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EDITORIAL

The History of Nairobi School goes as far back as the 1930's when it was established to cater for the interests of the European Community. Thereafter until 1963 the school had built up a reputation and tradition in line with the purpose for which it was established.

With the coming of independence, however, the school began to admit a small number of non-Europeans. This very act of admitting students of all races spelt an inevitable change for the better in order to cope with a new environment, in an independent Kenya. This meant the discarding of those negative aspects of the old tradition and perfecting the positive "to the uttermost." This motto continues to be the guiding principle in our life at Nairobi School.

If we draw up our balance sheet, we can proudly say that we have achieved most of what we set out to do.

The school insists on inculcating the basic ideals of honesty, integrity, obedience, conscientiousness, sense of responsibility and truthfulness. To prepare boys for higher education in our universities here and abroad, we keenly encourage maximum hardwork in order to achieve the highest possible grade in the subjects taken for examinations. In addition we equip the boys with relevant skills in woodwork, metalwork. The Young Farmers Club encourages the elements of farming plus the centrality of Agriculture in our Economy.

However there are a few projects we hope to complete, like the construction of new classrooms and the Tana Dormitory. In this regard we appeal to all the parents, Old Cambrians, friends of the school and well wishers to contribute as generously as possible.

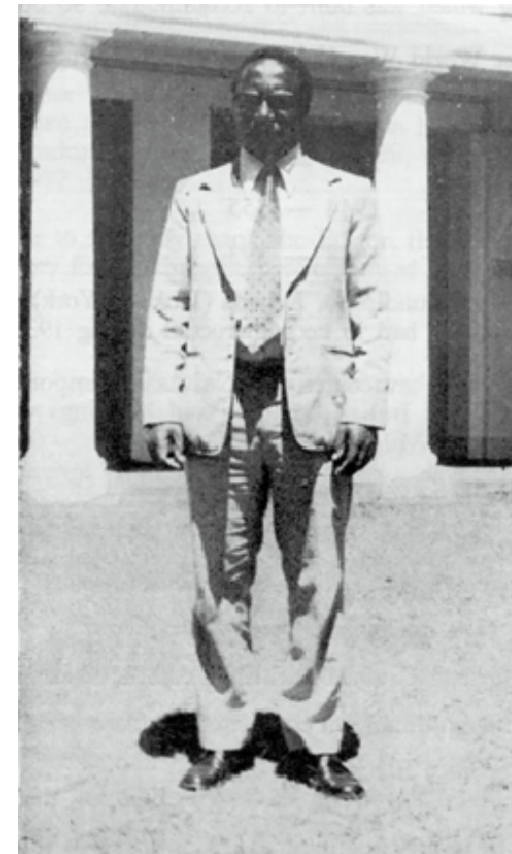
We suggest an urgent reconvening of the Old Cambrians with a view to injecting new life and new blood in the society. More cordial and friendly relations among all the cambrians will ensure continuity of the society. Since its formation the society has played a positive role in the school. This includes giving prizes to school boys, donations of £100 each year to the school library and offering bursaries for further education to help old cambrians through university or their training.

In conclusion I would like to state that this magazine "The Impala" is more of informative publication about the school rather than entertaining.

Finally I would like to thank the following: Mr. Kibumbu who has sacrificed alot of his valuable time in taking photographs; Mr. Munge for the adverts; Mr. Nyaga for editing the Kiswahili section; Mr. Martey who has taken care of French articles; Mrs. Mulera and Mrs. Waa for typing our manuscript material. Last but not least the Editorial Committee.

G. I. Godia

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr. S. K. Kibe Headmaster

This year's issue of Impala reflects what goes on in Nairobi School. It covers a wide field of activities and readers will definitely enjoy and appreciate the humour, educational, historical and philosophical ideas expressed by the various contributors.

Many people do not know the history of Nairobi School and the following notes will probably be useful to those interested.

NAIROBI SCHOOL OUTLINE

1. First Government Secondary School for European boys built in 1929-31 and developed from the Old European Nairobi School. All tuition, administrative and boarding facilities were contained in the main building which was built to accommodate 80 boarders.
2. Enlarged after World War II because of new European settlers coming to Kenya:

1932 — 120 boys

1939 — 191 „

1944 — 355 „

1948 — 593 „

The influx led to founding of Lenana (Duke of York). To cater for the influx, wooden buildings had to be constructed during 1938-45.

1940-41 — School evacuated to Naivasha temporarily because of fear of Italian bombing and buildings were required for use as Military Hospital.

1944-45 — Athi-Kitchen-Serengeti complex built.

1945 — Sanatorium built.

1945 — School Hall built — *Harambee Project*.

1947 — Tana dormitories built — wooden.

1948-49 — Baringo-Kitchen-Kirinyaga complex built.

1953 — Swimming Pool completed — *Harambee Project*.

1956-58 — Science Block built.
Metal and Wood Workshops built

1958 — School Chapel built — *Harambee Project*.

All these constructions were financed by *Old boys, public donations* and Government. All the playing fields were cleared and prepared by boys.

CHANGES:

1960 — First Board of Governors formed to replace School Committee and the school became Government assisted.

1962 — Enrolment became multiracial and ever since the number of African boys has been increasing while that of European and Asian has been decreasing respectively. The school is now dominantly African.

1966 — Board of Governors became multi-racial.

1967/68 — 2 Chemistry laboratories built.

1971/72 — 3 Biology laboratories built.

STAFF:

Since its inception (1929) the school has had 7 headmasters. I am the eighth and 2nd African headmaster. First African headmaster, Mr. D. M. Murcithi, was appointed in October, 1972.

I would like to sincerely thank the Editor, the editorial committee and all the contributors for making the production of 1976 issue a success.

S. K. Kibe, Headmaster



Headmaster and Domestic staff

NAIROBI SCHOOL

SPEECH DAY HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

30th OCTOBER, 1976

Our Guest of Honour, the Hon. Njenga Karume, M.P. GEMA Chairman, Chairman of Board of Governors, distinguished Guests, Parents/Guardians, members of staff, students, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this school today. We who stay in Nairobi School feel greatly honoured by your coming today to participate and help us in our today's activities.

Mr. Chairman, this afternoon's programme is a tight one as it combines activities that should otherwise be held on two separate days, the Speech/prize Giving Day and Harambee Day. I shall therefore, Mr. Chairman, be very brief in my speech.

Mr. Chairman, after being introduced to the school on 15/1/76, I briefly told the staff and students that "I have come to Nairobi School to work with them". Mr. Chairman, there has been sound co-operation amongst ourselves and it is my sincere belief that good work has been done and with our school's motto — "To the Uttermost", we shall continue doing our best to maintain and improve this school's standard academically and otherwise.

It is unfortunate that schools are judged by examinations' results. I say unfortunate, because little, if any, is said about other activities that go on in a school and this being the case we cannot fail to mention examination results. Last year 144 students sat for E.A.C.E. and 142 passed i.e. 98.6% pass; and 69 students sat for E.A.A.C.E. and 43 students got more than 2 Principal Passes; already 25 have been admitted into the University of Nairobi. Our curriculum is a very rich one with 15 subjects, thus giving our students a wide range of choices. For practical subjects we teach Technical Drawing, Wood and Metal Technology and we are actively planning to start Agriculture next year. Our Young Farmers' chickens are producing 85 dozen of eggs per week. We realize that Kenya is an agricultural country and every way should be given and opportunity to learn how to produce food.

Discipline: Mr. Chairman, much has been said in the press about school discipline and I would like to appeal to all wananchi to help the school teachers in instilling some discipline into our youths. None of you would like to be associated with indisciplined youth — one fails to understand why members of the public fail to report those misbehaving to their parents or teachers if one cannot stop them doing what is not acceptable in our society. Bringing up disciplined youths, I believe, is the responsibility of parents, elders and not school teachers alone. Mr. Chairman. We have had no serious discipline cases. I would like, however, to take this opportunity and request the parents of day boys to be more concerned with their children's absence from school so that truancy in schools can be

eliminated. It has been said elsewhere, and I will repeat, that if parents and wananchi did discipline their children especially during the school holidays, and daily after school in case of day boys, there will be reduction in hooliganism, smoking, drinking, disobedience, etc. in schools.

Mr. Chairman, all these successes and activities have been achieved and done because of sound co-operation and dedication of the entire community of Nairobi School. Time does not allow me to mention work done by individual teachers, employees of the school, prefects or students but Mr. Chairman, I would like to assure you and the parents that I am proud of the co-operation and contributions being made by everybody in Nairobi School. My sincere thanks go to all.

Difficulties

Our major problem is age and the inflation. As an institution becomes old, the more expensive it becomes to maintain. As you might have seen Mr. Chairman, there has not been major repair or renovation and the school building therefore look dilapidated because the amount of money given for maintenance is too small and it is hardly enough to do more than replace broken window panes, chains, desks, tables, showers, toilets and keep grass low.

We are, however, thankful to the ministry of Education for its promise to give us money to renovate and redecorate the main building and I hope this is only a start, we look forward to getting more money in future to renovate and redecorate other buildings that look too old and dilapidated.

Harambee

Mr. Chairman, Our Guest of Honour, Parents and Wananchi, we have invited you to come to school today to *revive* a 3-decades' old spirit of *harambee* in this school. In 1945 the school hall was built through donations and in 1953 the swimming pool was completed through *Harambee* activities. One of the most magnificent building in this school, the School Chapel, was built through *Harambee* activities — by donations from individuals and organisations.

Mr. Chairman, asking donations for building a dormitory at Nairobi School, one is usually answered, "but Nairobi School is a government school", yes, it is, but I would like to inform this audience that all the buildings constructed before 1960, and most of our buildings are old — were financed by old boys, public donations and government. The old parents of Nairobi School built the school for their children, the new parents, with the assistance of wananchi and the government need to reconstruct the Nairobi School hence — today's Harambee Day which is intended to restart harambee spirit.

Mr. Chairman, we have very many applications, requesting for boarding places, it has not been possible to admit more borders because of lack of boarding places, with the reconstruction of Tana House and our government

willing, the school will be able to admit more borders. This will be possible through wananchi's generous contribution and the government's contribution.

Before I sit down, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask all present to look at this Tana dormitory.

Thank you very much.

S. K. Kibe, Headmaster

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

We look back on this year with a mixture of gratitude and regret, gratitude because we have experienced no major disturbance, regret because we have not, as an administration, been as successful as we could have been. We took over from W. W. Awori and his fellow prefects determined to improve the standard of discipline and to poison the 'I don't care' attitude that my predecessor mentioned in last year's issue of this magazine. The task was not without difficulties: many pupils saw the trend of events as wholesale persecution; a few saw the virtue of what the prefects were attempting, the need for improvement. But gradually more and more pupils began to appreciate what was being done: they became a source of inspiration.

In his farewell speech our former Headmaster Mr. D. Mureithi (now P.E.O. of Nairobi) emphasised the importance of discipline in any institution. Obviously we cannot hope to achieve the standard of discipline that existed in the 1950s and earlier. In those days, we read, the school had a strong military orientation with a well organised Cadet Force which infected strict discipline in the school. With the advent of independence the structure of school discipline began to change, although we see traces of the past discipline in the school. The type of discipline which has recently been evolving is that of 'imitation.' We know that true discipline is not imposed from without. It is self-control — control which unvariably springs from within. Adolescents being great imitators, the self-control which they will practice will depend largely on how conscientiously the elders try to discipline themselves. The school would certainly become more disciplined if the senior section of the school, in addition to continually affirming their seniority, spared some energy for acts worthy of imitation. As they say, a good example is the best sermon.

This school offers a wide range of facilities for the keen pupil determined to exploit them. We possess an incomparable staff, always willing to take patronship of charge of various clubs and societies. Their dedication warrants more positive response from the pupils.

There has been an obvious danger of pupils from the school losing contact with one another and the school after they leave. The old Cambrian Society (whose name should be changed as there is nothing Welsh about our school!) would certainly be a propitious organisation to promote contact among the old boys and the school. There is much we can do to help the school by joining the society and improving its organisation.

The year would certainly have been difficult without the dedication of Khaemba Ongeti whose role as a Deputy Head of School has been superlative. The Heads of Houses G. Radier, Josiah, Ochieng-Odero, Esere E., Wambua P., Masiga, Indeché and J. Onsando (who was appointed a senior prefect for meritorious and dedicated service) have certainly done

an incomparable job. This, of course, is not to say that others did not give as much as they could. On the contrary. The most remarkable thing about the year was the rare enthusiasm and dedication that existed among the prefects.

A group of people that is rarely thanked by administration should here be mentioned: I mean the offenders, the rebellion ones. They certainly challenged our efforts and, in the process, taught us much about administration. This is not to urge the other boys unto this notorious camp; but it will exist in any institution.

I would like to end by appealing to our successors to try and surpass our efforts for they were insufficient. We hope they have spent much time in critical analysis of our administration and aspire to improve what good we did, destroy what bad we did, and innovate what good we neglected. Sontayana says, 'those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.' Heed his advice.

It would be criminal not to thank all domestic staff, Mrs. Waa and Mrs. Mulera (for keeping us supplied with Punishment Slips), members of staff and the Headmaster for advice and co-operation. I'm in no position to wish the leavers good luck. Let me therefore request all those who are known to us to pray for us as we embark on our final examinations and prepare to sail out of this wonderful harbour unto the rough and stormy seas.

L. O. Mudasia-Kadasia,
Head of School.

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MR. D. M. MUREITHI, B.A. (Ed.)

Headmaster, October, 1972-January, 1976

Mr. Mureithi began his Headmastership when the relentless wind of change was fiercely blowing through our school. He replaced Mr. Dollimore whose four-year diligent service to the school will be long appreciated. On the arrival of Mr. Mureithi many, still steeped in colonial attitudes, expressed their sincere doubts as to the competence of an African Headmaster, especially in running a school as complex as ours: so critical were the eyes riveted on him, so sharp were the ears, so active were the tongues. But Mr. Mureithi, untaunted by these prophets of doom and encouraged by the minority that viewed his arrival with silent appreciation, embarked on his work with vigour and devotion.

After 1972 the dire effects of inflation caused a deterioration on that popular document: the menu. It was necessary to explain to the boys various things concerning the situation. Mr. Mureithi had regular meetings with our revered representative's on the Food Committee and they discussed various aspects of the issue. The situation never developed into a crisis: we avoided the normal incidents nourished by such crises: we did not have a strike.

In 1973 the new Mathematics Department was built and is now being expanded, giving the Swimming Pool area a more dignified appearance. The following year saw the construction of the Basketball Pitch with the help of Mr. Hillyard who moved in from Menengai.

As far as discipline is concerned perhaps we could have done better. But what we have to remember is that many veteran Housemasters like Mr.

Weeks, Mr. Fox, Mr. Keon and others had been forced by circumstances to leave the school. Mr. Mureithi, himself quite new, found himself having to work with Housemasters just beginning to tackle their Houses on which the school disciplinary machine wholly rests.

Mr. Mureithi definitely discarded the decadent House names like Grigg, Hawke, Scott, Clive etc. in favour of local names which some pretended to find difficult to remember. All the new names were places: I personally feel that we should have honoured some great African statesmen like Nkrumah by giving a house his name. May be Mr. Mureithi chose names like Serengeti and Athi because they are immune from the fluctuations of honour as regards human beings: you may honour X and discover the following day that he is an incorrigible villain. But the changing of names was an important event in the school: what now remains is the changing of 'The Old Cambrian Society' to a more suitable name as we have lost most of our Welsh affiliations.

Mr. Mureithi was a charismatic Headmaster who knew how to maintain a respectable distance from people. He talked over problems with boys and repeatedly urged us to strive, to labour 'to the uttermost.' He is now the Provincial Education Officer of Nairobi and maintains close links with us both as an Old Cambrian and as a friend. We wish him a successful career and assure him that though gone, his spirit hovers around us ever. I will end by reiterating what he once quoted from W. Greenfell in 1975 Impala: "Real joy comes not from ease, or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile."

L. O. Mudasia-Kadasia.

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HEADMASTER'S SPEECH 1975

Mr. Chairman, the Chief Guest, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all to this school today. The school community attaches a lot of importance to this day, and the presence of so many of you is not only an encouragement but also an inspiration to us as a school community. Indeed it vindicates the spirit of mutual co-operation that should exist between an institution of this nature, parents and society as a whole.

Today Mr. Chairman, I want to limit my report to three main fields:

1. What is education and what are we trying to do in this school?
2. What have been our achievements?
3. What are our problems?

Our school motto is "to the uttermost." This has been and remains the motto and spirit of this school. We are here to develop people and their talents to the uttermost. Thus be it in academic work, in physical development, in personality, in qualities both of integrity and leadership, we encourage and guide our students to exploit their potential maximum. Education is not just the passing of exams. Education is a total process of development of the human being. It is that which enriches the mind, soul and body and prepares an individual to respond and act upon his environment.

In this school we aim at:

1. A total and fullest possible development of the talents of the individual students.
2. Ensuring that our students will come out as people with an individual sense of responsibility.
3. That they are encouraged to be original imaginative and creative.
4. That they have a relevant and critical understanding of our society so that they can (and I quote the words of the President while addressing University students on their graduation day) "help society by changing some outmoded ideas and injecting new ones suited to the technological age and the specific community."

In the academic field our results have continuously shown an improvement over the previous years. (see the results on the programme). We hope and look forward to the time we can report that we had 100% passes both at E.A.C.E. and E.A.A.C.E.

The school offers a balanced emphasis in academic as well as in sporting activities. In the first term the school offers hockey, cross-country and swimming as the main activities. Second term we have rugby and athletics while third term is devoted to soccer and cricket.

A long side with these, clubs and societies constitute a major dimension of our school activities. The Young Farmers' Club has continued to be active and practical throughout the year.

We also have Drama Club, Debating Societies, Form Six Society and the School Band. We expect and encourage and indeed challenge our boys to develop their qualities of leadership in the organization of these clubs and societies. The students also annually organize an inter-house quiz competition and the cups for the winning house will be awarded this afternoon.

This year, I am glad to report, Mr. Chairman, there has been a boom of drama in the school. In the first term, the Drama Society staged "Dedan Kimathi" a play by Kenneth Watene as a main school production. Two of our students Njoroge Karanja and Njoroge Njenga had been selected to join the National Theatre group that was going to Lagos for the cultural festival.

Obviously we have a wide spectrum of activities in the school. We do not regard these as waste of time. They are an essential component in the development of both the intellectual potential, an anchored personality and character of our boys. Education to us is a continuous process and not an isolated activity restricted to the classroom.

During the course of the year we welcomed the following members of staff to our community: Messrs — Baillie, Njihia, Noble, Ngari, Maloba, Wainaina and Mrs. Ngomuo. We said farewell to the following: Messrs — Aloo, Owuor, Ng'ang'a, Maganjo, Akivaga, Thompson and Rev. Davies.

Last year I reported that our working force, namely, the non-teaching and junior staff establishment was going to be reduced. After prolonged discussion between the ministry of Education and the Domestic and Workers Union, the ministry has now finally retired some workers. Many of the duties previously performed by the workers in the houses and the school will now be fully done by the boys.

