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Chief Meseni kaMusi Qwabe of eMthandeni on the Mvoti River, jailed for failing to hand over 300 alleged protesters to Sir George Leuchars during the Bhambatha Uprising. His death sentence was commuted to exile on St Helena.

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Editorial

While the editorial for the previous edition of *Natalia* was written by Mark Steele, in fact he occupied the editorial chair of the journal for a few brief months only during 2005 before returning to full-time involvement in local government as a Msunduzi municipal councillor.

Since then, in the absence of any obvious successor, the editorial committee, with no fewer than three ex-editors in its ranks, has operated on a collegial basis of shared leadership—or, perhaps more accurately, as a headless chicken. This issue, therefore, is the product of a collective effort and, we trust, to change the metaphor, will prove not more camel-like than the metaphorical horse designed by a committee.

The year 2006 has seen the centenary of the Bhambatha Uprising. It has been marked not only by commemorative ceremonies but also a 12-part series of supplements in *The Witness*, written by Professor Jeff Guy. *Natalia*'s small contribution to the occasion is in the form of two previously unpublished pieces. One is an account by R.C. Samuelson of the doings of a force of Christian Africans which he raised and which was described by James Stuart in his *History of the Zulu rebellion, 1906*, as 'thoroughly reliable and serviceable'. The other is the unofficial report of Benjamin Colenbrander, magistrate of the Nkandhla Division in Zululand, which gives an interesting view from the perspective of an official at the centre of the area involved in the troubles of that year.

Among the articles in this issue, Mark Coghlan, Natal Carbineers' historian, offers 'William Harte, Natal Carbineers, 1906: A centennial appraisal of the life and times of a Natal Militia soldier and his photographic and literary record'. We also publish brief histories of Verulam and of Grey's Hospital and an article by Professor Adrian Koopman marking the centenary of the birth of the major Zulu literary figure, Benedict Vilakazi, revered as the father of Zulu poetry.

Proposals to change the names of some of the streets in Pietermaritzburg generated fiercer and more lengthy correspondence in the letters' columns of *The Witness* than any other issue in the past decade. Despite resistance to change, however, new names have been given to a number of streets and places. John Deane and Adrian Koopman record the changes both verbally and photographically.

While the notes and queries section is noticeably thinner than in former issues, the year 2005 has not reduced the number of distinguished local citizens whose demise needs to be commemorated in the obituary section. For the rest, the mix of book reviews and list of recent publications is much as usual.

With steadily rising production costs, *Natalia* relies for its continued existence not only on generous funding by the Natal Society Trust but on the labours, without pecuniary reward, of many. To our main authors, the contributors of secondary items and members of the editorial committee, our readers owe a debt of gratitude. We trust that their combined efforts have provided yet another edition of abiding interest and value.

