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Editorial

"*The art of reading is to skip judiciously.*"

PHILIP GILBERT HAMERTON

It has become the tradition over the last few years to start this part of the magazine with an apology—an apology because the magazine is like every previous one; dull and dry. The only difference between last year's issue and this year's is the larger Forum in which members of the School may write on any subject they wish. It was hoped that "Forum" would provide the breath of fresh air and originality that the magazine needed and yet there has been only a handful of contributions. If, therefore, this magazine remains as it did in former years, it is not the fault of the magazine itself but that of the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the School to use it as a medium for expression.

Since the School, as a whole, seems incapable of working spontaneously for a more interesting magazine, the responsibility rests very largely with the editors. Because the editors are always in the middle-sixth it means that examinations prevent work on the magazine starting until the last four weeks of term. This gives very little time, and in the haste to glean enough articles, originality is sacrificed. Perhaps the magazine would be more easily compiled if it was written in the winter term, when there are no major examinations and fewer conflicting end-of-term activities, with lower-sixth-formers as senior editors.

There would seem to be a general dissatisfaction with the magazine as it now is. At a sixth-form meeting for debate and discussion, not one person was satisfied with the present format. Although articles in the form of essays, poems or criticisms would be welcomed for "Forum", beyond this I can see little change taking place. The magazine is a School magazine and, as such, must present events of the year as a record of School activities; thus clubs and societies must be represented and although these may make dull reading they are written as reports and not as articles for the *Reader's Digest.*

Perhaps, at some time in the future, a separate publication may be brought out which shows how D.H.S. boys think and not just how they work. Until then this must remain as the one and only Devonport High School magazine and must be accepted as such.

School Notes

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed to the Staff Mr. C. Burrows who joined the English Department, and Mr. A. Wroath who replaced Mr. Nicholas in the Classics Department. Both settled down so quickly and have become so involved in numerous School activities that they seem old friends already. We trust they will have a long and happy stay with us.

At the end of the Easter term, Mr. Horwell left us to take up a teaching post at Mbale in Uganda. During his stay at the School, his cheerfulness, enthusiasm and readiness to assist in a multitude of activities made a considerable impression and we wish him well in his new post. May he find Torquay United in the Second Division when he returns to England! His place in the Mathematics Department has been taken by Mr. Watson, who has just returned to England after a period of voluntary service overseas. In this and every other way he is a fitting replacement. Mr. Cole of the Chemistry Department also left at Easter to take a position in industry and we wish him well in his new career.

At the end of the summer term came the retirement of Mr. Cole, the master-in-charge of the Religious Instruction Department. Ordained in 1928, after serving in parishes in Derbyshire, Somerset and the West Riding of Yorkshire, he decided in 1963 to take up teaching and came to D.H.S. in that year, at first part-time and then in charge of the Department. We thank him for all he has contributed to the life of the School, wish him a long and happy retirement and, as he expects to stay in Plymouth to carry on with his private studies and activities, look forward to frequent meetings with him.

We also had to say goodbye to Mr. Brown, Mrs. Southern and Monsieur Bruguet at the end of the year. Mr. Brown is joining the teaching staff of a secondary school in Rukungeri in Uganda. He tells us that the school is at an altitude of 5,000 feet and has 500 pupils studying to "O" level standard. The staff consists of 14 Africans, 8 Europeans, 2 Americans and 1 Canadian. His school is 500 miles away from Jim Horwell's, over roads ranging from good tarmac to poor mud tracks, so contact will only be possible during school holidays. Our good wishes go with him and his family. Mrs. Southern is leaving to become Head of the Geography Department at Stoke Damerel High School and to her we proffer thanks and good wishes, as we do to Monsieur Bruguet, our French assistant, who is returning to the Sorbonne in October to complete his English studies.

Mr. Collenette is going to America for a year under a teacher-exchange scheme, and he and his family have our sincere good wishes for a happy stay there.

Congratulations to Mr. Clayton and Mr. Bowden on their marriages during the summer holidays, and best wishes to them and their wives.

It is obviously impossible in these notes to congratulate all the members of the School who have achieved notable success during the year in academic work and other activities, but a special word of praise is due to those who have been responsible for an unusually large number of new clubs and societies which have been formed since the last magazine was printed. Typical examples are the Angling Club, the sixth-form Bridge Club, the Geographical Society, the Basketball Club and the Golf Club. These are an indication that the School, like the magazine which records its progress, is a living and changing entity, responding to the interests and enthusiasm of its personnel.

The School Play . . .

A Penny for a Song

This year's production was the most successful for some time. The prime reason for this was the increased amount allowed for expenditure on the project which enabled a suitably testing play to be chosen; testing both for the actors and in the mechanics of its production. As well as the successful reconstruction of the façade of a house and a mock tree strong enough for a member of the cast to perch there throughout the play, the technical difficulty of simulating the passage of a balloon and its occupant down a well was successfully overcome. It was pleasing to see several new faces in the cast, notably three girls from Stoke Damerel, and several of the more type-cast actors replaced. Whiting's play, itself a comedy about the preparations of Dorset for the Napoleonic invasion, was eminently suitable for a school production and deserved better support.

The producer, Mr. C. G. S. Clayton, is to be commended for his choice of this difficult comedy which, as described in the press, is the "Dad's Army" of Napoleonic times. It is to his credit and that of his cast that the highly comical and unusual characters of the play were clearly established and convincingly portrayed on the stage.

Particularly effective in their various roles were C. Jarman, John Tandy, M. Russell, M. Horrell, P. Henderson, T. Shears, K. Walters and P. Bishop. We are especially grateful to the girls from Stoke Damerel who helped out with the female roles—Sarah Dawson as Hester Bellboys, Sally Clemmett as Dorcas, and Vanessa Cole as Pippin.

Finally, we congratulate the Stage Manager, Simon Ratcliffe, who was responsible for the design and construction of the magnificent set which served as a basis for this fascinating comedy. His recent spell with the National Youth Theatre was clearly a profitable one.

Comments on and from

SPEECH DAY . 1969

concerning "tradition"

"The very quality which makes Speech Day the chief event of the School Calendar is the inflexibility of the ceremony and the perpetuation of the traditions started years ago which make the event run with machine-like precision. Even as I think of this year's Speech Day, I wonder if I am really remembering events of the Speech Days of one, two or even seven years ago, so alike is each occasion." *Sixth Form boy on Speech Day, 1969*

"If we get something better in the years to come, it is obvious, from the educational point of view, that we will accept it; but from the results coming out of schools like this, we think we are right in saying that we will hold on to them and not change for something which may not be quite so good."

Alderman L. F. Paul, Chairman of the Plymouth Education Committee, in his speech moving the 'Vote of Thanks' at Speech Day, 1969

"Devonport High School for Boys had continued to be the subject of much university, ministerial and educational interest with a wide variety of research workers in sociological and educational matters visiting it, seeking to understand what it was and why. All had seemed to enjoy themselves but had confessed that the School fitted no pattern, appeared to be indifferent to gimicry and yet was strangely courteous in getting on with its own objectives." *Dr. J. L. Cresswell in his Annual Report at Speech Day, 1969*

As a school, we are delighted to offer traditional and sincere thanks to the Lord Mayor, Alderman George Creber, who presided, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Creber, and to Professor W. R. Ward, an Old Boy of the School, who gave the address and presented the prizes.

SPORTS DAY . 1970

Instead of only the traditional occasion at the Brickfields, this year's Sports Day was divided into two parts of almost equal status. The first, on the School field, is presumably designed to cut to a reasonable length the number of events that are crowded into the main meeting, and also to ensure that Sports Day is not too crowded with events which have little spectator interest. For the first time there was compulsory attendance at the pre-sports day events for the senior school. The Brickfields competition took place in bitterly cold, windy weather, making watching somewhat of a punishment. The extremely invigorating conditions were an equal trial to competitors and times in the sprints suffered because of a strong head-wind. In the senior 100 metres, there was a remarkable degree of rivalry resulting in a record of four false starts. There was also considerable speculation as to

whose physique would be best suited to the conditions. Lightfoot theorized that Chope's low centre of gravity would make him favourite, though Ash's streamlined form was also thought to make him a possible winner. Alas, this intriguing question was never solved since Chope was disqualified at the fourth false start.

Final Placings:

1. Raleigh 2. Gilbert 3. Drake 4. Grenville

Individual Trophy Winners:

Under-12 Championship Cup: Taberner (Grenville)
Under-13 Championship Cup: Dodd (Gilbert)
Under-14 Championship Cup: Bishop (Raleigh)
Under-15 Championship Cup: McShane (Gilbert)

Victor Ludorum: Ash (Drake)

Relay Cup: Gilbert House

The Treseder (senior runner-up) Cup was won by C. A. Kovacs of Gilbert.

The Swimming Sports

At great expense to the management, Central Park swimming baths were hired for this year's event. Although it was held at the inconvenient time of 5 o'clock, this was more than compensated for by the fact that for the first time ever bad weather was no deterrent. From the spectators' point of view, the change from damp concrete steps to dry wooden seats was a welcome innovation. The water shimmering over azure blue tiles in the massive well-filled building made the proceedings seem much more attractive and professional than usual. One unfortunate consequence of the move from Mount Wise was that the diving events had to be cancelled because there is no board at Central Park. This is surely an omission that should be rectified. A life-saving race was substituted for the plunge this year. This I find particularly disappointing since I have always found it intriguing to watch seemingly inanimate figures drift face down on the surface of the water slowly along the pool side.

Final House Positions:

(1) Grenville with 98 points (2) Drake with 80 points
(3) Raleigh with 75 points (4) Gilbert with 73 points.

Individual Trophy Winners:

Under-12: Clews (Raleigh)
Under-13: Ryder (Grenville)
Under-14: Llewellyn (Grenville)
Under-15: Lovell (Drake)
Senior: Hodges (Drake)
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Relay Cup: Grenville House

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M. A. ARROW. Entered 1962; Science Society. Proceeding to Newcastle University to study Veterinary Science.

C. J. BENTLEY. Entered 1962; House Captain 1970; Science Society; House Cricket; School Tennis Team. Proceeding to Churchill College, Cambridge (Engineering).

S. M. CHOPE.* Entered 1963; Deputy Head Librarian 1969–70; House Speech Captain; School Athletics; Vice-Captain 3rd XV. Surrey University (Microbiology).

P. CLEMO.* Entered 1963; Science Society. To Birmingham University to study Electrical Engineering.

A. J. DAGGETT. Entered 1963; Scout Troop; House Cricket. Taking up a post with Lloyds' Bank.

C. R. DAVIS. Entered 1961; Science Society; School Athletics. Studying Psychology at Manchester.

G. L. DAWE.* Entered 1963; School Athletics; 1st XI Soccer; School Tennis Team. Philosophy and French at Sheffield University.

M. O. DRUCE. Entered 1962; Debating Society Chairman; Sailing; Dramatics. Taken post with Lloyds' Bank.

A. GARNISH.* Entered 1963; Geographical Society; Science Society; A.T.C.; School Athletics. Hull University (Economics).

P. J. GROSS. Entered 1962; Editor School Magazine 1968–69; School Chess Team; House Chess Captain. Sussex University (English).

B. HARVEY.* Entered 1964; Debating Society; House Speech Captain. Hatfield Polytechnic (Business Studies).

C. J. JARMAN.* Entered 1963; Head Librarian 1969–70; Editor School Magazine; House Speech Captain; Dramatics; School Athletics; Christian Union. Proceeding to Goldsmith's College, London (Botany/Zoology).

I. R. KING.* Entered 1963; School Librarian; Science Society; A.T.C. University College, London (Zoology).

T. J. KNIGHT.* Entered 1963; Chess Club; Dramatics. Portsmouth Polytechnic (Business Studies).

C. A. KOVACS.* Entered 1963; School Athletics; House Rugby. Hull University (Business Studies).

G. J. LLEWELLYN.* Entered 1968; 2nd XV Rugby; House Swimming. Pursuing sandwich course at Salford University.

D. A. LUSH. Entered 1962; House Captain; Debating Society. University College, London (Mediaeval and Ancient History).

R. MORRELL. Entered 1962; Captain 1st Soccer XI; Dramatics; House Speech. Portsmouth Polytechnic (Business Studies).

A. W. MURRAY.* Entered 1962; School Vice-Captain 1969–70; House Captain; School Librarian; Dramatics; Debating Society. Queen's College, Cambridge (Law).

A. PARSONS. Entered 1962; School Athletics Secretary; House Secretary; 1st XV; Cross-country Team; King's College, London (History).

D. A. PINWELL. Entered 1963; Inter-School Debating Society Chairman; Christian Union; Dramatics. Taken up scholarship with Post Office.

