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ABSTRACT

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This study details the progress of Tuks Athletics Club throughout its 90-year history, and concludes with possibilities for the future as the Club strides forward in the 21st century. It covers the history of the Club from its humble origins in 1918 to the successful Club that it has become. These origins reflect the original facilities and management of the Club, and detail the progression throughout the decades. Focus is applied to the recent addition of the synthetic athletics track, and sporting facility in addition to the relationship development between the Club, the HPC and both the provincial and national controlling bodies for athletics.

Emphasis is placed on the establishment of University Sport in South Africa and the introduction of female participation. Also incorporated are the various sporting Clubs embedded within the Athletics Club, and the various affiliations that the Club is associated with. The management and members of the Club are acknowledged for their contribution towards the success of the Club through the nurturing of athletes for the future, in addition to the relationships kindled with provincial and national athletics bodies.

National representation is the highest honour for many athletes and the awarding of Springbok colours is highlighted in addition to the induction into the TuksSport Hall of Fame. Furthermore, this study acknowledges all athletes that have represented South Africa at the Olympic Games, and congratulates TuksSport Awards recipients that have represented the University with pride and distinction. The University Centenary Year, celebrated in 2008, coincided with the Club's 90th anniversary, and

various events were hosted throughout the year by the Club's management and students.

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The researcher concludes with the summary of the research, and the researcher's recommendations. The recommendations address the future plans and Centenary celebrations for the Club, as the Club strides towards the Centenary Year.



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Athletics Gauteng North (AGN)

Club

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University Sport South Africa (USSA)





ACRONYMS

Acronyms used in the text:

AAAC	African Amateur Athletics Confederation
AAG	All Africa Games
AC	Africa Championships
AGN	Athletics Gauteng North
ASA	Athletics South Africa
ASB	Afrikaanse Studentebond
CSA	Cricket South Africa
CSIR	Centre for Scientific and Innovative Research
CUCSA	Africa Zone VI Confederation of University and College Sports Associations
CWG	Commonwealth Games
EXCO	Executive Committee
FASU	African University Sport Federation
FISU	International University Sport Federation
FTBTA	For Tuks Athletes By Tuks Athletes
GREY	University College of the Orange Free State
HMS	Human Movement Sciences
HPC	High Performance Centre
IAAF	International Amateur Athletics Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
ISR	Institute for Sport Research
JUC	Johannesburg University College
KBE	Knight Commander of the British Empire
KM	Kilometre
LOC	Local Organising Committee
NEC	National Executive Committee
NKP	Normaal Kollege Pretoria
NTAAF	Northern Transvaal Amateur Athletics Federation
NUC	Natal University College
NUSA	National University Sport Association
NUSAS	National Union of South African Students
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
PB	Personal Best
PSL	Premier Soccer League
RAU	Rand Afrikaans University
Rhodes	University College of Grahamstown
ROWSA	Rowing South Africa
RSA	Republic of South Africa
RWWC	Race Walking World Cup
SA	South African
SAAAU	South African Amateur Athletics Union



SASAF_____South African Student Athletics Federation
SASCOC___South African Sport Confederation and Olympic Committee
SASSU_____South African Student Sports Union
SAT_____Scholastic Aptitude Test
SAU_____South African Universities
SAUAF_____South African Universities Athletics Federation
SERA_____Southern Education Research Alliance
SGM_____Special General Meeting
SRC_____Student Representative Council
SSA_____Swimming South Africa
Transagric__Potchefstroom Agricultural College
TROK_____Tuks Rugby Supporters Club
TUC_____Transvaal University College
TUK_____Transvaal University Kollege
TUT_____Tshwane University of Technology
UCB_____United Cricket Board
UCT_____University of Cape Town
UJ_____University of Johannesburg
UP_____University of Pretoria
US_____Stellenbosch University
USA_____United States of America
USSA_____University Sport South Africa
VIP_____Very Important Persons
WC_____World Championships
WITS_____University of the Witwatersrand
WJ_____World Junior Championships
WSG_____World Student Games
WWII_____World War Two
XC_____Cross Country
ZAR_____Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek



Acronyms used in the sources:

ASA_____Athletics South Africa
FISU_____International University Sport Federation
IAAF_____International Amateur Athletics Federation
SAAS_____South African Athletics Statisticians
SAPA_____South African Press Association
TACA_____Tuks Athletics Club Archives
UPA_____University of Pretoria Archives
USSA_____University Sport South Africa



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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Tuks Athletics Club (the Club) celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2008, coinciding with the University of Pretoria's (UP) Centenary Year. This study: *TUKS Athletics Club: A History 1918 – 2008* was undertaken with the intention of filling the void left in the historical recording of the Club's history since the last athletics specific publication compiled by Rautenbach and Van Zyl in 1981, *Tuks Atletiekklub 1930-1980*.

TUKS Athletics Club: A History 1918 – 2008 details the progress and development of the Club throughout the 90-year history. The study recognises the achievements of the Club, its Members and Management. It acknowledges the outstanding performances achieved by the Club's athletes and reflects the upgrades to the facility. It provides a review of the activities, which have occurred at the Club over the 90 years.

The original hypothesis stated that Tuks Athletics Club has been an exceptionally successful organisation throughout its 90-year existence, and this success can mainly be attributed to the dedication and professional approach of the management, the personnel, and the athletes.

It is further anticipated that this study would provide additional research and provide an article of memorabilia for the University's Centenary celebrations. In lieu of the Athletics Club's own Centenary Year, which will be celebrated in 2018, a chapter entitled *Striding towards the Centenary* was included as a preparatory document.

This chapter identifies several pillars of influence for the research. Focus is applied to the growth of the University of Pretoria, the origins of Tuks Athletics Club and the establishment of Intervarsity Sport.

1.2 UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA TIMELINE: 1908 – 2008

Throughout the Volksraad of the Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek (ZAR) there was great discussion regarding the establishment of a University. In 1889, an executive council of the Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek proposed the establishment of a University and set money aside. Plans commenced in these years but were interrupted by the outbreak of the Anglo Boer War (1899-1902) (Appendix, Table 1.1).

In 1902, the Normaal College for the training of teachers was established in Pretoria. This was followed in 1904 by the opening of the Transvaal Technical Institute in Johannesburg with the focus on mining education. Additional classes were offered in Pretoria and in 1906, the institute adopted the new name: Transvaal University College (TUK). In 1907, J.C. Smuts became the Colonial Secretary in the Transvaal and proposed a threefold higher education scheme, which included Technology and Mining in Johannesburg; Agriculture at a site located between Johannesburg and Pretoria (Midrand), donated by Alfred Beit for educational purposes; and lastly Literature and Science in Pretoria (Van der Watt, 2008:10; UPA, 2007a:1).

In 1908 College classes commenced in Pretoria at Transvaal University College in the Arts and Sciences, with classes provided by two Scottish lecturers and one South African lecturer. On 10 February 1908, 32 students commenced with classes in the Kya Rosa on Skinner Street. In 1895, Leo Weinthal built the Kya Rosa, which he named after his wife Rosa. The Colonial Secretary purchased the property in 1902, which he reserved for educational purposes. On 4 March 1908, the centre was named Pretoria Centre of the Transvaal University College. Governor General Gladstone laid the cornerstone for the Old Arts Building on 3 August 1910. The Transvaal University College officially moved into the Old Arts and Old Chemistry Building in September 1911. There were seven professors, six lecturers, and 62 students (UPA, 2007a:1).

The first men's residence was established at TUK in 1914, named Kollegetehuis. In 1917, the Faculties of Agriculture and Theology were both established. In 1918, the same year that the Law Faculty was established, Professor A.C. Paterson was appointed as the first Transvaal University College Rector (325 TUK students). There was also a stirring of National feelings amongst the Dutch students with regard to the language

policy at Transvaal University College. In 1920, the “proefplaas” was acquired and reserved for agricultural purposes.

Two years later (1922) student unrest escalated and manifested with the burning of a Union Jack. The appointment of a new rector was delayed due to these language concerns as well as political influences and Transvaal University College was labelled “a hot-bed of Nationalism” (Van der Watt, 2008:14,24,36).

Nationalism was rife in South Africa after the establishment of the Afrikaner Broederbond in 1918. The Broederbond, established for Afrikaners from all walks of life, was founded to combat the dominance of the English language and British rule in the Union of South Africa. The Broederbond further aimed to promote the Afrikaans language in addition to history, culture and education. Afrikaner Nationalism was promoted through the National Party, the Dutch Reformed churches and numerous academic institutions. Broederbond membership was limited to white Afrikaans speaking males, 25 years and older that belonged to one of the Afrikaner churches. It was speculated that Broederbond members comprised nearly 50% of the Country's white ministers, school officials and University rectors (*Time*, 1977).

In 1925, Professor N.M. Hoogenhout was appointed as rector (800 TUK students) and in the same year, Transvaal University College hosted Rag (carnival) for the first time. The following year (1926) saw the completion of the first ladies residence at the University, named “Die Fant”. Professor A.E. du Toit was appointed as the new rector in 1929 (918 TUK students) (UPA, 2007b:1; UP, 2010).

Du Toit was a strong advocate for the independence of Transvaal University College as a state institution, independent from the other two educational centres (Johannesburg and Midrand Campuses). Furthermore, Du Toit advocated a single medium of instruction. He commenced with fundraising and the formulation of a new bill. In accordance with Act No. 13 of 1930, the Private Act of the University of Pretoria, the University of Pretoria was established as an independent University. The Pretoria City Hall housed official proceedings on 10 October 1930, the date chosen to commemorate the establishment of the University of Pretoria (UP) (Van der Watt, 2008:45-46, UPA, 2007a:1).

In 1931, 65% of the students were Afrikaans but only 32% of the classes at the University of Pretoria were offered in Afrikaans. Calls were again made for the University of Pretoria to become a single medium, Afrikaans University. This period coincided with the Great Depression years, which had started in 1929. The Great Depression years limited the number of students enrolling and placed financial strain on the University of Pretoria. Professor F.C. Schmidt became Rector in 1935 (969 UP students) and 1938 marked the University of Pretoria's celebration of the Great Trek Centenary. As a consequence, the University of Pretoria was unofficially known as the "Voortrekker University" (UPA, 2007a:2).

In spite of the outbreak of World War II (1939), student numbers gradually continued to rise. During this difficult period, Professor M.C. Botha was appointed as University rector in 1941 (1619 UP students). Botha was replaced in 1948 as rector by Professor C.H. Rautenbach (3 333 UP students) who remained at the helm for two decades, popularly known as the "Expansion Years." During this time frame, the second ladies residence, Asterhof was completed in 1957. The original ladies residence, "Die Fant" was later incorporated as an annex of Asterhof and renamed "Vergeet-My-Nie". This period of leadership under Rautenbach steered the University through the 50th anniversary celebrations in 1958 (Van der Watt, 2008:81; UPA, 2007a:2; UP, 2010).

Rautenbach was replaced as rector in 1970 by Professor E.M. Hamman (12 585 UP students) who remained as rector for a decade. Student numbers increased and participation in student activities such as Rag, Intervarsity, and Spring Day continued to increase. Students became actively involved in their University voicing opinions on topics ranging from politics to fashion and proudly associating themselves with the University (UPA, 2007b:3).

Hamman was succeeded by Professor D.M. Joubert as rector in 1982 (16 656 UP students in 1980), a period remembered as the "Transformation Years." With the establishment of new campuses in Witbank, Hammanskraal, Mamelodi and Groenkloof, student numbers rose rapidly. The inclusion of these new campuses resulted in a diverse student body and a return to the previously implemented bilingual language policy (UPA, 2007b:3; UPA, 2007:a2).

In 1983, Joubert was responsible for an amendment made to the Act regarding Universities. A quota system (introduction of students of other races) was introduced at the University of Pretoria, permitting 200 students of other races to study on the property. During Joubert's reign, the establishment of new campuses and the incorporation of distance education attracted a large and diverse group of students, which was transformed into a multi-racial and bilingual institution. The University of Pretoria officially became an "open" institution in 1989. In addition, Joubert was also at the helm during the formation of a unified campus where streets were closed and incorporated into the main campus to accommodate the ever-increasing student population (Van der Watt, 2008:115; UPA, 2007a:3),

In 1992, Professor P. Smit was appointed as University rector and introduced the "Framework for Strategic Planning." This document aimed to re-position the University of Pretoria in an ever-changing South Africa. In 1997, Professor J. van Zyl replaced Smit and placed emphasis on shaping the University of Pretoria into an Internationally competitive University, whilst ensuring that the University remained relevant locally. This position was emphasised in 1999 by the signing of the Southern Education Research Alliance (SERA) with the Centre for Scientific and Innovative Research (CSIR) (Van der Watt, 2008:124; UPA, 2007a:4).

Van Zyl was succeeded by Professor C.W.I. Pistorius in 2001 (38 389 UP students, 2006) as rector. In the quest to be an excellent University, Pistorius maintained the links previously established with SERA and envisaged the emergence of an "Innovation Generation" at the University, whereby the University of Pretoria would strive to produce not only world-class professionals, but world-class people. The unveiling of the Innovation Hub was the culmination of this vision (Van der Watt, 2008:190,191; UPA, 2007b:2).

Pistorius remained at the helm of the University during the Centenary Year and embraced the celebrations. The University of Pretoria officially celebrated 100 years of existence since the formative years as TUK in 1908 (Van der Watt, 2008:2).

1.3 THE ORIGINS OF TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB

Sport had already commenced at Transvaal University College (TUK) from as early as 1908 with the introduction of soccer. Sport was considered an essential form of life and contributed not only to the individual, but also to the University. L.C. de Villiers founded the Rugby Club in 1909, with 17 members out of the 66 students enrolled, and cricket was founded in 1912. The following sentiment was extracted from the work of Van der Watt, *Tukkies oorskou sy eerste honderd jaar: 1908–2008* (2008:57-58):

“Shortly after the establishment of the University, participation in soccer, rugby, tennis and korfbal commenced. During the early years, there was a shortage of sporting facilities available and as a result it was nearly impossible to prioritise any sporting activities. The students regularly expressed their dissatisfaction because most sporting enthusiasts needed to rely on the goodwill of nearby sporting clubs in order to make use of their sporting facilities.”

It was not until 1918 that athletics was included as an organised and available sport at Transvaal University College. Professor L.C. de Villiers was the main person responsible for the establishment of the Athletics Club and served as Club President from 1918-1923. In 1918, he was assisted by G. Franz as the Club Secretary and F. Viljoen as the Club Captain (Senekal, 1968:5).

One of the main reasons for the delayed introduction and slow growth of athletics at TUK was due to the lack of facilities available on the campus. Students were fortunate however to make use of other facilities in Pretoria, the most frequently used was the new Caledonian Sports Centre (Pelzer, 1982:23).

On 19 September 1919, as per the *Pretoria News* (1919:1), the advertisement for the TUK Athletics Meeting was produced as follows:

“The first gathering of the Transvaal University College (TUK) has been arranged to take place on Saturday at 1:30pm prompt on the Boys High School Sports Grounds, which the headmaster, Mr W.H. Hofmeyer, has very considerately placed at the disposal of the University students. The TUK

possesses the crop of athletes representing the cream of many educational institutions in Transvaal and elsewhere. The performances of the TUK students on the track prove that they can do more than hold their own against any University team in the whole of South Africa. Some old inter-high stars are competing and it is confidently expected that at least a few South African University records will be established.

The sports will be held under the distinguished patronage of his Excellency, the Governor General, the right Honourable General Louis Botha, Prime Minister, the Hon N.J. de Wet, the Hon F.S. Malan, the Hon A. Robertson, Administrator of Transvaal, the Senate of TUK., the Hon Johan Rissik, Mr J. Adamson Director of Education, his Worship the Major Mr C.W. Giovanetti, Sir Justice John Wessels, Mr Justice Curlewis, the Rev H.S. Bosman, School Headmaster Mr W.H. Hofmeyer, Sir W. van Hulsteyn and Mr C. Maggs.”

With the availability of both the New Caledonian Sports Centre and the Pretoria Boys High School facilities in Pretoria, the Athletics Club numbers continued to grow as athletes had the opportunity to train at nearby facilities. In 1930 the Dalrymple Competition was hosted by the Athletics Club at the Caledonian Sport Centre, which Transvaal University College went on to win. The Athletics Club hosted the 1937 Dalrymple Competition as well (Pelzer, 1982:68-70).

With the success of the athletics team, the demand for a University athletics track intensified and students continued to voice their frustrations. “The students’ unhappiness eventually resulted in the establishment of an athletics track on the property, located where the Musaion and Aula complex currently is.” The facility was completed in 1948, and the University of Pretoria hosted the Dalrymple Competition in the same year (Van der Watt, 2008:57-58). The completion of this facility concluded the first phase in the history of Tuks Athletics Club.

1.4 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERVARSITY SPORT

To understand the rationale behind the Club’s affiliation to student sport, one needs to

discuss the historical development of the structure. Joubert (1985), provides insight into the formative years and establishment of tertiary institution sport.

As of the early 1920's there were eight Universities and Colleges throughout the Country. The four English and four Afrikaans speaking Universities were the University of Cape Town (UCT), University College of Grahamstown (Rhodes), Natal University College (NUC), Johannesburg University College (JUC), University of Stellenbosch (US), University College of the Orange Free State (Grey's), Transvaal University College (TUK) and Potchefstroom Agricultural College (Transagric) which later became Potchefstroom University College.

Peter Suzman a first year in the early 1920's at Johannesburg University College, approached Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr, President of Johannesburg University College, about staging an Intervarsity Sports gathering to bridge the gap between English and Afrikaans speaking Universities. The competition would resemble the popular inter-high sporting competitions, taking place at a different University annually with athletes staying at the University hostels. Hofmeyr approached Colonel Sir William Dalrymple, KBE, and Chairperson of the University Council. Dalrymple, together with senate members, granted the request.

In an attempt to strengthen ties between the Northern and Southern Universities, Hofmeyer approached Sir Carruthers Beattie, President of the University of Cape Town, to play host to the teams. After the acceptance and formation of the competition, Suzman returned to Johannesburg and formed the JUC Athletics Club.

The first Intervarsity Athletics Championships took place at the Wanderers Club on 1 October 1921, under the guidance and organisation of Suzman and Hofmeyr. The competing Universities were Transvaal University College, Grey's, and Johannesburg University College with teams staying at Milner Park University Hostel. The teams competed for a floating trophy donated by Sir Dalrymple and it became known as the Dalrymple Cup. Peter Suzman, Captain of the Johannesburg University College athletics team, received this first trophy. The Intervarsity was an unqualified success, and ended with a gala dinner, and dance.

Suzman compiled a constitution for a representative student body named the South African Universities Athletics Federation (SAUAF). The objectives would be to foster and maintain a spirit of close co-operation between the sports organisations of the Universities in South Africa. The Captains and Managers of the competing Universities appointed Suzman as Chairperson.

The second Intersarsity Athletics Championship was staged at the Wanderers on 7 October 1922, which included Universities from Cape Town, Durban, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, and Pretoria. In total, 57 athletes competed in 10 events with the University of Cape Town winning the Dalrymple Cup. A highlight for the meeting was the presentation of the medals and Dalrymple Cup by Her Royal Highness, Princess Arthur of Connaught.

The third Intersarsity Athletics Championships was staged in Johannesburg on 12 May 1923, welcoming 80 competitors from seven Universities. Only Stellenbosch University was unable to travel to Johannesburg. This occasion saw Lady Dalrymple presenting the floating trophy and prizes, with the Rt Hon. J.C. Smuts, Prime Minister and Patron of the Federation, attending the event.

Another noteworthy occurrence was the staging of the first Council Meeting of the Federation, with two representatives from each University forming the first representative student body ever assembled in South Africa. The Council Meeting ratified the constitution and officially instated Suzman as President and Chairperson of the Council.

As a result of the athletics success, the following year saw the formation of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) under the Chairpersonship of Mr Leo Marquard. Marquard required the assistance of Suzman to organise a series of Intersarsity All-Sports tournaments, coinciding with the All-Students Congresses, which were held in Durban in 1927 and Cape Town in 1937.

In 1923, a touring team from Oxford came to South Africa to compete in several athletics meetings. The interest and enthusiasm displayed was unprecedented in the history of South African athletics, and the tour was an immense success from both the social and sporting points of view. The University athletes, against all expectations showed their

superiority over the Oxford team. It was speculated that some of these athletes would compete at the Olympic Games in 1924, if not in 1928.

Annually, formal letters of invitation were sent out to persons associated with the University, inviting them to attend the Intersarsity Athletics Championships. Invites were sent to patrons of the Universities' Athletic Federation, members of Council and Senate, Government and Civic dignitaries, Prime Ministers and Governor Generals. Important dignitaries who attended included the Prince of Wales, General J.C. Smuts, General J.M.B. Hertzog, Sir Patrick and Lady Duncan, H.R.H. the Earl of Athlone and T.R.H. Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught (Joubert, 1985:2,6-8,10,29). Thus by the end of the 1930's, prior to World War II, intersarsity sports had been firmly established.



CHAPTER 2 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Mouton wrote in Garbers, (1996:15):

“Science, especially modern science, has a long and often chequered history. Some people view science as the highest expression and embodiment of the human spirit and of creativity. In these circles, science is sometimes seen as the most important liberating and progressive force in the history of mankind”.

This forces the researcher to focus and concentrate on ethical issues that influence the researcher’s decisions and activities. Therefore, concepts like “truth,” “rationality” and “objectivity” has to lead the research path.

The research interpreted the concepts of truth, rationality, and objectivity in relationship to the problem statement. The problem statement would then be assessed by the scientific community and either accepted or rejected. Scientific research is comprised of:

- **Truth:** statements that establish stronger or weaker fits/approximations of the truth.
- **Rationality:** accepted by the scientific community – on the basis of rational evaluation and scrutiny.
- **Objectivity:** based on objective evidence derived from the application of objective methods/techniques (Garbers, 1996:15).

2.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The problem statement for this research is as follows: No academic study has been undertaken to analyse the success factors in the long history of the Tuks Athletics Club. There is currently no athletics annual or historical review of the Tuks Athletics Club that covers the recent developments or the changes to the facilities. There is no record of all the Club’s Captains, Chairpersons, and Managers. There is also no single record of the achievements and performances of star individual athletes.

The original work of Senekal: *Universiteit Pretoria Atletiekklub 1918 – 1968* published in 1968, as well as the work of Rautenbach and Van Zyl: *Universiteit van Pretoria: Atletiek 1930 – 1980* published in 1981, were consulted and provided a basis from which to commence the research. Included in the work mentioned above were records of the Club's Captains, Chairpersons, and Managers for the period 1918 to 1981, whereafter no record is available. Also consulted was the thesis compiled by S.W. de Villiers *Die historiese ontwikkeling van sport aan die Universiteit van Pretoria van 1930-1955* which provided a list of prominent Club members.

2.3 AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS RESEARCH

2.3.1 THE AIM OF THIS RESEARCH

The aim of this research is to document the development and history of the Tuks Athletics Club over its 90-year existence. In this research the development of Tuks Athletics Club is investigated and a history of the Club is documented. A conclusive history of the Club's achievements, members and management is provided, and facility improvements and upgrades are taken into consideration. This lays the foundation for future progress and development of the Club. Recommendations for the next 10 years are included in the final chapter.

2.3.2 THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS RESEARCH

The following objectives helped the researcher plan the research strategy in solving the problem statement (see 2.2):

- To record the history of Tuks Athletics Club since 1918
- To list all the Club's Captains, Chairpersons and Management
- To reflect on the upgrading and development of the Club's facilities
- To record achievements and performances of the Club's athletes

2.4 RESEARCH METHODS

The researcher has several methods of gathering data available. The different methods are literature study, qualitative or quantitative research methods. For the purposes of this research, a literature study was undertaken.

2.4.1 LITERATURE STUDY

The literature study is an interpretative review of the literature on a research topic. A research study, solely comprised of a literature study serves to evaluate, synthesise and analyse how the research emerged from previous studies and was represented. Through the evaluation of the literature, the problem statement should easily materialise.

A literature study, as a component of research methodology is a critical review of the level of understanding available regarding a specific topic. The purpose of the literature review is for the reader to gain additional insight from the study (McMillan & Schumacher, 2001:112; O'Neill, 2010:3).

McMillan and Schumacher (2001:113) outline several key research purposes required for a literature review. Knowledge from the literature is used in stating the significance of the problem, developing the research design, adding the acquired information to the previous knowledge, and suggesting further research. A literature study enables a researcher to:

- Define and limit the problem
- Place the study in a historical and associational perspective
- Avoid unintentional and unnecessary replication
- Select promising methods and measures

Literature study includes many possible sources (works) and it is essential to identify these works that are relevant and contribute to understanding the problem statement. Several types of sources are identified below (O'Neill, 2010:7):

- Professional journals
- Reports
- Scholarly books

- Monographs
- Dissertations
- Newspapers and magazines
- Questionnaires
- Interviews
- Websites

Marshall and Rossman (2004:147) divide a literature study into two sections. The researcher has primary and secondary source material to use for the theoretical foundation of the research. The researcher must also plan a research strategy wherein the design and planning of how the data for this research will be gathered is followed to enhance the research topic in validation. An articulate rationale for the use of qualitative methods is given so that sceptics will accept this approach. Data collection and analysis procedures are public, not magical.

Primary literature sources provide an overview and interpretation of the field of interest. They provide a platform for discussion of what has been done on the topic of research and a context for placing current primary sources into a framework. Primary literature sources utilised in this study include:

- Interviews
- Annual reports
- Questionnaires

Secondary sources are the original research studies or writings by a theorist or researcher, which makes use of the information established from the primary sources. Secondary literature contains the full text of a research report or a theory, and thus is more detailed and technical. The purpose of secondary sources is to get an overview of the field of study that the researcher is researching. Literature study is structured and organised to make sure all the relevant knowledge is found, and used in the new research. Examples of secondary literature sources utilised are:

- Empirical studies published in journals/books
- Scholarly monographs
- Research reports

- Dissertations
- Websites
- Scholarly books on the field of study
- Articles in magazines that summarise the above-mentioned sources

2.5 RESEARCH STRATEGY

It is essential for the researcher to devise a research strategy. This strategy should provide planning and direction for the collection of research data. The planning aspect is essential for providing direction and adherence to the topic.

A researcher may choose to investigate a topic either because it is intrinsically important or because it is contextual research. A topic is sometimes investigated for its importance as a representative example of a larger population of a similar phenomenon or event, in which case it is research of universal importance (Dooley, 1998:4).

The purpose with the first option is an in-depth description and explanation of the specific phenomenon. Examples are case studies, in-depth interviews, participant observation, and historical analysis. The purpose of the second option is to study a representative number of phenomena or people and then to generalise. Surveys are an example (Becker, 2007:78).

2.5.1. BASIC RESEARCH DESIGNS

Once all these aspects have been considered, one of the four basic research designs can be selected, namely:

- A survey: Can accommodate any research goal
- An experiment: Concern with cause-effect relationships between events, phenomena or variables.
- Fieldwork: Explanatory or descriptive
- Historical: Evidence that has been recorded (DiaGov, 2005:49).

Historians, unlike physical scientists cannot manipulate independent variables and conduct randomised experiments to establish casual relationships. History presents observational data, making it impossible for the historian to state that “x causes y”.

In this historical literature study, the researcher is not looking for cause and effect but rather to summarise the establishment, growth and development of the Tuks Athletics Club. The influences on the Club are touched on in context but due to the nature of observational research, it cannot be accepted that the development of the Club was exclusively effected by the growth and development of the University. Other influences such as the political, social, economic and physical development of Pretoria and South Africa contributed to the Clubs development.

Through observation and analysis, the facts will be stated of the Club’s development in the context of the University.

2.6 DATA AND DATA-TECHNIQUES

In the planning phase of research, the researcher must have knowledge about different research methods used to gather data. The choice of research method and data gathering techniques can enrich the research with original useful knowledge. The research method helps with the structuring and organising of the research. The researcher must keep in mind the objectivity and validity with gathering data to ensure reliable data in comparison to reality for future research problems.

The below-mentioned logical steps ensure that the researcher writes a logical analysis of literature researched. Steps (research strategy) in reviewing the literature include the following:

- Analyse the problem statement
- Search and read secondary literature (primary sources)
- Sorting and prioritising the retrieved literature
- Analytical reading of papers
- Evaluate reading of papers
- Compare studies

- Organise the content
- Write the review (Hart, 1998:1).

2.6.1 DATA COLLECTION

When you ask the question “What is data?”, the answer lies in the goal of why the researcher will gather data for a particular research. The term data refers to the rough materials researchers collect from the world they are studying (Bogdan & Bilken, 2000:153).

In this research, data is collected in the form of:

- Archival material (which can include photo's)
- Interviews
- Questionnaires
- Event reports (e.g. minutes, annual reports etc.)

The different data gathering methods can be qualitative or quantitative to enhance the results that give possible answers to the stated problem statement. This will ground the theoretical knowledge that forms the foundation of the research design.

When a researcher is busy with a literature study in a dynamic way, it focuses the research on the problem statement. This also enhances the data gathering technique, identifying original information valid to the research. Hart (1998:1), as cited by Lie (2010), lists the following purposes of a literature review, which can help the researcher to plan the course of the research:

- Establishing the context of the topic or problem
- Rationalising the significance of the problem
- Understanding the structure of the subject
- Identifying methodologies and techniques that have been used
- Distinguishing what has been done from what needs to be done
- Discovering important variables relevant to the topic
- Identifying relationships between ideas and practice
- Enhancing and acquiring the subject vocabulary
- Placing the research in a historical context to show familiarity with developments

- Relating ideas and theory to applications
- Synthesising and gaining a new perspective

Throughout the data collection process, the data obtained is analysed and emphasis is placed on ensuring that the information is relevant to the research topic. The problem statement stated that no academic study has been undertaken to analyse the success factors in the long history of the Tuks Athletics Club. Currently, no athletics annual or historical review covering the recent developments or changes to the Tuks Athletics Club facilities exists. There is no comprehensive record of the Club's Captains, Chairpersons, and Managers. There is also no single record of the achievements and performances of individual athletes. This statement was researched through interviews and different literature studied. The following data analyses has been realised from this research:

1. To record the history of Tuks Athletics Club since 1918
2. To list all the Club's Captains, Chairpersons and management
3. To reflect on the upgrading and development of the Club's facilities
4. To record achievements and performances of the Club's athletes

2.7 LITERATURE IN THE RESEARCH

The researcher had chosen literature to enlighten the history of Tuks Athletics Club and in particular the achievements of the Club, its Members, and Management. Primary and secondary sources were consulted in order to give an overview of historical processes and developments within the Club, the surrounding academic community and athletic community.

Recent developments and upgrades to the facilities of the Club have assisted in the development of the Club as a service point to the athletic community of South Africa in addition to the International market. The research has assisted with the recording of achievements throughout the Club's 90-year history and has provided a record of the Club's Captains, Chairpersons and Management members. Individual sporting successes achieved by the Club's Springbok athletes are identified and acknowledged.

From the information obtained, the history of the Club can be compiled and recommendations for the future can be suggested. These recommendations can focus on planning for the future whilst learning from the mistakes of the past.

2.8 CONCEPTUALISATION

A concept is an idea or mental picture of a group or class of objects, formed by combining all their aspects. Furthermore, an idea or thought corresponds to some distinct entity or class of entities, or to its essential features, or determines the application of a term, and thus plays a part in the use of reason or language (Swannell, 1992:212).

For every study and research endeavour, it is the researcher's responsibility to create uniformity between the concepts and terminology used so that all individuals can understand the fuller meanings behind the text, and realise the literal and figurative implications as proposed by the researcher (Becker, 2007:3).

The proposed title of this research project is TUKS Athletics Club: A History 1918 – 2008. The title underlines the foundation of the concepts used in this research. This title's fundamental concepts will be defined in the discussions that are to follow.

2.8.1 TUKS

Over the past 100 years of the existence of the University of Pretoria, there have been numerous changes in South Africa, politically, economically and socially. The original name for the University was Transvaal University College (TUK) thus associated with the former Province of the Transvaal. As per South African tradition, the abbreviation of the University evolved to form the word Tuks. Due to the changes mentioned, institutions had to adapt their names. This has also been the case for the University, renaming in 1930 to the University of Pretoria. The extra-curricular activities of the University thus used this acronym to show their affiliation to the University, Tuks Rugby, and Tuks Athletics.

Numerous non-academic organisations are associated with the University of Pretoria. Many of these were able to either privatise or semi-privatise in order to serve the

University students and the community at large. Due to the heritage, roots and affiliations that these organisations have with the University, the Tuks acronym is still connected (UPA, 2007a:1).

2.8.2 ATHLETICS

Athletics is derived from the original Greek term, “athlete”, which means, to contend for a prize. Furthermore, an athlete is a person trained or gifted in exercises or contests involving physical agility, stamina, or strength. An athlete is referred to as a participant in a sport, exercise, or game requiring physical skill (MICRA, 1996).

Athletics is the general name for a group of competitive sports, which includes running, jumping and throwing. It is further described as an activity in physical exercise and competitive sport, especially track and field events (Procter, 1996:76; Wevell, 1996:57; Swannell, 1992:60).

A distinction between International interpretations of the word athletics is made. The American interpretation describes athletics as the practice of athletic exercises, following the principles of athletic training, which includes all sporting codes. These codes include running, rowing, or boxing. The British interpretation defines athletics as track and field events. For the purposes of this study, the British interpretation of the word athletics will be used (MICRA, 1996).

2.8.3 CLUB

A club is a group of people with a common purpose or interest who meet regularly and take part in shared activities, offering certain benefits to its members (Swannell, 1996:192, Procter, 1996:250).

2.8.4 TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB

From the above definitions and explanations, the Tuks Athletics Club can be described as the University of Pretoria (Tuks) Athletics Club.

2.8.5 HISTORY

Our past is recorded as our history. This record of the past is usually grouped as events and developments related within specific contexts, such as the history of a Country, a period of time or subject. History records a continuous chronology of events within the subject or focus area. This focus provides a systematic account of the passage of time. Furthermore, history provides a record of the big picture of a specific subject. From the historical account of development, we can anticipate the course that can be taken into a better future, which will account for the growth within the Country, period, or subject (Procter, 1996:672; Wevell, 1996:498; Swannell, 1992:502).

2.9 DEMARCATION OF THE FIELD OF STUDY

The demarcation of this research departs from two spheres of study, History and Human Movement Sciences. The synergy created between these two fields provides for the foundation and platform from which to investigate the history of the Tuks Athletics Club's progress and development.

When taking the objectives and aim into consideration, it is important to clarify the parameters surrounding the topic and ultimately defining whether the outcome attained the aim and objectives set.

The period 1918 to 2008, provided a 90-year existence of the Tuks Athletics Club. All information obtained within the period and relevant to the Athletics Club was incorporated. The various members of the Club that held positions of leadership within the Club were identified and discussed.

The Club's leadership strived to lead the way through the troubled landscape of South Africa's political spectrum, adapting and changing to develop each individual athlete to their full potential. From the development of each Club Member, the Club has provided South African athletics with leaders in both the sporting arena and the larger arena of society.

Numerous facility changes and upgrades have occurred at the Club throughout the period, many of which have been lead by the Management Committee. The Club's particularly small Management Committee has acted as a rudder, steering one of the biggest sporting clubs at the University of Pretoria. This monumental undertaking has often times revealed the character of the leadership through the successes achieved and failures experienced. The strong leadership ethic has materialised from the failures and the Club has grown from strength to strength.

Through the stability provided by the leadership of the Club, numerous noteworthy performances were achieved by Club Members throughout the period. International representation and the awarding of Springbok colours were identified as performance markers. Many of the Club's achievers are identified throughout this study.

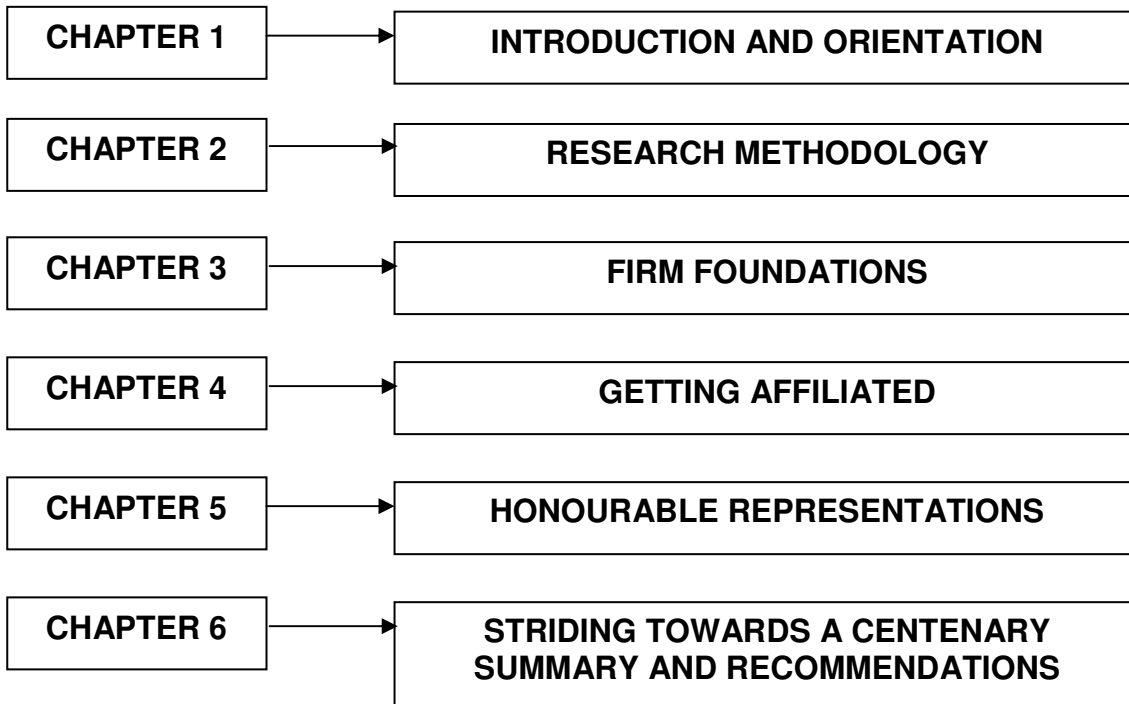
From this investigation and the information found, recommendations can be made in order for the Club to plan its own Centenary Year and beyond.

