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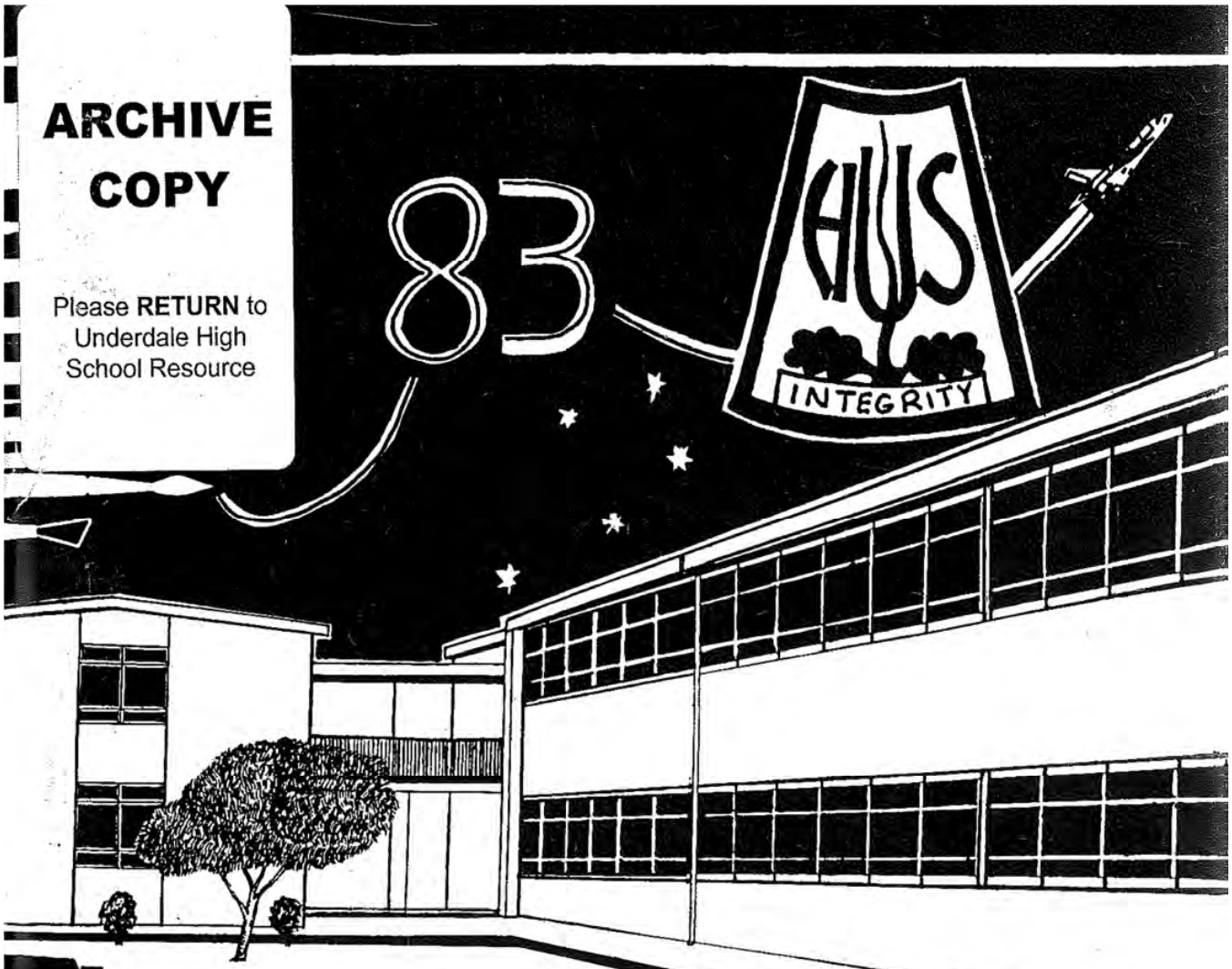