C. J. PIKE. Entered 1962; Head of Printing Group. Taking course with Hawker Siddeley.

D. A. PINK.* Entered 1963; House Captain; 1st XV Rugby; House Soccer. Taking up post with Civil Service Executive.

M. J. ROSIER. Entered 1962; School Vice-Captain 1969–70; Head Librarian 1968–69; House Chess; School Debating Society. Kitchener Scholarship to University College, London, reading Economics.

G. T. SMYTH.* Entered 1969; School Athletics. Proceeding to Westminster Medical College.

P. D. STAPLETON. Entered 1962; House Captain; 1st XV Rugby; School Athletics; Cross-country Team.

P. ST. JOHN. Entered 1963; Debating Society; School Athletics; 2nd XV Rugby; House Chess Captain; House Swimming Captain; 1st XI Cricket. Training to be Accountant.

P. J. THORNTON. Entered 1967; School Captain 1969–70; Christian Union; Science Society. University College, Durham (Mathematics).

J. A. WEBB. Entered 1962; Photographic Society; Science Society. Reading Electrical Engineering at Imperial College, London.

A. R. WHITEHEAD. Entered 1962; Science Society. Bristol University (Civil Engineering).

A. R. WHITELOCK.* Entered 1968; Science Society. Leeds University.

C. E. WILLIAMS.* Entered 1963. Geographic Society; School Athletics; 1st XI Soccer. Exeter University (History, Sociology and Politics).

L. P. WILLCOCKS. Entered 1962; Music Society; Tennis Captain; Christian Union. Clare College, Cambridge (History).

* Subject to examination results.

The Music Society Concert

This year's school concert was held on April 27th in the School Hall and the new arrangement of the auditorium succeeded in breaking the barrier between audience and performers.

The Madrigal Group began the programme rather uncertainly with *Now Musicians Come* by Hassler, followed by the String Quartet playing a piece by Sullivan, which lacked unity but the overall effect was quite pleasant. Willows then played Beethoven's *Romance in F* and Tartini's *Presto in B♭* in his violin solo. The former was too slow, the romantic effect not really being produced, and there appeared to be some misunderstanding about the tempo between soloist and accompanist. The intonation of the *Presto* was not quite correct in places although the piece, as a whole, was an improvement on the first. K. Walker followed with another solo, playing Bach's *Suite in B minor* on his flute—a pleasant and well-played piece. The orchestra then played the *Petite Symphonie* by Pleyel and, considering their

rather limited resources, performed well; a lively gavotte movement provided an enjoyable end to the piece. The first half was concluded by the choir's rendering of *Antiphon* by Britten, showing a high standard of performance. Mr. Bowden's accompaniment on the organ was especially fitting.

A trio of flute, guitar and double bass, played by K. Walker, M. Vincent and D. Willows respectively, began the second half with an attractive piece composed by Vincent himself. J. Knight followed with impressive renderings of the first movement of Beethoven's *Sonata in D minor* and *The Island Spell* by Ireland. Both pieces were excellently performed, showing Knight's very high standard as a pianist. The Madrigal Group sang three items—*The Toytown March* in a lighthearted vein, the more serious *Now, O Now I needs must part*, and *Farandole*—which were warmly applauded by the appreciative audience. M. Vincent introduced a Spanish flavour with his guitar solo. The evening was brought to an exciting climax with Borodin's *Prince Igor* which showed the choir's proficiency.

A memorable evening—congratulations and thanks must go to Mr. Farrow both for the devotion of his spare time to rehearsals and for the generally high standard achieved.

J. TANDY

The Inter-House Speech Contest

Though the ultimate positions in the St. Levan Shield fluctuate considerably from year to year, as do the placings in most of the House competitions, Raleigh wins the Speech Contest with monotonous regularity. This year was no exception as they came a convincing 10 points above the next house. This success is entirely due to the efforts and influence of one man, Mr. H. F. H. Whitfeld, whose brainchild the contest was. Even now that he has left the School, the old traditions of practice and a serious attitude still survive. This year, for the first time, the competition was divided into sections for the first and second years, fifth and sixth, choral speaking and the middle school drama contest. The major surprise of the event, which stretched over several months, was the failure of Raleigh to win the choral speaking even though they were coached by one of the speech captains, R. Pinwell. Pinwell, whose powerful voice will be sorely missed by all, has now left school but will perpetuate his name by presenting a cup for the sixth form speech winner. We thank him for this generous gift, a tangible indication of his interest in the Speech Contest.

We are also extremely grateful to Mr. L. C. Horsler, B.A., who so kindly consented to adjudicate the Senior Speech Contest and who gave the competitors such valuable advice.

Final Positions:

1st Raleigh, 41 points 2nd Grenville, 31 points.
3rd Gilbert, 26½ points. 4th Drake, 23½ points.

House Notes

DRAKE

This year was a rather disappointing one for Drake after winning the St. Levan Shield so convincingly last year. I feel sure the House suffered more from complacency than apathy.

The Seniors failed to win a single Rugby match, and won only one Football match and managed to gain only two points in Chess. The Juniors, although not outstanding, were the balancing force in the House and salvaged it from utter shame.

The summer term was far brighter from the point of view of success. We narrowly missed gaining second place in the Athletic Sports. With fine organisation and in one of the most exciting Swimming Sports for years, held for the first time at Central Park Indoor Swimming Pool, we gained second place.

Surprisingly, the house slumped in the Speech Contest, an event in which Drake usually gains a more impressive position. This could be due to the redistribution of events which seemed to come at the most awkward times.

The only event where the House shone was the Knock-out Cricket Competition. We won the Junior competition convincingly and were runners-up in the Senior competition, so at least we ended the year on a happy note.

Drake House fortunes this year reached a fairly low ebb. It seems difficult to place the blame for the dismal record this year on any particular section, but it is obvious that the individual members of the House must rid themselves of this complacency which they seem to have developed. Every House activity and competition depends upon the complete support of the House, and only when this is achieved will success come. Therefore, let us make sure that next year the effort of every single member of the House will restore Drake to its former place at the top of the St. Levan Shield Competition.

K. A. MURRAY, *Secretary*

GILBERT

We began the year with high hopes of winning the St. Levan Shield, but eventually had to settle for second place after disappointing performances in the summer term. The winter term saw our Soccer teams gain second place overall in their competition. The strong Senior team, under the leadership of Loze, had two good wins over Drake (6–0) and Raleigh (5–0), but succumbed to a stronger Grenville team. The Junior team also fared well, beating Drake (4–1) and Raleigh (2–1), but they too were beaten by Grenville. Owing to appalling weather conditions towards the end of the winter

term, the experienced Senior Rugby team led by Stapleton were unable to complete their fixtures, winning the first match against Drake (15–3) and losing the next to Grenville (0–6). The Junior team had two enormous victories over Grenville (44–0) and Raleigh (50–0), but were defeated by Drake (9–11).

Both Cross-country teams did well this year, the Senior team under Parsons coming second and the Junior team first in their respective races. Due mainly to a shortage of Senior speakers, we came third in the Speech Contest, but we thank Burbeck for his work in organising the team. In particular, we thank Downing for his inspired work which enabled us to win the Choral Speaking competition.

We came second in the Athletics Sports by virtue of the fact that our Senior Standards points were so abysmal. However, the Juniors did extremely well in winning the Junior Standards Cup. On Sports Day, itself, our athletes gained many more points than those of any other House, which shows that our lack of strength in depth, especially in the Seniors, was our undoing. Special congratulations must go to House athletics captain, Kovacs, who was runner-up in the Victor Ludorum and who organised the team so well. We also congratulate McShane and Dodd who won the Under-15 and Under-13 Championship Cups, and our Relay teams who won the Relay Cup.

Our weakness this year lay in the summer sports, cricket and swimming. With only two recognised cricketers, our Senior team played with great vigour and spirit but little skill and came fourth. Our Juniors fared only slightly better, coming third. Our hopes in the Swimming Sports lay on a few individuals whose form was disappointing, and the team came fourth. We thank Crews for his sterling work in organising the team.

House success this year suffered from disinterest in some Seniors, and we sincerely hope that they will realise their attitude has a detrimental effect on the spirit of the Junior members of the House. We proffer our thanks to Mr. Wayne for his leadership and support and wish our successors every success in the coming year.

D. TATEM, *Secretary*
S. A. M. ENDACOTT, *Captain*

GRENVILLE

Overall, 1969–70 was an extremely fine year for Grenville, culminating in our winning the cherished St. Levan Shield for the twenty-third time in sixty years. First places were gained in Senior Soccer, Cricket, Swimming, Rugby, Senior Chess; second places in Junior Cricket and Speech; third places in Junior Soccer and Rugby; fourth places in Athletics and Cross-country.

Dawe was the captain who led a very strong Senior Soccer side to victory, whilst Bennett achieved the same stupendous success in Senior Rugby and Cricket. Crapnell was the able captain of all the Junior teams

(joint captain in Rugby with Strode), doing the best that he could with rather weak teams. Walters entered almost the same team for Cross-country as last year's, which came first, but on the day of the race the team was a man short, disqualifying the whole team. The determined team still ran, but a potential second place automatically became fourth.

Gruitt moulded together a fine Swimming team which claimed victory at the Central Park baths. In spite of the hard work of Dawe, the captain, last place was gained at the School Sports, mainly due to the fact that we were in last position on Standards points. Treece again captained a strong Senior Chess team and achieved the deserved result; the Juniors achieved modest success under Nelder.

The most astonishing result of the whole year undoubtedly was the incredible second place we achieved in the Speech Contest. Normally we either take fourth place or manage to scrape third, but this year the persistence and determination of the captain, Chope, and later Dendle, paid off.

It was pleasing to note that an enthusiastic spirit again pervaded all house affairs, which is, of course, the main reason for the competitions. In spite of his modest disclaiming of any credit for it, this has been due to a large extent to the consistent and cheerful encouragement of Mr. Warren. We thank him most sincerely for his support throughout the year.

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RALEIGH

Poor organisation and a distinct paucity of games players resulted in a rather unsuccessful year. Apart from disappointing performances on the sports field, which seems to be the only purpose of the house system at present, the general attitude during assemblies has been one of apathy and disenchantment. An experiment with having various masters associated with the House coming to assemblies and speaking on a topic may be profitably repeated but it is up to every member of the House to take an interest and question the views expressed. Some purpose other than merely convenient divisions for sports is clearly essential if the House system is to be worthwhile.

The team sports contributed the fewest points to Raleigh's total in the St. Levan Shield competition. Unfortunately, what we lacked in skill was not made up for by spirit; it is very difficult to be enthusiastic when losing 20–0 at half-time in a Rugby match. The general apathy prevailing amongst all the Houses and officials is reflected by the fact that two Senior Rugby matches were never completed. No points from Rugby and one from Soccer indicates just how lacking Raleigh was in these departments. The story of the Chess matches is very similar, the House gaining one solitary victory. However, in the other winter sport of Cross-country, Raleigh won quite convincingly.

In the summer, Raleigh achieved two notable successes in winning both the Athletics and Speech Contest. An excellent performance in the

Standards, suggesting the presence of some sort of enthusiasm, and some outstanding individual achievements, well co-ordinated by the captain, Millman, enabled Raleigh to win by a wide margin. The House managed to maintain its tradition as the 'most well-spoken house' by again winning the Speech Contest. The third place in the Swimming Sports could very easily have been a second, so narrow was the final points total; Butler and Clews distinguished themselves by winning individual awards. Cricket again showed up Raleigh's weakness in the ball games, with the Seniors coming third and the Juniors fourth.

The final position of third in the St. Levan Shield was disappointing but only to be expected. Perhaps next year, revived enthusiasm will allow better performances in games and create a better atmosphere in House assemblies.

A. J. LIGHTFOOT

Out of School Activities

AEROMODELLING CLUB

We end this year's activities on a sad note, for we are to lose the expert guidance and experience of Mr. Brown, who is leaving to teach in Uganda. We all wish him the best of success. His extreme patience and skill with balsa wood has helped many Junior members to obtain better results with gliders, monoplanes, biplanes, boats and ships. G. Prior of the fourth completed a number of radio-controlled gliders and power-models, but due to very little sixth-form interest, hardly any use has been made of "Slinky I"—a radio-controlled glider constructed by Seniors a few years ago.

The Aeromodelling Club is one of the few societies which meet only during the lunch time. There is no membership fee and all boys, however inexperienced they may be, are welcome.

We once again thank most sincerely Mr. George for his hospitality in allowing us to use the Art room for construction and storage. Next term presents a problem, for we are left without a master to supervise our efforts. I must, therefore, ask any master who takes an interest in the construction of model aeroplanes to offer his services to the Club.