We are determined that out of this school there shall emerge men whose minds have been sharpened, who are confident, have an enched personality and character: men capable of making independent, rational judgement; men who respect others and deserve the respect of others. Above all, men who have confidence in their own being, their culture and are willing and prepared to meet the challenges that the process of living imposes upon them. These are the men who shall appreciate the total process of life as well as understand and bear the agonies. Such qualities do not come to people by sheer acquisition of academic successes. They involve out of the process and experience of living.

These are the ideals that we strive for and shall continue to strive for in this school. We need co-operation, understanding, and even ampaty to realize them.

In conclusion I would like to thank the following:

1. The Permanent Secretary, of the Ministry of Education.
2. Board of Governors.
3. My Deputy Mr. Packwood.
4. The Housemasters and all staff members.

5. The Head of School, heads of houses, school prefects, games captain, leaders of societies and clubs, and all who have contributed to the maintenance of the school discipline and creative harmony in the school.

6. Lastly to all of you. Your continued support to us in a source of inspiration and encouragement. We shall together strive to do our best.

Thank you very much.

D. M. Mureithi
Headmaster 1975

PRIZE LIST, 1975 Order of presentation

FORM PRIZES

1A	G. H. O. Magana	Naivasha/Athi
1R	E. K. M'Twaruchiu	Taha/Kirinyaga
1G	H. Mweberi	Baringo
1H	T. M. Githugu	Naivasha/Serengeti
1K	R. G. Bhatt	Elgon
2A	J. J. Muchiri	Marsabit
2M	J. M. Chaudhry	Baringo
2S	R. J. Kwayi	Elgon
2G	G. A. Owino	Marsabit
2T	K. D. M. Wallace	Serengeti
3A	S. S. Shah	Baringo
3M	A. K. Shah	Serengeti
3S	M. K. Keter	Elgon
3G	W. K. Ngibuini	Serengeti
3T	A. M. Maina	Elgon

FORTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES

Biology	C. M. D'Cunha	Baringo
English Language	J. Warambo	Marsabit
History	E. D. E. Simiyu	Kirinyaga
Physics	P. A. W. Kigundu	Athi
Physical Science	A. O. Owiti	Elgon
Chemistry	M. C. N. Bhatt	Serengeti
Maths	F. R. Abdullah	Athi
Kiswahili	T. Buteyo	Baringo
Religious Education	C. M. D'Cunha	Baringo
Art	H. S. Kurji	Serengeti
Geography	H. Maina	Marsabit
Metalwork	M. R. Waweru	Marsabit
Literature in English	E. N. Kabuyah	Serengeti
Technical Drawing	G. S. O. Obonyo	Athi
Woodwork	P. M. Nzungi	Kirinyaga
French	G. Ogola	Marsabit
	H. Wamwayi	Baringo

UPPER SIX FORM SUBJECT PRIZES

Physics	A. K. Karim	Serengeti
Literature in English	G. M. Simiyu	Kirinyaga
Chemistry	A. K. Karim	Serengeti
Geography	M. J. Mute	Tana/Kirinyaga
History	R. T. Aswani	Kirinyaga
Economics	M. J. Mute	Tana/Kirinyaga
Art	M. P. Ngatia	Marsabit
Maths	A. K. Karim	Serengeti
Divinity	H. N. Gathuru	Baringo

SPECIAL PRIZES 1975

Librarian	K. Mutiso U6A
Librarian	N. Njenga U6A
Chapel Reading	E. T. L. Mbogori U6S
Music	S. Wandera
Best 6th Former	A. K. Karim
Best potential Varsity Student	A. K. Karim
Drum Major	G. Edebe
Governors Prize for	
Head of School	W. W. Awori
Magadi Soda Prize for	
Best 6th Form Science Candidate	A. K. Karim

DRAMA FESTIVAL PRIZES

Best Actor: Priestley Cup:	E. K. Ongeti	} Kirinyaga
	B. W. Wakhungu	
Best Original Play:	Akivaga Cup: Elgon House	
Best Play:	Old Cambrian Cup: Elgon House	
Best Producer:	Miciere Mugo Cup: Mudasia-Kadasia (Athi House)	

PRIZES PRESENTED TO BOYS

FORM 6 PRIZES, 1976

SUBJECT	PRIZE WINNER	HOUSE	GRADE
Biology	P. Wangai	Serengeti	B
Art	M. K. Gathigira	Serengeti	B
Chemistry	S. S. Kassamjee	Serengeti	A
Divinity	F. N. Kithinji	Kirinyaga	B
Economics	P. O. Odhiambo	Serengeti	A
English Lit.	M. K. Gathigira	Serengeti	
Geography	C. W. Nyoike	Marsabit	B
History	L. O. Mudasia-Kadasia	Athi	A
Mathematics	S. W. O. Josiah	Marsabit	
Physics		Marsabit	A

FORM 4 PRIZES 1976

Art	S. Z. Hassan	Marsabit	1
Biology	J. Rajdev	Marsabit	1
Chemistry	S. S. Rawji	Kirinyaga	1
Chris. Rel. Ed.	C. Kuria	Baringo	1
English Lang.	J. Rajdev	Marsabit	1
English Lit.	T. R. Kuyoh	Elgon	1
Geography	S. S. Rawji	Kirinyaga	1
History	B. Wakhungu	Kirinyaga	3
Mathematics	J. G. Shah	Baringo	1
Metalwork	R. O. Nyakundi	Marsabit	2
French	J. S. Shah	Baringo	2

SUBJECT	PRIZE WINNER	HOUSE	GRADE
Physics	S. M. G. Ngugi	Kirinyaga	1
Phys. Science	R. O. Nyakundi	Marsabit	1
Kiswahili	S. R. Mainge	Elgon	3
Tech. Drawing	A. M. Maina	Elgon	1
Woodwork	L. M. Njuki	Athi	3

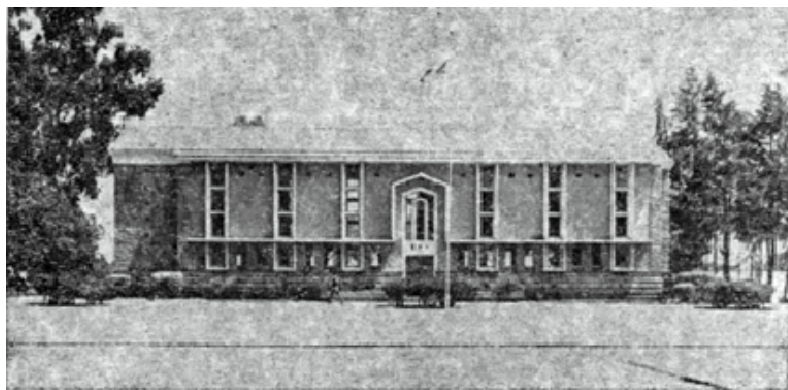
FORM 1 TO 3 PRIZES, 1976

FORM	STUDENT	HOUSE	BEST SIX
1A	S. Hamdun	Athi	6
1G	P. Z. Kikuyu	Baringo	8
1H	J. S. Kigundu	Athi	6
1K	A. Z. Verjee	Elgon	6
1R	I. D. Itumo	Kirinyaga	10
2A	H. O. Onyango	Serengeti	7
2G	E. Ndalo	Baringo	17
2S	A. M. Rasekoai	Athi	19
2T	K. B. M. Kamande	Elgon	10
2M	M. A. D'Cunha	Baringo	7
3G	S. E. Wambuzi	Athi	24
3M	A. Mwangi	Elgon	14
3S	K. O. Mose	Marsabit	26
3T	K. D. M. Wallace	Serengeti	14
3A	J. M. Chaudhry	Baringo	6

SPECIAL PRIZES, 1976

PRIZE	NAME	HOUSE	FORM
Librarian	M. Muriungi	Kirinyaga	6S
Chapel Reading	P. Wambua	Athi	6S
Drum-Major	A. M. Wairia	Elgon	4G
Headmaster's Prize for			
Service to the School	J. J. Masiga	Serengeti	6S
Governors' Prize for			
The Head of School	L. O. Mudasia-Kadasia		6A
Best Potential			
Varsity Student	S. W. O. Josiah	Marsabit	6S
Shankardass Prize for			
Most Improved Music	G. Gitonga	Baringo	4A
Student			
Society of St. George			
Prize for Best Sixth	N. Malik	Elgon	6A
Form Arts Student			
Magadi Soda Prize To			
Best Sixth Form	A. Tailor	Serengeti	6S
Science Student			

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



A view of the School Chapel

Very often during the last eight years that I have been teaching Religious Education in this school, there is one question that has been repeated many times year in and year out. The question goes, "Why should we go to Chapel?" Very often this question has been asked by Form Four boys and sometimes Form Three boys. My answer to this question has always been, still is, and will remain very simple and straight-forward.

I have always maintained that a person is a complex being in that he is not a piece of flesh, bones and blood; but he is God's special creature with a special kind of mind and a living soul. If young men and women will grow into full maturity bodily, mentally and spiritually, the need to be trained in all these sides of their personality. They must be trained to be mature moral beings as well as social beings, and this is what most schools if not all seek to do in their curriculum. Our school endeavours to train our boys in all these fields of life and it is through chapel worship, short weekly messages and Sunday sermons together with one Religious Knowledge class lesson a week that we aim at achieving this very vital role of education.

In spite of the fact that some do not see the need for religious matters at school, we have had boys coming forward every year for baptism and confirmation classes. This year twenty seven boys enrolled for confirmation class and on July 18th 1976 we had the blessing of holding a united service of confirmation conducted and officiated by The Most Rev.

Festo H. Olang the Anglican Bishop of Kenya and the Rev. George Wanjau the Presbyterian Church Minister of St. Andrew's Church Nairobi. It was a time of many blessing for all of us here at school and for the parents, guardians and friends of the boys who were confirmed. We are grateful for the service rendered to us on that occasion by these two ministers.

Other christian activities have been going on as usual. The Christian Union have been holding their usual Sunday evening meetings as well as weekly Bible studies at the Chaplaincy Centre. The Theological Society has not been as active as it has been in the previous years but I hope this weakness will be corrected in the coming years. The Crusaders' meetings had to be discontinued this year because those christian brothers who organised them had to leave the country. We are certainly missing their very valuable ministry to the Junior boys.

As usual we had our Lenten efforts to raise funds for donations to voluntary organizations. Altogether we realized a sum of Shs. 2,570/70 which will be distributed to different bodies which cater for the destitutes. This we do every year because we believe that it is our duty in the Name of God to try all we can to relieve the suffering of mankind following the example of our Lord and Master Christ Jesus.

Finally, I would like to say a word of thanks to all who have contributed to Christian work in the school during the year. Firstly to the Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster for their presence and encouragement in all our christian matters. Secondly to the visiting preachers and ministers, especially to the Rev. David Green vicar of the St. Mark's Parish in which we are, for finding time to come up and conduct our Communion Services. Thirdly to my colleagues Mr. S. Njoroge the patron of the Christian Union, Miss Sarah Kabetu the patron of the Theological Society, Mrs. Njoroge for her contribution in the week-days morning chapel meetings, and the school prefects for organising the boys and reading in chapel.

A special word of thanks must be given to Fr. A. Genty our Roman Catholic minister for his continued interest in our christian life here; in conducting Mass for catholic boys, taking morning chapel prayers and giving spiritual guidance to those boys who have needed his help. Also to Mrs. Packwood for her weekly contribution towards our chapel services in decorating our chapel with flowers at her own expense. Thank you very much.

Now as I leave for five-months' study seminar in Switzerland, I am confident that all things will continue smoothly and that God will guide Mr. Samuel Njoroge as he takes over the running of chapel meetings and Miss Kabetu as she takes over the running of our Department of Religious Studies. I also believe that the whole school will have a blessed Carol Service on November 21st 1976 and that everybody will have many blessings during the christmas holidays.

God bless us all.

Amos Maina Thiongo, School Chaplain

SCHOOL LIBRARY REPORT 1976



Master in-charge : Mrs. I. M. Awori
Chief Librarian : Muriungi-Muthuri
Deputy Librarian: Stan Ramogo

This has been a better year for the school library than last year. During first and second terms of this year, we bought over 260 copies of new books, ranging from Novels to texts for various subjects. We hope to add some more new books during the course of the term. Mr. Maloba, Mr. Wainaina, Mr. Gacugi, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Noble should be given special thanks for suggesting suitable books for the library. Other masters should follow the same example because it is through them that we can know what books are essential to purchase. It is sad to mention that there is not a single book in the Mathematics Department that is anywhere near the standard of the Sixth Form.

This year cases of attempted theft and disappearance of books have been reduced greatly. I would like to appeal to members of the school to report anybody found in possession of a library book illegally to the authority, so that he can be dealt with.

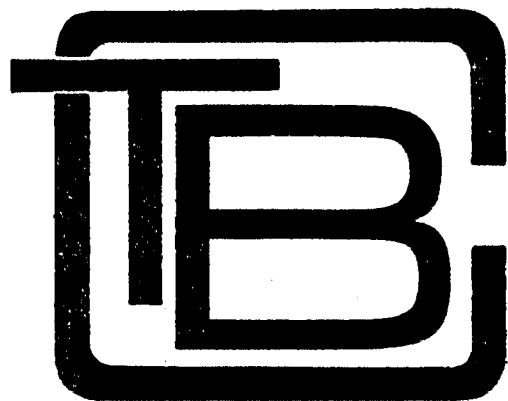
I would like to thank all the librarians for the tremendous job they have done for the library this year. Special thanks should go to Gitonga, Nyagah, and Saina who have sacrificed their most essential time sitting at the desk in the evenings, thus saving the library from closing earlier than usual.

Mr. Mwangi too deserves special thanks for the co-operation that he has given us. And last but by no means least, thanks to Mrs. Awori who has had to sacrifice a lot of her most valuable time coming to see how the library is running.

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HOUSE REPORTS – 1976

ATHI HOUSE

Housemaster : Mr. B. K. Ngari
Assistant Housemasters : Mr. G. I. Godia
Mrs. G. M. Luseno
Mrs. E. G. Ngomuo
Head of House : P. M. Wambua
Deputy Head of House : J. A. Onsando
Prefects : B. Onzere, G. Siika, K. Gachathi, J. Ngugi

With the introduction of the new regime Athi boys soon got down to show that they are formidable in all fields. Most important was the departure of Mr. Harrington and the swearing in of our new housemaster Mr. Ngari. Mr. Clennell also left us and was replaced by Mrs. Luseno. Athi House proudly supplied this year's Head of School, Mudasia-Kadasia.

In the first term we lifted the festival trophy leaving the other houses surprised at the good start. Bob Onzere was appointed school hockey captain. Four of the school's victorious 1st XI were from Athi namely John Kariuki, Bob Onzere, John Ngugi and Bubbs Muimi. The league wasn't too favourable but in the knockouts we went down fighting to Kirinyaga in the finals and in the absence of our goal-keeper J. Ngugi. With swimmers like Mohammed Yakub and Tom Anyonge in the school team we easily clinched the league trophy with a large margin of points. The swimming gala wasn't so easy: we were pushed into third place but this didn't worry us much. Hockey saw new stars like young Aradi and swimming revealed people like Okeno, Mbutia and younger Anyonge. Incidentally Athi House were all swimmers by the second week of term, thanks to our captain J. Ngugi.

The rugby season was rather rough on us. All star Bob Onzere injured for good in the festival over the first weekend. We narrowly lost to Serengeti in the finals. The 1st XV had an array of Athi boys, Alan Gachukia, Tom Anyonge, Pritt Nyandat, John Ngugi and Jesse Onsando who was also the school vice-captain and linkman in school's combined. Nyandat retained "the most improved player" cup for Athi for the third year running. Since we concentrated our efforts on rugby we didn't do all that well in athletics. However, we proudly have the fastest two boys in the school G. Siika and R. Ambwere. Our athletics captain, Linck Karanja got the team working hard and into a respectable 4th league place.

Soccer proved different. We outnumbered all teams with our array of veteran stars like Jesse Onsando who has been the 1st XI goalkeeper since 2nd form. We again clinched the festival trophy for the third year running and went on to prove just as deadly as last year in the league — thanks to our captain Brian Omondi. This year a third of those who qualified for the 1st XI were from Athi. Our juniors were also very enthusiastic with J. Lubowa revealing his talent.

And that's not all. Athi is known for its talent in the drama festival and choral competition both coming up this term, not to mention the inter-house quiz finals which we have reached twice. Athi House charity film hopes to draw in some money as well. Incidentally Athi House has the most people in the school band, squash club and young farmers and quite a few of us are leaders as well. We provide the school projectionists.

This year colours were presented to Kariuki for his efforts in hockey, Nyandat for his all-round capabilities and Anyonge our rugby captain.

One cannot end such a report without thanking prefects, sixth formers, monitors and the boys themselves for the way they have co-operated in this difficult year. Thanks also go to the housemaster for his unfledgling support and provision of refreshments, the games captains and all those who promoted Athi's name, "Athi for Action!"

Philip M. Wambua, Head of House

BARINGO HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	: Mr. P. J. Kibumbu
<i>Assistant Housemasters</i>	: Mr. S. N. Njoroge (1st term)
	: Mr. Z. J. Essaji
	: Mr. S. S. Rihal
<i>Head of House</i>	: V. M. Indeché
<i>Deputy Head of House</i>	: J. M. Kamunde
<i>Prefects</i>	: M. Thurura, A. Mwalimo, J. K. Kanithi.

At the beginning of the year Mr. Maina who had been Housemaster for almost five years, left us to become the new Chaplain following the departure of Rev. P. R. Davies. Mr. Njoroge left us to become the new housemaster of Tena House. We wish them both success in their new jobs. We welcomed Mr. Kibumbu as housemaster and Messrs Essaji and Rihal as assistant Housemasters. They have now settled down very well.

Sportswise we fared quite well. We came third in the swimming league and also in the gala. This was no mean achievement since in past years we had always been the weakest house. Swimming for the School were Ngonzi, Mwongo M., Mbogori, Otambo the 'fish', Ogembo and Wanjohi.

In cross-country the Juniors' Cross Country Cup came to us after devastating performances. Hockey was rather disappointing, no cups being won. However C. Otambo played for 1st XI and Mwai 2nd XI.

Towards the end of the term when results of the 'O' Level were released we came second to Marsabit. However no one can deny the fact that our results were the most attractive with the top three students coming from our House.

In basketball we fared quite well, Ogola M. played actively for the School.

During second term after finishing third in the festival, it seems the boys ran out of steam and did not do well in the league and knockout. For the 1st XV 'strongman' Thurura and C. Otambo played well. Thurura was awarded colours at the end of term. 'Age man' Otambo broke his collar-bone but was back on the pitch in one and a half months. We also contributed to the School Play, J. M. Kamunde being 'Baroka' in the high money spinning "Lion and the Jewel". In Athletics we finished third in the league and fifth on sports day. However, Mauti was the most outstanding Junior Athlete. The house showed that it was very active socially with H. M. Wamwayi being elected the Chairman of the sixth Form Society, the third time he has held post of chairman in the School. Taking part in the President's Award Scheme bronze section were Nyaga, Ngonzi, Kuria and Mbogori.

