for most of the time, but we still managed to improve our skills and team work. As the season progressed we sought the help of a coach, Mr Earnest, and two outside players, and even began to give some of the better teams a fright.

Although we were not a competitive team on the court, all players gave their best and our games were played in good spirits — with a good team morale being developed through the season.

Our team did not win any prizes, or games, but we all had an enjoyable season.

— S.C.

CANOEING

1984

"No 15, 1 minute... 30 seconds... 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO!"

For the next few minutes you paddle as fast as you can down the course avoiding as many gates as you can. That's Canoe Slalom.



This year's events took place on the Mangaore Stream near Shannon. The course is at the foot of the Mangahao Power Station which feeds New Zealand's No 1 slalom. It is a man-made course with lumps of concrete and boulders placed strategically to create a demanding series of rapids for the competitor.

WHS was represented by Shane Anthony, Robert Browning, Brett and Tane Humphrey and Martin Wright. Mrs Fran Wright was our team manager, coach and very loyal supporter (not to mention life saver).

The bulk of the team left on Wednesday, 11 April and were joined by me (Brett) on the Thursday night.

Wednesday was unlimited practice on the course followed by videos of the day's events which showed some people literally up the creek without a paddle!

Thursday saw the Novices paddle with Robert coming 4th in the Junior Boys K1 and Shane being unplaced in the Senior Boys K1.

When I arrived on Thursday night the water had been turned off for conservation. I saw the dry river bed with the remains of several smashed kayaks littered along the shore. An inspection of a rapid appropriately named "Little Huka" made me wonder why more boats weren't damaged as boulders were strewn all over the place.

On Friday all the teams travelled to the nearby Otaki River for the down river race. Unfortunately after an hour of slogging our way down several notorious rapids we learnt that the time-keeping had been inaccurate.

On Friday night we were entertained by a team of Australian canoeists demonstrating Canoe Polo and then playing teams from the various schools.

On Saturday the Championship events were held in which Martin and Tane both paddled in the Junior Boys K1 coming 3rd and 8th respectively. An excellent performance by Martin.

It was not surprising that I was unplaced in the Senior



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Back: Mr R. Burgess (Coach), H. Tatupu, S. Anthony
Front: P. Jellyman, S. Gardner, S. Su'a, A. MacDonell



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Back: Mr R. Watson (Coach), C. Paenui, L. Bloor, K. Dale, K. Wooding, L. Fox, J. Bishop
Front: T. Holt (Captain), L. O'Brien, G. Carver, D. Goldsmith



A GIRLS HOCKEY

Back: A. Whareaitu, F. Hogg, V. Robertson
Middle: Mr G. Willacy (Coach), J. Steele, A. Thomson, K. Irvine, L. Monks, M. Taylor
Front: S. Pedder, L. Fox (Captain), C. Dickenson, P. Nelson, K. Paul
Absent: J. Sanger, J. Kendall



A BOYS HOCKEY

Back: Mr C. Milne (Coach), D. Forrest, E. Kendrick, A. McCormick, P. Jellyman, G. Butters
Front: J. Kennedy, D. Jones, B. Lee, B. Hawkins, K. Kirk
Absent: P. Roy, R. McCallum (Captain), J. Harvey



A2 NETBALL

Back: F. Symes, T. Holt, L. Armishaw
Front: D. Watson, R. Karena (Captain), N. Abraham, R. Karena
Absent: D. Kingi



A1 NETBALL

Back: D. Goldsmith, S. Kaua, S. Clyde, L. Porteous
Front: R. Francis, T. Smith, A. Bishop (Captain), H. Holmes, K. Falconer
Absent: N. Su'a



GIRLS UNDER 18 EIGHTS ROWING

Back: S. Scanlon, W. Quirk, K. Bell, S. Pearson, L. Broadhead, Mr J. Symes (Coach)
Front: K. Broadfoot, K. Lowe, A. Young, L. Morgan, V. Treadwell



1st XV RUGBY

Back: N. Benson, D. McKnight, D. Kinloch, S. Su'a
Middle: Mr M. O'Hara (Coach), M. Spencer, A. Gifford, M. Haley, H. Jackson, H. Tatupu, M. Taunton
Front: G. Waipara, D. Robinson, A. Rodgers (Captain), N. Forlong, A. Robinson
Absent: I. Morrell, I. Hadfield (Agt Coach)

Boys K1 as the calibre of the field was very high. The top spot was taken by NZ's current No 5 K1 paddler who was streets ahead of his closest rivals.

Tane, Martin and I combined that afternoon for the teams event but after one swim were unplaced.

On Sunday we packed up and headed home. Special thanks are due to Mrs Wright for her contribution to the team.

Anybody considering Canoeing would be most welcome to try out for next year's team but a word of advice, make sure you know how to paddle before going to Manga-hao.

— Brett Humphrey



CRICKET

We can look to the last season (83/84) with some pride and also some sadness. Our 1st XI was back in the senior reserve grade finishing second by losing only one of its nine matches.

The loss of long serving Frank Blakeley, not only as a player, but also for his leadership was a blow to the entire cricketing fraternity. Thus we look to the forthcoming seasons with optimism and trepidation.

There is much to enthuse over in the young talent within the school — our fourth form team are the match at any of their level around. The gaps which will be left by our leading players when they move on are sure to be filled by competent younger players.

Many players have contributed much to cricket at High School. Two people to watch for are Scott Gardner, our leading medium paced bowler, who has gained selection in the Wanganui Senior Rep squad despite only being in the sixth form, and young Matthew Funnell, a third former who has already played two games for the 1st XI, acquitting himself well.

A few moments from the 1st XI . . . * FCB's unbeaten century against United . . . * Scott's 92 against United . . . * Being 4/2 against Marist . . . * Dropping Coombes half a dozen times against Kaierau . . . * Losing to Boys College by only four runs.

I have enjoyed my 12 months association with cricket here and hope to do so for more seasons.

— P.R.

TEE OFF '84

With three teams of relatively high handicappers, High School took part in the fourth Manawatu-Wanganui Inter-College Golf Tournament held at Marton Golf Club on 12 April 1984 for the National Provident Trophy. This year they entered for experience rather than in the hope of returning with a van load of trophies.

The No 1 team (Steven Johnston, Paul Glentworth, Warwick Pinker and Cary Pinker) finished seventh out of twenty-four teams from fourteen colleges; the No 2 team (Leigh Garrett, Shayne Newell, Shayne McClintock, David and Andrew Robinson) enjoyed the exercise, while the No 3 Girls team (Brenda Wilson, Capt., Renee Brewer, Deborah Loveridge, Belinda Wilson) was pleased to come second to Palmerston Girls High. Brenda Wilson finished

strongly by coming second in the Girls' Best Gross.

Golfers at Wanganui High School, particularly in Senior Selectives have every chance to improve thanks to the generosity of Ed and Gordon Munro, professional golfers at Tawhero. Not only have they hired golf clubs to our students at reduced rates, but they have also provided the coaching services of their assistant golf pro, Lee Mahoney, free of charge. Lee, ex-High School, 1984, has done a great job teaching our swingers the rudiments of the game. Let's hope subsequent High Schoolers will take advantage of this service.

— N.K.M.

HOCKEY

Girls' Hockey, 1st XI

This year we had a good base of players from last year's team. This was evident when we got off to the best start we have had for a few years — we drew with Castlecliff 0-0.

Hence the team scored the most championship points this season, for a while, and all games were only lost at the most 1 and 2 - nil.

Our inter-school games were a good boost throughout the season. We finished each game with a good win.

The results were:

v Rangitikei	won 10-0
v Hawera	won 3-1
v Sacred Heart	won 9-0
v Girls College	won 1-0

It was unfortunate we didn't get to test ourselves against our hardest rivals — Colenso High.

We went to tournament in Wellington with a bit of confidence. We were in the top section after our successes in the previous two years.

The games were as follows:

v Tawa College — won 3-0

A slow start, the goals not coming until the second half.

v Samuel Marsden College — lost 2-3

We were leading 2-0 but bad luck and some shaky umpiring meant we let Marsden back in the game.

v Fairfield College — lost 0-1

A very tough game with the team caught napping in the first half.

v Wellington Girls College — won 2-0

Good teamwork was the key to our win with two excellent goals.

v Church College — won 2-1

Played in very wet, muddy conditions. However we managed to maintain good passing when the mud let go of the ball.

The results of these games brought us to 3rd equal with Marsden. Overall a good team performance. The team was just that — a team. Everyone played well and all should be pleased with themselves.

Many thanks must go to our Coach, Garry Willacy. If the results we produced were a fair indication of the time, effort and expertise he put in, we would have thrashed everyone we played. Thanks also to Paula Willacy; her encouragement from the sideline and support at tournament and throughout the season was most appreciated.

Thanks to the Steeles for coming Tournament and for their (often amusing) vocal support. Thanks Miss Tilley for all you did behind the scenes this season. Most of all,



thanks to the supporters who helped us all season, especially those who were able to travel to Wellington. Your encouragement and support is always welcome.

Congratulations are due to Charlotte Dickenson who achieved her local umpiring badge.

Representative Honours:

Secondary School — Michelle Taylor, Fiona Hogg, Lisa Fox, Penny Nelson, Joanne Steele, Charlotte Dickenson, Leigh Monks, Julie Kendall.

Under 21 and Senior 'A' — Lisa Fox, Charlotte Dickenson.

—L. Fox (Capt)

Boys' Hockey

We again fielded three teams in local competitions. The 1st XI, which has remained as a close-knit unit for the last five years, is reaching the end of an era and we will be entering a time of rebuilding which will require enthusiasm and dedication from less experienced players next season. There is always room for more hockey players — why not give it a try?

FIRST XI

Another successful season. We made a slow start in the Second Division, but built strongly to reach the final of the Championship. Our 3-4 loss to Collegiate was our first inter-school defeat for three seasons — a marvellous record.

v Rangitikei College

Won 15-0. We won this game easily against a very young side. (Harvey 6, McCallum 3, McCormick 3, Kendrick, Lee, Kennedy).

v Hawera HS

Won 4-0. We applied early pressure without dominating the game. Two field goals from McCallum and one from Kendrick took us to an easy half-time lead. We eased up considerably in the second half, with a sole goal from McCormick.

v Wanganui Collegiate

Won 3-2. Playing on our home ground, we struggled to retain our unbeaten record against our arch rivals across the fence. Lee scored early with an opportunist shot from the top of the circle which was left by a stunned Collegiate defence. Just before half time, Collegiate equalised from a "poster", but Harvey replied immediately, picking one off the goalie's pads. The second half was a torrid affair, with the game evenly balanced. Collegiate drew level near full-time, but again it was Harvey who gave us the victory when he characteristically swooped on a loose ball in the circle.

v Boys College

Won 6-2. Although the opposition worked vigorously, they could not contain us in a relatively easy win. (Harvey 3, McCormick 2, Kendrick.)

v Wellington High School

Won 3-1. This was a one-off game against Wellington's third strongest school, and was a good warm-up for Tournament. Our experience and team work allowed us to gradually dominate a fast, flowing game. Goals came from Harvey (2) and McCormick.

v Colenso

The Colenso trip was cancelled this year.

Rankin Cup Tournament

Again we tilted at the top tournament in Palmerston North. Seeded top of our section, we drew some vital pool games and made the quarter-finals only by winning a strokes competition against Christ's College.

Results:

Section Play

v Hastings BHS	2-2
v Christ's College	0-0
v St Paul's	5-2
v Awatapu	1-1
v PNBHS 'B'	2-1

Quarter Final:

v Gisborne BHS	1-3
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In the play-off against PNBHS 'A' we drew 2-2 to give us 5th equal placing. Ross McCallum was selected in a prestigious Tournament Rep team. The special efforts of Mr Don McCallum to coach us were very much appreciated.

— C.J.M.

SECOND XI

Although the players were relatively inexperienced, it was decided to enter them in the Open Grade Third Division. Initially we struggled but we managed the occasional win later in the season, although most games were close. Our thanks go to Mr Hawkins for his assistance during the season. Two of our players, Kelly Kirk and Brent Hawkins, gained promotion to the 1st XI later in the season and hope they return next season with the same enthusiasm.

— B.D.H. (Capt)

THIRD XI

We started slowly but gradually improved in teamwork under the guidance of our enthusiastic coach, Mr G. Kiddle. Our toughest rival was Boys College who beat us on three occasions. Otherwise, results were most promising and the number of wins reflected the increased skills and confidence of the players. The older players provided experience, and new players developed well.

— K.T.F. (Capt)

ACHIEVEMENTS

An outstanding record, with fourteen players selected for various Wanganui Rep teams.

New Zealand Junior Colts (Under 17) — Ross McCallum toured Australia.

Wanganui Senior Mens — Ross McCallum for the second year.

Wanganui Colts — Alan McCormick

Wanganui Secondary Schools — Bevan Lee (Capt), David Jones, Jason Harvey, James Kennedy, Patrick Roy, Phillip Jellyman, Gary Butters. Selected in the Tournament Rep team were: Lee, Jones and Harvey.

Wanganui 3rd/4th Rep — Brent Hawkins, Kevin Brasting, Kelly Kirk.

Junior Umpires Badge — Brent Hawkins, also selected to umpire at National Hatch Cup Tournament.

Thanks must be expressed to all those players who were reliable, determined and enthusiastic during the season. Also special thanks to the coaches, Messrs C. Milne, D. McCallum, D. Hawkins and G. Kiddle. The boys appreciate the time and effort you put in to help them enjoy their hockey and improve their skills.

