



## BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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#### **HAMILTON MVELASI BURSARY LAUNCH**

Earlier this week an [invitation](#) went out to the Bishops Community regarding the Launch of the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund.

In 1988, Hamilton was awarded a bursary to Bishops. Those who knew him described him as a hard worker and a natural leader. He was popular with his peers and a great sportsman.

Tragedy struck in 1991 when Hamilton and a friend made an impromptu decision to take a day pass home to Gugulethu one weekend. They caught a bus and were walking across a field when they were attacked. Hamilton escaped but his friend was stabbed in the leg. On seeing that his friend was in trouble, Hamilton returned to assist and managed to save his friend but was fatally stabbed in the process. Hamilton's dreams were never to be realised.

It is our hope that in celebrating this inspirational young man, we will be able to support other deserving boys from disadvantaged communities to benefit from the opportunities that Hamilton was so tragically denied.

Bursaries play a major role in the vision of the school and are thus a vital component of the Bishop's Trust's 175 Campaign.

If you are unable to attend the event and would like additional information regarding Bishops Bursaries, please contact the Trust office at [trust@bishops.org.za](mailto:trust@bishops.org.za) or [see here](#).

#### **BISHOPS 175 CAMPAIGN**

A very insightful workshop around the 175 Campaign was held in The Mitre on Wednesday afternoon. It was attended by the trustees of The Trust and initiated by **Jan Newman (1976F)**. One aspect that the trustees painstakingly dissected is understanding the "Why" behind the campaign. It was wonderful to gain insight that all the hard work, all the months of planning, meeting and launching the campaign, has been to promote a better Bishops for the

future. The trustees are driven by the motivation to equip leaders for the future, and produce Bishops boys that will change the world. The working essence of Why we need the 175 Campaign is “To provide leaders for a transformed society”.

To achieve this we need to bolster our resources and our offering significantly. This encompasses everything from how we teach, how we support our staff to how we manage transformation and improve our physical environment. The 175 Campaign is about securing the future for Bishops. It is critical. It is about investing now in Bishops so the future leaders we produce will help change the world for the better. For more about the opportunity of contributing to Bishops, please click [here](#).

### **VISITORS TO THE MITRE**

It's been wonderful to have ODs continuously visiting The Mitre. Amongst others we've welcomed **Conrad Reynecke (2003W)**, who donated rugby jerseys for the OD Union, **Choppy Bands (1990K)** who visited with his sons and **Roger Hoyle (1985W)** who brought his family to visit Bishops for the first time since he left. Please see photo's [here](#).

### **THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME**

If you would like to get in touch with a Mentor - or become a Mentor - please click [here](#).

### **CONDOLENCES**

**Robert Laird Reddick (1964O)** died on the 9th of August 2017. He was born in Nottinghamshire in the UK. In 1947. At the age of 2 he moved to Cape Town where he attended Forres Preparatory School before Bishops Prep and College. He had a very successful career in recruitment advertising working in London, Johannesburg and Cape Town. After 32 years at Admark Recruitment, including as managing director, he then worked as a free-lance consultant for Saachi and Saachi. He was an extremely loving, loyal and principled man, widely loved for his impish sense of humour. He is sorely missed by his wife Carol, daughters Jane and Kate, son-in-law **Joseph (2000F)** and grandchildren Alice and Arthur.

### **REUNIONS**

#### **1987: 30 Year Reunion (Reminder)**

The year of 1987 will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion in September between Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. There are a few activities planned, including sailing, yoga, a hike up Table Mountain and a music concert on the Sunday. The main reunion dinner will take place on

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please contact your house representatives to book your place at the dinner, or email Catherine on [Catherine@thedrift.co.za](mailto:Catherine@thedrift.co.za)

### **2012: 5 - Year Reunion (Report Back)**

In February this year, the Class of 2012 Facebook group began buzzing with talk of organising a 5-year reunion. Fast forward six months to last Saturday afternoon and The Mitre pavilion was abuzz with the fervent banter over 80 ODs.

The result of the Bishops-Bosch rugby match did little to dampen the excitement of seeing old friends. Once guys had shared a few beers and had got past the more tedious surface-level interactions, it was reassuring to hear how similar the life challenges we have faced since leaving the Bishops cocoon have been. Despite the advantages we took for granted at school and all the successes we enjoyed since our valedictory, the most valuable conversations were those about hard lessons learned as young adults.

As is to be expected at any reunion, it was not possible for everyone to make it. Thanks to the guys who wrote in to update us on what they are up to outside of Cape Town. Unsurprisingly, it hasn't taken long for our jet-setting classmates to find their way to the US to the UK to Asia and Australia. All the best to those guys preparing to make their way overseas at the end of this year.

Also missing on Saturday was Gregory Hutchinson. Instead of holding a moment of silence, we paid our respects to our kindest classmate by passionately singing a verse of Hymn 295. Pardon those of us who had forgotten some of the lyrics, Hutch!

