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OD MAGAZINE EDITOR

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THE GLOBAL ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

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THE RACE AGAINST POACHING

Team Africa debuted at the July Imola 12-Hour and Misano 24-Hour Races.

Greg Mills (1979O): "Twelve months ago I was fortunate to be part of a small South African-based motor racing team that entered the 24 Hours of Paul Ricard. This year we set a more ambitious target: to compete in two endurance races on back-to-back weekends in Italy." Please see photo [as linked here](#) and/or read more [here](#).

For more information or interview requests please contact TeamAfricalemans@gmail.com or see www.teamafricalemans.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brendon Stevens (2006K) and his wife, Michelle welcomed their second son, Benjamin Christian Stevens, born on the 15th of February 2017 in Cape Town. And what a gorgeous boy he is! [As linked here](#) please see photo of Benjamin.

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of OD's: **William John Munro Lightfoot (1999 Staff)** and **Charles Brereton Frater (1958O)** and **Dr Reith Bernard Goldschmidt (1948F)**

William John Munro Lightfoot (1999 Staff)

John passed away in Constantia on the 9th June 2017, after a short illness, and is survived by his wife Pam, daughter Helen and three grandchildren.

In his obituary of John, fellow staff member **Case Rijdsdijk (1995 Staff)** includes:

“...John was born in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia, on 15th February 1942. He attended St Andrew's Prep travelling down by train with his mother. He later went on to the college and became a boarder.

John and Pam moved to Cape Town where John had been appointed to the staff at Bishops to teach Science. This he did with passion and dedication, and I'm sure many will remember many anecdotes about John in the classroom. Like all of us in the Science Dept. we taught Physical Science to Stds 6 – 8 (Grs 8 – 10) after which John taught Chemistry to Stds. 9 & 10 (Grs 11 & 12 and Post Matric) and I would do the Physics. His nickname was “Nanosecond”; the time it took light to travel one foot!

But John was also deeply involved in the College life. He looked after the shooting Team most successfully and in the winter terms he coached hockey. He did the backstage and lighting for every House, School and Staff play and trained many boys to do lighting for their House play. He was an integral part of the staff timing team for all the heats and on Sports Day. In addition he was involved with the School Driving Scheme and started the Sailing Club.

John managed the College printing room most efficiently for many years. He was meticulous, and made sure that everything that left the print room was as good as it could get. His wife Pam often helped out with the typing and editing. Staff would bring in their exam, or whatever, and John made sure they got their pile of neatly printed and stapled exams in good order and time!

John was one of life's rarities; a good and generous man. He was a loyal friend and fine colleague. Ready to help whenever he could, and could fix or repair most things! Outspoken on issues and I remember well numerous discussion in the stairwell in the Science Dept.; some of which were what we now might call “robust”, but never with any animosity. Many will remember his explosive laughter, sometimes matched by his near volcanic eruptions! The latter were short lived and his smile would always return, he didn't bear grudges; he wanted things done right. It was an honour to have known John.”

To read the full obituary please [click here](#).

Charles Brereton Frater (19580)

Charles' brother, **Robert Frater (19460)** includes in his obituary of Charles: “Charles Brereton Frater died on June 8 2017 at the age of 76. He was born in Cape Town to Drs Kenneth Frater and Ethel Barrow. He was born with keratoconus which affected his vision severely and did not become surgically correctable until after he had finished school. He was talented at music and wanted to learn the French Horn but could not read the music. On a trip to London his sister in law took him backstage to meet Denis Brain the great horn player. He described often the kindness shown him by Denis Brain that day.

He went to Bishops first as a dayboy but when his father died young he became a boarder at Founders. Of the masters at Bishops at that time Willkie was immensely

helpful and became a friend of the family. Early contact lenses to correct keratoconus became available after he left school and with them he was able to make movies and from a young age Film was his passion. He went to England to train at the London School of Film Technique returning to South Africa to make documentary films. Among his first was of a group of Cape Town street musicians called LalaPanzi.

...Rebecca announced her engagement on a Sunday morning in March. Charles received his diagnosis of lung cancer on Tuesday. It was the worst variety, He bore it and the dreadful side effects of chemo and radiotherapy with great courage. Rebecca advanced the date of her marriage and he was able to join the celebration In Charles' last decade he had been the central figure in the Frater family, keeping contact with all its members on three continents. Family members who visited him in his last weeks found him as charming and welcoming as always. One of his American nephews was able to visit him the day before he died. They had a wonderful conversation. He died in his sleep the following night.”

To read the full obituary of Charles, please [click here](#).

Dr Reith Bernard Goldschmidt (1948F)

Reith's daughter-in-law, Leigh Goldschmidt reports: “It is with much sadness that I wish to advise you that our Dad, **Dr Reith Bernard Goldschmidt (1948F)** passed away on Thursday 22 June 2017. He is survived by his wife Susan, children Christopher, Alan, Brian and Patricia and their families.

Reith was a Headboy at Bishops in 1948 as was his older brother Basil before him.