JACK FROST
on behalf of the Editorial Committee

Select List of Recent KwaZulu-Natal Publications

- BARKER, Denis W. *Zulus at bay: a colonial chronicle*. Sezela: the Author, 2005. 314 p. illus., maps. R120,00
- BENNUN, Neil. *The broken string: the last words of an extinct people*. London: Penguin, 2005. 420 p. illus. ISBN: 0-14100823-7 (pbk). R120,00 (pbk)
Commemorates the work of Dr W.I. Bleek and his sister-in-law Lucy Lloyd (daughter of Archdeacon W.H.C. Lloyd, Durban's first Anglican minister).
- BOPELA, Thula and LUTHULI, Daluxolo, *Umkhonto we Sizwe: fighting for a divided people*. Alberton: Galago Books, 2005. 272 p. illus.
ISBN: 1-919854-16-9. R199,00
- BOYLEY, Jocelyn and BATCHELDER, Joanna. *Errol Boyley: a life*. Hilton: Jocelyn Boyley, 2005. 182 p. illus. ISBN: 0-620-34707-4. R394,00
- BRAIN, J. B. *A new beginning? The Umzimkulu diocese fifty years later*. Umzimkulu: Diocese of Umzimkulu, 2004. 166 p. illus., maps.
ISBN: 1-875053-47-6. R80,00
Available from the Mariannahill Bookshop or the Archdiocese of Durban, P O Box 47489, Greyville, 4023
- DALLAS, David. *From Portsmouth to Pinetown: the story of John and Mary Anderson and their descendants*. Sorrento (Victoria, Australia): the Author, 2005. 313 p. illus., tables. ISBN: 0975127-4-8. R135,00
- ECKSTEIN, Brenda. *Networking tactics; a guide to achieving success through personal networking*. Pietermaritzburg: Eyes Publishing, 2005. 112 p. diags.
ISBN: 0-620-35024-5. R180,00
- GREEN, Michael. *Around and about: memoirs of a South African newspaperman*. Cape Town: Davidphilip, 2004. 247 p. ISBN: 0-86486-660-7. R140,00
Green was editor of the *Daily News* and the *Sunday Tribune*.
- GREIG, Robert. *Rules of cadence*. Pietermaritzburg: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2005. 56 p. ISBN: 1-86914-075-3. R92,00
A book of poetry.
- GROVÉ, Leon. *The ABC of stress*. Pietermaritzburg: Intrepid printers, 2005. 46p. illus., tables. ISBN: 0-620-34079-7. R60,00
- GUY, Jeff. *The Maphumulo uprising: war, law and ritual in the Zulu rebellion*. Pietermaritzburg: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2005. 276 p. illus., maps.
ISBN: 1-86914-048-6. R164,00

- HAARHOFF, Dorian and KRUGER, Jill, eds. *I got the message: HIV and Aids life stories, fiction and poems from KwaZulu-Natal schools*. Volume 1. Pietermaritzburg: KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education, 2005. 100 p. ISBN: 0-620-33886-5
- HARVEY-WILLIAMS, Cynthia, comp. *An illustrated history of Cedara College, 1905-2005*. Pietermaritzburg: the College, 2005. 39 p. illus. ISBN: 0-621-35921-1. R30,00
- HASSIM, Aziz. *The lotus people*. Johannesburg: STE Publishers, 2002. 525 p. ISBN: 1-919855-07-6. R160,00
- HIGGINSON, Craig. *The hill*. Bellevue: Jacana, 2005. 287 p. ISBN: 1-77009-051-7. R97,00
A novel.
- HOLLMANN, Jeremy C., ed. *Customs and beliefs of the /Xam Bushman*. Johannesburg: Witwatersrand University Press, 2004. 439 p. illus., maps. (Khoisan heritage series). ISBN: 1-86814-399-6. R295,00
Draws on the work of Dr W.I. Bleek and his sister-in-law Lucy Lloyd (daughter of Archdeacon W.H.C. Lloyd, Durban's first Anglican minister), and their /Xam teachers.
- HUGHES, Nigel. *Views in colonial Natal*. Johannesburg: Mertrade, 2005. 144 p. illus. ISBN: 0-620-27556-1. R695,00
A collection of the paintings of Cathcart Methven.
- HURLEY, Denis E. *Vatican II: keeping the dream alive*. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, 2005. 300 p. illus. ISBN: 1-875053-48-4
- JOUBERT, Desirée. *Munster and its pioneers*. Priv. print, n.d. 181 p. R135,00
- KERCHHOFF, Joan. Three journeys, one life: poems and dreams. 48 p. illus. Pietermaritzburg: PACSA, 2005. R30,00
- LABAND, John. *The Transvaal rebellion: the First Boer War 1880-1881*. Pearson Longmans, 2005. 264 p. illus., maps. ISBN: 0-582-77261-3. R344,00
- LOCK, Ron and QUANTRILL, Peter. *Zulu vanquished — the destruction of the Zulu kingdom*. London: Greenhill Books, 2005. 304 p. illus., maps. ISBN: 1-85367-660-8. R300,00
- LUTCHMANAN, Mala. *Tamil festivals*. Chennai: the Author, 2005. 133 p. Available from the Siva Soobramoniar and Marriammen Temples, Pietermaritzburg.
- LUTCHMANAN, Mala. *Why Mariamman: a study of Tamil folk festivals*. Chennai: the Author, 2005. 132 p. Available from the Siva Soobramoniar and Marriammen Temples, Pietermaritzburg.
- MACHI, Nolwazi, et al. *Izimbali zesizwe*. Pietermaritzburg: Shuter & Shooter, 2005. 84 p. illus. ISBN: 0-7960-2910-5. R48,35
An anthology of poetry.
- MAGUBANE, Fikile. *Son, are you standing or hanging?* Pietermaritzburg: Shuter & Shooter, 2005. 62 p. ISBN: 0-7960-2907-5. R67,00
- MANGANYI, N. Chabani. *Gerard Sekoto — 'I am an African': a biography*. Johannesburg: Witwatersrand University Press, 2004. 244 p. illus. ISBN: 1-86814-4000-3. R240,00