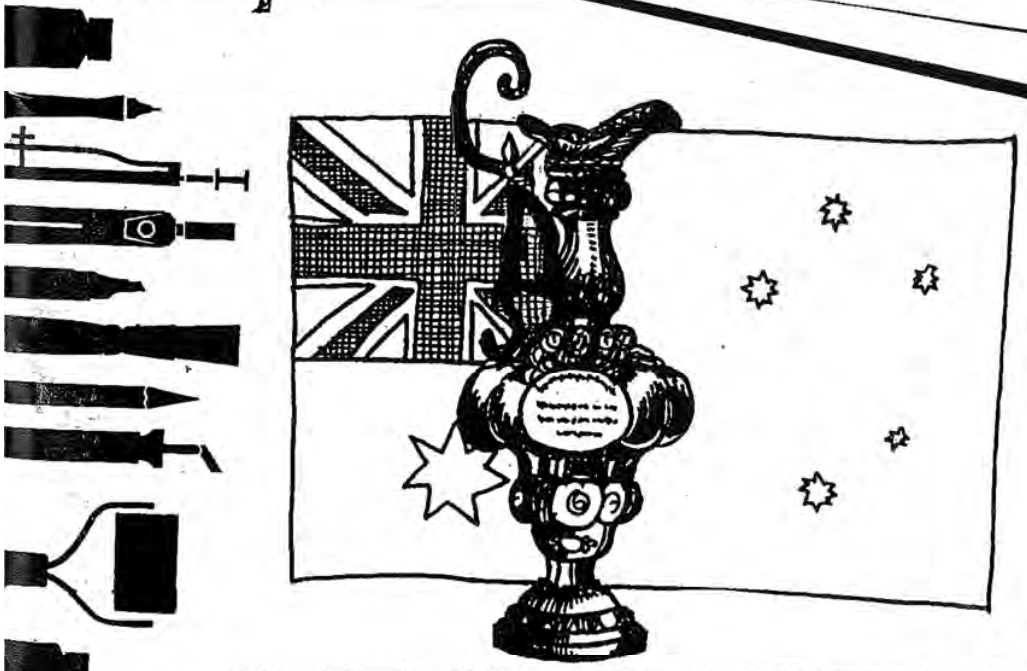

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THE PRINCIPAL REPORTS .....

Over the last two decades schools have been continuously asked by the community to take on more and more responsibilities.

While academic aims have, and always will be, central to their purpose, there has been a need for them to become increasingly involved in social and welfare work. This need can be attributed to several forms in our society. The weakening of the influence of the church, the break down of many families, the negative effects of T.V. and videos, our increasingly violent society and the high unemployment of young people have all had their toll.

In an era when there is likely to be pressure for schools to adopt an ever increasing social role, I believe it is important for us to stop and carefully evaluate our purposes. While not suggesting for one moment that we should abdicate our social role in these difficult and confusing times, we must never lose sight of our central purpose, which is the development of intellectual skills in young people.

I believe that if schools can launch their students into the world with the best possible intellectual education, coupled with a respect for top quality work and performance in all that they attempt, then they have served them well.

This is the essence of our aims at Underdale High School. I am confident from my observations of our students that we are achieving these aims.

D. N. MORLEY

PRINCIPAL

NOVEMBER, 1983

CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. M. Donohue and Mr. J. Ellis

for the additions to their families in 1983.

BEST WISHES to Mrs. Taplin on her recent marriage.

MANY THANKS to our Contract Staff this year for their help and support.

TO ALL THOSE STUDENTS leaving Underdale in 1983 we wish you well for the future.

SPECIAL THANKS to the following for assisting with this publication:-

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OUR SINCERE THANKS to the School Council for their help and guidance during the year.

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the Parents and Friends Association for their support.

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The Sports Council and all the staff and parents who coached and organized school sports teams.

The staff who supervised clubs during the lunch hour.

Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hilterbrand and parents who organized the Sports Presentation night.

Mr. Monte for organizing the School Social.

Mrs. Atkinson and the Year 9 students for their aid to Meals on Wheels during 1983.

Mr. Sander and students for organizing the School Revue.

Mrs. Donovan and the Interact Club for their work in collecting funds for many useful charities.

the Library Staff for organizing games and activities during the lunch period.

the many business firms and other institutions who so kindly allowed our students to gain Work Experience in their places of business.

W H Y ?

What is wrong with the world we have?
Why do we have to change it?

The cool green grass seems destined to be cut,
While shady gum trees are chopped by the minute.
Why must they be replaced with hard cement?
Cement paths, roads, skyscrapers - the lot!

The world is becoming a place of hatred.
Racism, Religious prejudice are apparent.
People wanting more land, more power.
Why can't we be satisfied with what we have?

Some people seem determined to destroy our world.
Threatening bombs capable of destroying us.
Is it because they like the power?
Or is it because they hate us so much?

What is wrong with the world we have?
Why do we have to change it?

ANNE MARSLAND 47/11

C O N C E R N E D ?

I wandered through the fields
All alone; watching, as slowly
The sun hid beyond the horizon.

I looked the opposite way,
Only to discover what man
Had done to this wonderful land
of ours.

I saw pollution and a haze
Lying low over the city.
I thought what it would be like
Without any nature left.

Then I heard a cry, "TIMBER",
As a large pine fell to the ground.
I saw the birds fly off,
In search of a new home.

I wondered how people could be so
cruel
To pollute our once clean air,
With automabile fumes and factory
wastes.

THE YEAR 2000 AND SOMETHING

In the Year 2000 and something
SOMEONE will see the light
SOMEONE will say "E N O U G H !
We've got to stop killing the world -

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

Put a ban on all whaling and sealing
(Although no whales have been seen for
years!)