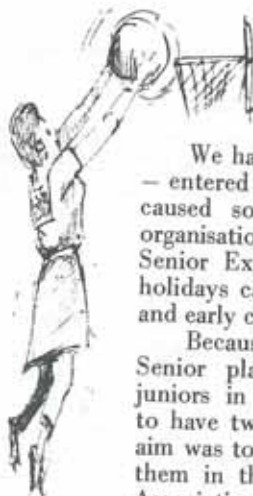
— B.L.

NETBALL

1984 was a successful year for Wanganui High School Netball, particularly in participation.

We had a record number of teams — 17 — entered in the Saturday competition. This caused some initial headaches as far as organisation — particularly as Easter, then Senior Examinations and finally the May holidays caused some disruption to grading and early competition games.

Because of the strength in ability of Senior players and the need to 'blood' juniors in the senior level it was decided to have two 'A' teams of equal ability. Our aim was to give them equal status and place them in the same grade. Wanganui Netball Association, attempted to place them in



separate grades and unfortunately insisted on naming them A and B rather than A1 and A2. With consultation they relented on the former decision and both remained in the 1st Division. The first round was run as a 'promotion relegation' round. Both A Teams remained in the 1st Division for the final competition round. Their final competition game (against each other) was to prove how even the teams were – the result being a draw 23-23. However because the A1 Team had had one loss in the competition round and the A2 had gone through unbeaten, the A2 were outright winners of the grade; a fully deserved result after consistency and dedication throughout the season.

Unfortunately many High School teams were placed in grades which gave them little chance of coming through the season as winners. However teams who were well placed at the end of the season were:

- A2 – Winners of 1st Division
- A1 – 3rd in 1st Division
- 'C' Team – Runners-up in 3rd Division
- High 'D' – 3rd in 6th Division
- High 'M' – 3rd in 13th Division

Netball was very fortunate to have all 17 teams with dedicated coaches who gave up so much of their time to devote to their respective teams. I personally was very grateful for their efforts – it made my job that much easier. My sincere thanks to Mrs Luoni, Mrs Pittaway, Mrs Michalski, Mr Karena, Mrs Francis, Mrs Armishaw and the Senior Students: Suzie Clyde, Lynda Porteous, Sharon Kaua, Robyn Karena, Annette Bishop, Sandra Ching, Liz Cadogan, Kim Poulton, Fiona Symes, Sonia Faisst, Kerry-Ann Hawira. These Senior students were outstanding in their dedication, reliability and rapport they established with their respective teams.

For the first year Merit Awards were awarded for Coaching and these eleven coaches fully deserved this recognition.

Netball Reps:

A number of players gained representative honours in Age Group Rep Teams. Congratulations to the following:
Under 20 – Suzie Clyde
Under 18 – Sharon Kaua, Toni Holt
Under 16 – Nara Su'a

Under 14 – Helen Holmes, Kim Falconer, Judith Pene, Paula Bullock, Tanya Park.

INTER-SCHOOL RESULTS

The A1 and A2 teams shared the key games between them. It was a very successful season as far as inter-school fixtures were concerned.

v Rangitikei	A2 v A won
	A1 v B won
	C v C won
	"K" v Rangitikei 3rds won
v Hawera A1	won 27-23
v Sacred Heart	A2 v A won
	A2 v B lost
	A1 v A lost
	A1 v B won
	"K" v 3rd Form A lost
	"L" v 3rd Form B won

Finally I would like to wish the Netball players and coaches who are leaving school this year all the best for the future and extend my sincere thanks particularly to the Senior pupils who have given 5 years' service to Wanganui High School Netball. Their contribution has been invaluable.
– J.F.B.

A1 Netball Team

The 1984 netball season ended with the A1 team being placed 3rd in the First Division of the Wanganui Savings Bank Competition.

The A team consisted of Annette Bishop (Capt), Suzie Clyde, Sharon Kaua, Tracy Smith, Nara Su'a, Lynda Port-

eous and Kim Falconer, with Denise Goldsmith, Helen Holmes and Robyn Francis ably filling in for those away playing representative netball.

The last game of the season against the A2 team was to determine our final placing in the First Division. Both teams took their places on the court with nails and teeth sharpened for the big showdown. The game was hard fought by both teams with very good sportsmanship and no hard feelings. The end result was a draw (23-23) which was a good way to end the season. This meant that the A2 team took first place as they had a higher points total than our team – congratulations to them.

I would like to pass on congratulations to those girls selected to represent Wanganui in netball. Last but not least we must thank Mrs Pittaway for putting her time and effort into the team. Without having her as a coach such success would not have been possible.

Girls A2 Netball Team

Great team work and understanding coupled with a dedicated coach were just some of the reasons behind the success of the A2 team which won the First Division Competition in Netball this year.

The team consisted of Robyn Karena (Captain), Rongopai Karena, Donna Watson, Fiona Symes, Linda Armishaw, Diana Kingi, Toni Holt and Ngawini Abraham.

After winning first division status through playing a promotion relegation round, our team, ably led by Robyn Karena, went on to be undefeated throughout the Division and had to face the A1 team in the last game of the season. This was the game which had been dreaded throughout the season and two extremely nervous teams took the court. The final result, an indecisive draw, gave us the winning point in the competition.

Thank you Mr Dave Karena whose unlimited time and patience eventually paid off.

– T.H.

INTER-SPORTS MATCHES

- High A1
- High A2 v 1st XV Rugby team (at netball and rugby)

These games must have been the highlight of the season. First of all it was the netball match – watching all the boys wandering around the court trying to figure out where they were supposed to be. "Ha! Is this our competition?" we thought. "Piece of cake!" But not so – the ball handling and shooting was mighty slick, pity about the footwork though, the feet did not seem to want to stop when they caught the ball! The end result was the girls winning after a very close game.

Next was the rugby match with the netball teams running onto the field with two funny looking "girls" tagged on the end (namely Mr Burgess and Mr Watling) who were trying to look big and mean! The starting whistle blew and the ball left the ground. It seemed to get lost for a while but ended up on the boys' side with a try to them. But the girls got their act together and we worked out a way to get the ball – threaten to pull their shorts down when lying on the ground with the ball or slap their legs if they dared to put their feet in to ruck the ball out. It worked and we scored a try! The final score remained 2-1 after a lot of hard work!

"C" Netball Team

This year's "C" team had a very successful season, coming runners-up in the fifth division. With the great team spirit and the versatile playing abilities of Shelley Head, Debra Garrett, Tracey McIntyre and Robyn Francis, it was unfortunate that we missed out by such a small margin.

We would like to thank Mrs Francis for her time and effort in coaching us, and for her support on Saturdays. Also thanks to Suzie Hartwell, Kirsty Bell and Lisa Borthwick who filled in throughout the season when we were

'short'.

Without the shooting of Denise Goldsmith and Sharon Potaka, success would not have been possible, not to mention excellent defence by Pauline Grant at Goalkeeper.

Our only inter-school game was against Rangitikei College, which was a good win to us.

— G.D.

"E" Netball Team

The "E" team, like other teams, had their ups and downs, but their team morale was just too outstanding to let little things like losing against the "D" team (in the first round) get them down. They worked hard to achieve a 22 all draw against the "D" team in the second round.

The "E" team was a group with spirit and enthusiasm and because of this, I'd like to thank the whole team for making my coaching job so much easier, and also for making the season so enjoyable. It's been a pleasure working with you girls. Keep it up!

— Robyn K

"F" Netball Team

The start of the season looked promising for the "F" Netball team with keen members and two easy grading games which we won well. However those first two weeks were our only 'moment of glory' for the season. We had great difficulty in maintaining that early winning form — managing to win only one game and draw two others for the remainder of the season. However many of our losses were closely fought games.

Fitness and lack of accurate goal shooting proved to be our major problems through the season — the second half of games were always a lot easier for the opposition! But on the positive side there was a high commitment to the team from every member with nearly always 100% turnout for both practices and Saturday games.

The team always looked well dressed and showed good sportsmanship on the court.

It was tremendous to have so much parental support this year — not a Saturday went by without at least two parents (and often more) cheering us along. Our thanks must go to these parents.

So although the "F" team's netball was not always winning netball we were a committed team and we had an enjoyable season.

"F2" Team

After a tough time finding loyal team members, we trained very hard and due to a fine team spirit, had an enjoyable season. We had our share of losses, (though not through lack of fighting spirit) and we drew and won games before the season was over.

"G" Team

This year I had the pleasure of coaching a fourth form netball team. They played in the 9th Division of the Wanganui Savings Bank Competition. All games were played in good team spirit even when the chips were down. I would like to thank Mrs Hodge for turning up to every game to boost support, and I would also like to thank the girls themselves for allowing me to coach them.

— Annette B.

"H" Netball Team

The "H" netball team were well organised for the commencing of the 1984 netball season, headed by the leadership of our coach, Sandra Ching. Practising during lunch times and occasionally after school, we were all fit (or at least some of us were), and raring to play our Saturday games.

We had a fairly successful season with thanks going to all of our loyal Saturday supporters and to our coach

for her patience and guidance throughout the season...

— Lisa Costello

"I" and "J" Teams

We had an enjoyable season coaching the girls, who were very helpful and well behaved. Throughout the season the girls improved considerably, especially Amanda Shelley (Captain) and Sherie. They improved their ball handling skills and always attended practices. We wish all the girls well in their future netball teams.

— L.C., K.P.

"K" Team

The "K" team started out the season really well but unfortunately we lost our strongest player, Kim Falconer, to the A Team. We were able to replace her with Odette Gaskin but the team only occasionally regained its confident play. The team did well in its inter-school matches and Tanya Parke made the Under 14 reps, while several others made the trials.

"L" Team

After quite a disastrous start, High "L" soon moulded into a good Saturday afternoon netball team. Our best competition was the "K" team. In our first game against them, it was a close fight with the "K" team winning by one goal. Second time round we were at our peak and they had lost Kim Falconer who had gone up to the A1 team. So we grabbed this opportunity and ended up beating them 19-11. We couldn't have done it without the coaching of Mrs Blair.

All in all we enjoyed the season and team members are looking to the A1 and A2 teams next year!

"M" Netball Team

"What am I letting myself in for?" I asked at the beginning of the netball season. At the first practice I watched my team pass that familiar ball around, and I had a feeling this was going to be a real challenge.

I was a bit disappointed at first because the team had been put in quite a low grade — and I knew they wouldn't be made to work as hard as they should have been! But we did have some tough games — especially against Marist.

Through a lot of dedication — sometimes having practices up to three times a week — the "M" team progressed after every game, ending up with third place in the 12th Division, just three points behind the winners. The main thing was the girls really enjoyed their games and their enthusiasm was apparent.

During the season I introduced a "Player of the Week" trophy which gave the girls something to work towards. At the end of the season this trophy ended up going to N. Ashton who was awarded "Most Improved Player".

I would like to thank all those parents who supported these girls throughout the season. It was much appreciated by myself and the players. I think I enjoyed myself just as much as the girls, and it was sad at the end of the season knowing that I won't be around school next year to see this potential young team progress even further. I wish you luck in the future and hope you get as good a coach next year as you had in 1984!

— L.P.

"N" Team

Because there were so many players, the girls did not really work as a team. But throughout the season there were some very good games, resulting in 3rd place in their division.

Although placed in a low division, the "N" team has a lot of up and coming talent, with all players improving their netball skills. Good luck for next year.

— S.C.

"O" and "P" Teams

These teams both played very well, with a very competitive spirit and love for the sport. It was good to see that each girl worked with the others as a team, and even though they lacked experience, they did extremely well in their grades. We would like to wish them the best of luck for their continuing netball careers.

— S.K. & F.S.

"Q" Team

It was a pleasure taking on these girls as a netball team; They showed us that they can work hard and how much they have enjoyed playing netball. We wish them good luck for next year.

— K.A.H & S.F.

ROWING

Girls' Rowing

After a rather disrupted beginning the Girls



rowing squad finally started to train for the 1983-84 season. Fourteen members joined the ranks to be coached by John Symes. The five Novice girls from last season's crew returned to row as Intermediates and were coached by senior club member, Brent O'Regan with some assistance from Roger Limpus. This year the girls faced much stronger competition than in previous years, especially from local clubs.

There were many creditable performances throughout the season by all crews, the most notable being at the NZ Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships. Even though High School lost the Under 19 Eights and Fours titles which had been held for two previous years, the girls managed to pick up two new titles.

The crew of Sharon Kaua, Fiona Symes, Pauline Grant, Tina Lusher and Carolyn Kingdom (cox) rowed an excellent race to win the Girls' Under 17 Fours. There was also victory for the Novice women in the Under 16 Eights. The members of this crew were Wendy Quirk, Kirsty Bell, Andrea Young, Kathrin Low, Louise Morgan, Laurel Broadhead, Suzie Scanlon, Sheila Pearson and Kirsty Broadfoot (cox). High School was placed fourth in the Under 19 Eights final while two Novice crews made the finals of the Under 16 Fours. The Intermediate girls were in the finals of the Under 19 Fours and two Novice pairs reached the finals of the Open Pairs.

In spite of interruptions, the season was very successful and I would like to thank the parents, especially John and Dorothy Symes, for their loyal support. They did so much for us. Thanks also to Miss Aitken and Mr O'Hara for their organisation of the Maadi Cup trip.

As this is my last year I would like to wish the High School rowers all the best for future Maadi Cups and hope that the high standards which have been set will be maintained.

