

founders' day



A section of the large crowd that attended the Founders Day Function.

A varied programme presented by the staff and students of the college marked the Founders Day celebrations for 1976 of the M. L. Sultan Technical College in Durban.

Guest speaker of the day was Prof. S.P. Olivier, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Durban-Westville. In his address Professor Olivier mentioned that this year sees the end of the first and the beginning of the second generation of technical education for the Indian Community in South Africa, at both the secondary and the tertiary levels. "And what an era of achievement can now be recorded", declared Professor Olivier. He then went on to sketch the progress made:

"When the first period had passed which started as early as 1929 under the auspices of the Indian Technical Institute, and where the bulk of the work done was mostly literacy work — since this was where the real need of the Community lay — the post-War period loomed ahead with its tremendous possibilities of a "new world". New foundations had to be laid, new

visions articulated, new funds collected, new interests stimulated — all of which again culminated after 21 years in an educational programme of *Advanced Technical Education*. And indeed, this period is only the beginning of the new transition, the new vision, the new challenge.

"Education" is one of those processes of life in which so many agencies and individuals play a part, that it is taken for granted that no one individual in particular can be singled out as the "supreme educator". Nor would such a person — even if he were to be singled out — claim particular honour or "kudos", because the real educator is also the really humble person who has learned to give rather than to receive honour.

It is in this spirit then that we celebrate this Founders Day. We bring our thanks and express our gratitude in general terms today to all those who, directly or indirectly, have played a part in seeing the College reach its present stage."

Years ago the words "technical" or



A participant in the "Fashion 1976" presented by the Dress Design Students of the Division of Home Economics.

"technological education" had a certain stigma to it... but now that has disappeared and these words have passed out of the "Cinderella" stage. The speaker asked: "Where would our world, our homes, our industry and commerce, our administration and education etc. have been if it had not been for the work done at these Colleges? Where, for example, would our technicians have come from or our technical or commercial teachers?

And where would our children have received such education if it had not been from teachers trained at such institutions?

We are glad that the attitude of superiority entertained by some individuals and some institutions towards these Colleges has disappeared. And hence it would be possible to develop a far more meaningful co-ordination in regard to tertiary education in the future."

Relationships between Universities and Technical Colleges have also improved. Professor Olivier mentioned that the colleges are seeking their own compartment in tertiary education which they can claim as their own disputed territory. "There is a constant search for boundaries and dividing lines, and disputed territory creates illusions of rivalry where in fact no rivalry could or should exist". Prof. Olivier continued:

"It would be a stimulating experience were I to ask every member of this audience to write down just three possible but, humanly-speaking, unlikely or improbable scientific or technological desiderata for tomorrow's world, and I can almost assure them that their wildest and weirdest concepts would be surpassed.

What we need therefore for the future and what a College like this is



Prof S. P. Olivier, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Durban-Westville, the guest speaker, delivering his address.

The T/D2 Home Economics Students in their theme programme, "Pain".



obligated to supply, is not men and women as well-trained or equipped as in the past, but much better equipped, highly intelligent, acutely imaginative, deeply devoted and future-oriented to help create the new world of tomorrow, especially in the service of our developing peoples.

The scientist and the technologist know that the rules of their game are "absolute". The wrong ingredient, the wrong connections, could have disastrous results. Perhaps they must do two things: come forward and demand from society that the same laws of absolute integrity and truth and honesty be applied in public life that they perform must apply in their daily work, and to which they have made a total commitment — and then, secondly, demand for themselves the obligation to ask and answer questions such as what concepts, values, ideas, commitments do we need to help us to preserve what is worth preserving from the past, to enable us to plan to adapt for a meaningful future. This kind of educational programme will ensure that our technical colleges or colleges for Advanced Technical Education can and shall provide not merely a "technical" education, but a complete education for the complete student, and there seems to me to be a great, a real need of this kind of man and woman." □

Mr G. R. Oakley, Regional Representative of the Department of Indian Affairs, Durban (right) is seen above handing a cheque to Mr M. G. Mortimer, President of the Surf Lifesaving Association of South Africa as a contribution towards the cost of sending a South African delegation to the Lifesaving International 1976 which was held in Sydney, Australia during November 1976. The delegation consisted of Messrs P. Smith (Leader) from Cape Town, C. Mangold (Port Elizabeth), A. Berry, I. M. Kathrada and A. Pembroke (all from Durban). This is an annual International event which this year was attended by delegations from New Zealand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, U.S.A. Great Britain, Ireland, Austria, Canada, Peru and Indonesia. With Mr Oakley in our photo are the members of the National Executive. Left to Right: A. Burt, M. G. Mortimer, G. Botha, M. Kathrada, D. Whitting.