2.10 LIMITATIONS OF THE FIELD OF STUDY

The research was limited by the availability of information. The researcher made use of the University of Pretoria archives as well as the Tuks Athletics Club archives. Efforts were made at the UP Archives, whereby all *Perdeby* and *Tuks Kampus Beeld* articles compiled throughout the period were reviewed. Furthermore, all the available publications on UP Athletics provided were reviewed. There were numerous documents that were unavailable for the research and that could not be sourced by the researcher from the Tuks Athletics Club archives. Although a sporadic collection of documentation (annual Club reports, meeting minutes, photo archives) was found, it was a concern that a comprehensive collection of documents was not available for consideration and review. All documents that were available to the researcher were consulted and incorporated into this research. Very little information was available for the position of Club Captaincy during the period 1992-1999. Thus the availability of relevant Tuks Athletics Club information was a limitation for the study.



2.11 RESEARCH DESIGN



CHAPTER 3

THE EMERGENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL ATHLETICS CLUB

3.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter will discuss in further detail the emergence and establishment of Tuks Athletics Club (the Club). Through the involvement of the Club Management and Club Captains, the foundation of the Club is established. The development of the Club facilities is also acknowledged and a specific section of this chapter focuses on the association with the High Performance Centre (HPC). The chapter continues as concerns are raised by Club Management regarding the American calling, prior to reflecting on the involvement of the Club Alumni and concluding with the Centenary Year celebrations of the University of Pretoria.

3.2 TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB TIMELINE: 1918 – 2008

Tuks Athletics Club was founded at the Transvaal University College (TUK) in 1918. In 1921, the very first Intervarsity Sports competition was held in Johannesburg. Intervarsity provided the opportunity for Universities throughout the Country to compete against one another in a variety of pre-determined sporting events. This competition was followed by the introduction of the Duxbury Relay Trophy in 1926. Transvaal University College competed against the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) and won the first Duxbury Relay Trophy. Following on from this success, the Transvaal University College went on to win the coveted Dalrymple Trophy for the first time in 1928 at the Intervarsity Athletics Championships (Rautenbach & Van Zyl 1981:9-11; Appendix, Table 3.1).

During the year 1930, the University was renamed, University of Pretoria. Due to respect for the heritage and history, the acronym, TUK, remained and the University became commonly known as Tuks. On the sporting scene, Tuks won the Intervarsity Athletics Championships in 1930. Sprinter Werner Gebhardt became the first Springbok athlete from the Club, representing South Africa at the 1930 Commonwealth Games held in

Hamilton, Canada. In 1935, J. Gerbers and N.J. Wessels were selected to compete for South Africa against the touring Oxford and Cambridge team.

In 1942, women were allowed to participate in Intersarsity Athletics Championships for the very first time. UP established its Physical Education Department in 1946 and two years later (1948) the new athletics track (located where the Aula currently is) was unveiled. That same year, the Club hosted the Dalrymple Competition for the first time. The following year, 1949, the Tuks women's team won the women's Intersarsity Athletics Championships.

In 1951, the Roger Dyason Shield was awarded for the women's competition at the Intersarsity Athletics Championships and the Tuks women's team won. In 1957, F.J. Senekal was appointed as the full time Secretary of Sport at the University of Pretoria, and in the same year the University of Pretoria Sports Committee was formulated, which included athletics.

After a period of 30 years Tuks eventually won the coveted Dalrymple Trophy in 1961. Also in 1961, discus thrower, Elfranco Malan, set a new South African record of 56.90 m. In 1962, Tuks shot putter Hannes Botha became the first athlete in Africa to exceed 60 feet, setting a new record of 18.29m. The successes continued with the celebration of its Cross-Country Club's first Springbok, Charles Minnaar.

Tuks won both the men's and women's competitions at the same Intersarsity Athletics Championships for the first time in 1963. The new athletics track was completed at the L.C. de Villiers Sports Grounds in the same year. History was made in 1966 when Laetitia Grové and Letitia Malan became the first female Club Members to receive their Springbok colours for athletics. The following year, the Intersarsity Athletics Championships took place in December for the first time. This event also saw the inclusion of the new points system, whereby the first six finishers all scored points.

In 1970, Denise van Wyk exceeded six meters in the long jump (6.35m) and received her Springbok colours. The Tuks women's team won the Roger Dyason Shield. The achievements continued in 1971 with Reg Marchant exceeding 60 m in the hammer throw, David Langley (long-jump) being invited to compete in Angola and the Club's women's team winning the Roger Dyason Shield under the Captaincy of Moira Joubert. A

noteworthy occurrence was the separation of the Cross-Country Club from the Club in 1971.

The successes continued to mount in 1972. Langley became the first South African to exceed 25 feet in the long jump, jumping a distance of 7.90 m. Joubert ran the 100 m hurdles in less than 14 seconds and Hein Schnell exceeded 80 m in the javelin. Claudie van Straaten was acknowledged as the best female athlete at the Intervarsity Athletics Championships. Her successes of 1972 continued as she received both the Northern Transvaal Sportswoman of the year and South African Junior Sportswoman of the year awards. Still in 1972, the Club again won both the Dalrymple Trophy and the Roger Dyason Shield. Finally, 1972 marked the official opening of the L.C. de Villiers Athletics Pavilion.

The following year (1973), Van Straaten became the first woman in Africa to break 23 seconds in the 200 m, whilst Rina Nel broke the 50 m barrier in the discus. Hugo Myburgh broke 51 seconds in the 400 m hurdles, recording 50.04 seconds. The Club again won both the Dalrymple Trophy, and the Roger Dyason Shield and hosted the inaugural Jacaranda Marathon in 1973 (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:9-11).

The success of the Club's athletes continued in 1974. Reinhard Schiel cleared seven feet in the high jump, setting the mark at 2.13m, and Sakkie Webster dipped under 46 seconds in the 400 m. Van Straaten set a new African record in the 400 m with a time of 52.17 seconds. In the same year (1974) the Tuks Sports Awards were introduced to acknowledge outstanding sporting achievements. Van Straaten was the first ever recipient of the Tuks Sportswoman of the year award (Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1).

In 1975, Alwyn Prinsloo dipped under one minute 50 seconds (1:50) in the 800 m, Schiel was acknowledged as the best male athlete at the South African University Championships and Pierre Spies senior was crowned Tuks Sportsman of the year. Administratively, Steve Rautenbach was appointed as the first full time Club Manager and athletics coach at the University of Pretoria (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:10; Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1).

The Club continued its success in 1976, winning both trophies at the South African University Championships. Marna de Villiers was the best performer, winning four gold

medals. The first Tuks vs Maties (University of Stellenbosch) competition was held in Stellenbosch, which Tuks won. Also in 1976, Mopanie and Klaradyn won the first inter-hostel knock-out competition sponsored by Sustagen.

South African athletes were barred from competing at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada because of the International sporting boycott placed on South Africa by the IOC. Rautenbach was appointed by the South African Athletics Union to take several observers to the 1976 Olympic Games, and Ina Van Rensburg was included in the delegation as an observer. Van Rensburg was acknowledged as Tuks Sportswoman of the year in 1976. Also in 1976, Club athletes Pierre Spies senior, Dawie Kuun, and Pieter Greeff were members of the 4x100 m relay team that set a new South African record (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:10; Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1).

In 1977, Schiel cleared 2.24m in the high jump and was crowned Tuks Sportsman of the year. The following year (1978), Danie Zaayman won both the 200 m and 400 m at the South African Junior and South African Senior championships. Van Rensburg won five gold medals at the South African University Championships and together with Zaayman's consistent performances, ensured that the Club won both categories at the South African University Championships (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:10; Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1).

In 1979, Johan Fourie broke the four minute mile and set a time of two minutes and 20 seconds (2m:20) for the 1000 m. Rautenbach was appointed as National team coach and received his honorary Tuks colours for service. The Clubs men's team won the South African University Championships with a record score of 122 points and in so doing achieved the unique feat of scoring points in every event on offer at the championships. The University acknowledged the Club as the Club of the year in 1979.

The main social function of 1980 was the University of Pretoria's Sports Dinner, which celebrated its 50th anniversary as the University of Pretoria (the University's name change was in 1930). Also in 1980, Advocate D.H. van Zyl received Tuks Sport Honorary colours for service. Marna de Villiers was acknowledged as Tuks Sportswoman of the year and the men's athletics team shared the Tuks Sport of the year trophy with rugby. Leonie Gouws won her 16th South African Junior title, which included 10 shot put and six discus titles. Hansie Booysen won his seventh South African senior shot-put title. The following year (1981), prominent coach, Club Secretary and Club Manager, Steve

Rautenbach resigned from the University of Pretoria (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:10,11).

The Club won both the South African University Championship trophies in 1982, with the women winning for the first time since 1978. The cross-country team also won both their respective trophies (Coetzee, 1982:141; Smith, 1989:56).

The following year (1983), the Club again won both South African University Championship trophies, the second year in a row, in addition to winning the Intervarsity Marathon Championships. The women's team won the Neethlingshof Trophy for the South African University Cross-Country Championships as well as the trophy for the South African University Road Championships. Finally, 1983 was the year that the University celebrated its 75th anniversary and the University Sport Centre was officially opened (UPA, 2007:3; Myburgh, 1983:165).

In 1984 Tuks won all three of the Northern Transvaal interclub competitions, and Eranee van Zyl was awarded the Tuks Sportswoman of the year award. The following year (1985), 15 Club athletes were crowned South African champions at various National Championships. In 1986, 87 Club athletes represented Northern Transvaal at the various National Championships. The Club joined the Rag celebrations and became the first University of Pretoria Sports Club to enter their own float (Smith, 1989:56; Davis, 1984:105).

The late 1980's were very successful for the Club, with the men's Club winning both the South African Universities Athletics and Cross-Country Championships in 1987. Japie de Jongh was awarded the best male athlete award and selected as Captain of the South African Universities team. The year 1988, was a memorable celebratory year in which the University celebrated its 80th anniversary and the Athletics Club celebrated its 70th anniversary. The men's team won the South African University Championships, and Jan Pienaar was awarded the Tuks Sportsman of the year award. Corné van As won the South African u19, u21, and Senior National title in the women's pole vault, setting a new South African u19 record of 4.90 m. The following year (1989) Tuks won 23 gold medals at the various National Championships, finishing top of the gold medal tables at the South African u21 Championships. Also in 1989, the Marathon Club was awarded Sports

Club of the year (Bergh, Ferreira, Pretorius, Grobler & Stals, 1996:479-480; Stassen, 1987:90; Zöllner, 1988:42-43; Smith, 1989:56).

In 1990, the Club was recognised for its competence as a student body. The Club's Management was comprised only of students, with Donna Marucci serving as Club Chairperson. The Athletics Club together with the Marathon Club was comprised of more than 400 members, the biggest club at Tuks (Boshoff, 1990:47,49). Tuks men's team won the South African University Cross-Country Championships and George Bradley broke two hours and 20 minutes (2hr:20) for a standard marathon. In the same year, the Marathon Club secured a two-year sponsorship from the Banana Board.

Following the readmission from sporting isolation in 1991, Springboks colours were no longer awarded to athletes selected to represent South Africa. From 1992, athletes selected were awarded Protea colours and were no longer referred to as Springbok athletes but rather as Protea athletes (Prinsloo, 2002:334).

In 1992, the Club crowned nine Proteas, which included Marcel Moses (néé Winkler) who competed at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. Club students comprised nearly 65% of the various Northern Transvaal teams and the Club won both the South African University Championship trophies (Badenhorst, 1992:28).

The Club celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1993, and in the same year there were 11 National representatives. Yolanda Steyn was awarded Tuks Sportswoman of the year and Louis Fouché won the javelin competition at the World Student Games (Le Roux, 2009:203; Van der Watt, 2002:352).

In 1994, Frits Potgieter received the Tuks Sportsman of the year award and nine National representatives were acknowledged. The Marathon Club won the team competition at the Comrades Marathon and in the same year, the Club received a grant of R44 000 to upgrade its facilities (*Perdeby*, 1994b; Van Schalkyk, 2008a:1).

The following year (1995) a further five Tuks athletes received their National colours and Frits Potgieter won a silver medal at the World Student Games. A major focal point for the year was the agreement for sponsorship reached between Professor Flip Smit (Rector) and Mr Joachim Vermooten (Rentmeester). Wednesday 24 April 1995 was the

date on which the agreement was signed and the new green and blue colours were exhibited (Le Roux, 2009:203; *Perdeby*, 1995b:19).

In 1996, Riaan Botha represented South Africa at the Atlanta Olympic Games, in pole vault. In the same year, Gideon Joubert received the Tuks Sportsman of the year award for decathlon. The following year (1997), the Tuks Marathon Club won the Gunga Din Trophy at the Comrades Marathon and Elizna Naudé won the Tuks Sportswoman of the year award (Van der Watt, 2002:352).

Riaan Botha won the pole vault event at the 1998 Commonwealth Games held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Later that same year Botha together with fellow Club athlete Vanessa Becker received the Tuks Sportsman and Tuks Sportswoman of the year awards (Van der Watt, 2002:352; Le Roux, 2009:198).

The following year (1999), Kobus van der Walt was appointed as Director of TuksSport, Wynand Claassen commenced duties in the Alumni Offices and Hugo Badenhorst started as Manager of the Athletics Club. Morne Nagel was a member of the silver medal winning 4x100 m relay team at the World Student Games held in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. In the same year, Jacques Freitag won the World Youth Championships high jump title in Bydgoszcz, Poland. Freitag was one of the most prominent athletes to represent the Club whilst still in high school and continued his success into 2000 when he was crowned World Junior Champion in Santiago, Chile. Fellow Club athlete Hannes Hopley also won gold in the discus in Chile (Van der Watt, 2002:351; Le Roux, 2009:194-196; 203).

In the Olympic year of 2000, several Tuks athletes represented South Africa at the Sydney Olympic Games where Llewellyn Herbert won the bronze medal in the 400 m hurdles. Herbert became the first Club athlete to win an Olympic medal. The Marathon Club finished first and second in the women's open team competition in addition to winning the women's veteran category at the Comrades Marathon. The following year (2001), the Club secured a sponsorship from AST Technologies Service Company and in the same year, the University amalgamated with and acquired the Groenkloof Teachers Training College. All the sporting facilities at the teachers training college were made available to the Club members (UPA, 2007a:4; *Perdeby*, 2000; *Perdeby*, 2001:10; Le Roux, 2009:189).

Following on from Herbert's Olympic success in 2000, Alwyn Myburgh won the 400 m hurdles title at the World Student Games in Beijing, China in 2001 and he was crowned Tuks Sportsman of the year. Nagel was again part of a successful 4x100 m relay team, on this occasion the quartet that won the gold medal at the IAAF World Championships in Edmonton, Canada. Nagel received the Tuks Sportsman of the year award the following year. Also in 2001, the first athletes from the Club were inducted into the Tuks Hall of Fame (Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1; Claassen, 2008c:1; Le Roux, 2009:190,203).

In 2002, the High Performance Centre (HPC) opened and changed the way of sport at the University. At the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England, Veronica Abrahamse won a bronze medal in the shot put, whilst Mbualeni Mulaudzi won a gold medal in the 800 m. Still in 2002, Elizna Naudé won the Tuks Sportswoman of the year award. The following year (2003), the Club's first World Champion, Jacques Freitag was crowned for high jump in Paris. His celebrations continued as he received the Tuks Sportsman of year award together with Surita Febbraio in the women's section. Also in 2003, Olympic medallist Frantz Kruger joined the Club (UPA, 2007a:4; Le Roux, 2009:190,198-200; Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1).

The 2004 Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece. The South African team, which included several Tuks athletes, made use of the HPC as the pre-departure training venue. Mulaudzi, who had earlier in the year been crowned World Indoor Champion, represented the Club and returned from Athens with a silver medal. The University acknowledged his outstanding achievement and awarded him the Tuks Sportsman of the year award. The Club witnessed the emergence of gold medal winning Paralympian Oscar Pistorius who returned from Athens with a gold medal and world record in his category. Finally, talented junior athlete, Chris Gebhardt, was part of the successful 4x400 m relay quartet that finished third at the 2004 World Junior Championships held in Grosseto, Italy (Le Roux, 2009:189,192,195; Rautenbach, 2009; Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1).

During 2005 several athletes participated at the World Championships in Helsinki, Finland, however no individual performances merited awards. During 2006 several Club representatives competed at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia. Gold medallists included L.J. van Zyl (400 m hurdles) and Elizna Naudé (discus). Silver

medals were won by Alwyn Myburgh (400 m hurdles), Snyman Prinsloo (4x100 m relay) and by Jan van der Merwe and Van Zyl (4x400 m relay) (Le Roux, 2009:198-200).

With regard to facilities, the new athletics track was unveiled at the sports grounds in 2006 and the University hosted the Federation of African University Sport (FASU) Games during the same year. Wynand Claassen hosted the first Athletics Alumni lunch and numerous athletes attended the function. The final noteworthy occurrence in 2006 was the partnership entered into between Athletics South Africa (ASA) and the High Performance Centre (HPC), whereby the HPC was appointed as the official training venue for Athletics South Africa (Badenhorst, 2008b; Claassen, 2006:1).

In 2007, Hannes Dreyer returned with a silver medal in the 4x100 m relay and Willie de Beer finished fourth in the 400 m at the World Student Games in Bangkok, Thailand. Amanda Kotze was awarded the Tuks Sportswoman of the year award and the Club won seven other awards at the TuksSport Awards Dinner. Beyond the awards, National records were also shattered in 2007. Karin Mey broke the 17-year-old South African long jump record whilst competing in Germany. Mey achieved a distance of 6.93m. Elizna Naudé broke her South African and African discus records, setting the new distance at 64.87m (Le Roux, 2009:30-35,203; Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1; Rautenbach, 2009).

In 2008, the Centenary Year commenced with the official opening of the Athletics Stadium. Numerous Centenary Year celebrations were hosted and the Athletics Alumni was formally established. Several Club athletes represented Tuks at the Beijing Olympics with the best Club performance coming from L.J. Van Zyl. Van Zyl who finished fifth in the 400 m hurdles final. Paralympian Oscar Pistorius improved on his performance in Athens and returned with three Paralympic gold medals, the best performance by any Club Member at the Paralympic Games. Van Zyl and Pistorius shared the award of Tuks Sportsman of the year in 2008 (Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1; Claassen, 2008b:1; Le Roux 2009:189; Rautenbach, 2009).

Hugo Badenhorst retired from his position as Club Manager at the end of 2008, a position that he had held since 1999. The year concluded on a sad note with the passing away of both Bessie Windell and Charles Nieuwoudt (Badenhorst, 2009; (Claassen, 2008c:1; SAPA:2008).

3.3 CLUB MANAGEMENT AND CLUB CAPTAINS

The following section traces the involvement and management of the Club. Through the consultation of various publications, memoirs and interviews, a comprehensive list of Club Captains and Club Administrators has been compiled and will be discussed (Appendix, Table 3.2).

From the establishment of the Club in 1918, the Club believed in electing a Club Chairperson, Club Secretary and a male Club Captain. These positions remained prominent until the inclusion of the first women's Captain in 1971 and the full time appointment of a Club Manager in 1975 (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:7-8).

The need to have a Club Captain has always been an essential attribute, which the Club has cherished. The Club Captain is the link between the Club management and the athletes, and reflects the views and sentiments of the athletes they represent. Strong leadership qualities and an inherent desire to succeed at any task are common characteristics that separate Captains from other athletes. Captains make a stand for what they believe in and for what they would like to see happen. Captaining an organisation is a responsibility and the successful Captains over history have embraced that responsibility and fought for change (Adams, 2008a).

The first Club Chairperson was L.C. de Villiers who was assisted by G. Franz as the Club Secretary. De Villiers continued as the Club Chairperson for the next four years ending his term in 1922, during which time the Club Secretary changed annually. As the first Athletics Club Chairperson and founder of the Rugby Club, De Villiers had the aforementioned honour of having the University sporting grounds named after him, known today as L.C. de Villiers Sports Grounds (Van der Watt, 2008:57; Senekal 1968:5).

During the formative years of the Club only men were allowed to participate for the Club. The first Club Captain, F. Viljoen was elected in 1918, where after a succession of Club Captains followed annually until G.M. de Villiers captained the Club for three consecutive years from 1924-1926. In 1927 Matt Mare became the Club Captain, a position which he held between 1927 and 1931 with the exception of the single year of Captaincy by E.

Beyers in 1929. The Club Captaincy changed annually again until 1936 when S.G. Turner ran successfully for two years (Senekal, 1968:5).

After de Villiers, there was a gap in the management until J. Osborn took over in 1926. J.P. Duminy filled this position on several occasions between 1927 and 1936. During this same period the Club Secretary alternated annually until C.C. Fleck in 1934, the year before going on to become Club Captain. A.A. Roberts acted as Chairperson for a single year in 1929, which separated Duminy's stints as Chairperson. In 1932, J.J.N. Kruger captained the Club before serving as Club Chairperson in 1933 and 1934. Mare, a former Club Captain replaced Duminy as Club Chairperson in 1937, a position in which he remained until 1947, during which time the Club celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Also in 1937, H.W. Solms acted as the Club Secretary the year before Captaining the Club (1938). W.A. de Beer captained the Club from 1939–1941 and was succeeded by W.J.S. le Roux from 1942–1944. Le Roux had previously served as Club Secretary in 1941, and later replaced Mare as Club Chairperson from 1947-1949. F.M. Redelinghuys replaced Le Roux as Club Secretary from 1942-1943.

J.H. Vorster captained the Club in 1945 and 1946 before G.F. Gerber captained the Club the following year. Gerber had previously been the Club Secretary in 1946. Commencing in 1949 with Abraham van Heerden, a series of prominent athletes captained the Club. Dudley Meyer captained the Club in 1951 followed by P.J.N. van Marle in 1952. In 1954, Elfranco Malan captained the Club, whilst Hannes Botha took over in 1956. Botha would not be involved at the Club again until 1983.

A period of constant change occurred in the position of Club Chairperson between 1950 and 1956 after Le Roux's term had ended in 1949. N. Claassen was the only Chairperson to serve longer than a year, doing so from 1954 to 1956. Thereafter, Claassen went on to Captain the Club in 1957. During the same time period K. Rautenbach served as Club Secretary in 1950 and 1952 and was followed by V. Gutsche in 1953 and 1954. Claude Smit replaced Claassen as Club Chairperson in 1957 and 1958 before handing over to H.L. Gonin for the years 1959, 1960 and 1963. During this period, H. Venter acted as Club Chairperson and Stegman captained the Club (1961 and 1962). Stegman was succeeded by Sep Serfontein as Club Captain in 1963, a position which he retained in 1964.

Between 1955 and 1965, constant change occurred in the position of Club Secretary with the exception of the contributions made by C.F. Nieuwoudt in 1958, 1959 and 1961. J. Blignaut replaced Nieuwoudt as Club Secretary in 1965, maintaining the position in 1967 and 1968 before handing over to Nelis Swart from 1969–1971 (Senekal, 1968:5).

Nieuwoudt served as Chairperson of the Club from 1964-1967 and again in 1970. R.E. Oberholster served as Club Chairperson in 1968, the year that the Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. Oberholster served the following year (1969) and then again between 1973 and 1975. Dirk Boltman replaced Serfontein as Club Captain in 1965, remaining in the position until 1969, the longest period of captaincy in the Club's history. Boltman was re-appointed in 1971 becoming the first Club Captain to serve alongside a female Captain (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:8).

Since the late 1940's, women had been competing at Intervarsity Athletics Championships and the Club's first female Springboks were selected in 1966. In 1971, during the Chairpersonship of J. Theunissen, history was made. Moira Joubert became the first female Club Captain, a position she retained the following year before being succeeded by T. du Preez in 1973. Thereafter women's captaincy alternated in two-year intervals until 1981, commencing with Cecile Steenekamp (née van Zyl) in 1974, succeeded by L. Deetlefs, L. le Roux and Leonie Gouws (Joubert, 1985:58; Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:8).

In 1972, M. de Beer became the first female Secretary at the Club and remained there the following year, the same year that Johann Buys captained the Club. De Beer was replaced by P. von Alleman and then by L. Ferreira in 1975, before Steve Rautenbach filled the position from 1975–1980. Rautenbach was appointed as the official Sports Manager for the Athletics Club, and was responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Club in 1975. Rautenbach remained in the position until 1980, the year that he left the University (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:8).

The Club's men's captaincy resembled that of the women's, during the period 1974–1987. Club Captains served for consecutive years commencing with A. Lategan, Hugo Myburgh, Sakkie Webster, Karel Horak and Las du Plessis. Du Plessis was replaced as Club Captain in 1984 by George Tossel and then by Japie de Jongh in 1986 (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:8; TACA, 1982-1987).

D.H. van Zyl was appointed as Club Chairperson in 1976, a position that he held until 1981. Van Zyl was succeeded by W.N. Coetsee in 1982, and thereafter by Hannes Botha, the aforementioned Club Captain, from 1982–1988 (Bergh *et al.*, 1996:478).

After the resignation of Rautenbach in 1980, G. van Eck was appointed as Club manager in 1981 and was succeeded at two-year intervals by Christo Stander and Major John Short. Short had replaced Rautenbach as Club Secretary from 1981-1983. Louis Nel replaced Short, serving as Club Manager from 1986-1989. During 1983, a restructuring of administrative positions occurred and the position of Secretary was allocated to a student, enabling the Club's Sport Manager to focus on the athletes. Thus, the two main positions at the Club were Sport Manager and Chairperson (*Perdeby*, 1983:15).

H. Roodt captained the women's team in 1982, and was succeeded by Wilma van Reenen until the end of 1984. Eranee van Zyl captained the Club in 1985, and was succeeded between 1986 and 1988 by Ronelle Roodt. In 1988 Beno van Waveren captained the men's team, handing over to Tim Borland, who together with Emelia Davel, captained the Club in 1989. In 1990 C. Hattingh captained the women's team together with Alwyn Kaltwasser, who retained the position in 1991, on this occasion with Inge-Maud Potgieter (TACA, 1982-1991).

In 1988, M. Saayman was elected as the Chairperson of the Club, taking over from Botha. Saayman was succeeded in 1989 by a female student, Donna Marucchi who lead the student only Club Management until 1992. Marucchi was succeeded by Hennie Potgieter as Chairperson of the Club, a position that he occupied until 1998. Also commencing in 1990, Short replaced Nel, serving as the Club Manager. Short remained in the position for a single year and Dawie Spies who also served for a single year in 1991, succeeded him (*Perdeby*, 1991:11; Bergh *et al.*, 1996:478).

Terseus Liebenberg commenced as Club Manager in 1992, handing the reigns to Nico van Heerden in 1994. Van Heerden served only one year before Annatjie de Villiers became the Club's first female Club Manager, doing so from 1995-1998 (Badenhorst, 2008b; Laubscher, 1994:4).

In 1999, Christo Stander returned to the Club as the appointed Club Chairperson, and remained at the Club's helm until 2004. At the time of Stander's arrival, Hugo Badenhorst

was appointed as the new Club Manager. Badenhorst continued in the position into the new century and was only replaced at the culmination of the University's Centenary Year by Hennie Kriel. Len Claassen replaced Stander as the Club Chairperson, a position that he has maintained since 2005 (Badenhorst, 2008b; Van der Watt, 2002:352).

Very little information was available for the position of Club captaincy during the period 1992-1999. Efforts were made at the UP Archives, whereby all *Perdeby* and *Tuks Kampus Beeld* articles compiled throughout the period were reviewed. The only information obtained, from the Tuks Athletics Club Archives (TACA), confirmed that Burger Lamprechts and T. Janse van Vuuren captained the Club in 1993 (TACA, 1993).

The new century started with a degree of continuity in the Club. Stability was created with both the Club Manager and Club Chairperson positions being secured for the foreseeable future. This stability was enhanced by the selection of competent and motivated Club Captains. Karel Potgieter and Melody van der Merwe captained the Club from 2000-2001. Van der Merwe remained Captain the following year (2002) and was succeeded by Ilze Jordaan until 2004. Francois Maasdorp joined Van der Merwe in 2002, a position that he maintained until 2004.

In 2005, Marc Mundell and Karen Becker were appointed as the Club Captains. Mundell captained the team the following year (2006) with Sune Labuschagne and again in 2008 with Rene van der Merwe. In 2007, the Club Captains were Viaan Louw and Licinda Liebenberg (Badenhorst, 2008b).

3.4 FACILITIES

The University property was originally located between the following Streets: Roper, University, Lynnwood and Burnett. As the number of students continued to increase, so the need arose to increase both the campus size as well as the number of facilities and services offered by the University. In order to meet the required needs and demands of the University, the campus was expanded at its current location and new property was purchased in 1920. A specific piece of land, "the proefplaas," was purchased by the University and allocated to sport (UPA, 2007a:1).

With the expansion of the University, additional sporting facilities were required on the campus. In 1948 the University opened the new athletics track, located on the main campus of the University (where the Aula currently is). The Club hosted the Dalrymple Competition for the first time on 1 May 1949, the first event staged at the new facility. The Club had been happy with the facility and its location on the campus. However this perception changed when the facility was flooded at the end of 1958. Thirteen months later, the University management condoned that the Athletics Club and track would move to the new sports precinct (Senekal, 1968:13; Heydenrych & Spies 1987:356).

Architecture lecturer, Strauss Brink was appointed on 4 November 1954 to design the sports precinct on the “proefplaas”. The “proefplaas” property had remained vacant until construction work commenced with the first sports facility, a rugby stadium, which was completed on 1 June 1959 (Heydenrych & Spies, 1987:355; Pelzer, 1982:25).

The building of the new athletics track started next to the rugby stadium in 1960, and was made available to the Club in 1963. University Rector E.M. Hamman officially opened the athletics pavilion for use on 14 March 1972, which enclosed bathrooms and change rooms for men and women. Additional storage facilities and office space was made available for administrative purposes. The stadium was designed to accommodate 3512 spectators and a further 1012 spectators on the opposite side. Although it was a grass track, it was of the finest in the Country.

Professor H.P. van der Schijff officially opened the fitness route (“trimbaan”) on 13 June 1979. The “trimbaan” was a trend at the time, which provided the opportunity for physical exercise on a fixed circuit route through the sports grounds.

The growth and expansion of the University was accompanied by the modernisation of both academic and support facilities. Many of the designs throughout the campus (1955–1983) can be attributed to Brian Sandrock. Sandrock, a lecturer, architect and eventually the campus planner, played a major role in the design and construction of many of the campus projects. Construction on the Sports Centre, designed by the acclaimed Brian Sandrock Architects, commenced on 1 September 1980. Although scheduled for completion in December 1982, University Rector D.M. Joubert opened the Sports Centre, on Friday 21 October 1983.

The facility cost an estimated R9 Million, provided facilities for banquets and academic classes in addition to numerous indoor sporting activities. The University received a sizeable donation from the Rembrandt Group and one of the halls in the facility carries this name (Heydenrych & Spies, 1987:357-359; UPA, 2007a:2).

In 2000, the Pretoria Teachers Training College (formerly known as Normaal Kollege Pretoria or NKP) based in Groenkloof was incorporated into the University of Pretoria. This enabled the Club to acquire additional training facilities, including the grass track, which provided an additional training venue for Club coaches and athletes. The track is kept in good condition and is still regarded as one of the premier grass tracks in the Country. Being a secluded facility, the athletes training there enjoyed the privacy provided, which reduced the congestion on the Club's main grass track at L.C. de Villiers Sports Precinct. The facility is referred to as the Groenkloof Campus of the University of Pretoria (Badenhorst, 2008b).

The establishment of the High Performance Centre (HPC), in 2002, was one of the greatest achievements and developments at the Sports Precinct. Designed specifically for high-performance sports, the HPC is located at the Burnett Street entrance. The HPC is discussed in the next section (see 3.5) (UPA, 2007a:4).

The next essential upgrade required by the Club Management and athletes was the upgrading of the grass track to a synthetic track. This required planning and the correct financing to be secured prior to the commencement of the project. The University contributed greatly to the fundraising initiative and secured the required loans. This fundraising ensured that the project commenced in 2005. The stadium upgrade was designed for high-performance athletes and through this upgrading process, the University could accommodate athletics championships and high profile soccer matches. The upgraded stadium and synthetic track was completed in June 2006, in time to host the FASU Games. It is named the ABSA Tuks Stadium (*Perdeby*, 2006:11; UPA, 2007a:3).

In addition to the Club's track facility upgrades, a new grass track was required for athletes to train on. Whilst work commenced on the synthetic track, another group commenced to lay a new grass track at the complex. This grass track replaced the softball field adjacent to the "proefplaas", and allowed Club Members the opportunity to

train on both grass and synthetic surfaces throughout the year. The grass track included synthetic track run-ups for long jump, high jump, and pole vault in addition to several 60 m runways.

Once the synthetic track was completed, work commenced on the new buildings. This facility included the Clubhouse, recovery centre, and athlete's gymnasium. The University and Club representatives reviewed several designs before making a final decision. Tenders were issued for prospective medical staff to apply to manage a medical practice at the facility and equipment was sought for the gymnasium. The final additions (Clubhouse and administration offices) to the Athletics Club's facilities were completed in January 2008 (Badenhorst, 2008b).

The stadium, provides the University of Pretoria with another excellent sporting facility, which offers of the best training facilities in Africa. The number of athletes from Africa and around the world that chose to make use of the University in preparation for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, substantiates this claim.

The Athletics Club's facility is an ideal training venue, which offers: a synthetic athletics track for sprints, middle and long distances; specialised throwing facilities; separate grass track furnished with synthetic run-ups for sprints, hurdles and jumping; a soccer stadium, and a furnished physiotherapy centre with hot, cold and steam baths (*Tukkievaria*, 2008:16).

The physiotherapist practice, together with the adjacent recovery centre, allows athletes to receive immediate treatment. This treatment and further monitoring assist with the rapid recovery and rehabilitation of many injured athletes. Treatment is often times substantiated by the use of ice baths, available at the centre. The regulated temperature provides the opportunity for accelerated muscular recovery.

Also included on the property are access control turnstiles, which require an access card for admittance onto the property. This ensures that only affiliated Club members can make use of the facility. A similar system was installed at the warm-up track, which has regulated the use of the facility and has led to a reduction in the reports of theft (Badenhorst, 2008b).

In 2008, in celebration of the completion of all the changes and upgrades to the facility, the TuksSport Centenary programme commenced with the official opening of the ABSA Tuks Stadium on Saturday 2 February 2008. The festivities commenced with a soccer match between an invitation team from Jet AmaTuks and Supersport United. An invitational athletics meeting and a celebratory function in the new Athletics Clubhouse followed this match (*Tukkievaria*, 2008:16).

3.5 HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE

The basis of this reflection of the High Performance Centre (HPC) comes from several publications of the HPC's in-house magazines: *HPC: a gold medal lifestyle* and *the Medallist: a gold medal lifestyle*.

The HPC opened its doors in May 2002 as Southern Africa's first elite high-performance sports facility. Over the years, under the umbrella body of the University of Pretoria, the HPC underwent constant adaptation with the introduction of additional accommodation, sporting academies, and a school catering for sporting individuals (Van der Walt, 2004:32).

The passion for rugby and the concept of a rugby academy originally sparked discussions about a high-performance training centre at the University of Pretoria. The centre would provide training and performance sciences, whilst players stayed together on the same property.

Professor Chris de Beer, Vice-Chancellor at the University of Pretoria, played a pioneering role in establishing the co-operative relationship between the University and the HPC. The University took bold steps in supporting the project, which recognised the vital role that sport plays in its strategic positioning. The project also presented an excellent opportunity to highlight the knowledge and expertise of the Institute of Sport Science and Research (ISR). After thorough local and International research, the proposed idea of a rugby specific academy had since expanded into a multi-purposed concept, which would offer excellent facilities and sports related services to both National and International athletes. Furthermore, it would also establish the first professional academy structure in the Country (De Villiers, 2007:6).

The HPC provides hospitality services within a sports inspired environment. These services include luxury and team accommodation, state-of-the-art gymnasium, and sport inspired dining. The Technogym system implemented by the “sportscegegym” enables athletes to train on individualised training programmes, whilst monitoring daily performances (Engelbrecht, 2005: 2,47).