— Alison Lewin

Boys' Rowing

1984 was once again a good season for High School's Rowing. Although success on the water was not as great as it has been in previous years, many positive aspects were apparent in organisation and parental support at Maadi Cup this year. More than 20 parents were there in support, with half of these looking after a crew. 1984 was certainly a year to remember...

Results, as far as the Boys went, were good, although only one crew gained a placing. The young Novice crews

performed well above their small stature and were unfortunate not to be placed in their various races.

The Under 17 Eight of Shannon Moore, M. Chamberlain, G. Marr, J. Jenkins, D. Robinson, Steven Moore, W. Malcolm and P. Wilson with R. Fahey coxing, performed very well although they didn't qualify for the semi-final. A crew young enough to race in the Under 16 events, these boys showed a lot of spirit and certainly did not disgrace themselves in a very tough event.

The Under 16 Novice four of Shannon Moore, J. Jenkins, G. Marr and M. Chamberlain with R. Fahey coxing, worked their way through to the semi-finals before being knocked out. This crew was particularly small and demonstrated superb technique right throughout the regatta.

The Under 15 four would have to have been the most unlucky crew on the lake this year. After some brilliant performances the four of S. Moore, P. Wilson, D. Robinson, M. Chamberlain and cox R. Fahey, progressed into the final with a good chance of gaining High School's first male rowing title since 1980-81. With just 100 metres to go the crew was in second place when disaster struck. The rudder became entangled in weed and Rhys had no control over the boat. They shot from lane one to lane six, still finishing third, but were disqualified.

The Senior four of N. Forlong, C. Smith, N. Benson and A. Robinson with B. Saunders coxing, contested two events — the Under 17 four and the Under 19 four.

In the Under 19 event this comparatively small crew performed well, although not qualifying for the final. But the Under 17 four was the highlight for the High School Boys. The crew performed up to expectations to win the title and establish themselves as serious contenders for 1985's Springbok Shield.

A special "thank-you" must go to all the parents who accompanied us to both the Nationals and Maadi Cup Regattas, Coaches Po Limpus of the Senior Four and John Frederickson with the Junior crews, Mr O'Hara and Miss Aitken, and finally the Wanganui Rowing Club for the use of plant and motor boats.

1984, we hope, will be as successful as 1984, but with the regatta being held in Twizel, limits are going to be placed on how many crews will travel south.

— N. Forlong

RUGBY, 1984

1st XV

Wanganui High School plays in the Wanganui Under 19 Club Championships. Teams from the local town clubs (except High School Olds Boys and Pirates this year) and surrounding areas are represented. The standard of rugby in this grade is high and players from the club teams are usually a few years older and physically more mature. As a result the first games of the year are a bit of an 'eye opener' for players used to only playing in the Secondary School Division 2 Competition.

The season commenced enthusiastically with games against Marton Athletic and Ratana (two of the top teams in the grade; Ratana won the Under 19 Championships this year). These games were keenly contested but revealed a lack of basic skills and fitness required for the standard of rugby. With helping hands from Ian Hadfield and Mike



O'Hara the team concentrated on a defensive pattern that worked from set pieces and attacking skills. Fitness was expected to be achieved outside of practice — this factor did let the team down in many games with a considerable falling off in concentration and skills in the last 20 minutes. Playing skills cannot be developed in depth when basic fitness is lacking — any unfit player in the team is a serious handicap. We were not successful in our goal of achieving 100% fitness in our squad — we were let down by a few undisciplined team members.

The High School 1st XV developed well. The team showed great spirit and played an aggressive attacking style of rugby. 1st XV Rugby does enjoy a great deal of support from the community and High School played two games this year on Spriggens Park — versus St Augustines in front of a large Queen's Birthday crowd and later in the season versus TCOB. It is sad to note the slow diminishing support of students — very few actually have turned up to watch any of the team's games and WHS supporters are regularly outnumbered by the opposition's supporters on our own home ground. (MORE SUPPORT NEXT YEAR PLEASE.)

Team Members

Andrew Rodgers (Captain and No 8), Andrew Robinson (Hooker), Dave McKnight (Lock), Neil Benson (Flanker), Mark Taunton (½ back), Henry Tatupu (2nd 5, centre), Guy Waipara (Wing), Hamish Jackson (Fullback), Vaughan Holt (Fullback), John Morrell (Prop), Maurice Haley (Prop), Dean Kinlock (Lock), Neil Forlong (Flanker), Mark Spencer (½ back, 1st 5), Solomon Su'a (Centre), Andrew Gifford (Wing, Flanker), Andrew Palmer (Utility).

INTER-SCHOOL FIXTURES

v Rangitikei College — won 15-4

Untidy game, settled down to take control and win comfortably.

v St Augustine's College — lost 11-10

Very unlucky to lose, played very well on Spriggens Park. Hard, fast game with St Augustine's scoring the winning try in the late seconds of the game.

v Hawera High School — lost 32-0.

Hawera proved to be tough opponents. Generally held them and even dominated them in the forwards but had no answer against their fast hard-running backline. Poor tackling by WHS contributed much to the high score even though we played well in other aspects of the game.

v Wanganui Collegiate — lost 21-6

One of the better results of the year. Collegiate was a extremely strong team and were confident of scoring sixty plus points. Very good effort in the forwards against a skilled, heavy pack.

v Boys College — lost 29-6

Right in the game until half time. Unlucky to lose by the score indicated.

Representative Honours

Wanganui U18 — Solomon Su'a, Henry Tatupu
Wanganui U16 — Guy Waipara, Andrew Robinson

Possible New First XV Competition Next Year

The Wanganui Rugby Football Union has decided to try and get underway a new schools' 1st XV competition.

As school players are getting younger and less experienced it may be more beneficial for their future development that schools' first XV's are not pitted against strong older club sides at the beginning of the season. Our own team this year played Ratana (overall U19 Champions) and Athletic in its first two games and found itself against two very strong teams. In fact, many of the Athletic Team had played U21 Rugby the year before. This was not to our advantage and many players were somewhat intimidated by the physical nature of the games. A first XV Competition overcomes this problem. Hopefully schools like Taihape College, Rangitikei College and other rural colleges would

participate. Let's hope the new competition does get off the ground. Much ground work has already been sorted out by the Junior Management of the WRFU.

Many thanks to Ian Hadfield and Mike O'Hara for looking after the team this year.

— Andrew Rodgers, Captain

2nd XV

The 2nd XV were a team that had varied success on the football field in the season of 1984. With an early start to the season the team had a bit of trouble getting the previous season's skills into action, but once on the road the team beat the pants off the division favourites, St Augustines. The team had a good streak following the win but faded near the end of the season through lack of fitness.

All in all, fun was had by everyone. The forward unit dominated most opposition in set play, but found their speed to the breakdown a little slow. The backline was full of potential on the defence, but the attacking was a little slow at times.

The crunch came when the 3rd XV was promoted to the 2nd Division and promptly came up against the 2nd XV. We soundly defeated them, showing that the 2nd XV still has power over the lower teams in the school.

Players worth special mention as a result of consistent performances throughout the season are: Andrew Palmer, Tony Cox, Barry Broadhead in the forwards, with Michael Lacey and Glenn Phillips always reliable in the backline.

The team would like to thank coach and manager, Mr Burgess.

— A.P.

3rd XV

A young enthusiastic team took to the playing fields this season. A strong forward pack, with height in the line-outs and power in the scrum, should ensure no team will push our 1st XV around in the future. What the backs lacked in size they made up for in determination, the little General always composed under pressure and the Waitotara Wonder always hungry for work.

Often playing boys two years their senior, wins were hard to find, but all the sweeter when obtained. Many a tough battle fought with our neighbours over the ditch.

Thanks to 'Doc' for being a guiding light for the backs; his experienced knowledge will help with the boys' future development.

Even though the coach grizzled lots, he knows you all put in a good effort and wishes you well in your rugby futures.

— P.R.

4th XV

The 4th XV had an excellent season, winning most games and being promoted from the 5th Division to the 4th. We found a lot of new talent in the 3rd form with M. Cosford, M. Funnell, K. Smith and D. Pedley showing out the most. The 4th formers proved to be the back bone of the team with plenty of ability and/or strength showing, especially B. Barnes, B. Stent, P. Whibley, M. Kilpatrick and P. Wilson who all had an excellent season with everyone else improving as the season continued. A special thanks to Mr Heath for putting up with us throughout the season.

— C.O.



SKIING SCHOOL SKI RACING TUROA

On 16 September we set for-



N.I. ATHLETICS TEAM

Back: F. Hogg, H. Holmes, Mrs Y. Phillips (Mgr), K. Faulkner, J. Mahoney
Front: A. Moss, M. Holmes, T. Phillips, M. Hodson, L. Mahoney



GIRLS CRICKET

Back: N. Ranchhod, H. Pearson, Y. McConachie, G. Wilson, H. McDowell
Middle: T. Smith, W. McDowell, B. Davis, S. Grace, L. Robinson
Front: R. Marshall, E. Watson, C. Dickenson (Captain), R. Mason



A GIRLS BASKETBALL

Back: N. Su'a, A. Bishop, R. Davis
Middle: Miss J. Aitken (Coach), L. Townsend, S. Clyde, K. Bell
Front: N. Tamati, T. Holt (Capt), T. Phillips, L. Fox
Absent: J. Pene, Miss B. Baxter (Coach), Mr J. Ernest (Coach)



1st XI SOCCER

Back: H. Tran, M. Holmes, M. Hodson, D. Newman
Middle: Mr B. Walker (Coach), S. Hall, J. Moore, G. Tinnion, S. Gardner, Mr M. Van Gernerden (Mgr)
Front: S. Moore, T. Marshall, K. Van Gernerden, M. Blakeley



ROWING

Back: B. Saunders, M. Chamberlain, A. Robinson, D. Robinson, N. Benson, N. Forlong, W. Malcolm, C. Smith, P. Wilson, S. Moore
Middle: Mr R. Limpus (Coach), W. Quirk, K. Bell, F. Symes, S. Pearson, T. Lusher, P. Grant, L. Broadhead, S. Scanlon, Mr J. Symes (Coach)
Front: C. Kingdom, K. Broadfoot, V. Treadwell, L. Morgan, S. Kaua, A. Lewin, A. Young, K. Lowe
Absent: J. Jenkins, G. Marr, R. Fahey, S. Moore



1st XI CRICKET

Back: Mr P. Rowland (Coach), M. Blakeley, M. Hodson, C. Gibson, R. Spicer, S. Gardner (Co-Captain), Mr C. Milne (Coach)
Front: P. Roy, M. Holmes (Co-Captain), A. Gifford, T. Marshall
Absent: N. Forlong



YACHTING

Back: I. Walker, C. Wakeling, B. Wakeling
Front: D. Taylor, D. Hamilton-Gibbs, P. McDowell



TENNIS

Back: Mrs P. Willacy (Coach), E. Hood, S. Everitt, D. McDonnell, L. Porteous, A. Bothof, R. de Zoysa, S. Hall
Front: N. Bunn, S. Hartwell, P. Drayton, P. Deane, G. Rangiwetu



A BOYS BASKETBALL

Back: D. Gifford, H. Tatupu, S. Su'a, M. Clyde, C. Round
Front: Mr R. Tonkin (Coach), A. Gifford, S. Gardner, M. Spencer, J. Hamlin
Absent: P. Paurini, D. Katene

ward, heads held high, for the towering Mt Ruapehu by mini-bus with Mr Power at the wheel, completely oblivious of the conditions that were looming ahead. Wind, fog and below zero temperatures faced us as we set up for our day's training.

Our team consisted of four skiers of average and above ability — Dominic Taylor, Michael Lace (Captain), Sonya Faisst and Kathrin Low. After braving the cold, snow and ice, for a few hours, we were happy to be off the mountain and in the comfort of our Chalet, ie. hot water and thermostatically controlled heaters.

The first day of racing was Monday — a beautifully warm day. The weather and the snow couldn't have been more suitable for racing which helped considerably to calm some of the less confident skiers' nerves.

Times were taken on the slalom course and points were allocated according to your time.

On day two we set up for our second and final race in which we had to race parallel with someone who had raced with a time closest to our own. Unfortunately the conditions were unfavourable — in fact there was a chill factor of -23° so we weren't particularly enthusiastic about competing let alone training. Races went admirably under the conditions and we all look forward to trying it again.

Although Wanganui High School was not highly placed, it would be exciting to have more High School racers compete and hopefully, if all goes well, hold trials next year.

We all found it great experience. Finally on behalf of the team we would like to thank Mr Power for his kindness and "understanding" and the Rowans for the loan of the chalet.

SKI TRIP '84

Day One —

"Would someone please volunteer to go in Mr Burgess' car?" was the plea from Mr Power so we could leave Wanganui for what would amount to . . . well at 2.30pm on Sunday afternoon no-one was really sure.

In a flash we were driving up the Paraparas, in a second flash we were flying round or over some of the more treacherous corners. Lucky for us Jane decided not to be car sick. Sighs of relief were breathed when we reached Raetihi.

We arrived at Erua Ski Lodge and the place was in a state of total confusion as people were trying to find their bunkroom. Not long after we all got initiated into the multi-choice game of "What's for tea?"

Day Two —

7.30 breakfast, everybody was rearing to go and then we found out what cattle felt like on a cattle truck — commonly known as the Mountain Goat — on the trip up to the Top o' the Bruce. This is where the 'fun' started — long queues for lift tickets, even longer queues for lifts, an American saying, "Hey, since when has snow been brown?", an odd person being scared of heights hanging on for dear life to someone else going up on the chairs. After this great drama — we began the long trek to 'the Delta' for our ski lessons. Meanwhile the more experienced skiers hit the runs. The weather wasn't too bad until early afternoon when it started to snow. Ski conditions were really good.