P. HODGES, *Hon. Sec. & Treasurer*

ANGLING CLUB

The Angling Club was formed on 11th November 1969 by P. Phillips, the former secretary, and G. Phillips, and the first season proved very successful. In November we had our first internal shore competition. Although the weather was poor there was a good turn-out, and G. Phillips had the best specimen with a wrasse of 2 lb. 3 oz. and P. Phillips had the heaviest

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bag with a weight of 2 lb. 10 oz. We were honoured to have a lecture by Mr. Mike Millman, England International, former British Champion and holder of the Bronze Award Boat Championship in 1967, and second officer of Plymouth S.A.C. His lecture lasted 1½ hours and the younger members showed their interest by asking many questions. The expanding Club played several inter-school matches. The match against Plymouth College was won, but Widey defeated us because several members were unable to turn up at the weigh-in. Despite the daunting experience of fishing for over three hours in freezing weather for only one undersized flounder against the Junior section of Plymouth S.A.C., the growth of interest enabled an Inter-School League to be formed in the summer term. Results were decided on the total weight of each team's catch and two points were awarded for a win and one for a draw. Matches against Widey (2 lb. 12 oz. to 1 lb. 8 oz.) and Sutton (10 lb. 12 oz. to 9 lb. 2½ oz.) were won, putting the School at the top of the table with maximum points. A casting competition, which was judged on accuracy, was held in May, and the next month the Junior shore competition took place. We thank Mr. Raddler, our master-in-charge, for giving his assistance to the Club's activities.

G. PHILLIPS, *Secretary*

A.T.C.

The last twelve months have produced one success after another for 197 Squadron, from Adventure Training at Windermere, where five cadets completed the silver expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, to Bisley, where a Squadron team achieved some initial good results at full-bore rifle shooting. The Squadron won the Plymouth Wing Cross-Country Championships and consequently three cadets represented the South-West Region in the National A.T.C. finals. We were runners-up in both Basket-ball and Seven-a-side Rugby held at Wing level.

A week's visit to R.A.F., Northolt, at Easter proved a great success, the cadets who attended returning with trophies for the drill competition and for the best squadron during the week.

Two teams entered for the Inter-Services Pentathlon at Chivenor did well with one being placed as the best A.T.C. entry. The magnificent Wing trophy for Aircraft Recognition came back to the Squadron once again with the team representing Plymouth Wing and Cpl. Watts gaining high marks in the national competition. The Squadron won all the team trophies in the Wing Swimming Gala, from the Winner's Cup and Koon Trophy for the open relay to the Bungay Cup for the best swimmer overall, won by Hodges, and a number of Senior and Junior individual trophies. We achieved a hat-trick this year by winning the Wing Athletics for the third year running, plus the individual trophies, which resulted in six members going forward to represent the Wing in the S.W. Region Championships where five achieved one or more first places in their events, qualifying them for places in the S.W. Region team for the A.T.C. National Finals.

The Proficiency Shield for the number of proficiency examination successes in the Wing came back to us for yet another year, and the Falcon Trophy for the most efficient squadron in the Wing came home again.

After a further inspection, the squadron was chosen as the best in the South-West Region and entered the final competition for the Sir Alan Lees Trophy presented each year to the best squadron in the British Isles.

The summer vacation activities also proved a great success with two teams triumphantly completing the 100-mile Nijmegen march. Members of the Squadron went on a week's annual camp to Scampton and adventure training at Windermere, where several members completed the Gold standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. F/Sgt. Buckland went on a week's camp to Germany and C.W.O. Garnish took part in a three-week reciprocal visit to Canada. The Squadron are indebted to their first-class C.O. and Staff who have organised many activities outside the normal A.T.C. curriculum.

A. GARNISH

BRIDGE CLUB

The formation of a sixth form Bridge Club was greeted by a small but enthusiastic response. Although the majority of the members had never played before, quite a high standard was reached by the end of the year. Only one match was played, against Plympton Grammar, but due to our inexperience we lost. A highly successful league was started in which Butler and Halliday were undefeated. A knock-out cup was won by Butler and Glass. It is clear that most of the sixth form regard Bridge as a remote game, and consider it too difficult to learn. This has been proved untrue and the Club hopes to attract new members from the lower sixth form. We thank Mr. Adams for his invaluable assistance and encouragement throughout the year.

N.C.

CHESS CLUB

The last year has shown little success for the School teams. In the *Sunday Times* competition for teams from all over Britain, we were unluckily eliminated in the 2nd round, on a board count, by close rivals Plymouth College, who went on to reach the Zonal Final (round 5).

We were runners-up to Plymouth College in the Goodman Cup in which a few bad results spoiled our chance of securing the trophy. The Junior team had similar fortunes in the Horley Cup.

In the House competitions, Grenville won by a one-point margin over Gilbert.

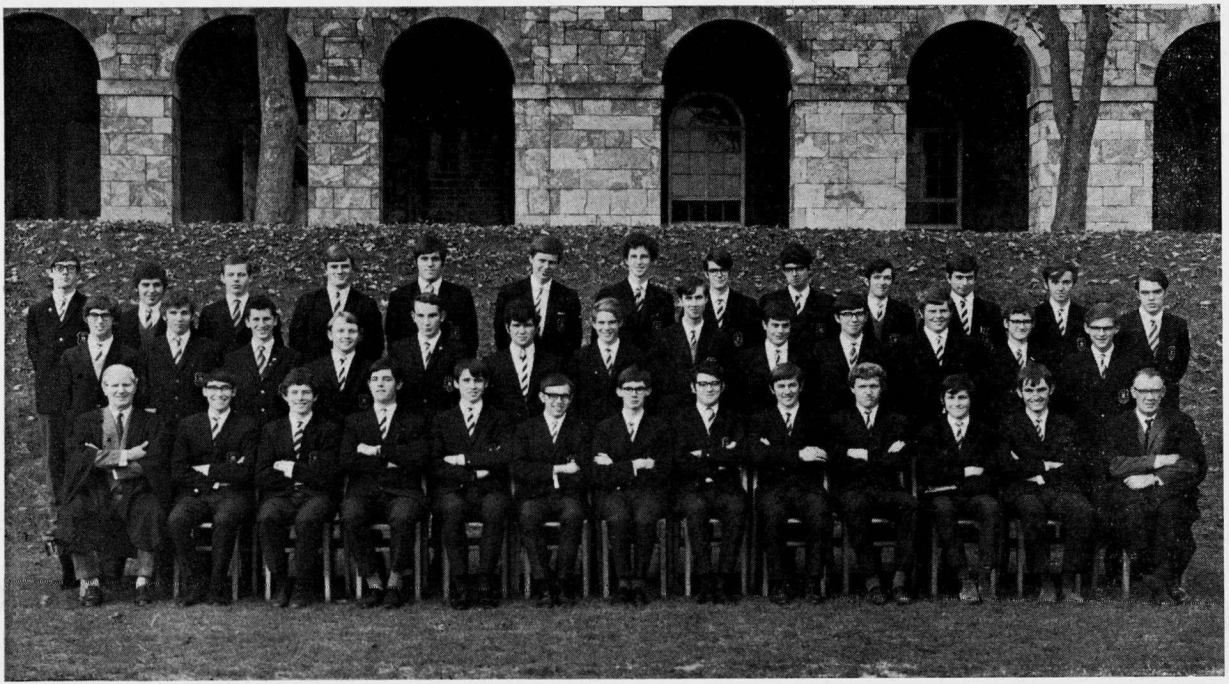
Congratulations to the entire Senior team on being selected to play for the Devon under-18 team at Liskeard and being undefeated in their matches.

Thanks are due to Mr. Adams for his support throughout the year.

P.A.B.

CHRISTIAN UNION

At the beginning of the school year, the situation looked rather black, when our Monday evening meetings after school were attended only by a number of prefects. The Society's aim is to involve fourth and fifth formers as well. In order to interest the latter, it was decided that informative and, at times lighthearted discussions should be arranged. Topics discussed ranged from capital punishment and life after death to psychological treatment of



PREFECTS 1969–70

Back row (left to right): S. A. M. Endacott, A. R. Whitelock, A. J. Lightfoot, G. Waugh, D. A. Pink, C. J. Bentley, S. C. Power, P. M. Smale, P. J. Gross, K. A. Walters, A. R. Whitehead, D. W. Tatem, M. E. Arrow

Middle row (left to right): M. T. Vincent, A. H. Parsons, I. R. King, S. M. Chope, C. J. Jarman, G. J. Llewellyn, M. Burbeck, G. G. Terry, R. G. Crews, D. A. Pinwell, R. I. Sowter, P. T. Probst, P. Tonkin

Front row (left to right): Mr. H. Mallinson (*Senior Master*), M. O. Druce, R. Morrell, P. D. Stapleton, B. Harvey, M. J. Rosier (*School Vice-Captain*), P. J. Thornton (*School Captain*), A. W. Murray (*School Vice-Captain*), L. P. Willcocks, C. E. C. Herbert, C. J. Pike, D. A. Lush, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*) *Absent:* C. J. Woods

THE SCHOOL PLAY – "A PENNY FOR A SONG"

Left to right: J. C. Byrne, C. J. Jarman, M. S. Russell, K. A. Walters, J. E. Tandy, A. Criddle, P. C. Henderson, T. E. Shears

prisoners. On one occasion there was a lecture on the relation of geology to the Bible, given by Probst. At the end of the spring term, it was with great satisfaction that it was noted that membership had grown considerably. It was, moreover, pleasing to see the younger members taking an active part in the meetings, not merely sitting back and listening in embarrassed silence to the older members.

Not all the meetings were reserved for discussion; speakers were asked to come and give their views on various matters. On two occasions, representatives from the enthusiastic "Youth for Christ" organisation gave provocative talks, which gave rise to lively and forceful discussion.

In the summer term, the chairmanship was most competently undertaken by Philip Kirby, while the fifth and sixth formers were taking "O" and "A" levels. Membership was then open to third formers and the term ended very successfully with a quiz.

The scope of the society was not limited to four o'clock meetings. After the examinations the members took part with tremendous enthusiasm in some social work, chopping up firewood for elderly people.

G. TERRY, *Secretary*

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Geographical Society has had a very successful revival. In the first two weeks of the spring term the number of members soared to around seventy. The programme, although it had to be quickly compiled, ran smoothly. Films have been shown and, at the end of the summer term, a trip to Kent's Cavern, Torquay, was organised.

My thanks to the masters who helped us, particularly Mr. T. D. Evans as master-in-charge, and Mr. Poole for the permission to use the Physics laboratory. Prospects for next year are encouraging, if present numbers can be maintained and if more members of the Senior school can be induced to join.

M. R. HUNT, L6A, *Secretary*

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

This year has not been a particularly enlightening one for the Society due to the lack of support shown by the sixth form. With the loss of many of our most active speakers we were left with a rather reduced membership. However, we managed to hold a number of highly interesting and thoughtful debates and discussions and the quality of debates fluctuated considerably with the surprising result, for example, that such a flat subject as "Undue proficiency at sport is indicative of a wasted youth" produced probably the most highly successful debate of the year, which was attended and addressed by some students from St. Luke's College who were teaching at the School.

The introduction of an "Inter-Schools" Debating Society was enthusiastically welcomed, but when it could be seen that the Society was too large and slightly immature the committee decided to withdraw. Instead, we had a series of debates with a smaller group of schools.

The Society is indebted to Mr. Burrows for his unceasing guidance and assistance. However, if the Society is going to fulfil all its aims, next year will have to see larger numbers attending our regular debates.

K. A. MURRAY

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

This year has been a rather stable one for the Junior Debating Society, and unfortunately some of the same subjects have been debated as in past years. Nevertheless, we have had some very interesting and informative debates and I feel sure that some new light has been thrown upon these rather well-worn subjects.

The introduction of co-education, the dangers of pollution, and the introduction of politics into sport were all vigorously debated in the first term.

During the spring term, we continued in our system of internal debates, with a series of very interesting motions dealing with the School Curriculum —examining such subjects as prefects, teachers, homework, uniform, and compulsory sport. The house decided unanimously that they were not in favour of censorship and had mixed views about the introduction of sex-education into schools.

By far the best-supported of our activities were the inter-school debates held with Stoke Damerel and Devonport High for Girls. We discussed a wide range of subjects, one of the best being with Stoke Damerel: "A woman's place is in the home", which was overwhelmingly rejected.

I feel sure the Society has fulfilled its purpose in enabling members to speak in public without fear or hesitancy, but I hope that next year will see the arrival of even more boys interested in the very important art of public speaking.

The Society thanks all those who have made the inter-school meetings possible, and also Mr. Bowden for his guidance and tireless efforts.