Then Minister of Sport, Mr Ncgonde Balfour, officially opened the HPC on 10 May 2002. Balfour emphasised the importance of a facility like the HPC that specialises in developing champions, continuing that South Africans love champions, and therefore that South Africans must get mentally tough in their drive to be the world’s best. Balfour was also highly impressed with the HPC, and predicted that the HPC would play a major role in South African sport in the years to come. The centre has since become a venue of choice for local and International champions (Van der Walt, 2004:32; De Villiers, 2007:6).

The HPC started developing relations with prominent National Federations and International Sporting Bodies. The United Cricket Board (UCB), now known as Cricket South Africa (CSA), signed an agreement and opened its National Academy at the venue. The HPC has since become a prominent venue of choice for many of South Africa’s National sporting teams in preparation for their respective tours and International participation.

Numerous National Federations and top individual athletes are attracted to the HPC. In 2004, the HPC hosted the holding camp prior to the departure of Team South Africa to the Athens Olympic Games. This was the first multi-coded departure camp hosted by the HPC. Again, in 2006 Team South Africa departed from the HPC to the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne (De Villiers, 2007:7).

With the ideal weather conditions and altitude benefits of Pretoria, coupled with the relatively close proximity to the International airport, the facility is not limited to South African sport only. In 2004, several International athletes prepared for the Athens Olympic Games at the HPC. Danish Olympic discus and shot put coach, Vesteinn Hafsteinsson held a training camp at the HPC for his athletes. He commented positively regarding the facilities, accommodation and nutrition services offered to his athletes, whilst being able to train in the wonderful South African weather. He further mentioned, “these factors are very good reasons for bringing athletes to South Africa year after year

and makes the HPC an excellent place for training.” The Finnish Athletics Federation held a training camp at the HPC in 2005 for 50 of their athletes, in preparation for the IAAF World Athletics Championships in Helsinki (Van der Walt, 2004:32 ; De Villiers, 2007:6).

TuksSport Combined School opened on the Groenkloof Campus (2004) and accommodated 150 academy learners. The school offers a flexible and Internationally recognised academic programme to athletes of school going age. The learning environment supports the unique sporting requirements of the scholars, whilst catering for the demands of high-performance sport. This confined environment enables the young sportsmen and sportswomen to focus on both sporting and academic excellence. The school believes in holistic development, and aims at developing well-rounded sporting individuals. The school is supported by the University of Pretoria, which values both the educational development as well as the personal development of the learner, whilst promoting and developing sport in South Africa (De Villiers, 2007:9; Engelbrecht, 2005:7)

Learners residing on the property live in the two buildings managed in a similar manner to a hostel. One of the beneficial aspects of the HPC for young learners, is that the athletes are able to get into a daily routine from a young age. Each individual athlete follows their own personal training programme, and the training group philosophy is applied to the entire group. Each day is structured, allowing the National Federation appointed coaches the opportunity to implement rigid training programmes.

The mentoring programme further enhances this routine. The HPC annually appoints several mentors to monitor the learners, whilst living in the hostels themselves. Several of the appointed mentors have either National or Provincial sporting experience, and are handpicked to provide a certain support task to the house parents. The house parents are the parents away from home, and provide guidance and control over and above the role of the mentors. House parents are the communication link between the children, parents, mentors, coaches and the school (Van Rooyen, 2009).

With the introduction of the synthetic athletics track at the University of Pretoria in 2006, Athletics South Africa (ASA) announced that they would be making the HPC their centre of excellence and specialisation. Since the 2006 Commonwealth Games, several training

camps have been scheduled at the HPC by Athletics South Africa. Athletes from around the Country attend week long training camps with several of the Country's prominent National coaches. The HPC staff members conduct the sport science testing and the progress of each athlete is regularly monitored.

A National Athletics Academy is essential, and the HPC is the ideal venue for such an academy. No Athletics Academy currently exists, however there is opportunity for one to be created. Although the Athletics Academy needs to be supported and managed by the National Federation, the University coaches and facilities would be made available for the nurturing of the Athletics Academy athletes (Badenhorst, 2008a; Badenhorst, 2008b).

The Club has definitely benefitted from the relationship established with the HPC. The HPC attracts International athletes to various training camps, many of whom make use of the Club's track and training facilities. Through an agreement between the Club and the HPC, the Club is allocated the daily fee charged by the HPC to all these athletes. With the imminent formation of the Athletics Academy, the Club will stand to benefit from the athletes and coaches associated with the HPC Athletics Academy, whereby athletes represent the Club at all competitions. In conclusion, the relationship between the Club and the HPC is a strategic partnership with mutual benefits for all (Badenhorst, 2008a).

3.6 THE AMERICAN CALLING

The American calling is a prominent concern in South African sport, especially athletics. Annually South African athletes are enticed by United States talent scouts to pursue the American Dream and study in the United States of America (USA). Over the years, many top South African students have answered the American calling and gone in search of the better life in America. Several Club athletes have pursued this opportunity (Adams 2008; Appendix, Table 3.3).

The most recent Club athlete to consider the calling was Tebogo Mokoatedi, a prominent cross-country and middle distance athlete trained by Club Chairperson, Len Claassen. In May 2008, Mokoatedi received a call from Wayne Angel, head track and field coach at the University of Illinois, USA. Angel, a recruiter, was looking for middle distance runners completing the 800 m in less than one minute 52 seconds (1:52.00). Angel had seen

Mokoatedi's impressive results on the internet, and he was interested in offering him a scholarship for the coming year. Mokoatedi submitted all the necessary documents, and was scheduled to leave in August 2008 with two other South African middle distance athletes.

Although daunted by the idea of travelling abroad, Mokoatedi was comforted by the sentiments of Claassen who commented "eventually all your hard work and training is paying off and that you would be stupid to refuse a once in a lifetime International opportunity like this". Mokoatedi agreed with his mentor's sentiments that it would be a great opportunity for International exposure, and provide the opportunity to travel and see the world. However, due to complications with the paperwork, Mokoatedi was denied the opportunity to study at the University of Illinois. Although devastated, he continued with his sporting pursuits, and completed his degree at the University of Pretoria (Mokoatedi, 2008).

Pieter Smit, another talented 400 m athlete, attended the World Junior Championships in Beijing, China in 2006. Together with 800 m athlete Angela Wagner, American talent scouts approached them both, inviting them to leave South Africa to study in the USA. Although Wagner accepted and left for Brigham Young University at the end of 2006, Smit's academic record was not as impressive. He was unable to achieve the required score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT's) entrance examinations. Consequently, Smit was temporarily denied entrance to the available programmes in the USA, unless he passed the SAT's (Smit, 2009; Wagner, 2008).

Despite a constant desire to leave South Africa and to enrol at an American University, Smit continued to train at the University of Pretoria. His athletics goal was to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games. Although he was no longer a registered student in South Africa, he worked hard on the mandatory SAT courses prescribed. He attended numerous tutoring sessions outside of the University in order to meet the SAT requirements. Smit wrote the SAT's in 2008, and on this occasion, his marks were sufficient and he was eligible to be considered by the American University coaches.

After a successful National Championships in Stellenbosch in 2008, Smit represented South Africa at the African Championships held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He continued to impress with several outstanding performances in the 400 m throughout the 2008

season, and was included in the Olympic Squad as a member of the men's 4x400 m relay team. Upon his return from Beijing, Smit accepted a bursary to study in the United States at the University of Nebraska, and departed for the 2008/2009 academic year (Smit, 2009).

Whilst Smit had struggled to gain entrance, Wagner left for a new life in the USA. Enrolling at Brigham Young University in the state of Utah in 2007, she established herself within the Mormon community. Despite several injuries, her academic record ensured that she settled in. With the recovery and training facilities available for use all day, Wagner made a rapid recovery.

Wagner's coach in the USA identified her lack of speed, and suggested that she change her event from the 800 m to the 3000 m steeplechase. Whilst on her European tour with the University, Wagner broke the South African Junior 2000 m steeplechase record on debut. Through strenuous and regular cross-country training in the winter, Wagner gained experience and grew in strength and confidence.

Although Wagner narrowly missed qualification for the Olympic Games, all eyes were then focused on the forthcoming season as she aimed to qualify for both the 2009 World Student Games in Belgrade, Serbia, and the 2009 World Championships in Berlin, Germany. Wagner's coach was confident of her ability to be competitive over the new distance, and she enquired about International representation, despite being based abroad. She met the USSA Athletics requirements and was selected for the USSA team that competed at the 2009 World Student Games (Wagner, 2008; FISU, 2010).

Mandi Brandt, a prominent high school athlete, matriculated in 2000. She competed in middle distance track events, with specialisation in the 800 m. Brandt applied for and received a track and field bursary from Wichita University. She commenced with her studies in general education in 2001, whilst working towards a major in graphic design. Growing up, her aspiration for the future was to travel, with an additional dream of studying at an International University. It came as no surprise to her friends that she immediately accepted the opportunity to do so.

The benefits of studying in America cannot be compared with studying in South Africa. The budgets that the American Universities have for sport are enormous and no money

is spared in attracting the top students to the Universities. Through the medium of lucrative International bursaries, potential students are enticed to study in America. Another incentive, as is the case at Wichita University, is that many University sport programmes are sponsored by big brands. Nike is the brand endorsed by Wichita and all the University leisure clothing, competition wear and footwear needs are supplied. The University's sponsors contribute financially towards the maintenance of the equipment and branding the excellent indoor and outdoor sporting facilities.

Studying in America was a wonderful experience, which provided Brand with the opportunity for International exposure, whilst obtaining an International degree. Upon completion of her studies in America, Brandt returned to South Africa and enrolled at the University of Pretoria for a degree in applied language studies (journalism) in 2002.

Whilst completing her degree at the University of Pretoria, Brandt worked as a journalist for the campus newspaper, gaining promotion to editor of the paper - *TUKS Campus Beeld*. Her passion for sport fuelled her journalism, focusing predominantly on sporting matters, whilst still pursuing her own sporting aspirations. The necessity to work whilst participating in sport is something common to many South African sports persons. Many talented athletes have been forced to choose work over their own sporting aspirations.

America is a first world Country, which cannot be compared to South Africa. Not only are the facilities a big change, but also the entire approach and level of professionalism. In America, all services are provided for the University athletes, whereas in South Africa, University athletes still have to pay for everything (Brandt, 2008).

In 2004, Brandt represented a National Federation team for Biathlon and in the same year, was nominated as TuksSport Sportswoman of the year. In 2008, Brandt was included in the USSA athletics team to compete at the FASU Games, held in Kampala, Uganda. Appointed as the team Captain, Brandt performed exceptionally well, finishing fourth in the 800 m and second in the 1500 m (Mundell, 2008:3; Van der Walt, 2004:38; TuksSport, 2004:20).

When commenting on the different styles of athlete management between the Universities, Brandt recommends that the Club Management needs to provide more attention to the bursary athletes, treating them not as students but rather as professional

athletes. Club athletes need to be given the support and assistance that they need in order to have sustained successful sporting careers. The Club should institute performance prioritisation, whereby the top performing athletes of the Club receive additional benefits. As a final word of encouragement, Brandt recommended that all aspiring athletes should take a chance to pursue their sporting dreams, concluding that she had not once regretted her decision to study at Wichita (Brandt, 2008).

Marna Constanza is another athlete that received a lucrative academic bursary whilst at school, to study at the University of Boston. She commenced with a Biological Sciences degree in 1997, and completed her degree in 2001. Whilst in America she concentrated on both athletics, and academics. Testimony to her ability was the fact that she went on to become the Ivy League Champion in the 400 m for four consecutive years with a personal best of 53.44s. The Ivy League is an athletic conference comprising of eight institutions of higher education, including Yale, Harvard and Princeton.

Upon completion of her degree she returned to South Africa in 2002, and registered for a Masters degree in Veterinary Sciences at the University of Pretoria. During this time, Constanza competed in both the 400 m and 800 m with the aspiration of breaking the illusive two minute barrier in the 800 m. Her aspirations of making International athletics her career was terminated when she received her acceptance notification for Doctorate studies in Genetics at Harvard.

Gaining selection and acceptance to Harvard is exceptionally difficult. Harvard acceptance requires the candidate to have an out of the ordinary score on the academic test, and to pass the personal interview. Having established herself whilst studying at the University of Boston, Constanza was accepted. With regard to Harvard, Constanza mentioned that 90% of the students stay in hostels, forming strong student bonds. Constanza embraced the opportunity to pursue her academic career, and left for Harvard at the end of 2004. Her advice for aspiring athletes and academics is that you should apply for any opportunity to study abroad, concluding that it is an amazing opportunity and something from which she has grown (*Kampus Beeld*, 2004a).

Towards the end of 2008, Athletics South Africa (ASA) issued a directive, allowing International athletes to be eligible for National team selection, whilst studying or living

abroad. ASA required written notification from the athletes of their location and intentions for the season, which needed to be substantiated by official performance results.

University Sport South Africa (USSA) Athletics followed suit and notified athletes and institutions that only registered students studying abroad would be eligible for consideration. Athletes were required to notify USSA Athletics in writing, and needed to meet the qualifying standards. This new legislation would ensure that the best possible teams would represent South Africa at International track and field events (Adams, 2008a).

Many prominent junior athletes are enticed by International University scouts and coaches, whilst competing at the World Youth and World Junior Championships to study abroad. As the dream of studying in America lures prominent South African athletes, the Club can only hold onto the belief that it will be beneficial to the athlete and that they will come back to South Africa as better athletes (Wagner, 2008).

3.7 TUKS ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS CLUB

In 2001, Wynand Claassen was appointed as the University of Pretoria's liaison for Alumni and supporters. In 2002, the Tuks Rugby Supporters Club (TROC) was launched. TROC grew in strength, hosting monthly functions in addition to regular Rugby Club Dinners. Annual Club Dinners were hosted for all eras of Tuks Rugby, acknowledging the Club's Springbok representatives (Van der Walt, 2004:30).

In 2006, the Athletics Club Alumni had met twice prior to their Reunion Lunch. At these brief discussions, Kobus van der Walt (Director of TuksSport) outlined the plans for the synthetic track, and Clubhouse facility. He further stressed the need to develop a database of Athletics Club Alumni. The Reunion Lunch was held in May 2006, only months before the FASU Games. These Games marked the official opening of the Club's new synthetic track (*Perdeby*, 2006:11).

The Reunion Lunch attracted prominent local athletes that had represented the Club. Of those attending this inaugural lunch, the men included Johann Buys, Dirk (Oubaas) Boltman, Deon Brummer, Delarey (Takkies) van Tonder, Reg Marchant; Gustav Joyce,

Henry Windell, Ewoud Malan, Jan du Raan and Hansie Prinsloo. The women that attended included, Leonie Pitts (née Gouws), Marga Zeelie, Lorraine Bartlett, Marcel Moses (née Winkler), Paula Thomson (née Maree), Ina van Rensburg, Pauline Coetzee (née Craven) and Denise du Toit (née van Wyk).

In the same year, the University of Pretoria hosted the seventh ABSA Hall of Fame Banquet on 18 August 2006. The Hall of Fame Banquet, a prestigious event that attracts in excess of 500 guests, is a highlight of both the sports and social calendar at the University. Furthermore, the Hall of Fame Banquet is committed to honouring the former and current stars of TuksSport (Claassen, 2006:1,3,5,7).

In 2008, the University launched the Athletics Supporters Club and hosted the inaugural function in April. The function, held at the recently unveiled Athletics Clubhouse, provided the ideal opportunity for former Club athletes so see the changes, and developments first hand. The Alumni Office, under the guidance of former athlete, Ilse Wicksell (née de Kock), arranged the function. The function also served as an official Centenary Year celebration for the University, and coincided with the Club's 90th anniversary celebrations (Claassen, 2008a:1).

Japie de Jongh, former Club Captain (1986 and 1987), was appointed as the master of ceremonies and guest speaker. Speaking to a large audience of current and former Club athletes, De Jongh spoke passionately about his experiences and involvement at the Club. Included at the lunch were current Club athletes, Hannes Dreyer, Isabel le Roux, Oscar Pistorius and Club Captain Marc Mundell. Dreyer and Le Roux both represented the Club at the Olympic Games that same year, whilst Pistorius returned with three gold medals from the Paralympics (Rautenbach, 2009).

During the course of the lunch several items of memorabilia were donated to the Athletics Club for display within the facility. These items included an official South African University's colours blazer donated by R.E. Oberholster. Oberholster had been the Club Chairperson from 1968-1969 and again from 1973-1975 (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:8).

3.8 CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Although Tuks Athletics Club held very few Centenary Year specific events, planning had already commenced in 2007. Several events were scheduled, which included: the official opening of the Athletics Complex, Tuks Road Race and the South African Student Sports Union (SASSU) Athletics Championships. These events were scheduled to coincide with the official Centenary Celebratory functions arranged by the University of Pretoria.

The official opening of the ABSA Tuks Stadium and the Athletics Club's Clubhouse occurred on Saturday 2 February 2008, attracted many of the University's prominent administrators and dignitaries. Also in attendance were representatives from the sponsors: ABSA, prominent athletes and administrators from the Club. The Clubhouse, which overlooks the newly opened athletics facility, has been a long anticipated addition to the University's facilities. The unveiling also attracted many of the Club's former Springboks (*Tukkievaria*, 2008:16).

These Springboks were invited to attend the Club's Centenary Reunion Lunch hosted later that same day. The Reunion Lunch attracted athletes from many eras of South African athletics and provided a great opportunity for the Club Management and athletes to interact and to reminisce about the past. Coaches and athletes were also reunited and many anecdotes from the past were exchanged (Badenhorst, 2008b; Claassen, 2008b:1).

After the Reunion Lunch, the Club focused on the successful delivery of the Road Running Club's annual half marathon. The Centenary Year Road Race took place on 23 February, and attracted more participants than originally anticipated. The Club designed and presented Centenary Year medals to all finishers. Centenary Year race t-shirts and official memorabilia were also on sale throughout the day. Each of the sponsors and significant role players received special Centenary Year plaques from the Club. The University's Centenary Committee made Centenary Year wine available for distribution at the race (Spies, 2008).

The next event to be hosted by the Club in the Centenary Year was the SASSU Athletics Championships. Although not regarded as an official Centenary Celebration, the SASSU Athletics Championships were specifically moved to Pretoria to coincide with the

University's Centenary Year celebrations. The function held at the end of March, attracted University students from all over the Country. Although Tuks did not win the competition, it was a wonderful showcase of athletics. The SASSU Athletics Championships provided the opportunity for former Club Members to return to the University of Pretoria, and Club Alumni were invited to watch the athletics from the Very Important Persons (VIP) area. Several memorable performances were achieved at the SASSU Championships; including an Olympic "A" qualification in the men's 200 m by Thuso Mpuang.

Other athletics events hosted on the track during the Centenary Year included the Tshwane event of the Yellow Pages National Track and Field Series and the South African Junior Athletics Championships. These events are a reflection of the support received from both Athletics South Africa and Athletics Gauteng North and provided exposure for the Club during the Centenary Year.

The Centenary Year concluded an impressive chapter in the history of the Club. The Centenary Year celebrations provided a memorable occasion to celebrate the Club's 90th anniversary. It further provided the opportunity to showcase the new facilities, whilst reuniting University Alumni. The final consensus was that it would hopefully not take another 90-year's to get members of the Club together again (Badenhorst, 2008b).

3.9 SUMMARY

This chapter focused on each of the predetermined objectives of the research. It discussed the evolution of the Tuks Athletics Club (the Club) through the involvement of the Club's Management Members. Aspects of the Club's history were acknowledged and the achievements of several Club Members and Club Management Members were highlighted. Additionally, the development and upgrading of the Club's facilities were tracked through the decades with focus applied to the new stadium, and the association with the High Performance Centre (HPC).

A concern with regard to International temptation (3.6 American calling) was highlighted; however, numerous lessons were learnt from our International students of how to improve the Club in the years to come.

This chapter concluded with the involvement of the Club Alumni and Supporters Club throughout the Centenary Year celebrations of the University of Pretoria. The Centenary celebration of the University coincided with the 90th anniversary celebrations of the Tuks Athletics Club and provided the opportunity for great exposure.

As the Club strides towards its own Centenary Year, much of the success and stability of the Club can be attributed to the support received from the University of Pretoria, the Club's Management and its Alumni. The challenges of the past provide hindsight for the future administration and management of the Club.



CHAPTER 4 GETTING AFFILIATED

4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter focuses on the various affiliations of the Athletics Club. The first half of the chapter will deal predominantly with the organisations to which the Club is currently affiliated. These affiliates include University Sport South Africa (USSA), formerly known as South African Student Sports Union (SASSU), Athletics South Africa (ASA) and Athletics Gauteng North (AGN). This chapter also acknowledges Club Members that have held prominent positions within the above-mentioned organisations (Appendix, Table 4.1; Appendix, Table 4.2).

The second half of this chapter concentrates on the various sports clubs affiliated to the Club. It provides a current overview, which focuses predominantly on the last decade. The Chairpersons of these sports clubs were approached to provide an independent overview of the specific Club, and to acknowledge prominent performances.

Track and field has achieved the greatest success of all the Athletics Club's clubs at Tuks and this success will be discussed in more detail throughout Chapter five. Chapter one and Chapter three provided information on the background, and establishment of the track and field aspect. This section provides an overview of the most recent happenings and reflects on the student discontent voiced in 2006. Road running annually registers the most members and has achieved great success over the years whilst race walking and cross-country have both achieved moderate success. Lastly, multi-sport, an affiliate for many years, has become a self-sustaining, independent sports club.

4.2 UNIVERSITY SPORT SOUTH AFRICA AND ATHLETICS

During World War II (WWII), there was a unanimous decision to suspend Intervarsity sports gatherings. No Intervarsity sporting competitions took place from 1942-1945 due to the tension between the English and Afrikaans Universities. The Afrikaans Universities then broke away from NUSAS and formed the Afrikaanse Studentebond vir Atletiek (ASB). The Afrikaanse Studentebond included the Universities of Pretoria, Bloemfontein,

Potchefstroom and Stellenbosch, and in conjunction with certain Teacher Training Colleges, they continued to hold annual athletics competitions (Joubert, 1985: 57,69).

From 1942, the Afrikaanse Studentebond was under the leadership of former Club Presidents Matt Mare (President) and W.J.S. le Roux (Secretary). The Afrikaanse Studentebond hosted Student Athletics Championships annually throughout the period. The University of Pretoria won the first Afrikaanse Studentebond Championships in 1942 and then again in 1943, collecting both the Volkskas Trophy and the Dippenaar and Reyneke Trophy (Senekal, 1968:5; Pelzer, 1982:99).

After completion of the WWII (1945), the Dalrymple Competition once again commenced, with four English Universities (Cape Town, Rhodes, Natal, and Witwatersrand) participating in 1946. An invitation was sent to the Afrikaanse Studentebond requesting participation in the Dalrymple Competition scheduled for the following year.

Mare, in his capacity as Afrikaanse Studentebond President stated that the amalgamation would only be possible if the South African Universities Athletics Federation (SAUAF) would accept the following three conditions: rigid adherence to the colour bar; inclusion of the Normaal Colleges (Teacher Training Colleges); and participation of female athletes. Mare stipulated that the requirements needed to be met prior to their return, confirming that the Afrikaanse Studentebond would be prepared to do everything in its power to bring about a single South African Federation for all student athletes of European decent.

Suzman handled the delicate negotiations, which lead to the revival of the Dalrymple Competition, renamed the Intervarsity Athletics Championships. Late in 1946, the Afrikaanse Studentebond disbanded and in 1947, all the Universities competed for the Dalrymple Trophy with three women's teams competing for the first time ever at the Intervarsity Athletics Championships. Women's participation can thus be greatly attributed to the influence of the now dissolved Afrikaanse Studentebond, who fought for women's participation during the war years.

As a result of the inclusion and participation of the Afrikaanse Studentebond affiliates in 1947, the Roger Dyason Shield was awarded in 1948 for the women's team competition. The Club hosted the Intervarsity Athletics Championships for the first time on the brand

new athletics track, and Roger Dyason, a well-known attorney and businessman in Pretoria presented the inaugural Roger Dyason Shield. The Club won this coveted award for the first time in 1949 and then again in 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1957 and (Senekal 1968:13; Joubert, 1985:57,58; Pelzer, 1982:99; Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:9).

W.J.S. le Roux was maintained as Secretary of the South African Universities Athletics Federation (SAUAF) from 1946–1965. In 1967, Professor H.L. Gonin was appointed as President of SAUAF, a position that he held until 1971. Under the guidance of Gonin, a decision was made to hold the Intersarsity Athletics Championships during the December holidays. Additionally, points were awarded to the first six finishers in each event. Also in 1971, and in commemoration of the 50th Dalrymple meeting, the “Pete Suzman Award” was introduced for the best individual performance at the Intersarsity Athletics Championships.

Le Roux was succeeded as SAUAF Secretary by Club member, P. von Alleman from 1972–1974. In 1974 another Club member, L. Ferreira became the SAUAF Secretary, occupying the position until 1975.

The Intersarsity Athletics Championships was held annually in the first week of December and attracted more than 240 participants in 33 events. The historically black Universities in South Africa, and the Coloured University of the Western Cape were also invited to participate at the Intersarsity Athletics Championships annually from 1974. It was only in Durban at the 1980 Intersarsity Athletics Championships, when the University of the North entered a team of five athletes that the first multi-racial Intersarsity Athletics Championships took place.

Steve Rautenbach replaced Ferreira as Secretary of the SAUAF from the end of 1975 until 1980. During the 1977 Championships, 18 National Champions were seen participating in the prestigious Intersarsity Athletics Championships.

Since 1921, the Intersarsity Athletics Championships had grown with the inclusion of women and had become a second National Championship. Participation numbers increased annually and 1986 saw the additions of the University of Port Elizabeth and the Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit (RAU). All the teams competed for the Dalrymple Cup and the Roger Dyason Shield.

The Intersarsity Athletics Championships were very fortunate to receive sponsorships for the event, without which, no events could have been staged. Sponsorships were received from the South African Maize Board in 1971 and from the Honda Company from 1984. In summary of the 1984 Intersarsity Athletics Championships, some 400 athletes participated in the event. Medals were awarded to the first three athletes, with points on a descending scale from first to eighth position. These medals together with the Dalrymple Cup, Roger Dyason Shield and Pete Suzman Award were awarded at the Intersarsity Athletics Championships Awards Dinner. Additionally South African University colours were awarded annually, and recipients received the white blazer with the green stripes and the Springbok badge.

The final Chairperson of the Universities Athletics Association in 1985 was Danie Malan. Suzman regarded Malan very highly, commenting that he is a dedicated and enthusiastic sports administrator. Suzman's great wish in 1985 was that sponsors would continue to support Intersarsity Sport and the Dalrymple Competitions. His final aspiration was that the Intersarsity Athletics Championships will always live up to the main aim and objective which he wrote into the constitution during the 1920's, to foster and maintain the University Spirit (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:11).

These sentiments were further reiterated by Professor Ernst J. Marais, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Elizabeth (Joubert, 1985:58-59,70):

“There is a certain magical quality about the South African Universities Athletics Championships. For many it conjures up nostalgic memories, for others it stands for the excitement, tension, sparkle, and enjoyment of the event it truly is. For us, this meeting will take on a special significance this year because we are playing host for the first time to the top athletes of our Universities, and I am delighted to welcome the contestants to our campus.”

The interim period from the conclusion of Joubert's memoir in 1985 progressed smoothly until 1994. In 1994, after the first democratic election in South Africa, the student organisation rebranded as the South African Student Sports Union (SASSU). Former Club Manager, Louis Nel was appointed as the Secretary General of the organisation, a position that he still holds. The founding vision was to maximise participation and to

provide opportunities for excellence in student sport in order to participate and/or compete at all levels.

SASSU programmes were aimed at promoting sporting values and encouraging sporting practice in harmony with, and complementary to the academic character of tertiary educational institutions. Over the years, SASSU gained momentum and developed into one of the most respected controlling bodies for sport in the Country. SASSU then affiliated itself with the Federation of International University Sport (FISU), as well as the Federation of African University Sport (FASU) and Africa Zone VI Confederation of University and College Sports Associations (CUCSA) (Nel, 2008).

In 2008, a questionnaire was distributed and an interview was conducted with the former Chairperson of SASSU Athletics, Roger Adams. Adams was asked to provide a summary of the involvement of the Club (athletes and members) throughout his tenure at the helm. Adams was of the opinion that the Club represents one of the premier Universities comprising the SASSU Athletics programme (Adams, 2008b).

A National Executive Committee (NEC) was formulated to govern the organisation and a constitution was drafted accordingly. Under the guidance of Nel, working with the SASSU NEC, 30 sporting codes became affiliated members, which included athletics. The National University Sport Association (NUSA), monitored the sporting code and was given freedom to function as an independent entity, representing the views of the athletes and coaches (Nel, 2008; Nel, 2009:1).

Every two years, an Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held by the NUSA and a Chairperson and executive committee is appointed to provide guidance and leadership for SASSU Athletics. The former Chairperson, Roger Adams, currently serves on the NEC as Vice-Chairperson. Athletics has shown great development and cultivation of members, with the former SASSU President, Glen Bentley, emerging from SASSU Athletics ranks. Additionally, Marc Mundell, currently a student at the University of Pretoria, also served on the SASSU Athletics Committee as the Athletes Representative. He emerged through the athletics ranks to become a member of the NEC in the position of Assessor from 2008.

With regards to the involvement and contribution of Club staff to the SASSU Athletics Executive Committee, various members of the Club had served on these committees. Prominent members included Christo Stander, who replaced Gonin as Chairperson in 1999 and remained in the position until 2003 where upon Adams replaced him. Hugo Badenhorst was convenor of track and field for many years and served as team manager and coach to various FISU & CUCSA Championships. Badenhorst became instrumental with the results compilation, team selection, and providing general assistance to the Executive Committee over the years. Neels Gerber contributed greatly to the success of SASSU Cross-Country, serving as Chairperson and events organiser for many years.

Other Club members that have served on the SASSU Athletics Executive Committee include Michael Seme and Marc Mundell. Seme is a prominent middle distance and cross-country coach who returned from the 2007 World Student Games in Bangkok, Thailand where his athlete won a bronze medal in the men's 10000 m. Seme currently acts as the Cross-Country Convenor on the Executive Committee, whilst Mundell served as the Athletes Representative and Minute's Secretary on the Executive Committee. These Club members mentioned above performed several of the following functions: sponsorship procurement, team and event management, and celebratory functions.

In addition to the prominent committee positions held by Club members, many other Club members have travelled with representative student teams. Christo Stander, Christien van der Merwe and Hugo Badenhorst each travelled to the World Student Games as team managers. Badenhorst travelled as a team coach to several World Student Games with Steve Rautenbach, and was accompanied by Michael Seme in 2007. Van der Merwe travelled to the World Student Cross-Country Championships together with Neels Gerber as SASSU team managers in 2006. Gerber lead the SASSU team to the African Student Cross-Country Championships the previous year (Adams, 2008b; Rautenbach, 2009).

In 2006, SASSU hosted the Federation of African University Sport (FASU) Games. The FASU Games were hosted by South Africa in Pretoria with the University of Pretoria and Tshwane University of Technology sharing the responsibilities. The Club hosted the athletics programme under the guidance of the Club management. An effective Local Organising Committee (LOC), which was lead by Hugo Badenhorst, contributed to the successful staging of the athletics programme at the Games. The Games, which

attracted 17 African countries brought 919 participants to Gauteng (143 for athletics), competing in 11 sports over eight days. The athletics event was successfully staged on the recently opened synthetic track facility and was regarded by many as the glamour event of the Games. The FASU Games provided the opportunity for several athletes to make their International debut and numerous athletes record personal best times on what is recognised by Club athletes as being a particularly fast synthetic track (*Perdeby*, 2006:11; Chikh, 2006:1-20).

The selection criteria for SASSU representative teams are found in the USSA constitution. A convenor of selectors supported by a selection committee make the team selections. The SASSU Championships occur annually, hosted by Universities around the Country. The Club has competed exceptionally well at these Intervarsity Athletics Championships over the years. The presence of the Club has had a marked effect on the wholesome rivalry, which prevails at annual SASSU Athletics and Cross-Country Championships. The Club has always had a number of top athletes, which serves as a draw card at the annual events, many of whom have been selected to represent SASSU Internationally. National student representation is one of the highest honours for student sportsmen and sportswomen (Adams, 2008b).

SASSU teams are selected annually for participation at both International (FASU/FISU) Athletics and Cross-Country Championships, which alternate annually. This participation is supplemented by athletics participation at the World Student Games, FASU Games and CUCSA Games. Until recently, the CUCSA and FASU Games occurred in the same year, alternating with the World Student Games. Now the CUCSA and FASU Games occur in a four-year cycle. Individual success and medallists at these above-mentioned competitions will be elaborated upon throughout chapter five (Nel, 2008).

Adams (2008b) commented on highlights and memories shared with Club athletes and staff over the years, reflecting on the trip to 2007 Universiade, the hosting of the SASSU Championships in 2008, in addition to his views for the future of the Club:

“It was a wonderful opportunity to serve with Hugo Badenhorst and Michael Seme as members of the SASSU management team at the 2007 Universiade in Bangkok. They both have great passion for athletics and adhere to a strong work ethic. It was also great to work with the Tuks LOC

during the 2008 SASSU Athletics Track and Field Championships hosted by the Club, one of the best organised SASSU Athletics Championships for many years. It has also been good to see the development of student Marc Mundell, into a future sports leader.

The Club has a great history, which has been created by numerous hard working people over the years. It seemed as if the Club was still grappling with the issue of integrating diverse communities into its membership. The Club looks to have had less success than most of the larger athletics Universities and should the Club be successful in this regard, then the future would be bright.

Numerous great athletes, coaches and officials were produced by the Club, which is a great achievement and the sport, as well as the organisation is all the better for the input and involvement of the Club. It underscores the role that the Club has played in South African Athletics”.

Club athletes and management have often played a prominent role in SASSU Athletics. The Club has repeatedly won the team competition at the annual SASSU Athletics Championships, often winning both the men’s and women’s team competitions at the same SASSU Championships. The unsurpassed success achieved by the Club from the beginning of 2000 has been reflected by the number of students, administrators and coaches selected to represent SASSU locally and Internationally (Badenhorst, 2008b).

In 2007 the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC), responsible for Olympic sporting codes in South African sport, invited SASSU to become an affiliated member. SASCOC, as the primary controller of all multi-coded sporting teams representing South Africa, requires all International participation to be managed through their offices. The SASSU NEC, applied for affiliation with SASCOC, rebranding the organisation as University Sport South Africa (USSA). This birthed a new era for University Sport in South Africa with the first joint venture being the 2008 FASU Games, staged in Kampala, Uganda. This provided the opportunity for Club Member Marc Mundell to travel with the USSA team as the USSA Athletics team manager (Nel, 2008).

The performances and results achieved by USSA Athletics teams at various International Championships are commendable. Athletics is often the flagship of the South African delegation, returning with the most medals of any of the sporting codes. Strong leadership, sound administrative principles and the development of young leaders by existing committee members has provided stability within the organisation. Prominent student leaders are identified and incorporated into the structures. This successful management policy is evident in the results obtained by the USSA Athletics teams at both the FASU Games and the World Student Games.

The leadership and management of the Club had successfully contributed to the ideals of USSA and USSA Athletics. Both entities can look forward to the future knowing that there is, and will continue to be, a solid foundation provided by the Club, from which to promote University Sport in South Africa (Nel, 2008).

In conclusion of the University Sport component, where focus has been on USSA and USSA Athletics, the focus now shifts to the relationship between the Club and the controlling bodies for athletics. Both the National Federation and the Province (Gauteng North) will be explored.

4.3 ATHLETICS SOUTH AFRICA AND ATHLETICS GAUTENG NORTH

According to Rautenbach and Van Zyl (1981:11) athletics in South Africa was controlled by the South African Amateur Athletics Union (SAAAU) now known as Athletics South Africa (ASA). ASA is the controlling body and National Federation for all athletics participation. This includes: track and field, road running, race walking and cross-country. It is imperative for all Province's to be affiliated to ASA, and accordingly for all clubs to be affiliated with the Provinces. Ideally, the Province's should be a reflection of ASA's aspirations and plans for the future.

The Provinces bids for the opportunity and prestige of hosting many prominent events throughout the year. In recent times this has included the South African Senior Championships, South African Junior Championships, the South African Youth Championships or South African Schools Championships. The provincial body then allocates the right to host the event to one of the clubs within the Province with suitable

facilities and infrastructure. Originally, all athletics events hosted in the Gauteng North Province were held at Pilditch Stadium by Athletics Gauteng North (AGN). However, with the introduction of the synthetic track facility at the University of Pretoria, the Club has been granted the rights to stage many of these events at the ABSA TUKS Stadium. The relationship between the Club, AGN and ASA has been further strengthened by the desire to host track and field meetings at the Club (Badenhorst, 2008a).

In 2008, the Club staged the ASA Junior Championships. From the success of 2008, the Club was allocated hosting rights for the ASA Junior and ASA u23 Championships in 2009. This is indicative of the vote of confidence that ASA has with AGN and the Club. Annually, ASA hosts a Yellow Pages Track and Field Grand Prix Series. Athletes compete in the glamour meetings of the South African track and field season, with six meetings dispersed throughout the Country. The Tshwane event has recently been allocated to the Club by the Province. The hosting of these prominent events at the Club track has attracted many of the Country's top junior athletes to the facility, and the Club has been able to showcase its facilities, coaches and academic courses.