Despite having had a poor start in the cleanliness of the house, we rapidly regained our composure and our cleaning reports are among the best to be seen. The personal cleanliness of the boys is also of the highest standard. This is a long tradition of the house of which we are all proud to maintain.

We have, despite having a fairly good and active year, also had our own share of problems. They have not been catastrophic, however, the 'bad sheep' having been put in their rightful paces.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Matheka, who has looked after our Dhobi and Maintenance very well. Secondly, to Mrs. Mwangi's services in the Dining Hall.

Last but not least, I must commend all the boys in the House for their part in the house activities for it is really them who make it what it is. For those remaining I re-emphasize once again, 'keep the Baringo flag flying high' in all the social, academic and extra-curricular activities of the school. For those leaving, best of luck in the wider world.

Vankwa M. Indeché, Head of House.

ELGON HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	: Mr. Munge
<i>Assistant Housemasters</i>	: Bentley, Mr. Hillyard, Mr. Nyaga.
<i>Head of House</i>	: G. G. Radier
<i>Deputy Head of House</i>	: F. S. Onamu
<i>Prefects</i>	: Wahinya J., Kisia E., Asiema A., Kivai, Musonye and Mafunga A.

1976 brought several changes to Elgon House. Amongst these, was the resignation of Mr. Bentley as housemaster. He handed over to a very able Mr. Munge.

In the first term, we fared well in hockey. We went through the hockey festival unbeaten. Our hockey captain was Joe Wahinya. His tireless effort in organising and running the various house teams cannot pass unmentioned. G. Radie and Onditi were both in the 1st XI, and were awarded school colours.

Swimming was not up to the usual high standards which the house maintains. Tony Mafunga was appointed school swimming captain, Kanagi, put up a commendable effort and was awarded swimming colours. Asiema organised and swam in the house team.

As has become tradition, we maintained our superiority in cross-country, retaining the league cup. Here we must inevitably mention the names of Wairia, Rono, Misoi, Kipsang and Kamidi who were outstanding both for the house and school. Thanks to Franc Onamu for his organisation of our cross-country teams.

We had a fine run in the Rugby league, notable efforts coming from Radier C. and Dave Kimbui. We were represented in the 1st and 2nd XV by Radier G. and Owiti respectively. Thanks to Mawagi for running the house teams.

We narrowly lost the overall athletics championships on sports day. We did, however win the Pre-sports Meets. In the school team were Wairia, Misoi, Kamidi, Omondi and Rono. Wairia in particular was very outstanding. Our house athletics team was ably captained by Misoi. In Basketball we came second. We were runners — up to Marsabit in the league and knock-out competitions. Notable performances were from Radier. C., Kuyu and Mungai. Kuyu captained our house team. House colours were awarded to Onditi, Wairia and Radier C.

The third term has started with bright hopes. We had a relatively good performance in the soccer festival, and are now into the league. In the 1st 22 we are represented by Mafunga, Radier C. and Radier G. Cricket, as is customary, is dominated by Elgon. Grewal is the school captain, and other members of the 1st XI are Malik, Dada, Nanji, Shah and Radier G.

I must thank Mr. Munge, Mr. Bentley, and Mr. Nyaga for their active role in the running of the house, Mr. Matheka deserves praise for continuing to provide an efficient dhobi service. And finally, to leavers and those who must remain in Elgon house, I wish you all a bright and successful future.

G. G. Radier, Head of House.

KIRINYAGA HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	: Mr. H. M. Dale
<i>Assistant Housemasters</i>	: Mr. O. W. Maloba Mr. D. B. Moye
<i>Head of House</i>	: Khaemba Ongeti
<i>Deputy Head of House</i>	: Muthuri Muriungi
<i>Prefects</i>	: D. O. Onyango T. E. Lugaye S. N. Angwenyi

By and large 1976 has been a very successful year bearing in mind the fact that significant changes were introduced into the house system, notable among these being the cleaning chores.

With our standard of discipline as high as it was we matened into the cross-country course under the guidance of Muriungi and Osiro to beat all houses. In hockey, we won the league cup. In the knockouts Serengeti only managed to score a wild goal ahead of us.

G. Kathembe in swimming was unsuccessful in getting us to leave our normal position during the gala. However, a member of Kirinyaga represented the school in the inter-schools drama festival.

In rugby, we did not fair badly. We got close to carrying off the league cup but unfortunately Marsabit's juniors were by far more wrinkle-faced and we had to contend ourselves with the second position. Dan was once again the captain and Otieno his able vice-captain.

The Athletics track saw Muthuri Muriungi and Odhiambo once again coaching us in the events. On sports day D. Onyango simply out ran every sixth former present. The house provided the school captain, plus the following athletes: J. K. Katunga, P. Osiro, L. I. Osobase, C. S. Oloo, J. K. Njongoro and J. B. Githinji.

During second term, Kirinyagans again played active roles in the major school dramatic production.

In basketball, B. Wakhungu as the captain never quite, managed to get people jumping high but we were a formidable force all the same.

In third term we missed soccer festival trophy narrowly.

It was not only in games that we excelled. K. Ongeti relinquished authority as chairman of sixth form society this year: B. Wakhungu was chairman of F.F.D.S., Muriungi was secretary of the geographical society as well as Chief Librarian, D. D. Mucheni was the chairman of the Kiswahili society, and J. S. Odonde the chief whip of the F.F.D.S.

F.K. Nairobi of 6A snatched the "A" level Divinity prize. With the 'O' level, B. Wakhungu took the History prize while S. M. G. Ngugi

trooped in with the Physics prize. One is compelled to mention the fact that most of our fifth formers actually scored first divisions.

Finally, I would like to give my sincere thanks to the housemaster and his assistants for their devotion, all prefects for their dedication, all monitors for their service, all group leaders for their effort and may the leavers pass their exams and seek not to repeat.

Khaemba Ongeti, Head of House.

MARSABIT HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	: Mr. K. Davidson
<i>Assistant Housemasters</i>	: Mr. S. W. Mollison, Mr. J. Murungi, Mr. P. N. Njihia
<i>Head of House</i>	: S. W. O. Josiah
<i>Deputy Head of House</i>	: C. W. Nyoike
<i>Prefects</i>	: D. M. O. Saisi, D. O. Kwasa, H. A. Mohamed, D. W. Muia, J. M. Njoroge.

1976 saw Marsabit hit the headlines in games, discipline, tidiness and other school activities.

The reduction of subordinate staff left no alternative, but for the boys to take up jembes, pangas, brooms e.t.c. making the house and its gardens cleaner than ever before. This is evident from the house clean-up reports.

The swimming team with Kwasa as captain, shone in the gala where they maintained first position until the last minute when they dropped to second position. We had Obaso winner of individual medley trophy, Matu, Ngatia, Njoroge W. and Aliker representing us in the school team.

In hockey with Saisi as captain we could not go without a trophy. We brought here the Junior knockout trophy.

In cross-country we had Njoroge as both school and house captain. Migue, Mbiri, Gitau and Otieno G. represented us in the school team. Special mention goes to Nyoike, who spent his precious time in coaching the junior team.

In Basketball we won the festival, league and knockout trophies. We had Kwasa as the school and house captain, while Matu, Mugane and Otieno, played for the school team.

In athletics we showed our superiority by winning the Sidney Davies Athletics Sports cup for the best House in athletics, addition to several individual and ten trophies. We had Njoroge, Kimoro (House Captain), Ongwenyi, Nyakundi and Otieno in the school team.

Rugby was no exception to our trend of victories. After intensified drilling the league cup had no alternative but to find room in our already full sack of trophies. Mwicha the captain deserves a pat on the back for his efforts.

Apart from house activities members of the house found themselves the high circles of the school.

Esera E. and Ngugi became head and deputy head prefects in Naivasha House. With Marsabit effectively represented here — the breeding grounds for its young members, the future of Marsabit seems planned and bright.

Esera and Nyoike hold positions of chairman and secretary of food committee respectively. Nyoike was also secretary of sixth form society and wildlife. Josiah S. W. O. was coordinating official of sixth form society Njoroge was secretary of theological society, Adholla was chairman of Young World Development Committee, Ongwenyi was chairman of young farmers, Mwicha was treasurer of sixth form society, Matu treasurer of junior debating society, Kimoro was treasurer of wildlife, Njuc was secretary of wildlife, Obaso, Ngaruiya and Mogaka were chairman, secretary and treasurer of Young World Development Committee respectively.

The Marsabit play compiled and produced by Kwasa together with his Marsabit comrades represented the school in the drama festival and thereafter represented the province in the provincial drama festival. During the year also Marsabit won the shield for the best exam results. This term Nyoike has won the 'A' level Geography prize, Nyakundi the 'O' level Physical Science and Metalwork prizes and Josiah S. W. O. 'A' level Physics and Mathematics prizes.

Finally I would like to thank all the prefects for their cooperation in uplifting standards in the house. The masters, especially Mr. K. Davidson the housemaster, who will be leaving us at the end of the year. We wish him a happy life wherever he goes. Last but not least I wish all members of the house a happy and prosperous future.

S. W. O. Josiah, Head of House.

NAIVASHA HOUSE

Housemaster : Mr. E. B. Martey
Assistant Housemasters : Mr. C. T. Ndoria
Mr. E. Njuguna
Mrs. I. M. Awori

Head of House : E. V. Esere
Deputy Head of House : M. N. Ngugi
Prefects : C. Mbeche
K. Kabbucho
E. Simiyu
A. Geke
M. Nzungi

This has been a year of commendable effort by Naivasha Prefects to revive and establish Naivasha House as an emerging and starting point of Nairobi School's future national aspirations.

In the first term E. Buluku, Mwangi M. and B. Saru served as Monitors and their efforts and help to make the term a success is a cherished memory. This can be realised if we all recall that this year the major duty of cleaning the houses was placed upon the shoulders of school boys; and taking into account that the headmaster Mr. Kibe has personally commended Naivasha's cleanliness, we can then begin to appreciate the afore mentioned efforts both by the prefects and the boys.

The first term was more progressive than the establishment; Table tennis took to a running pace, thanks to Saru; the house quiz, a strain to display ones intelligence was an anticipated moment, Marsabit winning the trophy; chess became a house hold game and we revived the showing of films on Wednesday. To this we attribute our appreciation to Mr. Stephens who sacrificed his precious time to get us the films; Ngotho, Kariuki, Lubowa and Kamamia for their part as projectionists and Joe Masiga for making the keys to the hall available despite how trying it had been sometimes.

All said, the part played by the boys can not be overlooked, Motiga won the table tennis competition in the first term, Ndetto subsiding him in the second term, Andy Matu persistently tried to start the chess competition rolling, Marsabit won the quiz competition in the first term, Baringo giving them a challenge worthy of mention in the second, Andy Matu, Ngige, Wamai and Mugo F. demonstrated the simplicity of buoyancy, by swimming for the school, Kariuki V. (captain) and Mugo F. (vice-captain) led baby colts rugby to many a victory, loosing none of their matches, thanks to Mr. Opot's continual training, who is demonstrating his enthusiasm yet once more in soccer, Odhiambo P. V. (captain) and Kadas'a M. (vice-captain) striving hard to establish their supremacy in this sphere.

In the second term Simiyu Eseli, Ateka Geke and Nzungi Mateta, joined our prefect administration and their efforts to improve where we faltered, to advise where confusion reigned, to comfort in times of distress, and uphold the good name of Naivasha house, have not been in vain.

Words cannot suffice the sociable life that we have all had in Naivasha this year. Our regime unlike our predecessors observed an end to many of the former in-justices done to boys who came to this school in first form and a beginning for the better of the rights and life of every boy in Naivasha.

There has been a renewal and change towards a more humanitarian nature and wise observation that arose in our house.

We have all had to stand up together to reap the rewards of unity, bear the burdens of life; meet its hardships supporting those that wished us well and opposing any foe to assure the survival and happy stay of every boy in Naivasha.

Finally, we now have come to uphold the realisation that the running of the house depends more upon the boys than in the hands of the head of house, but like all institutions in life we have had our ups and downs but our spirit of pride, enthusiasm and determination, asking always what we will do for Nairobi School, our community and the world at large has enriched our view of life. Lastly I give my compliments to advice, help and guidance we have received from our housemaster Mr. Martey, not forgetting the masters attached to the house Mrs. Awori, Mr. Ndoria and Mr. Njuguna, the masters in the school, Mr. Kibe the headmaster and subordinate staff.

To my successors, I lay a challenge to better the standard of this school in intelligence and academic work, and to my fellow sixth formers I wish them all the best in whatever tasks they endeavour to undertake in future.

E. V. Esere, Head of House

SERENGETI HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	Mr. I. Dougan
<i>Assistant Housemasters</i>	Mr. W. A. Priestley Mr. R. F. Noble Mr. G. M. Wainaina
<i>Head of House</i>	J. J. Masiga
<i>Deputy Head of House</i>	W. W. Opiyo
<i>Prefects</i>	A. T. O. Ang'awa B. A. Omolo T. E. Ominde S. O. S. Ramogo

This year has not been a bad one for the house. The house started off the year on a very encouraging note by becoming runners up in the hockey-festival.

Under our very successful house Captain, Ramogo S. O. S., the team went through strenuous coaching session and easily won the knock-out trophy. The Naivasha boys didn't do badly and they reached the first form knock-out finds where they were unlucky to lose. We would have faired much better in the league were it not for the school team snatching all our prominent players, namely Omolo B. A., Ramogo S. O. S., Ngotho T., Ominde E. and Akich T., Omolo B. A. became the school vice-captain. The above represented us in the 1st XI while Olum B. and Shitemi J. turned out in the 2nd XI.

In the swimming pool the house showed its superiority in harbouring great swimmers like in the days when it was still 'Nicholson' by actually winning the annual swimming Gala. In the school swimming team we had no fewer than six representatives, Kimani M., Muthiga M., Joell E., Oponda P., Omondi C. and "young" Ngumba J. A. future terror in the pool is young Omondi who swam extremely well during the Gala.

On the long cross country route, Ochieng F. and Mutua J. were our loyal representatives. Ominde T. E. our house captain organised our "hard working" house team which throughout the season kept on trying.

In Rugby, Serengeti House was just on top throughout the season. Out of the five Rugby trophies available, four of them are now in Serengeti. The house started off at a very hasty pace by winning the festival, for the fourth year running an achievement only attained by Serengeti in the history of the school. The inter-house league followed the festival. Due to the house being the chief supplier of players for the school teams, our hard working captain, Omolo, had to call upon the left-overs to represent us in the league: we did not do well in the league. Fortunately the knock-outs were open to all and first-formers started the ball-rolling by beating Marsabit in the finals. The junior knock-out cup last won in 1973 was also a duel between Marsabit and us in the semi finals. Marsabit

were soundly thrashed. As if Marsabit had not had enough, they turned up to face their much — fancied squad in the scar cup final where we beat them heavily. In the first XV the house was represented by a very strong party of Omolo B. A., Angawa A. T. O., Opiyo W. W., Ngumba P., Ramogo S. O. S., Muthiga M., Wandera S., Kimani M., Ndolo and Masiga J. J. In the 2nd XV we had Ominde T. E., Olum B. and Mangeli B.

On the athletic track we did not feature highly. Nyandigisi and Mutua represented us in the school team while Obimbo was in the junior team.

The third term for us started off poorly by our loosing the soccer festival trophy which we should have been given to keep for good, having won it since 1971. The declaration of Ramogo S. O. S. as the school soccer captain gives us some hope in the knock-outs. Opiyo W. W., Ramogo S. O. S., Odhiambo P., Ramogo E. and Masiga J. J. are out representatives in the 1st XI.

The house easily won the annual inter-house quiz which is quite an achievement in academic activities.

At the beginning of the year Mr. Were left us and we welcomed Mr. Wainaina as his replacement. Mr. Noble continues to run the house bank with utmost efficiency. We also appreciate his efforts to improve house games.

Our thanks go to Mr. Dougan for his never failing help he renders to us. It is through his efforts that discipline and standard of work has reached a high level.

I would also like to thank all the prefects, who as one body, have helped in the smooth and efficient running of the house, and the co-operation of other members of the house, who as members of Serengeti, have maintained the good name of the house in the school.

Finally I hope that those who remain will strive to reach even higher standards as yet not reached.

J. J. Masiga, Head of House.

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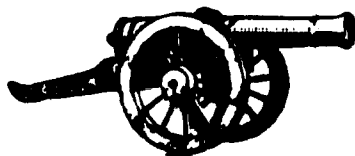
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TANA HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	Mr. B. J. Stewart (left end of 2nd term) Mr. S. N. Njoroge	
<i>Assistant Housemasters</i>	Mr. W. J. Minns Miss S. N. Kabetu Mr. V. M. Kinuthia	
<i>Head of House</i>	J. P. R. Ochieng-Odero	
<i>Prefects</i>	S. Mwai J. D. Mirie J. K. Katunga F. G. Maundu P. M. Soi	C. P. Wainaina A. G. Okello P. A. W. Kigundu J. M. Mwangi

This year we had the sad departure of Mr. Stewart who had been our housemaster for the last three years. We are all indebted to him due to his services to the house which were immeasurable, both as a housemaster and as a personal adviser to most boys. We welcomed Mr. S. N. Njoroge from Baringo house as our housemaster. Already he has proved himself an able administrator and Popular.

The first term we saw the arrival of our less troublesome first formers. We also welcomed prefects: J. K. Katunga and S. Mwai. On the games field we had a favourable representation, Katunga, Kamau, Mwaura, Nderitu, Kaloki, Mwavita and Shitemi all swam for the school. Shitemi was the best second form backstroke swimmer. Kaloki broke the second form butterfly record. Ngumba also did some swimming for the school. In hockey Mirie and Mwai played for the school team. In cross-country Mosongo, Mweberi, Kiplangat, Mundara, Nyataige, Cheptoo, Koskei and Njeru all participated in school teams, Chepkalum was chosen to run for the province. Mirie, Ngaruiya, Odero, represented the school in Drama Festival.

In the second term, Catabaki, Chemjor, Manyoni, Mwaura, Njoroge played Junior Colts (rugby), Shitemi played for Senior Colts. In athletics Kiplangat, Mweberi, Chepkalum, Cheptoo, Koskei all ran for the school. Katunga was the school short-put thrower, Odero, Mirie, Mwai and Okello all actively participated in the school play.

The third term has seen Mukangi, playing for Elgon, in the soccer festival and Njoroge, Muchiru playing for the school. Kiambuthi boxed for the school.

J. D. Mirie led a choir which beat other senior houses and ended up third in last year's competition, we hope to do better this year. We also hope to produce a quiz team this term. In the second term we managed to produce two internal house plays. "The Exodus" and "Born to Die". Those who saw the plays were thankful to the casts and producers Okello

and Kigundu. This term we enter the Inter-House Drama Festival with Ochieng-Odero's play 'Me, Myself and I'. We have a debating club in the house.

However, despite these notable efforts, our house is falling apart. We therefore would like to appeal for help from the public in form of donations on the Harambee/Speech Day.

I would like to thank all the prefects. I also extend my thanks to Mrs. Ndungu and Mr. Atsiaya, who have effectively looked after our dhobi and house maintenance. I wish all the prefects good luck in the coming exams. To those our young lads a request to keep up the standard they have shown in their senior houses. To the office bearers of next year please keep up the struggle that our efforts and of those before us have engineered in the spirit of 'TO THE UTTERMOST'.