Convert industry and home to solar power
It's cheap, and CLEAN and free!

Run electric cars and ride bikes or
horses;
At least they have a useable by-product.

Ban logging of forests and damming of
rivers,
Plant trees and build conservation parks.

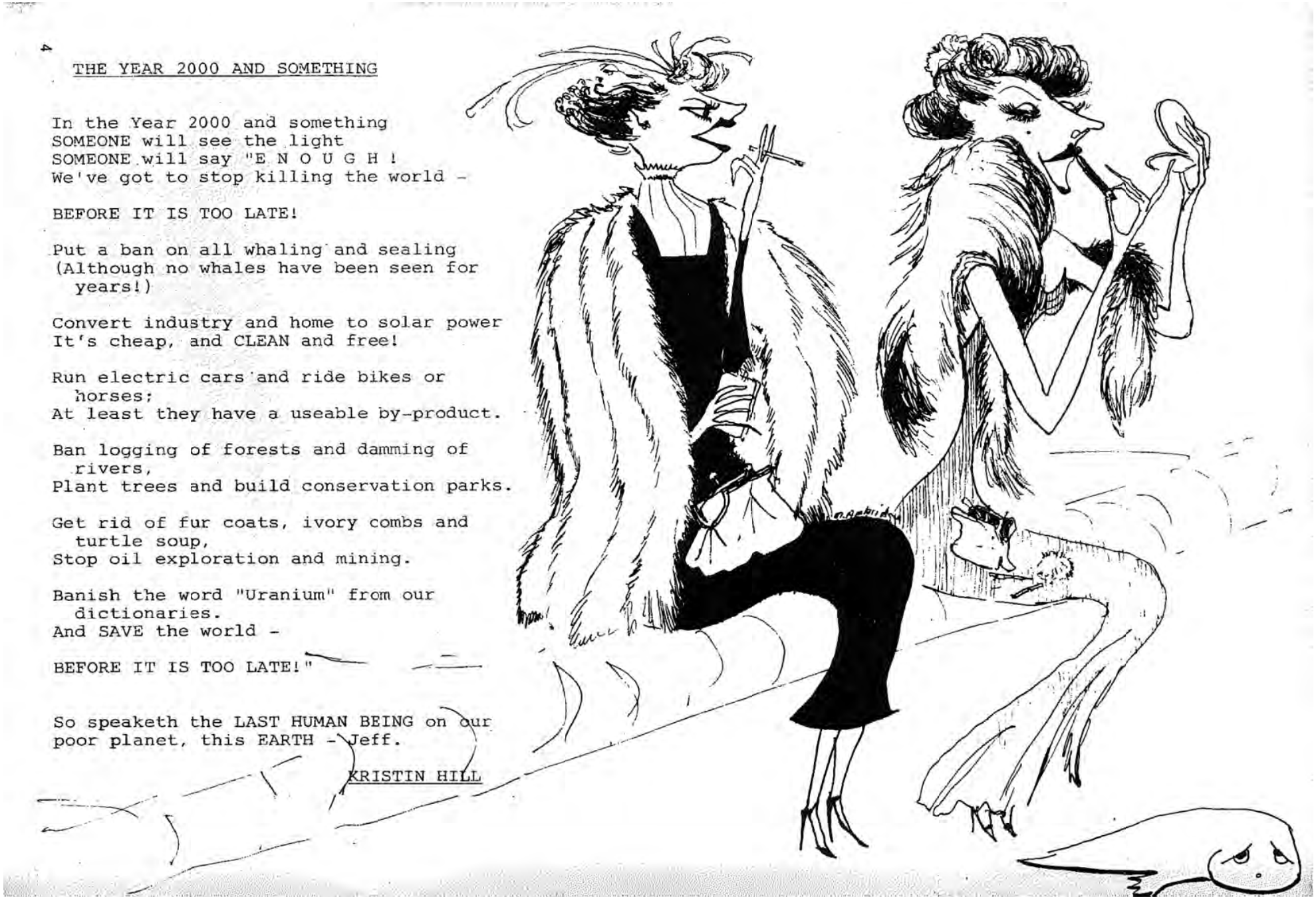
Get rid of fur coats, ivory combs and
turtle soup,
Stop oil exploration and mining.

Banish the word "Uranium" from our
dictionaries.
And SAVE the world -

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!"

So speaketh the LAST HUMAN BEING on our
poor planet, this EARTH - Jeff.

KRISTIN HILL



MRS OLIVE ALLERTON

One Friday, Underdale High had a very special visitor. As we all gathered in the assembly area, Mr Morley pushed a lady in a wheelchair out from his office. Mrs Donovan introduced our guest as Mrs Olive Allerton.