As the popularity of the track as a venue of choice has increased, so AGN continued to increase the number of events allocated to the track. AGN has supported the Club in favour of hosting various Provincial Athletics Championships in addition to the league events. It is imperative for the Club, the Province and the Country that this bond is monitored, and maintained for the furthering of athletics (Badenhorst, 2008a).

Another prominent addition to the athletics calendar has been the ASA Road Running Series. Pretoria annually hosts the first event of the Nedbank Matha Series. The event, sponsored by ASA's partner, Nedbank, forms part of the Country's premier road running circuit, which takes a prominent road race to each of the major Provinces in the Country. The Pretoria leg takes place early in January and attracts many top athletes to the Club precinct. It follows a scenic route in and around Pretoria and makes use of the University as its start and finish. As the premier event in the Province, AGN has ensured that the event is well managed by the Club.

Unfortunately the University of Pretoria only allows the Club four races on the University property per annum. In conjunction with AGN, the Club hosts three other road races, all of which are classified as league events. The Club annually hosts the Tuks 10/21.1km

Road Race in February and this is followed by the SPAR Ladies 10km Road Race in August and the Chamberlains Road Race in September. The ever popular SPAR Ladies Road Race is the biggest road running event in the Province, attracting some 12 000 women in 2008. The field (number of participants) is anticipated to grow in excess of 15 000 in the years to come (Spies, 2008).

In addition to the track and field and road running programmes, AGN has hosted several cross-country league events at the Club. The Club has become a popular venue for league events with multiple courses and variations available. The professional manner in which the Club Management conducted the route marking and management of the entire league event, make it an extremely attractive option for AGN. This popularity was evident in 2008 with the staging of the AGN Cross-Country Championships. The relationship was furthered strengthened in 2009 by the hosting of the South African Cross-Country Championships at the Club (Retief, 2008; Badenhorst, 2009).

The HPC hosted the South African Athletics team on their departure to the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne 2006. All ASA training camps and team pre-departure camps have been conducted at the HPC since 2006, and ASA recognises the HPC as the official testing partner and preparation venue. This has not been limited to the South African Senior Track and Field teams alone. Annually training and pre-departure camps have been hosted for road running and cross-country teams leaving for International and Continental Championships. These training camps have been instrumental in building the relationship between athletes, coaches and ASA. Additionally, the service providers on the property at the University of Pretoria have also been able to interact regularly with the same squad of athletes.

Training camps at the University of Pretoria are an all inclusive one stop venue providing testing equipment, athlete analysis and feedback in addition to the training facilities. Through the association with the HPC (providing the accommodation and meals), ASA has made use of the Province and the Club's facilities. This has also contributed towards the good standing that the Club and University has with ASA.

The ASA training camps are essential for the development of the sport and for furthering the relationship between coaches and athletes. Being selected for National training camps is a prestigious achievement for many aspiring athletes and an opportunity to

excel. Top athletes identified on the athletics circuit as possible International medallists, are brought into these training camps to train under the guidance of a National coach. Training together assists with building team spirit and harmony.

A further indication of AGN's commitment is the appointment of the Club to drive development in the Province. As an agent of AGN, it will be essential to commence with the restructuring of the coaching fraternity. Many of the Club's and Province's prominent coaches have been recognised by ASA, and have been included in this Provincial coaches' forum. This forum has attracted many new coaches to the Province and to the Club, bringing with them many prominent up and coming athletes.

In addition to the coaches forum, it became necessary to host and run educational programmes for coaches. The Club hosts several of the co-sanctioned (ASA/AGN) coaches training seminars and coaching qualification courses, and in so doing the Club has been able to generate additional income. The courses conducted by Steve Rautenbach and Hugo Badenhorst at the Club, require Province's to send through possible candidates for consideration. The Province's main objective is to improve the qualifications of the students, coaches and officials. The courses improve the level of awareness and understanding amongst the coaching fraternity. These courses include the Provincial qualification available for ASA Level 1 and Level 2. This entry level certificate provides the basis of coaching education. The course attracts many University students, as well as school teachers, parents and aspiring coaches in the region. The Province acknowledges that improving the quality of coaching available to upcoming athletes increases the opportunity to identify athletic talent (Badenhorst, 2008a).

In addition to the coaching courses, the Club presents regular ASA officiating courses. These too attract many aspiring officials from throughout the Country. The officials attend the week long symposium with the emphasis on increasing the level of awareness and understanding. This course is instrumental for the development of top class officials working on the National track and field circuit.

Lastly, ASA/AGN also hosts the IAAF coaches qualification course at the HPC and University. The IAAF qualification is the highest qualification available for a coach and ranks them Internationally. The fact that these courses are hosted at the University and

endorsed by ASA and AGN ensures that the relationship with the Club will continue to improve (Badenhorst, 2008a).

Another Club aspiration for the future, shared by ASA and AGN, is the establishment of an Athletics Academy. Based at the University of Pretoria, falling under the academy structures of the HPC, the Athletics Academy is a much anticipated opportunity to promote athletics from a young age. A post matric academy year has been envisioned, allowing athletes a gap year to pursue their individual athletics aspirations under the guidance of the Club coaches. However the more likely option would be for athletes to join the academy from grade ten and complete their schooling at the TuksSport Combined School, based at the University's Groenkloof Campus. Talent identification protocols will be followed to ensure that emerging athletic stars will be identified as possible candidates.

The Athletics Academy, could accommodate 20–30 athletes with a focus on current National strengths. It is also envisaged that separate academies for cross-country, road running and race walking could be included in the years to come. The benefit of the envisioned Athletics Academy could be to gather prominent athletes participating in the same event at and all training at the same venue. Training under the same coach in a structured environment will allow the athletes to train together regularly.

It is anticipated that the Athletics Academy students will be looked after and coached by the Club coaches, who can also assist with mentoring. The athletes will compete in Club attire representing the Club. The Athletics Academy will increase the depth of talent available to ASA, whilst providing a direct feeder structure for both AGN and the Club (Badenhorst, 2009).

4.4 PROMINENT POSITIONS

A prominent position for affiliation has always been the National controlling body for athletics, the South African Amateur Athletics Union (SAAAU). Influential Club members that have held positions within either of these organisations will be acknowledged. These achievements can be found in the Appendix: (Appendix, Table 4.3; Appendix, Table 4.4). The first Club Member to serve as President of the SAAAU was J.J.N. Kruger, holding the position from 1958-1959. Kruger also acted as the Chairperson of the Northern

Transvaal Amateur Athletics Federation (NTAAF). Kruger was replaced as SAAAU President by Matt Mare who remained at the helm from 1959–1971. Mare was previously President of the NTAAF and was instrumental in the establishment of the South African Student Athletics Federation, and the “Afrikaans Studentebond vir Atletiek” during the war years (Joubert, 1985:57; Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:11).

Mare was succeeded by Professor J.L. (Hannes) Botha as President of the SAAAU, a position which he held from 1971-1977. Professor Botha was Head of Department for Physical Education at the University of Pretoria from 1973-1987. Botha was also appointed as the first Director of the Institute for Sport Research (ISR) at the University of Pretoria from 1 January 1988 (Bergh *et al.*, 1996:93; Rautenbach & van Zyl, 1981:11).

Professor C.F. Nieuwoudt was at the helm of the SAAAU from 1977-1989. He also served as Chairperson of the NTAAF for a period of time from 1966. Athletics was one of the leading four sports in South Africa during the 1970's and 1980's, and was the first South African sports body to open its doors to all South Africans. Professor Nieuwoudt will be remembered for the abolition of racial discrimination in athletics during his tenure (SAPA, 2008:1).

In 1991, former Club member, Advocate D.H. van Zyl was elected as President of the SAAAU, a position which he also held in 1992. The structures of SAAAU were adapted and changed in 1992 as Athletics South Africa was formed. Van Zyl was at the helm for these changes and continued to serve as President until the end of his term in 1993. In February 1999, van Zyl was appointed as a member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne) and served on its ad hoc arbitration panels. He performed duties at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester (2002), and the Olympic Games in Athens (2004) (Van Zyl, 2009:1).

Another Club member that served the SAAAU was Steve Rautenbach. Rautenbach was a National Selector from 1979-1992, and continued the same function for the newly formed ASA from 1992-1995. Rautenbach was a prominent Club coach who coached many talented athletes, most notably Johan Fourie (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:11; Rautenbach, 2008).

Chris Britz was appointed as an ASA board member in 2007, acting as the Chairperson of track and field. Britz currently (2008) sits at the helm of AGN in the capacity as

President, and was instrumental in kindling the relationship between the Club, AGN and ASA. Prior to these accomplishments, Britz had been appointed as team manager and team coach for several ASA Athletics teams. It is an asset for the Club to have such ties with the Province and National Federation, noting that the Club has always strived to have good relations (Badenhorst, 2008a).

Both Dr R.E. Oberholster and C.E. Schutte acted as NTAAF Chairperson's, where after the title changed to President. Christo Stander replaced Schutte and served as the Chairperson of AGN during the 1990's prior to Britz's appointment. C.E. Engelbrecht served as Secretary of the NTAAF and Hugo Badenhorst was the Chairperson of AGN track and field for many years (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:11; Rautenbach, 2008).

4.5 AFFILIATIONS WITHIN TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB

Under the umbrella of Tuks Athletics Club we find that the members of the Club are affiliated to numerous sports clubs. The different specialisation fields of athletics include: track and field, road running, race walking, cross-country and multi-sport. Multi-sport was affiliated for many seasons, but has since become an independent club at the University. The following pages will acknowledge the various clubs, and their prominent performers and achievers. Track and field successes will be addressed in chapter five.

4.5.1 TRACK AND FIELD

Track and field has always been the flagship of the Club and the prominent organisation around which the Club is structured. The Club enjoyed great success in the lead up to the Centenary Year, winning the SASSU Championships on many occasions. In addition to this success, many Club members were selected for a variety of ASA, AGN and SASSU teams over the years. The Club hosts Annual Awards Dinners and many athletes have received awards at the annual TuksSports Awards Dinner.

The origins of the track and field Club have already been discussed in this study (Chapter one and Chapter three), whilst the outstanding International performances of the Club members will be discussed in Chapter five. This section deals with a prominent movement which occurred within the Club in 2006. The breakaway movement challenged

the overall goals and aspirations of the Athletics Club. Club Captain at the time, Licinda Liebenberg was instrumental in the movement, which although it was perceived to be negative at the time, preceded one of the most successful periods in the Club's history (Liebenberg, 2006:1).

Momentum originated on the train journey returning from the 2006 SASSU Athletics Championships held in Port Elizabeth. Led by the Club Captains of that year, athletes discussed amongst themselves the current state and foreseeable future of the Club. The consensus reached was that the Club Management and Administration were no longer looking after the athletes and facilities correctly. One of the primary reasons that catalysed this dissatisfaction was the new synthetic track. The Club Captains anticipated that the Club Management at that time would not utilise the facility to its full potential.

The leaders, representing the dissatisfied team members, consulted with the Director of Sport at the University of Pretoria and continually supplied feedback regarding the intentions of the athletes. The movement, which called themselves *For Tuks Athletes By Tuks Athletes* (FTABTA), put pressure on the Club's Management and coaches and made a stand for what they wanted as athletes: further development of their own potential and maximum use of the facilities both in the University's environment and the community at large.

Notification of a Special General Meeting (SGM) was advertised at the TuksSport Campus and information was sent directly to the Club Chairperson. The notification which contained a brief agenda stated that the meeting was for Club athletes and coaches, not Management. The discord stirred the waters within the University and generated hope amongst the athletes. The hope that the Club could be better if they were prepared to work harder to improve their individual performances. The hope that the facility would be made available to the larger athletics community (ASA and AGN).

The SGM sparked the interest amongst Club Members and provided the opportunity for the Club Captains to voice their concerns about the stagnant nature of the Club. Attention focused on the lack of enthusiasm conveyed by the Club Management, insinuating that the Club was administered by long serving members that had lost their passion for the sport, and were merely doing their job. The Club Captains challenged the perception that

it was a Club for students and made a stand against the manner in which the Club was managed.

The meeting expressed the voice of the senior athletes and challenged what had always occurred in the Club. During the meeting, nominations were called for and a FTABTA Committee was selected to represent the athletes. This Committee included many of the prominent senior athletes of the Club. An official attendance register was compiled and meeting minutes were recorded and distributed to all attending members. A copy was sent to the Director of TuksSport and the Club Chairperson (Liebenberg, 2006:1).

Following the SGM, a FTABTA newsletter was created and distributed by the minutes Secretary. This newsletter acknowledged the individual athlete successes and outlined the Club's goals for the future. Furthermore, possible opportunities for additional competitions were suggested (Mundell, 2006b:1; Wagner, 2006:1).

These included coaching seminars by the top coaches, Intervarsity styled events and increased league events. These provisional suggestions were distributed to the Club Management in anticipation that they would be implemented in the years to come. The main focus was to increase the opportunities for participation and to improve the image of the Club. Emphasis was placed on developing feeder systems and structures to promote athletics at the Club (Mundell, 2006a:1).

The intention of FTABTA was not to be a radical movement. It was the amalgamation of a group of student athletes that made a stand for what they believed in. The movement was terminated just as quickly as it had gathered momentum after feedback reached the Club Management. The Club Management were upset with the meetings which had taken place, and athletes on the Committee were apprehensive of their position within the Club. As a result of fear, the possible retraction of bursaries, and a lack of support, the movement dissipated. Although the movement lost direction and dissolved, changes definitely occurred at the Club. The athletes involved gained both experience and exposure.

In 2007, one of the FTABTA committee members went on to become the Club Captain. That same year she hoisted the coveted Intervarsity trophy for the first time since 2004. It was a prize moment for the Club and led the Club into one of its most successful years in

history. At the TuksSport Awards Dinner in October of the same year, the Club received seven out of the 14 awards presented at the TuksSport Awards Dinner. Whether this change in the attitude of the leadership was inevitable or not, historical annals will reflect that 2007 was an incredibly successful year for the Club (Liebenberg, 2006:1; Van Schalkwyk, 2008b:1).

After the success achieved in 2007 by the Club, planning for the future needed to occur in the light of the anticipated retirement of Club stalwarts Hugo Badenhorst and Steve Rautenbach. Both members were scheduled to retire at the end of 2008, and a new Club Manager needed to be identified. Both Badenhorst and Rautenbach agreed to remain involved through a transition phase (2009) in order to assist the new Club Manager.

The Club had continued to grow at a rate of approximately 12-15% per annum since 2005 and Club expenses and management fees had also increased. Additional revenues needed to be generated to compensate for the decreased allocation received from the University. In 2008, Badenhorst arranged a weekend retreat at a Game Lodge in the Rooiberge, where several prominent Club Members, coaches and former Management Members were invited to participate in these brain storming sessions. The retreat was attended by several candidates for the Club Manager position in addition to the USSA Secretary General and the 2008 Club Captains.

The Club members shared experiences of the past and their individual desires for the future. A Club Committee was elected and a provisional 10 year plan for the future development and expansion of the Club was drafted. The plan was divided into two separate five year plans, which included numerous goals and objectives for the Club. These plans incorporated each sporting code affiliated to the Club. Respective sub committees were requested to submit individual five-year plans to the new Club Management.

The Club Committee confirmed that the increased number of members at the Club was as a result of the improved facilities. Furthermore, the Club needed to generate additional revenue to maintain the facilities. The Club Committee compared prices across the board amongst other sporting clubs within the University to get a larger picture of levies and membership fee charges to the athletes in relation to the facilities on offer. As a result, the annual Club levies were raised by approximately 7% and implemented on 1 January

2009. The decision was also made to increase Club levies annually by the same percentage (Badenhorst, 2009).

The Club Committee envisaged that the increased levy would create exclusivity, only allowing Club Members to train and make use of the facility. Members would gain access to all facilities throughout the year, and access would be restricted by swipe card activated gates. Club membership would subsidise the Club's gymnasium membership fee, allowing members' access. The gymnasium subsidy would be used to replace or repair existing gymnasium equipment in the coming years.

Following the retreat, the interviews were conducted for the position of Tuks Athletics Club Manager. Former Blue Bulls Rugby Union conditioning coach, Hennie Kriel was appointed to the position, which he commenced with in January 2009. It can be speculated that Kriel was given the unenviable task of trying to resurrect the Club amidst the International financial crisis and recession. The task from the onset was challenging, with Kriel expected to familiarise himself with the intricate processes and expectations of the University. With new Club Management, change was inevitable and provided new perspectives and a vibrant new approach.

It is the aspiration of the new Club Management that the money generated by certain activities will be reinvested into the Club in the years to come. The main focus for the Club has always been to provide a service and opportunity for the University students. It is essential to have first year athletics events as well as sustained inter hostel leagues. Club athletes and students need to have access to the best training facilities available for the years to come in order to unearth the Olympians of the future (Badenhorst, 2009).

4.5.2 ROAD RUNNING

The Marathon Club has achieved many highlights in its history, many of which will be mentioned (Appendix, Table 4.5). The first of these many highlights occurred in 1961. George Claassen (after whom the popular January road race is named) won the Comrades Marathon, the first time that a Club Member had done so. Claassen was selected to represent South Africa the following year, competing against a touring British Marathon team. Also in 1961, members of the Marathon Club won the team prize at the Gold Reef Marathon. Charles Minnaar later went on to win the individual competition at the Gold Reef Marathon in 1963 (Senekal, 1968:18; Claassen, 2008c:1).

In 1972 three Marathon Club members were selected for the Northern Transvaal team to compete at the South African Marathon Championships held in Stilfontein. Also in 1972, the Jacaranda Marathon (26 miles) was hosted by the Club for the first time, which was run annually on 10 October. The route began at the Club, LC de Villiers Sports Centre, and followed a scenic route in and around Pretoria. It progressed North around Fountains Circle and over Klapperkop, through Waterkloof and Garsfontein until it reached the Old Military Road. From there it joined Lynnwood road until the Willows turn off (next to the Old Bronkhorstspuit Road), and went through Meyerspark in front of the CSIR. Finally the route returned through the “proefplaas”, crossing the finish line on the Club’s athletics track.

Prizes at this first race were given in the form of gifts to the following categories: first Club athlete, first veteran older than 45, the first junior athlete, as well as to the team that finished first. Prizes were handed out by the Club’s former Comrades Marathon winner, George Claassen.

The following year, Claassen finished two minutes ahead of Club teammate and second place athlete, Jaap Ferreira, at the Northern Transvaal Marathon Championships. The Marathon Club participated at the 1974 Comrades Marathon with the best finisher ending tenth. In 1975, Dewald Steyn finished 16th at the Comrades Marathon and won the Bellington Trophy for the best beginner in the event. That same year the Club presented a bigger and better Jacaranda Marathon. This popular event attracted many athletes who were motivated to break the challenging two hour 20 minute (2hr:20) barrier. As a new introduction to the prize giving, ‘balkies’ were handed out to every athlete that finished under four hours (Pelzer, 1982:108).

As a result of the successful staging of the Jakaranda Marathon, the Club organised the first “Varsity Sports” woman challenge event in 1976. The Club hosted the 16km women only race in an effort to promote the participation of women in sport. Numerous prizes were sponsored for this inaugural event (Pelzer, 1982:108).

In 1989 and again in 1991 the Marathon Club “on administrative, social, financial and coaching level, the Club has distinguished itself as one of the benchmark clubs at Tukkies” received the University Sport of the year award (Bergh *et al.*, 1996:479-480).

In 1990, George Bratley became the first member of the Marathon Club to complete a standard marathon under two hours and 20 minutes (2hr:20). Also in 1990 the Banana Board decided to undertake a promotional community based sponsorship with the University of Pretoria's Cross-Country and Marathon Club. Mr Fourie, senior manager of the Banana Board provided Professor Pieter Oosthuizen, Vice-Rector of the University with a cheque for R27000, and signed a two-year agreement with the Club. The following year the Marathon Club registered 450 members, which comprised of current and former students as well as staff (Vorster, 1991:32-33; Boshoff, 1990:49; *Perdeby*, 1990:11).

It was not until the early 1990's that the Marathon Club's next National athlete was crowned. Sarel Spies represented the Club and South Africa at the Unity Games held in Germiston in 1992, and received his Protea colours. Also in 1992, the Marathon Club had 500 registered members and was the second biggest club at the University. Additionally the Club was only been beaten once at the Great Train Race between 1988 and 1992 in the athletics club category (Rautenbach, 2009; Bergh *et al.*, 1996:479).

In 1994, former Comrades Marathon winner, Nick Bester finished second at the Comrades Marathon in five hours 42 minutes and 52 seconds (5:42:52), whilst team mate Jacob Thlapi also won a gold medal and finished seventh in five hours 53 minutes and 46 seconds (5:53:46). The 1994 Comrades Marathon Gunga Din Trophy for the men's team competition was awarded to the Tuks Marathon Club and was comprised of Bester, Thlapi, L. Mayheo (17th) and Jouberto Thomas (35th). In 1995 the Marathon Club signed a sponsorship agreement with Voltaren, thereafter known as "Voltaren Tuks Landloop en Padhardloopklub". Nick Bester finished ninth in the 1995 Comrades Marathon, winning his seventh Comrades Marathon gold medal (*Perdeby*, 1995c:20; *Perdeby*, 1994c:14; *Perdeby*, 1995a:19).

The Marathon Club exceeded the 600 member mark in 1996, the year that Nick Bester finished a creditable second at the Comrades Marathon. The following year, Bester again finished second (third time in his career) and received his ninth Comrades Marathon gold medal. Bester's performance together with fellow Club members Sarel Ackerman (6th), Neil van Schalkwyk (15th) and Percy Dunn (22nd), won the Gunga Din Trophy at the 1997 Comrades Marathon. This was the second occasion that the Club had won the trophy and improved on the second place finish in 1996. Dunn is subsequently well known for

his exploits to raise funds for the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, completing numerous Comrades Marathons in the colours of the Liquorice Man (Van Schalkwyk, 1996:2; *Perdeby*, 1997:11; Van der Watt, 2002:352).

This Comrades Marathon success was emulated in 2000 when the Marathon Club's women's team finished first and second in the women's team competition, and also won the veterans ladies team competition. The women's winning team was comprised of Adri Taylor, Ingrid Prinsloo, Marliene Otto, Rinah van Zyl, Linda Potgieter and Amor van Zyl. The following year (2001) Riana van Niekerk received her National colours for marathon running, representing South Africa at the Africa Half Marathon Championships in Botswana (Wicksell, 2007:1).

Despite the success achieved by the members of the Marathon Club, the entire Athletics Club experienced great difficulty due to a lack of sponsors. The Club was dependent on the University's financial allocation and the budget needed to be adhered to. As a result of the lack of funding, many members left the Club. Very few noteworthy performances were achieved between 2001 and the Centenary Year. The Club however changed its name from the Marathon Club to the Road Running Club in 2005 (Badenhorst, 2008b).

The next highlight for the Road Running Club occurred in 2008, where the Club finished third in the women's masters category at the Two Oceans Marathon. The best individual performance at the Comrades Marathon that same year was achieved by Dr Vollie Spies, who finished 17th in the women's masters section. Also in that same year, Spies finished second in the women's masters category at the prestigious Sydney Marathon.

Through the leadership of Road Running Club Chairperson, Andries Scholtz and more recently Dr Spies, the Road Running Club's image improved significantly. The Road Running Club developed a provisional five year plan for implementation, where the main focus was to ensure that good relations were maintained with all the relevant stakeholders: UP, AGN, ASA and the other affiliates of Tuks Athletics Club. The positive direction and professional approach has contributed towards the success that the Club enjoyed in recent years.

Due to the outstanding facilities available, the Club has become a preferred venue for hosting large scale events. In addition to the Club's own race, and through the support

received from ASA and AGN, it was able to generate income from staging events on the property. Each of these events attracts large numbers of athletes to the Club facilities with the added benefit that each event has a unique route. Gradually the Club has gained momentum and the numbers began increasing (Spies, 2008; Badenhorst, 2008a).

The perception of the Road Running Club has improved significantly and this has been attributed to the positive marketing of the members within the student community. A major target group identified for the years to come is the student population, with the aspiration of encouraging more students to get involved in road running, and to join the Club. A monthly newsletter has been distributed to all members within the Road Running Club, which reflects on highlights, points of interest and forthcoming events.

Club tents are held at various races throughout the year, which provided an opportunity for interaction and socialising within the Club after events. Annually special tours to the Two Oceans and Comrades Marathons have been arranged by the Road Running Club. Athletes travel and stay together over the race weekend, and specific branded clothing is arranged for each member participating in the event.

Seconding is provided by the Road Running Club during the Comrades Marathon and physiotherapy students from the University assist the athletes after the race with massages at the Road Running Club tent. Social activities are encouraged and pre-Comrades Marathon events are hosted by the Club to wish all the athletes everything of the best for their Comrades Marathon. Other social activities include group dinners and lunches, which are arranged at a variety of venues throughout the year. The annual Road Running Club Awards evening is held to acknowledge the successes achieved by the Club members.

The Road Running Club caters for all the athletes at the Club. Various training groups congregate at the University daily, departing on training runs. Time trials take place on the property every Tuesday afternoon, and provide the opportunity for athletes to measure their progress. Club runs take place throughout the year in preparation for the major road running events. These Club runs attract many athletes and increase the unity amongst the Club members.

Club athletes are encouraged to participate in a variety of road races and race distances throughout the Country each year. Participation in coveted International Marathons such as the New York and London Marathon's are also recommended (Spies, 2008).

The Centenary Year was a tremendous success for the Road Running Club. Dr Spies served as Chairperson of the Tuks Road Running Club, which engaged in one major Centenary Year celebration. The Tuks Half Marathon, hosted annually by the Club in February, became the Tuks Centenary Road Race in 2008. It was scheduled as an official Gauteng North League event and was accepted as an official University of Pretoria Centenary Year event. It was made possible by the help and support received from the Club Members.

After receiving confirmation that the February race date had been approved, preparation for the Tuks Centenary Road Race commenced late in 2007. The Road Running Committee worked tirelessly with the University staff and the Club Management to arrange the event, whilst ensuring that the event complied with the requirements of the Centenary Committee. The Tuks Centenary Road Race attracted nearly 3000 athletes and was an incredibly successful Centenary Celebration.

The Road Running Club received good acclaim from the Vice-Rector of the University as well as the Tuks Centenary Committee. A special limited edition Centenary Year medal was produced to commemorate the Centenary Year. The event generated publicity and was well received by the road running community. A special inter-hostel section was advertised and a floating trophy was awarded to the University hostels with the most entries for the event. Erika and Boekenhout were the inaugural hostel winners (Spies, 2008).

The Road Running Club numbers continued to increase as more athletes registered with the Club. The Centenary Year Road Race was a great marketing venture for the Road Running Club and the rewards will be reaped in the future.

4.5.3 RACE WALKING

The sport of race walking has never been very popular at the Club. Over the years, numbers have fluctuated and prominent race walking results have been fairly irregular (Britz, 2008; Appendix, Table 4.6).

The original outstanding walker from the Club was Susan Swanepoel (née Vermeulen), who represented the Club, whilst studying Dentistry. She recorded and still holds the National Record in the women's 20 km walk, with a time of one hour 36 minutes and 18 seconds (1:36:18), which she set at the 1999 IAAF Race Walking World Cup held in Deauville, France. This performance was recorded as an African Record, her second after her 10km road race time in 1999 of 45 minutes and five seconds (45:05) (Le Roux, 2009:35).

Swanepoel aspired to qualify for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Unfortunately she was unable to reach the required "A" Standard. After this disappointment, Swanepoel retired from race walking. Although she has not been actively involved with training, she can still be seen training with her father in Pretoria.

Chris Britz, formerly a graduate from Rand Afrikaans Universiteit (RAU) currently known as the University of Johannesburg (UJ), joined the Club after a move to Pretoria due to work commitments. With his illustrious walking pedigree (SA record holder in the 3km, 5km, 10km, 20km, 30km) the University welcomed him to the Club as an athlete, and incorporated him into the coaching structures. Although no longer as competitive as he once was, Britz represented the Club as an athlete at several South African Senior Track and Field Championships in the 20km race walk (Le Roux, 2009:30; Badenhorst, 2008b).

During the early part of 2000, two competitive student female walkers enrolled at the University and the Club. Yvonne Onderweegs had started studying Architecture in 1999 whilst Karen Doyer (née Becker) commenced in 2001 with a Law degree and later moved to Human Movement Sciences (HMS). Both athletes represented the Club and AGN at the SASSU and South African Senior Championships until 2005.

In 2002, Marc Mundell joined the University and commenced with training under the guidance of Britz. He had enrolled for a Sport Sciences degree and had aspirations of

qualifying for the World Junior Championships in Kingston, Jamaica that same year. That never materialised, however he did go on to receive an award as the Best Junior Athlete at the Club in that year (Doyer, 2009).

With four competitive walkers including the coach, the Club flourished and soon attracted many of the top walkers in the Country. In 2003, Ihan Collins joined the Club and enhanced the depth of the men's squad. The following year (2004), the Club welcomed two new race walkers, Thame Hlatswayo from KwaZulu-Natal and Sipho Mhlangu from Gauteng. This addition established the Club as one of the strongest walking University's and walking clubs in the Country (*Perdeby*, 2004:11).

In 2004, Club athletes filled the podium at the South African Senior Championships in Durban. Doyer and Onderweegs finished second and third respectively in the women's 20km walk. Mundell won the men's race with Hlatswayo and Collins finishing second and third respectively. Mundell's performance was the best time in the Country since 1997, and he was selected to represent South Africa at the 2004 IAAF Race Walking World Cup in Naumburg, Germany two weeks later. This achievement earned Mundell the reward: Tuks Student Sportsman of the year for 2004 (Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1; Le Roux, 2005:174).

After the success achieved in race walking in 2004, many changes occurred in 2005. Both Doyer and Onderweegs stopped walking and Collins transferred to Johannesburg for work. Hlatswayo and Mhlangu, neither of whom were students, continued to represent the Club. In the same year, Britz stopped his competitive walking and only Mundell remained (Doyer, 2009).

In 2006, a promising junior athlete joined the Club and had great ambitions for the future. Dewald Bekker, only 15 years old, trained under the guidance of Britz. His potential was realised when he was selected to represent South Africa at the 2007 IAAF World Youth Games in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Bekker steadily improved as a walker and is a young athlete to look out for in the future, when he enters the senior ranks (Britz, 2008).

With aspirations of qualifying for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, Mundell was invited to attend a high altitude training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Departing in December 2007 and returning in February 2008, Mundell lived and trained

with the Australian National Race Walking squad, under the guidance of Head Coach Brent Vallance. Although Mundell did not qualify for the Olympic Games, his inclusion and participation at the camp sparked interest in the walking community. Britz (2008) suggested that the foundations developed in Australia would be beneficial for future years and his imminent participation in the 50km event.

4.5.4 CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross-country has been affiliated to the Club on a semi permanent basis since 1955. The cross-country team of 1961, had great expectations and prepared themselves for confrontation at the annual South African Universities Cross-Country Championships. In an attempt to develop team spirit at the South African University Championships, the Suzman Shield which was last competed for in 1937, was reintroduced in 1961. Great rivalry was displayed annually between Tuks and their long distance counterparts from the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS). The Suzman Shield returned to Pretoria in 1961, with the successful team members going on to win the team prize at the Gold Reef Marathon in the same year (Senekal, 1968:18; Pelzer, 1982:107).

Charles Minnaar was selected for the Springbok team to compete at the 1962 International Cross-Country Championships in Sheffield, England. Minnaar became the Club's first cross-country Springbok and in 1963 went on to win the Gold Reef Marathon. In the same year, Minnaar won both the Northern and Southern Transvaal Cross-Country Championships whilst the Club won the South African Universities Cross-Country Championships.

Up to and including 1964, many Club athletes represented the Province in either road running or cross-country. The success of the Club teams was largely due to the talent identification process implemented during hostel league. In an attempt to stimulate further participation amongst University students, a hostel league trophy was awarded for the greatest number of Spring Day Cross-Country participants. Sonop won the very first trophy with a 38% hostel participation rate in 1967. In the same year, numerous athletes were identified at the Spring Day Cross-Country and Interhostel Marathon events. From 1978, the annual cross-country house league competed for the Nedbank Trophy (Senekal, 1968:18).

In 1970, the Club achieved another success when women were allowed to participate for the first time. Marietjie Dippenaar together with George Claassen, were selected for the Northern Transvaal Cross-Country team that same year. On 7 September 1971, the Cross-Country Club separated from the Club and established a separate cross country entity. Dewald Hattingh served as the first President of the newly founded Cross-Country Club.

In 1974, the women's team won their first South African University Championships, and Cecile Steenekamp (née van Zyl) became the Cross-Country Club's first female Springbok representative. The women's team again won the South African University Championships in 1976. Just how strong the women's team was, was only evident when comparing them to the men's team. The men's team won the Northern Transvaal Cross-Country League for the first time in 1978, by which time the women's team had already won the same league title four times consecutively (Pelzer, 1980:108).

Since 1980, the Cross-Country Club underwent many changes and re-evaluated their status as an independent club. The Cross-Country Club once again merged with the Club and was controlled by the Club's Executive Committee. The Cross-Country Club achieved great success between 1983 and 1992:

“During this period, nearly 100 Tuks athletes represented Northern Transvaal teams for either cross-country or road racing. Additionally, nearly 50 athletes represented South African University teams. The Tuks men's cross-country team were also crowned cross-country team champions at the South African University Championships” (Bergh *et al.*, 1996:479).

In 1993, the Chairperson of the Cross-Country Club, André Smit announced the regulations for the cross-country hostel league. The league would be determined over five events with each hostel or team being allocated points per athlete finishing. The hostel or team with the most points accumulated after the five events would win the league (Perdeby, 1993b:15).

In 1994, the new Cross-Country Club Chairperson, Anton Bekker announced that there would be regular time trials. Starting at the Daan Swiegers Clubhouse, the time trials would be catering for the long distance athletes preparing for the Two Oceans and

Comrades Marathon. Distances of 4km, 8km and 25km were available (*Perdeby, 1994a:19*).

In 1996, the cross-country league formed part of the Sportburo Trophy competition, with the emphasis placed on mass participation, and the promotion of cross-country as a sport. The more athletes that participated for a hostel or team, the more points they received. This promotion of cross-country played an integral part in the mass participation activities introduced by the University (*Perdeby, 1996:16*).

In 2003, the women's team won the 8km and finished second in both the 4km and the road relay at the SASSU Cross-Country Championships held in Oudtshoorn (*Perdeby, 2003:7*).

The Cross-Country Club's Chairperson during the Celebratory Year (2008) was Marelise Retief, a formidable National Cross-Country representative. The Cross-Country Club Committee was comprised of several members, which included a Secretary, Athletes' Representative, and Chairperson. The Cross-Country Club Chairperson was responsible for the affairs of the Cross-Country Club, which included hosting meetings, races, team selection criteria, and distribution of awards. The Chairperson reports directly to the Athletics Club's Executive Committee and attends monthly meetings (*Retief, 2008:1*).

Although the Club only consisted of a few members, many of the track and field athletes specialising in middle distance events were approached to participate. Developing a prominent and significant base was considered by many coaches to be beneficial for the forthcoming track and field season, providing a strong platform (*Badenhorst, 2008b*).

The Tuks women's teams have often returned home from the SASSU Cross-Country Championships with team medals in both the 4km and 8km events since 2004. The men's teams however, have not received any team medals at SASSU Championships between 2004-2008. In recent times, the Club has struggled to put together a single men's team for the SASSU Championships, whilst comfortably managing two women's teams (*Retief, 2008*).

The cross-country circuit stimulates the body and mind, allowing for improved conditioning, increased strength, as well as endurance. Cross-country is often considered to be the ideal winter (off season) training sport for middle distance athletes because it

builds strength and character, from which athletes are able to draw during the following track season. It is a wonderful form of cross training, which is recommended to all athletes and coaches (Badenhorst, 2008a).

With the backing of AGN and ASA, the Cross-Country Club can assist with growing and developing the sport in the Province and Nationwide. ASA annually selects training squads for the middle and long distance events, which attend training camps at the HPC and other venues throughout the Country. Furthermore, various National cross-country teams are selected annually by ASA, and athletes get the opportunity to gain International exposure at the African and World Cross-Country Championships. USSA also selects cross-country teams to participate at both the African and World Student Cross-Country Championships (Badenhorst, 2008a).

Club members participating at International championships have achieved several prominent cross-country performances, with Marelise Retief arguably the Club's best cross-country performer in recent years. Retief competed at both the FISU and IAAF World Cross-Country Championships representing SASSU and ASA respectively in 2004. The following year (2005) she competed at the FASU Cross-Country Championships in Algeria. Fellow athletes Carla Marais and Andrea Horak accompanied her to the Africa Cross-Country Championships in Algeria. Club Members Neels Gerber and Christien van der Merwe were appointed as team managers for the same Africa Cross-Country Championships. Gerber again accompanied Retief in 2006, returning to Algeria for the FISU World Student Cross-Country Championships. In 2008, Retief and Club teammate Myrette Filmater participated at the FISU World Student Cross-Country Championships held in Mauquenchy, France (Retief, 2008; Rautenbach, 2009).