Day Three —

Yet another sleepless night for some — courtesy of sleeping right next to a noisy games room. Yet another 7.30am start. Great skiing was had by all, and the odd snowman's head went missing during a snow fight. Best ski conditions of the week — 3cms of powder snow; not much but enough. Mr Burgess' sun tan/burn by this time was coming along real good; younger brother David's wasn't too bad either.

Day Four —

Ski conditions were quite good high up except for the

rain. Mr Taylor and son Dominic joined the High School crowd today. Most of us however, those who couldn't ski like Mr Power (flat out and dangerous), stayed comfortably in the cafe not daring to brave the elements.

Day Five —

Beautiful day — so we thought — only there were 60 knot winds at the top. At 10.00am we decided to go back down to Erua. Some of us had really nice hamburgers for lunch while everybody else learnt how to appreciate the multi-choice meals. A relaxing afternoon was enjoyed by all except for those involved in the pillow fight.

Some time during the evening Mr Burgess misplaced the loo and ended up wrapping his car in toilet paper. Meanwhile the guys decided to have a midnight shave but more shaving cream ended up on the girls than the guys.

Day Six —

The whole mountain seemed to be covered with ice rather than snow which made skiing really difficult even for the good skiers among us. We left the mountain early so we'd be home early but we left late and consequently had to speed frantically through the Paraparas in order to get home before it was dark. We didn't quite make it but Ski Trip '84 was overall, a success.

— Lisa Page and Annette Lawrence

SOCCKER

1st XI Soccer

The 1984 season for the 1st XI Football Squad competing in the Wanganui Local League,

proved to be very long and hard, but enjoyable.

Finishing fifth in the league wasn't a fair indication of the team's efforts. The league was so closely fought, that only a couple of points separated second and fifth position. The team's record is as follows:—

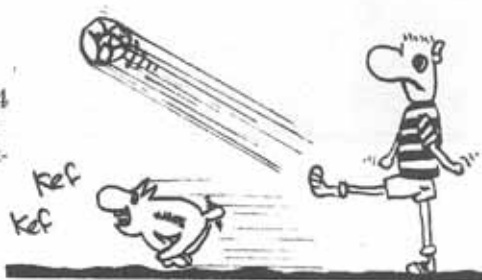
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20	9	4	7	37	39	22

League scorers for the side were Murray Hodson 14, Martin Holmes 11, Marty Van Gernerden 5, Gregory Tinnion 2, Scott Gardner 2, Hu Tran 1, Shane Hall 1, Karl Rowe 1.

Patches of form throughout the season showed that High School could have easily held second place, if not for lack of consistency. This lack of consistency was due mainly to injury which plagued the team, affecting many key players in the line up.

After holding first and/or second position for much of the first round and some of the second, High School looked likely to remain there until the close. Because of injury and the closeness of the league, one loss cost the side dearly with a drop of six places. From this point on it was an uphill battle to regain league status. Unfortunately this could only be fifth position. An example of the form High School could hit can be summed up in the two occasions that they did battle with the League leaders, Athletic Cosmos. On both occasions Cosmos snatched late goals to win one and draw one against a High School side who led for most of both games.

Inter-school games became largely a hollow experience as the much looked forward to trip to Colenso, to play perhaps one of the best High School football teams in New Zealand, was scrapped owing to lack of prior organisation between the two schools. This disappointment was felt



among most of the other sports teams who were to travel to Colenso also. The inter-school record is as follows —

Boys College	lost 0-1
Collegiate	lost 2-3
Waiopahu	won 2-1
Rangitikei	won 5-1
Hawera	won 4-1

Overall these games were enjoyed except for losses to close rivals Collegiate and Boys College but all games were played in good spirit.

Players to gain Wanganui representation were Tim Marshall, Kelvin van Gernerden, Murray Hodson and John Moore in the Under 19 age group; Shane Hall in Under 15 and Steven Moore in Under 17. Both of the latter players look to figure prominently in High School's future first eleven soccer teams. Special credit goes to Steven, who was voted High School's player of the year.

We would like to thank our coach, Bob Walker. His organisation and support for the team throughout the season was unequalled. An example of Bob's value as a coach/manager is his commitment to under 19, under 17 and under 15 (Greek tour) throughout 1984. Thanks a lot Bob.

Other thanks go to Marty van Gernerden. As assistant coach/player to Bob, Marty soon became a mainstay in the High School side, due again to the injury rate. We can't thank him enough for his tireless on-field efforts, on many occasions holding the team together. Central defenders are not renowned for goal scoring but Marty cracked home five, which shows his intense value to the side this season. Thanks Marty.

Thanks to Tim Marshall and Kelvin van Gernerden, captain and vice captain respectively for their work off the field when organisation was necessary, and on the field where they led by example.

Thanks to the team as a whole for an overall enjoyable season.

— T.M. and K. van G.

Girls' Soccer

If the girls' soccer team thought that they had problems last year, they were nothing compared to those of 1984. Firstly, we had no coach. However four members of the Boys' 1st XI, (why - who knows!), took over that burden, and Miss Vouden kindly took over the managerial side of things.

Our next problem was not having a league for women in town this season. No league meant no games, so many schools didn't even get a team together. We did arrange a few games (all two of them) however. The first to Lower Hutt which was competently played and graciously lost. The second (with only three practising members playing) went to High School, 7-0.

Good luck to those who play next year; don't let this put any of you off playing as things can only get better; and thanks to all those who made this year's season a memorable one.

— T.D.

SWIMMING

SWIMMING SPORTS

1st Jellicoe	136
2nd Bance	105
3rd Reeves	89

TABLOID SPORTS

1st Jellicoe	353
2nd Freyberg	307
3rd Bance	260

CLASSES

Third:	
1st 3J (36), 2nd 3V	
(21); 3rd 3S (14).	



Fourth:

1st 4Br (107), 2nd 4L (50); 3rd 4A (35).

Fifth:

1st 5Gd (49), 2nd 5Ty (9), 3rd 5Gr (2).

Sixth & Seventh:

1st 6S; 2nd 7; 3rd 6K.

Wanganui High School took overall honours in both the Boys' and Girls' section at the Wanganui Secondary School Swimming Championships held at Wanganui East.

Our points-gaining swimmers were Glen Whyte, Kaylene Hobson, Guy Waipara, Kim Whyte, Debra Garrett, Jarrod Carvell, Brendon Hamilton-Gibbs, David Howorth, Lee Hobson and David Townsend.

BOYS

Junior	29	1st
Intermediate	19	1st
Senior	17	3rd
Total	65	1st

GIRLS

Junior	34	1st
Intermediate	18	2nd
Senior	28	2nd
Total	80	1st

SECONDARY SCHOOL (Palmerston North)

With the few Wanganui High School swimmers we all made an impressionable mark when we broke three of the standing records. Glen Whyte broke one and Lee Hobson broke two.

If our junior swimmers keep going the way they are we have got a great future, and may be they'll get a school photo of the High School swimming team next year!

— L.H.

CRAZY SWIMMING DAY

It was time for Operation Splash and Dash — time for as many High School pupils as possible to SPLASH into the pool and DASH to the end in a variety of fashions. Although the forecast was for rain it turned out to be a blistering hot day — ideal for swimming. Races on the agenda included Tango for Two (3-legged swimming race), Grand Prix (plus tyre tubes) and 25 x 25m relay race.

Several enterprising swimmers managed to twist the rules. The Masters' Golf Classic (changed at the last minute to the Wimbledon Tennis Champs, due to lack of golf balls) was a type of egg and spoon race in the water using tennis balls and padda-tennis bats. At least it was supposed to be until one competitor clasped ball to bat in one hand and swam quickly to the end, winning by miles. After all, the ball was ON the bat! The judges let it pass and after that everyone used the same method.

Another rebellion was when a pupil, instead of putting a pair of stockings on his legs, in the prescribed manner, wore them on his head instead!

One of the highlights of the day must have been the staff race — or rather what they wore to race in! Mr Heath's blue and white striped old-fashioned bathing suit caused a few eyebrows to rise and Mr Milne set a new fashion with his headgear (which looked surprisingly like a shower cap, complete with frills!)

A good thing about the races was the fact that it was participation which got points, not coming first in a particular race. Overall Jellicoe was the winning house but as several swimmers forgot to give the names of their houses to the recorders, the results are perhaps slightly influenced. (As a member of Seddon, that's my excuse, anyway!)

In actual fact the results are not really important. The success of the day was in the way that the whole school had a good time either swimming or cheering.

TRAMPING AROUND NATIONAL PARK FOR BEGINNERS

Assured that the trip was suitable for 'beginners', a party of seven (2 students, 5 staff) set off at the close of Term III to tramp around Ruapehu led by Mr W. Loader. The party left from Ohakune but rain set in before the Mangaehue Hut was reached. It was decided to spend the first night there while the elements did their worst outside.

Unfortunately one member of the party had twisted her ankle en route and next morning was forced to return to the van with Mr Loader. The remaining party of five set off at 6.30am heading for the Whangaehu Hut. The track began through pretty bush but soon entered a rugged desert world where nothing grew and tramping was tough with deep ravines and a river crossing. After lunch and a much needed rest at Whangaehu, it was deemed prudent to continue to Waihohonu Hut as the weather was holding but a southerly change forecast.

Eleven (!) hours after our morning departure, the party arrived at our destination, some decidedly the worse for wear and Mr Loader only redeemed his reputation by being there to meet us with the billy boiling and some very welcome bananas. Oh, how great they were!

Next morning an 8.30 start, heading for the Oturere Hut for lunch and then on through the weird world of the Oturere Crater, with its moonscape scenery and odd shaped rocks. A major climb out of the crater brought us to the Emerald Lakes of Mt Tongariro. Another climb up to the Red Crater and down to the Mangetepopo Valley and a walk to the Mangetepopo Hut, completed another exhausting but most interesting day. At Mangetepopo there was a cosmopolitan crowd already in residence and it was interesting to chat to young people from the States, Ireland and England, as well as some Kiwi rock-climbers. Next morning the rough Mangetepopo Track took us to the Chateau where we were absolutely delighted to be greeted by Mrs Loader's smiling face and the mini-bus. Our tramp ended there and then and we headed for home. Been there — done that — once and for all.

Memories . . . endless desert ravines, heavy packs, the next corner, cosy huts, dehydrated food, comradeship, beautiful and strange views, sore legs and satisfaction.

— C. Lace

YACHTIES TACK OFF

The Inter-secondary Schools' Teams Yachting Championships were held at Wakatere Boating Club, Narrow Neck Beach in Auckland between 5 and 11 May 1984.

Wanganui High School was represented by Inger Walker, Dominic Taylor, Brent Wakeling, Derek Hamilton-Gibbs, Peter McDowell, Chris Wakeling and Rachael Mason as reserve. Most of the team was billeted and some members found they had a forty minute journey to reach Narrow Neck Beach each day.

The first race was sailed in light conditions against Westland High and we won it quite easily. The second day's racing, against Fairfield College, was abandoned due to lack of wind. It was resailed the next day with another win for us. Our next races were against Christchurch, Cook Islands, Otumotai and Auckland Grammar. Unfortunately we failed to register another win.

Our overall placing was 11th equal out of 18 — we felt this was very creditable as we drew three of the top teams in our heats — Auckland Grammar were the eventual winners.

On the Tuesday night all teams attended a formal dinner at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the most elite Yacht Club in NZ, along with past and present

Olympic team members. I'm sure all team members agree that it was an evening to remember.

The team arrived home very tired but with a most enjoyable and memorable week behind us. We hope Wanganui High School can represent the Wanganui-Manawatu district again in 1985.

— I. Walker

COLOURS AND MERITS AWARDS

Term 3, 1983

VOLLEYBALL:

F. Laird, T. Claridge, K. Watkins, J. Quirk

CROSS-COUNTRY:

J. Coughlan, L. Fox, J. Mahoney, T. Phillips, J. Hogg, C. Mahoney, J. Silk, D. Shingles, A. Petherick, R. Constantine, B. Lockett, K. Bishop, A. Tong, L. Lance, R. Brown, K. Hobson, M. Hodson, M. Holmes, J. Phillips, D. Hamilton-Gibbs, A. Rodgers.

Term 1, 1984:

CRICKET:

M. Blakeley, C. Dickenson, S. Gardner, A. Gifford, M. Hodson, M. Holmes, T. Marshall, E. Watson.

ROWING:

K. Bell, N. Benson, K. Broadfoot, L. Broadhead, N. Forlong, P. Grant, S. Kaua, C. Kingdom, A. Lewin, K. Low, T. Lusher, L. Morgan, S. Pearson, W. Quirk, A. Robinson, S. Scanlon, C. Smith, F. Symes, A. Young.

Merits — B. Saunders, V. Treadwell.

SWIMMING:

D. Garrett, K. Gowan, L. Hobson, A. Gifford, H. Spencer, L. Townsend, G. Waipara, B. Wakeling, G. Whyte.

Merits — T. McLaren, S. Faisst, D. Jonas.

LIFE-SAVING:

Merit — I. Walker

ATHLETICS:

S. Anthony, R. Constantine, L. Fox, B. Francis, R. Francis, J. Hogg, J. Mahoney, L. Mahoney, A. Moss, C. Paenui, T. Phillips, S. Su'a, H. Tatupu, T. McLaren, M. Hodson, M. Holmes, S. Kaua.