At the age of 73, Mrs Allerton had already spent a year in the Toowoomba Nursing Home. All the people out there were complaining about being bored. Mrs Allerton had never been bored in her life and she wasn't about to begin! She decided that she needed a challenge.

Without telling anyone, friends or family, Mrs Allerton was on the next plane to India. She arrived in Calcutta and hailed quite a few taxis, asking to be taken to Mother Teresa's Mission. None of the taxi drivers knew what she was talking about, but she eventually found one who could take her there.

Mrs Allerton thought that India had the worst slum areas in the world. She was utterly overcome and all she could think about was helping these poor people. When she arrived at the Mission Mrs Allerton helped wherever she could. First with the dying and destitute, then with the physically handicapped.

After a while, she moved to The Beatitudes, the home for children. There was a home for the girls, but not one for the boys. Mrs. Allerton set about helping the boys build a temporary home. After a period of time, they settled down quite well, only to find out that the authorities had ordered the boys' home to be pulled down!

For 3 years Mrs Allerton lived in a small four-walled bedroom. She had many individual events and occurrences that happened to her personally. Mrs Allerton, who uses sticks to get around, has undertaken one of the biggest personal challenges and won!

Mrs Allerton has now returned to Australia to raise funds so that she can go back to India to help the boys re-build a proper home. She is surely a person who can be looked up to and admired. Mrs Allerton has a lot more integrity and personal strength than the majority of people her age would have. Her visit was both interesting and enlightening, and I enjoyed it very much. A worth while experience.

CAROLINE FEUTRILL

S.S.C.

THE INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club has had a very busy year in which we have conducted many worthwhile projects.

Like a lot of charity organizations we held a fundraiser to aid the Bushfire Appeal. Our walk-a-thon raised over $5,000 half the total going to the Country Fire Service and half to the Premier's Fund. The Interact Club would like to thank all staff, students and friends, who helped to make the walk-a-thon such a success.

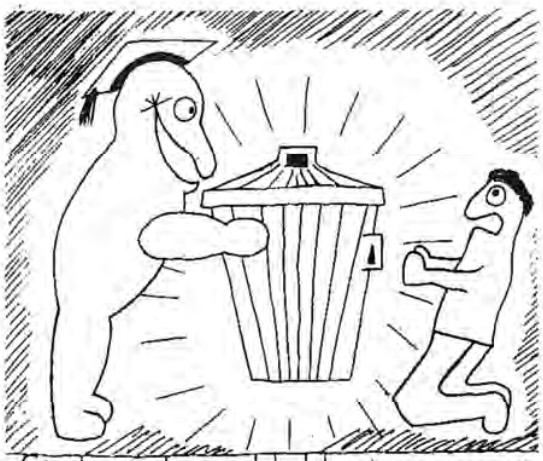
We have found that one of the most successful ways to raise money is through "Casual Days" in conjunction with barbeques. By this method we have raised $170 for the "Save The Children Fund". This money is used to sponsor our child Constantinus Lehloka, who lives in Lesotho. His father is a seriously ill, peasant farmer and he cannot provide his son with an education. This is where our sponsorship money goes - towards Constantinus' education as well as his general care.

Through these profitable as well as "interesting' casual days, we have raised $132 for Mrs. Allerton and her boys' home in India, as well as undertaking the unusual sponsorship of a monkey at the zoo. Our $100 goes into a general zoo fund, going towards food and care for all the zoo inhabitants.

I would like to thank the Interact members as well as Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Horvarth, who helped to raise a substantial amount of money for the Phoenix Society, on their annual badge day.

In closing, I would like to thank Mrs. Donovan for all the time and effort she has put into the club, the members for their fundraising efforts and all students, staff and friends who have helped to make our activities such a success during 1983.

ANNE MARSLAND (President)



SPEECH BY KEITH PLUNKETT, M.P., - ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR BUSHFIRE APPEAL AND C.F.S. - MONDAY, APRIL 11TH, 1983.

During the past two months, South Australians have experienced unusual hardship. The bushfires of Ash Wednesday, in the Hills at Clare, in the South East - took a terrible toll in lives and livelihoods, homes and heritage. The Premier, John Bannon, after a long night at Police Headquarters in the Emergency Operation Centre, inspected the Adelaide Hills in a police car at dawn the following day. He tells me that as he drove up Greenhill Road with spot fires still burning on either side, he passed the empty charred shells of cars that had been caught by the incredible speed of the blaze. The windows had melted. A person had died in one car. In another, a colleague, the State Secretary of the Textile Workers Union, was badly burned as the fire went over the top of his car, and as he tried successfully to save the life of a woman in another car At Yarrabee Road, where more people had died, people are still cleaning up the ruins of their homes alongside houses that, miraculously, had not been touched. In the Mount Lofty area, mansions that were part of South Australia's history, were left gutted. In the South East of the State, whole forests have been left devastated, as if an atom bomb had let off its force.