K. A. MURRAY, *Chairman*

GYM CLUB. *Junior School*

The Gym Club meets every Friday at four o'clock. These meetings are held in our compact but pleasant gymnasium. Supervised by Mr. Nash, the Club consists of about twenty-five boys and it is very noticeable that they attend regularly. In fact there is always a waiting list to join. It is hoped in September to arrange another evening for first formers. The main event of the year is the Annual Display held at the Summer Garden Party. This always demands considerable practice, but our efforts are finally rewarded by the quality of the performance and a personal feeling of satisfaction.

The Gym Club is not confined in its activities solely to displays; every Friday the members assemble to increase their ability and skill at all forms of physical exercise. It is all good practice and fun for anyone who is enthusiastic enough to join. Many boys who were hopeless on joining have developed their gymnastic skills beyond their own belief. W. NASH

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The School Library would seem to be larger than it was a year ago at this time. However, it might be interesting to compare the number of books acquired by the Library in the last twelve months with the number which mysteriously disappeared over the same period of time. This mystery can only be attributed to studious mice.

Although beset by such frustrating problems as "booknapping" and the occasional vandal, the librarians have managed to cope very well; particularly with regard to the fourth form members who, in conjunction with those of the fifth, have shown themselves to be the most efficient work-team the Library has ever had. It would seem, therefore, that the "unrest" mentioned in the magazine last year by my predecessor was not founded on fact; and I can only assume that, if it existed at all, it could only have vanished in the way that it appeared, that is, with the person or persons who created it.

I am pleased to announce that, after only a waiting period of twelve months, the new chairs have arrived; I trust they will prove as comfortable as the "older" ones. I mention these "older" chairs because they had a strange habit of accompanying members of Staff into their little room during their frequent meetings and never being seen again. I am, therefore, pleased to see a full complement of chairs once more.

Every year the School Librarian makes some comment about the lack of interest shown by members of the School in the books that we provide and maintain. This year it is my turn and I would like to address it to the entire School. As you enter the Library, turn to your right; ten bookcases along, fourth shelf down, thirteenth book in, is one that has never been opened and read. Will somebody please read that book? Thank you.

C. JARMAN

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The Photographic Society has continued to expand after its humble start last year. Membership has remained unchanged, consisting mainly of boys from the Senior school, but this year has seen the "transplant" of the photographic dark room from the Physics laboratory to an annexe of the Art room. As a result, facilities for members have improved greatly but the lack of running water in the new darkroom is proving a serious problem. Nevertheless, the standard of developing and printing has improved greatly, and the excellent show of prints exhibited at the Garden Party is proof of this. The Club would like to extend its warmest thanks to Mr. George for the use of his facilities, and to Mr. Gibson for his enthusiastic help.

P. R. BARRETT

THE ST. LEVAN PRESS (School Printing Group)

The group has continued under the guidance of Mr. Brimacombe who has given willingly of his time to help the group, particularly during its Saturday afternoon visits to his works.

The work produced by the Printing Group has been varied and a very high standard has been attained in printing such items as tickets, headed notepaper, certificates and business cards.

This year the membership has increased to five, those new to the group being J. Pope and K. Stokes, who have already gained some appreciation of the Art of Printing and it is hoped that they will continue this interest throughout the rest of their school careers. The Printing Group members value the opportunity of gaining an understanding of printing, which they feel will stand them in good stead, even after they have left school.

MARTIN J. CASEY, *Group Leader*

SAILING CLUB

This past year has seen a period of decline in the Sailing Club. Membership of the Club has fallen, the drop being mainly among sixth formers, although the number of boats in our fleet has risen. During the past season, racing for Cadets (a junior class of boat with an age limit for racing) has finished in Plymouth, owing to lack of support. Our efforts in racing have, therefore, been in larger classes of boats, against older (bigger!), more experienced sailors. Thus, there are no major racing successes to report this year.

Two further Mirror dinghy kits have been purchased, and work started on these during the winter lay-off. We hope to launch both boats, and also the other Mirror started last year, before the summer holidays. A second Enterprise dinghy has been acquired, and, after some maintenance work, this boat will also join our fleet.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Collenette and Mr. Brown for all the time they have devoted to the Sailing Club in the last few years. We must also thank M. Bruguet for assisting with sailing during Saturday mornings, and helping with the fourth form sailing after the departure of Mr. Cole. After Messrs. Collenette and Brown leave us there will be a serious staff shortage in the Club, as Mr. Southern will then be the only remaining Staff member. Anyone else who enjoys pottering around in boats would be most welcome should they care to join us. Any offers?

SCIENCE SOCIETY

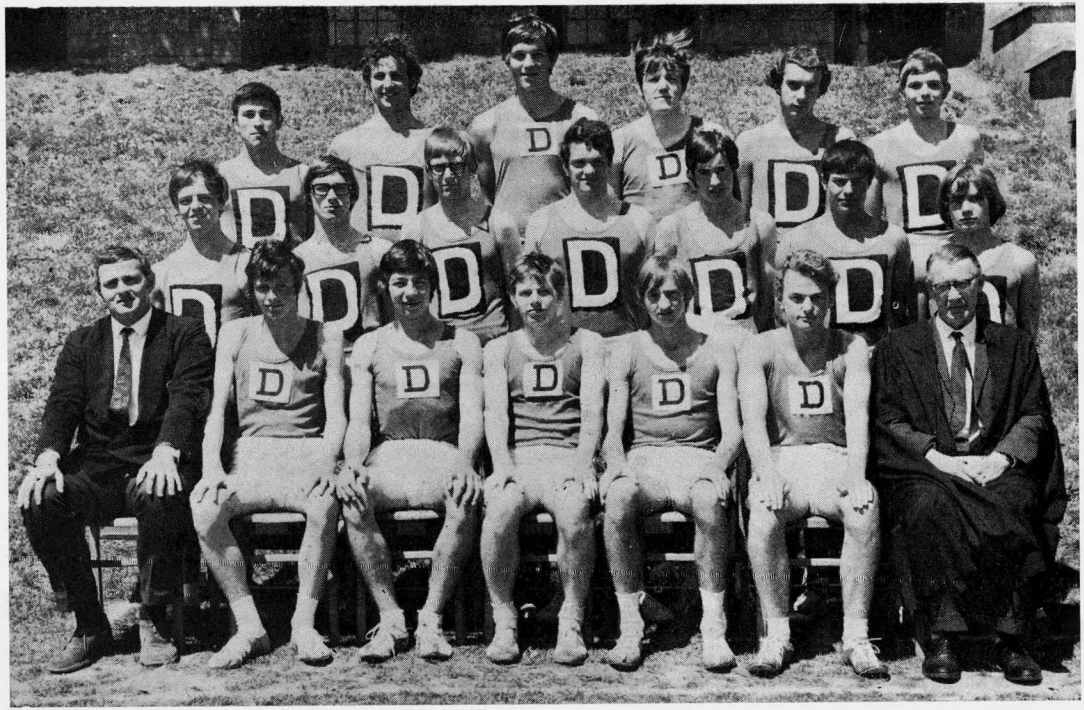
Despite attempts made last year to change the image and functions of the Science Society, it continues in its traditional high level of inactivity. Although the functions of a school society should be to educate, entertain, experiment and encourage, this one serves only to entertain through the medium of a programme of interesting films shown weekly throughout the year. However, stimulating intellectual problems were provided for the Engineering Club by Mr. Milton in his attempts to build a facsimile of the Goonhilly satellite tracking station for only £5. A six-inch reflector telescope is also in the process of construction.

Thanks are due to Mr. Milton for his able and enthusiastic help and guidance of the Engineering Club, and to Mr. Poole, without whom the Science Society would have collapsed long ago.

D. GRAHAM

SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP

This year has been a successful and memorable one for the Troop. The summer camp at Brecon in South Wales was enjoyed by all and was marred only by M. Cooper's announcement that he was leaving, owing to heavy commitments at university. We are very grateful for all that he has done and hope he has happy memories of the Troop. The autumn term heralded the arrival of two new scouters, Chris Virgo and Roger Edwards. Under the new leadership, our presence was once more felt in the Abbot's Way Walk and the Scout Cross-Country. The temporary lack of a hut, which has now been rectified, did not curb the Troop's enthusiasm or success and their efforts were rewarded by victory in six-a-side Soccer, seven-a-side Rugby



SENIOR ATHLETICS 1970

Back row (left to right): A. J. Buckland, P. St. John, G. Lovell, B. R. I. Buckler, S. T. Finlay, R. A. N. Palmer

Middle row: I. C. Towlson, S. A. M. Endacott, N. R. Taylor, A. P. Garnish, N. S. McShane, R. G. Crews, R. J. Haggitt

Front row: Mr. M. D. Moon, R. K. Millman, B. Clatworthy, A. J. Lightfoot (*Captain*), J. G. C. Ash (*Secretary*), R. G. Lugg, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

1st XI CRICKET 1970

Back row (left to right): B. Buckler (*Scorer*), R. A. Palmer, J. Douce, P. St. John, A. J. Henderson, C. Woods, J. Hill, M. Steward

Front row: P. Ireland, M. J. Cox, G. Waugh, R. C. Bennett, M. J. Hoyle, L. M. Oates, Mr. T. D. Evans

and the Adventure Competition. Unfortunately, badgework has been seriously neglected this year, and since it is an essential part of Scouting an attempt must be made to work harder next year to make up for lost time. Mr. Cross, who has been our leader for two years, has now decided to hand over the job to Chris Virgo, and it is to be hoped that under new and younger leadership we shall repeat or even outshine past performances.

PATROL LEADERS

STAMP CLUB

With the departure of Mr. Horwell, who has run the Club so admirably for the last few years, it was reformed with a democratic committee under Mr. Hopford. The usual pattern of approvals and "swapping" was extended to cover competitions, magazine and catalogue facilities. Work was also started on the School Stamp Album.

All members would like to thank Mr. Hopford for his generous services, and regret his resignation as master-in-charge. It is therefore the first task of the new committee to find a master to take them under his wing. With this achieved, the club should continue its present expansion.

A. DOWNING, *Secretary*

TRANSPORT CLUB

The past year has been an important and successful one for the Transport Club. The year began with a record membership and, during the first term, a number of illustrated talks were given both by members and an Old Boy of the School. Monsieur Bruguet also gave an interesting talk on French railways. A meeting in which members' photographs were displayed proved highly successful. Quizzes proved, as always, to be very popular, and meetings were sprinkled with various film shows the topics of which ranged from motor-racing to space travel, illustrating the broadening horizons of the Transport Club.

Many members took part in walks along disused railway tracks and tramways; such as Lee Mill to Redlake, Princetown to Yelverton, and the most popular one was the exploration of the area around Minnions, near Liskeard. The autumn term's trip was a rail excursion to Penzance, and that of the summer term a rail excursion to Birmingham; both were well patronised.

We are indebted to Mr. Smith for his unflagging enthusiasm and faithful attendance at our meetings. His encouragement has helped the Club throughout the year. The Club caters for enthusiasts of many types of transport and those who do not already belong will be most welcome at future meetings.

J. TANDY, *Secretary*

WEIGHT TRAINING CLUB

The numbers attending after school have been a disappointment this year. This Club is open to the sixth, fifth and fourth years and it is hoped that more boys will join, for there is ample equipment for quite large numbers. Weight training is now part of the training schedules for all sports, and is a way of keeping oneself in good general fitness. The training times will be announced next term.

W. NASH

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Age not more than 19½ on 1st September 1970. GCE 'A' level, good passes in Pure Maths, Applied Maths and Physics, 'O' level passes in Chemistry, English and one other language. Comparable qualifications from Scotland and N. Ireland acceptable. You can apply if you hope to obtain these qualifications in your examinations this summer.

Salary £840—£1,300 p.a. while training, £2,500 before 30, then by annual increases to over £3,800 p.a.

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

The season opened early in the spring term with the commencement of the Standards. This year a new Senior Standards points system was introduced in order to give added incentive to the Senior School. In the Devon Public and Grammar Schools Athletics Championships at Exeter, a strong Senior team was beaten into second place. These sports were followed by the Plymouth Schools' Championships at the Brickfields in which the School performed creditably, winning four of the trophies. As a result of the individual performances, a record number of eighteen boys was selected for the Plymouth Schools team in the Devon Championships and Bishop and Lovell were selected to represent Devon in the S.W. Counties Championship at Chippenham. We congratulate Ash and Bishop who proceeded to the English Schools National Championships at Solihull.

The Senior team had a good victory over H.M.S. *Fisgard* and the combined Senior and Junior teams were undefeated in their matches against Sutton H.S., Saltash G.S. and Tavistock School.