Term 2, 1984:

BASKETBALL:

S. Gardner, S. Su'a, H. Tatupu, M. Clyde, C. Round, M. Spencer, D. Gifford, P. Paurini.

DRAMA:

B. Siddall, G. Ander, L. Weekes, T. Donald, K. Arnold (Drama and Dance), J. McKenzie (Drama and Dance), K. Broadfoot (Drama and Dance), K. McConkey (Drama and Dance), R. Brough, K. Dale, C. Bishop.

Merits — N. Mallasch (Drama and Music), P. Lewis, T. Iwashita, A. Lawrence, J. Pachoud, Alison Lewin, P. McKnight, B. Cleveland, Anthony Lewin, A. Broadfoot, S. Round, N. Forlong, L. Page.

RUGBY:

J. Morrell, N. Benson, A. Rodgers, M. Taunton, G. Waipara, A. Gifford, N. Forlong, A. Robinson, M. Spencer, S. Su'a, H. Tatupu.

Merits — M. Haley, D. McKnight, D. Kinloch, D. Robinson, V. Holt, A. Palmer.

SOCCER:

D. Priddle, K. Silk, L. Page, T. Donald, K. Dale, R. Spicer, J. Moore, K. van Gemerden, T. Marshall, M. Blakeley, M. Holmes, G. Tinnion, M. Hodson, D. Newman, S. Gardner, V. Bell.

Merits — C. Anson, J. Hogg.

BASKETBALL:

Merits — D. Katene, J. Hamlin.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

K. Bell, L. Townsend, J. Pene, T. Phillips, T. Holt, S. Clyde, A. Bishop, L. Fox.

NETBALL COACHING:

R. Karena, R. Karena, S. Clyde, A. Bishop, L. Porteous, S. Kaua, D. Goldsmith, T. Holt, L. Armishaw, F. Symes, N. Abraham.

COACHING:

Merits — R. Karena, S. Clyde, A. Bishop, L. Porteous, S. Kaua, F. Symes, S. Ching, K. Hawira, S. Faisst, E. Cadogan, S. Head.

INDOOR HOCKEY:

L. Fox, C. Dickenson, J. Steele, L. Monks, P. Nelson.

HOCKEY:

A. Whareaitu, A. Thomson, L. Fox, C. Dickenson, J. Steele, L. Monks, P. Nelson, R. McCallum, B. Lee, A. McCormick, D. Forrest, J. Harvey, D. Jones, E. Kendrick, J. Kennedy, P. Jellyman, P. Roy.

MUSIC:

C. Bishop (Orchestra), E. Barker (Orchestra and Band), D. Berridge (Orchestra), S. Head (Chamber Music), S. Maxey (Orchestra), G. Lewis (Orchestra and Chamber Music), A. Robinson (Band), A. Gemmell (Orchestra), T. Gilbertson (Orchestra), M. Davidson (Orchestra), B. Carrig (Orchestra), M. Brandon (Orchestra and Choir), P. Wilson (Orchestra), M. Nutter (Choir), T. Falk (Choir).

Term 3, 1984:

CROSS-COUNTRY:

A. Walker, R. Claughton, T. McLaren, L. Mahoney, T. Phillips, L. Fox, R. Brown, J. Hogg, A. Bishop, T. Holt, A. Lewin, S. Munro, M. Rayner, G. Petherick, B. Lee, A. Rodgers, N. Forlong, M. Bran-

don, J. Brown, M. Holmes, M. Hodson, D. Hamilton-Gibbs, C. Silk, M. Lacey, G. Duxfield, R. Wall.

Merit — G. Tuffery

DEBATING:

B. Siddall, C. Bishop, T. Donald.

SHOOTING:

R. Travers

HOUSE COMMENTS

BALLANCE

Captain: John Moore

Deputy: Leanne Griggs

This year has been an exciting and enjoyable one for us, with full participation from both juniors and seniors, which has helped in this year's creditable record.

Ballance's tremendous house spirit has been a major factor in this year's success. Special thanks must go to the staff and the house representatives who did a wonderful job. Our thanks must also be extended to the students of Ballance House who have helped make this year such a success.

In the coming years, Ballance can only go from strength to strength with the participation and house spirit continuing on with the upcoming juniors and seniors. Thank you for a great year, Ballance.

— J.H.

BLEDISLOE

Captain: Solomon Su'a

Deputy: Toni Holt

Bledisloe began 1984 as one of the poorer performing houses from previous years. This had been due mainly to the lack of participation by the house members and also, the lack of house spirit.

A challenge was issued, after a relatively unsuccessful swimming sports — sixth place in competition and fourth place in participation — to everyone, to get in and participate in the house events and raise Bledisloe's image in the school.

The response was tremendous in the Athletic and Winter Sports, with all members from the House Captain to the third formers giving their full support. The results speak for themselves — third place for participation in the Athletics, and second place in the Winter Sports. Well done, Bledisloe!

— L.T.

COBHAM

Head Officials: Andrew Rodgers, Leigh Monks

Cobham House started off the year when entering the Swimming Sports. We had many good swimmers but we were unable to win the competition: but we did perform exceedingly well. The reward was good participation shown by all members of the house including the teachers in charge.

Cobham's team spiritedness and sense of jocularly, created a lot of enjoyment for all involved. Even though the house did achieve great heights in the house competitions, many members found themselves competing in the interschool athletics and cross-country as well as in various other events.

The tremendous feeling of togetherness can be attributed to the hours of good-humoured dedication of all staff members and all house officials, for without them, this year could not have been the same.

It has been a pleasure being a member of Cobham House in 1984.

— A.R. and L.M.

FREYBERG

Captain: Gina Carver

Deputy: Neil Forlong

During the year, Freyberg House has participated willingly in all events — showing good sportsmanship and good turnouts.

It was satisfying to see that people in the house offered their help as referees and organisers of teams without having to be asked to do so.

We were sad to see our House Captain, Gina Carver, leave us for a Student Exchange visit to America. We were also disappointed to lose our supervisor, Mr Boyle, to Canada. The enthusiasm and leadership of these two will be missed considerably.

1984 has been an enjoyable year for Inter-House Competitions, with Freyberg always displaying very good House Spirit.

— D.G.

JELLCOE

Captain: Lynda Porteous

Deputy: Simon Round

Throughout the year, Jellicoe has demonstrated good house spirit and co-operation. Although we succeeded in gaining a few major placings during the year, the house always possessed a will to do well in all activities. Through a lot of encouragement, time, interest and patience from the supervising teachers, not to mention the House leaders, the house progressed well during the year.

Despite a lack of athletic ability, Jellicoe members were always enthusiastic. This was evident in all forms in the House. Our house colours, brown/beige, which we found most difficult to dress to, did not cause any mistaken identities. This was largely due to a large and loud vocal group of supporters.

Jellicoe never became discouraged and always showed good sportsmanship to all other houses despite those people in blue, namely Bledisloe, who seemed to marginally beat us every time!

Overall, Jellicoe House gained placings in most events, but more importantly, good house spirit, good participation and eager enthusiasm, made Jellicoe a success.

— F.G.

REEVES

Captain: Sharon Phillips

Deputy: Alison Lewin

Reeves House had extremely good spirit and participation in all activities during the year, from both those members competing and those spectating. We were always the best turned-out and organised house in the school and although we had no athletic experts, most students were prepared to participate.

— S.P.

SEDDON

Captain: Tracy Donald

Deputy: Andrew Gifford

During this year, Seddon has proved itself a force to be reckoned with. Although we started out with a dread-

ful loss in the Tug-o-War at the Third Form camp, we have finished the year in good style with a number of placings to our credit.

But as our staff members kept informing us, it wasn't only how we won but also how we got there. They laid great emphasis on words like 'participation' and 'everyone' in order to get all Seddon members to take part in whatever sporting event happened to be on.

Hopefully Seddon will continue to be a house which we can all be proud of, and I wish them all the best for future competitions.

— T.D.

JUNIOR PRIZE LIST – 1983

SPORTS TROPHIES

Trevor Lockett Rosebowl for Rugby: V. HOLT, L. NYSSSEN
Most Improved Girls' Hockey Player: C. DICKENSON
The Todd Murray Memorial Trophy for Junior Hockey: P. ROY
Junior Cross Country: P. WALL
The Earle Trophy for the Best Third Form Girl Athlete: N. TAMATI
Outstanding Junior Boy Athlete: D. ROBINSON
Girls' Sprints: A. MOSS
Netball (Best Defensive players): C. PENETITO, D. WATSON
Netball (Best Attacking players): N. SU'A T. MATTHEWS

THIRD FORM CLASS PRIZES

3L: 1st D. Phillips, 2nd S. Shalav, 3rd L. Marr. Merits: M. Gardiner, J. Pluck, R. Irving, H. Pearson, K. Irvine, S. Morris.
3Dn: 1st R. Fahey, 2nd K. Hapimarika, 3rd C. Coe. Merits: D. Burt, D. Farr.
3Ja: 1st R. De Zoysa, 2nd A. Moss, 3rd R. Bell. Merits: V. Smith, N. Rawhiti, M. Amundsen, J. Chapman.
3G: 1st J. Williams, 2nd G. Canham, 3rd N. Ranchhod. Merits: F. Milne, L. Dickenson, M. Garrett, J. Herdman, R. Abraham.
3Jo: 1st B. Waipara, 2nd F. Hogg, 3rd B. Brown. Merits: D. Cochrane.
3H: 1st C. Bridge, 2nd T. Ward, 3rd S. Lumsden. Merits: S. Vetharaniam, T. Goldsmith, W. Duxfield, G. Stewart, R. Johnston.
3S: 1st N. Su'a, 2nd M. Palmer, 3rd K. Green.
3N: 1st S. Nitz, 2nd W. Strong, 3rd P. Wall. Merits: B. Stent, C. Osborne, C. Tuffin, M. Boyer.
3T: 1st D. Watson, 2nd M. Rodgers, 3rd B. Spencer. Merits: M. Donson, R. Wood.

THIRD FORM OPTION AWARDS:

Economic Studies: 1st S. Lumsden, 2nd V. Smith, 3rd A. Moss. Merits: D. Watson, C. Osborne.
French: 1st R. De Zoysa, 2nd F. Milne, 3rd S. Shalav. Merits: J. Chapman, J. Williams, S. Vetharaniam.
Japanese: 1st S. Shalav, 2nd R. Bell, 3rd D. Phillips. Merits: S. Morris, A. Moss, B. Waipara, J. Williams, J. Chapman, C. Bridge.
German: 1st F. Hogg, 2nd F. Milne, 3rd G. Canham. Merits: K. Irvine.
Maori: 1st B. Spencer, 2nd W. Nicholson, 3rd J. Pluck. Merits: R. Abraham, R. Abraham, A. Hemi.
Home Economics: 1st T. Hodge, 2nd D. Cook, 3rd T. Ward. Merits: V. Craig, V. Lundy.
Woodwork: 1st D. Cochrane, 2nd G. Butters, 3rd G. Stewart.
Engineering: 1st D. Fulford, 2nd B. Saunders, 3rd equal B. Stent, M. Dimes. Merits: M. Gardiner, T. Humphrey, C. Gillum.
Typewriting: 1st M. Garrett, 2nd D. Sharpe, 3rd T. Smith. Merits: J. Clark, S. Burgess, J. Herdman, Kate Irvine.
Technical Drawing: 1st D. Cochrane, 2nd R. Irving, 3rd D. Watson. Merits: D. Fulford, M. Donson, A. Bothof, S. Nitz, S. Morris, W. Duxfield, G. Canham, J. Davidson, J. Pluck.

FOURTH FORM CLASS PRIZES

4D: 1st L. Schiebli, 2nd D. Gifford, 3rd D. Taylor. Merits: T. McLaren, S. Edmonds, G. Petherick, P. Roy, D. Green, S. Faisst.
4Ld: 1st A. Gemmell, J. Whibley, 3rd M. Davidson. Merits: T. Gilbertson, S. Ashton, C. Anson, T. Falk, S. Sangster, J. Steele.
4B: 1st K. McKenzie, 2nd P. Wilson, 3rd S. Pavarno. Merits: G. Tasker, T. Taylor, J. Jenkins.
4C: 1st M. For, 2nd T. Mateparae, 3rd K. Pickard. Merits: S. Collins, S. Beach, C. Reu, R. West, K. Low.
4Ln: 1st M. Clyde, 2nd J. Funnell, 3rd J. Perkins. Merits: S. Moore, J. Poad, M. Dilloway, K. Brown, S. Nixon, M. Goodwin.
4H: 1st S. Brown, 2nd J. Wooding, 3rd F. Bell. Merits: B. Cleveland, C. Roylance.
4S: 1st J. Whitlock, 2nd J. McKenzie, 3rd C. Gibson. Merits: K. Wooding, H. Ross, A. Cook.
4T: 1st D. Nelson, 2nd equal R. Wall, M. Brandon. Merits: S. Hart-

VOGEL

Captain: Suzie Clyde

Deputy: Brent Siddall

In the next few years, Vogel House will never be short of talent with much promise and enthusiasm in the junior school.

Vogel House could pride itself on being well-organised in all events thanks to the efforts of its staff members, leaders and House representatives.

All in all, Vogel House had a successful and enjoyable season, and hopefully the future will prove even brighter for it.

— S.C.

well, S. Hussey, S. Burke.

4W: 1st I. Beaumont, 2nd P. Hyde, 3rd M. Bishop. Merits: D. Joseph, K. Smith, F. Tuapola, D. Kingi.