But more than the scenes of devastation that remain in South Australia, I thank all of us have been moved by the community's response to this tragedy.

Within hours of the fires breaking out, people all over Australia and overseas offered assistance. Pensioners and unemployed people gave when they really could not afford to do so. Families, struggling to make ends meet during difficult times, made sacrifices and donated generously. School children sent in their pocket money. From South America we received a cheque from Australians living in Brazil. From our North West desert region we received a donation of three thousand dollars from tribal Aborigines. Trade unions and companies all came to our assistance.

We witnessed, during that tragedy, the tremendous sense of community there is in Australia, and how that can be tapped during a crisis. So far, some nine million dollars has been raised by the various bushfire appeals. That seems a lot of money, but compared with the hundreds of millions of dollars of damage, we still need more.

I know the Premier wanted me to tell you that your contribution is greatly appreciated. It is an example of how service clubs, like Interact, and high school students, can mount a tremendous effort to help others who are less fortunate than themselves.

The two thousand seven hundred dollars you have donated to the Bushfire Appeal is greatly appreciated. I also know that Lloyd Johns, the Director of the CFS, would want me to thank you most sincerely for your other cheque of two thousand seven hundred dollars that you have pledged to the CFS.

You have shown by this gesture that you not only want to help those who have suffered from the recent bushfires, but you want to make an on-going commitment to assist those who are prepared to risk their lives in fighting fires.

On behalf of the Premier, I would like to thank you again for your efforts in the Walkathon, and I would like to wish you well during the coming high school year.

Walkathon 83

On 3rd March 1983 Underdale High School held a 'Walkathon'. The sponsored people raised money for the "Ash Wednesday" bush-fire victims, by walking from the High School to Henley Beach and back again. The course was a gruelling fifteen kilo-metres, but the keen walkers knew that it was for a good cause.

The students left their school at around a quarter to ten in the morning and made their way towards the first of ten check-points. I myself walked the course and found that the intense humidity made me feel weaker a lot sooner than I had first expected.

At the halfway mark (which was the Henley and Grange beaches) the Interact Club held a drink stall with all the proceeds also going to the bush-fire victims. The water looked refreshing and a swim was tempting, but we were restricted to just a small paddle.

On the long return back down Grange Road, many people (including myself) were forced to rest under a tree or near a block of shops.

This might have been a small mistake as it became extremely hard to jump up on our feet again!

When we returned to school our legs felt like jelly. I am glad that we did not have the last three lessons as the 'Walkathon' was exhausting enough.

All in all, the afternoon was enjoyable and quite a change from working in a classroom. It was a good way of raising money and it kept us fit at the same time.

MARK WADE

B2

Coke

HOUSE COMPETITION 1983

Student Leaders

	GIRLS	BOYS
BLUE	Effie Devetzidis	Kendall Fox
	Tracey Thompson	Scott Sullivan
	Liz Cooper	Con Siahamis
GREEN	Toni Griffith	Steve Milanese
	Melissa Basford	Trevor Garnett
	Sylvia Milohis	Harry Koufidakis
RED	Catherine Dorward	David Frisby Smith
	Kristin Smith	Bevan McKew
	Terri Packenham	David Garnett
GOLD	Lisa Gower	Scott Moritz
	Debby Stennett	Michael Burgess
	Joanne Klimatsakis	Greg Patelios

G O L D HOUSE

Unfortunately our successes this year have been limited to first place in the Junior Lunchtime Soccer, and second place in the Cross-Country competition.

But our strength, courage and total determination saw us battle for bottom position in the Swimming and Athletics carnivals, Term I Tennis, Netball and Volleyball!

I would like to thank the opposition for their tough competition, and our Cheer Squad who should have won outright first position, for their piercing screams and support on the side lines had there been a competition in that category!

I am sure that next year we will provide stronger competition, as we have in the past. Our losses this year were planned purely to provide our opposition with some confidence before they face us next year; after our DAILY TRAINING SESSIONS!

B E W A R E ! ! !

LISA GOWER
HOUSE CAPTAIN

RED HOUSE

Red House has been just as successful this year as last. This was due to the great support we (the captains) get from all the Red House members and the teachers who help to organise.

The main win this year, is probably forgotten already, and this was our win in the school Swimming Carnival, the first for a number of years.

Our senior teams were very successful although our juniors were not as successful. Even though we did not win everything, the main thing is that we had a great deal of fun!

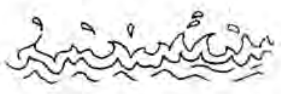
Our results on Sports Day were not as good as last year, but were not too bad. 1982 - 1st, 1983 - 3rd (by 1 point off being 2nd!).

In the Cross-country we again were not as successful, with a third this time.

