



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE

Visitors to The Mitre

On Tuesday we were delighted to have been visited by ODs, **Francois Marais (1949S)**, **Bradley Spocter (1992B)** and **Niall Brown (1973G)**. Please see photos attached.

Jeremy Wiley Writing Table

The Bishops Museum was fortunate enough to receive a remarkable donation from **Jeremy Wiley (1970F)**; an original Cape yellowwood sloping desk dating back to the late 1800's. This desk surely has many stories to tell and can be viewed in the Museum at The Mitre. On behalf of the OD Union we would like to thank Jeremy for his kindness.

Upgrades to The Mitre

This week The Mitre had various signs installed. Thanks to **Luke Scott (1990G)** for ensuring the safety of the building and those who use it. Please see photo attached.

Entrepreneurs Evening

On Thursday evening The Mitre was buzzing with business as entrepreneurial ODs gathered in an evening of networking and inspirational advice given by **Stephen Larkin (1990F)**, **Mike Bosman (1978O)** and **Tim Loughton (1993G)**. Special thanks to **Gus Allen (1982F)** for the beautiful flowers he donated for the function. Please see photo attached.

OD BRANCHES

United Kingdom

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Canada

Roy Gordon (past parent) reports on ODs who met up in Canada (Please see photo attached): **Jeremy Hewitt (2002S)**, **Galen Wright (2002G)**, **Ryan Mac William (2002O)** and **Jamie Gordon (2002B)**. "Galen and his wife Britt are both doing Post-Docs in genetics at UBC; Jeremy is a software developer; Jamie is completing a PhD in Theoretical Physics, married to Katja and have a baby girl; Damian is a BI Specialist in "big data". These 4 have been in Vancouver for 4-7 years. Ryan and pregnant wife Phoebe arrived 2 weeks ago from London to take up a senior position in a mining company in Vancouver. The occasion was to welcome Ryan and Phoebe."

BISHOPS 175 CAMPAIGN

Celebrating The Bishops Culture of Giving Back

Earlier this year we were contacted by OD and world renowned cardiac surgeon, **Dr Robert Frater (1946O)**.

Dr Frater advised that he wished to make a donation to support Bishops Bursaries. We asked Dr Frater a little about his life after Bishops.

His parents were both doctors and he was thus naturally drawn to this profession. He humbly spoke of his contributions to cardiac surgery and with great pride about his company, Glycar SA which produces biologic patches that cardiac surgeons use in their repairs of diseased or congenitally abnormal hearts and blood vessels.

Dr Frater was an "invited immigrant" to the USA. A medical school in New York invited him to establish an open heart surgery department in New York, providing the necessary visa and support. He pioneered the use of pericardium for mitral valve repair and developed treatment for bovine pericardium so that it could be freely used in humans. He invented the use of Gore-Tex to replace the "cords" that control the mitral valve, now used worldwide. He formed a company in South Africa to produce the bovine pericardium for use around the world. A young African with matric as his only official qualification, has risen to be the managing director of the company.

Dr Frater has had an astonishing life and career. Like many successful ODs, Dr Frater credits a lot of his strength, determination and tenacity to his years at Bishops. When asked what inspired and motivated him, he attributed his success to one of his teachers at Bishops. He confessed to not always taking his studies seriously and remembers the exact moment, when one of his teachers told him he was a bright boy and could be successful if he only applied himself. Thousands of lives have thrived thanks to this astute teacher's sound advice. This teacher's belief in him, translated into a belief in himself.

It was his hope to make a contribution to the Trust to ensure that a boy who could not afford a Bishops education, may one day reap the same benefits that he did.

The Fraters have generously established the **Pippa Frater Scholarship Fund** in honour of their late daughter and this legacy will ensure a Bishops education for a deserving boy, in perpetuity.

Thank you Dr and Mrs Frater for your generosity. We warmly welcome you to the [Bishop Gray Circle](#).

The Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund Launch

On the 13 September 2017, the Bishops Trust, supported by the OD Union, will launch the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund. Bursaries are one of the primary components of the 175 Campaign. This evening will be a celebration of **Hamilton Mvelase** and his legacy, for we know that his bravery on that tragic day will serve to *inspire individuals* in the future.

Hamilton's story is a tragic one. In 1987 he was awarded a full bursary to Bishops and grabbed the opportunity with both hands. He did exceptionally well at Bishops and was a natural leader.