The state of the Cross-Country Club at the Club is healthy but needs to be addressed. Although the performances by the women's team have been extremely pleasing in recent years, the poor performances of the men's team do however need to be addressed. The Club needs more middle distance track and field athletes to participate in cross-country annually, and to send competitive teams to the USSA Cross-Country Championships (Badenhorst, 2008a).

4.5.5 MULTI-SPORT

Throughout the late 1990's, the National support and enthusiasm for multi-sport grew and this was the case at the University of Pretoria. As the numbers increased, so the need arose to formulate a Club for members to formalise and administer participation. Multi-sport is the term loosely allocated to any event encompassing more than one sporting item within an event (Grobler, 2008).

The most prominent sporting disciplines include triathlon (swimming, cycling, and running), duathlon (running, cycling, and running) with additional enthusiasm being generated for biathlon (running and swimming), and aquathlon (running, swimming, and running). Over the years, the multi-sport industry has grown and now includes other events: on and off road triathlons and duathlons, ironman, as well as x-terra's and adventure racing. Various events are staged locally and Internationally with athletes selected to represent Provincial and National teams (De Lange, 2008).

All interested athletes were required to affiliate with the Club and participate in Club attire. Because of increased interest, efforts were made to establish a Multi-Sport Club in 1993. Nick Bester, the former Comrades winner and Springbok triathlete, joined the Tuks Cross-Country and Marathon Club. The University appointed a temporary manager within the Club to manage the Multi-Sport Club. The following year, the Club hosted its own triathlon and four athletes (N. Bester, D. Van Niekerk, M. Cronje and T. Van Niewenhuisen) competed at the World Duathlon Championships under the guidance of Bester as team manager (*Perdeby*, 1994d:16; *Perdeby*, 1993a:19).

In 1995, the highlight for the Club was Conrad Stoltz's victory at the Africa Triathlon Championships in Zimbabwe. Later in the same year Stoltz was selected with Shamus Kreuger to participate at the World Triathlon Championships (*Perdeby*, 1995d:15).

In 2002, Riana de Lange, the talented Free State junior triathlete, registered for a Sport Science degree at the University and joined the Multi-Sport Club. With her sporting pedigree, she was offered a sport bursary to pursue her dream of competing at the Olympic Games.

Multi-Sport Club athletes were allowed to compete for the Athletics Club in road running, cross-country and track and field events, all of which provided good cross training. Athletes of the Multi-Sport Club were also allowed to make use of all the facilities on offer at the University, namely the swimming pool, gymnasium and athletics track.

The Multi-Sport Club gained momentum and continued to grow as more athletes became involved, and the results continued to improve. A Multi-Sport committee was elected and De Lange was selected as student Chairperson to manage the affairs of the Multi-Sport Club. Athletes from the Multi-Sport Club competed at the Provincial and National Championships, many of whom were selected for either the South African Team or South African Age Group Teams to participate at the World Triathlon Championships.

Towards the end of 2007, Multi-Sport Club athletes became disillusioned having the Club as their controlling body, and momentum was generated by the members to establish their own independent Triathlon Club. This was discussed at the Multi-Sport Club's AGM and plans were made to become an independent Club at the University. In the same year, the Multi-Sport Awards Dinner was held, and Wynand Claassen was the invited guest speaker.

In 2008, the Multi-Sport Club gained independence from the Athletics Club and was renamed the Triathlon Club. The new Triathlon Club would be managed by the triathletes under the Chairpersonship of Dawie Kotze. The Triathlon Club severed all ties with the Club, implementing its own membership fees, training venues and coaching structures. Several sporting bursaries were allocated to the Triathlon Club in order to attract aspiring triathletes to the University (De Lange, 2008).

Juan Grobler from TuksSport became the official manager and the contact person for the Triathlon Club at the University, whilst Rocco Meiring from the HPC assisted with swimming coaching and guidance. The Triathlon Club moved forward but was indebted to the guidance supplied by the Club during its formative years (Grobler, 2008).

Members of the Multi-Sport and Triathlon Club achieved numerous individual successes (Appendix, Table 4.8). De Lange has achieved the greatest success in triathlon, whilst at the Multi-Sport Club, competing at various African and World Triathlon Championships. A

highlight for De Lange, whilst studying, was acknowledgement as Tuks Student Sportswoman of the year in 2004 (Van Schalkwyk, 2008b:1; De Lange, 2008).

Carla Germishuys finished seventh in her age group at the 2006 World Triathlon Championships in Switzerland, which provided an indication of her capabilities. Germishuys has also participated in various off road triathlons and adventure races with great success (*Kampus Beeld*, 2006b).

Other prominent triathletes that have competed at the World Triathlon Championships include Steven Wrapson, Tiaan Rossouw, Gerard de Bruin and Coenraad Heffer in addition to Mariziel Swanepoel, Yvette Vellerman and Daleen Flynn. Dawie and Anneke Kotze have accompanied these athletes on numerous occasions in their capacity as team managers. In 2008, Dawie Kotze received the TuksSport Administrator of the year award, the first recipient by a member of the Triathlon Club (Van Schalkwyk, 2008b:1; Van Schalkwyk, 2007:1).

In recent times, the sport of Ironman has captured the attention of multi-sport enthusiasts around the world. Competing in an ultra distance triathlon, athletes must complete the gruelling 3.8km swimming, 180km cycling and standard 42.2km marathon within the regulatory 17 hours. With the annual South African event, taking place in Port Elizabeth, many South Africans and members of the Multi-Sport Club have participated over the years. Club member, Marais Dekker finished second in the under 25 age category at the 2006 South African Ironman event, and went on to finish fourth at the Monaco Half-Ironman event later that same year (*Kampus Beeld*, 2006a).

Andrea Steyn (néé Horak) has been the most successful duathlete at the Multi-Sport Club. Steyn finished second at both the 2005 and 2006 World Duathlon Championships in the u23 age group competition. She was crowned as the overall series winner for the Energade Triathlon Series in 2005, 2007 and 2008. In 2007 Steyn was awarded the prestigious Principals Award at the TuksSport Awards Dinner evening. Julia Janse van Rensburg was another promising duathlete that competed for the Multi-Sport Club at various World Duathlon Championships (De Lange, 2008; Van Schalkwyk, 2008b:1).

In the sport of biathlon, Mandie Brandt and Riana de Lange both represented South Africa at the World Championships in Marktoberdorf, Germany in 2004. The competition

distance of 1500 m running, 200 m swimming and 1500 m running is extremely fast paced and challenging (*Kampus Beeld*, 2004b).

The success of the Multi-Sport Club, now known as the Tuks Triathlon Club has achieved noteworthy performances over the years. Their independence originally sparked controversy within the Club circles, but has since proved to be a beneficial move for the multi-sport enthusiasts.

4.6 SUMMARY

Throughout this chapter valuable information was added to the history of Tuks Athletics Club, and the achievements of the Club. Prominent contributions of many Club members were identified. The chapter further discussed the affiliations that the Club has nurtured internally and externally over the 90-years.

Internally, the chapter acknowledged the achievements of various Club members, performing successfully in the various sporting activities provided by the Club. Outstanding individual achievements were highlighted in road running, race walking, and cross-country. The Multi-Sport Club achievements were addressed, despite their recent independence from the Club. Several management members were commended for their contribution towards the various internal sporting activities. Of additional relevance was the uprising within the track and field Club.

Externally the achievements and contributions of numerous Club members that have served on various committees in prominent positions were acknowledged. The history of University Sport is riddled with the contributions of Club members, most notably the contributions from Mare, Le Roux and Nel. Club members were instrumental in instigating the participation of women in athletics; a historical achievement in the history of sport in South Africa. Furthermore, several Club members have held prominent positions within AGN and ASA. The passion and dedication for the furthering of the sport is testimony to the character of Club Members and Club Management.

The constant record of progress has set the precedent for the culture and future of the Tuks Athletics Club. The continuous development of individual Club Members aspiring to the serve the sport at a higher level has prevented stagnation. These contributions are etched into the history of the Club, and provide the stability from which the Club is able to stride into the future. History will forever recognise the contributions of these outstanding Club Members.



CHAPTER 5

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIONS

5.1 INTRODUCTION

The following chapter acknowledges the outstanding performances and achievements of the athletes, coaches, and Management Members of Tuks Athletics Club. All the Springbok (prior to 1992) and Protea (post 1992) representatives of the Club are identified and briefly discussed in conjunction with Club participation at the Olympic Games. The National and International record holders are acknowledged. Thereafter the chapter addresses the participation and performances of Club athletes at various International Championships. Many of these International participants and Springboks have been acknowledged at the TuksSports Awards Dinners and inducted into the TuksSport Hall of Fame. Numerous tables (Appendix, Table 5.1 – Appendix, Table 5.19) substantiate this chapter.

5.2 SPRINGBOKS AND OLYMPIANS

Representing your Country and competing at International level is regarded as the highest sporting honour. South African representatives were awarded Springbok colours for National representation until 1991, where after Protea colours were awarded from 1992. For the purposes of this study, the term Springbok will be used as the governing word for National representation (Prinsloo, 2002:334).

The Club's Springboks will be acknowledged throughout, highlighting athletes that competed at the Olympic Games. The Olympic Games is the most celebrated sporting event in world sport, and the pinnacle of sporting participation. The Club has been fortunate that several athletes have competed at this prestigious event. These performances, finalists and the medallists will be discussed. A summary can be found in the Appendix (Appendix, Table 5.1 – Appendix, Table 5.3).

The very first University of Pretoria athlete to represent South Africa was Werner Gerhardt. Gerhardt competed in the sprinting events at the 1930 Commonwealth Games in Hamilton, Canada. He was part of the successful South African Athletics team that

won 10 medals at the Commonwealth Games (three gold, two silver and five bronze). Individually, Gerhardt was part of two South African quartets, which won bronze medals. Competing in the men's 4x110 yards together with H.B. Hart, W.B. Legg and W.J. Walters, and then again in the men's 4x440 yards relay with H.Q. Davies, W.J. Walters and J. Chandler (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:57; Prinsloo, 1999:324; Van der Merwe & Scholtz, 1976).

After Gerhardt, Klasie Wessels (middle distance), Koos Gerber (long jump), Eric Grimbeek (sprints) and Pieter van der Merwe (shot put) represented South Africa against a touring Oxford/Cambridge Athletics Team in 1935. Grimbeek, the first member of the Club to compete at the Olympic Games, competed at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany. Competing in the sprinting events, he did not make it through to the finals (Senekal, 1968:11).

In 1948, the Club celebrated sprinter Abraham van Heerden's inclusion into the South African team for the Olympic Games in London, England. Competing in the 100 m, Van Heerden was unable to progress through to the finals of the event. Van Heerden was the last Tuks athlete to participate at the Olympic Games prior to the ban enforced by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on South Africa. The ban restricted South Africa from participating at the Olympic Games in 1964, and South African athletes missed out on the opportunity to compete at the Olympic Games until the International ban was lifted by the IOC in 1991 (Pelzer, 1982:99; BBC, 2010a; Rautenbach, 2009).

In 1950, four Tuks athletes, Hendrik Lombard (sprints), Dudley Meyer (middle distance), Cyril Gandy (high jump) and Piet Meiring (shot put), were included to compete against a touring USA Team in South Africa. A South African team was selected in 1955 and again in 1957 to compete against a touring West German Team. The Club's representative in 1955 was Willie Nel (sprints and long jump) and in 1957, Elfranco Malan (shot put and discus) (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:57).

Hannes Botha (shot put and discus) represented South Africa at the 1958 Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, Wales. The following year (1959) Botha competed against the touring West Germans, and in 1961 he participated at the World Athletics Championships in Helsinki, Finland. Lastly, Botha captained the 1966 Springbok team

against the touring teams from West Germany, Belgium and England (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:57).

Charles Minnaar represented South Africa at the World Cross-Country Championships in Sheffield, England in 1962, becoming the first cross-country athlete from the Club to receive Springbok colours. George Claassen was the first marathon athlete to receive Springbok colours, after competing against a British Team at the 1962 Comrades Marathon.

The year 1966, was a break-through year for women's athletics. Three women were selected to compete against the touring team, which included athletes from West Germany, Belgium and England. Laetitia Grové (javelin), Letitia Malan (discus) and Ronelle Boshoff (discus) each made their Springbok debuts as the first female Springboks from the Club. The same year Malan ranked first in the world on the World u18 discus rankings (Senekal, 1968:15).

Three Club athletes were included in the South African team that travelled to West Germany in 1968. Johann Buys (sprints), Dawid Booyesen (shot put) and Theresa van Rensburg (sprints) each received their Springbok colours. Buys was ranked in the world top 10 for both the 100 m and 200 m on the World Junior ranking list in 1967 (Senekal, 1968:15; Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:57-58).

At the 1969 South African Games, sprinters Susan Viljoen and Claudie van Onselen (née van Straaten) both received their Springbok colours and Steve Rautenbach was appointed team coach for the Games. In 1970, David Langley (110 m hurdles and long jump) went with the South African team to West Germany, and Denise van Wyk (long jump) went on the tour to Argentina.

In 1974, South Africa sent a touring team to compete in Europe. This team included Hybré de Lange (high jump), Ina van Rensburg (100 m and 400 m hurdles), Hein Schnell (javelin) and Hugo Myburgh (400 m hurdles). Cecile Steenekamp (née van Zyl) received her Springbok colours for cross-country.

The following year (1975), high jumper Reinhard Schiel travelled to Europe as a member of the South African team. In 1976, Pierre Spies senior (110 m hurdles) received

Springbok colours for athletics. He also became one of an elect few that received dual Springbok colours, achieving the same high standard in rugby (Pelzer, 1982:16; Eastes, 2002:329).

During the period of sporting isolation, South Africa was not allowed to participate at the Olympic Games between 1964 and 1988. In 1976, 25 African countries united and refused to participate at the Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada as a result of the apartheid policies in South Africa:

“The opening ceremony of the 21st Olympic Games in Montreal has been marred by the withdrawal of 25 African countries. They are all protesting at New Zealand’s sporting links with South Africa. The International Olympic Committee’s refusal to ban New Zealand, whose rugby team is currently touring South Africa, has resulted in the boycott. More than 300 competitors will now not take part in the Games, which will mean many events will have to be cancelled or re-scheduled. South Africa has been banned from the Olympics since 1964 for its refusal to condemn apartheid” (BBC, 2010b).

The South African Coaches Association appointed Steve Rautenbach to lead a group of observers to the 1976 Olympic Games. The association covered all his travel expenses to attend the Olympic Games (*Perdeby*, 1976:12).

Between 1977 and 1980 several Club athletes received their Springbok colours whilst competing only in South Africa. In 1977, Alwyn Prinsloo (800 m) received his colours and the following year (1978), Danie Zaayman (200 m and 400 m) and Willie Smit (sprints) received theirs. Four athletes celebrated 1979 by receiving their Springbok colours. Johan Fourie (1500 m and mile), Anina van Heerden (née van Deventer) (100 m hurdles), Flippie Prinsloo (400 m/800 m) and Dawie Kuun (100 m hurdles) (Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:57-59).

The 1980’s were unfortunate years for South African sport as the Country was isolated and not allowed to compete at International sporting events. Koos van der Merwe (javelin) and Marna de Villiers (100 m and 100 m hurdles) both received their Springbok colours in 1980. The South African Amateur Athletics Union (SAAAU) continued their pursuit of excellence, awarding South African colours to several athletes competing

locally. Leonie Gouws (shot put and discus), and Eranee van Zyl (800 m) received their Springbok colours in 1981 (Rautenbach, 2009; Rautenbach & Van Zyl, 1981:58).

In 1982, Johann Roux (110 m hurdles and 400 m hurdles) and Riana Swart (100 m hurdles) both received their Springbok colours. Despite being a prominent candidate, Henning Gericke did not receive his Springbok colours for athletics in the 1980's. However, in 2007 he was the Team Psychologist for the successful Springbok Rugby Team that won the Rugby World Cup (Rautenbach, 2009; Prinsloo, 1999:343,345).

The late 1980's was a comparatively quieter period for the Club with only three new Springboks. Pierre le Roux made his debut in 1986 for the 400 m. Jan Pienaar received his Springbok colours for shot put in 1988 and Marcel Moses (néé Winkler) concluded the decade (1989), receiving her Springbok colours for sprints (100 m & 200 m) (Prinsloo, 1999:340-345).

Throughout the 1990's several Tuks athletes received their Springbok colours and were able to compete Internationally after South Africa's sporting readmittance to the World Stage in 1991. In 1991, 400 m athlete Pieter Foord received his Springbok colours (Prinsloo, 1999:340-345; Rautenbach, 2009).

Moses was the first and only Tuks athlete selected to represent South Africa at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. Selected to compete in the 200 m, Moses sustained a hamstring injury during the 200 m heats and withdrew from the remainder of the competition (Badenhorst, 1992:28). Moses was accompanied by Steve Rautenbach as the team manager to the Olympic Games, which was South Africa's first post-isolation Olympic Games since readmittance to International Sport:

“South Africa has also returned to the Olympics for the first time in 32 years after the end of apartheid. ANC leader Nelson Mandela, who did much to attain South Africa's readmittance, was in Barcelona to see the first South African multi-racial team parade at the opening ceremony. It is the first Olympiad since 1972 that no Country has boycotted the Games, and several long-standing bans have been lifted” (BBC, 2010).

Athletes who received their Protea colours in 1992, despite not attending the Olympic Games were Rhona Dwinger (Javelin), Alwyn Kaltwasser (400 m Hurdles), Marinda Fourie (née Hoogendoorn) (200 m and 400 m), Sarel Spies (Marathon) and Chrisna Oosthuizen (pole vault). Many of these athletes participated in the Unity Games, held in Dakar, Senegal and locally in Germiston (Prinsloo, 1999:328-334).

The following year (1993), several Club Members were selected to compete at the Africa Championships. The women included were Yolanda Steyn (100 m, 200 m), Susan Knox (100 m, 200 m) and Marlise Visser (Heptathlon). The Club's male representatives were Burger Lamprechts (shot put), Riaan Botha (pole vault), Frits Potgieter (shot put, discus), Pierre Faber (Decathlon) and Danie van Wyk (Decathlon). Current University of Pretoria employee Ilze Wicksell (née de Kock) (800 m) received her Protea colours for participation at the same Championships (Prinsloo, 1999:328-334; Rautenbach, 2009).

In 1994, 400 m athlete Herman de Jager received his Protea colours, and the following year (1995) both Adri van der Merwe (100 m hurdles) and Veronica Abrahamse (shot put) received theirs (Prinsloo, 1999:328-334).

Many athletes approached the Olympic year of 1996 with great expectation. Riaan Botha was the only Club athlete that qualified for Atlanta, USA. Competing in the pole vault, Botha finished a creditable 14th, the best achievement ever by a Club Member (Le Roux, 2009:189).

Still in 1996, Manson du Toit (3000 m steeplechase) competed in the test match against Italy and Kenya, and received Protea colours. Elizna Naudé (discus) received her colours in 1998, and continued to represent the Club and Country into the Centenary Year. Adriaan Botha also received his Protea colours for the 400 m in 1998 (Prinsloo, 1999:328-334).

In 1999, six athletes received their Protea colours. Susan Vermeulen became the first 20km walker, and she was joined by Jacques Freitag (high jump), Nico Grimbeek (long jump), Lezelle Duvenhage (discus) and 400 m athlete Hendrik Mokganyetsi. Karel Potgieter emulated his brother's achievement five years earlier, receiving his Protea colours for discus (Wicksell, 2007:1).

The Millennium year served as the qualifying year for the Sydney Olympic Games, and all attention focused on participation at the Games. Five athletes and two coaches were selected to represent Team South Africa in Sydney. The two coaches were Nico van Heerden and Dup du Preez, both of whom received Protea colours.

For the first time in the history of the University, two brothers represented their Country at the same Olympic Games. Karel Potgieter competed in the discus, and Frits Potgieter competed in the shot put. Burger Lamprechts also competed in the shot put and Werner Botha competed in the 800 m. None of the mentioned athletes progressed through to the finals of the competition.

Competing in the 400 m hurdles, Llewellyn Herbert achieved the absolute highlight for Team South Africa. Herbert established a new South African record of 47.81s in the 400 m hurdles, and went on to win an Olympic Games bronze medal. This was the first Olympic Games medal won by a member of the Club or the University (Le Roux, 2009:189; Claassen, 2008:1).

The new century continued rapidly with several Club athletes receiving their Protea colours throughout the decade. Hannes Hopley received his Protea colours for participation at the 2000 Africa Championships held in Algiers, Algeria. Alwyn Myburgh (400 m hurdles), Morné Nagel (200 m) and Riana van Niekerk (marathon) all received their Protea colours in 2001. Nagel was a member of the gold medal winning 4x100 m relay team at the 2001 IAAF World Athletics Championships in Edmonton, Canada (Le Roux, 2009:191; Rautenbach, 2009; Wicksell, 2007:1).

The following year, several Club Proteas competed at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England. Veronica Abrahamse was the most successful Club athlete, returning with a bronze medal in the shot put. In 2003, the year before the Athens Olympic Games, the Olympic dream was kindled. Several prominent athletes joined the Club and received Protea colours. They included Surita Febbraio (400 m hurdles), Mbulaeni Mulaudzi (800 m) and Frantz Kruger (discus). Johannes van Wyk (discus) and Roelie Potgieter (shot put) also received their Protea colours (Le Roux, 2004:156; Le Roux, 2009:200; Wicksell, 2007:1).

The Athens Olympic year of 2004 was an incredibly important and successful year for the Club. Several prominent athletes emerged, most notably, Pretoria Boys High School pupil Oscar Pistorius. Pistorius represented the Club and South Africa at the Paralympic Games, competing in the 100 m (he won a silver medal) and in the 200 m (he won a gold medal, whilst setting a new World Record). Another Paralympian athlete from the Club was sprinter, Carine Swanepoel. Two Club members, Christien van der Merwe (team manager) and Ampie Louw (team coach), accompanied the Paralympic Team to Athens, (Wicksell, 2007:1).

Ten athletes represented the Club at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Herbert, competing at his third consecutive Olympic Games was confident of repeating his success from Sydney. He however was unable to achieve the same standard and fell out of the competition prior to the final. Also competing at his third Olympic Games, Hendrik Mokganyetsi represented Tuks for the first time. As the joint fastest South African ever over 400 m, with a personal best and shared South African record of 44.59s, Mokganyetsi was confident of progressing. He too was unable to reach the finals in the men's 400 m (Claassen, 2008:1; Le Roux, 2009:25-30,189).

Surita Febbraio competed in the 400 m hurdles in her debut Olympic Games in Athens. Febbraio had been a member of the Club for 10 years and achieved a personal best of 54.05s prior to the Games. Geraldine Pillay was selected for her first Olympics with her personal best time of 11.20s in the 100 m. The last female athlete to compete in Athens was Elizna Naudé. Naudé qualified for selection with a personal best of 61.79m in the discus and went into the Games as the All Africa Games Gold Medallist. None of the mentioned athletes progressed to the final of their respective events (Le Roux, 2005:114).

Burger Lamprechts participated in the shot put in Athens, his second Olympics. He was positive going into the Games after recording a distance of 20.63m earlier in the year, the second best distance ever by a South African shot put athlete. He however was unable to make it through to the finals. Alwyn Myburgh competed in the 400 m hurdles in Athens, and as a former World Student Champion in 2001 had already proved himself as a good championship performer. He progressed comfortably through each round and finished a creditable seventh in the final.

As the South African, African and Commonwealth record holder in the discus with a distance of 70.32m, Frantz Kruger hoped to emulate his bronze medal winning performance from the Sydney Olympics. Kruger progressed to the discus finals and finished a creditable fifth in Athens (Le Roux, 2005:15,99,102,106,111,114,170,171,203).

Jacques Freitag, SA record holder at 2,37m in the high jump went into the Olympic Games on the back of a debilitating injury, which he sustained in 2003 shortly after being crowned IAAF World High Jump Champion in Paris, France. Freitag was no stranger to pressure, and had already displayed his “big match temperament” numerous times in his career. Freitag is a member of an athletics elite group that have been crowned IAAF World Youth (1999), IAAF World Junior (2000) and IAAF World Champion. Despite this illustrious pedigree, Freitag missed qualifying for the final of the high jump competition (Le Roux, 2009:190,194,196).

Mbulaeni Mulaudzi went into the Olympic Games in Athens as the IAAF World Indoor (2004) and Commonwealth Games (2002) Champion in the 800 m. With a personal best of one minute 42.89 seconds (1:42.89) the South African delegation was confident of him returning with a medal. Mulaudzi did not disappoint, winning an Olympic silver medal in Athens. This was the second ever medal won by a member of the Club and further enhanced the Club’s reputation within the University and the athletics circles (Le Roux, 2009:192,198; Le Roux, 2005:94,170).

Earlier in the Olympic year, Geraldine Pillay (200 m) and Clinton Venter (100 m, 200 m) both received their Protea colours for participation at the Africa Championships held in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. Marc Mundell (20km walk) was accompanied by Chris Britz (team manager) to the IAAF Race Walking World Cup held in Naumburg, Germany and both received their Protea colours.

In 2005, cross-country finally featured again with Marelise Retief receiving her Spingbok colours. Also in 2005, Jan van der Merwe (400 m) represented South Africa at the World Championships held in Helsinki, Finland. The following year (2006), Amanda Kotze (400 m), Estie Wittstock (400 m) and L.J. van Zyl (400 m hurdles) received their Protea colours, representing the Club at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia. Van Zyl won the 400 m hurdles title, and was a member of the silver medal winning 4x400 m relay team, which included Jan van der Merwe. Rene van der Merwe (high

jump) and Hannes Dreyer (100 m) competed at the African Athletics Championships held in Bambous, Mauritius. Van der Merwe went on to win the high jump title (Rautenbach, 2009; Retief, 2008).

The Club's success continued in 2007. Christiaan Krone (100 m) competed at the World Athletics Championships in Osaka, Japan and J.G. Blignaut (pole vault) competed at the All Africa Games in Algiers, Algeria. In 2008, prior to the Olympic Games in Beijing, Isabel le Roux (100 m and 200 m), Tihanna Vorster (400 m), and Pieter Smit (400 m) represented South Africa at the Africa Championships held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Le Roux and Smit, in addition to several other athletes and coaches, went on to represent Team South Africa at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. The Olympic Games coincided with the University's Centenary Year, and several students and coaches represented the University in Beijing.

The South African athletics team to participate at the 2008 Olympic Games was announced on 16 July 2010 and comprised of 16 athletes. The Tuks athletes selected to represent South Africa were Hannes Dreyer (4x100 m relay), Isabel le Roux (200 m), LJ van Zyl (400 m hurdles) and Elizna Naudé (discus). In addition to the Tuks athletes representing South Africa, several Tuks athletes represented other countries. Kurt Kouto represented Mozambique (400 m hurdles), and was the flag bearer for Mozambique during the opening ceremony. Stefan Louw represented Namibia (long jump) and former Tuks student Karin Mey represented Turkey (long jump). Several Tuks coaches were involved with the preparation of the Club athletes selected to participate at the Olympic Games. Although Nico van Heerden was the only team coach that travelled with the team, Jean Strydom and Dup du Plessis were both instrumental in the preparation of Club's athletes (Dreyer, 2008).

The performances by the Tuks athletes were not as successful as was hoped going into the Games. Le Roux, who achieved the IAAF "A" standard at the Africa Senior Championships in Ethiopia in May 2008, only reached the second round of the competition. Naudé achieved her IAAF "A" standard whilst in Europe attending the National training camp held in Potsdam, Germany. She exited the competition during the qualification rounds of the discus. Dreyer had achieved the 100 m IAAF "B" standard at the Africa Senior Championships in Ethiopia in May 2008, and was a member of the successful 4x100 m quartet that competed and qualified in Ethiopia. He was included as

a member of the men's 4x100 m relay team, which participated in Beijing. The relay team failed to make it through to the finals (Le Roux, 2009:222; Rautenbach, 2009).

Of the International representatives, neither Louw, Kouto nor Mey were able to reach the finals in their respective events. South African athlete L.J. van Zyl achieved the highlight of the Tuks athletics performances. Van Zyl who had also achieved the IAAF "A" standard in Ethiopia progressed through to the finals of the 400 m hurdles and finished a creditable fifth, the best athletics performance by a Tuks athlete at the 2008 Olympic Games (Le Roux, 2009:189-190).

The University of Pretoria has produced 104 Springbok athletes. In addition to the athletes, prominent coaches and managers have also received their Springbok colours over the 90 years. This success is testimony to the facilities available and the administrative management provided by the Management Members of the Club (Rautenbach, 2009).

5.3 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECORD HOLDERS

International competition is the pinnacle for any aspiring athlete, and sporting enthusiasts around the world watch these sporting competitions. Although medalling at a major championship is an outstanding achievement, being a record holder in a particular event is of the most celebrated achievements in the sporting community.

In reflection of the National and International record holders, Tuks Athletics Club currently has no World Record holders (Le Roux, 2009:204-205; Appendix, Table 5.4).

Tuks Athletics Club currently boasts 15 South African records, in addition to five African records and three Commonwealth records, which will be discussed (Appendix, Table 5.5).

In the men's category, the Club boasts 10 South African records, two African records and two Commonwealth records. The oldest National record dates back to 1985, with Johan Fourie's 2000 m performance of four minutes 56.41 seconds (4:56.41). The most recent addition was in 2007 when Mbulaeni Mulaudzi set a new 1000 m South African record of

2 minutes 15.86 seconds (2:15.86). Frantz Kruger (discus) and Jacques Freitag (high jump) are both current holders of records for South Africa, Africa and the Commonwealth. Kruger achieved a distance of 70.32 meters, whilst Freitag cleared a height of two meters 38 centimeters (2.38m). Several Club members hold multiple National records. Johan Fourie holds the South African record for both the mile at three minutes 50.82 seconds (3:50.82) and the 2000 m. Hendrik Mokganyetsi shares the South African record for the 400 m, with a time of 44.59 seconds. Mokganyetsi was also a member of the record setting (3:00.20) 4x400 m quartet at the 1999 IAAF World Athletics Championships held in Seville, Spain. Lastly, Morné Nagel is the sole holder of the 200 m South African record with his time of 20.11 seconds. Nagel was also a member of the victorious 4x100 m quartet that won gold and set a new South African record (38.47s) at the 2001 IAAF World Championships held in Edmonton, Canada.

In the women's events, Tuks holds five South African records, in addition to three African records and a Commonwealth record. The oldest National record is currently held by Ilze Wicksell (née de Kock) in the 1000 m with her time of two minutes 37.20 seconds (2:37.20). The most recent addition occurred in 2007, when Karin Mey set a new South African long jump record of 6 meters 93 centimeters (6.93m), also acknowledged as a Commonwealth record. Elizna Naudé established a South African discus record in 2007, later ratified as an African Record, with her distance of 64 meters 87 centimeters (64.87m). Susan Swanepoel (née Vermeulen) holds the South African and African records for both the 10km road 20km race walking (road) events. Her respective times are 45 minutes and five seconds (45:05) and one hour 36 minutes 18 seconds (1:36:18) (Le Roux, 2009:25-35,190).

5.4 PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This section briefly discusses the participation of Club members at various International and Continental sporting Championships.

5.4.1 IAAF WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

With regard to prestige of athletics competitions the Olympics is the ultimate. A very close second is the IAAF World Championships, which occurs biennially. The Club has

produced five medallists and 14 top 10 performances, whilst several Club members have achieved multiple top 10 performances at the World Championships (Appendix, Table 5.6).

Commencing with multiple top 10 performances, Llewellyn Herbert is the only athlete to have achieved three separate top 10 performances. Herbert achieved this in 1997 (400 m hurdles and 4x400 m) and in 1999 (400 m hurdles) and is the only Club athlete to date to have done so in two different events. Four Club athletes have two top 10 performances. Burger Lamprechts (shot put) and Hendrik Mokganyetsi (4x400 m) were the first Club athletes to attain this feat, both doing so in 1997 and 1999. Morné Nagel (4x100 m) emulated their performances in 1999 and 2001, whilst Frantz Kruger (discus), the last Club athlete to do so, did so in 2003 and 2005.

In 1999, Hendrik Mokganyetsi was a member of the 4x400 m quartet that improved on the fifth place performance achieved in 1997. The quartet returned with a bronze medal from the 1999 IAAF World Championships. The men's 4x100 m relay team surpassed this performance in 2001 when they won the gold medal. Morné Nagel was a member of the quartet crowned IAAF World Champions. In 1997, Llewellyn Herbert won a silver medal in the 400 m hurdles. Jacques Freitag, was crowned high jump World Champion in 2003 in Paris, France (Le Roux, 2009:190-192).

5.4.2 IAAF WORLD YOUTH & JUNIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The IAAF World Youth Championships (athletes who are 17 years of age or younger) takes place in the same year as the IAAF World Championships and alternates with the IAAF World Junior Championships (athletes who are 19 years of age or younger), both of which are biennial events.

In 1999, Jacques Freitag was still a scholar at Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies) in Pretoria. He represented the Club at the first IAAF World Youth Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland, where he won the gold medal in the high jump. Freitag is the only Club athlete to receive an IAAF World Youth Championships medal (Appendix, Table 5.7). The following year (2000), Freitag was crowned IAAF World Junior Champion in Santiago, Chile. Freitag is the only Club athlete and South African to have achieved this unique feat, winning the IAAF World Youth, Junior and Senior Championship titles.

Other outstanding performances by Club athletes at the IAAF World Junior Championships include 13 top 10 performances and five medallists (Appendix, Table 5.8). The Club's medallists will be discussed in brief. In 1992, Frits Potgieter became the first Club member to win an IAAF World Junior medal, winning the silver medal in the discus. In 2004, Wouter le Roux improved on his sixth place in the individual 400 m hurdles, and together with 400 m athlete, Chris Gebhardt received a bronze medal as members of the 4x400 m quartet in Grosseto, Italy. Hannes Hopley was crowned IAAF World Junior Champion in 2000 in Santiago, Chile (Le Roux, 2009:190-192,194-196).

5.4.3 IAAF WORLD INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club's top performer at the IAAF World Indoor Championships was Mbulaeni Mulaudzi, crowned IAAF World Indoor Champion over the 800 m in 2004 in Budapest, Hungary. He was unable to emulate his performance two years later, finishing second over the same distance in Moscow, Russia. Riaan Botha narrowly missed a medal, finishing fourth in the pole vault in 1997 in Paris, France (Le Roux, 2009:192; Appendix, Table 5.9).

5.4.4 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The Club has experienced far better results at the Commonwealth Games (CWG) over the years. These results, (Appendix, Table 5.10; Le Roux, 2009:198-200) acknowledge 16 Club athletes (six gold, five silver and five bronze) that have won medals.

In 1930, Werner Gerhardt became the first Club member to win a Commonwealth Games medal, receiving bronze medals in both the 4x110 yards and 4x440 yards relays in Hamilton, Canada. L.J. van Zyl and Geraldine Pillay both emulated Gerhardt's performance of two medals at the Commonwealth Games, doing so at the 2006 Games in Melbourne, Australia. Pillay won bronze in the 100 m, and silver in the 200 m sprint events. Van Zyl won gold in the 400 m hurdles, and silver in the 4x400 m relay. Veronica Abrahamse has also won two bronze medals in the shot put, however these were achieved at the 1998 (Kuala Lumpur, Singapore) and 2002 (Manchester, England) Commonwealth Games respectively.

At the Melbourne Games in 2006, Elizna Naude won gold in the discus, and Alwyn Myburgh won silver in the 400 m hurdles. At the same Games, Snyman Prinsloo (4x100 m), and Jan van der Merwe (4x400 m) were both part of silver medal winning relay quartets. In 2002, Mbulaeni Mulaudzi (800 m) and Frantz Kruger (discus) both won gold medals at the Commonwealth Games held in Manchester, England. Previously, Riaan Botha (pole vault) and Burger Lamprechts (shot put) both won gold medals at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore. The Club is looking forward to similar success at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India.

5.4.5 ALL AFRICA GAMES

The All Africa Games (AAG) is the most prominent sporting competition on the continent, occurring every four years in the year prior to the Olympic Games. In total, Club members have received 19 medals (six gold, eight silver, and five bronze) at the All Africa Games. Frits Potgieter was the first Club member to win an All Africa Games medal in 1995, earning a bronze medal in the discus. He received silver in 1999, the same year that his brother, Karel won bronze in the shot put. This created a unique family double for the Potgieter's and for the Club. Other athletes to emulate Frits Potgieter's achievement of two All Africa Games medals were Burger Lamprechts (shot put gold medals in 1999 and 2003), Mbulaeni Mulaudzi (800 m silver medals in 2003 and 2007) and Veronica Abrahamse (shot put silver medals in 1999 and 2003). Elizna Naudé is the only Club athlete to have won medals at three consecutive All Africa Games, winning a discus bronze in 1999 and then gold medals in 2003 and 2007.