The form sports were won this year by 1W, 2N, 3S, 4B. We thank sincerely Messrs. Nash, Stone and Moon for their invaluable assistance throughout the season and particularly Mr. Moon for his handling of the teams.

Full Colours: Re-awards: Lightfoot, Ash, Dawe.
New awards: Endacott, Smyth, Hough, Towlson, Hobman.

Half Colours: New awards: St. John, Garnish, Crews, Buckler, Walker, Selley.

J. Ash, *Vice-Captain and Secretary*

THE BASKETBALL CLUB

Basketball has suffered from not being one of the "official" School games and this is the first year that a team has represented the School. The restrictive size of the gymnasium meant that all matches had to be played away. The development of the team was also hampered by the fact that the gym could only be made available for half an hour a week for practice. Membership of the Club was reserved for the middle sixth and, though the game started principally as a means of whiling away a dull dinner hour, a considerable degree of enthusiasm was engendered by the knowledge and keenness of Mr. Moon, who is himself a very accomplished player. There was considerable potential in the team for there was a good average height and several players of great ability. Only three representative matches were played since it was some time before a high enough standard of play was achieved. The first two matches were lost, largely because of inexperience in tactics and playing on a full-size court, but steady improvement, as shown by a reduction in the margin of defeat from 22 to 5 points, was rewarded in the third game by a 44–21 victory over Plympton Grammar School. It is hoped that next year the Club will continue and perhaps join a local league. The potential with a second-year sixth of 90 pupils is there. Mr. Moon is able to provide expert coaching and this year's captain, for example, was

sufficiently interested to take successfully the referee's grade 3 examinations. What is essential if the club is to develop is that the School should accept basketball as on a par with the other major sports and not as the pet interest of one person, and start by providing sufficient facilities, time for practice and a set of School shirts. This year a set of shirts had to be borrowed from the police team, to whom our thanks are extended.

THE CRICKET CLUB

1ST XI

For the second successive year the 1st XI maintained an unbeaten record, with the season concluding with an exciting match against the Old Boys. The batting, throughout the season, was consistently of a high standard, thanks mainly to the captain, R. Bennett, Hoyle, Henderson and Waugh. In the main, the bowling lacked penetration, although Waugh's figures of 9–14 against St. Boniface's College were the best for many years. Waugh was ably supported by Douce, Cox and Hill, who in his first season for the 1st XI proved himself to be a useful member of the side. These four shared the wickets during the season. The fixtures began with a match against Totnes G.S. which the team won by five wickets. This was followed by drawn games with Okehampton Grammar School, Tavistock School, and Sutton High School. As always, the match against Plymouth College proved to be our hardest match of the season. Plymouth College scored 130, and in reply we scored 78–2 in even time with Waugh and Bennett having an unbroken partnership of 58. An easy win over St. Boniface and the drawn Old Boys' match concluded the season. The strength of the side was illustrated more clearly at the end of the term when Bennett, Hoyle, Waugh and Douce were selected to play in the Plymough Area Colts XI. Congratulations to them. Congratulations also to Mr. T. D. Evans in his first season as master-in-charge of Cricket. Finally, we all wish G. Waugh the best of luck at Loughborough College.

2ND XI

The 2nd XI had what can be described as an average season, although they achieved fine wins over Plymstock 1st XI and Saltash 1st XI. The side was well captained by M. Steward who proved to have an astute understanding of the game, as well as being the most successful bowler. Oates obtained the highest score of the season, and the best bowling figures were obtained by Ramsay, 6–32.

COLTS (Under-15) XI

The side has had mixed fortunes this season under the able captaincy of J. Paul. The batting strength has rested mainly on his shoulders and with Gregory, who was chosen for the final trial for the Devon Under-15 side, he has shared the bowling success.

JUNIOR COLTS (Under-14) XI

The captain of the junior side this season has been Bolt. The highlights of the season, however, must be attributed to the vice-captain, Evans, who has shown himself to be an extremely promising batsman, and he became

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM 1969–70

Back row (*left to right*): I. C. Towlson, K. J. Wills, P. T. Probst, M. G. Steward, B. K. Stamp

Front row: Mr. B. Gibson, A. J. Lightfoot (*Hon. Secretary*), A. H. Parsons (*Captain*), M. Green, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

1st XV RUGBY 1969–70

Back row (left to right): S. A. M. Endacott, I. F. Prowse

Middle row: P. D. H. Wilks, F. G. Hunt, P. R. Barrett, D. A. Pink, C. A. S. Wilkenson, C. J. Woods, P. D. Ireland

Front row: Mr. J. Southern, B. Clatworthy, A. H. Parsons, G. Waugh (*Captain*), R. C. Bennett (*Hon. Secretary*), D. J. Rooke, B. J. F. Fleet, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)

one of the few juniors to score a century in School cricket, following a score of 72 earlier in the season! The most successful bowler was Vaggers with a best performance of 7 wickets for 6 runs against Tavistock School. Thanks to Messrs. Clayton and Burrows who have organised the Under-15 and Under-14 sides respectively.

The 1st form XI played two matches, winning one and losing the other. The batting was well led by Woodward and Scoble, while Taberner, Carter and Haydon showed promise as bowlers.

Finally, to the ladies of the P.T.A. our sincerest thanks for the teas which they have provided at home matches throughout the season.

Colours:

Full (re-awards): Douce, Bennett, Hoyle, Waugh, Cox.

Full (new awards): Ireland, Henderson, St. John, Woods.

Half Colours: Hill.

SCHOOL *v.* STAFF CRICKET MATCH

The feature of this year's match was an exhibition of aerobatics by the Red Arrows which distracted the attention of the spectators for most of the afternoon and even the players for some minutes. The boiling sun appeared to make the spectators restless and the match, for the most part, did not move at a fast enough rate to command their attention, although Mr. Moon did hit two consecutive sixes off Steward. The Staff, who batted first and were strengthened by the inclusion of some new blood, played surprisingly well, scoring 141–7. Mr Evans hit a fine 61 in 81 minutes, though he was dropped three times. Sound support was given by Messrs. Wroath, Warn and Moon. The School were left to score 142 in 90 minutes and found the task ultimately too much for them, finishing at 89–3. Waugh, in his last School match, hit an undefeated 50 and there is little doubt that if the game had been allowed to carry on to the finish of both innings the School would have won comfortably.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY CLUB

The inter-house competition gave the traditional start to the season and provided some keen competition in far from ideal conditions. This year saw an overall victory for Raleigh, although Gilbert won the Junior race; Millman and Lightfoot were the individual winners in the Junior and Senior age groups respectively.

The Juniors had most opportunity for racing, through the medium of the Plymouth Schools' League. After the five races, the School was placed second, fine individual performances coming from Millman and Johns. A similar position was attained in both the Plymouth Schools' Championship and Beacon Park Road Race.

The intermediate age-group again showed a marked lack of interest, as their sixth place in the Plymouth Schools' suggests. However, they did manage to defeat St. Boniface later in the season.

The long-held supremacy of the School senior team has now been lost due to other schools engaging in more intensive training schemes. The two defeats at the hands of St. Boniface were particularly painful, though a victory over Kelly restored some pride. The third place in the Plymouth Schools' and fourth in the Beacon Park Relay were no more than satisfactory.

The inter-area championships allowed a few individuals to show their ability, Johns, Millman and Lightfoot eventually representing Devon in the National Schools' Competition.

Next year there are plans for a Devon Schools' League, which should provide more races and stiffer competition. Also, the Scouts and Geographers may like to join with the runners in trying the new sport of orienteering, which requires good map-reading besides a little running ability.

A. J. LIGHTFOOT, *Hon. Secretary*

THE GOLF CLUB

It is now almost two years ago since the guest speaker at Speech Day commented on how delighted he was about the diversity of games in which the School participated. His only disappointment was the lack of a Golf Society and he proposed, if one was formed, to donate a cup which could be played for annually.

Eventually a golfing section was formed and I am pleased to say is functioning without too much difficulty. We have six members who play at Yelverton Golf Club on Wednesday afternoons and whenever they feel the urge. Room can always be made for another member, but the privilege is reserved for fifth and sixth formers, owing to the inconvenience of playing time.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Adams for supervising us during the games periods, and also Dr. Cresswell who helped us to put the Club on its feet in the first place: may it continue to prosper!

M. G. IRISH

THE RUGBY CLUB

At the beginning of the season, only six of last year's 1st XV were found to be available and it was thought the season would be a mediocre one. However, everyone was surprised to find that, at the end of the season, the team had one of its most successful set of results for quite some time. The team was well led by G. Waugh, who showed himself to have no equal in the backs and must have come near to a record with his 36 tries. His co-centre was Endacott, whilst the wing positions were occupied by Hunt and Wilkinson, both of whom will prove invaluable in next year's team. The scrum-half position was held down admirably by P. Ireland and at stand-off Bennett became the new place-kicker and had a very successful season. The forwards, after a slow start, formed a useful pack, which although small, held its own in all of the matches. Herbert stood out as a most accomplished player in the loose and open, even though he played out of position

for the whole of the season. The back-row of Parsons, Stapleton and Wilks were tireless, as was Kneebone, a quick striking hooker. The props, Pink and Clatworthy, with the lock, Barrett, found themselves at a disadvantage because of their size but still gave good accounts of themselves.

Probably the best match of the year was against Kelly College, which was won 29–6; other notable victories were then gained over St. Boniface College, Churston Ferrers and Plymouth Albion Juniors before our first defeat, at the hands of Plymouth College. During the Christmas holidays we were glad to extend our hospitality to St. Andrew's Scots School, Buenos Aires, and their play showed how rapidly the game is developing in Argentina. The final match of the year was played against Newport H.S., in front of the School, and an excellent open match was won 21–0. As usual, our thanks go to Mr. Southern for his guidance and help and to Mrs. Slatter for providing many lunches.

The 2nd XV had a rather disappointing season, losing several of their best players to the 1st's. Because of this, their record was not very good; although the pack played consistently throughout the year, it was let down by some poor tackling from the backs. The highlights of the season were the 35–0 win over Torquay G.S. and the 24–3 win over Sutton H.S. Thanks go to Mr. Horwell for managing the team and we wish him the best of luck in his new teaching post in Uganda.

The primary function of the 3rd XV is to give a game to as many boys as possible. This usually means that their record is not of the highest quality; however, this year's team, captained by Cowling, achieved some notable victories including a 50-point win over Launceston College.

The Under-15's, coached by Mr. Burrows, were an exceptionally big and strong side, especially at forward where Lovell, Eden and Finlay were outstanding. The team was well led by Paul but its record was marred slightly by some unfortunate defeats.

The Under-14's, goaded on by the Welsh fervour of Mr. Evans and the forceful captaincy of Oates, achieved a fair record and should do well in the coming season as they have some notable players.

The Under-13's, coached by Mr. Bowden, had a somewhat disappointing season after their successful one last year, suffering from a weakness in defence. Perhaps greater tenacity and more aggression would have produced a more successful record.

Mr. Stone must again be congratulated on producing an excellent Under-12 XV. The "A" team suffered only one defeat and this is a tribute to the rapid progress of the players as well as the enthusiasm of the master. Two other sides were also fielded by the first form and it is good to see that as many boys as possible are given a game.

Full Colours:

Re-awards: G. Waugh, C. Herbert, R. Bennett, A. Parsons, P. Stapleton.

New awards: P. Wilks, P. Barrett, B. Clatworthy, D. Pink, C. Kneebone, F. Hunt, P. Ireland, M. Endacott, S. Harris.

Half Colours: New awards: A. Wilkinson, B. Fleet.

Record	*P*	*W*	*D*	*L*	*F*	*A*
1st XV	29	21	2	6	481	187
2nd XV	20	6	1	13	170	290
3rd XV	15	6	0	9	195	260
Under-15 XV ..	14	9	2	3	345	85
Under-14 XV ..	15	10	0	5	309	128
Under-13 XV ..	15	8	2	5	163	110
Under-12 XV ..	10	9	0	1	176	15

Griffin Trophy: 1st XV House Trophy: Grenville

CONGRATULATIONS TO: G. Waugh, who played for Devon Public and Grammar Schools, and G. Lovell who represented Devon Schools Under-15 Rugby Team and also reached the Final English Trial at Nuneaton.