Saturday's reunion would not have happened had it not been for the initiative and dedication of six 2012 ODs on the planning committee. These guys sacrificed many hours over last few months to do it all from brainstorming, tracking down classmates, hustling discounts, placing food orders, arranging music playlists and unloading bakkies full of beer. Cheers to Aidan, Andrew, Egor, Jordan and Tobias!

Many thanks must also go to WP and Nicole from the ODU for allowing our class to use the Mitre pavilion and for kindly facilitating the vision of the planning committee.

Fortunately, all of our efforts paid off. The feeling amongst the guys who attended was that our first reunion was fun and informal enough to go down as a great success. Let's hope it doesn't take another 5 years for our paths to cross again! Please see photo [here](#).

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## **Glen Gibbon Farewell Dinner (Reminder)**

Glen Gibbon will be ending his tenure as House Director of Ogilvie at the end of 2017. Ogilvie ODs (and their parents) from 2007 to date are invited to a Farewell Function on 17 October. Invitations will be sent out soon, but please diarise the date for the time being.

## **Cape Bird Club Walk**

**Peter Steyn (1955O)** is leading a Cape Bird Club birdwatching walk at Kirstenbosch on Tuesday 12 September and would like to invite any ODs who may be interested to join him.

Meet at the Information Centre at Gate 1 at 8:30 a.m. The duration will be approximately two hours and pensioners are admitted free, otherwise a gate entry fee is applicable.

## **NEWS FROM ODs**

**Paul Weich (1991B)** reports: "On Friday the 25th of August, nine lucky future aviators were taken on a trip of a lifetime to Johannesburg O.R. Tambo airport for a day at S.A.A. Airways Park and S.A.A. technical hangars. They started their morning with a visit to the ExecuJet F.B.O. at Cape Town International Airport where they were exposed to the corporate side of aviation. They then boarded a sleek Learjet 45 which was captained by **Mike Bosman (1978O)** and flown at 41000 feet to O.R. Tambo airport in a quick 1hr35mim. This was the first time in an aircraft for one of the boys!

They were met at domestic arrivals by myself. I have been with SAA for nearly 20 years and am a captain on the Airbus A320 fleet, based out of Cape Town. The boys were taken on a very informative tour of the vast facilities at SAA technical. The tour started at the apprentice hangar where the new engineers learn their skills on the Harvard and a retired Boeing 737-200. They got to stand right next to a Virgin Atlantic Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, visit the paint shop where the airliners receive their shiny new coats of paint and also the gigantic hangars where the Airbus A340's get their C checks done.

Next it was off to the pilot training centre for a flight on the latest C.A.E. Airbus A330 simulator. Senior training Capt. Mike Gough let each boy fly the aircraft. The visuals on this simulator are so good that they actually "flew" the aircraft right over Bishops! The last boy to fly the simulator managed to successfully land the aircraft with a little help from the instructor!

Capt. Gough then gave the boys an interesting lecture about what is required to progress from P.P.L. (private pilot's license) to A.T.P.L. (Airline Transport Pilots license). After the

lecture they made their way to the cabin crew simulator for some jumping and sliding down the escape slides. This was lots of fun and the boys returned for a few extra jumps! One of the cabin crew safety lecturers then explained what the crew go through to renew their skills with aviation medicine and survival skills.

We then made our way back to the domestic terminal building for a welcome snack before the highlight of the day, the flights back to Cape Town. Special clearance was obtained from S.A.A. Flight operations management for the boys to sit up front in the cockpits of the Airbus A320 aircraft. I and Capt. **Grant Back (1977B)** then flew the boys back to Cape Town. We departed Jnb as SA365, SA377 and SA375. The take-off was such a thrill for the boys as we rotated off runway 21R at about 290km/h, weighing in at 68000 kg. After about 1hr30min we started our descent for Cape Town - the lights of the city being visible from about 250km at 38000 feet. The air traffic controllers brought us in from the north for a landing on runway 19 towards the south.

It was such a privilege to spend the day with and fly these young men home. They were very enthusiastic, asking many questions and really did the school proud. My cabin crew also remarked on the fine manners displayed by the boys on board the aircraft. A credit to their parents and the school!

On Monday morning **Capt. Brian Huna (1995F)** also took another two Bishops boys on a flight from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth and back to Cape Town in a S.A. Express Airways De Havilland Q400. They got to see how the aircraft is prepared for flight and also got to sit up front in the cockpit with Brian.

My sincere thanks to Guy Pearson, Mike Bosman, OD pilots, S.A.A. and S.A. Express management and the Bishops boys for being part of this special occasion." Please see photo [here](#).

## **HAPPY SPRING DAY FROM SOUTH AFRICA**

Happy Spring day to all ODs across the world from a beautiful Spring day in Cape Town. Thank you to **Gus Allen (1982F)** for his generous donation of *Protea cynaroides* (King Proteas) to brighten up The Mitre for this special occasion Please see [here](#).