FOURTH FORM OPTION AWARDS:

Japanese: 1st T. Gilbertson, 2nd K. McKenzie, 3rd A. Gemmell. Merits: J. Perkins, T. McLaren, K. Carthew.
French: 1st K. McKenzie, 2nd equal J. Funnell, K. Vincent. Merits: C. Gibson, J. Steele, K. Jamieson, J. Wooding.
German: 1st L. Schiebli, 2nd S. Faisst, 3rd D. Green. Merits: M. Davidson, K. Jamieson.
Engineering: 1st S. McDowell, 2nd R. Travers, 3rd M. Goodwin. Merits: V. Holt, G. Hoskin, S. Park, A. Palmer.
Art: 1st S. McGinniss, 2nd J. Funnell, 3rd S. Pearson.
Typewriting: 1st equal L. Schiebli, F. Bell, 3rd S. Hussey. Merits: S. Edmonds, J. Wooding, C. Smith, B. Carrig, G. Grenside, A. Willcocks, D. Nelson.
Technical Drawing: 1st D. Taylor, 2nd J. Jenkins, 3rd equal G. Dunkerton, M. Knight. Merits: M. Goodwin, P. Carter, R. Wall, S. Pavarno, D. Gifford, S. Moore, C. Paenui.
Maori: 1st P. Wilson, 2nd C. Paenui, 3rd B. Hika. Merits: T. Mateparae, D. Kingi.
Economic Studies: 1st D. Nelson, 2nd J. Whitlock, 3rd J. Whibley. Merits: M. Clyde.
Home Economics: 1st P. Wilson, 2nd T. Falk, 3rd S. Hartfield. Merits: J. Davies, D. Duncan.
Woodwork: 1st M. Brandon, 2nd G. Dunkerton, 3rd J. Brown.

SPECIAL AND SUBJECT AWARDS:

Junior Typing: T. HARDIE
3rd Form Art: V. SMITH
Personal Development: D. BURT
Art Improvement: W. DUXFIELD
Music: T. GILBERTSON
Ivan Higgins Scholarship for 1984: HELEN HOLMES

INTERFORM COMPETITION:

Third Form — 3L
Fourth Form — 4B

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION — 1983:

Almond Cup for Inter-house Swimming: Reeves
Gray Shield for Athletics: Ballance
Heads Shield for House Championship: Ballance

PITMAN TYPEWRITING EXAMINATION — 1984:

First Class Passes (Advanced): N. Costelloe, J. Dwane, R. Handley, D. Hodson, S. Johnson.
Passes: R. Brown, S. Ching, P. Grant, S. Jones, E. Watson.
First Class Passes (Intermediate): C. Anson, F. Bell, S. Edmonds, G. Grenside, S. Humphrey, T. Hardie, K. Loveridge, S. Stokes, T. Taylor, A. Willcocks.
Passes: J. Bishop, K. Brewer, P. Hubers, S. Hussey, D. Jonas, J. Kendall, T. McGinniss, F. Morris, S. Osborne, C. Smith, K. Webster.
Elementary Passes: J. Arthur, J. Black, S. Bukholt, A. Burke, L. Costello, M. Garrett, A. Gibbs, T. Hague, H. Hodgson, K. Irvine, P. Knipe, T. Morgan, D. Sharpe, T. Smith, V. Smith, F. Walton, D. Wilson.

TRADE CERTIFICATION BOARD EXAMINATIONS — 1984

TCB Stage I Typewriting: M. Hall, P. Grant, D. Hodson, S. Johnson, L. Mahoney.

SENIOR PRIZE LIST – 1984

SPORTS TROPHIES:

Girls Cross Country: L. MAHONEY
Senior Sprints: M. HODSON
Girls Sprints - All Grades: T. PHILLIPS
Senior Cross Country: M. HOLMES
Most Improved Cricketer: S. GARDNER
Most Improved Girl Hockey Player: L. FOX
Soccer: S. MOORE
Tramping and Outward Bound: S. PARK
The Trevor Lockett Rosebowl for Rugby: M. HALEY, C. SMITH, C. BISHOP, C. OSBORNE
Outstanding All-Round Defensive Player (Netball): A. BISHOP, S. KAU, D. WATSON, H. HOLMES
Outstanding All-Round Attacking Player (Netball): T. HOLT, R. KARENA, N. SUA, K. FALCONER
Most Outstanding Rower: C. SMITH
Dux Ludorum (Girls Sport): L. FOX
Dux Ludorum (Special Merit): T. PHILLIPS
Dux Ludorum (Boys Sport): M. HOLMES
Dux Ludorum (Special Merit): M. HODSON

FIFTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES:

Merits:
English: K. Brown, R. Cloughton, B. Cleveland, T. Cunningham, M. Dalley, M. Davidson, S. Edmonds, J. Funnell, A. Gemmell, S. Groves, B. Hika, G. Hoskin, P. Hubers, W. Malcolm, L. Morgan, S. McGuinness, M. Nutter, D. Peachey, H. Spencer, K. Tizard, S. Wright
Mathematics: S. Brown, J. Carse, B. Cleveland, S. Edmonds, M. For, K. Jamieson, J. Jenkins, Y. McConachie, T. McLaren, S. Moore, K. Pickard, L. Scott, J. Smith, K. Smith
Science: M. Brandon, S. Brown, G. Ballard, R. Curry, M. For, T. Glenney, G. Hoskin, J. Jenkins, D. Nelson, S. Nixon, P. Wilson
Geography: K. Arnold, C. Dickenson, S. Everitt, T. Gilbertson, J. Jenkins, S. Park, P. Wilson
Technical Drawing: G. Ballard, D. Gifford, M. Knight, S. Pavarno
Accounting: D. Nelson, J. Whibley
Typing: C. Anson, S. Hartwell, S. Humphrey, K. Loveridge, T. Taylor, K. Vincent
Biology: K. Low
Art: S. Burke, S. Groves
History: S. Brown, S. Collins, S. Edmonds, D. Gifford, J. McKenzie, K. Silk
Physics: P. Baily, G. Barns, M. For, M. Goodwin, S. Nixon, K. Smith
Engineering: G. Ballard, G. Hoskin
Clothing: P. Avison
Home Economics: P. Avison
French: J. Steele
German: J. Elliott
Maori: G. Allan, T. Mateparae, C. Paenui
Japanese: A. Gemmell, J. McKenzie, B. Wilson

SUBJECT AWARDS:

T. Falk, 3 Home Economics; S. Sangster, 3 Woodwork; D. Rigg, 3 Clothing; J. Whibley, 3 History; K. Brown, 3 Typing; J. Whitlock, 3 Accounting; J. Jenkins, 3 Technical Drawing; A. Gemmell, 3 Economic Studies; T. McLaren, 3 equal English; J. Wooding, 3 Geography; 3 Biology; B. Hika, 2 Maori; S. Faisst, 2 German; T. Glenney, 2 Home Economics; T. Brockway, 2 Clothing; G. Duxfield, 2 equal Engineering; S. McDowell, 2 equal Engineering; K. Pickard, 2 Physics; W. Quirk, 2 equal Art; S. Collins, 2 Biology; G. Grenside, 2 Typing; M. For, 2 Accounting; C. Wakeling, 2 Technical Drawing; G. Petherick, 2 Geography; D. Nelson, 2 Mathematics, 2 equal History, 2 Economic Studies; G. Dunkerton, Best Technical, 2 Woodwork; F. Scott, 1 Home Economics; D. Rowland, 1 Clothing; R. Travers, 1 Engineering; Cathryn Reu, 1 Biology; J. Perkins, 1 English; D. Taylor, 1 Technical Drawing, 2 equal Art, 3 Physics; J. Funnell, 1 Science, 1 Art, 2 French; P. Wilson, 1 Maori, 2 English; M. Brandon, 1 Accounting, 1 Woodwork; L. Schiebil, 1 Typing, 1 German; R. Wall, 1 Geography, 2 Science, 3 Japanese; T. Gilbertson, 1 History, 1 Japanese, 3 English, 1 Music; M. Clyde, 1 Economic Studies, 1 Physics, 2 equal History, 3 Mathematics; K. MacKenzie, 1 Mathematics, 1 French, 2 Japanese, 3 Science, Best Language Student.

SIXTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES:

Merits:
English: D. Berridge, M. Blakeley, L. Cochrane, M. Dougherty, L. Griggs, A. Hainsworth, J. Harvey, M. Holmes, B. Hooper, P. Jellyman, S. Jones, K. Jonker, T. Lusher, L. Mahoney, M. Matsis, C. Nyland, E. Oldfield, T. Saunders, D. Strawbridge, S. Tate, C. Teki, J. Van Dyk, J. Willis, P. Booth
Mathematics: D. Berridge, S. Gardner, D. Garrett, E. Hood, K. Jonker, T. Lusher, D. Newman, L. Porteous, C. Smith
Biology: D. Berridge, K. Broadfoot, R. Constantine, J. Dwane, D. Goldsmith, T. Lusher, K. Stormont
Art: G. Lewis, H. Maddocks, L. Spicer
Art History: G. Lewis, L. Spicer
Electronics: G. Conley, E. Kendrick, H. Maddocks
Home Economics: K. Hawira, E. Oldfield
German: J. Layburn, S. Maxey

Japanese: M. Lacey

Economics: J. Layburn, M. Matsis, P. Seiler

Geography: A. Bishop, J. Layburn, J. Peffers

Physics: P. Booth, S. Gardner, E. Hood, M. Lacey, T. Lusher, H. Maddocks, G. Newman, T. Saunders, P. Seiler, B. Wakeling, K. Wiltshire

Chemistry: M. Blakeley, L. Fox, E. Hood, J. Jaquiere, D. Omundsen

Accounting: A. Hainsworth, J. Kennedy

History: L. Cochrane, T. McIntyre, L. Porteous

Nga Mahi Tuku Iho: M. Haley

Computer Studies: P. Booth, R. Brough, E. Hood, M. Salisbury, C. Silk

Typing: P. Grant, S. Jones, P. Raisin

Technical Drawing: T. Nitz

SIXTH FORM

SUBJECT AWARDS

L. Carvell, 3 equal Home Economics; S. Phillips, 3 equal Home Economics; K. Kiriona, 3 equal Nga Mahi Tuku Iho; J. Wilks, 3 equal Nga Mahi Tuku Iho; D. Garrett, 3 Typing; G. Newton, 3 Electronics; R. Brough, 3 Technical Drawing; P. Jellyman, 3 Biology; A. Lawrence, 2 Nga Mahi Tuku Iho; L. Mahoney, 2 Typing; V. Head, 2 Technical Drawing; Lisa Cochrane, 2 equal Art History; J. Peffers, 2 Maori; H. Maddocks, 2 Computer Studies; B. Hooper, 2 Accounting; P. Seiler, 2 Biology; D. Goldsmith, 2 equal Mathematics; P. Neil, 2 equal Art History, 3 History; D. Berridge, 2 equal Japanese, 3 Economics; L. Fox, 2 Geography, 3 English; P. Booth, 2 French, 3 Chemistry; K. van Gemerden, 2 Home Economics; 3 Accounting; K. Wiltshire, 2 Chemistry, 2 equal German; K. Broadfoot, 2 English, 2 Japanese; B. Hika, 1 Nga Mahi Tuku Iho; M. Hall, 1 Typing; M. Harris, 1 Art History; K. Jaquiere, 1 Home Economics; L. Petley, 1 Maori; E. Hood, 1 Biology; K. Jonker, 1 Accounting, 3 Geography; M. Blakeley, 1 German, 3 equal French; S. Maxey, 1 Art, 1 French; M. Holmes, 1 Economics, 1 History; D. Omundsen, 1 Physics, 1 Electronics; E. Barker, 1 Computer Studies, 2 History, 2 equal German, 3 equal French; M. Sharpe, 1 Technical Drawing, 2 Physics, 2 Electronics, 2 equal Mathematics; D. Hamilton-Gibbs, 1 English, 1 Geography, 2 Economics, 3 Computer Studies; G. Wai-para, 1 Mathematics, 1 Chemistry, 1 Japanese, 3 Physics.

SEVENTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES:

Merits:
English: S. Berridge, T. Donald, A. Lewin, L. O'Brien, F. Page, M. Park, A. Petherick, L. Townsend, L. Weekes
Mathematics: J. Pachoud, S. Round, J. Vaughan, A. Robinson, G. Tinnion, C. Wakeling
Biology: S. Berridge
Physics: A. Gifford, M. James
Chemistry: M. James
Economics: M. Haley
Geography: J. Moore
History: T. Donald, B. Siddall
Art: S. Bardsley

SUBJECT AWARDS:

J. Taylor, 3 Social Sciences Perspectives; L. O'Brien, 3 Chemistry; S. Berridge, 2 Social Sciences Perspectives; M. James, 2 equal Mathematics; J. Vaughan, 2 Biology, 2 Chemistry, 3 English; Stuart Mackintosh, 2 equal Mathematics, 2 Physics, 2 Accounting; M. Hall, 1 Social Science Perspectives; D. Turney, 1 Art; M. Haley, 1 Accounting; A. Petherick, 1 Geography; L. Weekes, 1 German; D. Fowles, 1 equal Applied Mathematics, 3 Accounting; B. Siddall, 1 Art History, 2 equal English; M. Park, 1 Biology, 2 Economics, 2 Geography; S. Round, 1 Physics, 1 Chemistry, 3 Applied Maths; P. McKnight, 1 History, 1 Economics, 1 French, 2 equal English; C. Bishop, 1 English, 1 Mathematics, 1 equal Applied Mathematics, 1 Japanese, 2 History.

