



Dear ODs

In response to my newsletter of 15 January after reading Paul Cannon's (1953S) comments, regarding the attached photo titled "Alia Initia E Fine" a few ODs e-mailed me to find out whether the picture was in fact a posed one. A week later I received a letter from **Justice Hilary Squires (1949S)** who answered that very question. He writes: -

"The photograph in question, was actually a posed one, taken by Donnie De Beer (1949O) for the inclusion in the anticipated "A Century of Bishops" by Donald McIntyre, then about to be published in our century year of 1949. The inscription under the 1949 photograph "Alia initia e fine," with the background of UCT, was intended to reflect the onward, and hopefully, upward journey of the Bishops experience, from school boy, to student, to the "wêreld daar buite." The broad-shouldered straw-basher wearing individual, between the skipper and myself, is Julian Saunders, one of my School House friends, who sadly succumbed to cancer many years ago; and it was Michael Opper (1949S) who was the very successful boxer, who went on to Canada to study forestry. In 1949 School House was blessed with an infusion of really first class newboys, of which Paul was probably "primus inter pares." There was also Sam Sawkins, Hugh Roy, Ronnie Napier and Jimmy Oosthuizen who although quite small in size, was a livewire of mischief. But the 1949 newboys of School House had a very wise and patient "herd boss" in Francois Marais, who was the dorm's prefect and who gave these highspirited youngsters a flying start in their school careers, checking over-exuberance but encouraging the underlying initiative."

Last week the OD Union welcomed **David Alberts (staff)** as an honorary OD. David Alberts worked down at the Prep as Head Chef and prepared over one million meals in his 46 years at Bishops.

Swedish Chemical Engineers National Association (SKR) Chemical Engineering prize 2016 was awarded to **Bård Lindström (1990G)**, technical director at the environmental technology company ReformTech which he also co-founded. Bård was awarded the prize for his work on developing environmentally friendly rail vehicles. When the requirements for lower exhaust emissions tightened and the vehicle fleet electrification becomes cleaner technology when starting and warming necessary, especially in our northern climate. This year's prize shows students that there can be a clear link between a chemical education and a successful entrepreneurship.

Westlake professional Golfer **Andre de Decker (2008G)** boxed two eagle putts on his way to a blistering seven-under-par 65 to edge clear of a clutch of fellow Sunshine Tour rookies in the first round of the IGT Tour's Centurion Open on Monday 1 February.

There are a few seats available for our **OD Union Business Breakfast** taking place on Monday 7 March at 7:30 for 8am in the Woodlands Pavilion. Our guest speaker will be Gareth Penny (1980F). If you would like to reserve a seat please e-mail dorourke@bishops.org.za

Seats are filling up! Please e-mail me to reserve your seat/table for the **OD UNION ANNUAL DINNER** taking place on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at Kelvin Grove at dorourke@bishops.org.za

It saddens me to inform you that **Paul Tancred (1949G)** passed away on 12 December 2015. Our heartfelt condolences go to the entire Tancred family.

Election

After many year's service as a committee member, Angus Firth (1984W) now leaves us to take on the role of Bishops 1st XV Coach. Our Chairman Brian Robertson thanks Angus for his diligent and valuable contribution in managing and developing crucial bonds between the OD Union and Bishops. "Thank you Angus, your contribution has been invaluable and we wish you well for the coming season – allez les blue!"

In terms of Section 8.4 of our constitution we need to fill this position. Section 8.4 reads "nominations for the election of Committee Members must be in writing and reach the OD Secretary at least ten days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting under rule 7." As all members of the committee hold specific portfolios, the ideal candidate would be an OD who is a current member of the Bishops Staff. The reason is that the important functions this portfolio includes the booking of school venues, school facilities, organisation of teams for Founders Day, the organisation of Honorary ODs Staff meeting in November, and the organisation of Staff and Legend tables for the OD Dinner.

Please submit nominations with a comprehensive CV and covering note to dorourke@bishops.org.za

The committee will review the potential candidates and the election will take place at the AGM.

For all upcoming College sports fixtures please go to <http://college.bishops.org.za/sport/Fixtures.aspx>

"A great man is always willing to be little." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Have an excellent weekend.

Best regards

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