One weekend, he and a friend, made an impromptu decision to take a day pass home and caught a bus to Guguletu. Hamilton and his friend were walking across a field when they were attacked. Hamilton was able to escape, however when he saw his friend in trouble, in true Bishops spirit, he went back to assist him. Hamilton was stabbed and killed. He was never able to realize his dreams. It is our hope that other boys will have the opportunities that Hamilton was denied.

We anticipate Hamilton's story will create a platform for giving which will provide life changing opportunities for boys who cannot afford a Bishops education; we hope that those who benefit will be inspired by Hamilton's legacy.

An invitation will be sent out to ODs next week. The event will begin at 18h00 and drinks and snacks will be served.

THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME

An Experience Money Cannot Buy

From a mentee who received mentoring in advertising and entrepreneurship: "A year ago I found myself at a crossroad in my career; either close down the company I had spent the last three years building or find the necessary inspiration, resources, motivation and skills to turn to turn it around. Nobody said that building a company was easy. But the gruelling price of entrepreneurship can leave one fragile and bruised...

It was around the same time that I got wind of the OD Mentorship Program. I submitted my

details online and instantly received a few questions clarifying my objectives and outlining the process. I was promptly matched with a suitable industry expert. I sent him an email and we met for lunch the next week. A simple and efficient process. At this stage, I was quite upbeat about the program and my mentor although I could not comprehend how invaluable the experience would be..." To read the full article click [here](#).

To become involved in the programme as a mentor or to request mentoring, please click [here](#) or on <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>.

REUNIONS

1987 30 year Reunion

The year of 1987 will celebrate their 30th Reunion in September between Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th. 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 23rd September. Please contact your house representatives to book your place at the dinner, or email Catherine on Catherine@thedrift.co.za

ODs of 2012: 5 - Year Reunion (Time Change)

Sebastiaan Remmelzwaal (2012W): "Crazy to think it's been almost 5 years since valedictory. Let's get together and help each other figure out where all that time has disappeared to!"

Where: The Mitre (new ODU building overlooking the Woodlands Astro at Bishops College)

Date: Saturday, 26th August 2017 (weekend of the away leg of the Bishops-Bosch derby)

Time: 2.30 for 3pm

Dress code: Think smart-casual (basically up to you)

Ticket price: R150 (includes snacks, a few drinks and lekker company)

To RSVP click [here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bishops Rower To Attempt World Record – ODs Encouraged To Support

On Friday 25 August Bishops and SA (Junior) rower **Stephane Pienaar (Grade 12 Ogilvie)** will be attempting to break the world U19 24 hour "erg" record. In so doing Stephane aims to raise R1.5 million for education through the Make a Difference Leadership Foundation (www.madleadership.org) - listen to his message [here](#) and make a donation by following this link <https://www.givengain.com/cc/MAD2Row/>

Stef will be making the attempt to beat the current record of **265 494** metres in the **Heatlie Pavilion** at **Bishops** at **16:00** on **Friday 25 August**.

The date coincides with the Bishops - Rondebosch derbies and all OD rowers and other interested OD supporters are encouraged to pop into the Heatlie before and after the hockey and rugby matches on Friday and Saturday and spend some time supporting and encouraging Stef in his endeavour.

For those that make use of erg machines and understand the metrics – Stef will be required to row at an approximate 2:15 per 500m pace for the full 24 hours!!!

A coffee station, soft drinks, water and a stocked bar will be available throughout and from Friday evening, 19:30 – 21:30 there will be a Shawarma food truck to cater for supporters.

To further ensure an entertaining Friday evening legendary rowing party man **DJ Frankie** (aka Stef's dad, Francois) will be in charge of music and promises a huge event!

Glen Gibbon Farewell Dinner

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.

NEWS FROM ODs

Roscoe Carter (2011M) reports about their exciting business:

“BTG Management Services (Mauritius) Limited, is a leading offshore financial services group providing multi-jurisdictional tax, fiduciary, investment & administration services to private and corporate clients.