R. C. BENNETT, *Hon. Secretary*

FIRST XV *v.* ST. ANDREW'S SCOTS SCHOOL *(Argentina)*

The high spot of the Rugby season was a match against a Buenos Aires school's touring side played at The Rectory. Although a large number of the School turned out to watch the match, the small group of Argentinian supporters were far more vociferous. Overnight rain made the ball greasy and difficult to handle but four tries in a score of 11–8 to the visitors showed that attacking moves were not restricted. The result reflected their superiority in all departments of the game. Their forwards showed skill as well as determination in winning most of the set pieces, they were safer at full back and their three-quarters showed more flair and inventiveness than the Devonport counterparts. This is not to say that the home side played badly or were humbled in losing to a side selected from many more pupils. If the School had not lacked the services of their captain the match might have taken a different aspect but, as it was, Devonport, with their scrum half giving a polished performance and a winger, before injury, showing the explosive quality which could have made him a match winner, lost a fairly close and keenly contested encounter.

THE SOCCER CLUB

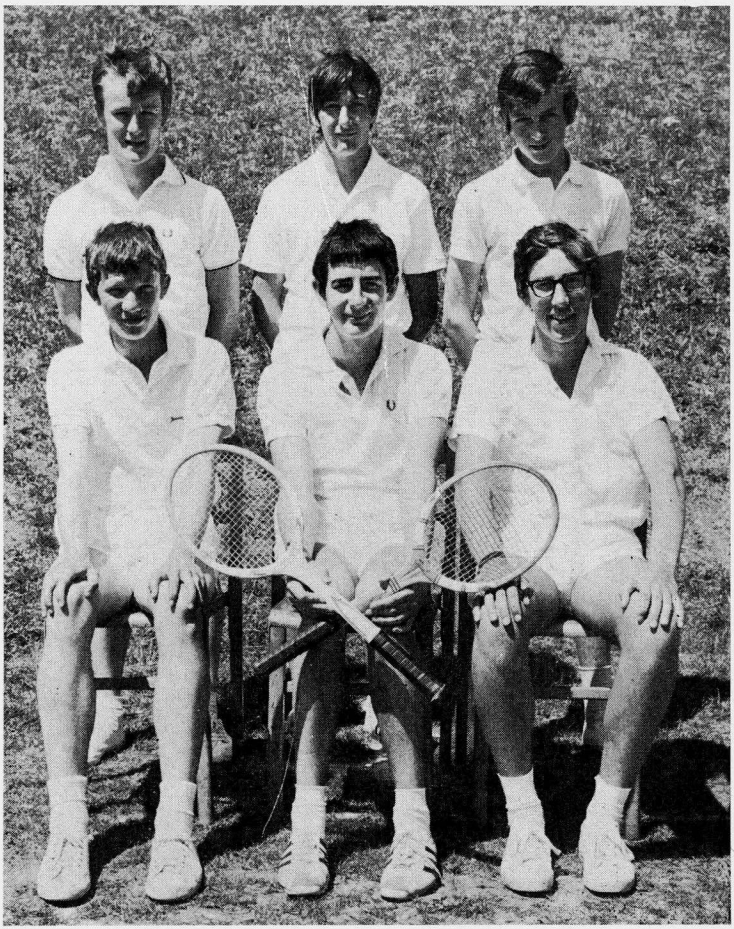
Before the arrival of the Christmas holidays, the School 1st and 2nd XI's had both sustained only one defeat out of fourteen and eleven games respectively. The 1st XI also performed very successfully in the English Schools Under-19 Trophy. The Devon area final of the competition was comfortably won by defeating Plympton Grammar 4–0. This match was rather insignificant when compared to the colossal confrontation with Sutton H.S. in the semi-final. Players in this annual fixture have a keen sense of rivalry and the atmosphere was very tense during extra time when the score was 2–2. The better team eventually won and when the winning goal was scored players and spectators alike went wild with delirium.

After the January "A" levels, however, the team lost several key players and the results became less encouraging. A feature of the first XI's performances was the regular scoring of Cox, who hit 27 in 22 matches. This

1st XI SOCCER 1969–70

Back row (left to right): C. E. Williams, J. Ash, M. Brockington, A. D. Congdon, I. Towlson, A. George

Front row: Mr. T. Farrow, M. Cox, G. L. Dawe (*Hon. Secretary*), S. Loze (*Captain*), L. P. Taylor, M. J. Hoyle, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (*Headmaster*)



TENNIS TEAM 1970

Back row (left to right) : I. Milford, A. Criddle, C. Hickley

Front row : S. Gould, S. Grove (*Captain*), G. Rickard (*Hon. Secretary*)

consistency was rewarded when he was one of three members of the team selected for the Devon Public and Grammar Schools' representative side.

The 2nd XI fared in much the same way as their seniors and consequently had a fairly successful season. It was encouraging to note the 100 per cent records of the Under-15 and Under-14 teams. It seems a great pity that these evidently very good teams should have so few fixtures whereas the Rugby matches for their age groups are so abundant. Congratulations to the centre-half and captain of the Under-15's who was chosen to represent both Plymouth and Devon schoolboys this season.

Finally, speaking on behalf of all the players of every team, I thank Mr. Farrow very sincerely for his enthusiasm and success as "manager" of all the School Soccer teams.

Records	*P*	*W*	*D*	*L*	*F*	*A*
1st XI	22	14	2	6	80	54
2nd XI	19	13	1	5	88	45
Under-15 XI ..	6	6	0	0	29	6
Under-14 XI ..	5	5	0	0	40	5
Under-13 XI ..	7	2	3	2	9	12

G. L. DAWE, *Hon. Secretary*

THE TENNIS CLUB

This year we managed to obtain a full fixture list, and so had plenty of matches to play. For these we travelled throughout Devon and welcomed teams to Collings Park from all over the county. We got off to a good start by beating Widey Tech. Unfortunately, our success after this was modest, since we won only one of the following six matches, against Okehampton Grammar. Cancellations plagued us throughout the season, but those matches that were played were enjoyed by all. The Tennis Club met regularly on Thursday evenings, but the number of meetings was reduced by bad weather and other activities. The next season looks promising with only Daggett missing from the original team and a couple of very good players in the lower school.

We thank Mr. Collenette for his help during the season and I should personally like to express my gratitude for all the help our captain, S. Grove, has given me, especially in arranging fixtures. Finally, I should like to thank S. Gould who has missed only one match all season, and the Ladies' Committee of the P.T.A. for their excellent teas. G. RICKARD, *Hon. Secretary*

HOCKEY

Three times during the year a team of strong, virile young men, intending to assert their male superiority, played teams from girls' schools. The result in each case was a glorious triumph in which feminine intuition succumbed to masculine skill in bending the rules and strength in intimidating the officials. The goal tally of no goals conceded proved that no girl is capable of running the length of a hockey pitch, and in scoring 15 goals the outstanding team of the decade matched the flair for improvisation and numbing skill of Mick MacManus.

The Parents' Association

The year began with the Annual General Meeting in October when, following a successful business meeting, Mr. Osborne showed the film which he had taken of the School party's visit to Greece. The film and the commentary were much enjoyed.

Whist Drives arranged for November and March were reasonably profitable though less well attended than formerly. However, the Annual Dance in early December remains as popular as ever with over two hundred parents, staff and friends present. Senior and Junior "At Homes" attracted large numbers of parents eager to learn from members of staff of their sons' progress. Finally, the Garden Party in July was, as always, a happy reunion with many interesting exhibitions, energetic displays and enterprising sideshows combining to yield about £210.

During the year the Association has given financial help to the School fund, the Rugby Club, the Sailing Club and the Music Society. It has defrayed Speech Day expenses and provided its usual prizes; it has promised to help pay for a new piano for the Assembly Hall; it has entertained the Scots school from the Argentine as well as all teams visiting us to play football, cricket or tennis.

The Committee spent much time investigating the possibility of building a swimming pool in the School grounds but, after prolonged discussion, decided that the project was too large and too expensive to be undertaken.

We would express thanks to all who have helped us during the year and especially to Mrs. Slatter and her Ladies' Committee for their untiring efforts on our behalf, and we would urge all parents to join us in our efforts to enable the School to help their sons.

O.B.A. PERSONAL COLUMN

It certainly does not seem like twelve months since I last began to collate items for these columns. But it is. One more year has passed and again it has been both for the School and the O.B.A. a year of much distinction, some disappointment and some sadness. We are sad to see men like Vic Woodfield leave Plymouth but we wish him and his family every happiness in Droitwich. We are glad to have back among us Commander Cliffe of H.M.S. *Drake* and Captain Tim Healy who has retired from the Navy, and we are delighted to learn of the honours granted to several Old Boys and congratulate them: Rear-Admiral Dyer-Smith, L. Mills, C.B., Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Transport, Jimmy Lawrance, O.B.E.—how well he deserves it—and Lieut-Commander Coventry, A.F.C. Perhaps the worst blow of the year to both School and O.B.A. was the death of Sir Clifford Tozer. For many years far too many of us have assumed too easily

and readily that he would always be there, always ready with magnificent generosity to help in dozens of ways. We are beginning to realise how much we miss him, how much the School and the City of Plymouth will miss him. What a source of strength and stability he was to us all. Our sympathy goes out to Lady Tozer.

At Speech Day last year we were delighted to welcome another Old Boy, Professor W. R. Ward, as our Guest Speaker. He has long been known to us through the handsome annual award of the Ward Pengelly History Essay Prize. Next November Rear-Admiral J. E. Dyer-Smith has promised to be our Guest. What a trio over the past three years—Murray Widdecombe, Professor Ward, and now Admiral Dyer-Smith. The School can well be proud of them.

The O.B.A. Dinners at Bath, London and Plymouth will be mentioned elsewhere in these pages, but I must congratulate the three Secretaries, Len Truscott, Colin Grant and Bernard Gilbert—particularly Colin—for a series of excellent evenings especially designed to mark the 50th Anniversary of the London Branch. And may I thank all the Old Boys and their wives who have attended these dinners. Your presence is a source of great help to us who at School try to carry on maintaining standards at a time when so much that is traditional is regarded by so many as worthless. Quite a number of the present members of the Staff are reaching the age of retirement. Let us hope that their work will not have been in vain.

There have been references in the Press to a number of Old Boys who have done well at University and elsewhere. I try to note them all but out of the 200-plus Old Boys at universities and colleges, and at Dartmouth, Cranwell and Sandhurst etc., only *three* have let me have any news. There is nothing to be shy about in letting us know of what you have done, or what your friends and acquaintances have done. We are interested. We do not forget you even if you forget us. A postcard costs little money and less effort! None of the following bothered to tell me anything. G. Cox, a 1st in Economics at Cambridge; I. LUCKRAFT, a 2nd in Theology at Oxford; T. LANE, a Gold Medal in Medicine at Birmingham; R. HAYDON, a 1st in Part 3-Maths at Cambridge; N. J. ROBINSON, a 2nd at Oxford. I would have thought that two former School Captains and two former Vice-Captains would have written. I cannot always manage to reply to you but I do try to acknowledge somehow every bit of information, and it is worthwhile to keep in touch with the School even from the selfish point of view of references and testimonials.

D. EVANS. Now teaching at Halesowen. Is married and is contemplating embarking on a Dip.Ed. course.

ROD HARVEY (R.N.) was married a few weeks ago. I saw it in the Press.

JOHN BOWDEN. Now on the Staff, was married on July 25th. John does a great deal both in English and Music.

D. W. LIGHTFOOT has just got his Ph.D. in America, his brother tells me.

M. BEST HARRIS is a Lecturer at Leicester University Department of French. He, too, is married and supports the O.B.A. whenever he can.

E. S. N. THOMAS called in to see us, looking very fit and cheerful.

B. WILSON has been appointed Deputy Head of Braidwood School for the Deaf. What a splendid job of work he is doing!

B. J. MALLETT. Now in America where he is continuing his studies for his Ph.D. He anticipates spending a year or so in South America. He wrote asking for a reference.

M. J. AMERY, on leave from Norway and Sweden which is now his "sales" area, called in. He is married and looked to be extremely flourishing and happy.

M. DAVIES has a further twelve months to do at Cranwell, then he hopes to qualify as an Engineer in the R.A.F. He'd be glad for anyone in the Cranwell area to contact him.

R. SHUTE. Still single—must be almost the last of his year to hold out—is teaching French at Hartcliffe Comprehensive School in Bristol. So far he says it is a very pleasant experience. It was nice to see him again.

F. G. WILLIAMS. He left some twelve years ago and is now with Sun Life Assurance. Is married with two children—a boy and a girl. He called in and spent some time with Mr. Barkell—careers!

M. LOVELESS wrote to tell us that he brought his wife to have a look at the School but couldn't manage the Dinner because of very bad roads that day. He has called in since, looking very fit and well.

BRIAN GRACIE has just been appointed Curate at All Saints, Whipton, near Exeter. He doesn't want to push, but any Old Boy visiting the area will be welcome at the vicarage—and all resident Old Boys at the church.