ACADEMIC PRIZES

Economics: M. PARK

Chemistry: S. ROUND

Technical Drawing: M. SHARPE

Girls' Technical Drawing Trophy: T. SAUNDERS

Commercial Department Scholar of the Year: L. MAHONEY

Most Improved Art Student: S. MAXEY

Best Woodworking Student: M. BRANDON

Best Engineering Student: R. TRAVERS

Home Economics: K. VAN GEMERDEN

Computing Cup: M. SHARPE

SPECIAL AWARDS

General Excellence among Maori Pupils: M. HALEY

Maoritanga and Maori Culture: R. KARENA, R. KARENA, K. KIRIONA

Contribution to the School Community: A. LAWRENCE

School Music: T. GILBERTSON, E. BARKER

Most Improved Debater: M. BRANDON

Senior Public Speaking: H. SPENCER

Drama: T. DONALD

Self Improvement: J. HALLIGAN

Best All-Round Pupil in Form Five: R. WALL

Service to the School: E. OLDFIELD

HEAD PREFECTS

The Principal's Prizes for Head Prefects:

TONI HOLT
PAUL McKNIGHT

PROXIME ACCESSIT
SIMON ROUND

DUX OF THE SCHOOL
CATHERINE BISHOP

SCHOOL CLASS LISTS - 1984

A = Arrived during year L = Left during year 2 = Second Generation

3C - Mr Cormack

Barrie J., Brasting K., Brewer D., Brockway P. (2), Carter D., Cosford M. (2), Hauti J., Lendrum A., Phillips R., Smith K., Tyler G., Whitton C., Beattie K., Dowdle M., Eales M., Fahey J., McDonnell S., McKenzie S., MacPherson T., Matthews M., Palmer T., Pover L., Rayner M., Rhodes K., Rudge S., Tataurangi E., Wells R., Willis J., Wilson B.

3Dn - Miss Snell

Goater B., McCallum C., McKenzie R., Munro P. (L), Paki A., Tamati T., Wright G., Zeilstra P., Hurst T., Tataroa T., Wilson J., Taylor L., Clemens J. (A), McMinn R. (A), Williams C. (A).

3Dx - Mr Dix

Baker J., Cairncross G., Douglas D. (A), Freeman P. (2), Grootveld K. (2), Morgan S., Pedley D. (2), Pointon C. (2), Reu N., Robertson M., Sheppard G. (2), Tamati T. (A), Turton M., Walker K., Butler J. (2), Capewell L., Donald A., Franklin-Browne J. (2), Frith K. (2), Hazeldine S. (2), Hughes A. (2), Leen T., McDowall W., McKay V., Pedder V., Rangiwhetu G., Rodgers J., Sharratt J. (L), Simonsen A., Tamati P., Watkin V.

3G - Mr Goodwin

Bishop F., Boyd M., Bradshaw N., Brown C., Donald A., Gibbons A., McDonald C. (2), Nutter M., O'Leary M., Potbury W., Rumney J., Skedgwell S., Tyson L., Wieringa R., Brewer R., Browne D., Cosford D. (2), Cotterill P., Forbes A., Hedgman K., Kempton M., Loveridge D., Matsis A., Morris K. (2), Paul K., Prichard B., Randle L., Smith C., Stevens A. (2), Thompson K., White R. (2).

3H - Mr Hodges

Carse R., Clark J., Funnell M., Glasgow B. (2), Glenn R. (2), Gordon C., Hampton M., Hannay G., Hearfield C., Mair C., Papple H., White J., Baker K., Cromarty L., Craven V., Deans J., Downes J., Falk S., Gibson W. (2), Hainsworth R., Head M., Lloyd A. (L), Mackie T. (A), McDowall H., Rodgers R., Sixtus W., Smith M., Tennent T., Truong K., Walsh K.

3J - Mr Jones

Beitcher G., Buller R., Carvell J. (2), De Zoysa J., Earnest D., Gillingham K., Green R., Hamilton-Gibbs B., Hughes E., Penitito D. (A), Stewart J., Te Patu K. (2), Whareaitu M., Willis M., Broadhead A., Brough C., Bullock P., For J., Gibbs L., Grace S., Holmes H., Hussey K. (A), Jamieson L., Jones D., Maddocks C., Mahoney D., Murdoch T. (2), Parry N. (L), Powell R., Ranchhod R., Saunders N., Watson D.

3L - Mr Loader

Adam C., Cox S., Dando A., Midford M., Munson S., Russell A., Smith K., Souness M., Spencer G., Spink B., Whitlock R., Wilson M., Ashton N., Brown R., Derby C., Dickenson R., Duthie S., Gaskin O. (2), Grant A., Head K., Lockett K., MacKenzie K., Nixon C., Omundsen S., Parkes R., Roberts C., Rowe T., Vincent R., Williams L., Wilson P.

3S - Mr Scott

Bunn N., Deane P., Gannon A. (2), Gardiner J., Gilbertson P., Johnston T., McLeod C., Morgan G. (2), Reweti N., Scott V., Simcox M., Whibley P., Ballard W., Beauchamp N., Cantillon M., Falconer K., Fenerty A., Foster C., Francis M., Gillum H., Hawkins C., Hobson K., McDowell K., Matthews S., Park T., Rhodes S., Smith P., Turner J. (2), Warner J. (2).

3V - Miss Vousden

Anson L., Atkinson A., Baker M., Brandon S., Butler C., Cameron R., Chaney J., Clapham S., Conley B., Gibbs A. (2), Malcolm A., Wilson J., Elliott B., Broadhead P., Clyde J., Davidson K. (2), Drayton P., Forward J., Hartley J. (2), Hina S. (2), Irvine A., King J., Kingdom N., Luff K., Marsh I., Olliver S. (2), Pene J., Phillips S., Scott D., Worthington A., Hartwell A.

4A - Miss Aitken

Abraham R., Barns B. (2), Butters G., Filer S., Hawkins B. (2), Hill S., Kendrick P., McGinniss K., Nicholson W., Robinson D., Shaw S., Sutcliffe R., Wilson P., Biggar D., Canham G., Costello L. (2), Lamont E., Garrett M., Gibson K., Herdman J., Izett S., James C., McDonnell K., McKnight P. (2), McMeekin C. (2), Milne F., Marshall R., Ranchhod N., Walton F., Whibley A., Williams J., Dickinson L.

4B - Mr Burgess

Bell R., Cox S. (L), Dimes M., Fothergill K., Fulford D., Gillum C., Hodson T. (2), Howorth D., Lewin A., Nyssen L., Sutherland K., Walker J. (L), Walker, J. (A), Amundsen M., Arthur J., Ball A.,

Burroughs R., Chapman J., De Zoysa R., Fowles L., Hague T. (2), Hobson L., Loader M., Moss A., Parore S., Rawhiti N., Reeve K., Robinson L., Smith K., Smith V., Tamati N., Whyte K., Wilson G.

4Dn - Miss Robertson

Allan M. (2), Bishop C. (2), Crook J., Donson M., Goreham P. (A), Greig T., Hammond S. (2), Hodgson G., Kelly A., McDonnell D. (L), McKenzie C. (2), Miller N., Binns P., Black J., Cook D., Hawkins M. (2), Hodge T., Knipe P., Lawrence R. (2), McNaught F., Patea T., Raisin C., Rodgers M., Scanlan S., Spencer B., Triplow A., Watson D., Wilks C., Wood R., Worsell P.

4GRP - Mr Tonkin

Gray D., Hannay G. (3rd), Kingi R., Luke P., McCallum C. (3rd), Harvey B., Stevens M., Tataroa T. (3rd).

4H - Mr Heath

Abraham R., Bell J., Bothof A., Gemmell J., Jaggard D. (2), Johnston C., Johnson R., Kilpatrick M., Kirk K., O'Brien K. (2), Saunders B., Sinclair D., Smithson R. (A), Stewart G. (L), Watkin A., Bridge C., Broadhead L., Clark J., Cox R. (2), Davis R., Dunlop R., Duxfield W., Goldsmith T., Lumsden S., Mulu F., Robertson V., Scott C., Spence J., Stokes J. (L), Su'a N., Sula J. (2), Turner J. (L), Vetharanian S., Ward T. (2).

4L - Mrs Luoni

Chamberlain M., Ching R., Gardiner M., Glentworth M., Hooker S., Humphrey T., Jones A., McKay P., Morris S. (2), Partner J. (A.L.), Paul M., Pluck J., Potaka F., Roddick P., Townsend D., Tui E. (A.), Burgess S., Burnette L. (2), Duncan A., Gibbs A., Gilbert A., Holman S., Irvine K., Irving R. (L), Kendrick M., McGhie T., Marr L., Pearson H., Pedder S., Phillips D., Richards C., Shalav S., Smith T. (2), Tatupu L., Timmins R.

4O - Mr O'Hara

Anderson C., Beitcher S., Brown P., Fairweather J. (2), Hall S., Hemi A. (2), Hiri M., Howieson C., Lamb N. (2), McLean, D. (L), Oliver C. (2), Palmer M., Taunton D., Truong K., Whibley D. (2), Cockburn S., Collins T., Collings E., Fantham T., Green K., Kendrick L. (2), Martin S., O'Connor S., Paenui A., Pryce P. (2), Sanger J., Sharpe D. (2), Sibbald F., Townsend W., Turner D. (2).

4R - Mr Rowland

Browning R., Lilford C., Nitz S., Osborne C., Ratana D. (L), Smith A., Stent B. (2), Strong W., Ta'ala S., Wakeling C., Wall P., Wright M. (2), Borthwick L. (L), Boyer M., Burke A. (2), Butters K. (2), Cairns J., Cook J. (L), Davidson J., Head L., Hitchcox C. (A), Hopkins J. (A, L.), Kenny T., Mason R. (2), Miller K., O'Neill M., Riddle Y. (A), Sharpe A., Tuffin C., Wadsworth J. (2).

4Tr - Mr Taylor

Burt D., Coe C., Fahey R. (L), Hapimarika K., Hodgson G. (2), Nahi T. (L), Paki, T., Peacock W., Sutton R. (2), White A., Farr D., McKenzie T. (2), Tidd L.

4Tn - Mr Donne

Adam P., Brownie B., Cochrane D., Haigh S., Hair J. (L), Matthews R., Moore S., Phillips A., Rae S. (L), Tran H., Waipara B., Yalden R., Berry J., Conybeer K., Craig V., Hall H., Hogg F., Hook T., Hubers A., Love D. (2), Lundy V., MacGregor S., Morgan T., Payne M., Potaka B. (2), Slaughter J. (2), Smith J., Tasi J. (L), Taylor M., Van Wamel S.

5Gr - Mr Greenwood

Ballard G., Brown J., Butler N., Carter P., Duthie D., Knight M., Lamb M. (2), McMeekin W., Moore S., Springer C., Tataroa J., Tanerau C., Williams G. (L), Bloor L., Carrig B., Curry R., Edmonds S., Faist S., Hartfield S., Humphrey S., Manning M., Myhill T. (2), Parker C., Priddle D., Reu C., Sorensen C. (L), Stormont E., Webster K.

5J - Mr Jones

Anthony S., Barns G. (2), Cleveland B., Duncan S., Dunkerton G., Gifford D., Halbert B. (A), Halvorson M., Kealey I., McClintock S., Marr G., Pavarro S., Pikimaui A., Prichard B., Rodgers J. (L), Roy P., Smith K., Travers R., Wilks R., Brown K., Funnell J., Gemmell A., Grenside G., Haley P., Kingdon C., Paenui C., Tasker G., Walker A.

5L - Mr Lakeland

Carse J., Casson A., Fenerty A. (L), Francis B., Gillingham S., Henare J. (L), Holt V., Mitchell C., Newell S. (2), Sula L. (2), Truong M., Whitton P., Baxter K., Elliott J., Hickford L. (L), Jackson M. (2), Jamieson K., Kingi D. (L), MacKenzie K., Perkins J., Stevens A., Taylor T., Tizard K., Iuria L., Upton T., Warahi P., (L), Wright S. (2).

5 R — Mr Rankin

Albert E. (L), Broadfoot A., Butler A., Forrest K., Goodwin M., Henderson R. (A), Lawrence A., McGinniss S. (2), Malcolm W., Peacock L., Penitito T., Sangster S. (2), Simcox A. (1), Smith K., Stokes S., Wall R., Ashton S., Anson C., Brewer K., Collins S., Davidson M., Green D., Hussey S., Pearson S., Poat J., Ross H., Scott L., Silk K., Weekes T., Wilson B.

5S — Mr Styles

Aitchison M. (2), Beaumont I. (L), Bleackley J., Dilloway M., Jackson M., Jackson S., Joseph D., McDowell S., Papple C. (L), Rawhiti D., Ririnui R., Swain J. (L), Dalley M., Groves S., Hika B., Hubers P., Johnston S., Kendall J., Matthews S. (2), Matthews T., Morris F., Scott A., Smith R. (2), Steele J. (2), Vincent K., Whibley J., Wilson D. (2), Wooding J.

5Tr — Mrs Titter

Baily, P. Barns A. (L), Brown S., Burke S. (2), Everitt S., James C., Kirkwood M., Mateparae T., Pickard K., Rayner M., Tantrum P. (L), Ankins T. (L), Bishop J., Brockway T. (2), Cook A., Falk T., Glenny T. (2), Gordon K. (L), Harper K. (2), Hodgson H. (2), Kingi, R. (A) Lapoupe L., McLean T. (2), Morrissey N., Nicholson Y. (L), Orr, C. (2), Peachey D., Scott F., Swain J. (L), Tidd R.