Lunch time activities were better, results as follows:

Netball (A)	1st place
Soccer (A)	1st place
Volleyball (A)	3rd place
Netball (B)	4th place
Soccer (B)	2nd (or 3rd?) place
Tennis	3rd place

On behalf of the students, I would like to thank all the Red House teachers for their help in organising teams, and participants; with special thanks to Mr Sutton, for his time in organising the Sports Day teams.



BLUE HOUSE REPORT.

As usual, Blue House has had yet another successful year. The Blue singlet certainly scares off the 'opposition'. The School Cross-Country Competition was won by Blue House, an event that requires both team work and stamina. The Team Tennis Competition was yet another event for Blue House to win, as was the Junior Netball. Blue House was second in the Volleyball Competition. We were also second in the Athletics Competition, beating Red and Gold quite comfortably. It was interesting to note that most of the recorders were in Green House; what a community minded lot they are. One very pleasing aspect at this meet was the performance of our younger members. Their ability and interest makes Blue House the obvious favourite for this competition for some years to come.

To the many winners and place-getters, and more particularly to all those who participated, in however small a way, congratulations.

On behalf of the general members of Blue House, I would like to thank the elected officers and staff members who gave both their time and effort to make this year a successful one.

Finally, on behalf of all those mentioned, their sincere thanks must go to the esteemed co-ordinator of Blue House for his tireless efforts throughout the year; that of course, being my good self.

W J COOKSON

G R E E N HOUSE REPORT

For GREEN House, 1983 has been our best year to date - and definitely, not our last! We will no longer be remembered as always holding the rear end of the Points table.

We all KNEW that SOMETHING - A N Y T H I N G ! - was going our way when we finished SECOND in the Swimming Carnival! It was a great effort by all of our members.

After the Swimming Carnival, we really became motivated for the big event - Athletics Day! When this day arrived all of the Green House members were ready. Green House participated to their very best, and by lunch time, we were LEADING all of the other competitors. By the end of the day, we had finally done it. WE HAD WON ATHLETICS DAY!!!. Who would have believed it - except Mr Edson, who had been placing bets the day before!

I deeply thank all of the Green House people for their fantastic efforts. I was very honoured to have been one of the people to receive the shield on your behalf.

Not only did we perform well in Athletics but also in the other competitions. This year, once again, we retained the Volleyball title. We also put up great battles in the Tennis, Netball and Soccer competitions.

I would like to thank our great co-ordinator, Mr Monte, for all of the hard work which he has done during the year. Thanks must also go to our great members who put up a sensational fight this year.

I have really enjoyed being a House Captain this year, and know that this applies to the other House Captains, especially Steve Milanese.

Well, Green House, we have finally done it! We have achieved something. I hope that our first taste at success will not be our last. We have just learnt how to win, and I hope that we will carry this through to the years to come.

TONI GRIFFITH
C A P T A I N

MY COUNTRY

I love this country where

The warmth of the shining sun
Can be felt in the grass.

The dark woods and forests
Cool you even as you pass.

The lovely skies above
Reflect in the seas

And the rough mountain ranges
Give your sole ease.

The wide brown field
Ripen with season and time.

The opal deeps and waves
Make her beaches sublime

Australia has all these and more.

BY GINA DONATO

REVUE

ORDER OF SKETCHES

Mystery Voice

1 O'Clock News (A)

Commercial - Donaldson Showbag

Commercial - Teacherbuzz

Snooker

Mr. Wong

Underdale Traffic Report

Dog Race

Commercial - McLuckie's Fried Chicken

Commercial - Le Specs

Vet

News & Weather (B)

This is your Life

Underdaliana

Nurad Nurad (interview & song)

a trip to HAHNDORF

It was a cool, clear morning when we set off on our trip to Hahndorf. After a pleasant drive through the Adelaide Hills, we started our tour of the town with a "guided tour" of the main street - with Miss Wichmann as the guide of course!

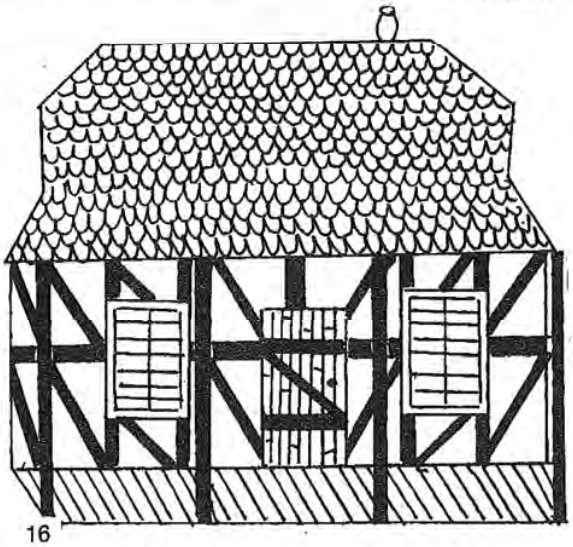
On the way we met a lady who asked us all into her backyard to show us an example of one of the original settler's houses, now well over 100 years old. We also saw old photos of the street and of the original families who lived there. There were also numerous other examples of traditional German style houses and old German waggons.