All Africa Games bronze medallists were Johannes van Wyk (discus in 2003) and Alwyn Myburgh (400 m hurdles in 2007). Silver medallists were Surita Febbraio (400 m hurdles in 1999), Roelie Potgieter (shot put in 2007), and Hardus Pienaar (javelin in 2007). Finally, gold medallists include Susan Swanepoel (10km race walking in 1999), and L.J. van Zyl (400 m hurdles in 2007)(Le Roux, 2009:200-201; Appendix, Table 5.11).

5.4.6 AFRICAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club has produced 30 medallists (15 gold, nine silver and six bronze), excluding participation in the relays. In 1992, Marcel Moses (néé Winkler) became the first athlete from the Club to win an Africa Championships medal, winning silver in both the 100 m

and 200 m races. Other outstanding performances, where Club athletes have won multiple medals at the African Championships are acknowledged. Llewellyn Herbert, L.J. van Zyl and Eliza Naudé have each won multiple gold medals. Herbert was the first Club athlete to defend a title, defending his 400 m hurdles title from 2002 in 2004. Van Zyl continued the proud tradition of South African 400 m hurdlers winning the title in 2006 and 2008. Naudé is the only Club member to have medalled at four consecutive Africa Championships. She won discus gold in 1998, 2004, 2006, and 2008 and also collected a bronze medal in 2002 (Appendix Table 5.12; Le Roux, 2009:201-203).

5.4.7 WORLD STUDENT GAMES

The World Student Games (WSG) is the premier sporting event for students. Held biennially in the same year as the IAAF World Championships, the WSG attracts many of the world's elite athletes. The Club has produced five medal recipients at the World Student Games. The first Club athlete to win a medal was Louis Fouché, crowned World Student Javelin Champion in 1993 in Buffalo, USA. Other World Student Games Champions include Frits Potgieter and Alwyn Myburgh. Potgieter won the shot put in 1995 in Fukuoka, Japan, and Myburgh won the 400 m hurdles in 2001 in Beijing, China. Morné Nagel was part of the 4x100 m quartet that won a silver medal at the 1999 World Student Games held in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Hannes Dreyer emulated this relay performance in 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand (Le Roux, 2009:203-204; Appendix, Table 5.13).

5.4.8 AFRICAN STUDENT GAMES

The Federation of African University Sport (FASU) Games was re-introduced in 2006. The Club and the University hosted the first FASU Games in Pretoria, and Uganda hosted the second FASU Games in Kampala in 2008. In total, 14 Club athletes (eight gold, four silver and two bronze) have returned with medals from the two FASU Championships. The most successful athlete to date has been Donovan Snyman, winning three FASU Games gold medals (shot put, discus, and hammer throw) in 2008. Other athletes to have won multiple FASU Games medals in the same year include Roelie Potgieter and Xandre Strydom. In 2006, Potgieter won gold in the shot put and silver in both the hammer throw and discus. In the same year, Strydom won silver in the 100 m, and bronze in the 200 m. René van der Merwe is the only Club athlete to win gold

medals at consecutive FASU Games, winning the high jump in 2006 and 2008 (Chikh 2006:11-15; Mundell, 2008:1; Appendix, Table 5.14).

5.5 TUKSSPORT AWARDS DINNER

The coveted University of Pretoria sporting honours is awarded to Club athletes in recognition of outstanding performances achieved on the International Stage. The TuksSport Awards Dinner is a very prestigious sporting event on the University's calendar, which celebrates the sporting achievements of enrolled students and affiliated Club Members. The performances by coaches, administrators, and athletes in the calendar year are recognised.

The original University of Pretoria Sports Awards began in 1974, crowning the best Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year. This Award has included many notable recipients, many of whom have had successful sporting careers. The University increased the range of categories to include Sports Team of the year as of 1999. From 2000, several additional categories were included to honour the cream of TuksSport. These categories will be discussed later in the chapter (Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1).

The TuksSport Awards Dinner currently recognises the achievements of athletes representing the Club with special emphasis on enrolled Tuks students. Annually, University colours are awarded to all National representatives, Provincial "A" team representatives as well as USSA representatives and National age group team representatives. The focus of the evening is always the individual category awards, where the Tuks Sportsman and Tuks Sportswoman are crowned.

At the 2007 TuksSports Awards Dinner, 215 athletes represented Tuks at provincial level in 18 sporting codes, of which 40 came from athletics and seven from cross-country. Of the 33 USSA representatives from 11 sporting codes, six were coaches or managers (two from athletics), and a further four were athletics representatives. There were 30 representatives from eight sporting codes that competed in National age group teams, representing South Africa (Van Schalkwyk, 2007:1; Appendix, Table 5.15).

The highlight was most definitely the fact that the University produced 84 South African representatives, competing in 16 different sporting codes in 2007. Of the 84 representatives, 10 were from the Athletics Club, one was from the Cross-Country Club and there were three Club coaches. Sixty-seven Club members qualified for awards from 362 presentations made on the evening, resulting in an amazing 18,5% of all recipients. From the results, it is clear to see that in the 2007 year, the Club was one of the most successful clubs at the University of Pretoria (Van Schalkwyk, 2007:1).

Between 1999 and 2008, several new TuksSport Awards were introduced (Appendix, Table 5.16). In 1999, the University introduced Sports Club of the year and Underwater Sport were the inaugural recipients. In 2000, the number of awards increased as the number of recipients increased at the TuksSports Awards Dinner. Additional categories were introduced for Student Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year, Student Administrator of the year as well as Administrator of the year, Coach of the year and Sport Personality of the year. In 2003, the Student Sports Club of the year award was included. The following year (2004), the Principal's Award was introduced for the best all round performance, maintaining the highest level of sport with equally impressive academic performance. Additional awards were introduced for the Newsmaker of the year, Sports Team of the year and Coach of the year for Team Sport in 2007 (Van Schalkwyk, 2008b:1).

In 2000, the Club won the inaugural awards for both Tuks Student Sportsman and Student Sportswoman of the year, awarded to Karel Potgieter (shot put) and Elizna Naudé (discus) respectively. Hennie Potgieter collected the Sport Personality of the year award. The Club also won the most prominent award on offer at Tuks, Tuks Sportsman of the year, awarded to Llewellyn Herbert (400 m hurdles). In 2001, Alwyn Myburgh (400 m hurdles) repeated Herbert's achievement in a shared award with rugby player Victor Matfield, whilst the Club also won the Tuks Sports Club of the year award.

In 2002, Naudé went one better than she did in 2000, being crowned Tuks Sportswoman of the year for the second time in her career. Morné Nagel (200 m) was awarded Tuks Sportsman of the year and the Club was honoured by having a member receive the award for Tuks Administrator of the year, awarded to Club Chairperson Christo Stander. The Club completed a unique feat in 2003, again winning both the Tuks Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year awards, awarded to Jacques Freitag (high jump) and Surita

Febbraio (400 m hurdles). Steve Rautenbach was awarded the Tuks Sports Personality Award.

The Club experienced a successful year in 2004, receiving four out of the 10 possible awards on offer at the TuksSport Awards Dinner. Mbulaeni Mulaudzi (800 m) made it three years in a row for the Club, winning the Tuks Sportsman of the year award. Repeating the feat achieved in 2000, Marc Mundell (20km race walking) and Riana de Lange (triathlon) received the Tuks Student Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year awards. Coach Nico van Heerden received the award for TuksSports Coach of the year (Van der Walt, 2004:36).

The Club incurred the poorest result to date in 2005, returning with no awards whatsoever from the TuksSports Awards Dinner. The following year (2006) was a more successful year for the Club. Naudé again won the Tuks Sportswoman of the year award, for an unprecedented third time. The Tuks Student Sportswoman of the year award went to René van der Merwe (high jump), and Dup du Preez received the Tuks Coach of the year award.

The Club, which had annually performed incredibly well at the TuksSport Awards Dinner, had an outstanding return in 2007, receiving numerous awards. The TuksSport Awards Dinner commenced with a special award for Elizna Naudé who had already won the Tuks Sportswoman of the year award on three previous occasions, and was no longer eligible. Amanda Kotze (400 m) was crowned Tuks Sportswoman of the year, whilst Roelie Potgieter (shot put) was awarded the Tuks Student Sportsman of the year award. Hennie Kotze received the Tuks Sports Coach of the year award and Henry Windell was awarded the Tuks Sport Personality of the year award. Final year physiotherapy student, Andrea Horak (National colours for both duathlon and cross-country) received the Principal's Award and Paralympian Oscar Pistorius was named Tuks Newsmaker of the year. To conclude the TuksSport Awards Dinner, the Club received the award for the Sports Club of the year (Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1; van Schalkwyk, 2008b:1).

A noteworthy occurrence during the 2007 TuksSports Awards Dinner was the announcement of Pierre Spies junior as Tuks Sportsman of the year. This award was particularly significant, noting that the late Pierre Spies senior received the same award in 1975. Spies senior excelled in both rugby and athletics whilst Spies Junior has become

a rugby Springbok. Together, Spies junior and senior are the only father and son combination in the history of the TuksSport Awards Dinner to achieve this feat.

The 2008 TuksSport Awards Dinner saw 89 Tuks representatives receive their Senior Protea colours, whilst a further 42 represented National age group teams. Senior Protea colours are issued to athletes representing National “A” teams at International competitions. Thirty-three members represented USSA at amongst other events, the FASU Games in Uganda, and a further 185 colours awards were distributed for Provincial representation. The 2008 TuksSports Awards Dinner was far less successful for the Club, only receiving two major awards. Oscar Pistorius shared the Tuks Sportsman of the year award with fellow athlete L.J. van Zyl (400 m hurdles). Pistorius also received the Tuks Newsmaker of the year award for the second time in succession (Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1; Van Schalkwyk, 2008c:1).

The Club received numerous awards between 1999 and 2008. During this period, the Club won 29 of the 96 awards offered. This represents 30.2% retention of all the awards offered, and is indicative of the Club’s dominance and success within the University community throughout this period (Van Schalkwyk, 2008b:1).

Following on from the TuksSport Awards Dinner, all individual recipients of the Tuks Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year awards from 1974-2008 are contained in the appendix (Table 5.17).

Throughout the 35 years of the TuksSport Awards, the Club’s men won the award on 14 occasions, which included five consecutive years from 2000–2004. The Club’s women won the award 18 times, which incorporated four consecutive years from 1990–1993. On five separate occasions, the Club won both the men and women categories in the same year; 1991, 1993, 1998, 2002 and 2003. The best run of consecutive years that the Club won awards was from 1990-1998 (Van Schalkwyk, 2008a:1; Pelzer, 1982: 16).

5.6 TUKSSPORT HALL OF FAME

The success of the improved TuksSport Awards Dinner and the establishment of the Tuks Alumni, lead directly towards the establishment of the TuksSport Hall of Fame. The

University appointed former Springbok Rugby Captain, Wynand Claassen to head up the TuksSport Alumni drive. The TuksSport Hall of Fame was initiated to recognise the elite sporting performances, and achievements of former Tuks sportsmen, sportswomen, coaches, and administrators that had represented South Africa and the University with distinction. The University of Pretoria hosted the first TuksSport Hall of Fame Dinner in 2000 (Claassen, 2009:1).

The TuksSport Hall of Fame is comprised of three main categories. The first category is to ensure that all TuksSport Alumni, and members of TuksSport clubs, who have represented South Africa, will be inducted to the TuksSport Hall of Fame. The second category is for individuals who, over a long period, have rendered exceptional services, to sport at the University – as an administrator, having captained a first team for many years or performed exceptionally in an individual sport to become a household name in the Country. Finally, the third category is for those individuals who have achieved in sport in an exceptional way. This includes winning medals at the Olympic Games, IAAF World Championships or Continental Championships, having captained a National team, having served as President of a National Sport Federation, or any similar achievement (Claassen, 2008a:1).

Many talented athletes have chosen to study at the University of Pretoria and participate for the various sports clubs. Several of whom have since been inducted into the TuksSport Hall of Fame. The TuksSport Hall of Fame Dinner honours these star performers from all sporting backgrounds and capacities. The Appendix contains all the Club recipients (Appendix, Table 5.18; Appendix, Table 5.19).

Since its introduction in 2000, the Athletics Club has been incredibly successful throughout the University's Centenary. Contained below is a summary of the Club Members honoured for their contribution to the University, and to the sport of athletics over the years (Claassen, 2008c:1).

In 2000, the University inducted Tuks sportsmen into the TuksSport Hall of Fame for the first time. Twenty-four rugby players received the honour, and a further two Special Awards were allocated. In 2001, the University honoured 29 Tuks sportsmen and sportswomen, of which 10 were from the Club. The very first recipients were Hannes Botha, Elfranco Malan, Dave Langley, Charles Minnaar, Klasie Wessels, Hein Schnell

and Hugo Myburgh. The University inducted the first women into the TuksSport Hall of Fame in the same year with all the inductees coming from the Club. They were Letitia Muller (née Malan), Hybré Myburgh (née de Lange) and Claudie van Onselen (née van Straaten).

The Club also received four Special Awards in 2001. Matt Maré and Professor Hannes Botha were both recognised for their tenure as President of the South African Amateur Athletics Union. Willie le Roux was acknowledged for his years of exceptional service to TuksSport, whilst Llewellyn Herbert was inducted for his Bronze Medal in the 400 m hurdles at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

In 2002, the University honoured 17 sportsmen and sportswomen, of which 10 were from the Athletics Club. The 2002 recipients were Johann Buys, Reinhard Schiel, Johan Fourie, Pierre Spies senior, Koos van der Merwe, Alwyn Prinsloo and Flippie Prinsloo. The women inducted were Laetitia Henriksen (née Grové), Marna van den Burgh (née de Villiers) and Ina van Rensburg (Van der Walt, 2004:34,35).

The Club received three Special Awards in 2002. As former Presidents of the South African Amateur Athletics Union, both Professor Charles Nieuwoudt and Advocate Deon van Zyl were acknowledged for their terms. The final recipient, George Claassen, was inducted for marathon running. Claassen won the Comrades Marathon in 1961 and was a member of the SA team that competed against the British team in the 1962 Comrades Marathon (Claassen, 2008c:1).

Twenty-two sportsmen and sportswomen were honoured in 2003, of which nine were from the Club. The 2003 recipients were: Pieter Foord; Alwyn Kaltwasser; Pierre le Roux; Jan Pienaar and Sarel Spies. The women inducted were: Riana Swart; Yolanda Steyn; Eranee van Zyl and Marcel Moses (née Winkler).

In 2004, 24 sportsmen and sportswomen were inducted, of which five were from the Club. The 2004 male recipient was Danie van Wyk. The women finally received more inductions in a single year with Rhona Dwinger, Ilze Wicksell (née De Kock), Marinda Fourie (née Hoogendoorn), and Susan Knox each being inducted (Van der Walt, 2004:34).

In 2005, 27 sportsmen and sportswomen were acknowledged, of which 10 were from the Club. The 2005 recipients were Werner Gerhardt (1930), Eric Grimbeek (1935/36), Koos Gerber (1936), Abraham van Heerden (1948), Hendrik Lombard (1950), Dudley Meyer (1950) and Willie Nel (1955). Other candidates who were nominated but not honoured were Pieter van der Merwe (1935), Cyril Gandy (1950) and Piet Meiring (1950). The year (2005) concluded with Tuks Athletics Club receiving a Special Award. Mbulaeni Mulaudzi was inducted for his outstanding silver medal winning performance at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. In 2006, there were no Club recipients for either the Tuks Hall of Fame or Special Awards. The University did not host a Tuks Hall of Fame dinner in 2007.

During the University's Centenary Year (2008), 16 sportsmen and sportswomen were honoured, of which three were from the Club. The recipients included: Burger Lamprechts (2000 and 2004 Olympic Games, shot put); Jacques Freitag (2003 High Jump World Champion) and Oscar Pistorius (Paralympic Gold Medallist in 2004). The University acknowledged the outstanding coaches of the Club, issuing four Special Awards. The coaches inducted were Steve Rautenbach, John Short, Dup du Preez and Bessie Windell (Postuum) (Claassen, 2008c:1).

In summary, 47 Club athletes have been inducted into the TuksSport Hall of Fame of the 172 Tuks representatives inducted since 2000. Additionally, the Club received 12 Special Awards out of the 36 awarded. Throughout the years, the Club has achieved great success, with many of the athletes, coaches and administrators continuing to excel. The TuksSport Hall of Fame is another means of recognising the great achievements of the University's sporting legends (Claassen, 2008c:1).

5.7 SUMMARY

In conclusion to this chapter, the Club acknowledges the successes, and achievements of the Club Members. The Club has produced 104 Springboks, inclusive of 20 Olympians since its establishment. There are currently 15 athletes holding South African records in addition to several African and Commonwealth record holders. Individual performers, which can be singled out, include Llewellyn Herbert, Jacques Freitag, Elizna Naude, Mbulaeni Mulaudzi and Oscar Pistorius.

Several Club athletes produced medal-winning performances at International competitions, most notably at the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, and World Championships.

On five occasions, Club athletes have received medals at the World Championships, World Junior Championships, and World Student Games. Twice athletes have returned from the World Indoor Championships with medals, and one athlete has been crowned World Youth Champion. Furthermore, the Club has collected 16 Commonwealth Games medals, 19 All Africa Games medals and 30 African Championship medals.

At the annual Tuks Sports Awards Dinner, the Club has received 14 of the Tuks Sportsman and 18 of the Tuks Sportswoman of the year awards between 1974 and 2008. This success has been substantiated by the collection of 29 out of the 96 additional sporting awards presented from 1999–2008. The Club has been honoured by the induction of 47 athletes out of the 172 inducted into the Tuks Hall of Fame since 2000. Lastly, 12 Special Awards have been issued to Club members from 36 awarded since 2000.

The outstanding success outlined above is testimony to the dedication and professional manner in which the Club Members have conducted themselves and managed their careers. Many of these achievements were realised through the outstanding contributions from the Club's Management and coaches. The numerous achievements by the Club, its Management and athletes will be recorded in the history of Tuks Athletics Club.



CHAPTER 6

STRIDING TOWARDS A CENTENARY CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 INTRODUCTION

This study: TUKS Athletics Club: A History 1918 – 2008 was undertaken with the intention of historically recording the Club's history. The additional objectives were to provide a conclusive history of the Club's achievements and performances, in addition to listing the Club's Captains, Chairpersons and Management Members. Furthermore, it was imperative to reflect on the establishment of the Club and the facility upgrades that had occurred at the Club throughout the period.

6.2 SUMMARY

During the study, the development and success of the Club was detailed throughout the 90-year history. The underlying concerns from the problem statement were that no athletics annuals had been published since 1981, and that there had been no recording of the athletics specific facility upgrades either. Furthermore, the researcher set out to identify the various achievements of the Club, its Members and Management in addition to the success factors that had contributed towards the Club's numerous achievements.

The last athletics specific publication, *Tuks Atletiekklub 1930-1980*, compiled in 1981 by Rautenbach and Van Zyl provided several focal points from which to depart with the research. It was further anticipated that this study would provide additional historical research, filling the void that has existed since 1980.

The achievements of the Club can be attributed to the dedication, and professional manner in which the Club Members involved themselves in the activities of the Club. The study acknowledged these contributions as factors of success, and concluded that the Club had become a successful organisation.

The emergence and establishment of the Athletics Club was the departure point, and the research commenced by identifying and relating the various highlights of the respective timelines. In 2008, the University of Pretoria (UP) celebrated its Centenary Year. Many

Centenary Year activities were arranged by the University to celebrate this historic occasion. Coinciding with the Centenary Year, Tuks Athletics Club celebrated its 90th anniversary. The first timeline discussed (Chapter one) formulated the background of the University of Pretoria, enabling the researcher to correlate the happenings of the Athletics Club within the academic context of the University.

The study investigated the achievements of the Club Management and reflected on all the Club Chairpersons, Managers, Secretaries, and Captains since the establishment of the Club in 1918. In continuation of the Club's evolution, the research identified the numerous upgrades and changes that had occurred with the Club's facilities over the period. Particular reference was given to the new athletics stadium and synthetic track, in addition to the High Performance Centre (HPC). Concerns were raised regarding the American calling prior to reflection on the involvement of the Club Alumni and Supporters Club. The section was concluded by discussing the celebratory activities conducted by Club during the University of Pretoria's Centenary Year celebrations.

The research highlighted the Club's various affiliations and incorporated organisations to which the Club is currently affiliated. These affiliates include: University Sport South Africa (USSA), formerly known as South African Student Sports Union (SASSU); Athletics South Africa (ASA) and Athletics Gauteng North (AGN). Special mention was made of Club members that have held prominent positions within the above mentioned organisations. Through these affiliations, the prominent roles of many Club members were identified, and their contributions to the sport and the Club have been recorded and acknowledged.

The discussion of affiliations then focused on the various sports Clubs affiliated to the Club. Track and field achieved the greatest success of all the Clubs, whilst road running annually registered the most members. The Race Walking Club and the Cross-Country Club's both achieved fluctuating degrees of success over the years. Lastly, the Multi-Sport Club, an affiliate for many years, became a self-sustaining, independent Triathlon Club at the University.

Many Club Members have posted outstanding performances and achievements as athletes, coaches, or management. Since the Club's inception, 104 athletes have represented South Africa as Springboks, either locally or Internationally in their personal

event. The Club currently boasts 10 South African men's records and six South African Women's records in addition to several African and Commonwealth Records. Twenty athletes and four coaches have represented the University at the Olympic Games, and on three separate occasions, Club athletes have returned with Olympic medals.

The success rate has been equally impressive at other International competitions with Club athletes featured on various International podiums. On five occasions Club athletes have received medals at the World Championships, World Junior Championships and World Student Games. Athletes have returned from the World Indoor Championships with medals on three occasions, and only one athlete has been crowned World Youth Champion. Furthermore, the Club has collected 16 Commonwealth Games medals, 19 All Africa Games medals, and 30 African Championship medals.

Finally the researcher acknowledges the achievements of the past and endeavours to make suggestions for the future. In the section, Recommendations, the researcher suggests possible improvements and opportunities for the coming years as the Club prepares to celebrate its own Centenary Year in 2018.

6.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

As the Club strides towards its own Centenary Year in 2018, several suggestions and recommendations are outlined regarding future planning. The discussion commences with suggestions of events to be staged at the Club in the coming years. Thereafter the opportunities for the new Club Management are identified whilst the generation of income remains a focal point.

The allocation of sporting bursaries and individual athlete representation at forthcoming athletics events is a major concern. The anticipated performances and achievements of Club members are also highlighted in addition to the formation of a Coaches Committee. The future plans for the various sporting affiliates of which the Club is comprised will also be addressed.

Several recommendations for the formulation of an athletics supporters group are made. The involvement of the Athletics Alumni is linked directly to the generation of income for

the Club and the upgrading of the sporting facilities. The final aspect in the discussion pertains to the Centenary Year celebrations.

Wevell (1996:159) describes a centenary as “a period of 100 years or a hundredth anniversary.” Procter (1996:208) provides a variation by saying that it is 100 years after an important event.” Swannell (1992:162) combines these two definitions, “a hundredth anniversary, and a celebration.”

In light of the definition, it is reiterated throughout this chapter that planning and preparation is essential for a successful Centenary celebration. Numerous suggestions will be made for the period preceding 2018 with the final sentiments being reserved for the actual Celebratory Centenary Events.

6.3.1 STAGING OF EVENTS

In the coming years the Club will need to capitalise on the available facilities, and attract aspiring athletes and coaches to the Club. Through the relationships with the University of Pretoria, AGN, ASA and the HPC, the Club needs to re-affirm itself as the venue of choice for athletics events in South Africa. In the build-up to the University Centenary Year, the Club emerged as the venue of choice for athletics events, hosting numerous Provincial and National meetings, as well as an International event in the short period that it had been available.

Club Management will do well to attract Provincial Championships for cross-country, track and field and road running in the coming years, and in so doing cement the Club as the preferred venue. Through the successful staging of Provincial and USSA events, we can deduce that the Club will be in line to host prominent National Cross-Country Championships and National Junior Track and Field Championships (Badenhorst 2008a; Appendix, Table 6.1).

In addition to the Provincial and National events, the Club retains the hosting rights for the annual Nedbank Matha Series event in Tshwane and the Tshwane Yellow Pages event. These events attract large numbers of participants and showcase the property and facilities. The successful hosting of these events generates additional income for the Club annually. This correlates with the hosting of the SPAR Ladies 10km Race. Each

event hosted on the University property generates additional revenue for the Club. With the inaugural Women's Prestige Event staged in 2008, interest was focused on the prominence of the event in the years to come. The staging of women's only track and field meetings should be considered for the future (Badenhorst, 2008a).

Whilst female participation in events is a prominent avenue to pursue, school participation will ultimately provide a greater annual yield. School participation includes both male and female athletes, representing both primary and high schools. The additional benefit is that the school participants provide a direct feed to both the Club and University. Prominent high school track and field events like the Top 10, attract schools throughout the Province. Top 10 athletics is a unique event whereby 50 of the most prominent athletics schools select their top 10 athletes who each need to participate in multiple events to score points according to their performances. The points of all 10 athletes are combined and the school with the greatest total score is declared the winner. It is an exciting competition that the schools, athletes, and parents annually look forward to (Badenhorst, 2009).

In addition to the school meetings, relay and prestige meetings have also been envisioned. The relay meetings will alternate regularly, catering for a wide variety of distances, ranging from 4x100 m – 4x800 m. Other relays to be considered would be the medley and Swedish relays. These one hour events are anticipated to attract only the top performers in specific events where new National records are attainable. This could include the track events not often participated in, events such as: 300 m, mile, 2000 m and one hour challenge. Additional field events could also be included. A similar programme of events for an Intervarsity Challenge was submitted at the SGM in 2006. The one day programme was envisaged to encourage participation between rival Universities. Competing in 14 events and three relays over three hours, the event was anticipated to promote athletics competition amongst Universities in the off-season. This competition format is yet to materialise (Mundell, 2006b).

Other opportunities to promote athletics at the Club, include socials and talent identification sessions. Wednesday night socials, the first Wednesday of the month, provides the opportunity for interaction amongst Club members as many of the members do not know one another. The talent identification sessions offered by the Club would be open to the general public, whereby aspiring athletes could meet with a high profile Club

coach for a single training session on the first Monday of every month. This is still something to be considered and implemented by Club Management (Mundell, 2006a:1).

6.3.2 MANAGEMENT

The time ahead will be exciting for all involved at the Club with many new changes and alterations. Planning for the future needs to occur as a result of the change at the helm, noting the retirement of Hugo Badenhorst at the end of 2008. Although he remained associated with the Club in 2009 in an advisory capacity, his absence will be felt when he does leave. Badenhorst was consulted regarding his vision and aspiration for the Club in the decade to come (Badenhorst, 2009).

Several suggestions for the future management of the Club were made by Badenhorst. Firstly, communication channels between the Club and the athletes needed to be addressed through regular correspondence. Newsletters, e-mails and website updates will provide improved interaction between the staff, coaches and athletes. Secondly, the Club Management needed to have clearly defined roles and job descriptions. Thirdly, the atmosphere within the Club needed to be positive, projecting an image of success and promoting the achievement of sporting aspirations. The new approach needed to focus on income generation and the allocation of competitive new bursaries.

This Club philosophy, is to place the students first, and to provide the opportunity of attending USSA Championships to as many students as possible. In order to attract the best students to the Club and the University in the years to come, the Club Committee suggested several possibilities regarding the allocation of Club bursaries. A revised bursary criteria was formulated by the Club Committee (Badenhorst, 2008b).

Many aspiring athletes applied for and received bursaries from the Club in addition to receiving larger offers from the opposition Universities. With larger bursary budgets available, many athletes accepted the lucrative bursaries (which often exceeded those offered by the Club) and enrolled elsewhere. Club athletes were ultimately making financial sacrifices in order to choose a sporting career at the University of Pretoria.

The Club Committee determined that the bursary budget needed to be increased by 60% in order to be competitive. Although the University was unable to increase the amount

available, it was necessary for other finances to be obtained. With the income generated from increased levies, additional bursaries would be available. The Club Committee further suggested that a new bursary criterion be determined by the Club Management (Badenhorst, 2009).

6.3.3 BURSARIES

The allocation of bursaries had been a problem and a new system was needed to retain the current Club athletes. An objective quantification system was devised by Messrs Badenhorst and Rautenbach, which reviewed athlete performances at different levels of competition on a detailed points scoring table. An incentive programme was drafted by the Club Management, enabling athletes to generate additional bursary income through performances at National and International championships, which acknowledged medallists, record holders, and National representatives.

Another incentive is the allocation of accommodation in various communes. Club athletes would be entitled to reduced rental rates at athletics communes leased to the Club. The Club currently has sole access to a sport house, in Richard Street, with rooms allocated to top performing Club athletes. It is the Club's aspiration to purchase additional properties in the coming years (Mundell, 2007:1; Badenhorst, 2008a).

6.3.4 INCOME

It was proposed by the Club that the increased number of events hosted by the Club would generate additional income. Mandatory athlete entry fees need to be charged at the gate, supplemented by refreshment sales, and advertising rights. Additionally, facility hiring fees need to be reviewed for the hiring of the synthetic track and the Club facilities. The sale of advertising boards around the perimeter of the Club track should become a focus point in an attempt to generate income for the Club.

The relationship between the Club and the HPC has proved very beneficial. The HPC is expected to remain ASA's venue of choice for all training camps, and pre-departure camps as the HPC performs a variety of tests, and video analysis for their National representative athletes. Many International athletes have chosen to make use of the facilities offered by the HPC, and the University of Pretoria for seasonal training camps.

The HPC charges all International athletes a daily levy for use of the synthetic and grass tracks, and through an agreement with the HPC, the Club receives additional income (Badenhorst , 2008a).

The Club Committee suggested that a Coaches Committee be formulated to identify promising athletes for the future, review bursary applications, provide regular feedback on the progress of the individual athletes, and enforce facility protocols. The Club Committee further recommended that the Club Captains should be nominated a year in advance, and become more involved in the daily activities of the Club. Younger students should be encouraged to join the Clubs Committees and hold positions of responsibility within the Club. Prominent candidates then need to be included as athletes representatives on the Club's Executive Committee, and groomed for more significant positions on either the SRC or USSA committees. The future development and nurturing of student leadership will be regarded as a true reflection of the Club's Management (Badenhorst, 2009).

6.3.5 REPRESENTATION

It is hoped that the Club will continue to attract prominent athletes that will become Proteas, representing the Club at International competitions, and ultimately competing at the Olympic Games. Annually, the Club has the most Provincial and National representatives acknowledged at the TuksSports Awards Dinner of all the sporting codes represented at the University. It is anticipated that more athletes will receive prominent individual awards, and that the Club will again be crowned TuksSport Club of the year. Furthermore, it is hoped that many athletes will be inducted into the TuksSport Hall of Fame for either National representation or contribution to the Club (Claassen, 2008c:1).

6.3.6 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Local and International sporting events provide the opportunity for competition and exposure. These events are categorised according to Provincial (AGN), student (USSA/FISU), National (ASA) and International championships (IAAF). National Championships take place annually around the Country and it is imperative that the Club is represented at these Championships. Athletes have the opportunity to represent the Club in track and field, cross-country, road running and race walking and it is only

through participation at the ASA and USSA Championships that athletes can gain selection to National teams.

As the Club approaches the Centenary Year, national teams will be selected to compete at various USSA, Continental, and International Championships (Appendix, Table 6.2).

In the coming years, USSA events will include the CUCSA Games in Botswana in 2010, the FASU Games in 2012, the World University Cross-Country Championships in Canada in 2010, and the 2011 World Student Games in Zhenzhen, China. Continental Championships will include the Africa Championships in 2010, and the All Africa Games in 2011. The IAAF World Championships will take place in Korea in 2011. The IAAF Race Walking World Cup will take place in Mexico in 2010, whilst the World (IAAF) and African Cross-Country Championships take place annually. Finally, participation at International Games includes the Commonwealth Games in India in 2010, and the Olympic Games in England in 2012 (USSA, 2009; FISU, 2009a; FISU, 2009b; FISU 2009c; IAAF, 2009; ASA, 2009).

6.3.7 ALUMNI

The Tuks Alumni and the Athletics Supporters Club is an avenue which needs to be pursued by the Club in the years to come. As the Club strides towards its Centenary Year it is essential to gain the backing of the Alumni members to support the Club Management, and Club athletes in pursuit of sporting excellence. The Club needs to encourage members to affiliate to the organisation, and to attend various interactive social events. A mandatory membership fee should be required from all Athletics Alumni, which will contribute towards the Club. Specific Club memorabilia and clothing should be designed, and made available for sale to members. Fundraising initiatives, which include annual dinners and golf days need to be incorporated by the committee. Other initiatives include: the sale of seats in the athletics pavilion; sponsoring of an athlete for the one year (bursary); sale of advertising boards around the track perimeter; sale of bricks within the pavilion to former Springbok representatives. With the potential to generate additional revenue for utilisation by the Club, the Club can look forward to the future with great anticipation (Badenhorst, 2009).

6.3.8 UPGRADING AND IMPROVEMENT OF CLUB FACILITIES

In light of the need to host prestigious ASA and AGN events at the Club in the years to come, the Club will need to maintain, and improve the facility regularly. Funds received from the staging of events will need to be re-invested to ensure that the Club remains the prominent venue for athletics events. As a multi-purpose sporting facility, the ABSA Tuks Stadium is able to host track and field events, and soccer matches (*Tukkievaria*, 2008:16).

Several improvements should be considered for the future, which include improved media facilities and sound requirements, lighting suitable for television broadcasting requirements, increased seating capacity at the ground in addition to increased bathroom and changing facilities. The Club's gymnasium will need to be upgraded and equipped with the necessary machines required by the athletes, providing a vast range of weights catering for the lightweight distance track athletes as well as the heavier, power orientated field athletes.

Adjacent to the gymnasium is the recovery centre which has recovery baths, treatment beds, and qualified physiotherapists. This on site facility is available to provide immediate treatment to athletes, and will need to be refurbished regularly. A further suggestion is that all bursary holders should ultimately receive a complementary massage every week from the facility.

The Clubhouse needs to be upgraded so that it can host functions and be rented out. The Clubhouse needs to be fitted with several televisions, and blinds to ensure privacy. A further suggestion is that the Club should erect a Lapa (a thatch roofed building of approximately 50 square meters) on the South East corner of the property. The Lapa, which will house a bonfire circle, should have several braai facilities surrounded by tables and chairs.

The training facility for the field (shot put, hammer throw and discus) athletes has been a very popular training venue at the Club. The lighting in the vicinity will need to be improved and additional throwing circles need to be constructed. A grass track located on the premises provides the opportunity for athletes to train and practice. The grass track will need regular attention to ensure that it is maintained throughout the competition

season. There is a definite need to erect change rooms, bathrooms and suitable lighting at the grass track. The Groenkloof Campus is another particularly well maintained grass track available to Club Members.

The stadium's synthetic track, which has been used extensively since it was laid in 2006 is fast approaching its first re-surfacing. Resurfacing is a particularly costly undertaking for both the University, and the Club. The Club Management needs to consider all avenues of income generation in order to minimise the associated costs (Badenhorst, 2008a).

6.3.9 OTHER SPORTING AFFILIATES

Cross-country has great potential for growth in the coming years. The University is the ideal venue for hosting cross-country events, and with the support and backing anticipated from AGN and ASA, the Club could become a premier venue. It has been suggested that primary school cross-country should be coupled with high school, tertiary and veteran leagues. This would require all the events to take place at one venue on one course, creating a festival of cross-country. Increasing the awareness and prominence of the sport will increase the profile and assist with talent identification for the future. Lastly, it would be of great benefit to the Club to see more male students getting involved with cross-country in the years to come (Retief, 2008).

Road running has increased in numbers annually and it will not be long before the Road Running Club numbers exceed the 600 mark achieved by the Marathon Club in 1996. Through increased exposure and marketing initiatives of the Committee Members, the Club is confident that the Road Running Club will remain competitive. Through the successful staging of previous events, and the confirmation of dates for the future, the Club may consider increasing the annual Tuks Road Race to the standard marathon (42.2km) distance (Spies, 2008:1; Van Schalkwyk, 1996:2).

Race walkers competing for the Club often participate in road races, however the numbers have dwindled, and the Club needs to address this in the years to come. Bursaries need to be considered in order to attract prominent race walkers to the Club (Britz, 2008).

6.3.10 CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The focus now moves to 2018 and several suggestions have been made for the recognition and celebration of the Club's Centenary Year (Appendix, Table 6.3). These suggestions are grouped into two sections.

The first section's focus will be on the build up to the Centenary Year, where the success of the celebrations will be dependent on the planning, and preparation of the Club Members and Management. It will be essential to compile a comprehensive data base of all current and former Club Members. Thereafter, it would be necessary to distribute regular newsletters and updates pertaining to the Centenary Year, and the associated festivities. This newsletter should be incorporated with the University newsletters to all Alumni, and additional links should be added to all relevant websites. Social networks such as Facebook and Twitter should also be utilised to promote the events, and to attract new members.

Further activities to increase the participation and interaction of Club members include hosting biannual Alumni Dinners, and annual golf days for all Club members to participate at. In light of the 90th anniversary festivities celebrated in 2008, it would be further recommended that the Club hosts a 95th anniversary celebration, and Gala Dinner. This Gala Dinner would serve as a dress rehearsal, and provide the opportunity to attract many Alumni back to the Club.