5TY — Miss Tilley

Binns K., Bristol M. (L), Dilloway R., Downes D., Ford A. (2), Gilbertson T. (2), Hyde Ph., Jarrett B., Munro S., Paurini P., Rowe K., Whitlock J., Roylance C. (L), Bell K., Claughton R., Jaquiere M., McKenzie J., McLaren T., Nutter M., Patea E., Quirk W., Rayner M. (L), Smith C., Smith J. (2), Treadwell V., Whareaitu A., Wilson P., Wooding K., Young A.

5W — Mr Watling

Bennett S. (L), Bishop M., Caskey J., Clyde M., Hamlin J., Palmer A., Park S., Wells A., White S., White T., Williams P., Wilson C., Beach S., Dickenson C., Duncan D., Hardie T. (2), Low K., McGregor L., McGinniss T., McPherson M. (L), Monks N., Morgan L., Nelson D., Rodgers J., Rudhall L., Tuapola F., Fox S. (A)

5WL — Mr A. Wilson

Bell N., Brandon M., Corfe John (A), Cunningham T., Dawson R., Duxfield S., Gibson C., Hoskin G., Jenkins J., Nixon S., Nyland R. (L), Petherick G., Round C., Roylance C. (L), Taylor D., Arnold K., Bell F., Bukholt S., Clemens K. (L), Davies J., Dunn T., For M., Gibson L. (L), Hartwell S., Jonas D., Loveridge K., Mackintosh A., Schiebli L., Spencer H. Willcocks A.

AFS = American Field Scholar

Rot - Rotary Exchange Student

6B — Mr Boyle

Allan G. (2), Allen S., Conley G., Cox G. (2), Cox T., Deane I., Downes M., Gowan K. (L), Harvey J., Head W., Lee B., Maguire S. (L), Mobbs R., Murchie A., Todd P. (L), Willcocks M., Andrews P. (L), Bycroft M., Clark T. (L), Dougherty M., Griggs L., Karena R., Karena R., Minett C., McConachie Y., Potaka S. (L), Teki, D. (L), Townsend V. (L), Whibley C. (2).

6Dn — Mrs Willacy, Mr Kilpatrick

Benson N., Conley N., Curry N., Gardner S., Hayes G. (A), Katene D., Nyland C., Penitito G., Pinker W. (L), Rodgers A., Silk C., Smith C. (2), Tuffery G. (A), Wink M., Baggott B. (L), Bishop A. (2), Cadogan E., Ching S., Cochrane L., Costelloe N. (L), Fulford B. (L), Gillespie K. (L), Handley R., Hitchcox J. (A), Hodson D. (2), Jaquiere J., Patten J. (L), Petley L., Poulton K., Rigg D., Spicer L., Symes F., Walker I., Watson E.

6G — Mr Gilbertson

Benson T. (L), Blakeley M., Broadhead B. (L), Brough R., Coleman J., Duxfield G., Maddocks H., Marshall T., Miles B. (L), Peffers J., Sharpe M., Wiltshire K., Aitchison S., Berridge D., Buchanan M. (L), Constantine R. (L), Dunlop A., Gallilee S., Goldsmith D., Hawira K., Hogg J., Hood E., Iwashita T. (AFS), Knipe J. (L), Lewis P. (Rot) (L), Mahoney J., Matis M., Salisbury M., Stewart D. (AFS) (L), Wadsworth M., Van der Lubbe A. (L).

6K — Mr King

Gordon D., Head V., Hooper B., McCallum R. (L), Mallasch N., Phillips G. (L), Patel D. (A), Pitkethley G. (2), Stephens M. (L), Strawbridge D., Wakeling B., Ball S., Brown S., Cook L., Frith V. (L), Grant P., Jones S., Kaua S., Lloyd D. (L), McIntyre T., MacPherson V., Spencer R., Tate S., Tunbridge K., Watson R., Wills J., Wright T. (2).

6L — Mr Lang

Bourke R. (L), Capewell D., Forrest D., Heinold K., Jones D., Kendrick E., Kennedy J., McDonnell A. (L), Newton G., Nijz T., Pitkethley G., Spencer M., Tatupu H., Taunton M., Brown R., Carvell L., Fry N., Gallilee J., Johnson L., Johnson S., Morgan B. (L), Osborne S., Papple F. (L), Pene J. (L), Smith T., Stewart D. (AFS), Teki C., Van Dyke J.

6M — Mr Milne

Barker E., Forlong N., Hamilton-Gibbs D., Holmes M., Jellyman P., Newman D., Omundsen D., Pinker C. (L), Su'a S., Whareaitu P., Abraham N., Bell V. (2), Booth P., Broadfoot K., Crichton L. (L), Dwane J., Fox L., Glockling F., Hankins J. (AFS), Head S., Lusher T., Mahoney L., Maxey S., Minnet S. (L), Monks L., Phillips T., Porteous L., Rihia N. (L), Roylance T. (L), Saunders T., Sewell M.

6P — Mrs Phillips

Balsley B. (L), Bridge S., Elmer D. (L), Gerrie A., Kinloch D., Lewis G., McCormick A. (L), McGregor I. (L), Mahoney L. (L), Morrell J. (AFS), Robinson A., Van Gernerden K., Savage A. (A), Souness A. (L), Armshaw L., Bradley R., Butler E., Carver G. (AFS), Deans G., Duncan M., Francis K., Francis R., Halligan J., Hannay D. (L), Jaquiere K., Jonker K., Kelly J. (L), Kereama V., McConkey K., Noyes K. (L), Potbury R. (L).

6S — Mr Shaffer

Ball S., Coe W., Cvitanovich A. (L), Dobbie A., Garrett L., Hainsworth A., Henry C. (L), Hodson M., Humphrey B., Lace M., Morgan S., Seiler P., Van Wamel P., Waipara G., Arnold A., Garrett D., Keats M. (L), Kiriona K., Kjestrup K. (2), Layburn J., Oldfield E., Peters M. (L), Phillips S., Russell J., Stormont K., Struthers K. (L), Thomson A., Van Gernerden K., Wild S.

Form 7 (Boys) — Mr Willacy

Ander G. (L), Borthwick D. (L), Brader D., Burroughs P. (L), Daji A., Fowles D., Gifford A., Haley M., Jackson H., Johnston S. (2), McDowall P., McKnight D. (2), McKnight P. (2), Mackintosh S., Miles G., Moore J., Robinson A., Round S., Siddall B., Spicer R., Tinnion G., Wakeling C., Whyte G. (L).

Form 7 (Girls) — Mr Willacy

Bardsley S., Berridge S., Bishop C., Clyde S., Dale K., Donald T., Edmonds J. (L), Funnell J. (L), Hamilton-Gibbs D. (Rot), Hamilton-Gibbs R. (AFS), Holt T., Hooks S. (L), James M., Joergensen P., King L. (L), Lawrence A. (AFS), Lewin A., Manning K., Nelson P., O'Brien L., Pachoud J. (L), Page F. (Rot), Page L., Park M., Petherick A., Saunders A. (L), Smith B., Taylor K. (L), Townsend L., Vaughan J., Walton P. (L), Weekes L.

THROUGH THE EYES OF PAUL McKNIGHT

Have you ever wondered what the head boy is thinking as he wanders round? We decided to find out! On a Thursday, late in August we set up an extensive interview into Paul's mind. Here are the results.

What do you think of school detentions?

Well, personally I don't like them that much. I don't think they have that much effect, sitting kids in a classroom and making them shut-up and do a task which is relatively pointless like copying out school rules. I think it's just that, relatively pointless! Add to that, it's not that easy to run, making kids shut-up for however long is a difficult task. I suppose if it has to happen it has to happen, but I don't like them at all. I haven't had any!

Do you like the third formers this year?

Yeah, the third formers this year are quite neat! The third form camp was a lot of fun. The sevenths really enjoyed that with the third formers out there, we really liked getting into the sports and running around and doing things like that.

What do you think of assembly?

Assemblies are quite interesting. They are, if you've ever tried it, really difficult to run. You've got to stand up there and try and communicate with a group. I mean, there's a thousand people in the hall and it's very difficult to make every one of them be interested in what you are saying. That's what you have to do, because if one of them is noisy then somebody else can't hear and somebody else might be interested in what they're saying. Well, a lot of content in assembly is only relevant to a small group in the hall and that's one of the disadvantages to it, but on the other hand you've got the whole school together and they're all working as one and that, you need a time where the whole school is together.

Do you enjoy co-ed schools?

I think it's a better way to learn. There is, however, a lot of talk about sexism in society today. In a learning situation when somebody is in charge of the group, and a school has a great many groups where people mix together. If in those groups you are mixing with only one sex then you get a somewhat distorted picture of the world.

you're only mixing with one sex and in the school situation especially, I think you get a distorted picture of the world.

What's your opinion of the road race?

Oh, heaps of fun! I had fun in the road race. I got a terrible place in the road race. I think in sports, all sports, the idea should be to have fun. Especially on a house basis, when you have the whole school together, you know, have fun! Whether you win or not really doesn't matter, just fun!

What do you think of the teachers here?

Most of them are really good sorts. I really like some of my teachers. Your experience of teachers changes as you move up through the school. You get, um . . . like, some of my teachers I would count as my friends now. I wouldn't even consider that in the third form! You get to know them, you get to talk to them and they're really interesting people, some of them.

As a seventh former, does homework rule your after school hours?

It would if I did it! In a way I suppose it does. You have to get it done. If you want to get the exam at the end of the year then you have to do the work. If you don't do the work you won't get the exam. So you've got a choice in the seventh form. Teachers don't press it as much.

THE FINAL FAREWELL

I had a desire to write a poem about 'school'. A deep philosophical poem that perhaps you too could identify with. But all I could gather were snippets of ideas and phrases that formed as I thought and wrote. And no poem emerged.

School: the institution that absorbed 12 years of me, and filled me with the knowledge that I thirsted for. Now I think of some of the trivia that I learnt and wonder what purpose was it all for . . . success?

Was I motivated to achieve those paper rewards that said, "Employ her, she passed."? I think of these words, "Pass" "Failure" — how judgemental, how biased. What right has one got to express an individual in these terms?

And yet, I've made it through "The System" and been filed through the input terminal, firstly as a naive, awestruck third former, then a more confident, yet not, fourth former and onto a fifth former, dreading the EXAM. A pass, and I'm a sixth former determined to enjoy myself yet also aware of the hidden competition and pressure imposed by accrediting. And now I'm a seventh and almost through the system's output.

A year that began with optimistic dreams and sincere enthusiasm to create something for the school and ourselves. An opportunity to make my mark on the school! Given some power, but not too much as to jeopardise the established system.

"The System": it sounds so mechanical, and devoid of feeling. It rewards conformity, discipline and success. But in reality school is the people. The individual teachers and the personalities of us, the students.

We have the power to live, feel, experience and challenge.

In the end it's all up to you, to question yourself and others.

And here I am. I'm about to enter another institution as an older 'third former', starting from the bottom again. Feeling a mixture of fear, insecurity and excitement. Thinking about our motto:

"That we might have life"

In the frontiers that lie ahead

In the future, my future.

— M.P.

Would you recommend this school to your friends?

Oh yes! Very definitely! It's a good school.

What advice do you give the third formers?

Have I ever given you any advice? I suppose work a bit. You're at school, you might as well work a bit. The third form, um . . . you should be enjoying school in the third form. There's no exam at the end of the year. The study you should be doing is fair. But it's basic study, a basis for what you're going to do in the future.

What's the most foul thing you've had to do this year apart from go to the third form camp?

I s'pose the foul thing was drinking the water out there! I took detentions once, that was pretty foul. Cleaning the common room, now that is the foulest thing I've had to do this year. That's gross!

— Interviewed by A.S. and K.M., 3G

FROM THE EDITORS



The triumvirate returns to present the 1984 magazine. We felt the temporary arrangement of last year had enabled us to produce a magazine with a wider range of articles and hope that this year's effort is better still. We would still welcome more student involvement earlier in the year — new ideas and willing helpers gratefully accepted next year.

Thanks go to our Student helpers this year — Lynda Porteous, Leigh Monks, Lisa Fox, Vicki Bell, Jessica Williams, Nemisha Ranchhod, Fiona Milne, Robyn Marshall Megan Garrett, Geraldine Canham (layout), Ruia and Ranea Abraham (resident artists) and the Camera Club boys (Shayne, Philip, Tane, Richard) assisted by Mr O'Hara. Cover design thanks to Antony Bothof.

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You may have wondered how all this gets put together. Kelvin Adam and Karyn Rasmusen, of Hanton and Andersen, take a bow!

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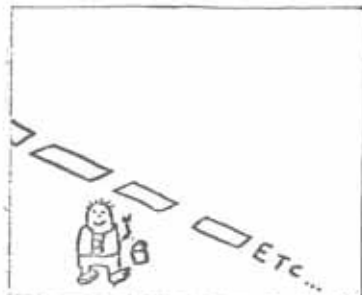
Well here it is again. The manufacturer's final seal of approval on our product. We hope you have enjoyed this sample.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a good holiday and look forward to another less Orwellian year in 1985?

If you are leaving, have a happy and useful future and do come back to us (even if only to revisit these pages occasionally.)

To you all may we extend our traditional greeting . . .

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!



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