Our next stop was at the Hahndorf Academy, where we saw paintings drawn by Sir Hans Heysen and various old farm implements and other items which the early settlers brought with them. Finally it was time for lunch, and we went to the "market place", and invaded the local shops. In the afternoon we visited the local cemetery and a Lutheran Church which had a very old history. Then it was on to Paechtown, a small settlement just a few minutes out of Hahndorf, and which used to have several examples of German "Fachwerk" houses. However, since the bushfires earlier this year, only 1 house is still standing.

Finally the moment which we had all been waiting for arrived. We were going to have traditional German cake and coffee in one of the local bakeries. However there is always a hitch when you want to enjoy yourself. Miss Wichmann had instructed the waitress only to serve us if we ordered everything in German! Even though we had been practising those expressions for several weeks, we were all pretty nervous about actually having to order in German. Amazingly, however we did all end up getting what we have ordered.

Finally, tired and "overworked" we climbed back onto the bus and headed back home.

F. HUNT L. BUTTON B1



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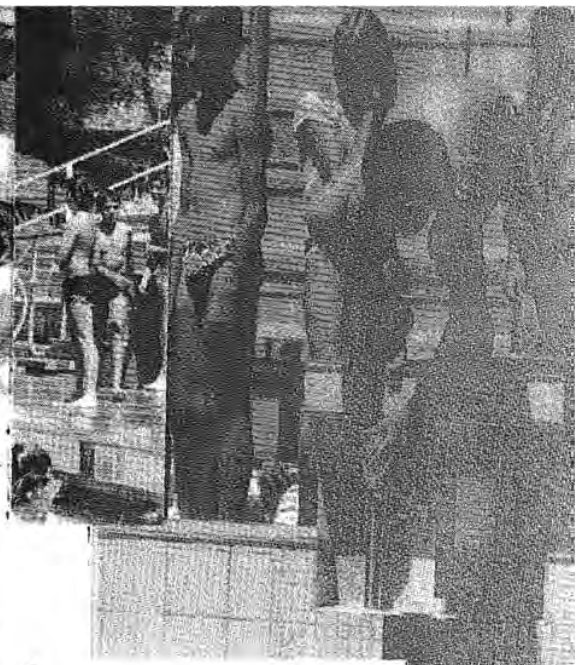
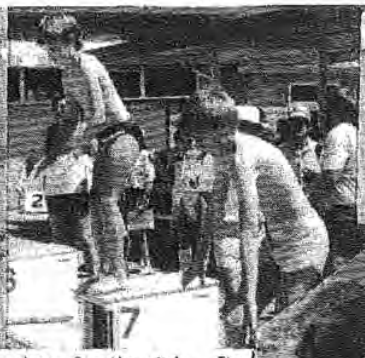


On a hot summer's day Underdale High School went on an excursion to North Adelaide Pool. All the school went in their Houses (Blue, Red, Yellow and Green) with all the houses competing against each other. We all went in our age groups. The teachers were taking down our times and entering them in a school zone district competition. The second carnival came and I did not attend it.

The third carnival came. It was a state carnival with all the schools from around the state. I was in the U/13 Freestyle and the U/13 Relay. I came first in both. My races were the last 10 races to be raced. It was a long cool night. The other children who got picked went well in their races too. After all the races had been held the people running the carnival announced the winners. The girls came first and so did the boys from our school.

THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



They gave us a trophy each, one for the boys and one for the girls. The next day at school Mr. Morley presented us with a certificate each - I got two 1st places; Mr. Morley presented them all at assembly and we had free lunch too. All the teachers were very proud of us. We would like to be entered in the carnival again next year.

SENIOR SOCIAL

Tuesday 23rd July, and the main question among the senior students was "What are you wearing tonight?" The occasion had to be the school social.

The committee members who put a lot of work into organising the evening, set the rooms up in the afternoon for what was destined to be a great night.

By 6.00 p.m. that evening, things were progressing smoothly. The Disc Jockey had assembled all his equipment and the lights, the decorations and the music set the scene.

At 7.30 p.m. the crowd started to arrive in the most outrageous and colourful out-fits one could imagine. Pink hair, dark glasses and green shoes were just some of the attire worn. At once the D.J. started playing the music, and it wasn't long before everyone started dancing.

As the night continued on, everyone seemed to be having a good time and enjoying themselves. Even the teachers were taking part in the fun!

The highlight of the night was when all the students who came in fancy dress, paraded their costumes to the time of an appropriate song. The most unusually dressed person won a record, compliments of the disc jockey.