## **OD SPORT**

### **Villager Schools Rugby Sevens**

Our OD Sevens team made it to the Villager Old Boys Final last night! In the qualifying rounds they lost 12-14 to SACS and then got beaten 21-14 by Rondebosch, and then came back to beat the 2016 champions, Wynberg by 28-10. They made the final by points-difference. The players were **Brandon van der Westhuizen (2016F)**, **Medeli Macha (2015F)**, **Ross Church (2015W)**, **Nicholas van Ryneveld (2015G)**, **William Day (2015F)**, **Seb Prentice (2016S)**, **Sikhile Nyembezi (2016S)**, **Roland Evans (2006F)**, **Lourens van Zyl (2000K)**, **James Macdonald (2016F)**, **Harry Makin (2016S)**, **Michael Peter (2016S)**, **Ilyaas Petersen (2015W)**, **Brandon Salomo (2015S)** and **WP van Zyl (1997K)**. They kick-off for the final will be tonight at 20:45 against our oldest rivals, SACS. This will be the curtain raiser to the schools' final. Please see photo [here](#).

### **South African National U21 Championships**

Three ODs: **Chris Rhode (2016W)**, **Wesley Gardener (2016O)** and **Tom Richardson (2015G)**, will be representing Western Province in the National U21 Hockey Tournament from Monday in Potchefstroom.

### **An OD Related Newlands Experience**

It was wonderful to be at the Newlands Rugby Stadium last Saturday for the clash between DHL Western Province and the Cell C Sharks. What made it even more special was the connection between ODs/Bishops and the Newlands experience:

**John Dobson (1985K)** coach of Western Province, very kindly donated tickets for the Principal's PA, **Caroline Berry** (Sharks supporter) and the Bishops Trust Administrator **Nikki Matthews** and her family to watch the game from the Grand Stand. The official match programme featured **Dillyn Leyds (2010S)** on the front cover. Dillyn was also the guest speaker at the recent OD Boland dinner. The magazine featured: a picture of **Nizaam Carr (2009M)** under the Sponsors message, a feature article on Dillyn Leyds, a Coach's Comment by **John Dobson (1985K)**, a Gallery including **Huw Jones** (who was a stooge at the prep in 2012), and even **Graham Knoop (2005O)** in an advertisement on the inside back cover.

### **Kayelitsha 10km Run**

Congratulations to ODs who participated in the Kayelitsha 10km run last Sunday morning. This event is organised by the Kayelitsha Athletics Club, well run (excuse the pun) and is a positive occasion for the community. The Sunday newspaper featured two articles relating to

the high level of crime in Kayelitsha which emphasises the beneficial effect of supporting these events. The OD Union acknowledges and recognises that ODs across the world are supporting their local communities and continue to “*be courageous, fight the good fight of faith, so that we might finish our course with joy!*” Please see photos [here](#).

## **SCHOOL SPORT**

### **Bishops Rower Breaks World Record**

As reported in the past two week’s newsletters, last weekend **Stephane Pienaar (Grade 12 Ogilvie)** made an attempt on the world 24 hour ergometer record. Bishops rowing is proud to announce that at 15:25 last Saturday, in front of a large crowd in the Heatlie Pavilion, Stephane broke the record with approximately 35 minutes to spare. Stephane’s new record has been set at 267.5 km. Stephane maintained an incredible pace throughout the 24 hours and was ably accompanied by rowers, not only from Bishops, but also from SACS, Somerset College and St Andrews as well as by several ODs. At the finish Mr Pearson called it the greatest single physical achievement by a Bishops boy – ever!

Those wanting to contribute to Stephane’s charity, the Make a Difference Leadership Foundation ([www.madleadership.org](http://www.madleadership.org)) for which he is trying to raise R1.5 million for education, can still make a donation by following this link

<https://www.givengain.com/cc/MAD2Row/>

**Hockey:** The 1<sup>st</sup> XI team beat SACS 3-0 on Monday and go up against Rondebosch Boys High School this Saturday at 11:00 at Hartleyvale for the Area Cup Final. For live commentary please click [here](#).

**Rugby:** The 1<sup>st</sup> XV team lost 64-7 against Rondebosch Boys High School last Saturday.

## **REMINDER**

ODs are encouraged to visit the Bishops website for up-to-date information, policy and events around the school. Latest news relating to the school is frequently published there and ODs can find lots of inspiration from their *alma mater*. Please see [here](#).

## **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

This week’s quote is taken from the DC Magazine December 1911 Vol. XI No 1 pg. 8 From Mr Hogarth’s Sermon of “Enthusiasm”

*“Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...South Africans must by their lives wipe off the reproach of slackness and apathy, and Bishops’ men, with all their advantages of tradition and inspiration from their lives of the good men who had helped to build up the college, should resolve to be in the van of every upward movement.”*

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

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