J. P. R. Ochieng-Odero, Head of House

SCHOOL BAND

Master in-charge: Mr. Robinson
Drum Major: Ayub J. Wairia

Marching, rattling away on drums and keeping time has enabled the band this year to climb the ladder of success without slipping. However, it has been hard because old and more experienced members of the band left, leaving younger, and more enthusiastic members who were less experienced. Among the drummers, Olum, Maina, Kivuti, Mbeo, Momanyi have proved their worth, while Don Onditi behind them with his oversize bass drum, proves to be promising.

In the brass section Mainge, Gitonga, Njeru, Mwongo, Odonde, Wambua, Mbeche, Njoroge, Asiema and Mbogori have really put the flavour into all kinds of music, while Anyonge has led his team of hard-blowing buglers to nearest to perfection.

This year, the band has made appearances at State House Road Girls' High School where it was greatly appreciated, Limumu Girls' School, V.O.K. and the most memorable of them all was "the Kenya Music Festival" where the band played its way to first position in its class. This is the fifth year running that it has done so. The band has also played well on flag parades and deserves alot of praise.

Colours this year were awarded to Mainge, Odonde, Gitonga, Mwongo, Mbogori, Njoroge, Olum, Maina, Momanyi, Njeru, Odote, Watuma and Anyonge. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Moye deserve alot of thanks for their hard work and sacrifice in organising the band.

Ayub J. Wairia, Drum Major

ORIGINAL ARTICLES IN SWAHILI

SHAIRI

TUWAHIFADHI WANYAMA WA NCHI YETU

- 1) Mwanzo wangu ni salamu kwa masahibu
Wasomaji na wasikilizaji wote
Pili nawaombea kwa Muumba nyote
Ili apate kuwa nanyi kote
Na tuwakumbuke wanyama wetu wote
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.
- 2) Inshalla nitaimba shairi hili fupi
Kuwasifu wanyama wake Jalaki
Kwa kudusa aliwaumba wote
Na kuraweka duniani watembae kote
Hakuna mmoja anayesahaulika machoni pake
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.
- 3) Chozi lanitoka mara nyingine
Nifikiriapo na kudadisidadisi kuhusu wote
Wengi wa wanyama hupigwa risasi na kufa
Hakuna mtu hata anayewafikiria
Yote ni kwa Mola, yeye ndiye anayejua
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.
- 4) Viboko, mamba na samaki, wote hukaa majini
Simba, chui, na paka mwitu, wote hula nyama
Paa, pundamilia na mbogo, wote hula majani
Wote wanyama wanapendeza
Hakuna aharibuye ardhi ya Muumba
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.
- 5) Sungura ni mnyama mdogo twajua
Lakini hakuna amshindaye kwa ujanja
Mwenye masikio marefu yaliyotegwa
Na mkia mfupi wa kupendeza
Yeye pia hasahauliki kamwe
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.
- 6) Simba huheshimiwa na wanyama wote
Hutawala kwa ujasiri na shani kote
Hakuna hata mmoja amtishaye simba
Maana ni yeye aliye na mamlaka
Angurumapo yeye hakuna anayecheza
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.

- 7) Imetuwajibikia kuwalinda wanyama hawa
Wanaotuletea fahari na faida
Yamkini wanyama wetu watatoweka
Tusipokoma na kutua chini zetu silaha
Nawasihi nyote kutowinda na kuwalinda
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.
- 8) Kila mara macho yangu huona mizoga
Tutakuwaje wananchi wema tukiwamaliza wanyama
Wachoyo ndio wauaji wa wanyama
Hao wataadhibiwa vikali wasipochunga
Tuwatunze na kutowaua hawa wasio na hatia
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.
- 9) Watu wote waitii sheria
Na wanyama wote walindwe kabisa
Wote ni muhimu na bora bila kupinga
Wanyama wetu ni maridadi kushinda
Hutuletea watalii na nchi hufaidika
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.
- 10) Tamati nasema kwaherini nyote
Ila mkumbuke ulinzi wa wanyama
Tuwahifadhi na kuwalinda wote
Mbuga zetu za Kenya zijae maridadi
Tuzishinde nchi nyingine zote duniani
Wanyama wote ni viumbe vya Mungu.

By I. A. Litaba

MARADHI YA MTOTO WA MATIVO

Mativo alimpeleka mtoto wake hospitali. Huko daktari alimpa mashauri haya:- asimpeleke kwenye 'germs', amlishe chakula chenye "vitamin", na "protein".

Kwa furaha ya mashauri hayo, alionelea vizuri akamfahamishe rafikiye Njoroge. Kwa Njoroge mambo yaliendelea hivi:- Baada ya kusalimiana.

Mativo: Nzoloke, ndakitali ameniambia nisimupelcke mutoto kwa James. Ati nimupe vyakula yenye Benjamin na nimupe ploti pia.

Njoroge: James anaumiza watoto? Benjamin ni nani? Tena mimi nashindwa, utamuba mutoto mboroti? Hawezi kurima chamba!

Mativo: James na Benjamin apana watu. Hiyo ni kitu kiko ndani ya vyakula. Hata ploti iko ndani ya chafu. Benjamin iko ya mboga na matunda, na ploti iko ndani ya maziwa na mayai.

Njoroge: Mimi kusharewa. Hii unasema James ni germs, Benjamin ni vitamin na protini ni protein.

Wandishi ni:-

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MAAFA YA MAPENZI

Nilikuwa nimezubaa katika kituo cha basi cha 'Tusker' wakati nilipo-muona malaika mwenye sura ya kuvutia. Uso wake ulikuwa mviringo, rangi yake ya maji kunde ilinisisimua sana. Tabasamu lake, lingemfanya mvulana yeyote kuugua ugonjwa wa mapenzi sawia. Nywele zake hata ingawa zilikuwa za kipilipili, zilivutia sana kwa sababu ya mafuta aliyopaka. Lo! mtoto kaumbika huyu. Na papo hapo nikaapa kumpata huyu mwana, ima fa ima.

Mzigo huu niliojitwika mabegani, nitaushusha vipi? Haya!, tega sikio ujue mapenzi yana balaa yake pia. Nilijua waziwazi kwamba toto shoo huyu aliishi Mtaa uitwao Mahaba, upakanao na kijiji cha Urembo, mara moja nikaazimu kwenda kumwinda baada ya siku chache. Siku hizi chache sikupata angalau lepe la usingizi, mawazo yasioisha juu yake yalinisumbua sana lakini mwishoye, siku iliwadia.

Kabla ya kuondoka nilihakikisha ya kwamba naonekana ni mkogo sana. Nikavaa viatu vyenye visigino virefu, longi maridadi na kung'oa nanga. Kule kuwasili Mahaba tu, mame wee, nilimwona akijichomoza pale pauzwapo yamini ubani na aina zote za manukato. Alipoanza kutembea, mapenzi yalinizidi hata kunifanya bubu, lakini nikapiga moyo konde na kumwenda, hatua moja, mbili, tatu, mwisho nikamfikia. Baada ya kumjulika haki nilianza kumtoca maneno ya asali na hata mwishoye nika-fanikiwa, akakubali kuwa wangu. Kule kukaa naye siku kadha, nilikuta nyumbani kila kitu kimekwenda, sahani, viti, sabuni n.k. Siku menda siku rudi sijamwona Asmahan. Lo! chochote king'aacho si dhahabu. Jihadhari na mapenzi ndugu.

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Ni dhahiri kabisa ya kwamba chama cha Kiswahili kimezinduka kutoka usingizi wa hapo awali mwaka huu na kutia fora sana kudumisha lugha hii na kuwavutia wanachama wengi kwa jumla.

Tuliwahi kuhudhuria mashindano kadha yenye lengo la kukuza Kiswahili. Mhula wa kwanza tuliwawakilisha Charles Kuria, Ken Namdi na mimi katika maswali ya dharura kwenye Idhaa ya Kiswahili ya Sauti ya Kenya, lakini kama vile wahenga walivyosema, asiyekubali kushindwa si mshindani, wanafunzi wa shule ya Ngara walitupokonya ushindi. Mhula wa pili tulishikilia nafasi kubwa kwenye uundaji wa chama kikuu cha Kiswahili tukishirikiana na shule za Nairobi, lakini kwa sababu zisizoweza kuepukana, chama kilivunjika.

Licha ya hayo, tumewahi kuhudhuria majadiliano kadha wa kadha. Tuliatikwa na shule za wasichana za Limuru, Kenya High, na Maryhill nasi pia tukaandaa majadiliano na shule hizi hizi ambayo yalifana sana. Mwanzo wa mwaka, jamaa wengi walisimkwa na malaika walipojikuta wakizungumza kwenye halaiki ya watu kwa mara ya kwanza lakini vile siku zilivyoendelea, ndivyo wazungumzaji stadi walivyozidi kupevuka. Ben Wakhungu, humuita "Mpango" aliwaduwaisha wageni kadha kwa lugha yake yenye mvuto, Karani naye alitia fora sana mwaka wote. Wengine wanaostabili heko ni George Kathembe, Mainge, Munge na wale wote waliowafanya wageni kustarcheka.

Kama mwenyekiti anayeondoka, ningetaka kumnyoshea mkono wa ahasante mdhamini wetu, Bw. Nyaga ambaye alitusimamia mpaka dakika ya mwisho. Wengine ni Bw. Kinuthia na Bw. Godia. Wanakamati nao nawatolea heko kwa ule usaidizi wao usioweza kutajika. Ngumba, Kamuyu na Kariuki hawakuachwa nyuma kwenye shughuli za muziki na hawa wote, heko!

Kwa kumaliza kabisa nawapongeza wanachama wa mwaka huu nikiwa na matumaini kwamba, chama cha mwaka ujao, kitaendelea vivyo hivyo na kudumisha lugha hii barabara.

K. Kibe Mwenye Kiti

LE CHANT AFRICAÏN

La vie était heureuse
La vie était bonne
Nous étions contents
Car tout allait bien
Jasqu'ils sont arrivés.
Depuis ce temps — là
Il y a bien des années
Hommes se sont battus
Et ils ont été tués
Nous avons pleuré
Et encore
Nous pleurons
Ils regardent notre souffrance
Mais ils n'ont pas souci
Ils continuent
A nous opprimer
A nous exploiter
Tout de même
Ils disent
Qu'ils font bien!
Les hypocrites! !
Maintenant
Leurs visages
Ont changé
En couleur
Comme moi
Comme vous
Comme chacun de notre peuple
Un colonialisme
Le neo-colonialisme
que nous vaincrons
est né
Mais la lutte continue et
La lutte continuera.
VIVE L'AFRIQUE.

STEVE WANDERA L6 A

SOWETO

Avant leur arrivée,
Il n'y avait que la paix.
Soweto dormait.
Les gens étaient heureux
Et ils vivaient paisiblement.
Quand ils sont arrivés, les blancs,
Ils ont tué les gens,
Et ils leur ont pris la terre.

Les gens se sont sauvés.
 Les gens ont crié
 Nul n'a entendu leurs cris.
 Soweto a crié le plus haut,
 Soweto crie encore toujours:
 Aidez Soweto, aidez Soweto,
 Aidez les Noires.

Tom Rading Kuyoh 4S.

AU LYCEE

Je suis dans ce lycée depuis quatre ans. Maintenant je suis sur le point de quitter. J'ai rencontré beaucoup d'étudiants et nous sommes devenus amis. Mauvaises choses ont eu lieu mais ça, c'est la vie. J'ai appris à vivre avec toutes sortes de gens.

Je vis avec des étudiants drôles. Nous avons des sobriquets étranges. Il y a "Chinaman" qui parle tout le temps à haute voix, et "Georgy Sry" avec son gilet de pantalon. Ce n'est pas tout, il y a aussi "Mpango", "Oroo Bruce Ree" et "Ruma Monga". Nous sommes tous dans la quatrième classe.

Je ne sais pas pourquoi nous avons ces noms mais c'est convenable pour Chinaman parce qu'il s'appelle Munch. Mais est-ce un nom chinois?

Odende 4A.



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CLUBS & SOCIETIES

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

Patron : Mr. S. N. Njoroge
Chairman : P. M. Wambua
Secretary : P. Wangai
Leaders : M. Mwongo, G. Gitonga, S. Ngugi.

After the departure of the former chaplain Rev. P. R. Davies the Christian Union committee decided to make full use of the Chaplaincy Centre he acquired for us. Apart from our regular Sunday meetings at which we featured prominent speakers such as Dr. Roy Clements, our headquarters were the site of many a Bible study group meeting. Different members of the committee led groups which grew in numbers and spiritual maturity. In second term when the fifth formers arrived our activities were very much livened and God's hand was seen bringing more brethren to himself. For the interest of the school a few christian films were brought by our secretary from his church in addition to the popular ones on "Drugs", "Drinking" and "Smoking". One could not fail to see the work of the Holy Spirit in third term when a crash programme was scheduled. A new weekly prayer meeting on Thursdays was introduced and a fellowship hour on Saturdays. Active members of our Union helped the chaplain with Sunday School for the staff children and this we are proud and thankful for.

Our invitations this year haven't been too successful but the visit of the "Illuminators" from Alliance Girls High School was welcomed by the boys. Meanwhile the crusader class for the lower forms has continued to be led by the Youth for Christ Group and I would like to heartily thank them for the good work of God they are doing.

It is not sufficient to thank few individuals because everybody contributed so much. However, I would like to thank the outgoing committee, Paul Wangai, Steve Ngugi, Morris Mwongo and Gachogu Gitonga for the spiritual encouragement and work they have put into the Christian Union. Also our Patron, Mr. Njoroge, The Chaplain. The Navigator staff and all those who have spared time to work for God. It now remains for me to wish the new committee success in the coming year.

Philip M. Wambua, Chairman

DRAMA SOCIETY 1976

<i>Master in charge</i>	: Mr. J. Hillyard
<i>Chairman</i>	: K. Ongeti
<i>Secretary</i>	: S. Mwai
<i>Members of Committee</i>	: D. O. Kwasa, J. G. Ngugi, F. O. Onamu

This year drama in the school has taken a turn for the better. For the first time in the history of the school we entered two plays for the Inter-Schools Drama Festival, both plays were written by members of the school. The plays were 'Vagrant' by Njoroge Karanja (left in 1975) and 'Mzee Kobe alipisha kisasi' written by D. O. Kwasa. Kwasa's play was the most successful of the two after winning the Nairobi Provincial shield thus proceeding to the finals. In the finals the play won an award for being the best original play whilst the main actor D. O. Kwasa won an award for best actor. In this venture Mr. Hillyard and Mr. Mollison assisted ably.

At the end of first term we decided to stage a school play, and "The Lion and The Jewel" was everybody's choice as it was the easiest to produce as well as being a set-book, thus making it a challenge to be able to assist the fourth formers of various schools in the task of understanding the text. This was done very well as was proved by the many curtain calls that our actors and actresses were made to do. The Msongari girls also proved very popular with the audiences. Ochieng-Odero as Lakunle thrilled the crowds whilst Jimi Kamunde playing a more serious role as 'Baroka' around their deeper emotions. I believe Susan Gichuki (Msongari) who acted as Sidi and Susan Bukachi as Sadiku also deserve special mention. This play also gave Khaemba Ongeti the opportunity to become the first schoolboy assistant producer in a major school production. The producer Mr. Hillyard did a good job and must be commended for it.

The current committee is assisting in the staging of this year's Inter House Drama Festival which is rumoured to be the 'best ever' in the two year history of the event. Tana house has also joined those competing this year..

In conclusion I would like to thank J. G. Ngugi and P. Wambua for the good work that they have done to the society. The business committee must also be commended for their good work and D. Muia who was in charge of props. We wish the next year's committee the best of luck and urge them to continue the promotion of drama in this school.

Sam Mwai, Secretary

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY, 1976

<i>Patron</i>	: Mr. Kinuthia
<i>Chairman</i>	: Mathu J. K.
<i>Secretary</i>	: Muigai Kayu
<i>Treasurer</i>	: Matu P.

We started off the year with a lively home debate, with Loreto Convent, Limuru, on the topic "Foreign Powers should be allowed to intervene in Angola to help stop the Civil War". This turned out to be quite exciting though the club members weren't used to debating.

Our second debate, was with Limuru Girls School "chocs". It turned out to be more successful since the members were now becoming more familiar with the debating procedures.

During the year, we were quite active and made good use of all our debating opportunities. I would like to thank the club members, especially the committee, for all the efforts they put towards running the club.

During the term we also held debates with Alliance Girls' High School, Limuru Girls' School and again Loreto Convent, Limuru.

We had certain outstanding speakers such as Jimi Wainaina, James Mumbo, Elly Mbeo, George Mwaura, Tomi Hinga, Kayu Muigai, Shig Mudeshi and lastly, the convincing speaker, Ken Namdi. There are others who, unfortunately, I cannot mention due to the lack of available of space.

Lastly, but by no means the least important, I would like to thank the keen supporters of the club, members of staff such as Mr. Mwesigwa, who left as in the course of 2nd term and Mr. Kinuthia our present patron, and the Head of School, Mudasia-Kadasia, for all the assistance they have given us.

Kayu Muigai, Secretary

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Master-in-charge : Mr. S. N. Njoroge

Revived in 1973 by Mr. Kibumbu, the Photographic Club has steadily seen more and more development in its stock of equipment and skill. But due to limited space in our school darkroom, we are unable to enrol more than ten members at one term. This factor has made it hard for us to get sufficient funds for purchasing the expensive equipment needed to put our darkroom to the required standard.

One of the main problems of the club this year has been the lack of regular attendance. Many boys seemed to believe that their membership in a club for one term is sufficient. This may apply to other clubs but is totally inapplicable to the Photographic Club because photography requires an organised course of training in the use of a variety of fairly complex techniques and the development of one's skills in the use of such equipment and material is not easy to acquire in a mere period of one term or so.

But nevertheless we have something to be proud of, within the short period new members in the club have been able to produce good photographs on their own and we hope this with more financial aid from the school the members will have enough resources to work for the benefit of the whole school community.

Last of all I would like to thank Mr. Njoroge for his devoted and encouraging role as the master-in-charge of the club. I would also like to thank Shad Angwenyi, Matu, Gatuguta, Otieno, Ngige and Kahuthia and my assistant Mwongo. I wish next year's members all the success and best of luck.

M. M. Kihara, Chairman

YOUNG WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<i>Chairman</i>	: J. M. Adholla
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	: C. S. Radier
<i>Secretary</i>	: J. K. Kamamu
<i>Treasurer</i>	: D. Muia

The Young World Development Committee is one of the ten committees which form the Kenya Freedom From Hunger Council of National Development. The organisation which was launched in Kenya in 1967 by the late Hon. T. J. Mboya, now comprises of twenty different schools.

The main objectives of the committee as a whole is to mobilise the young people to participate in development projects. The committee embodies youth of all organisations irrespective of educational institutions, religions or racial groupings.

For the first time Nairobi School was one amongst the few institutions which were asked to send their representatives and to launch such a committee in school in mid February this year; the committee now comprises of sixty one members.

