



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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Dear ODs

Invaluable Ingenuity

The ODU Mentoring Programme continues to grow. Daily, ODs are generously putting themselves forward as mentors to assist other ODs. Mentors cover a broad range of interests, jobs and disciplines. We would encourage ODs to make use of them. They stand willing and able to help those who feel they would benefit from their advice, support and wisdom. As a "mentee" you will find you are among OD friends who will guide you in areas of career choice, career problem-solving, starting and growing a business, and, in some cases, the challenges in relocating to a different country. Or almost any challenge you may be facing where a wise and experienced head would be of help. So if you haven't signed up as a mentee, or would like to add your name to the panel of Mentors, click here (or copy and paste this link into your browser): <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

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We encourage all ODs to join our ODU LinkedIn network at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/7421444>

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If any of your contact details have changed, please update them on <http://www.odu.co.za/Update.aspx>

ODU Clubs

The OD Union has started contacting deep interest ODs to set up special interest clubs under the ODU committee umbrella. Get-togethers will be held from time to time with interesting guest speakers. A Club Coordinator will be appointed. This will also be a good networking opportunity. If you have an idea, of which kind of clubs would be of interest to ODs, please e-mail dorourke@bishops.org.za who will connect you with the relevant branch secretary if you are based outside of Cape Town.

Retort

After reading the write up in my newsletter last week on Andrew White's talk – "Serve to Lead" - Dr John Wyatt (1963W) wrote in to say: "Thanks for the report. I didn't realise that Andrew had followed in my footsteps! To have two Bishops 'boys' in White House, in this field is quite amazing. I was the first Adjutant of the 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) when it was formed in 1973. I started the High Risk Search Operations and led the UK teams in 1983. My book is likely to come out before Christmas this year - it is with the MOD at the moment, just to make sure I have not breached the Official Secrets Act!

Andrew Selfe (1968F) was disappointed that he could not attend the talk but e-mailed me to let me know that he too served in the No 2 Company 10th (V) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, from October 1972 to April 1976. See his full biography at <http://studylib.net/doc/8509185/no-2-company-10th--v--battalion--the-parachute-regiment>

Boland OD Dinner at Waterford Wine Estate

Reserve your seat for the Boland OD dinner.

Date: 16 September 2016

Time: 19h00

Dress: Jacket and tie

Guest speaker: Brian Robertson (1979W)

Costs: Students R150 and adults R300

RSVP to yvonne@rowancapital.co.za or martin@rowancapital.co.za

Verse

Archie Swanson (1973G) has remained active in poetry since he left Bishops. Three of his poems were published in the 2015 Best New African Poets Anthology and in current issues of the quarterly South African poetry publications, New Contrast, as well as Stanzas. In June, three of his poems were translated into Spanish by the poet, Martin Lopez-Vega, and published in the Spanish national newspaper El Mundo. He was a guest poet at the McGregor Poetry Festival held last in August. "Poetry is irrelevant - I protest" illustrates the destruction of the Marlborough School (see attached), and his poem, "Mapuza - the police" was published in English Alive in 1973.

Book Launch

Michael King (Staff) launched his book at Bishops on 7 September. Michael is an entertaining speaker and he had everyone spellbound and generated many questions from the audience. The historical novel is called "The Wild Olive Bowl" and is set in 1980, in Grahamstown. It deals with the stories of two men, one a priest and the other a policeman, who are confronted by a tragic incident. Both are disillusioned by their life's progress, and in the end have to force themselves to come to terms with their situations and the resolution raises questions of morality and the codes or beliefs by which we live. The ODU will be hosting the launch of Michael's book in the New Year.

Entrepreneur

Kyle Bradley (2009B) recently launched a property rental start-up aimed at better connecting tenants and landlords in residential accommodation. Kyle will be facilitating a session with current learners to explain what entrepreneurship as a career path looks like, having had experience in a variety of successful ventures. See www.houseme.co.za or contact Kyle kyle@houseme.co.za

Sport

The Bishops 1st XV ended the Villagers 7s being pipped in the Semi Final vs SACS. See photos at <http://www.mycomlink.co.za/posting.php?i=28485>- Schools Event.

Our 1st XI hockey side capped off a great season being crowned the Western Province knockout hockey Champions for 2016. Attached is a photo of the victorious 1st XI hockey team. All photos of the final can be viewed at <http://www.mycomlink.co.za/fixture.php?i=39335>

The Old Boy Villagers 7s event photos have been loaded <http://www.mycomlink.co.za/posting.php?i=28450>

The Bishops Prep 1st XI are participating in the Western Province Top Schools Knockout Finals this evening at Hartleyvale. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Bishops Prep are the defending Champions.

A reminder that the Inter House Rugby matches take place tomorrow from 8:00am till 12:20pm. See <http://www.mycomlink.co.za/posting.php?i=28677>

All details of the Prep School Inter House rugby are attached.

Finally, Tom Lewis, an exchange student from Wales, has created a short video of some rugby highlights. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ1jloeUmac>

“Faith means trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse” – Philip Yancey

Have a delightful weekend.

Best regards

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