Continuing with the Gala Dinner activities, it would be advisable for the Club to host annual commemorative Dinners for specific groups within the Club, incorporating Springboks, TuksSport Hall of Fame recipients, coaches, Management and current athletes. Increased interactive opportunities and communication amongst Club Members of different generations will be of additional benefit to the Club. This would allow Alumni to be more involved in the Club, allowing them to get to know the athletes. The Club would be able to commence with the "adopt an athlete" programme, whereby Alumni are able to assist with athletics bursaries for aspiring athletes wishing to join the Club.

The compilation of a Tuks Athletics Club Centenary publication is a recommendation for the Club Management to pursue. Throughout this interim period, it will be of additional benefit for the Club or University to appoint an author to compile the publication. A good

athletics memoir from which to base the publication, was compiled by F.J.G Van der Merwe (*Honderd jaar Matie – atletiek: 1885–1985*). Beneficial University of Pretoria memoirs to emulate are those compiled by Professor Flip van der Watt. Van der Watt is the author of *Tukkie – Rugby by die Millenium* and *Tukkies oorskou sy eerste honderd jaar: 1908–2008*. It would be an honour for Tuks Athletics Club to have the acclaimed Professor van der Watt, compile the Club's athletics memoir.

Our focus now changes to events suggested to take place during the 2018 Centenary Year, which will provide an opportunity to acknowledge the history of the Club. The festivities are an opportunity to promote the Club, and to acknowledge the successes achieved by athletes, coaches, and Management Members over the years.

The main function will undoubtedly be the Tuks Athletics Club Centenary Dinner, which should be scheduled for the end of the year. Throughout the year, the Club should look to host and stage numerous athletic events. As was the case in 2008, the annual road race will attract many athletes, and should be considered an important feature event. Additionally, cross-country and track and field prestige events should also be considered. Participants will be invited to the events, and it is anticipated that the Centenary Year will attract many lucrative sponsors, and endorsements.

In the build up, it is suggested that several Gala Dinners should be held throughout the year to generate hype, starting as early as February, and occurring every three months thereafter. The functions could cater for all Club Springboks, all TuksSport Hall of Fame inductees and lastly for all Club coaches, Chairpersons and Management Members.

This would provide the opportunity for interaction amongst Club members, and should coincide with Centenary Year golf days. Golf days should be included prior to the celebratory Gala Dinners, and be used to generate funds and income for the Club. It is imperative that the Club celebrates this Centenary Year, and generates sufficient income for the years to come. Throughout the year and at the events hosted, the Club office and the Campus Shop could commence with the sale of Tuks Athletics Club Centenary clothing and memorabilia. Additionally, the Tuks Athletics Club Centenary memoir should be sold throughout the year.

6.4 FINAL WORDS

From the humble origins in 1918 when the Club was founded without its own resources to the modern synthetic track facility that the Club proudly boasts in 2008, the Club has made tremendous strides in its 90-year history.

As the Club reflects on what has been achieved in the past 90 years, history will suggest that the foundation prepared by the early Club Management, and Club Captains was a great contributor towards the success achieved. These members pioneered through adversity to instigate female participation, and provide the best facilities to the athletes of the Club. With the planning and vision already expressed by the University and current Club Management, the future expansion and development of the existing facility will continue to add value to the Club's Members.

Throughout the Club's history, numerous outstanding performances have been achieved at International competition by the Club's Springbok representatives. Students of the future can enrol at the Club with confidence, knowing that they will join an incredibly successful team, where their level of commitment and dedication will ultimately be a reflection of their own achievements.

The Club can look forward to the future knowing that it has evolved over the years. The current Club Management in conjunction with the guidance received from the University will ensure that the Club will stride confidently towards the Centenary Year and well into the future.



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APPENDIX

The Tables contained in the Appendix provide a brief summary based on the contents of the dissertation. References are contained within the text and therefore have not been repeated hereinafter.

CHAPTER 1

TABLE 1.1: UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA TIMELINE: 1908 – 2008

Year	Buildings, Facilities, Faculties, Campuses and Historical Occurrences	Rectors	Students
1908	Classes commence in Pretoria 32 students began classes in Kya Rosa, Skinner Street. <u>Kya Rosa</u> : built by owner and editor of <i>The Press</i> , Leo Weinthal in 1895, and named after his wife, Rosa. The property was bought by the Colonial Secretary in 1902 and reserved for educational purposes. Became known officially as the “Pretoria Centre of the Transvaal University College” Kya Lami in Schoeman Street was used as a men’s residence for students and lecturers.		32
1909	First SRC		66
1910	Separation of Pretoria and Johannesburg branches of TUC. The T.U.C. in Pretoria became an independent institution apart from Johannesburg which became known as the <i>South African School of Mines and Technology</i> .		93
1911	The T.U.C. moved into the Old Arts and the Old Chemistry buildings. There were 7 professors, 6 lecturers, and 62 students.		62
1914	Buildings: Kollege Hostel built – first men’s hostel		99
1916	The University colleges were incorporated into the federal University of South Africa.		148
1917	Faculty: Agriculture and Theology		214
1918	Faculty: Law; The question of the language policy arose among students of the T.U.C.	A.C. Paterson	325
1919	Faculty: Arts, Veterinary Sciences, Natural Sciences, Trade and Public Administration		300
1920	Facilities: Proefplaas Purchased		430
1922	Student unrest, including the burning of a Union Jack. The T.U.C. was labeled “a hot-bed of Nationalism”.		682
1925	Rag was held for the first time	N.M. Hoogenhout	800
1926	Buildings: the first ladies residence called “The Fant” was opened		829
1929	Great Depression commences; Student demonstrations	A.E. Du Toit	918
1930	University Status Granted. The Private Act on the University of Pretoria (Act No. 13 of 1930) established the University of Pretoria as an independent University. Boom of Afrikaner cultural organizations		1074
1931	UP = 65% Afrikaans students; 32% of classes in Afrikaans.		962
1932	The council decided that the University should first cater for the needs of the Afrikaans speaking community; Afrikaans becomes the only medium of instruction		898
1933	The depression years		893
1934	Formation of the United Party and Purified National Party		903
1935		C.F. Schmidt	969

1937	Faculty: Education		1136
1938	Buildings: Old Merensky Building; Centenary of the Great Trek. UP became known unofficially as "Voortrekker Universiteit".		1278
1939	First Spring Day held and first issue of <i>Perdeby</i> released Outbreak of World War II		1507
1941		M.C. Botha	1619
1948	National Party elected	C.H. Rautenbach	3333
1949	Faculty: Dentistry		3446
1950	Buildings: Hospital for Dentistry		3611
1951	Faculty: New Arts and Theology		3696
1956	Faculty: Engineering		4388
1957	Buildings: Asterhof ladies was hostel completed and "Die Fant" was incorporated into Asterhof and renamed "Vergeet-My-Nie" Faculty: Engineering		
1958	Buildings: The Aula, Rautenbach Hall and Student Centre were completed; University celebrates it's 50 th Anniversary		
1959	The Heavy Machinery Laboratory		
1960	Buildings: Chancellors Building, Extra mural building, and J.G. Strydom; Faculty: Architecture; Sharpeville massacre		7935
1961	Republic of South Africa formed		
1962	Faculty: Natural Sciences I		
1964	Buildings: Music complex, Musaion, amphitheatre		
1966	H.F. Verwoerd assassinated		
1967	Faculty: Basic Medical Sciences		
1968	Buildings: Administration Building; Facilities: Swimming pool		
1970		E.M. Hamman	12 585
1971	Faculty: Electron Microscope		
1972	Oral Hygiene Diploma; Faculty: Agriculture		
1975	Buildings: Engineering Tower; Buildings: Technical services		
1976	Move to the New Merensky Library; Faculty: Department of Audio-Visual Services; Soweto riots		
1977	Buildings: Human Sciences building		
1980			16 656
1981	Faculty: Education; Buildings: Law Building		
1982	SANSO reports – restructuring of higher education. SANSO 110: The qualification and study programme's of Universities in South Africa. SANSO 115: Investigation into the state financing of Universities. Under Joubert the first signs of transformation appeared as he negotiated the relatively smooth introduction of students of other races to the University.	D.M. Joubert	
1983	Buildings: Sports Centre Completed; Referendum on new constitution; Amendment to the Act on Universities: introduced a quota system for students of other races to attend traditionally white Universities. According to this act, 200 persons of other races were permitted to attend UP.		
1984	Faculty: Carl and Emily Fuchs Institute for Microelectronics		
1987	Buildings: Arnold Theiler Building		
1989	UP officially declared an "open" institution; Campuses: Witbank campus		

1990	ANC unbanned and Nelson Mandela released		
1991	Faculty: Economic and Management Sciences Building; Population Registration Act and Group Areas Act repealed		
1992	Groundbreaking policy document: <i>Framework for Strategic Planning</i> was introduced. The policy's aim was to position the University in a changing South Africa.	P. Smit	
1993	Buildings: Tuksdorp		
1994	Campuses: Hammanskraal campus; First democratic elections		
1995	Buildings: The Student Centre; Establishment of the Broad Transformation Forum (BTF).		
1997	Faculty: Department of Telematic Learning and Education Innovation; Van Zyl set about shaping the University into an Internationally competitive and locally relevant institution.	J. Van Zyl	
1999	Veterinary Faculty of Medunsa and UP (Onderstepoort) merged; Southern Education Research Alliance (SERA) signed with CSIR; Thabo Mbeki elected as President; African Renaissance Transformation of tertiary education		
2000	Teachers Training College Pretoria incorporated into UP; Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS)		
2001	Pistorius took his lead from SERA, envisaging the emergence of an innovation generation at UP. The Innovation Hub is the culmination of this vision.	C.W.I. Pistorius	
2002	Buildings: Client Services Centre and High Performance Centre		
2003	Facilities: New Astro Hockey Facility		
2004	Buildings: Law building under construction; Faculty: Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute; Campuses: Mamelodi campus of Vista University Incorporated into UP; Celebration of ten years of democracy		
2006	Facilities: New Athletics Track Facility		49226//38 389
2008	Buildings: New lecture hall complex Facility: Athletics Clubhouse		



CHAPTER 3

TABLE 3.1: TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB TIMELINE: 1908 – 2008

Year	Activity
1908	TUC officially opened
1918	TUC Athletics Club is founded
1921	First Intersarsity sports event held in Johannesburg
1926	Tuks vs Wits for the first time– Duxbury Trophy Standard Relay – Tuks win
1928	Tuks win their first Dalrymple
1930	Werner Gebhardt becomes the First Athletics Springbok University of Pretoria founded on 10 October
1935	N. Wessels and J. Gerbers selected for the National team to compete against a combined Oxford and Cambridge team
1942	Women allowed to participate fir the first time in Intersarsity Athletics competition
1946	Department of Physical Education established
1948	Tuks get a new athletics track, originally located where the Aula currently is Tuks host the Dalrymple Competition for the first time on this new track
1949	Tuks women win the athletics competition for the first time
1951	The first competition for the Roger Dyason Shield for Women, won by Tuks
1957	F.J. Senekal is appointed as the full time Secretary for UP sport 18 October: Formation of the UP sports committee chaired by Dr van der Merwe Brink Athletics becomes part of the newly formed UP sports committee
1961	Tuks men win the Dalrymple Competition for the first time in thirty years E. Malan improves the South African discus record to 56.90 m George Claassen won the Comrades Marathon, the first Club member to do so
1962	H. Botha becomes the first athlete in Africa to exceed 60 feet with the 7.25kg shot put, achieving 18.29m Minnaar was the first Club member to receive Springbok colours for Cross Country
1963	Tuks wins both the men and womens SAU for the first time The athletics track completed at the L.C. de Villiers sport centre
1966	L. Grové and L. Malan become the the first female Tuks athletes to receive their Springbok colours
1967	SA University championships held in December for the first time, with the first six positions counting for points
1968	Tuks athletics Club celebrates Fifty Years, captured in Universiteit Pretoria Atletiekkklub 1918 – 1968, produced by Senekal in 1968
1970	D. van Wyk becomes the first female Tuks athlete to exceed the six meter mark, managing 6.35m in the women’s long jump. Tuks ladies win Roger Dyason
1971	R Marchant breaks 60 m in the hammer throw, the first Tuks athlete to do so D. Langley invited to compete in Angola Tuks ladies win Roger Dyason Tuks Cross-Country Club seperates from the Athleticss Club M. Joubert is appointed as the first female Captain at Tuks
1972	The L.C. de Villiers athletics pavilion is unveiled H. Schnell clears 80 m in the Javelin, the first Tuks athlete to do so M. Joubert breaks 14 seconds for the 100 m hurdles D. Langley exceeds 25 feet in the long jump, reaching 7.90 m, the first athlete in South Africa to do so C. van Straaten acknowledged as the best performer at SAU, being acknowledged as South African Junior Sportswoman of the year Tuks wins both Dalrymple and Roger Dyason trophies at SAU
1973	R. Nel exceeds 50 m in the discus H. Myburgh breaks 51 seconds for the 400 m hurdles, the first for a Tuks athlete, recording 50.04seconds Tuks win both Dalrymple and Roger Dyason trophies at SAU C. van Straaten becomes the first women in Africa to break 23 seconds for the 200 m Tuks host the first Jacaranda marathon
1974	R Schiel becomes the first Tuks athlete to exceed seven foot (2.13m) in the high jump S. Webster broke 46 seconds for the 400 m

	C. van Straaten acknowledged as Tuks sportswoman of the year C. van Zyl becomes the first Tuks female to receive Springbok colours for cross Country Tuks ladies win the cross-country trophy for the first time
1975	A Prinsloo breaks 1:500:00 for the 800 m, the Tuks athlete to do so S. Rautenbach is appointed as the first full time athletics coach and manager at the Club R. Schiel is acknowledged as the best athlete at SAU
1976	P. Spies, P. Greeff, D. Kuun and D. Lategan set a new South African 4x100 m relay record I. van Rensburg was selected for the Olympics, however South Africa did not participate M. de Villiers wins four gold medals at SAU; Tuks win the first Tuks vs Maties; First Sustagen interhostel knock out competition won by Klaradyn and Mopanie Tuks win both Dalrymple and Roger Dyason R. Schiels achieves 2.24m, establishing a new South African and African high jump record H. Myburgh becomes the first female athlete in Africa to clear six feet in the high jump S. Rautenbach takes a group of South African observers to the Olympic Games in Montreal
1977	R. Schiel clears 2.24m in the high jump, the first athlete in Africa to do so and in so doing
1978	D. Zaayman won both the 200 m and 400 m events at the South African Junior and South African senior Championships I. van Rensburg won five gold medals at SAU Tuks win both Dalrymple and Roger Dyason trophies at SAU Tuks win both the mens and womens categories in the Internationalen Transvaal Leagues
1979	J. Fourie becomes the first Tuks athlete to break the four minute mile and to break 2:20 for the 1000 m S. Rautenbach is selected as Coach of the National Team and received Honorary colours from the University for service Tuks men create history at SAU, scoring points in every event on route to winning with a record total of 122 points The athletics Club is acknowledged as the Tuks Sportsclub of the year University opens the Trimbaan
1980	L. Gouws won her sixteenth South African Junior title (10 shot put, 6 discus) H. Booyesen won his seventh South African senior title Tuks mens athletics team share the Tuks sport of the year trophy with rugby Advocate D.H. van Zyl receives honorary colours from Tuks Sport for service UP Sport Committee Dinner, celebrating Fifty Years of the University of Pretoria: 1930-1980
1981	Prominent coach and administrator, S. Rautenbach resigns from the University
1982	The Club won both trophies at SAU, with the women winning for the first time in seven years cross-country team won both trophies at SAU
1983	University Sport Centre officially opened on 21 October The Club won both trophies at SAU, with the men winning the Marathon trophy and the women winning the SAU Cross-Country and SAU Road Championships
1984	The Club won the following Northern Transvaal Interclub Competitions: Ian de Jongh, Japie Kruger and the De Loor Shield
1985	E. van Zyl awarded Tuks Sportswoman of the year
1986	Athletics Club had its own Rag Float
1987	Tuks men win SAU; Japie de Jongh awarded best male athlete and selected as Captain of SAU team Club won mens cross Country
1988	Athletics Club celebrated seventy years. Athletics Club win Sports Club of the year Jan Pienaar awarded Sportsman of the year Men won SAU Corné van As won the SA u19, SA u21 and Senior National title in the women's pole vault, setting a new SA u19 record of 4.90 m
1989	Tuks Road Running Club awarded sports club of the year
1990	George Bratley broke 2:20 for the marathon University student Donna Marucchi appointed as Club Chairperson Men won SAU Cross Country Marathon Club secure two year sponsorship from the "Piesangraad"
1991	Athletic Club totalled 450 persons, of which 150 were athletics Tuks Road Running Club awarded sports club of the year
1992	Barcelona Olympic Games – Marcel Moses (néé Winkler) represented South Africa; South Africa participate at the Africa Championships in Mauritius Club wins both SAU Trophies
1993	Tuks athletics Club celebrates Seventy Five Years

	Africa Championships in Durban Yolanda Steyn Tuks Sportswoman of the year Louis Fouche won javelin in Buffalo at the World Student Games
1994	Tuk's Men's team won the Gunga Din trophy at Comrades Frits Potgieter Tuks Sportsman of the year R44000 grant to upgrade the Club facility
1995	Rentmeester Sponsorship commenced on 24 April 1995 Frits Potgieter won a silver medal at the World Student Games Road Running Club gains Voltaren sponsorship
1996	Atlanta Olympic Games – Riaan Botha finished fourteenth in the pole vault Gideon Joubert awarded Tuks Sportsman of the year Nick Bester finished second at Comrades and mens team finish second
1997	Men's Team win Gunga Din at Comrades Elizna Naudé Tuks Sportswoman of the year
1998	Riaan Both wins the pole vault and Burger Lamprechts the shot put at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur Vanessa Bekker and Riaan Botha Tuks Sportsman and woman of the year
1999	Kobus van der Walt appointed as Director of Sport at Tuks Wynand Claassen appointed to head Sports Alumni at Tuks All Africa Games in Johannesburg Jacques Freitag won the World Youth Championships high jump New Tuks Sport Awards format with additional categories Morne Nagel was a member of the silver medal winning 4x100 relay team at the World Student Games
2000	Herbert wins a Bronze medal at the Sydney Olympic Games; Naudé exceeds 60 m in the Discus Women's Marathon Team finish First and Second in the open and first in the veterans categories at Comrades Hannes Hopley (discus) and Jacques Freitag (high jump) both won gold at the World Junior Championships UP gains the facilities at Groenkloof Teachers Training College University of Pretoria launches the Tuks Alumni Awards evening
2001	Morne Nagel, member of the 4x100 m team that won gold at the World Championships in Canada Alwyn Myburgh won World Student Games in China and awarded Tuks Sportsman of the year Innaugural induction of several Club representatives into the Tuks Hall of Fame Tuks Athletics Club secures a massive sponsorship with AST Technologies
2002	HPC is officially opened Frantz Kruger won the Discus and Mbulaeni Mulaudzi won the 800 m at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester
2003	Freitag won the World Championships in Paris and thereafter awarded Tuks Sportsman of the year, together with Surita Febbraio who received Tuks Sportswoman of the year
2004	Athens Olympic Games; Pre-departure camp hosted by the HPC Oscar Pistorius wins 200 m at the Paralympic Games with a new World Record Mbulaeni Mulaudzi won the World Indoor Championships in the 800 m and finished second at the Olympic Games in Athens. As a result of his performance, he was awarded the Tuks Sportsman of the year award Chris Gebhardt was a member of the junior National 4x400 m relay team at the World Junior Championships
2005	World Championships in Helsinki World Student Games in Izmir Turkey Geraldine Pillay breaks 23 seconds in the 200 m Jacques Freitag breaks the South African and African High Jump Record, setting it the height at 2.38m
2006	L.J. van Zyl won the 400 m Hurdles and Elizna Naudé won the discus at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne HPC hosts official pre-departure camp Africa Championships in Mauritius Elizna Naudé won Commonwealth Games and Africa Championships gold; Rene van der Merwe wins the Women's high jump at the Africa Championships Tuks open new synthetic track Facility Tuks host FASU GAMES, represented by six athletes Tuks Athletics Club hosts inaugural Club Reunion Lunch
2007	World Student Games in Bangkok Thailand

	Karin Mey breaks the seventeen year old South African long jump Record in Germany: 6.93m Hannes Dreyer returned with a silver medal from the World Student Games in the 4x100 m relay Elizna Naudé breaks SA/Africa Discus Record: 64.87m
2008	New Track Pavilion officially opened Pistorius cleared to compete in able bodied competition and returned from the Paralympic Games with three gold medals L.J. Van Zyl finished fifth at Beijing Olympics in the men's 400 m hurdles Tuks host Yellow Pages Events, Nedbank Matha Series, SA Juniors, SASSU, Zone 6 Youth Championships Former Club members Bessie Windell and Charles Nieuwoudt pass away

TABLE 3.2: TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB MANAGEMENT AND CLUB CAPTAINS

Year	Club Manager	Club Secretary	Club Chairperson	Men's Captain	Women's Captain
1918		G Franz	LC De Villiers	F Viljoen	
1919		GVR Mostert	LC De Villiers	J Grobler	
1920		J Corry	LC De Villiers	J Louw	
1921		A Gouws	LC De Villiers	J Fourie	
1922		F Wandé	LC De Villiers	S Van Niekerk	
1923					
1924				GM De Villiers	
1925				GM De Villiers	
1926		CF vd Merwe	JB Osborn	GM De Villiers	
1927		SJ Kritzinger	JP Duminy	MH Mare	
1928		S Hallat	JP Duminy	MH Mare	
1929		JC De Klerk	AA Roberts	E Beyers	
1930		P Penning	JP Duminy	MH Mare	
1931		G Laurence	JP Duminy	MH Mare	
1932		B Groenewald	JP Duminy	JJN Kruger	
1933		I Grové	JJN Kruger	HJ Penning	
1934		CC Fleck	JJN Kruger	IJ Grové	
1935		CW Abbott	JP Duminy	CC Fleck	
1936		JP Gerber	JP Duminy	SG Turner	
1937		HW Solms	MH Mare	SG Turner	
1938		SW Bosman	MH Mare	HW Solms	
1939		B Malan	MH Mare	WA De Beer	
1940		NA Janse Van Rensburg	MH Mare	WA De Beer	
1941		WJS Le Roux	MH Mare	WA De Beer	
1942		FM Redelinghuys	MH Mare	WJS Le Roux	
1943		FM Redelinghuys	MH Mare	WJS Le Roux	
1944		JJ Katzke	MH Mare	WJS Le Roux	
1945		F Theron	MH Mare	JH Vorster	
1946		GF Gerber	MH Mare	JH Vorster	
1947		A Van Heerden	WJS Le Roux	GF Gerber	
1948		GPP Van Wyk	WJS Le Roux	D Jordaan	
1949		A Scjoltz	WJS Le Roux	A Van Heerden	
1950		K Rautenbach	BS Mare	A Scholtz	
1951		C Van Heerden	H Groenewald	D Meyer	
1952		K Rautenbach	WA Steyn	PJN Van Marle	
1953		V Gutsche	N Van Heerden	J Garbers	
1954		V Gutsche	N Claassen	E Malan	
1955		C Van Dyk	J Jordaan	B Fichardt	
1956		J Saayman	N Claassen	J Botha	
1957		C Coetzee	C Smit	N Claassen	
1958		CF Nieuwoudt	C Smit	M Hermann	
1959		CF Nieuwoudt	HL Gonin	M Balfour	
1960		FJ Meiring	HL Gonin	W Pretorius	
1961		CF Nieuwoudt	H Venter	N Stegmann	
1962		DJ Kriek	H Venter	N Stegmann	
1963		A Snyman	HL Gonin	S Serfontein	

1964		D Joubert	CF Nieuwoudt	S Serfontein	
1965		JH Blignaut	CF Nieuwoudt	J Stears	
1966		B Groetsch	CF Nieuwoudt	D Boltman	
1967		JH Blignaut	CF Nieuwoudt	D Boltman	
1968		JH Blignaut	RE Oberholster	D Boltman	
1969		DC (Nelis) Swart	RE Oberholster	D Boltman	
1970		DC (Nelis) Swart	CF Nieuwoudt	W Kusel	
1971		DC (Nelis) Swart	J Theunissen	D Boltman	M Joubert
1972		M De Beer	CS Engelbrecht	A Fourie	M Joubert
1973		M De Beer	RE Oberholster	J Buys	T Du Preez
1974		P Von Alleman	RE Oberholster	A Lategan	C Van Zyl
1975	SJ Rautenbach	L Ferreira	RE Oberholster	A Lategan	C Steenekamp
1976	SJ Rautenbach	SJ Rautenbach	DH Van Zyl	H Myburgh	L Deetleefs
1977	SJ Rautenbach	SJ Rautenbach	DH Van Zyl	H Myburgh	L Deetleefs
1978	SJ Rautenbach	SJ Rautenbach	DH Van Zyl	S Webster	L Le Roux
1979	SJ Rautenbach	SJ Rautenbach	DH Van Zyl	S Webster	L Le Roux
1980	SJ Rautenbach	SJ Rautenbach	DH Van Zyl	K Horak	L Gouws
1981	G Van Eck	J Short	DH Van Zyl	K Horak	L Gouws
1982	C Stander	J Short	WN Coetzee	L Du Plessis	H Roodt
1983	C Stander	J Short	JL Botha	L Du Plessis	C Botha
1984	J Short		JL Botha	G Tossel	W Van Reenen
1985	J Short		JL Botha	G Tossel	E Van Zyl
1986	L Nel		JL Botha	J De Jongh	R Roodt
1987	L Nel		JL Botha	J De Jongh	R Roodt
1988	L Nel		JL Botha	B Van Waveren	R Roodt
1989	L Nel		M Saayman	T Borland	E Davel
1990	J Short		D Marucchi	A Kaltwasser	C Hattingh
1991	D Spies		D Marucchi	A Kaltwasser	IM Potgieter
1992	T Liebenberg		D Marucchi	INA	INA
1993	T Liebenberg		H Potgieter	B Lamprechts	T Janse van Rensburg
1994	N Van Heereden		H Potgieter	INA	INA
1995	A De Villiers		H Potgieter	INA	INA
1996	A De Villiers		H Potgieter	INA	INA
1997	A De Villiers		H Potgieter	INA	INA
1998	A De Villiers		H Potgieter	INA	INA
1999	H Badenhorst		C Stander	INA	INA
2000	H Badenhorst		C Stander	K Potgieter	M vd Merwe
2001	H Badenhorst		C Stander	K Potgieter	M vd Merwe
2002	H Badenhorst		C Stander	F Maasdorp	M vd Merwe
2003	H Badenhorst		C Stander	F Maasdorp	I Jordaan
2004	H Badenhorst		C Stander	F Maasdorp	I Jordaan
2005	H Badenhorst		L Claassen	M Mundell	KM Becker
2006	H Badenhorst		L Claassen	M Mundell	S Labuschagne
2007	H Badenhorst		L Claassen	V Louw	L Liebenberg
2008	H Badenhorst		L Claassen	M Mundell	R vd Merwe

INA = Information not available

TABLE 3.3: FORMER TUKS STUDENTS PURSUING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Name	Event	University	Years
Marna Constanzo	400 m	Boston University	1997 – 2001
Marna Constanzo	400 m and 800 m	Harvard	2004 -
Angela Wagner	800 m and 3000 m SC	Brigham Young University	2007 -
Mandie Brandt	800 m	Wichita University	2001
Tebogo Mokoatedi	Middle distances	University of Illinois	NA
Pieter Smit	400 m	University of Nebraska	2008



CHAPTER 4

TABLE 4.1: TUKS MEMBERS THAT SERVED ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT ATHLETICS FEDERATION (SASAF), LATER KNOWN AS SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT SPORTS UNION (SASSU) AND FINALLY AS UNIVERSITY SPORT SOUTH AFRICA (USSA)

Position	Name
President of SASAF Athletics	Prof. H.L. Gonin
President of SASSU Athletics	C. Stander
Secretary of SASAF Athletics	W.J.S. Le Roux
	Ms P. Von Alleman
	Mrs L. Ferriera
	S. Rautenbach
Convenor of SASAF Athletics	S. Rautenbach
SASSU Chairperson: Cross Country	N. Gerber
SASSU Chairperson: Track and Field	H. Badenhorst
SASSU Athletes Representative	M. Mundell
SASSU Coaches Committee	M. Seme
Secretary General of SASSU/USSA	L. Nel
USSA NEC Assesor	M. Mundell

TABLE 4.2: TUKS MEMBERS THAT HAVE SERVED UNIVERSITY SPORT SOUTH AFRICA (USSA) IN TEAM MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES

Name	Performance
Christo Stander	Team manager to various World Student Games
Steve Rautenbach	Team to various World Student Games
Neels Gerber	Team manager to both the Africa Student Cross-Country Championships in 2006 and the World Student Cross-Country Championships in 2007
Christine van der Merwe	Athletics Team Manager to the World Student Games in 2007 and Team Manager to the World Student Cross-Country Championships in 2006
Michael Seme	USSA cross-country coach to the World Student Cross-Country Championships and middle distance coach to the World Student Games
Hugo Badenhorst	Team manager and or Team Coach to Various World Student Games
Christo Stander	Former Chairperson of SASSU athletics
Dup du Preez	Coach to various World Student Games
Marc Mundell	Athletics Team Manager to the FASU Games

TABLE 4.3: TUKS MEMBERS THAT SERVED THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMATEUR ATHLETICS UNION (SAAAU) AND MORE RECENTLY ON ATHLETICS SOUTH AFRICA (ASA).

Position	Name
President	J.J.N. Kruger
	M.H. Mare
	Prof. J.L. Botha
	Prof. C.F. Nieuwoudt
	D.H. van Zyl
National Selector	S. Rautenbach
Convenor of Track and Field	C. Britz

TABLE 4.4: TUKS MEMBERS THAT SERVED THE NORTHERN TRANSSVAAL AMATEUR ATHLETICS FEDERATION (NTAAF), CURRENTLY KNOWN AS ATHLETICS GAUTENG NORTH (AGN).

Position	Name
Chairperson	J.J.N. Kruger
	M.H. Mare
	Prof. C.F. Nieuwoudt
	Dr. B.E. Oberholster
	C.E. Schutte
	C. Stander
President	C. Britz
Secretary	C.E. Engelbrecht
	S. Rautenbach

TABLE 4.5: TUKS ROAD RUNNING PERFORMANCES

Year	Performance
1961	George Claassen won the Comrades Marathon, the first Club member to do so
1961	Club members win the Team Competition at the Gold Reef Marathon
1962	George Claassen selected to represent South Africa against the British Marathon Team Competition at the Gold Reef Marathon
1963	Charles Minnaar wins the Gold Reef Marathon
1974	The Marathon team participated in the Comrades Marathon and the best finisher ended tenth.
1975	Dewald Steyn finished sixteenth at the Comrades Marathon and won the Bellington Trophy for the best beginner in the event
1989	Tuks Road Running awarded sports club of the year
1990	George Bratley broke 2:20 for the marathon Tuks sign a two year R27000 agreement with the "Piesangraad"
1991	Tuks Road Running awarded sports club of the year
1992	Sarel Spies receives his Protea colours competing at the Unity Games
1994	Jacob Thlapi finished seventh and Nick Bester finished second at Comrades
1994	Tuk's Men's team won the Gunga Din trophy at Comrades
1995	Nick Bester finished ninth at Comrades
1996	Marathon Club membership exceeds 600 members
1996	Nick Bester finished second at Comrades
1996	Men's Team finish second at Comrades
1997	Men's Team win Gunga Din at Comrades
2000	Women's Team finish First and Second at Comrades
2000	Women's Team win the Veterans Category at Comrades
2001	Riana van Niekerk received her Protea colours, competing at the World Championships
2007	
2008	Vollie Spies finished second in the masters category at the Sydney Marathon

TABLE 4.6: TUKS RACE WALKING PERFORMANCES

Name	Performance
Susan Swanepoel (née Vermeulen)	National Representation at the Race Walking World Cup in Deauville, France in 1999. South African and African Record Holder in the 10km and 20km Race Walk events.
Karen Doyer (née Becker)	Provincial Representation from 2000 – 2005
Yvonne Onderweegs	Provincial Representation from 2000 – 2005
Dewald Bekker	National representation at the World Youth Championships in Ostrava, Czech Republic in 2007.
Thame Hlatswayo	Provincial Representation from 2003 – 2005
Sipho Mahlangu	Provincial Representation from 2003 – 2005
Marc Mundell	National Representation at the Race Walking World Cups in Naumburg, Germany in 2004 and in La Coruna, Spain in 2006; Africa Race Walk and Combined Events Championships in Tunisia 2005; Africa Championships in Mauritius in 2006 and in Ethiopia in 2008; Africa Student Games in 2006; World Student Games in 2007 and All Africa Games in 2007.
Chris Britz	Team coach at the Race Walking World Cups in Naumburg, Germany in 2004 and in La Coruna, Spain in 2006; Team coach at Africa Race Walk and Combined Events Championships in Tunisia 2005; World Junior Team Manager to Poland in 2008.

TABLE 4.7: TUKS CROSS-COUNTRY PERFORMANCES

Name	Performance
Charles Minnaar	Minnaar was the first Club member to receive Springbok colours for cross-country. He was selected to represent South Africa at the World Cross-Country Championships in Sheffield, England in 1962.
Cecile Steenekamp (née van Zyl)	Steenekamp became the first female Club athlete to receive Springbok colours, receiving hers in 1974
Marelise Retief	Retief competed at the FISU World Cross-Country Championships and at the IAAF World Cross-Country Championships in 2004. In 2005 she competed at the FASU Cross-Country Championships in Algeria and at the FISU World Student Cross-Country Championships Algiers, Algeria in 2006. In 2008 she competed at the FISU World Student Cross-Country Championships were held in Mauquenchy, France
Carla Marais	Marais was selected to represent SASSU and competed at the FISU Cross-Country Championships in Algeria in 2006
Andrea Horak	Horak was selected to represent SASSU and competed at the FISU Cross-Country Championships in Algeria in 2006
Christien Van der Merwe	Van der Merwe was selected as the women's team manager for the SASSU Team that competed at the FISU Cross-Country Championships in Algeria in 2006
Neels Gerber	Gerber was selected as the SASSU Team Manager for the teams that competed at the FASU Cross-Country Championships in Algeria in 2005 and the 2006 FISU World Student Cross-Country Championships also held in Algeria.
Myrette Filmater	Filmater was selected to represent SASSU and participated at the 2008 FISU World Student Cross-Country Championships held in Mauquenchy, France.