Looking back, the Y.W.D.C. of Nairobi School has proved to be a success; we have managed to support the Kenya Freedom From Hunger by holding charity functions and inviting officials to give talks.

Members of the committee and the society in the school have worked hand in hand to make the year a success; T. Hinga, E. Idwasi and J. Kamau represented the school during the annual general meeting which took place at the Parliament, while J. Adholla and D. Muia have been representing the school at various meetings. Many members took part in the annual walk, a total of one hundred walkers enrolled and finished the walk. J. Mwicha, E. Sikinyi and R. Owiti finished well ahead before everyone else. During the "Harambee Youth Week" chairman from three different schools were interviewed during 'Mambo Leo' at V.o.K. Nairobi School was represented by the chairman.

The entire committee would like to thank the Headmaster Mr. Kibe who has shown a tireless effort in guiding us to a success, the deputy headmaster Mr. Packwood who always booked the hall and helped in one way or the other; Mr. Stephens who has been very friendly and always booked films, Mr. Mollison and Mr. Davidson who signed a cheque in March thus enabling the money to be forwarded safely; Mr. Maina, Mr. Noble and Mr. Opot who have also rendered their service to us not forgetting J. Odero, C. Radier, P. Wambua, J. Gitonga, T. Ngotho and J. Kariuki.

Lastly I would like to thank the committee for the untiring services that they have rendered to the society. We wish the newly elected committee a successful year.

J. M. Adholla, Chairman

THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

<i>Patron</i>	: Miss S. N. Kabetu
<i>Chairman</i>	: Dave Mirie
<i>Secretary</i>	: James Njoroge
<i>Treasurer</i>	: Paul Wangai

The Theological Society has survived despite the various problems that may have caused it to collapse. The first and heaviest problem is the lack of interest in anything theological. However, we remained alive and active. No one can deny that the society has held some of the best and lively debates yet witnessed. Mary Leakey managed to prove themselves diligent debaters when they showed that Religion is not a form of Escapism. Nairobi Girls also showed great vigour and undevoted enthusiasm in debating. Alliance boys became our regular hosts after marvelling at our theological philosophies. They invited us for many lectures given by popular figures and as many will agree we gained a lot from these lectures. The society has been slowly brewing some young and promising young and promising theologians.

The executive committee, at one juncture sat down to consider the entrance of IVth formers into the society. It was unanimously agreed that it was unjust if not selfish to keep such learning and theological experience to the VIth form only. The IV formers proved themselves diligent and industrious, and in them, hope of keeping the society alive and secure was detected. Their representative to the executive committee Mark Adholla, has been of great help.

We have had an enthusiastic as well as devoted patron. After the departure of Rev. P. R. Davies, back to Britain, Miss S. N. Kabetu volunteered to take over the society. She has been doing a great job in arranging meetings for us and offering theological views on behalf of the society. When the society faced its worst time, she was always ready to help in whichever way one could. On behalf of the society I wish to express my most sincere thanks for every service she has rendered to the society.

Other people also deserve special thanks. J. M. Njoroge, our secretary has done a special job, so has our most trusted treasurer P. Wangai. In refreshment management Kad Kuyu and his fellow IVth formers did a splendid job.

Thanks also go to the headmaster, who allowed us to have these meetings, and to our drivers Mr. Njuguna and Mr. Naboth who sacrificed a number of nights to drive us to various places.

As we, the office-bearers of 1975/76 come to the end of our life in this school, I would like to wish everybody a happy time in this school. For the new office-bearers P. Njau and Z. Warambo I would like to tell them what we were told when we took office: 'Keep the torch aglow! To that I might add what Confucius once said: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm," and he meant it.

Dave Mirie, Chairman

FOURTH FORM DEBATING SOCIETY

<i>Master i/c.</i>	— Mr. G. I. Godia
<i>Chairman</i>	— B. Wakhungu
<i>Secretary</i>	— S. R. Mainge
<i>Treasurer</i>	— G. Gitonga

Though the Club as a whole was supernumerary we had a very successful year. First term was not our best term as we could only manage to have two debates with Kenya High and one with Loreto High School, Limuru. But generally the standard of debating was high with the most subtle speaker being Toti Odonde.

Second term we had three debates away and one home. We had debates with Maryhill School, Limuru Girls and Loreto Limuru. The most popular motion was "Most African countries need a second revolution; this time to oust their brothers who use their position to enrich themselves."

Third term was a successful term for the society and we hosted a combined English-Swahili debate with five schools in attendance.

Finally I would like to thank the out going committee members namely P. Ngumba, Toti Odonde, S. R. Mainge, T. R. Kuyoh, and last but not least Mr. Godia incidentally who was one of the founder member of this club way back in 1967 and whose inspiration cannot go unmentioned.

I would personally like to thank Khaemba Ongeti and Odero J. P. whose advice was appreciated.

"Oga" Bc Wakhungu

THE SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

<i>Master-in-charge:</i>	: Mr. O. W. Maloba
<i>Chairman</i>	: E. Khaemba Ongeti
<i>Secretary</i>	: C. W. Nyoike
<i>Treasurer</i>	: V. M. Indech

Our term of office started the second week after the school opened for second term. These first two weeks before the elections were spent in serious campaigns by the running candidates who were familiarising themselves with the new fifth formers to the school.

The chairman Khaemba Ongeti won by a sweeping majority, while Mudasia-Kadasia just managed to beat the veteran secretary C. W. Nyoike. V. M. Indech also had a sweeping majority to become the treasurer — the most honest treasurer on record. Mr. Maloba became the patron and experience has shown that there could have been no better master to run the most senior debating society. The intellectual and critic proved his worth by convincing other intellectuals like Ngugi wa Thiongo to come and speak to us on various occasions. The most interesting talk was delivered to us by Mr. Ngugi wa Thiongo on the 'role of a writer in Africa today'.

We held debates with Limuru Girls', Kenya High, Msongari and our new conquest in the field was Machakos Girls' who proved that even schools outside Nairobi province possess oratorical talents. It would not be an exaggeration to say that in the get-together after the debate the hosts and guests had one of the best evenings, which were many. In most of the debates we attended Kabachu, Mudasia-Kadasia, Ongeti and Ramogo taught us a thing or two in their shifful oratory. Our public relations officer G. Siika made sure that everything was running smoothly. The co-ordinating officer in charge of thirst-quenching after the debates, S. W. O. Josiah, always made sure that the last item for the evening was a success. The sergeants-at-arms S. Ramogo and T. O. Ang'awa made sure that no undesired elements made their way into any of the functions we had.

In 1976 the society provided almost all the leaders in the school. Mudasia-Kadasia became the Head of School, Khaemba Ongeti, chairman, became his deputy as well as Head of Kirinyaga, Other executive board

members: J. J. Masiga, P. M. Wambua, G. G. W. Radier, S. W. O. Josiah, J. P. R. Odera, Bob Onzere, M. Muriungi, Indech V. M., Kamunde J., and C. W. Nyoike; became senior school prefects. Nyoike was also Wildlife secretary while J. M. Njoroge and J. P. R. Odera were treasurer and chairman of Theological society respectively.

The society was incharge of the inter-house quiz contest which was won by Kirinyaga House. The high-light of our term of office was the 6th form day which came after the new secretary took over from Mudasia-Kadasia who had too much on his shoulders. Limuru, Msongari and Kenya High girls were in attendance. The evening was a great success with the moving music provided by P. M. Wambua and J. P. R. Odera.

Lastly we would like to thank the master-in-charge and the headmaster for their invaluable counsel plus everybody else who devoted their services to the well-being of the society. Good luck to you all in the pursuit of success.

E.K.O., C.W.N., M.V.I.

YOUNG FARMERS CLUB



Patron : Mr. R. F. Noble
Chairman : T. O. Ongwenyi
Secretary : S. A. T. M. Anyonge

1976 has been the most successful year for the club since its founding. The club can now boast of 200 laying chickens which produce an average of over 15 eggs per day. We are now able to supply some school dining halls and members of staff with eggs at a reduced price.

During the first term we had a debate with Alliance Girls. Towards the end of the term we said kwaheri to Mr. and Mrs. Clennell who generously invited all the members to a gorgeous barbecue in their compound and which was attended by our new patron, Mr. Noble.

In the second term, we invited the Alliance Girls to a debate where there was a mature participation from our boys, especially from C. Karani, popularly known as 'Semo'. All the members were present at the opening of Nakuru show and later had a good time in the stands.

The third term has found the members desiring to debate with Maryhill school and Loreto Convent, Limuru. We might have a barbecue towards the end of November, depending on the profit from eggs.

This report can not be completed without the special mention of our patron, Mr. Noble and Mr. Godia, who have generously devoted most of their leisure time to help us. The following committee members have made my work as chairman to be easy, my secretary, S. A. T. M. Anyonge, B. B. N. Maoga, Tom Kuyoh, Zziwa, B. L. Esere, E. Idwasi, E. Bosire, L. O. Moturi, M. Ongati and Mr. John Odhiambo.

I wish the next chairman the best of luck in all his future endeavours.

T. O. Ongwenyi, Chairman

THE WILDLIFE CLUB

Patron : Mr. R. M. Stephens
Chairman : J. G. Wahinya
Secretary : C. W. Nyoike
Treasurer : E. N. Kisia

No doubt the Wildlife Club has had one of its most successful years in recent history. We started off our term during the 3rd term of 1975 on a low note. But we managed to get the education staff from the museum to show us two films.

We started the year 1976 full force with the club sharing in not less than three debates with various girls' schools, whereby members expressed themselves freely and intelligently.

The staff from Wildlife Club of Kenya headquarters lectured to us on important aspects of conservation, and the role school clubs can play. Various films were shown to us during the first term, these included the Boabab, Serengeti Shall Never Die, Mzima, The Ivory Hunters, and Serengeti Has Not Died. We feel much indebted to the club's headquarters for the tremendous help rendered.

We were also able to participate in action group meetings — an organization composed of Nairobi Schools Wildlife Clubs to represent the whole country's wildlife clubs in major discussions concerning various fields of activity in wildlife conservations. Other associated activities include, the construction of a youths' hostel at Langata and the cleaning up of the Nairobi river. Our club was represented at these meetings by Gichuru of Kirinyaga house and J. G. Wahinya. Our club was able to raise one hundred shillings towards the completion of the Youths' Hostel at Langata.

During the second term, we made a field trip to Amboseli game reserve. We felt most privileged to visit one of the most famous reserves in the country. with the help of the never tiring Mr. Stephens and the club headquarters who provided us with camping material, binoculars — which were shared one among 4 members, utensils and other cooking implements, the trip was most successful. Thanks go to the headmaster Mr. Kibe for the help he gave towards the success of the trip. I would also like to thank Mr. John Opot who accompanied us to the trip, and not forgetting Kad Kuyu and Ogecha who cooked excellent dishes of ugali and stew respectively.

Towards the end of 2nd term we were invited for a debate in Maryhill School.

In third term the elected new officials for the committee, we received an invitation for a debate at Limuru Girls' School. The motion was very sensitive, because the discussions dwelt on the current problems facing the ministry.

I would like to thank all members for their co-operation and at the same time wish them success in the future. Indeed, Wildlife shall never die.

Gikang'a Wahinya, Chairman

ART CLUB



Miss R. Oluoch stresses a point to Art students

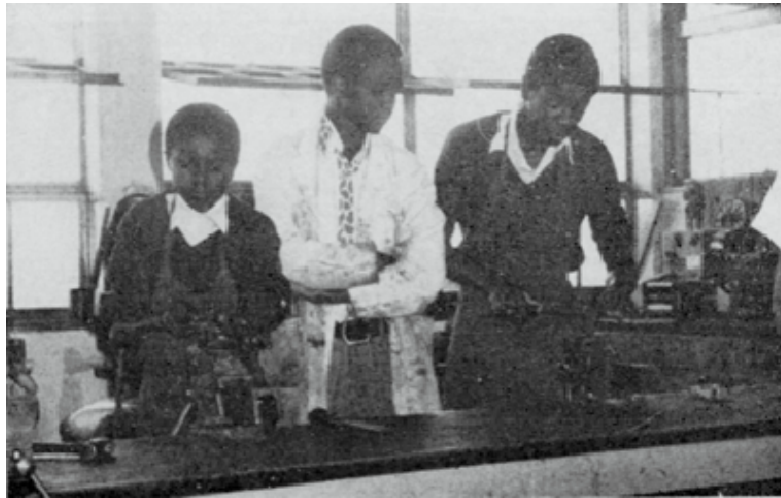
Master-in-charge : Mr. John Opot

The art club after having been dormant for a couple of years, was revived this year when Mr. Opot took over after the departure of Mr. Harrington to Kenyatta University College. Under Mr. Opot, the club has had a fairly active year. One of our first club venture was a trip to Rift Valley. There were various places to inspire the artistic such as Mt. Longonot Crater, Hells gate and Lake Naivasha. Since this trip was mainly for seniors i.e. fourth form and above, we had to arrange one for the juniors on the 21st March, 1976.

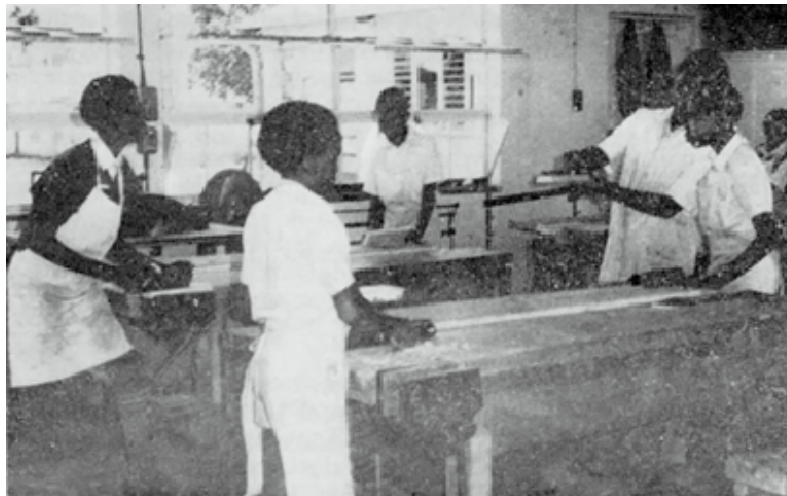
Apart from painting trips the club has other ventures, we entered the 1976 Esso Calendar Painting Competition, and the price for the secondary schools went to Sohan, a young man with a lot of talent. Sohan also entered an Air France Poster Competition and also got the first prize, a calculator machine, considering that nobody won a prize last year, it was indeed a good effort by Sohan and everyone else who entered for these competitions.

Lastly, on behalf of all the members, I would like to thank Mr. Opot for his devotion and encouragement. I would also like to thank all the members of the club especially B. Omolo, Tony Ang'awa, Kamau, Katunga and Moses Thurura for their hard-work throughout the terms. Last but by no means least, I would like to thank Mr. Harrington, still sacrifices his Thursday evenings to give extra classes on screen printing.

M. Mugo Kihara, 6A



Mr. Njuguna making sure that the students are on the right lines.



Mr. Kariuki and students in the wood work room.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES IN ENGLISH

MISPRONOUNCIATION

I have noticed that a great deal of mispronunciation is threatening the English stability of Nairobi School.

For a start, it is not a few but more than many who are doing this. For some, it is pardonable for they were raised with it. For others it is a matter of reforming their English easily for they mispronounce purposely. This is due to the influence of some evil minded person. Curious boys mislead those who have no actual motive in mind and have been intoxicated by these parlous boys. The rapture in them is beyond doubt, flabbergasting.

Some certain tribes normally get confused in the pronunciation of certain letters or words due to the intense interruption of their respective mother tongues.

With people like the Kikuyu who mix up "r" and "l", it is sometimes hard to understand them. Another problem is that they sometimes (if not always add an unnecessary "n" before most "d's" — thus instead of "door" they have "ndoor." Again, they seem to find it necessary to omit the letter "n" when it precedes a "d" so that "window" becomes "widow" (not the feminine of widower).

The Luyha have another problem whereby a "d" becomes a "t" so that "dear" becomes a "tear." The Luo must not go unmentioned. The find it alright if they miss out the "h" that follows an "s" so that instead of "shilling" we have "silling"!

The Kamba normally leave out every first "h" thus instead of "hot" we get "ot." Others go as far as inventing new words in that something like rugby becomes "Lugebe!" Most of the mentioned have trouble in uttering some words and thus attempt to include Swahili words as replacement in arguments. I do not support this heinous behaviour. One should attempt to master almost all the words without great difficulty. It is noticed that if you correct a mispronunciation, a boy remarks that after all he is not an Englishman. These boys do not know how disgraceful they are. They are miserable wrongdoers and are like the sequel of an everlasting book.

Others have the problem of little or no vocabulary at all. This is where their English demotes them for they have to explain something short by using many unnecessary words. If they were exposed to a whole mass of difficult vocabulary, their tiring speeches would sooner or later cease. Unfortunately, this would lead to the confusion of one's fellow students some tough vocabulary. As a remedy I suggest that several English periods should be used to expand the vocabulary contained in one's brain.

A deteriorating factor is that most students don't speak pure English but include Swahili and English slangs so as to be more elaborate. Others try to make their voices slurred like the Americans. All I can say to these boy's is that they should give up trying to act and talk like Americans.

I also propose that an intensive elocution lesson should be introduced in every form.

P. C. Endere 2A.

DEATH

He tries to get up but can't
He panics
But nothing happens
He cannot move
He tries to say something
But nothing comes out of his lips
Sweat streams down his face
Is he dying?
He thinks of his past days and sorrows
Where is his son?
Where is his wife?
At last a surge of passion overcomes him
To be pitied,
To be held
He must move
He stretches his muscles
Slowly he lifts his arms
To cling to his life, his happiness,
But there is nothing but coldness
He puts them down and wails for it
Then
He can hear it,
Sweet music of death
His face gives away as unaturally low
of happiness
He feels like a load has been lifted
from his back.
And he sleeps
Happily
To another world.

F. Guandai 1H

THE BEGGAR

Flies buzzing in his face and body
Sharing his sorrow, his worries, his plight,
The old beggar lays his carcass —
or whats left of it, on the bare pavement.
Clad in his rags, tatters
That know not the smell of soap.

Priests, swindlers, children, all pass him
Without even a glance in his direction
While he attacks them with his eyes
Piercing deep into their hearts
And seeing even beyond.

His stump of a leg; a reminder
Of his youth when he ran, danced
But now he only runs away for reality
Escaping its venomous fangs
To the world of hopes and dreams
Dancing to the beat of imagination
But in his sad hours of thought
He remembers that it is easier for a mercedes to enter
through the eye of a needle;
Than for a rich man to
enter the kingdom of God.
May his poor soul rest in peace.

P. K. Ndegwa, 2A

THE HIGH-CHESTED MAN

Short and stocky with a commanding voice.
Cuboid head and light reflecting phizzog.
Coat like jacket bulging with philosophical papers
Long measured strides exaggerated with dignity
And knees bent back by the stiff gait of power.
Who does not know the "High-Chested Man?"

P. M. Mwangangi, 3A

THE NAME DILEMMA

Lucy, Franc, Marian and James
Are all western names,
Njeri, Ochieng and Ogpan
Are all names that are African.