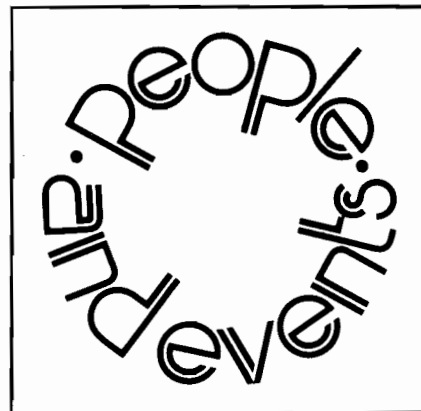


The training in the Post Office of Indians as telephone electricians and technicians enjoys a high priority. This was said by the Postmaster General, Mr Louis Rive, at the opening recently of the congress of the South African Indian Telecommunication and Postal Employees' Association in Durban. The post office has nearly 1 000 Indians on its staff.

The training of Indians as telecommunication technicians commenced early in 1974. The first nine of the 77 students are expected to qualify during the first half of 1977. Our photo shows the nine students with Chief Technician, Mr E. E. S. Hänel, their instructor. From the left:

A. H. Dinath	K. Cora
S. S. Thambu	S. Govender
V. Ganesh	C. Munsamy
J. Singh	L. Moodley.
P. Shanmugam	

Indians are not found wanting so far as donations to various Defence Force Funds are concerned. Our picture shows Mr M. A. Tayob of Laudium, Pretoria handing over a cheque to Mrs R. Viljoen, Chairlady of the Army Women's Association and wife of Lieut. Genl. C. L. Viljoen SSAS, SM, Chief of the Army. Mrs H. Gleeson, Chairlady of the Army Women's Association at Grootfontein appears on the left.



SPRINGFIELD STUDENT REPRESENTS SOUTH AFRICA AT WORLD CONGRESS OF JAYCEES.

A Final-Year student teacher of the Springfield College of Education, Mr Dayalan Munsamy has been chosen to represent Jaycee Natal on the Jaycee South Africa delegation to the World Congress of Jaycees to be held in St Louis, America on 8th to 13th November, 1976.

Eighty countries will be represented at the Congress with a total 6 000 delegates. The Congress is a vital means of promoting and strengthening goodwill among the nations of the world.

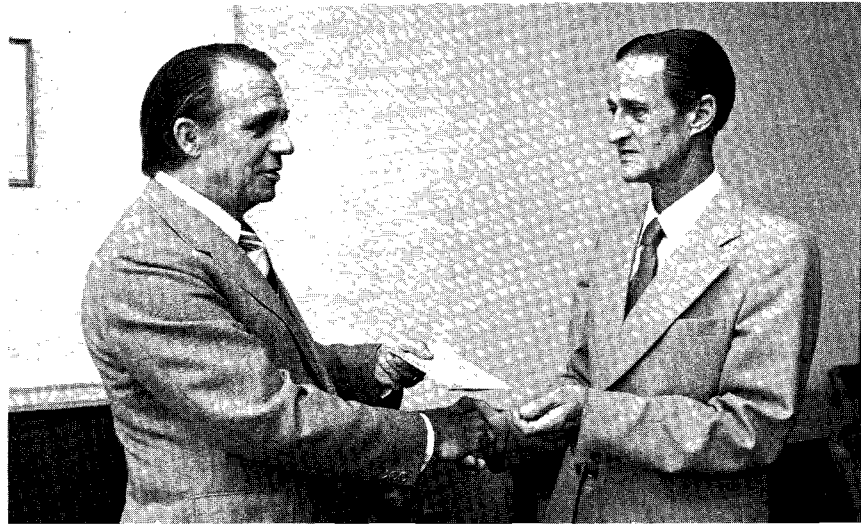
For the first time, South Africa will host the World Congress during its next session in 1977.



The English Department of the Springfield College of Education produced Jean Anouilh' "ANTIGONE" to mark the Silver Jubilee of the College. The Play was directed by Mr T. Seebadri and performed by Third Year students in the English Special Class. In the picture Antigone (played by Oumadevi Redhi) asserts her readiness to die for her belief in the principle that the dead are entitled to proper burial regardless of the opposition of her Uncle, Creon (played by Rajesh Maharaj) who places political expediency above natural law.

Mr Gilbert Naidu, head of the Division of Catering at the M. L. Sultan Technical College attended the 15th congress of the Association of European Hotel School Directors in Lausanne, Switzerland from August 30 to September 1, 1976. The theme of the congress was: "Evolution in the Tourist and Hotel Industry and its Impact on the Training Programme of the Hotel Schools all over the world." There were 200 participants from 34 countries representing 5 continents.





R100000 GIFT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO N.I.M.S.

Mr G. J. Brümmer (right) Secretary for Indian Affairs, is seen here handing to Mr G. R. Oakley, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the National Indian Medical Scheme, a cheque for R100000 as the Government's contribution to the initial capital of the Scheme. In handing the cheque to Mr Oakley, Mr Brümmer said that the gift was made by the Government to the Scheme as a gesture of goodwill towards the Indian community of South Africa and as a token of its sincerity of purpose in launching a medical scheme for Indians employed in the public sector.