C. HILLS is now in his final year at Manchester College, Oxford, and hopes to go on to do research into Naval History. We were glad to see him at the dinner.

R. T. GODFREY should be completing his studies soon at the West of England College of Art. He hopes then to set up in ceramics on the Barbican. All O.B.'s will be welcome.

R. G. COVENTRY, now retired from the Royal Navy, was awarded the A.F.C. He lives in Salisbury—a useful stopping place for anyone on his way to London. You would be welcome.

P. MATTHEWS writes to us from the British School in Punta Arenas, Chile. What a fascinating letter! I had intended to put excerpts in the Magazine. Instead the Geography Department are using it as a basis for lessons on that part of the world. Matthews is rapidly becoming an authority in the archaeology and ornithology of the area.

VIC WALKER. Never forgets us, does he? If any of you have time, write to him c/o Marcona Mining Co., Lima, Peru. It's ten years since he left Camborne and every year we get a letter. He's now responsible for the expenditure budget of his firm—one million dollars per annum!! His letter is a lesson in Economics.

J. VARCO called in to see us and I was astonished to discover his nephew in the second year. He is now with Industrial Physical Research at Teddington and strongly recommends that firm as a career for hard working young men.

R. GORCZYNSKI. Still working hard in Toronto. Anticipates coming home to finish his Ph.D. Seems rather tired of Canada.

K. SADLER. Now a captain in the Royal Corps of Transport. Recently married and called in on us during his honeymoon. He's returning to Hong Kong shortly and hopes to stay out there for a further tour.

T. FELWICH. Now a Flight-Lieutenant in the R.A.F. (Nav.). Met SADLER and TUG WILSON recently and had dinner with them. He was in Aden with Tug Wilson during the troubles.

W. TAMBLYN. Attended D.H.S. from 1908–1915. Had just been to call on his former form master N. W. Lamb! He was at School when Mr. Millet, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Andrews were on the Staff.

J. L. BURT must have been at School about the same time as Tamblyn. He writes regularly to us from Port Elizabeth, South Africa. His brother, an Old Boy, was Rear-Admiral Burt, C.B.E.

E. BROCKMAN (1915–22) has just published *The Two Sieges of Rhodes*. Captain Brockman mentions the School in the publisher's note.

J. HARDING, now married, called in. How nice it was to see his parents at the Garden Party.

J. POWDERLEY. At present with Parkinson & Cowan and hopes to come back soon to Plymouth. We look forward to this: the O.B.A. Rugby XV will welcome him.

P. A. CRESSWELL has a B.Phil. to add to his B.A. and is with Longman's the publishers. Old Boys with literary aspirations please note.

R. COSE always writes or calls. Is to teach Chemistry in a Sheffield Comprehensive school. Has now a wonderful Yorkshire accent.

P. EAMES. A leading member of the Medical Branch of the Army is stationed in Cyprus and is working hard towards higher qualifications.

ALAN ROWE, a former editor of the Magazine, on a recent visit to Plymouth, met Ewart Brimacombe in New Street. He is still acting, in Abingdon, with the Abingdon Drama Club. D.H.S.-ians are always welcome at Culham College where he is teaching.

D. A. N. LAVERICK is now in Singapore at R.A.F. Police Headquarters. He has recently received a Certificate of Commendation "in recognition of his outstanding efforts at Southern Region" (Northolt, Ruislip.)

LES WARREN was another visitor to the Barbican, together with Mrs. Warren. Memories of the Old Boys Rugger Club table at the pre-war O.B.A. Dinner were revived.

TONY HOUGHTON is also with the R.A.F. Police, doing Counter-Intelligence work in Germany and has been working with Dutch border police on frontier checks. He is married and has two children.

J. F. SPENCE joined the R.A.F. in 1962 after a spell with the Civil Service in H.M. Dockyard. He has been commissioned in the Air Traffic Control branch and holds the rank of Flying Officer.

L. S. ADAMS has recently become a grandfather and appears to be exceptionally proud of the fact.

CAPT. TIM HEALY, R.N., has been appointed an A.D.C. to Her Majesty the Queen.

L. S. MILLS (1926–33), an Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, was awarded the C.B. in the New Year Honours List.

J. M. WIDDECOMBE, C.B., O.B.E. (1919–28) has now retired from the post of Director-General of Supplies and Transport (Naval) at the Ministry of Defence.

D.H.S. Old Boys' Association

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Our 1969 Annual General Meeting was highlighted by presentations made to Mr. Whitfeld and Mr. Nicholas. The former received a typewriter and binoculars, whilst Mr. Nicholas' choice was an armchair. Both spoke of the happy days they had spent as members of the staff, Mr. Nicholas for 24 years and Mr. Whitfeld for 35 years. Their reminiscences proved mainly amusing and were well received by the large gathering.

This year we shall meet again at the Magnet Restaurant—the date is Monday, 28th December at 7.30 p.m. All Old Boys—members or not—will be very welcome.

The 1970 Dinner was held at the Davie Hall on the 10th April when we were delighted to welcome Dame Joan Vickers as our guest of honour. Our other guests were Alan Pike and his wife from London, Messrs. F. Lawrance and L. Truscott from Bath, and the two joint School Captains.

I was very sorry to miss the London Branch Jubilee Dinner and also the Bath Branch Dinner through indisposition. Representatives from Plymouth attended both and spoke well of the efforts of Colin Grant and Len Truscott.

We enjoyed two very close games of cricket this year. Against the School time ran out when we were 80 for 3 in reply to the School's total of 87 all out. Glyn Waugh was our most successful batsman with 41 not out, whilst VicWoodfield (6 for 37) and Michael Gilbert (3 for 23) took the bowling honours.

Once again we were blessed with a fine evening for our match at Plymouth Cricket Ground against the Staff. Batting first in a twenty-over match the Old Boys scored 72 for 8 with Vic Woodfield making 21. The Staff replied with 76 for 5, reached in the last over. It was fitting that the winning boundary was scored by Frank Wayne who has given me considerable help in organizing these games. I look forward to a similarly successful partnership with his successor as cricket master, Trevor Evans.

We shall miss Vic Woodfield who had captained our cricket teams for a number of years and who was a mainstay of the O.B.A. Soccer side prior to that. We congratulate him on his promotion to Regional Manager

with S.C. Johnson & Son Ltd., and trust he and his family will continue to enjoy life in the Midlands.

Thanks are due to Chas. Came who has run the O.B.A. soccer for many seasons and served on our Committee. We welcome Alan Wroath who has taken over from him.

We mourn the passing of one of our Vice-Presidents, Sir Clifford Tozer, who was liked and respected by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He has been a good friend to the School and the Association for many years and will be sadly missed at our future gatherings.

To end on a happy note it is with great pleasure we record the appointment of Harry Haydon as Town Clerk of Plymouth. We trust his years in office will meet with every success.

BERNARD GILBERT, *Hon. Secretary*

Sir J. Clifford Tozer

Sir Clifford Tozer was one of the most distinguished of Devonport High School's Old Boys.

Born in 1889, Sir Clifford left Ryder's School, as it was then known, for Sherborne where he gained his colours for Rugby.

At 23 he became a councillor for Stoke Ward, was commissioned during the First World War and was demobilised as a major.

In 1921 he was elected a member of Plymouth City Council and served continuously as a councillor until he was made an Alderman in 1937. He was one of the few who had the distinction of having been both Mayor and Lord Mayor of the city.

In 1939 Sir Clifford was knighted for his political and public services. In 1952 his name was added to the city's small but distinguished roll of Freemen.

His term of Lord Mayor came in the Coronation Year of Queen Elizabeth II.

It was in 1967 that Sir Clifford, then aged 78, decided to step down from council service after 46 years as a member and 30 as an Alderman.

He will be sadly missed by all who had the great pleasure to know him.

BERNARD GILBERT

The London Branch

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This year the Branch celebrates the 50th anniversary of its foundation —by Dicky Brooks, our President, and a number of other far-seeing Old Boys in the London area. The main event of the year was the Dinner which was held in the Manettas Restaurant just off Piccadilly. There was general agreement that it was a great success and on this special occasion it was followed by a cabaret, arranged by Dicky, and dancing. Dame Joan Vickers, M.P., was our guest of honour, and there was an attendance of 105; more would have liked to come but unfortunately accommodation was limited.

Our other joint President, "Tex" Austin, the Chairman and the Secretary, were also present in Bath for the third Annual Dinner of that Branch, another very enjoyable occasion.

There must be a special divinity which watches over our annual gathering at Trent Park in July, because, no matter how gloomy the prospects appear at the beginning of the day, the weather almost invariably clears up for the afternoon. This year was no exception, and after early morning rain the weather was virtually perfect for those who gathered in the afternoon of July 11th. Our thanks are again due to Mrs. Simmonds who looked after the refreshments, and to Mr. Theakston, the Principal, for placing the beautiful college grounds at our disposal.

C. P. GRANT, *Hon. Secretary*

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Once again membership has remained steady although we said farewell to Ken Duke, George Bryant, Henry Lillicrap and Tony Scagell. To offset these departures we were pleased to welcome former Plymouth Chairman Alan Dingle, Founder Secretary of this Branch Des Reed, Derek Peakall, Fred Wilcox, and our first student members, Martin Levick and Gordon Robertson.

Both the steak supper at the "George and Dragon" and the Annual Dinner at the Francis Hotel, Bath, were generally agreed to be the best yet. The Dinner, with an attendance of over sixty, was made more memorable

by the presence of "Tex" Austin, looking as fit as ever, accompanied by his son Tony and daughter-in-law Paddy. Other guests included Alan and Mrs. Pike, Colin Grant, Stan and Mrs. Hurden from London, Dr. Cresswell, John and Mrs. Ellis from Plymouth, Archie and Mrs. Semmens from Paignton, and Mrs. Levick (Martin's mother) from Bristol.

We registered an exciting win at mixed skittles against Old Suttonians, but the result was of minor importance on such a convivial evening in the good company of our friendly rivals.

A party of members and wives recently enjoyed an excellent Gilbert and Sullivan concert given at Bath Pavilion by visiting D'Oyly Carte members, supported by local choral groups.

We were all delighted to see our Chairman, Jimmy Lawrance, honoured this year with the O.B.E. Jim is now in his tenth year as Chairman, and this Branch owes much to his interest and efforts for its continued success.

We plan to open next year's programme with a steak supper in October, whilst the date of next year's dinner is Friday, 30th April.

L. R. TRUSCOTT, *Hon. Secretary*

The Old Boys Rugby Club

Season 1960/70 has been the most successful for some years. Of 35 games, only 10 were lost, 2 drawn and the team recorded 23 wins. Five hundred and forty-five points were scored with 324 against.

Due largely to some good pre-season training, the Old Boys opened with a 25–20 win over Launceston 1st XV, and later completed the double over them by 13–8. Other notable wins included those over Okehampton, Paignton II and Teignmouth II.

The Club was fortunate to have an excellent captain in Bernard McGrath, and with ex-Albion player, Paul Venn, joining him in the second row, the Old Boys' pack was very strong. Dave Ferguson in the centre had another outstanding season, notching 155 points. Tom Knowles and Alf Wayne scored some good tries and Steve Tindsley proved an asset whenever he was available.

On our Easter tour of Wales, two games were played and we were able to visit the Arms Park to see the Cardiff *v.* Barbarians game.

If this success is to be maintained, it is essential that more boys join us from School. We welcome them during their holidays and when they leave. All interested players please contact me at the address below or come along to our Thursday training sessions at the School. I am sure that they will find the excellent spirit which prevails both on and off the field very much to their liking.

D. BENNETT
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The Old Boys Soccer Club

Failure in the past to attract new blood from the boys leaving school was a major point of issue raised at the last A.G.M. of the Club. Several matters were thought to have contributed to this and our struggle over the past few seasons to maintain our position in premier football was not an attractive proposition for those eager to continue playing after their school career. The ever-rising average age of the team—Colin Watson, who was almost a regular, well remembers his days at Penzance with the School—perhaps endowing it with experience, failed to present an image which would draw the younger element.

Major changes were made for the 1969–70 season and these have, in the latter part of last season, begun to have the required effect. The team colours were changed to tangerine with black shorts and socks, partly to eliminate the repartee that good football was not practical when the remainder of the team appeared to merge with the background on duller days when playing in the old green strip. A second, and less desirable decision, was to open the Club to players who were not themselves Old Boys but who had connections with our players. This would be on an experimental basis for one or two seasons, and the facility was not, in fact, made use of to any great extent. One factor played a major part in this latter aspect.