But what is there in a name?
"Plenty" says Kip arap Olosan,
On the other hand it's the same
to such teens as Lue Susan.

'It determines one's culture —'
Asserts Kabacha,
Cultural names are but mighty bluffs!
Affirm the Geoffs.

F. S. G. Onamu, U6A.

A BROKEN HEART

Oh! how unhappy a fellow can be with a broken heart;
Like myself sitting by seaside, unhappy;
All my friends are gone;
Even the birds don't sing, everything is sorrowful;
The wind seem to fear to pass by;
Coco-nuts are so quite and don't even sway;
The hours seem to turn into days and days into years,
What a sad time someone can have with a broken heart.

R. J. Abwao, IR.

THE DREAM

I slept and dreamt
That life was joy.
I woke and saw
That life was duty
I acted and behold
Duty was joy.

By T. K. Birir, 2M

SILENT HUNGER

The knocker bangs and all sit down
All eyes watch and faces frown
As the "empty" tray of stew is served
To twelve hungry boys — unheard.
They glance down at their plates in grief
One carrot, gravy and some beef.
A meal too small to make a fill
But what to do but eat it all.

The spotless plates are piled up high
And pudding brought into sight.
The equal portions, one spoon each,
Attacked with vigor and no speech
until the plates pile up again
And grace ends in a dull — "Amen."
They all walk out in unison
And start the tea — time countdown.

Philip M. Wambua, U6S.

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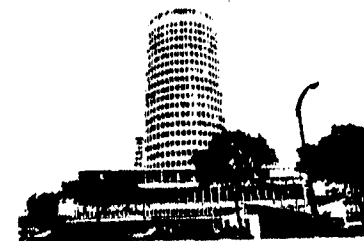
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THE AFRICAN CREED

I believe in one Africa.
The mother of the black man.
And in one spirit of Freedom which unites
all happy people.

I believe that Africa was
And will always be peaceful.
She died during the colonial rule.
And she rose again in new life.

I believe in the eternity of the black race.
And in the leadership of the black people
now and forever.

P. Njuguna, IH.

AFRICA'S HOPELESS PREDICAMENT

"Unblemished I toil for earnings from the white man
Rather than fruitlessly struggle . . .
Arrows and spears you used against guns and bullets
Acquired these you now have but worse weapons has he
Futility lurks in too misty depths for you to see?
You will succumb beneath his thumb
Until a time . . . destined to come?"

Defeat seemed triumph — intangible delusion by, of your people . . .
Black dust sprinkled snow stays snow.
Frog in hand, close your eyes — perception zero, blindness? no —
Imagining children transforms it not and
'Blind' devouring hails meritorious predicament
Predicament hopeless . . . unredeemable?
Survival: either follow 'east', or go with 'west',
Be astute, or trussed in a wooden chest —
Beneath feet.

Stephen Wandera, 5A

ALONE IN THE GRAVEYARD

I sit in the dark:
My mind ruffled,
Eyes fixed
On a distant nothing.
My mind clears up.
Alas! vivid pictures
Nay, countless motion pictures!
It is a moving sight.

I see myself
Alone in a graveyard;
It is gradually being darkened.
Eventually
It is dark
The luminous satellite's soft gleams
Are cut short
By the dull rain-making clouds,
The wind howls
The tombstones
Wierdly white
Add a spooky colour
To the already ghastly scene;
The leaveless branches and twigs:
Home of the wisest God-created birds,
The owl,
Make the apparition incredible.

From yonder,
A long heart-gripping,
Spine-chilling scream
Encloses the yard
In an envelope of fear;
The elderly owl
Sitting majestically
On the aging baobab tree
Flutters in an apparent fear.

Suddenly
The screaming ceases,
The tombstones mysteriously
Disappear downwards
Pulled by an unknown force;
The trees gradually
Become a blurred vision:
All this is replaced
By a much more real occurrence
A tap on my shoulder
And a voice I figure out
to be my brother's
Shouting and telling me
"Wake up, you will miss
the last programme".

Marlo Osiro, 3M

FEMININE CHEMISTRY

The properties of a woman

Physical properties: —

1. Has an affinity for man.
2. Soluble in rich men, insoluble in poor men.
3. Has a great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and other precious metals.
4. Sometimes has a sweet odour.

Chemical properties

— very reactive

1. Common Reactions: —
Woman and man — children
Woman and money — danger
Woman and wine — war.
2. As a reducing agent
Easily reduces man's money
3. As a catalyst
Can cause vigorous reaction between men whilst remaining unchanged at the end of the fight.

J. K. Gatuhi, 3S

LIBERATION

That racist regime!
we shall fight
To the last man
We shall liberate our land,
Africa, O Africa!
The savage minded racists,
Our preys!
We shall revenge
Every tickle of the Black's
Blood,
Shall be repaid,
By liberty
and freedom,
No mercy for them
They who infested Africa
with poisonous germs!
They who fooled our fathers
We shall fight,
The fight for freedom
with soul and body,
Barrel to barrel
Till the last man dies.

Langat C.I.A. 2M

MAN

Man. Oppressed
And discarded.
Tortured, killed, or disregarded
Some contented, unconcerned
Observe the plight
of those by fate left disenchanted.
A virtue Innocence
Not allowed.
The rat race strives on greed
Allows only the strong to feed.

G. G. Radier.

THE ONLY WAY

You are going to torture me,
Maybe kill me.
But that is the only way you
and your people can rule us.
You shoot and kill and torture
Because you cannot rule in any other way.
A people who reject you.
You are reaching the end of the road,
Going downhill towards a great darkness.
So you must take a lot of people with you
Because you're selfish, greedy, and
Afraid of the coming darkness.

Njongoro J. M. 5A

THE EXECUTION

They walked like goats,
Moving hesitantly towards a slaughter house,
these men were mean nobbers,
They killed when they felt like,
and now,
They were going for a trip to death mansion,
At the public beach.
'No, No, cried one,
I am too young!'
'Lord,'
Mourned another,
'Forgive me.'
Yet another said,
'I do not fear death,
Men fear nothing.'

While the butter of death's Mansion,
with a tongue spitting fire,
and speaking in a thunderous voice,
Welcome them;
into his master's devilish Mansion.

By A. I. Gathungu 3S.

HUNGER

You may call me emotional
But if you had the hunger I have
Your words would have been a different song
If you know how bitter I am
Your undesired sympathy would shine;
I would not appreciate
If you were to know the hunger of my heart
The burning in my heart
The desire to go back to my land
That land that is tilled now by foreigners
Those trees, you know, bear fruit
The tasty fruit I once kicked around
I was (and am) chased out by fire
And I will return by fire
You.....
When I carry a gun in my hands
I am termed "terrorist"
When I kill those who under my bare eyes
raped my sisters, I am automatically termed "murderer"
When I and my people are pushed into one
Spot, one reserve, until I rise and fall on our
pushers we become "bad people."
This, I am afraid is the tragedy
The tragedy of history
When I am bitter, I am angry
So I bite back
When hunger sets in I become bitter
So when my words become stale
It is because of Acidic Bale.
My stomach, the one that burns me.

My comrades I sing praise
To those who took up arms!
(Zimbabwe, Angola, Mozambique, Azania, Palestine)
No doubt, my brother, finally even "bullets will flower"
I WILL RETURN.

Suleiman S. Shahbali 2A.

FIRE AT NIGHT

Fire is a good servant but a bad master. It can be a good joke to frighten people with as it happened in Tana House of Nairobi School one night in late July 1976.

Things were as usual to other boys in Tana apart from me. Prep was over at a quarter to nine and all the boys went to bed apart from a few who remained to rehearse for a play which was to be staged in the House at end of term. I was among them.

I must admit that, that day I did my part so poorly that I angered the prefect who was taking us for the rehearsal. I did so poorly because I was lost in thought. I had noticed two things which were most unusual. When going for supper I had seen three dustbins with dry grass and something like oil poured over the grass. The prefects were also very happy that day and I managed to hear the word "Fire" from one of them. What were they after? Were they going to burn us with fire while we were asleep? No, it couldn't be that way. They were after something else, something queer I thought, queer indeed. But what was it? Only God knew what it was.

The rehearsal ended at midnight and I was glad that it had ended. Now, I could go and think about the sudden "mystery" in peace. I tried to put things in order but I couldn't. I only knew that the prefects were after something to do with fire. I had to watch out! But suddenly I fell asleep.

In my sleep I had a very frightful dream. I dreamt that the House was burning and people screaming, fire! fire! . . . I woke up because of the frightful dream. From my dream I now understood everything. The prefects were going to light fire in the dustbins and frighten us with it. That's exactly what happened.

I stayed for about fifteen minutes then I saw human figures in every door of the dorm. What a shock I got! I almost jumped out of my skin. I then realized that my dream had become true. Fire was lit in the dustbins, the bell was switched on and the prefects pretended to be screaming for help.

Since I was wide awake I saw everything that happened. Other boys jumped out of their beds and ran towards the door. They found that all the doors had fire and so they tried to hide under their beds. All this time they were screaming help! Fire! The boys were badly frightened and one of them jumped out of his pyjamas. Believe it or not. All this time I was relaxing on my bed and enjoying myself. All the boys apart from me were gathered outside the dorm. I then walked out like a gentleman and joined the other boys. I laughed at them until my teeth almost fell out. The roll call was taken and one prefect said, "this was a fire practice and now you can all go back to bed". All went.

By Tom Orieno, Tana House

TRIALS OF MZEE WATENE

Everything was bad in one way or another for old Mr. Watene. Being a staunch conservative he distrusted anything "new". He wore animal skins; cooked meat, millet, yams in clay pots. He only washed and drank from the river. He avoided cars, stone houses, people dressed in modern clothing. Every morning when the sun rose from the east — Mzee Watene would go out with his goats and cattle — all of which he knew by name.

When the sun went down and shrilling wickets shattered the evening calmly, mercilessly, Mzee Watene could be seen returning with his heards.

Now, Mzee Watene had two sons. The elder one a bastard but a son all the same. He had ran away from home at an early age because of his fathers refusal to let him go to school.

But one day a car was seen approaching at break-neck speed; on closer examination it was seen to hold two occupants, one none other than Mzee Watene's son, the other no doubt his girlfriend. Both wore flashy clothes and spoke with a city accent.

They carried a radio. On entering the village he made his way past jubilant albeit frightened villagers, for a car was something to fear and woe besides any fool who so much as touched it; after all, had it not killed Mama Karuri's son in a "road accident" swallowing him whole. They proceeded towards he local "Bar" and ordered two beers.

No sooner had the sun risen than the car sped away, but this time carrying 3 passengers, the third being Mzee Watene's second son and upon whom the old man laid all his hopes for a pillarstone of cultural revival.

On hearing of his son's dramatic escape to the city on a "tool of slavery" as he called cars and new houses, the sage was overcome with grief but did little to show it, he kept a cool countenance.

The next day the old man's corpse was seen hanging from a tree in a dry river valley. As a last sign of cultural conservatism he wore animal skins and some ornaments that had been long thought extinct.

As we streamed back to the village we could all feel those eyes gazing through us, regarding us with gravity. No one talked, we were all deep in our thoughts but we all knew that in Watene's death we had all lost our self pride and manhood.

P. K. Ndegwa, 2A

TO THE WEAK

Nature
Has juxtaposed weak and strong men.
In all contests
The weak desire to lose,
The strong triumph beyond our weight;
Force,
Their indispensable companion.

In that triumph
In their grandiose strength
Injustice is a glaring preoccupation.

To the weak,
My sympathy radiates,
Rather than bull doze them
In the abyss of the Victorian waters
Let's encourage them
Instill in them a confidence,
Let the weak know that
Weakness is to them
An alien vice.

Khaemba Ongeti 6A

BETRAYED IN DETENTION

My friend, when you get home
greet my wife, and the children,
I left three but now I hear they are four.
Was I reproducing in detention?
Being detained is not dying; I will come home
And you will then tell me who else besides me is
your husband.

Odongo Kichamu, 2S

JOCKES

One day a Patch boy trying his luck met a Boma girl,
Patch boy: Have I seen your face anywhere?
Boma girl: No, it has been always between my ears.

J. H. Odhiambo, 2S

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Teacher: Are you chewing gum?
Student: No, I am John Onyango.

T. J. O. Josiah, 1G

SELF

A human being
Is too often
Self-ish
Self-seeking
Self-preserving
Self-pious
Self-satisfying
Self-endearing
Self-centred
Self
The rest care
Of our problem

Steve Wandera, 6A

My mother is always telling my brother to say
 "Pardon?" instead of "What?"
 One day when mum was making a cake, my brother
 dashed in, glanced at the cake, and said, "Pardon
 are you making mum?"

Odhiambo Otieno.

Teacher: Is your name Ali?
 Pupil: Yes sir.
 Teacher: Were you born in Tanzania?
 Pupil: Yes sir.
 Teacher: What part?
 Pupil: The whole part of my body except my teeth.
 Peter: Why are you crying?
 John: Because my father beat me.
 Peter: Why?
 John: Because of killing a fly with a stick.
 Peter: Why did he beat you for only killing a fly?
 John: Because it was on his head.

A little girl in the sunday school was asked whether she knows where God
 lives. "Do you know where God lives?" asked the teacher "Oh yes! He lives
 in our bathroom." Said the girl. "How do you know?" asked the teacher
 again "Because every morning when I stay in the bathroom for long, my
 daddy bangs on the door and asks, God! are you still there?"

Kenneth: What's that black sheep called?
 Frederick: Inky.
 Kenneth: Why?
 Frederick: Because it always runs out of the pen.

Wamai IA.

Beggar: "Actually, I am an author. I have written a book, one
 hundred ways to earn money."
 Businessman: "Then why are you begging?"
 Beggar: "It's one of the ways".

When a young French girl came to stay with us recently, our neighbour
 invited her out to tea. Having eaten to her heart content, she was offered
 another slice of cake. "No, thank you," she replied. "I am fed up."

R. S. Sehmi, 5S

THE DUCK WHICH LAY TWO EGGS A DAY

There was a man in our area who had a duck which lay two eggs a
 day. The man told his wife that, "I'm tired of keeping eggs every day.
 What can we do so that we keep them all and be taking one by one?" His
 wife said, "If it is like that, let us slaughter the duck and take all the eggs
 inside it". The man said, "that is a good idea." Then he took the duck
 and slaughtered it, he opened inside and saw only intestines but not a single
 egg. It is better to have one than more.

J. O. Andika, IR

DEATH DELICIOUS

The victim cries
 But nothing happens
 She's securely tied up
 The executioner is ready
 Slowly, tensely the axe is raised
 The shadow of death creeps foward
 Then chop ! !
 And the head goes flaying
 Its all over
 Then hen will do for dinner.

A. Njeru 3S.

TO MY MOTHER

When dying you lay remote in that theatre,
 Night's mysteries darkened, and we
 Dreaded words, tensely waiting.
 I heard crickets chirping anxiously, saw winds
 Force trees into a frenzied ritual;
 And a distant owl mourned ominously.

My sweating mind was viced where you lay;
 Sweat and tears mingled, woe with both,
 While the clock dragged away my life.
 Intention, Power's underling, in me did
 Impatiently roam, discovering impotence:
 Helpless I waited and wept and hoped.

I discovered, that night, Death's malicious power:
 It had threatened to prove my sleeping love,
 To show your life my life.
 I have often stirred from slumber
 Fear gripping my blood, when dreams have
 Shown you dead and me alive.

L. O. Mudasia-Kadasia, U6A.

LAUGHING A LITTLE

Small boy: "Daddy, how does a — drunken man feel?"
Father: "Well, do you see those two men over there? A drunken man would see four."

Small boy: "But daddy, I see only one man."



Teacher: "I told you to write an essay on a famous battle with you as a soldier. Why did you write A A A G H?"
Pupil: "Well sir, I was killed at the beginning of the battle."

By A. M. Njeru, 2M.

THE LOAF

Chege was scrounging loaf from Tim,
When he was told there was nothing from him,
He tried again,
But all in vain,
Poor old Chege I pity him.

To me he came,
As though he was lame,
And told me all,
That he could recall,
Poor old Chege I pity him.

He went away
Like a sheep a-stray
Thinking of how he would repay
But all I could think and all I could say
Was, poor old Chege I pity him.

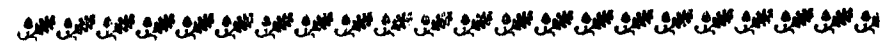
By Mugo F. K.
Naivasha House — Form 1K.

JOKES

"Do you believe in life after death?" an employer asked the office boy.
"Oh, yes, sir," was the reply.
"Ah, then everything is in order, because after you had gone to your grandfather's funeral yesterday, he came here to see you".



"For how long are you in jail, Jim?"
"Two weeks."



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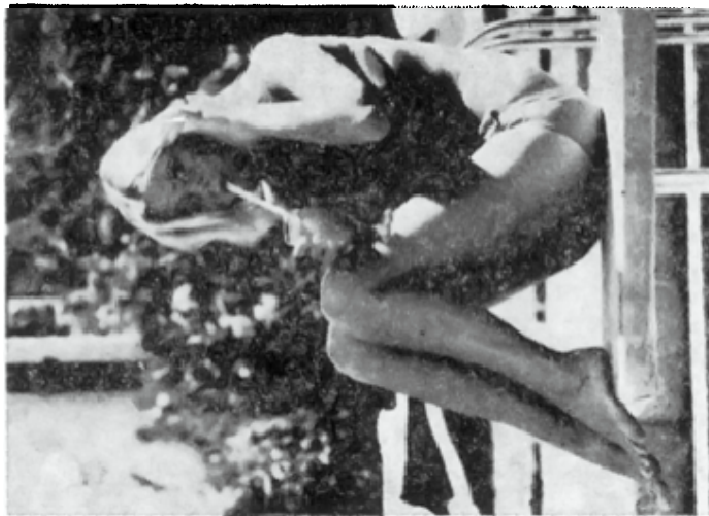
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"What's the charge?"

"No charge, everything is free."

"I mean, what did you do?"

"Oh, I shot my wife."

"You killed your wife and only in jail for 2 weeks?"

"That's all — then I get hanged."

THE AFRICAN

One African headhunter explained his first glimpse of a TV set to another: It's a wonderful machine were they shrink the whole body.

T. K. Birir, 2M

THE THINGS OF WHICH NEVER REGRET

1. Do good to everyone.
2. Speak ill of no one.
3. Reflect before deciding.
4. Speak not while excited.
5. Help the unfortunate.
6. Admit your errors.
7. Be patient with all.
8. Listen not to tale bearers.
9. Mistrust unkind reports.
10. Prepare to die.

A. J. Wairia, 4S

JOKES

Stranger: Hello John

John: Hello Sir

Stranger: Can you show me the way to Hilton?

John: But how did you come about to know my name?

Stranger: You know, my guesses are always correct.

John: Then guess the way to Hilton

C. I. Andati, 1R.



"Your husband says he leads a dog's life?"

"Yes, it's very similar. He comes in with muddy feet, makes himself comfortable by the fire, and waits to be fed."



A father was beating his son who was reluctant to do his homework. "When Abraham Lincoln was your age," the father lectured, "he walked 10 miles to school everyday and then studied by the light of the fire in his log cabin."