As the night drew to a close everyone was completely exhausted and half asleep. The night was a total success.

The Senior Social was an event that brought the students and teachers together in a happy atmosphere; which has hopefully broken down any barriers that may have existed between them.

I think that more of these socials should be held during the year, as they prove to be a highlight of our school years. A wonderful night!

Tony Malavazos.

FRENCH

Je m'appelle SANDRA TRIMBOLI.
J'ai quinze ans.
Mon anniversaire est le vingt-neuf avril.
J'habite quinze rue Simmons, Flinders Park.
J'ai les yeux bruns et les cheveux bruns.
Je suis de taille mayenne et très intelligente.
J'ai deux soeurs qui s'appellent Connie et Diana
et un frère qui s'appelle Frank.
Mon jour pré féré c'est le samedi.
J'aime la musique, danser, la cuisine, dormir,
lëté, les vêtements, le chocolat, les bonbons,
les gâteaux, le poulet l'école et les garçons.

Mes acteurs préférés sant Robert Redford,
Sylvester Stallone, Scot Baio, James Dean,
Clint Eastwood, Anthony Perkins, Matt Latanzi,
Richard Gere, Jack Scalia et Vince Colosimo.

Mes groupes préférés sant Duran Duran, Police,
Michael Jackson, Rod Stewart et David Bowie.

Je n'aime pas l'anglais, les devoirs, l'hiver,
la pluie, le lundi, vert, jaune et les groupes
AC/DC, Rose Tatoo et Iron Maiden.

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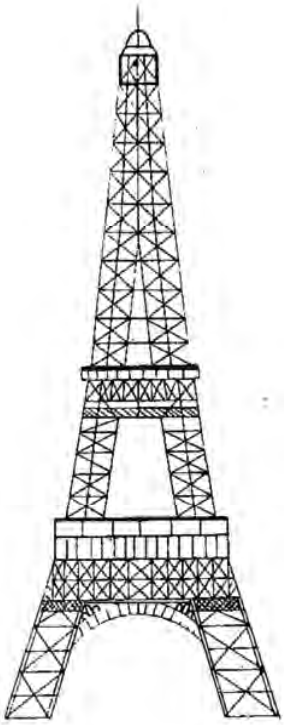

S A L U T !

Je m'appelle CONNIE VARAPODIO.
J'ai quinze ans.
Mon anniversaire est le onze janvier.
J'habite quatre rue Vintage.
J'ai les yeux bruns et les cheseveux bruns.
Je suis petite.
J'ai une soeur qui s'appelle Tina et un frère
qui s'appelle Joe.
J'aime bien le sport. J'aime bien à la télé-
vision ."Sons and Daughters" et "Cop Shop".

J'aime bien français et les mathematiques.
Mon groupe préféré est Duran Duran.
Je n'aime pas mon frère. Je n'aime pas le
"Don Lane Show" et l'histoire.
Mon jour préféré c'est le lundi.
A l'ecole j'aime bien le dejeuner, le francais
et les arts ménagers.

Au revoir!

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FRENCH regional COOKING

I rode to school very slowly and carefully because in my bag I had - 3 eggs, 1 pint of milk, honey, cream and 1 litre of ginger-ale!

All of these things were going to be for our CS2 French class Regional Cooking. When I reached the school, I went straight away to the Home Economics kitchen area to deposit all the food bits. I was relieved to see that they were still in one piece!

The one o'clock bell went for the library, and I wandered over to the kitchen. Half the class were already there, and Mrs Donovan was sitting down having a 'cuppa', and writing out some reports.

I quickly mixed all my ingredients together. The siren just rang to denote the end of lunchtime and the second half of the class wandered in.

We looked like a large group of bees buzzing around their hive, all doing their own thing. Some washing up, others frying food and the majority putting their recipes into the ovens, hoping that they were not going to burn them.

Mr Moat was making a nuisance of himself, running about trying to take some embarrassing photographs. I was watching him carefully!

It was not long before the first parents arrived for our tasting sessions. Mrs Donovan greeted them and gave them a glass of punch. Everybody was now frantically running about trying to finish their French recipes so that they would be on the table in time. It was not long before everyone had arrived.

Most of the kids' mums were there, and Mr Morley, Mrs McLuckie, Mr Ward, Miss Lear and Mrs Donovan represented the staff. Everybody seemed to enjoy the food, which we found surprising, and it was not until about 3.30 p.m. before the crowd started to leave.

Now it was the bad part - washing, wiping and putting away the dishes in the right place. It was five to four when everything was packed up, so we said "Goodbye" to Mrs Donovan and departed the kitchen, hoping that it was a successful tasting session.

We learnt next day that it was, and that we have already been booked as caterers of the next French tasting session!

Tony Mackinnon.