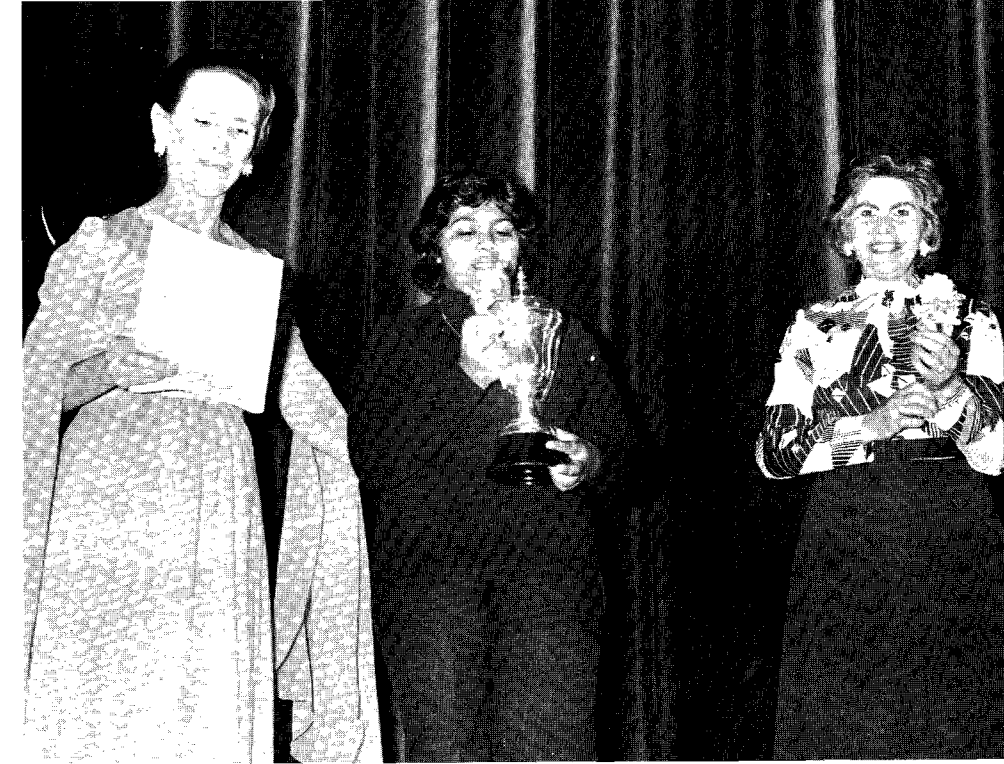


Mrs G. Pillay, Senior Health Visitor with the Indian School Health Services, Durban, seen presenting a silver tea service to Dr S. Graham, the Control Medical Officer on his retirement. Seen from the left are: Sisters S. Morar, M. F. Papiah; P.L. Chetty; A. Hoosen; L. Nayager; D. Naidoo, A. M. Crocker and D. Moodley.



Mr Alec Naidoo, chairman of the Tongaat Indian High School Ex- Students Club seen handing a cheque to the value of R1750 to Dr D. K. Vandayar, Chairman of the Tongaat Indian Welfare Society. Mrs P. Ramesar, is seen looking on. The money was raised at the last "Debs" Ball organised by the club.

Speech & Drama



Mrs Evelyn Solomon presented the Evelyn Solomon Floating trophy to Munogare Perumal for the highest aggregate during the 2nd annual M.L. Sultan Technical College Speech and Drama and Ballet Eisteddfod. On the left is Mrs Denise Grobler, Senior Lecturer: Speech and Drama.

The growth in the Speech and Drama section of the Physical Education Division at the M. L. Sultan Technical College demanded the foundation of an Eisteddfod to give all students, both Part-time and Full-time, more scope; and parents the opportunity to experience at first hand the standard of work being achieved by their

children.

The year, 1975, saw the introduction of the M. L. Sultan Technical College

Speech and Drama Eisteddfod with 440 English entries and 28 Afrikaans entries.

Choral verse presented by the Intermediate Drama Group.



This year the Ballet section was invited to take part and our programme consisted of 631 English entries, 29 Afrikaans entries and 9 Ballet entries. The 1976 Eisteddfod ran for 9 days.

The Rector, Dr. Alec Solomon, the patron of the Eisteddfod, has donated a bursary and his wife, Mrs Evelyn Solomon, has donated a Floating Trophy, both of which are awarded to the student obtaining the highest aggregate.

The Eisteddfod Committee is at present compiling the syllabus for the Third Annual Eisteddfod, which includes 5 new Speech and Drama sections and 1 new Ballet Section.

This progress reflects the increased interest and growing awareness of the community in this vitally important aspect of education. □