"So what?" the boy rejoined. "When John Kennedy was your age, he was president!"



"Do I detect the odour of liquor on your breath?" a stingy boss asked his sales manager.

"You do," admitted the sales manager. "I've just been celebrating the 20th anniversary of the last raise you gave me."



Private Doctor to patient: Will you agree to pay 90/- if I find that an operation is necessary?

Patient: Will you find that an operation is necessary before I agree?



Policeman at a road accident: Now, young man, will you tell me what exactly happened?

Man (angry): How the hell do I know what happened when I wasn't even looking?

P. Odhiambo 1R.



One day the Geography teacher was teaching Geography about seasons, then he asked this question to an attentive boy, "When is the time to harvest mango's," boy, "When the farmer is not there."

Kagiri Peter 1H.

NAIROBI SCHOOL

Brutally wrenched by smiling Circumstance
Expelled by that I strove to love, and loved,
I blindly drag reluctant legs obliviously,
Carrying drooping head, red tear-drenched eyes,
Weakly fluttering heart; numb body shrinking
Towards shivering bones from the mournful
Drizzle whose drops sway helpless against whispering
Winds; wooly darkness gathers around me, drenched;
My lethargic bags threaten to sink me deep
Into the muddy ground, softly dark and inviting.

I shall recall the wooden classrooms, aging,
Defiantly, silently shouting history, collapsing;
Sweet Friday morning-Marching Band, solemn
Evening bugles raping silence: Saturday's harbinger;
Trees tearfully shedding leaves, the Midnight's

Cooing doves, mysterious and invisible from my study;
The smiles and frowns, helpful friends and foes:
The times of joy, vying with those of woe:
All indelibly branded on my nostalgic transient mind
Evoking tears, emphasising Life's pompous impermanence.

By L. O. Mudasia-Kadasia — U6A

THE ANGRY CRY OF THE GODS . . .

Gone are the days, when our kind powerful creator listened to our prayers with great intensity.

Those were the days when we offered sacrifices to our fathers the Murungu, Nyasai, and Mwenenyaga.

The white man's so called God, almighty and loving father accepts no sacrifices but money — which causes you to steal, to injure and to kill in order to please Him, — what a loving father their God can be!

The white men came softly, silently and peacefully, like butterflies did they come, begging for shelter in our dear motherland. They invaded us with all types of sweet stories, and building castles for us in the air.

They formed their own groups and called them churches, they brought a new religion and a thick black book.

They also had a thing which removed fire and smoke, once it touched their thick lips.

Smoke escaped from their nostrils and even ears, and soon our young men fell for this habit and they seemed to enjoy it.

Foolishly did many of our men and women abandon our God to follow the white man's God for many of them longed to be carried in the white man's iron house. The white man quickly pumped his knowledge into our people, his religion being the first, his education and his form of administration.

We rebuked them, we wept, and shouted at them to come back but all in vain. The white man's medicine was a bit too powerful. When we took out our spears and arrows to get them back, the white man removed a small metal charm that threw out fire, smoke and a small stone. It was this stone that hit many of our men and they slept for ever.

So at last the Bible had been followed by the gun. The Bible and the sweet words were just the forerunners who came to prepare the way for the gun and a government.

They came and imposed their culture on an already existing powerful culture and when the two mixed, ours was just as powerful as a catalyst and the reaction was too vigorous.

To let down our Gods, some of them started to climb our Kirinyaga the home of mwenenyaga.

Some of them were pushed off by mwenenyaga's powerful hand, and they died.

They tried their best to show us that our gods were just as primitive as we were, but how could powerful Murungu and Nyasai be primitive. No wonder they called us SATAN because they were white like their god and we were black and handsome like ours.

So at last the butterflies were going to turn against us, the men who once had no shelter and gave us the excuse that their land was too cold and had been invaded by hard white soil which was too cold to touch. Wasn't that and many more an abomination from their forefathers? Indeed it was!

We will continue praising you now and generations to come. And may you please hear our prayers.

TO OUR DEAR GODS I DEDICATE THESE HEART BURNING PRAYERS, THOUGH IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE BUTTERFLIES. Amen.

By J. A. Ng'ethe. 4S.

THE GREEN GOD

Behold! Green God is my helper,
Green God my guide, my Right Hand,
And the upholder of my life.

I call upon God,
And its always there:
In the evenings, mornings and noons.
I roll my joint and inhale,
And it carries me to the clouds.
God guides my nerves in peace
In the battles that I wage,
And many are arranged against me.

I call to you now, Dear God,
Hear my cry, oh say!
Listen to my prayer!
From the ends of the earth I call to you.
For my heart beads for you.
Lead me to the cloud that is higher than nine,
For you are my refuge,
A strong tower against the world at large;
Let me dwell with you forever.
Oh! to be safe under the shelter of your mighty power.

Kad Kuyu Lokolong

RUGBY FOOTBALL



1st XV — 1976

Master-in-charge: Mr. R. F. Noble

Captain: J. J. Masiga

Vice Captain: J. A. Onsando

This was probably the best season for many years. The total number of matches played was 41, of which 24 were won, 2 draw and 15 lost. The school managed to raise 5 very strong teams this season, namely 1st XV, 2nd XV, Senior Colts, Junior Colts and Baby Colts.

For the Baby Colts, it was a wonderful season as they went on to emerge as the best Baby Colts in Kenya, if not E. Africa. They also inflicted the heaviest defeat by thrashing Lenana 64-0. The other Junior school teams lived to their reputation by winning more matches than they lost. These well-drilled teams have proved that there will be a continued supply of the required players for the 1st XV to produce a force to reckon with in future.

This season got on a very encouraging note with the 1st XV just going down to a very experienced Impala side. The 2nd XV won their opener convincingly by thrashing the much-fancied R.V.A. side. In the 2nd XV side, which always had to face the 1st XV during Mr. Nobles' coaching sessions, there were players with lots of experience, namely, Ominde T. E., Onyango D., Kagiri, Wandera S., Ndolo, Ngugi J. and Mangeli B.

Our traditional rivals, Lenana and the much — fancied R.V.A. — who incidentally did not take heed of the warning sounded the previous season — were on the fixtures too. R.V.A. were the first to suffer 20-17

CRICKET

Master-in-charge: Mr. W. A. Priestly
Captain: G. S. Grewal
Vice Captain: J. N. Malik

In the 1975 season, we entered the schools' league and knock-out tournament for the first time. It is pleasing to report that we reached the final of the knock-out.

The first match of the season was a league match against arch rivals, Lenana. We batted badly and were dismissed for a paltry 73. Only skipper, A. Malik, showed any form with the bat in scoring 24. However, Lenana were no match for our bowlers. Grewal (4 for 7) and J. Malik (4-12) and we were able to score home by 29 runs.

Our next encounter was a knock-out match with St. Teresa's. Good batting by the Malik brothers (senior scoring 52 and junior 48) enabled us to score a safe 154 for 6. St. Teresa's in reply were dismissed for a meagre 49. Ebrahim and Dada each took 4 wickets.

Our second league match was with Parklands. We again batted first but scored only 75 for 8 wickets. Dada was the top scorer with 20. Parklands were dismissed for 51 with Ebrahim getting 4 wickets for 7 and Grewal 2 for 17.

Our third league match was with Technical. Technical scored 78 for 7 in their allotted overs. N. Malik (2-20) bowled well. We scraped home with just one wicket in hand and one ball to spare. Skipper Malik batted well for his 21.

4th league match resulted in our first defeat of the season. However, this was at the hands of the much more experienced Aga Khan High School. Batting first Aga Khan scored 132 for 6. As the score suggest no bowler really impressed. In reply we could only muster 72 for 6. Dada (20 n.o.) was the top scorer.

Our next match was the 2nd round of the knock-out. We batted first and scored 24-9 with Dada (47), Malik N. (28) and Grewal (21) all batting well. In a close finish Eastleigh just failed by 20 runs. A. Malik (2-23) and Ochaudhry jr. (2 for 4) were mainly responsible for dismissing Eastleigh.

In our 5th league match we, for the first time, faced the might of the Jamhuri team. Despite losing this match we scored a respectable 114 for 5. A. Malik led the scoring with 51 while the younger Malik got 27.

In the knock-out semi-final we met Aga Khan Academy. We scored 96 for 6 with A. Malik (44) again batting well with support from Grewal (19) and N. Malik (17). We dismissed Academy for 80 and advanced to the finals.

We were to see the might of Jamhuri again in the knock-out final. Jamhuri scored 158 for 5 and only N. Malik (2 for 25) bowled well. In reply we lost three vital wickets for only 14. However, we finished as runners-up, which was a good achievement.

The final match of the season was against our favoured rivals, the staff. Unfortunately and unforgiveably we lost this match!! We were dismissed for only 59, due mainly to some fine bowling by Mr. Dale, who took 3 for 9 and Mr. Bentley (2 for 4). We certainly made the staff fight all the way and they just managed to beat us with one wicket in hand. Mr. Minns, with 13, was the top scorer.

Two of our players, A. Malik and Grewal were chosen to represent Nairobi Combined Schools. A. Malik led the team.

I would like to thank Mr. Noble who spent a lot of his precious time to ensure the successful running of the cricket section. As for the rest of the season all we can do is wait and hope.

SOCCER



1st Soccer XI — 1976

1975 *Master-in-charge:* W. J. Minns
School Captain: A. A. Mwamburi
 1976 *Master-in-charge:* G. W. Wainaina
School Captain: S. O. S. Ramogo

The 1975 season was one of many ups and downs. Baby Colts undoubtedly had their best season in years and won all their matches con-

vincingly except for a draw with Lenana. Their outstanding players were T. Oloo (voted Form 1 player of the year), Ondiego, Githugu, Mwangi, Njeru, Aradi and Ramogo, who scored three-quarters of their goals. Mr. Clennell must be complimented for this team's success.

Junior Colts had a mediocre season, they had a few ball players but were not co-ordinated enough to effect a winning team, all the same thanks goes to Mr. Thompson who looked after this team for such a long time.

Middle and Senior Colts were well blended into winning teams and had some good matches. Future stars are Akich, Kombo and Ramogo E. From Middle Colts, Oloo S., Nyandat, Otieno Jed and Nkambule, from Senior Colts. Mr. Davidson must receive a pat on the back for making these teams so successful.

The 2nd XI had a lack-lustre season but often played some good brand of soccer and deserve more credit than they have been afforded in some circles. Outstanding players were Onyango, Masiga B., Beth Omolo, Ominde Doc., and Charles Radier.

The first XI would have had an excellent season had it not been for three defeats away from home. In the Nairobi Schools Leagues we came first in our zone. Kabete only managed to hold us to a draw on their home ground. We strode into the semi-finals after thrashing Langata 4-1 on the Lenana ground. At Nondies we gave the Starehe defence much to think about, apart from a lucky goal in the last minute of extra time. After these two strenuous matches the team could hardly stand and lost the needle match against Lenana.

The disheartened team then lost to Machakos. The form was regained a 4-0 victory against Alliance after half term. Black Mamba who had just defeated current Kenya Champs, Luo Union in the K.F.F. challenge cup fell to the might of "Patch" 2-1 a memorial day for "Patch". Then Lenana with all their joy at having beaten us on their ground for the first time since 1971 were suddenly rocked into reality — "Patch" supreme in Soccer, "Chief" Edebe was a four goal hero and Lenana had been silenced.

At the end of the season colours were reawarded to Jesse Onsando, "Cat" Mwamburi, Joe Masiga and Stan Ramogo. New colours were awarded to Jimmie Odanga, Cliff Opiyo, Bob Onzere, Joe Caira, Emmanuel Lubembe, "Chief" Edebe. Our heartfelt thanks go to Mr. Minns for all he did for Soccer.

1976: Under new management of Mr. Wainaina, Soccer took a turn. In the Nairobi Provincial League four matches have been won and unfortunately one vital match against Dagoretti lost after it had been abandoned. Retaining only five old players the team has taken a new look and on the whole it appears as if it is going to be a great season. Already our arch rivals, have been "drowned" 3-2 on their ground.

S. O. S. Ramogo

SWIMMING REPORT



Mr. Ngari & G. Godia with the School Swimming Team

Master-in-charge: Mr. B. K. Ngari

Captain: A. A. Mafunga

The Swimming term was a success all the way. Early in the term the School was invited to a Swimming Gala by the A.S.K. There were about six other schools that were invited among these were St. Mary's, Msongari and Lenana. We successfully beat our old rivals, Lenana. There were outstanding performances from Yakub and Obaso who participated in both the crawl butterfly events. Other notable performances came from Kimani, Shitemi Jnr., Anyonge Jnr. and Mbogori J. The main set back came from our juniors who seem to have a few good swimmers.

We were next invited at the Aga Khan pool for the selection of swimmers who would represent Nairobi Province in a competition in Mombasa. Two juniors Openda and Kanagi were selected together with four Seniors, Obaso, Wanjoji and Yakub together with the Captain, A. Mafunga. However, due to a problem in the transport, Yakub was the only boy who made it to the coast. He came third in both his races which is a morale boost for Nairobi School. Our next swimming match was at the Alliance Boys School. Here we outclassed these boys to whom swimming is a relatively new sport.

The Lenana swimming team came over for a match in which we beat them by a large margin. However, they managed to beat us at the return match held in their school. After half term, Alliance Boys came over. They were narrowly beaten by our 'B' team. Kenya High School popularly known as "Boma" came over. In the races we began by giving them a head start. This did not help them much and they narrowly lost.

The Swimming Gala was held on July 26th and Serengeti House came first over all. There were outstanding performances from Kimani, Joell, Openda, all of Serengeti, Yakub, Anyonge Jnr., and Anyonge Snr. as well as Awori of Athi, and also from Kanagi and Mafunga of Elgon. There were good performances of diving from Kwasa D., Joell and Yakub.

It is more than clear that the season was more than a success. What is needed more than ever is a lot of practice among the junior boys. Nobody is born a good swimmer, but with a lot of interest and practice talent can accumulate.

A. A. Mafunga

BASKETBALL



Mr. Njuguna with Basketball Team.

This school's third year of Basketball has been a relatively successful one. In spite of the fall in standard, the team has put lots of effort in trying to maintain the all-ready well established name of Nairobi School in Inter-schools Basketball Competitions.

In the first quarter of this year, under Mr. Hillyard's coaching, we were able to run-over easily teams such as, Pumwani, Starehe, St. Patrick's Iten, Kijabe and others. On the other hand this year Aquinas, St. Teresa's and, accidentally, Jamhuri, managed to hold us back and as a result we took fourth position in the Nairobi Provincial League.

During the year, we didn't participate in as many tournaments as in previous years, but we sponsored one, before the end of first term, in which we ranked third out of some twelve teams that participated. The shield was fought over by N.I.S. and Aquinas whereby N.I.S. proved to be the better of the two.

In all, our team has performed excellently this season. Kuyu, Ogola and the Captain were outstanding players and who as a result of their efforts were awarded Basketball colours. Special mention goes to Mugane, Iziwa, Matu, Radier C. and Otieno G. who have shown tremendous improvement. With lots of well co-ordinated passing, accurate shooting and serious practising, I can promise nothing less than a "dynamite team" next year.

Though Mr. Hillyard has now retired from being our coach and patron I, on behalf of the team and school, would like to thank him sincerely for the time and effort he has devoted for our sake. On the other hand, I would like to welcome Mr. Njuguna who has kindly agreed to become our coach and patron and who was willing enough to organize for us the Inter-House Festival, League, and knock-out competitions. Though Marsabit House topped all three competitions, the other Houses like Elgon, Kirinyaga and Baringo gave her a lot to think about. Nevertheless, thank you very much, Mr. Njuguna.

Lastly, I would like to thank the headmaster, Mr. Kibe, for kindly furnishing our court with a new and much more permanent tarmac layer, on which we can now and always proudly win our matches.

Donal Kwasa — Captain

CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT



School Cross-Country Team

Master-in-charge: Mr. Bob Bentley

Captain: J. M. Njoroge

Vice Captain: A. M. Wairia

The season started only moderately well but performances improved due to hard practice amongst the keen members of the team.

In the course of six matches we met Starehe Boys, Strathmore College, Lenana, Kabete Technical, Dagoretti High, Highway and City High Schools.

The various venues and courses we used were our own, Lenana, Starehe and Kabete Technical.

Throughout the season only Starehe bettered us, but we outweighed all the other schools heavily.

The climax of the season was the Annual Nairobi Provincial match which was held at Lenana and was attended by sixteen teams in all. At the end of a gruelling, brand new, 9-km. course, our 'A' team was placed third, 'B' team fifth. The cup was taken by Starehe for the first time and Lenana was second.

Of our athletes themselves, the greatest talent was seen to blossom in Chepkalum, eventually the fastest runner in the school. He also represented the Province at the National Event, held at Kakamega.

Wairia, Rono, Mauti and Njoroge, amongst others, ran consistently well and their ability many times shook the confidence of our opponents.

The team was a large one as it consisted of four groups, senior 'A' and 'B' and Junior 'A' and 'B', each of six runners. Many bright young stars hence made their mark.

Amongst these youngsters, the genuine interest and talent shown in this sport should not be wasted. With the continued assistance and encouragement of Mr. Bentley and other members of staff we should be able to produce some of the best runners in the country.

Finally, to all those fellow-runners, thanks for all your co-operation.

James Njoroge — Captain

BOXING CLUB

Master-in-charge: Mr. John Opot

Captain: James Gitonga

This year saw the revival of the Boxing Club. In this respect, I would like to thank Mr. Opot. Our first major bout was the secondary schools' Boxing Tournament. Coaching for this was by the first African Kenyan boxer, Zablon. He coached us without punch-bags and cowards felt the pain.

At the Tournament most of our promising small but old boxers found the going rough. Nevertheless they endured and after heated exchanges of blows, we ended up with Njue and Ngethe in the finals. Unfortunately for Njue, his opponent happened to have danced on the canvas longer than him and his aiming was not of his particularly high standard. He nobly lost. Ngethe showed his compactness by throwing hard compact fists at his opponents face. Without any disagreement he was unanimously declared winner.

At this same tournament, Kabete Technical High School and Starehe Boys Centre regretted having won their fights. In the ring they met Muchemi D. D. alias Munch Chinaman and Omondi Simon alias Mongo, both of whom let us see blood for the first time in the ring.

It was indeed a most successful evening taking into consideration the fact that our Club was very very young — three months old. Once again, a big thank you to Mr. Opot and to all members. To those who do not know much about boxing, to be thumped is not fun but to throw and land a blow on someone's face is great!!

James K. N. Gitonga — Captain

HOCKEY, 1976



1st Hockey XI — 1976

Master-in-charge: Surjit S. Rihal

Captain: Bob Onzere

Vice Captain: Beth Omolo

1976 has undoubtedly been the most successful year for Nairobi School. Our major disappointment was that, apart from the 1st team, the other teams did not have enough matches to compete. Junior-Middle Colts



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combined had a rather reasonable season. Senior Colts was the next School team with many matches and did very well. 2nd XI, had a very lean season. They played only 3 matches and under the able captainship of Joe Masiga and superb defending by Sammy Mwai won all their matches. Something must be done next year to encourage hockey at all levels in the school.