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Kyle Bradley (2009B) reports:

“OD investment sees another OD's venture soar - [HouseME](#) is a proptech company - which in 2015 **Kyle Bradley (2009B)** co-founded with his business partner - that has seen tremendous success in the rental market with c.30% growth per month since launch. For any ODs that have invested in rental property and wish to increase their yields and decrease

their admin, the venture aims at disrupting an antiqued business model. HouseME's core offering is for rental management at 2.5% per month along with unique benefits such as a rental guarantee, a tenant-bidding mechanism to achieve best rental, and marketing of all properties to verified tenants. It has been described as "one of the most exciting ventures coming out of South Africa's start-up scene" by industry commentators and the company is looking to scale the model globally.

For more information on the company, and Bradley's start-up story, reach out at kyle@house.me or take a look at the website: www.House.ME.

An encouraging story with much runway ahead & part of the OD mentorship programme (see [here](#)), **Richard Bottger (1993)** has been working alongside **Kyle Bradley (2009B)** for a year, a period of time which has seen Bradley's business almost triple in value over that time."

Wynberg Old Boys' Dinner – WP van Zyl reports: "On Wednesday Wynberg Old Boys' Union very kindly invited us to their annual dinner in the Clegg Hall at WBHS. The guest speaker was a retired teacher, Mr Bill Creed who had taught at Wynberg for 33 years. Some ODs present included **Keith Richardson (1968O)** (Headmaster of Wynberg 1999-2015), **Greg Brown** (Headmaster of Bishops Prep) and **Neil Eddy** (Past teacher at Bishops). The Wynberg Old Boys Union very kindly donated two books to the OD Union on the evening: *The Story of a School* by D.H. Thomson and *Brothers in an endless chain, celebrating 175 years of the Wynberg Boys' School* by Neil Veitch. We thank their Old Boys president, Karl Westvig and their secretary Carol Ramsay for their generous gesture. Please see photos [here](#).

100th Annual Darling Wild Flower Show

This year marks the 100th annual Darling Wild Flower Show founded by **Nicolaas Bassons' (1987F)** Grandmother. The show will be held from the 14th to the 17th September. Please see attached and [here](#) for more details about this historic event.

SPORT

Super 7's Rugby Festival 2017 – OD team entry

The Super Sevens Rugby Festival 2017 has invited the OD Union to enter a team of 15 (including reserves) to take part in the competition. The festival will be held on the 13th and 14th October at the Maties Rugby Club in Stellenbosch. Should you wish to join please contact [Nicole](#) at the OD Offices. Please see entry form [here](#) for more information.

Villager Schools Rugby Sevens

The 49th annual Villager Schools Rugby Sevens is [Friday 1 September](#) and will include an Old Boys' Sevens tournament played between Bosch, Bishops, SACS & Wynberg.

We would like to field a strong OD team together and Old Boys who may want to play should email odu@bishops.org.za. Old friendships and rivalries can be renewed and there will be plenty of socialising between players and spectators! The Old Boys' final will be the curtain raiser to the schools' final.

Rugby: Our 1st XV boys won 31-18 against Wynberg Boys High School last weekend in a courageous effort from sides. The classic clash against Rondebosch Boys' High School takes place this Saturday in an away game with kick-off at 12:00.

Earlier this year SuperSport held open auditions to the public for rugby commentator positions. Auditions were held across the county and thousands of people entered. After many rounds, and months of trials, two men were chosen to be taken on as English commentators. Both these men attended Bishops. **Paul Stubbs (1999-2003)** was at Bishops until grade 8, and **Anton Taylor (2005B)**, who currently serves on the ODU Committee, was at Bishops from 1992 until 2005. Anton will be doing the commentary for the Bishops - Rondebosch match on Saturday, alongside Rondebosch Old Boy Gcobani Bobo. The match will be live from 11h50 on SuperSport Channel 210.

Hockey: Our 1st XI boys have had a remarkable season with countless wins. They won against Wynberg Boys High School (3-0) and Bergvliet High School (4-0) last week. Tonight at 19:35 they will play against Rondebosch Boys' High School. Well done, boys! Keep it up!

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Leading up to the Classic Clash this Saturday, this week's quote comes from the *Bishops Rugby-A History* by Paul Dobson in the "Great Matches" section, page 180. The year was 1951 and Bishops had beaten Rondebosch in a harrowing match with a final score of 17-0. *"Rondebosch are never an easy nut to crack, for their pride in their rugby gives them a determination that is not easily budged. The improved Bishops side hurled in attack after attack. It took a great try to break the dead-lock."* ~ Paul Dobson

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

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