- MBATHA, Azariah. *Within living memory of the century: an autobiography*; ed. by Alan Botha. Pietermaritzburg: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2005. 371 p. illus., map. ISBN: 1-86914-062-1. R284,00
- MHLOPE, Gcina and NGWENYA, Thengani, eds. *Creative INK anthology for urban renewal*. Durban: Izimbongi Zesimanje, 2005. 71 p. ISBN: 0-620-34936-0
INK is an acronym for Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu
- NASH, Dick. *I remember when. . . a lifetime with a game ranger and his family in the wilds of southern Africa*. Pietermaritzburg: the Author, 2005. 323 p. illus., maps. ISBN: 0-620-3466-3 R217,00
- NASH, Jack. *The birth of Ballito: pearl of the Natal North Coast*. ABC Books, 2005. R155,00
- NGIDI, Mongezi. *Black or white: does it matter? My journey with albinism*. [Pietermaritzburg?], Solar Publications, 2005. 84 p. ISBN: 0-620-34865-8. R115,00
- NTOZAKHE. *One goat is enough: taking a fresh look at women's issues at the dawn of the African renaissance*. Pietermaritzburg: Ntozakhe, 2004. 99 p. (Women Stuff series). ISBN: 0-620-29352-7. R135,00
- PATON, Alan. *Lost city of the Kalahari*; ed. and introd. by Hermann Wittenberg. Pietermaritzburg: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2005. 60 p. illus. ISBN: 1-86914-066-4. R149,00
- ROOT, Graham. *Roots of a game ranger*. Vryheid: The Roots, 2005. 216 p. illus., maps. ISBN: 0-620-32773-1. R174,00
- SCHLEBUSCH, Lourens. *Suicidal behaviour in South Africa*. Pietermaritzburg: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2005. 248 p. tables. ISBN: 1-86914-077-X. R170,00
- SHANGE, Philisiwe Lawrette (Maphili). *Uthando lungumanqoba*. Pietermaritzburg: Shuter & Shooter. 2005. 91 p. ISBN: 0-7960-2908-3 R41,40
A novelette.
- SIBIYA, Nakanjani G., et al. *Wathint 'mbokodo!* Pietermaritzburg: Shuter & Shooter, 2005. 169p. illus. ISBN: 07960-2909-1. R64,00
An anthology of short stories.
- THOMPSON, Paul. *Incident at Trewirgie: first shots of the Zulu Rebellion 1906*. Pietermaritzburg: the Author, 2005. 78 p. maps. ISBN: 0-620-34547-0. R40,00
- VAN DE RUIT, John. *Spud*. London: Penguin, 2005. 389 p. ISBN: 0-143-02484-1. R77,00
A novel in which the author draws on his experiences as a pupil at Michaelhouse.
- WALKER, David. *Terror by night—hope shining*. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, 2005. 262 p. ISBN: 1-875053-49-2. R 75,00
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- YEATS, Charles. *Prisoner of conscience: one man's remarkable journey from repression to freedom*. London: Rider, 2005. 210 p. ISBN: 1-84604001-9. R179,00
- ZULU, William N. *Spring will come*. Pietermaritzburg: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2005. 334 p. illus. ISBN: 1-86914-070-2. R184,00

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