Reith went on to study medicine at Cambridge University and a celebrated career as an orthopaedic surgeon.

We are currently (24 June) watching the Bishops-RBHS rugby match on telly as Reith would have; and since our son-in-law (Luke Neill) matriculated at Bishops too one can imagine the exchange of chatter considering his three sons all attended Rondebosch.”

Dr John Terblanche who spoke at Reith's funeral included in his Eulogy: “Dr Reith B. Goldschmidt was a South African, & internationally, greatly respected Orthopaedic Surgeon...”

“...His School was Bishops. Here, like his older brother, he was the Head Prefect in his final year. He was in Founders House, and played rugby for the school's 1st 15. His subsequent Medical training was entirely in the UK. Undergraduate at Cambridge University (Caius (“Keys”) College), and in London, at Kings College Hospital. Postgraduate Surgical training in the UK was initially in General Surgery and he then specialised in Orthopaedics. His life as a Specialist Orthopaedic Surgeon in Cape Town. Reith returned to SA with his family in 1968. Initially, he was in Full Time Practise at GSH. His great passions were Paediatric Orthopaedics, and treating the physically disabled. Later he entered Private Practise in partnership with Brookes Haywood, but retained “Part Time” sessions at GSH, Red Cross Children's Hospital, Princess Alice Orthopaedic Hospital and Victoria Hospital...”

“... I salute the late Reith Goldschmidt, a great Orthopaedic Surgeon, and more recently, a very special friend.”

To read the full Eulogy [click here](#).

1957 60 YEAR REUNION (Reminder)

Peter Kleye (1957O) would like to invite those from the 1957 year group to their 60th Reunion scheduled for Friday 20th and Saturday 21st October 2017. Please contact Peter at: <mailto:peter@interciti-produce.co.za> or 082 444 8240.

ODs AROUND THE WORLD

Johannesburg - ONE NIGHT ONLY – Richard Cock (1966O)

Richard Cock (1966O) conducts the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra in a varied music celebration with something for everyone. It will be held at the Linder Auditorium on 31st August 2017 from 19:30 onwards in support of the Ruth First Jeppe Memorial Scholarships.

[As linked here](#) please see advert.

Boland - OD Dinner

The annual Boland OD Dinner will be held next week Friday 28th July, prior to the Bishops 1st XV vs Paul Roos game on Saturday. The details are as follows:

Date: Friday 28th July 2017

Place: Waterford Wine Estate, Stellenbosch.

Time: 19h00

Dress: Jacket and tie (spouses very welcome)

Cost: R150 for students and R300 for adults (includes a spitbraai meal and 4 bottles of wine per table).

Guest speakers: Panel discussion

Dan Retief - Well known rugby journalist/commentator will be interviewing Dawie Snyman -Springbok and international rugby coach and Dillen Lleyds (2010S) -The latest Bishops Rugby Springbok.

The panel will be discussing the pending (starting in August) Rugby Championship (Argentina, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand) and the Paul Roos/Bishops rugby derby in Stellenbosch the next day.

Guests will be allowed to ask questions.

Please RSVP to Martin Versfeld (Boland OD secretaries office):

yvonne@rowancapital.co.za or martin@rowancapital.co.za or odu@bishops.org.za

Northern Province – ODU Dinner (Reminder)

The Northern Provinces ODU Dinner is set for **Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 7 for 7:30pm** in The Terrace Room at The Country Club, Johannesburg, Auckland Park.

Dress: Black tie or suit

Guest Speakers: Anton Taylor (2005B) (OD & Raconteur) & **WP van Zyl (1997K)**
(Executive Manager of the OD Union)

Cost: R450 (includes limited table wine and cash bar)

Banking Details:

OD Union

Nedbank

Acc. No. 1990214959

Benmore Gardens Code: 197-305

To reserve a seat or table please RSVP with your name, year and proof of payment to Simon Grose simon@graphica.co.za

EVENTS AT THE MITRE

Craig Hinds - 3 August 2017 (Reminder)

Frontman of the multi-platinum selling, SAMA-award-winning acoustic rock band Watershed, will be performing a few of the band's biggest hits as well as unreleased songs and some new material taken from their latest album 'Watch the rain'.

Book Tickets http://bit.ly/Craig_Hinds_Mitre

www.watershed.co.za

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

This week's quote is taken from the 1947 DC Magazine VOL XXXII No. 1. Pg. 10 from the former Archbishop's address during the 1946 Prize Giving ceremony.

"...When we assert our own rights, bargaining to get as much as we can and yielding as little as possible, when we think that our work in life is a means to get rich instead of the fulfilling of our real vocation and contributing what we can make to the life of the society, we are really thinking upside down; and I suppose the pride I have in being Visitor of this College and Chairman of the Council and what with it goes, is that I believe that in principle it is just that endeavour to think right ways up for which Bishops has always stood and, please God, always will."

~ His Grace, former archbishop of Cape Town (1938-1948), [Russell Darbyshire](#).

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

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