TABLE 4.8: TUKS MULTI-SPORT CLUB AND TRIATHLON CLUB PERFORMANCES

Name	Perfromance
Nick Bester	Multi Representations in Triathlon and Duathlon during the 1990's
Danie van Niekerk	Competed at the World Duathlon Championships
Mike Cronje	Competed at the World Duathlon Championships
Tjaart van Niewenhuisen	Competed at the World Duathlon Championships
Conrad Stoltz	Won Africa Triathlon Championships in Zimbabwe, 1995
Carla Germishuys	Finished 7 th in her age group at the 2006 Triathlon World Championships in Switzerland. SA under 24 Team to the World Championships in 2007
Andrea Horak	Finished 2 nd at the World Duathlon Championships in 2005 and 2006 in the u23 age group competition. Represented USSA at the Africa Student Cross-Country Championships 2007. Energade Triathlon Series winner in 2007. Principals Award at the University of Pretoria in 2007.
Riana de Lange	Tuks Student Sportswoman of the year 2004. 11 th at triathlon world fast race in Brazil in 2004. Various International representations at Triathlon Championships
Julia Janse van Rensburg	Competed at various International Duathlon Championships
Dawie Kotze	UP Coach of the year 2008 SA Team Manager to 2007 World Triathlon Championships
Anneke Kotze	SA Team Manager to 2007 World Triathlon Championships
Mariziel Swanepoel	SA age group team to several World Triathlon Championships
Yvette Vellerman	SA age group team to several World Triathlon Championships
Daleen Flynn	SA age group team to several World Triathlon Championships
Tiaan Rossouw	SA age group team to several World Triathlon Championships
Coenraad Heffer	SA age group team to several World Triathlon Championships
Steven Wrapson	SA age group team to several World Triathlon Championships
Gerard de Bruin	SA age group team to several World Triathlon Championships
Marius Dekker	Finished 4 th at the 2006 half ironman in Monaco. 2 nd in under 25 age category at the SA ironman event staged in Port Elizebeth in March 2006



CHAPTER 5

TABLE 5.1: COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL CLUB SPRINGBOKS

Name	Year	Event	Tour
Werner Gerhardt	1930	Sprints	South African Team to CWG
NJ Wessels	1935	Middle distance	Touring Oxford/Cambridge Team
JP Gerber	1935	Long jump	Touring Oxford/Cambridge Team
Eric Grimbeek	1935	Sprints	Touring Oxford/Cambridge Team
Pieter van der Merwe	1935	Shot put	Touring Oxford/Cambridge Team
Abraham van Heerden	1948	Sprints	South African Team to OG
Hendrik Lombard	1950	Sprints	Touring USA Team
Dudley Meyer	1950	Middle distance	Touring USA Team
Cyril Gandy	1950	High jump	Touring USA Team
Piet Meiring	1950	Shot put	Touring USA Team
Willie Nel	1955	Sprints, Long jump	Touring West German Team
Elfranco Malan	1957	Shot put and Discus	Touring West German Team
Hannes Botha	1958	Shot put and Discus	South African Team to CWG
George Claassen	1962	Marathon	Comrades against Great Britain
Charles Minnaar	1962	Cross Country	International Cross-Country in England
Laetitia Grové (née Hendriksen)	1966	Javelin	Touring West German Team
Letitia Muller (née Malan)	1966	Discus	Touring West German Team
Ronelle Boshoff	1966	Discus	Touring West German Team
Johann Buys	1968	Sprints	South African Team to West Germany
Dawid Booysen	1968	Shot put	South African Team to West Germany
Theresa van Rensburg	1968	Sprints	South African Team to West Germany
Susan Viljoen	1969	Sprints	South African Games
Claudie van Onselen (née van Straaten)	1969	Sprints	South African Games
Steve Rautenbach	1969	Coach	South African Team to SWA
Dave Langley	1970	Long jump, 110 mH	South African Team to SWA
Denise du Toit (née van Wyk)	1970	Long jump	South African Team to Argentina
Hybre Myburgh (née de Lange)	1974	Long jump, 100 mH	South African Tour to Europe
Hein Schnell	1974	Javelin	South African Tour to Europe
Hugo Myburgh	1974	400 mH	South African Tour to Europe
Ina van Rensburg	1974	100 mH, 400 mH	South African Tour to Europe
Cecile Steenekamp (née van Zyl)	1974	Cross Country	Received Springbok colours
Reinhard Schiel	1975	High jump	South African Tour to Europe
Pierre Spies	1976	110 mH	Competed in South Africa
Alwyn Prinsloo	1977	800 m	Competed in South Africa
Danie Zaayman	1978	200 m, 400 m	Competed in South Africa
Willie Smit	1978	Sprints	Competed in South Africa
Anina van Deventer	1979	100 mH	Competed in South Africa
Johan Fourie	1979	1500 m, Mile	Competed in South Africa
Flippie Prinsloo	1979	400 m, 800 m	Competed in South Africa
Dawie Kuun	1979	110 mH	Competed in South Africa
Koos van der Merwe	1980	Javelin	Competed in South Africa
Marna de Villiers	1980	100 m, 100 mH	Competed in South Africa
Eranee van Zyl	1981	800 m	Competed in South Africa
Leonie Pitts (née Gouws)	1981	Shot put, Discus	Competed in South Africa
Johann Roux	1982	110 mH, 400 mH	Competed in South Africa
Riana Swart	1982	100 mH	Competed in South Africa
Pierre le Roux	1986	400 m	Competed in South Africa
Jan Pienaar	1988	Shot put	Competed in South Africa
Charmaine Weavers (née Gale)	1988	High jump	Competed in South Africa



Marcel Moses (née Winkler)	1989	100 m, 200 m	Competed in South Africa
Pieter Foord	1991	400 m	Competed in South Africa
Rhona Dwinger	1992	Javelin	South African Team to AC
Alwyn Kaltwasser	1992	400 mH	Unity meetings in Senegal
Marinda Fourie (née Hoogendoorn)	1992	200 m, 400 m	Unity meetings in Senegal and RSA
Sarel Spies	1992	Marathon	Unity meetings in Senegal and RSA
Danie van Wyk	1992	Decathlon	South African Team to AC
Chrisna Oosthuizen	1992	Pole vault	South African Team to AC
Yolanda Steyn	1992	100 m, 200 m	Unity meetings in Senegal and RSA
Ilze Wicksell (née de Kock)	1992	800 m, 1500 m	South African Team to AC
Susan Knox	1993	100 m, 200 m	South African Team to AC
Riaan Botha	1993	Pole vault	South African Team to AC
Burger Lamprechts	1993	Shot put	South African Team to AC
Pierre Faber	1993	Decathlon	South African Team to AC
Frits Potgieter	1993	Discus	South African Team to AC
Marlise Visser	1993	Heptathlon	South African Team to AC
Herman de Jager	1994	400 m	South African Team to CWG
Adri van der Merwe	1995	100 mH	South African Team to AAG
Veronica Abrahamse	1995	Shot Put	South African Team to AAG
Manson du Toit	1996	3000 m SC	South African Team Test Match vs Italy and Kenya
Elizna Naudé	1998	Discus	South African Team to AC
Adriaan Botha	1998	400 m	South African Team to CWG
Susan Swanepoel (née Vermeulen)	1999	20km Walk	South African Team to RWWC
Karel Potgieter	1999	Discus	South African Team to AAG
Jacques Freitag	1999	High Jump	South African Team to AAG
Nico Grimbeek	1999	Long Jump	South African Team to AAG
Lezelle Duvenhage	1999	Discus	South African Team to AAG
Hendrik Mokganyetsi	1999	400 m	South African Team to WC
Werner Botha	2000	800 m	South African Team to OG
Llewellyn Herbert	2000	400 mH	South African Team to OG
Frantz Kruger	2000	Discus	South African Team to OG
Nico van Heerden	2000	Coach	South African Team to OG
Dup du Preez	2000	Coach	South African Team to OG
Hannes Hopley	2000	Discus	South African Team to AC
Alwyn Myburgh	2001	400 mH	South African Team to WC
Riana van Niekerk	2001	Marathon	South African Team to WC
Morne Nagel	2001	200 m	South African Team to WC
Surita Febbario	2003	400 mH	South African Team to WC
Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	2003	800 m	South African Team to WC
Roelie Potgieter	2003	Shot put	South African Team to AAG
Johannes van Wyk	2003	Discus	South African Team to AAG
Geraldine Pillay	2004	200 m	South African Team to OG
Clinton Venter	2004	100 m, 200 m	South African Team to AC
Marc Mundell	2004	20km Walk	South African Team to RWWC
Chris Britz	2004	Manager	South African Team to RWWC
Oscar Pistorious	2004	100 m, 200 m	South African Team to Paralympics
Carine Swanepoel	2004	Sprints	South African Team to Paralympics
Ampie Louw	2004	Team Coach	South African Team to Paralympics
Christien van der Merwe	2004	Team Manager	South African Team to Paralympics
Jan van der Merwe	2005	400 m	South African Team to WC
Marelise Retief	2005	Cross Country	South African Team to WC
Amanda Kotze	2006	400 m	South African Team to CWG
LJ van Zyl	2006	400 mH	South African Team to CWG
Estie Wittstock	2006	400 m	South African Team to CWG
Rene van der Merwe	2006	High jump	South African Team to AC
Hannes Dreyer	2006	100 m	South African Team to AC

JG Blignaut	2007	Pole vault	South African Team to AAG
Christiaan Krone	2007	100 m	South African Team to WC
Isabel le Roux	2008	200 m	South African Team to AC
Thianna Vorster	2008	400 m	South African Team to AC
Pieter Smit	2008	400 m	South African Team to AC

Key:

AAG = All Africa Games

AC = Africa Championships

CWG = Commonwealth Games

H = hurdles

OG = Olympic Games

RWWC = Race Walking World Cup

SWA = South West Africa

SC = steeple chase

WC = World Championsh

TABLE 5.2: PARTICIPATION BY TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB ATHLETES AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

BERLIN OLYMPIC GAMES 1936	
Eric Grimbeek	Grimbeek competed in the sprinting events. He did not make it through to the finals at the Olympic Games.
LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES 1948	
Abraham Van Heerden	Van Heerden was a sprinter and competed in the 100 m. He did not make it through to the finals at the Olympic Games.
MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES 1976	
Ina van Rensburg	Van Rensburg was selected for the Olympics, however South Africa did not participate.
Steve Rautenbach	Rautenbach took a group of observers to the Game
BARCELONA OLYMPIC GAMES 1992	
Marcel Moses (née Winkler)	She competed in the 200 m. She unfortunately injured her hamstring in the heats and had to withdraw from the competition.
Steve Rautenbach	Rautenbach travelled to the Barcelona Olympic Games as the Team Manager.
ATLANTA OLYMPIC GAMES 1996	
Riaan Botha	Botha competed in the pole vault. He did not make it through to the final of the competition.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC GAMES 2000	
Llewellyn Herbert	Herbert competed in the 400 m hurdles and won a bronze medal. He also established a new South African record of 47.81s.
Werner Botha	Botha competed in the 800 m in Sydney but did not make it through to final of the competition.
Burger Lamprechts	Lamprechts competed in shot put in Sydney but did not make it through to final of the competition.
Frits Potgieter	Potgieter competed in shot put in Sydney but did not make it through to final of the competition.
Karel Potgieter	Potgieter competed in discus in Sydney but did not make it through to final of the competition.
Nico van Heerden	Van Heerden travelled to the Sydney Olympic Games as a team coach for the sprints and shorter middle distances .
Dup du Preez	Du Preez travelled to the Sydney Olympic Games as a team coach for the throws.
ATHENS OLYMPIC GAMES 2004	
Llewellyn Herbert	Herbert represented Tuks for the third time at the Olympic Games in the 400 m hurdles. Herbert was confident of repeating that success from Sydney going into the Athens Games, but did not make it to the final.
Surita Febbraio	Febbraio competed in the 400 m. She had been a member of the club for 10 years and had a PB of 55.12 going into the Games. She did not make it into the final.
Hendrik Mokganyetsi	Mokganyetsi was also representing Tuks for the third time at the Olympic Games. He is the joint fastest South African ever over 400 m, with a personal best and shared SA record of 44.59. He was unable to reach the finals in the men's 400 m.
Geraldine Pillay	Pillay was selected with a personal best time of 11.09 in the 100 m. She also did not make it through to the finals in her first Olympic Games.
Elizna Naudé	Naudé qualified for selection with a personal best of 60.99m in the discus. She went into the Games as the All Africa Games Gold Medallist, but did not make it through to



	the finals.
Alwyn Myburgh	Myburgh competed in the 400 m hurdles. As a former World Student Champion in 2001 he had already proved himself as a good Championship performer. He progressed through each round comfortably and finished a creditable 7 th in the Final.
Burger Lamprecht	Lamprecht participated in the shot put in Athens after participating in the same event in Sydney four years earlier. He did not make it through to the finals; however he did record the second best ever distance by a South African shot putter in the same year prior to the games, setting a distance of 20.63m.
Jacques Freitag	Freitag, SA record holder at 2,37m in the high jump went into the Olympic Games on the back of a debilitating injury which he sustained shortly after being crowned World High Jump Champion in Paris in 2003. This achievement granted him access into the elitist club in world athletics, becoming one of only a few people in the world to be crowned World Youth (1999), World Junior (2000) and World Champion. Freitag unfortunately did not make it through to the final.
Frantz Kruger	Kruger is the South African, African and Commonwealth record holder in the discus with a distance of 70.32m. He went into Athens on the back of his bronze medal from the Sydney Olympics in 2000. Kruger progressed to the finals of the discus and finished 5 th in the competition.
Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	Mulaudzi went into the Olympic Games in Athens as the World Indoor (2004) and CWG (2002) champion in the 800 m. With a personal best of 1:42.89, the South African delegation was confident of him returning with a medal. Mulaudzi did not disappoint, winning the silver medal in Athens.
BEIJING OLYMPIC GAMES 2008	
LJ van Zyl	Van Zyl competed in the men's 400 m Hurdles and 4x400 m Relay. He achieved the A standard in Ethiopia at the Africa Senior Championships in May 2008. Van Zyl finished 5 th in the final of the 400 mh.
Isabel le Roux	Le Roux competed in the women's 200 m and achieved the A standard in Ethiopia at the Africa Senior Championships in May 2008. She reached the second round but did not proceed any further in the competition.
Elizna Naudé	Naudé achieved the A standard in the women's discus in Europe whilst attending the International training camp held in Potsdam. She did not make it through to the finals of the discus competition.
Hannes Dreyer	Dreyer competed in the men's 4x100 m. Hannes achieved the B standard in Ethiopia at the Africa Senior Championships in May 2008. He did not participate in the men's 100 m because he did not achieve an A standard. Dreyer was also member of the successful quartet that competed and qualified in Ethiopia at the Africa Senior Championships in May 2008.
Kurt Kouto	Kouto competed in the men's 400 m Hurdles representing Mozambique. He was the flag bearer for Mozambique during the opening ceremony and competed in the opening round of the hurdles.
Karin Mey	Mey competed in the Long Jump representing Turkey. She did not make it through to the finals of the long jump competition.
Stefan Louw	Louw competed in the men's long jump representing Namibia. He did not make it through to the finals of the long jump competition.
Nico Van Heerden	Van Heerden travelled with the team to Beijing as an official coach. He is the personal coach of LJ van Zyl and was nominated and selected as the official touring National Team Coach with the team to the Olympics Games.
Jean Strydom	Strydom is the personal coach of both Hannes Dreyer and Isabel le Roux. Although not travelling to the Olympic Games, he has contributed significantly towards the teams make up and has been an asset as a coach at the club
Dup du Preez	Du Preez is the personal coach of Elizna Naudé. Although not travelling to the Olympic Games, he has contributed significantly towards the teams make up and has been an asset as a coach at the club.

TABLE 5.3: OLYMPIC GAMES

OLYMPIC GAMES			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Mbualeni Mulaudzi	Silver medal	800 m	2004
Llewellyn Herbert	Bronze medal	400 m hurdles	2000
Frantz Kruger	Bronze medal	Discus	2000
L.J. van Zyl	5 th	400 m hurdles	2008
Frantz Kruger	5 th	Discus	2004
Hendrik Mokganyetsi	6 th	400 m	2000
Alwyn Myburgh	7 th	400 m hurdles	2004
Riaan Botha	14 th	Pole vault	1996

TABLE 5.4: WORLD RECORDS HELD BY TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB ATHLETES

WORLD RECORDS HELD
Tuks currently has no World Record Holders

TABLE 5.5: SOUTH AFRICAN SENIOR RECORDS HELD BY TUKS ATHLETICS CLUB ATHLETE'S.

SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD HOLDERS – MALE			
Name	Year	Event	Performance
Johan Fourie	1985	2000 m	4:56;41
Johan Fourie	1987	1 mile	3:50;82
Hendrik Mokganyetsi	1999	4x400 m relay member	3:00.20
Llewellyn Herbert	2000	400 mh	47.81s
Hendrik Mokganyetsi	2000	400 m	44.59s
Morne Nagel	2001	4x100 m relay member	38.47s
Frantz Kruger #*	2002	Discus	70.32m
Morne Nagel	2002	200 m	20.11s
Jacques Freitag #*	2005	High Jump	2.38m
Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	2007	1000 m	2:15.82
SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD HOLDERS – FEMALE			
Ilze Wicksell (née de Kock)	1983	1000 m	2:37.2
Susan Swanepoel (née Vermeulen)	1999	10km race walk (road)	45:05
Susan Swanepoel (née Vermeulen)	1999	20km race walk (road)	1:36:18
Karin Mey *	2007	Long jump	6.93m
Elizna Naudé #	2007	Discus	64.87m

= Denotes an African Record

* = Denotes a Commonwealth Record



TABLE 5.6: IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Morne Nagel	Gold	Men's 4x100 m relay	2001
Jacques Freitag	Gold	High Jump	2003
Llewellyn Herbert	Silver	400 m hurdles	1997
Hendrik Mokganyetsi and Adriaan Botha	Bronze	Men's 4x400 m relay	1999
Hendrik Mokganyetsi	5 th	Men's 4x400 m	1997
Llewellyn Herbert	5 th	Men's 4x400 m	1997
Frantz Kruger	6 th	Discus	2003
Frantz Kruger	6 th	Discus	2005
LJ van Zyl	6 th	400 m hurdles	2005
Morne Nagel	7 th	Men's 4x100 m	1999
Llewellyn Herbert	8 th	400 m hurdles	1999
Surita Febbraio	8 th	400 m hurdles	2003
Burger Lamprechts	9 th	Shot put	1999
Burger Lamprechts	10 th	Shot put	1997

TABLE 5.7: IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Jacques Freitag	Gold	High jump	1999

TABLE 5.8: IAAF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

IAAF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Jacques Freitag	Gold	High jump	2000
Hannes Hopley	Gold	Discus	2000
Frits Potgieter	Silver	Discus	1992
Chris Gebhardt	Bronze	4x400 m relay	2004
Wouter le Roux	Bronze	4x400 m relay	2004
Johannes van Wyk	5 th	Shot put	2000
Johannes van Wyk	5 th	Discus	2000
Vanessa Becker	5 th	400 m hurdles	1998
Riaan Dempers	6 th	400 m	1994
Adri van der Merwe	6 th	4x400 m relay	1994
Wouter le Roux	6 th	400 m hurdles	2004
Francois Potgieter	9 th	High Jump	1996
JP Hoffman	9 th	Shot put	2006

TABLE 5.9: IAAF WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	Gold	800 m	2004
Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	Silver	800 m	2006
Riaan Botha	4 th	Pole Vault	1997

TABLE 5.10: COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

COMMONWEALTH GAMES			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Riaan Botha	Gold	Pole vault	1998
Burger Lamprechts	Gold	Shot put	1998
Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	Gold	800 m	2002
Frantz Kruger	Gold	Discus	2002
LJ van Zyl	Gold	400 m hurdles	2006
Elizna Naudé	Gold	Discus	2006
Alwyn Myburgh	Silver	400 m hurdles	2006
LJ van Zyl	Silver	4x400 m relay	2006
Jan van der Merwe	Silver	4x400 m relay	2006
Snyman Prinsloo	Silver	4x100 m relay	2006
Geraldine Pillay	Silver	100 m	2006
Werner Gerhardt	Bronze	4x440 y relay	1930
Werner Gerhardt	Bronze	4x100 y relay	1930
Veronica Abrahamse	Bronze	Shot put	1998
Veronica Abrahamse	Bronze	Shot put	2002
Geraldine Pillay	Bronze	200 m	2006

TABLE 5.11: ALL AFRICA GAMES MEDALLISTS

ALL AFRICA GAMES			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Susan Swanepoel (née Vermeulen)	Gold	10km walk	1999
Burger Lamprechts	Gold	Shot put	1999
Burger Lamprechts	Gold	Shot put	2003
Elizna Naudé	Gold	Discus	2003
Elizna Naudé	Gold	Discus	2007
LJ van Zyl	Gold	400 m hurdles	2007
Surita Febbraio	Silver	400 m hurdles	1999
Frits Potgieter	Silver	Discus	1999
Veronica Abrahamse	Silver	Shot put	1999
Veronica Abrahamse	Silver	Shot put	2003
Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	Silver	800 m	2003
Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	Silver	800 m	2007
Roelie Potgieter	Silver	Shot put	2007
Hardus Pienaar	Silver	Javelin	2007
Frits Potgieter	Bronze	Discus	1995
Karel Potgieter	Bronze	Shot put	1999
Elizna Naudé	Bronze	Discus	1999
Johannes van Wyk	Bronze	Discus	2003
Alwyn Myburgh	Bronze	400 m hurdles	2007

TABLE 5.12: AFRICA CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALLISTS

AFRICA CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Burger Lamprechts	Gold	Shot put	1998
Elizna Naudé	Gold	Discus	1998
Frits Potgieter	Gold	Discus	2000
Llewellyn Herbert	Gold	400 m hurdles	2002
Llewellyn Herbert	Gold	400 m hurdles	2004
Elizna Naudé	Gold	Discus	2004
Frantz Kruger	Gold	Discus	2004
Geraldine Pillay	Gold	200 m	2004
Surita Febbraio	Gold	400 m hurdles	2004
Rene van der merwe	Gold	High jump	2006
LJ van Zyl	Gold	400 m hurdles	2006
Elizna Naudé	Gold	Discus	2006
LJ van Zyl	Gold	400 m hurdles	2008
Isabel le Roux	Gold	200 m	2008
Elizna Naudé	Gold	Discus	2008
Marcel Moses (née Winkler)	Silver	100 m	1992
Marcel Moses (née Winkler)	Silver	200 m	1992
Riaan Botha	Silver	Pole vault	1993
Dries Vorster	Silver	400 m hurdles	1993
Ferrins Pieterse	Silver	400 m hurdles	1996
Frits Potgieter	Silver	Discus	1998
John Sullivan	Silver	Shot put	2000
Burger Lamprechts	Silver	Shot put	2004
Geraldine Pillay	Silver	100 m	2006
Riaan Botha	Bronze	Pole vault	1992
Louis Fouche	Bronze	Javelin	1993
Johan Fourie	Bronze	1500 m	1993
Elizna Naudé	Bronze	Discus	2002
Geraldine Pillay	Bronze	100 m	2004
Morne Nagel	Bronze	200 m	2004

TABLE 5.13 WORLD STUDENT GAMES MEDALLISTS

WORLD STUDENT GAMES			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Louis Fouche	Gold	Javelin	1993
Frits Potgieter	Gold	Discus	1995
Alwyn Myburgh	Gold	400 m hurdles	2001
Morne Nagel	Silver	4x100 m relay	1999
Hannes Dreyer	Silver	4x100 m relay	2007

TABLE 5.14: AFRICA STUDENT GAMES MEDALLISTS

AFRICA STUDENT GAMES			
Name	Position	Event	Year
Sune Labuschagne	Gold	100 m hurdles	2006
Rene van der Merwe	Gold	High jump	2006
Roelie Potgieter	Gold	Shot put	2006
Marc Mundell	Gold	10km walk	2006
Rene van der Merwe	Gold	High jump	2008
Donovan Snyman	Gold	Shot put	2008
Donovan Snyman	Gold	Discus	2008
Donovan Snyman	Gold	Hammer throw	2008
Roelie Potgieter	Silver	Hammer throw	2006
Roelie Potgieter	Silver	Discus	2006
Xandre Strydom	Silver	100 m	2006
Erika Kleinhans	Silver	100 m hurdles	2008
Xandre Strydom	Bronze	200 m	2006
Mandie Brandt	Bronze	1500 m	2008

TABLE 5.15 TUKSSPORTS 2007 AWARDS DINNER REPRESENTATIVES

	Total Number of Recipients	Sporting Codes	Athletics	Cross Country
Provincial Representative's	215	18	40 Athletes	7
USSA Representative's	33	11	2 Managers 4 Athletes	
National Age Group Representative's	30	8		
National Representative's	84		10 Athletes 3 Coaches	1 Athlete
Total Awards	362		67	8

TABLE 5.16: TUKSSPORTS AWARDS: 1999 – 2008

	1999	2000
Sportsman of the Year	Henk Alberts (Golf)	Llewelyn Herbert (Athletics)
Sportswoman of the Year	Nicki de Villiers (Basketball)	Dominique Haverson (Netball)
Student Sportsman of the Year	<i>No category</i>	Karel Potgieter (Athletics)
Student Sportswoman of the Year	<i>No category</i>	Elizna Naudé (Athletics)
Student Administrator of the Year	<i>No category</i>	Andre vd Merwe (CSC)
Administrator of the Year	<i>No category</i>	Hennie Potgieter (Athletics)
Coach of the Year	<i>No category</i>	Louise du Plessis (Netball)
Sport Personality of the Year	<i>No category</i>	Prof Frik van Niekerk (Cricket)
Sport club of the Year	Underwater Sport	Netball
	2001	2002
Sportsman of the Year	Alwyn Myburgh (Athletics) and Victor Matfield (Rugby)	Morne Nagel (Athletics)
Sportswoman of the Year	Desmarie Kotze (Netball)	Elizna Naudé (Athletics)
Student Sportsman of the Year	Lennard de Bruin (Pentathlon)	Johann Roets (Rugby)
Student Sportswoman of the Year	Zanelle Burger (Hockey)	Alicia Senekal (Netball)
Student Administrator of the Year	Mariaan Steyn (CSC)	Gillian James (Hockey)
Administrator of the Year	Louis Fourie (Gymnastics)	Christo Stander (Athletics)
Coach of the Year	Craig Fulton (Hockey)	Colin Dettmer (Cricket)

Sport Personality of the Year	Prof Flip vd Watt (Student Dean)	<i>No nominee</i>
Sport club of the Year	Athletics	Cricket
	2003	2004
Sportsman of the Year	Jacques Freitag (Athletics)	Mbulaeni Mulaudzi (Athletics)
Sportswoman of the Year	Surita Febbraio (Athletics)	Natalie Fulton (Hockey)
Student Sportsman of the Year	Nakedi Maputla (Basketball)	Marc Mundell (Athletics)
Student Sportswoman of the Year	Lizette Pieters (Aquatics)	Riana de Lange (Triathlon)
Student Administrator of the Year	Marcus Melck (Canoe)	Karen Marie Bekker (SSC)
Administrator of the Year	Marc van Rooyen (Hockey)	<i>No Nominee</i>
Coach of the Year	Dick Muir (Rugby)	Nico van Heerden (Athletics)
Sport Personality of the Year	Steve Rautenbach (Athletics)	Spiere v Rensburg (Rugby)
Student Sportsclub of the Year	Dancesport	Canoe
Sport club of the Year	Rugby	Aquatics
Principal's award	<i>No Nominee</i>	Francois v Schouwenberg (Rugby)
	2005	2006
Sportsman of the Year	AB de Villiers (Cricket)	Wynand Olivier (Rugby)
Sportswoman of the Year	Tamaryn Laubscher (Swimming)	Elizna Naudé (athletics)
Student Sportsman of the Year	Hein van Rooyen (Canoe)	Lungile Tsolekile (Hockey)
Student Sportswoman of the Year	Kim Hubach (Hockey)	Rene van der Merwe (Athletics)
Student Administrator of the Year	Conrad Boshoff (SSC)	Nico van Heerden (SSC)
Administrator of the Year	Suretha Klue (Badminton)	Rocco Meiring (Swimming)
Coach of the Year	Nikola Phillipov (Judo)	Dup du preez (Athletics)
Sport Personality of the Year	Mike Potgieter (Squash)	<i>No nominee</i>
Student Sports club of the Year	Rowing	Rowing
Sport club of the Year	Hockey	Hockey and Aquatics
Principal's award	Denise Frick (chess)	Tamaryn Laubscher (Swimming)
	2007	2008
Sportsman of the Year	Pierre Spies (Rugby)	LJ van Zyl (Athletics) and Oscar Pistorius (Athletics)
Sportswoman of the Year	Amanda Kotze (Athletics)	Suzaan van Biljon (Swimming) and Bridgitte Hartley (Canoeing)
Student Sportsman of the Year	Roelie Potgieter (Athletics)	William Diering (Swimming)
Student Sportswoman of the Year	Bridgette Hartley (Canoeing)	Lize-Marie Retief (Swimming)
Student Administrator of the Year	Bernie Wheeler (SSC)	Mikkie Vermeulen
Administrator of the Year	Jannie Robertse (Rugby)	Dawie Kotze (Triathlon)
Coach of the Year	Hennie Kotze (Athletics)	Igor Omeltchenko (Swimming)
Sport Personality of the Year	Henry Windell (Athletics)	Prof Roelf Sandenbergh - Squash
Student Sports club of the Year	Badminton	Rugby
Sport club of the Year	Athletics	Swimming
Principal's award	Andrea Horak (Athletics/duathlon)	<i>No Nominee</i>
Coach of the Year – Team	Grant Morgan (cricket)	David Viney
Sports Team of the Year	Soccer Mvela Team	Basketball Women's 1 st Team
Newsmaker of the Year	Oscar Pistorius (Athletics)	Oscar Pistorius (Athletics)

TABLE 5.17: TUKSSPORTS AWARDS SPORTSMAN/SPORTSWOMAN: 1974 – 2008

Year	Gender	Name	Sport
1974	Female	Claudie van Straaten	Athletics
1974	Male	Tonie Roux	Rugby
1975	Female	Sonja Germishuis	Swimming
1975	Male	Pierre Spies	Rugby and Athletics
1976	Female	Ina van Rensburg	Athletics
1976	Male	Alwyn Gerber	Gymnastics
1977	Female	Suzete Jansen	Swimming
1977	Male	Reinhard Schiel	Athletics
1978	Female	Kathy Myburgh	Gymnastics
1978	Male	Anton van Niekerk	Swimming
1979	Female	Kathy Myburgh	Gymnastics
1979	Male	Naas Botha	Rugby
1980	Female	Marna de Villiers	Athletics
1980	Male	Naas Botha	Rugby
1981	Female	Leonie Gouws	Athletics
1981	Male	Johann Marais	Rugby
1982	Female	Suzette de Villiers	Judo
1982	Male	Johan Fourie	Athletics
1983	Female	Eranee van Zyl	Athletics
1983	Male	Greyling Viljoen	Canoeing
1984	Female	Dorothea Neumeister	Swimming
1984	Male	Johann Heunis	Rugby
1985	Female	Eranee van Zyl	Athletics
1985	Male	Uli Schmidt	Rugby
1986	Female	Pauline Hovy	Gymnastics
1986	Male	Johann van der Merwe	Biathlon
1987	Female	Ronelle Roodt	Athletics
1987	Male	Ernst Kruger	Pentathlon
1988	Female	Lydia Venter	Gymnastics
1988	Male	Jan Pienaar	Athletics
1989	Female	Elezna Bruwer	Netball
1989	Male	Moray Smit	Gymnastics
1990	Female	Marcel Moses (néé Winkler)	Athletics
1990	Male	Robert du Preez	Rugby
1991	Female	Paula Maree	Athletics
1991	Male	Pieter Ford	Athletics
1992	Female	Marcel Moses (néé Winkler)	Athletics
1992	Male	Jacques Olivier	Rugby
1993	Female	Yolanda Steyn	Athletics
1993	Male	Joost van der Westhuizen	Rugby
1994	Female	Sharon Cormack	Hockey
1994	Female	Nerine Grobler	Underwater Hockey
1994	Male	Frits Potgieter	Athletics
1995	Female	Maralize Visser	Athletics (Pentathlon)
1995	Male	Marius Hurter	Rugby
1996	Female	Monique Crouch	Underwater Hockey
1996	Male	Gideon Joubert	Athletics (Decathlon)
1997	Female	Elizna Naudé	Athletics
1997	Male	Marius Hurter	Rugby
1998	Female	Vanessa Becker	Athletics
1998	Male	Riaan Botha	Athletics
1999	Female	Nicki de Villiers	Basketball
1999	Male	Henk Alberts	Golf
2000	Female	Dominique Harveson	Netball
2000	Male	Llewellyn Herbert	Athletics
2001	Female	Desmarie Kotze	Netball
2001	Male	Victor Matfield	Rugby

2001	Male	Alwyn Myburgh	Athletics
2002	Female	Elizna Naudé	Athletics
2002	Male	Morne Nagel	Athletics
2003	Female	Surita Febbraio	Athletics
2003	Male	Jacques Freitag	Athletics
2004	Female	Natalie Fulton	Hockey
2004	Male	Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	Athletics
2005	Female	Tamaryn Laubscher	Swimming
2005	Male	AB de Villiers	Cricket
2006	Female	Elizna Naudé	Athletics
2006	Male	Wynanad Olivier	Rugby
2007	Female	Amanda Kotze	Athletics
2007	Male	Pierre Spies Jnr	Rugby
2008	Female	Brigitte Hartley	Canoeing
2008	Female	Suzaan van Biljon	Swimming
2008	Male	Oscar Pistorious	Athletics

TABLE 5.18: TUKSSPORT HALL OF FAME - ATHLETICS

Year	Name	Name
2001	Hannes Botha	Elfranco Malan
2001	Dave Langley	Charles Minnaar
2001	Letitia Muller (née Malan)	Hybré Myburgh (née de Lange)
2001	Hugo Myburgh	Hein Schnell
2001	Claudie van Onselen (née van Straaten)	Klasie Wessels
2002	Johann Buys	Reinhard Schiel
2002	Johan Fourie	Pierre Spies
2002	Laetitia Henriksen (née Grové)	Marna van den Burgh (née de Villiers)
2002	Alwyn Prinsloo	Koos van der Merwe
2002	Flippie Prinsloo	Ina van Rensburg
2003	Pieter Foord	Sarel Spies
2003	Alwyn Kaltwasser	Yolanda Steyn
2003	Pierre le Roux	Eranee van Zyl
2003	Jan Pienaar	Marcel Moses (née Winkler)
2003	Riana Swart	
2004	Rhona Dwinger	Danie van Wyk
2004	Ilze Wicksell (née De Kock)	Susan Knox
2004	Marinda Fourie (née Hoogendoorn)	
2005	Werner Gerhardt	Cyril Gandy – not presented in 2005
2005	Eric Grimbeek	Piet Meiring – not presented in 2005
2005	Koos Gerber	Willie Nel
2005	Abraham van Heerden	Hendrik Lombard
2005	Pieter van der Merwe – not presented in 2005	Dudley Meyer
2008	Burger Lambrechts	Oscar Pistorius
2008	Jacques Freitag	



TABLE 5.19: TUKSSPORT HALL OF FAME SPECIAL AWARDS

Year	Name	Performance
2001	Llewellyn Herbert	Bronze Medal in the 400 mh - Olympic Games, 2000
2001	WJS (Willie) le Roux	Years of exceptional service to TuksSport
2001	Matt Maré	President SA Amateur Athletics Union
2001	Prof Hannes Botha	President SA Amateur Athletics Union
2002	Prof CF Nieuwoudt	President SA Amateur Athletics Union
2002	Adv D van Zyl	President SA Amateur Athletics Union
2002	George Claassen	Winner Comrades Marathon 1961; Member of SA team vs British team – Comrades Marathon 1962)
2005	Mbulaeni Mulaudzi	Silver Medallist in the 800 m – Olympic Games, 2004
2008	Steve Rautenbach	Years of exceptional service to Tuks Athletics
2008	John Short	Years of exceptional service to Tuks Athletics
2008	Dup du Preez	Years of exceptional service to Tuks Athletics
2008	Bessie Windell	Years of exceptional service to Tuks Athletics



CHAPTER 6

TABLE 6.1: STAGING OF EVENTS BEYOND 2008

National Track and Field Championships	National Cross Country Championships
Nedbank Matha Series	Yellow Pages
Spar Ladies	Womens Prestige Meeting
Tuks Top Ten (high schools)	Tuks Top Ten (primary schools)
Relay Meetings	Top Eight Meeting
Intervarsity challenge	Prestige Meetings – by invitation only
First Wednesday evening of the month socials	First Monday of the month talent identification

TABLE 6.2: INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CALENDAR OF SPORTING EVENTS UNTIL 2012

Year	Organiser	Event	Venue
2009	USSA	USSA Athletics	Stellenbosch
2009	USSA	USSA Cross Country	Potchefstroom
2009	FISU	World Student Games	Belgrade, SERBIA
2009	IAAF	World Athletics Championships	Berlin, GERMANY
2009	IAAF	World Cross-Country Championships	TBC
2009	IAAF	World Youth Athletics Championships	ITALY
2009	AAAC	Africa Combined Events and Race Walking	Tunis, TUNISIA
2010	USSA	USSA Athletics	Potchefstroom
2010	USSA	USSA Cross-Country	TBC
2010	FASU	Africa Student Games	TBC
2010	CUCSA	CUCSA Games	TBC
2010	FISU	World Student Cross-Country Championships	TBC
2010	IAAF	Race Walking World Cup	MEXICO
2010	CWG	Common Wealth Games	Deli, INDIA
2010	AAAC	Africa Senior Athletics Championships	Nairobi, KENYA
2010	IAAF	World Junior Championships	TBC
2010	IAAF	World Cross-Country Championships	TBC
2011	AAG	All Africa Games	MOZAMBIQUE
2011	IAAF	World Youth Athletics Championships	TBC
2011	FISU	World Student Games	Kazan, RUSSIA
2011	IAAF	World Cross-Country Championships	TBC
2012	AAAC	Africa Senior Athletics Championships	TBC
2012	IAAF	World Cross-Country Championships	TBC
2012	IAAF	Race Walking World Cup	TBC
2012	OG	Olympic Games	London, ENGLAND



TABLE 6.3: PREPARATION FOR THE 2018 CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS

In the build up to the Centenary Year	
➤	Launch a Facebook group to communicate with Club Alumni
➤	Distribute a regular Club Newsletter to all Club Members promoting the Centenary Year
➤	Develop a comprehensive data base of all Alumni
➤	Distribute Centenary Year information on the Alumni Websites and Newsletters
➤	Bi-annual Alumni dinners
➤	Golf Day for all Club members
➤	Celebratory Gala in commemoration of 95 years
➤	Dinner for all Club Hall of Fame Recipients
➤	Dinner for all Club Springboks
➤	Dinner for all coaches and management over the years
➤	Preparation on Centenary Athletics publication to commence
➤	Encourage interaction between Alumni and current athletes
➤	Adopt an athlete and sponsor a bursary for a year programme
In the Centenary Year (2018)	
➤	Hosting the Athletics Centenary Golf day
➤	Hosting of the Centary Road Race
➤	Hosting of Prestige Athletics Events
➤	Sale of Athletics Centenary Publication
➤	Sale of Athletics Centenary clothing and memorabilia
➤	Three quaterly functions prior to the Gala Dinner: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ February–function for all the Club’s Springboks○ May–function for all the Club athletes inducted into the Tuks Hall of Fame○ August–function for all the Club coaches, Chairpersons and Management members
➤	Celebratory Gala Dinner to be scheduled for November