The star side of the season was undoubtedly the 1st XI. They played a total of 23 matches of which they won 19, drawing none and losing four matches. Before the season began nobody knew we were going to fare in the schools' tournaments. When the team was chosen by Mr. Rihai it had the blend of youth together with experienced veterans. Beth Omolo and Bob Onzere were of the 1973 season, John Ngugi, Stan Ramogo, Geoff Radier and Doc Ominde of the 1974 season, Cris Otambo, Sam Oloo and Bubba Muimi of the 1975 season and the rest Ngotho, Kariuki, Akish and Onditi as the new blood. In the schools league matches we thrashed Aga Khan High School 8-0, Upper Hill 1-0, Highway 2-0, Jamhuri 3-0, Starehe 5-0 and Lenana 2-1. By topping Pool A we made history by beating Jamhuri and also beating our arch rivals, Lenana for the first time since 1973. Unfortunately we did not become the League Champions because we lost to Lenana 2-1 in the finals after beating Parklands 4-2 in the semi finals.

In the Mushtaq Knock Out Trophy we beat Technical High School 3-0, Highway 2-0, Aga Khan 9-0 and our famous rivals, Lenana 3-1 in the finals and therefore avenged our League defeat. Lenana being the League Champions and Nairobi School the knock out champions, we had to play another match to see who qualifies for the Provincial National Championship at Kakamega. Although we played on their home ground we had the advantage of having beaten them thrice and it is surprising that in this action packed, tension breaking match that went into extra time and penalty flicks, was the supremacy of Nairobi School hockey side realized. Lenana lost at a better team and knew it, and what a worthy cause to celebrate that day!

At Kakamega there was plenty of surprises for us. Our first shock was the draw with previous National Champions, Kisumu Boys in the same pool, 1st match. Due to biased umpiring we lost heavily 3-1 to them but reached the semi finals by beating the Central Province representatives, Alliance 3-0. Having found our form and realizing that we were playing on grass and not murrum, we beat Uasin Gishu 2-0 in the semi finals and lost the finals to Kisumu Boys in the last dying minutes 2-1, after leading 1-0 and scoring the daylight out of Kisumu. It was a very action packed and sporting finals to be seen for some times and disappointing for us to finish runners up in such a big tournament.

After Kakamega colours were awarded to D. Ominde, G. Radier, J. Ngugi, S. Oloo, B. Muimi, T. Ngotho, J. Kariuki, A. Akich and D. Onditi; and rewarded to B. Onzere, B. Omolo, S. Ramogo and C. Otambo. My special thanks go to Mr. Rihai for taking his time to coach us into

a magnificent team, Mr. Munge for accompanying us to Kakamega, the Headmaster and other members of staff for their moral support and not forgetting the spectators, without them the season might have been otherwise uneventful.

B. Onzere

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball in Nairobi School owes its revival incidentally, to the Inspector of Schools Mr. Martin Davies. When he joined us he immediately started training those interested in the game. The most notable being Nzioki 6S, Njuki 5S, Chinungu, Mwenda and William Murage 5S, — (Mr. Davies was a volleyball coach back in Nyandarua Secondary School.)

The headmaster, Mr. Kibe, has also done very much in an attempt to revive the game. He has seen to the resurrection of the old volleyball pitch in the main school, and has also purchased balls and other equipment.

We hope that we shall succeed in our pursuit and may be, represent the school in the provincials this term.

Finally, I wish to thank the headmaster, Mr. Kibe and Mr. Davies, for their unfaltering efforts in establishing volleyball to greater proportion in Nairobi School. I hope all those interested in volleyball will appreciate their good work and join the team.

William Murage, 5S.

THE KARATE CLUB

The Karate Club has, on the whole, had a successful year after starting from scratch in January. Led by our lightning-fast coach, Kevin S. Omondi, we have punched, kicked, thrust and pushed our way into real Karate, gaining a few grades in the process. The members have been very enthusiastic, after being separated from lazy ones by week after week of heart-breaking press-ups. Among these members two have been particularly ambitious of being "kung-fu masters", they are Mwaura and Ngaruiya, who have been experimenting on their pab using unorthodox techniques and where possible, what they have learnt from the coach. Other members have shown a great deal of patience and strength by repeatedly coming back for more sit-ups, press-ups, pull-ups, squats and a whole series of deadly but healthy exercises. It has not been easy to grade members, but the coach has done his best, assisted by the master-in-charge, Mr. Opot.

This year, the club has had two main events, namely the fund-raising Karate Display held earlier in the year, and the Grading of members. The members have also had the opportunity to watch Kenya's top-notch karatekas in action, including our coach, who is a Nairobi Karate Club member. This was held at Nairobi University, Taifa Hall,

The Karate Club members have all been extremely hard-working and naming some and leaving others would be unfair. However, two karatekas have earned their mention and are our mascots in Karate, Ngaruiya and Mwaura. This year's success has then been due to enthusiasm, desire to learn and excellent training from the coach. All thanks go to Mr. Opot and Kevin Omondi for the Karate Club's firm foundation.

Eric Ngaruiya, Captain

ATHLETICS, 1976



Athletics Team

Captain: P. M. Nzungi

We started the season with the sports day. Marsabit House snatched the trophy from Baringo House who had won it last year. Elgon House was all out to see the trophy in their common room, but the "new born athletes" in Marsabit could not stand that. Elgon closely followed Marsabit.

This season we have had very talented sportsmen in our school team. Wairia was outstanding in 110 metres and 400 metres hurdles. Others who excelled were Oloo, Osobase, Osiro from Kirinyaga, Koech, Wambua and Mauti from Baringo, Rono and Chepkalum from Elgon, and not forgetting Njoroge and Otieno from Marsabit.

In the whole season we had seven matches all together with 17 schools and we only lost to two schools. Losing to Tala boys was understandable. Those boys from Machakos are always running to school unlike us who sleep and learn at the same place.

Wairia, Kimoro and the captain travelled to Nyeri to represent Nairobi Province. Wairia had qualified in Hurdles, Kimoro in High Jump and the captain (Nzungi P. M.) had qualified in 300 metres steeple-chase.

Mr. Minns and Mr. Bentley require special thanks for their work on the track. Not of course forgetting the spectators such as Kwasa, Ateka, the 1st formers plus our Headmaster who always was on the track to see the fruitful parts of his dear students. I too thank the whole school for their keen interest in spectating matches.

To end up I wish the next year's team the best of luck.

P. M. Nzungi, Captain

TENNIS

Last year the Nairobi School tennis team had a good year winning the Inter-Schools Trophy called the Carthusian Cup, which we last won in 1972.

At the end of first term, this year, the same competition was held for 1976. This time it was won by St. Patrick's, Iten, who had come all the way from Eldoret to participate. Nairobi School was less fortunate this year and had to be content to share the third and fourth places with Alliance Boys.

Two of our boys, John Warambo and Charles Ilako did well in reaching the finals of the under 18 events in the Parklands Tennis Tournament. On behalf of the tennis players I would like to thank Mr. Mollison for arranging tennis coaching sessions on Saturday mornings, by James Ilako, for boys in the school who are interested.

The Tennis Club has not really been very active wholly as a club this year, but I am sure with more boys playing tennis next year we can have an active 1977 tennis year.

We shall be looking forward to participating in the Inter-School Competition next year — and with enough practice and devotion we have a good chance of winning the Trophy.

Philip Ilako



Jesse Onsando — Athi

Playing soccer since 2nd form, brilliant goalkeeper upcoming scrum member. Plays rugby for combined schools, Miro and soccer — Black Mamba F.C.



Beth Omolo — Serengeti

Rugby's exhibitionist extraordinary. One of the best backs in hockey the school has ever seen.



Joe Masiga — Serengeti

Speedy goalscoring forward in hockey and soccer. The best school-boy converter in rugby in Kenya. Plays for Abaluhya F.C. and combined schools.



Bob Onzere — Athi

Overlapping soccer full back at home, on the left wing in hockey and rugby although injury kept him out in 1976.



Doc Ominde — Serengeti

"Doc" will be missed most on the hockey pitch a brilliant wing man on his day.



Owicks Opiyo — Serengeti

Tough tackling full back might be remembered more by opponents who would rather forget about him faster. He also plays for Black Mamba F.C.



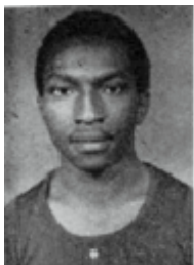
Stan Ramogo — Serengeti

Midfield general in both Hockey and Soccer. Rugby hooker since 1973. Soccer captain 1976.



Tony Ang'awa "BIG D" — Serengeti

Swimmer for school team since 1971, awarded colours thrice. Opportunist try score in Rugby.



Moses Thurura — Baringo

Javelin thrower of no mean repute. Known as the tank in rugby.



Jimmy Njoroge — Marsabit

The lonely long distance runner.

OLD CAMBRIAN SOCIETY

(Nairobi School Old Boys' Association)

At the Annual General meeting held in May the following were elected or re-elected.

<i>Patron:</i>	Colonel A. Dunstan Adams, O.B.E., M.C., T.D
<i>Director:</i>	Mr. R. S. Alexander
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	Mr. N. R. M. Chadwick
	Mr. F. H. Goldsmith
	Mr. D. S. Hogge
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<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>	Mr. Charles Kagwe
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>	Mr. N. Montgomery
<i>Executive Officer:</i>	Mr. B. Gitau
<i>Members:</i>	Headmaster — Mr. Kibe
	Mr. Ichoya

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

I would like to take this opportunity to report that as a result of untiring efforts by members of Council we have managed to keep the Society afloat despite various problems.

The Society this year donated a Drama Festival trophy, the Annual hockey stick and has also allocated a figure of Shs. 3,000/- for bursaries. We are also in the process of assisting the school financially towards the proposed reconstruction of classrooms.

It seems that we are rather unfortunate every year with regard to Office Bearers having to leave the Society at short notice. However, this is not to be interpreted as being ungrateful. Many thanks go to Mr. P. G. Carne for two years as the Honorary Treasurer, who has returned to England. Mr. Ben Gitau also left this September for further studies in the U.K. Ben joined the Council in 1973; first, as Honorary Secretary and lately the Executive Officer. It goes without saying that both Peter and Ben dedicated a lot of their spare time to ensure the smooth running of the Council and I, on behalf of the Members of Council wish them every success.

It is with great regret for me and Members of Council to advise that Mr. P. Fletcher O.B.E., passed away on 15th February 1976. Phil had taught at Cheltenham — England, Geelong — Australia and for fifteen years was the Headmaster of the Prince of Wales School (now Nairobi School). Mr. Fletcher was, until his death an Honorary Life Vice Director. It is a great loss not only to those who knew him but the school to which he put so much.

In passing I would request the Old Boys to be writing to the Headmaster on their activities viz businesses, social, studies, etc. for future reports in this magazine. I would also request suggestions with regard to change of the Society's name in conformity with the changing times. Such suggestions will be discussed by Members of Council and then brought up at the next Annual General Meeting.

May I also take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Kibe to the School. Mr. Kibe has also joined the Society and has contributed a lot during the short time he has been with us. It now leaves me to thank my Members of Council particularly the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and the Headmaster.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

All expupils of the school are urged to join the society. In this way they will be able to keep in touch with the school and also help the society to continue to fulfil its aims.

The aims of the OLD CAMBRIAN SOCIETY include:

- a) maintenance of fellowship between Old Boys
- b) maintenance of fellowship between Old Boys and the School
- c) encouraging and helping the School in every possible way

A large part of the income of the society will be devoted to the Old Cambrian Bursary Fund from which bursaries and scholarships are awarded to promising boys going overseas for further education.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

- a) Junior Membership
Subscription is Shs. 10/- until the end of the year in which the age of 21 is attained.
- b) Overseas Membership
Subscription is Shs. 10/- until the end of the year in which the Member returns to East Africa.
- c) Senior or Full Membership
Subscription is Shs. 20/- from the 1st January of the year after that in which a Junior Member becomes 21.
N.B. The above rates are per annum.
- d) Life Membership is Shs. 180/- (or 10 years for Shs. 60/-).

APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE OLD CAMBRIAN SOCIETY

Send this form with the appropriate sum of money to the Honorary Treasurer, Old Cambrian Society, P.O. Box 30047, Nairobi. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to him.

I wish to apply for election to the Society as:

- a) An Ordinary Junior Member at Shs. 10/-
- b) An Overseas Member at Shs. 10/-
- c) A Senior Member at Shs. 20/-
- d) A Life Member at Shs. 180/-

(Delete those which do not apply)

FULL NAME (BLOCK LETTERS).....

FULL ADDRESS (BLOCK LETTERS).....

DATE OF BIRTH

DATE OF ENTERING SCHOOL.....

DATE OF LEAVING SCHOOL.....

HOUSE

DATE SIGNATURE.....

OLD CAMBRIAN NEWS

Solomon Frank Chokaa: Grigg 1967 — 68

Frank a former prefect of Grigg House, excelled himself in the academics. Frank writes "After leaving Nairobi School, I joined the University of Nairobi where I obtained B.A. (Hons) in Economics, English, and Political Science. In 1971 I went to U.S.A. for Post Graduate Study where I obtained M.A. in Economic Development at Ohio State University. On coming back I joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an assistant secretary in European Affairs Division. I then enrolled for a post graduate Diploma in International Law and Diplomacy with University of Nairobi. I am now working with Mobil Oil in the planning department as a management trainee." Mr. Chokaa also informs us that he has just passed his L.L.B. Intermediate exams (London University) and will proceed to the final part I next June while reading at home.

Jimmy Moturi Omanwa: 1966 — 1971

Former Deputy head of Grigg, has successfully completed his B.A. (Hons) in Economics from University of Nairobi. Mr. Moturi known as "Jimmy" is now an assistant manager with E.A. Industries Nakuru Branch.

J. M. Waigwa: 1966 — 71

Former Head of Nicholson House — better known as "BULL" excelled himself in Rugger and Soccer where he was nicknamed "Kifagio." Mr. Waigwa obtained B.Sc. "Engineering from University of Nairobi 1975. He is now an assistant Engineer with Industrial Dev. Bank Ltd., His address is P.O. Box 44036, Nairobi.

Daniel Gatabaki:

Obtained his B.Ed. (Hons) last year from University of Nairobi. He is now teaching at Dagoretti High School.

John Mano Chokaa: (Grigg)

Obtained B.A. land Economics from University of Nairobi this year. He is now managing a Land and Estate Valuers Co., He is in charge of the Eldoret and Kakamega offices. Mr. Mano writes "I find working in the rural areas very educative. Most of all I like working with the people. I am therefore committed to them and attempt to understand their way."

Mark Oweggi:

Former Head of Grigg is a Lawyer in Town.

Musa Njiru: (Scott)

Is a teacher in Embu after successfully completing his B.Ed. degree from University of Nairobi.

Mark Kahende: Former Head of Rhodes is now a D.O. in Kajiado.

George Opiyo (Grigg) who is at University of Nairobi and freelance artist at V.o.K. stepped in the staffroom to say 'hi' on leaving Mr. Opiyo announced — "I am going to be a lawyer in this Town in a few months."

Douglas Muchura: Former Head of Grigg, B.Sc. Engineering, University of Nairobi, works with E.A. Power and Lighting Co.

Paul Mbugua: (Grigg) a teacher in town, after getting B.Ed. degree from Makerere.

P. N. Kamau: (1966 — 1971) Peter was head of Grigg in 1971, completed his B.A. (Hons) in Economics last year from University of Nairobi. He is now studying M.A. in Economics at the same University. Peter writes "I have just completed my course work, and I am embarking on my thesis" 'Peter' find time to play Rugger for the Impala. Mr. George Wainaina, master in-charge of soccer says that Peter occasionally comes to help coach and advice the 1st Soccer team. Keep it up Mr. Kamau!

Mr. John Achungu of Nicholson completed his LLB degree in 1975. He has now been enrolled as an advocate.

Mr. Patric Odanga obtained his B. Com. from University of Nairobi in 1975 and now works as an Executive with National and Gridlays Bank.

Fredrick Gachau: has completed his B.Sc. degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is working with Ministry of Works as an Assistant Engineer. Mr. Gachau writes "I find working good but not as exiting as reading. I intend to go back to University next year for Post-graduate studies."

Mr. Oyondi Matata: Former Head of School and "a tough Disciplinarian" works with the shipping lines as a marine engineer. Mr. "Matata" writes. "I find this job very exiting since I have to travel all over the world." After all he says "these things happen."

Joab Ndombi: — 1967 — 1969, Howke House, B.Sc. (Hons) M.Sc. Physics, Nairobi. Now working towards his Ph.D. at Stanford University U.S.A. He hopes to teach at the University of Nairobi.

Mr. George Wainaina: (Rhodes 1970 — 1971. Mr. Wainaina got his B.Ed. (Hons) in Economics from University of Nairobi last year. He is now teaching at Nairobi School. Currently he is the master in-charge of football and a member of the Old Cambrian Council.

John Tabalya: (Rhodes) after getting B.A. in maths and English, he worked for V.o.K. as a senior producer. Now a prosperous farmer in Kitale.

Michael Chegge: — Lecturer in political science at University of Nairobi B.A. (Nairobi) M.A. (Nairobi) Ph.D. California.

Apollo W. Tsalwa. Joined January 1966 for 'A' Levels, left July 1967 to University of E.A., Nairobi to study Economics and Political Science. Graduated June 1976. Awarded Fulbright Scholarship for Post Graduate work in Economics to University of Kansas, Lawrence, U.S.A. Graduated with M.A. in Economics in August 1972, served briefly with Finance and Planning Ministry before joining private sector. Currently with the Lonrho Group of Companies in Nairobi.

George Kariuki Former Head of School and Current Chairman of Old Cambrian Society is still working with the Sun Alliance Insurance group as assistant manager. An active member of Nairobi School Board of Governors.

Josiah Green: after getting B.A. in Political Science at Nairobi joined Ministry of Foreign affairs. Now 3rd secretary in the Kenya Embassy in Zaire.

George Imbanga Godia — 1966 — 1971 former prefect — Grigg House, joined University of Nairobi in 1972 and obtained B.Ed (Hons) in English Language and Literature. Mr. Godia is now teaching at his Old School. He writes "I am glad to be here. I intend to serve this prestigious institution to the uttermost!" Mr. Godia informs us that he enjoys reading and to that we say "blessed are they whose hobby is their work!"

J. Ichoya — B.A. (Land Economics) M.A. Land Economics) Lecturer at Faculty of Architecture, Development and Design.

Joe Gatabaki: (Scott) completed his B.A. (Hons) University of Nairobi. He is now an Industrialist in the private sector. Mr. Gatabaki has been commissioned by an American Publishing House to write a book.

A. W. Munene. completed his final stage of A.C.C.A. a widely recognised accounting body in the world. Joined George Williamson (Africa) Ltd. After which joined Wrigley (E.A.) Ltd. as chief accountant. He has also appointed to the Board of Directors in November 1975.

MARRIAGES

John Tabalya to Jane Lugalia
Joab Ndombi to Flossy Khamadi
Solomon Chokaa to Milcal Ngaira
G. N. Kariuki to Miss Mathu.



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