At the beginning of the season we were fortunate to obtain the services of Alan Wroath, a member of staff fresh from university, and his enthusiasm and the consequent greater contact with the School, afforded the introduction, when available, of several of the School team players into the Old Boys' side. This has certainly proved an asset and we hope that those who have had a taste of premier football will continue with us for some time to come. Training sessions to date would appear to be indicating this trend, having been well attended. This apparent upward trend should not deter anyone interested from coming along on any Wednesday evening to a session commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the School. There will always be vacancies, and there is even now a whisper to recommence running a second eleven.

The Club has again been accepted for the Plymouth Combination Premier division for the 1970–71 season. Any person interested in any aspect of the Club's affairs is asked to contact Mr. Alan Wroath at 10 Cooban Court or at the School.

C. G. K. CAME, *Retiring Hon.Secretary*

FORUM . . .

an open discussion column

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SENLAC

And lo! In the quiet of the evening,
They shall come forth,
Filling the very heavens with their million twinkling spheres
Whilst I sit here within the silent refuge of our camp.

Thus slowly, growing in profusion
The stars appear, taking their place
Within the fathomless darkness of the night
And there they rest, resplendent,
Watching with a cold indifference.

And slowly, as I wait, the dawn draws nigh.
A gentle breeze raises the tattered pennants
While spears glint in the growing light of sunrise
And Senlac stands awaiting with a patient vigilance
for what must come.

Too soon the night has gone, the multitudes of cosmic candles
Have gone out, or fled for shame
That men must battle, lifeblood flow
To satisfy that human lust for wealth and power.

And lo! In the quiet of the morning,
They shall come forth.
Filling the very hillsides with their armoured Norman ranks
Whilst I sit here committed, within the silent refuge
of my conscience.

C. JARMAN

Liberalism or Nihilism

"Liberty 1970" was chosen for the sixth-form speech in the School's annual Speech Contest, and "the individual in modern society" was also the theme of this year's sixth-form Conference. This has prompted me to throw some light on the historical development of the negative attitudes of the "liberal front".

The evolution of historical liberalism was essential to national development. It was a movement of social volution* which displaced an international oligarchy (the "aristocracy") and established the supremacy of urban-orientated civilization over states previously dominated by rural feudalism. Britain experienced the rise of national liberalism with the Civil War and the rule of Oliver Cromwell, undoubtedly one of our greatest national leaders. At the other extreme, India did not achieve its national revolution until 1945, with the expulsion of what was, for them, a foreign aristocracy in the style of medieval Europe.

* volution = spiral turn, the whirls of a spiral shell; (anat) convolution. [*Editor's note*]

The anti-authoritarianism had a purpose. Liberals who stressed that "states are composed of individuals" were involved in a struggle. It was not their role to state balanced views about the essential of civilization being co-operation, and the fundamental necessity of subordinating individual interests to the common good. Not realising the obsolescence of its historically negative attitude, the movement of modern liberalism has failed to take up a position of positive material realism with regard to the state, and has instead become a perverse form of obsessive individualism, politically masochistic and verging on the anarchic. History is seen solely in terms of the development of individual liberties, as if progress towards them has been the entire purpose of human existence.

The whole ideology of individualist thought has been elevated to the position of a secular religion which has a far wider circle of adherents than professing "humanists". All ideas of national interest are sacrificed to this abstract philosophy, and national energy is sapped by the unholy gods of multiracialism and "moderation"—the policy of blunting one's sword. The epitome of individualist ideals is found in that nonsense on a pedestal—the United Nations Charter of Human "Rights". The only real rights in existence are those created by states which set voluntary limits on their own power in the form of laws, which they can expand or restrict at will.

The logical development of modern liberalism is the more practical individualist—the criminal. And it is in America, the diseased heartland of liberal thought, that the gangster is the idealised hero. So beware of the next sixth-form Conference, for the treasonable ideals of the platform are only removed from anarchism in degree, and only removed from crime in fulfilment.

In fact, unless the partisan sixth-form Conference becomes an objective forum for balanced opinion, it would be equally logical for Plymouth Schools to sanction visits to other politically sectarian interests—from the International Marxist Group to Women's Liberation.

R. C. LAWSON

Old Boys in action"!"!

On one of the rare occasions when local groups were featured at the "Van Dyke", Wasteland and Friends were amongst the performers. They had a nucleus of former pupils including P. Gross, lead guitar, P. Williams, bass guitar, and M. Durham, vocals. The services of R. Morrell were unfortunately lacking for the event. A.Frazer was a vigorous and enthusiastic banjoist though the poetry of N. Crookes was largely unappreciated. The extremely fluid line-up of the group was supplemented by three female dancers and the whole experience was heightened by a light show of sorts. It was suggested to the audience that they "freak out" on the stage and, though several people did, none of the large contingent of current pupils condescended. A former master, Mr. W. H. Whitfeld, attended as an impartial and somewhat bizarrely dressed observer. The performance, lacking in preparation and co-ordination, suffered from the introversion of the players. Nevertheless it was good, clean, wholesome fun, worth the 5/- admission fee if only for novelty's sake.

The American Indian

and his effect on the American way of life

Indian resistance to the white man ended in 1890 with the massacre of the Sioux. Their leaders dead, their customs and religions discredited and they themselves demoralised by disease, liquor and frontier morals, the Amerindians seemed doomed to extinction, and in 1900 their population had declined to 250,000 as compared to a pre-Columbian total of 846,000. However, 1900 was the nadir and after that date the population, despite grave legislatory obstacles, increased. The Indians now number 600,000 but are still the most under-privileged ethnic group in the U.S.A. The average life-span is 44 years and 80 per cent of all reservation Indians live below the poverty line. Until now, they have been represented in legal matters by the Justice Department although their adversary has often been the Federal Government.

Though the misfortunes of the Indians seem irrelevant to America as a whole, the American mentality has been profoundly influenced by the American Indian. The Amerindians were the first victims of expansion and the bestial way in which they were treated was to be repeated in the Philippines and Nicaragua. The ease with which the Americans cheated them and escaped any consequences whatever formed the belief that armed force was the best answer to intransigent nations who opposed "manifest destiny". Violence is fast becoming endemic in the U.S.A. and has been present since the days of the earliest settlements and even the deified Pilgrim Fathers butchered the entire population of an Indian village on one occasion. The eagerness of the frontiersmen to solve the Indian problem by exterminating them has produced in some of their descendants a desire to solve certain problems, especially those of "anarchists" and "campus bums" violently. Indian inadequacy and recalcitrance have had an indirect but tremendous effect on life in the U.S. Enslaved Indians invariably lost the will to live and were, in any case, too few in numbers and too widely scattered to support a slave-based economy so that negroes were imported, creating an ethnic problem of terrifying dimensions. The American government should remember that this problem needs more than concessions to the negroes to be solved. The less publicised ethnic groups such as the Puerto Ricans, Mexican Americans, Chinese Americans, Amerindians, Eskimoes, not to mention such underprivileged groups as Appalachian whites, must not be forgotten. Cogent arguments have been produced to show that the Indian is the barometer of democracy and social justice in America, and an administration can often be judged by its treatment of him. There would seem to be hope for all America since the much reviled Nixon administration has promised radical changes by giving both federal aid to and self-determination for the Indians. Though the Amerindian future may seem brighter than for the last 300 years this policy can only be deemed a success when it is actually seen to be working.

J. V. Wood, 5B

Why run ?

"It is one of those strange ironies of this strange life that those who work the hardest, subject themselves to the strictest disciplines, who give up certain pleasurable things to achieve a goal, are the happiest men."
BRUTUS HAMILTON

There are many rather peculiar pastimes but one common denominator underlies each, pleasure. Running is sometimes regarded as a sport for masochists but its attraction is in developing the ability to overcome pain, not in creating that pain. Consider how satisfying it is to be able to run seemingly without effort, almost to glide; this can be achieved only by occasionally running faster and farther, beyond the point where pain is rendered. Pain is an illusion, a creation of the mind rather than the body. An oxygen debt is the main cause of fatigue and hence, the pain is through breathlessness, causing pangs in the chest; rarely does any other part of the body experience discomfort.

The severest critics of athletics are often those who have never appreciated the delights of physical fitness. An increased efficiency in the body functions, in the strength of the muscles, improved stamina and speed, all assist in making any activity easier. Physical fitness in itself is a worthwhile aim; it is the means to this end that few accept. Training is no labour; one may run in pleasant countryside and enjoy the scenery or, alternatively, shut the mind to the world and contemplate some theme. After a run, one feels physically tired but satisfied, utterly relaxed and content.

The ancillary benefits accruing from this sport are also very valuable for, while the psychological aspect varies from athlete to athlete, a real spirit of determination is common to all. Finally, there is the comradeship to be found amongst the running fraternity, and the travel to races in various parts of the country and, indeed, the world.

This is why men love to run; this is why men do run. A. J. LIGHTFOOT

In Light of Failure

They, the elders, the capitalists, those who are set in their ways and their semi-detacheds, complain about us, the young, the free who would like to be freer. We are well aware that we don't know all the answers, if any; but we are also aware that their answers are wrong, that to be out for what you can get is wrong if it means that someone else has to suffer, and someone else always has to suffer. That is why two-thirds of the world is below the poverty line, not because the poor are stupid but because they are unlucky and downtrodden, because their sons have no more opportunity than their grandfathers had.

When we whisper that socialism is the answer, they say, "You'll learn when you're older. You don't understand life yet." Explain it then! They cannot. What they mean is that we are too young to have been captured by the conformity of Western materialism; but unfortunately some of us have already been caught.

When we tell them socialism is the answer they shout, "Joe Stalin rears his ugly moustache; what about private enterprise and the poor little greengrocer?" The reason the small man is going out of business in this country is not because of socialism (if you can call Labour that) but because of big business, the supermarket chain stores, the nationwide contractors, the people who have the real power in this country, not the politicians. You can have a lovely little mini and a lovely little house with a lovely little wife and lovely little kids if you work for them, in their big cars and their big houses and their big yachts and holidays in Majorca and their high society wives in their mink stoles and their public school offspring.

When we show them that socialism is the answer they scream, "Torture! Look at Korea and Vietnam." Quite! Take a look at the South Vietnamese penal system, take a look at the Greek regime, set up to stop a Communist takeover. Communism cannot be condemned for its atrocities; it is too young and capitalism has committed many worse in its time. Besides, the West should not be interfering in Korea or Vietnam.

Revolution is still young, its supporters young enough to be crushed. Let us pray the great white myth does not become our god.

J. C. Byrne, L6sc.

JUNIOR DRAMA

As the introduction of junior drama into the House Speech Contest was, in effect, my own personal brainchild, I should like to comment here on the purposes of this innovation and the effects of its being put into practice.

The purposes are very simple. For one thing there is an abundance of talent for drama in the Junior school which has not, up to now, had an opportunity to express itself. And this talent, not being brought to light, fades away unnoticed. This is a sad waste, particularly as far as the Annual School Play is concerned. The boys who take part in the School Play have been "discovered" by me quite accidentally and many boys are missed, simply because I don't know them. Moreover, it is quite obvious to me that the third and fourth forms take little pleasure in the academic Speech Contest either as performers or spectators, whereas there is a great enthusiasm for genuine drama. One had only to see the amount of excitement amongst the House actors as they selected costumes and thought out effects to realise that a real need was being satisfied.

However, there were one or two aspects of the contest which were a little disappointing. Firstly, the Senior boys producing the plays took little trouble and showed even less sense of responsibility. They were willing to abandon their productions or delegate them to deputies. Thus not one of the four house speech captains produced his own play, and of the few deputies only one was actually present during the performance. This was blatantly unfair on the Junior boys' acting. They had little stage experience and desperately needed strong supervision, which they did not get. It was on this point that Raleigh so far outscored their rivals, though Raleigh's producer is less to be

praised than the others condemned. The second point that was clear to me was that so few of the actors realised that acting is hard work. To learn one's lines the day before the actual performance is worse than useless—one cannot begin to rehearse properly till one is word perfect. Also one cannot put on a play if vital actors are involved in other activities. During the period of rehearsal attendance is obligatory and total commitment demanded. There is, to my mind, little pleasure in life to be got from putting on a second-rate performance, but enormous satisfaction from doing one's best—and never is this truer than on the stage.

C. G. S. CLAYTON

Extract from a letter from an Old Boy

NOW WORKING IN CHILE

Chile is a strange country. The most democratic and stable country say all the guidebooks, it also has the third highest inflation rate in the world, after Indonesia and South Vietnam! Last year it was officially 32.5 per cent but is probably nearer 40 per cent. The dollar and sterling exchange rates change every fortnight, regular as clockwork, and goods in the shops go up accordingly. So, although pay goes up the official amount each January, along with loads of official price rises, in fact our money has already been considerably devalued during the year. One of the most debatable aspects of President Frei's years of government is the Agrarian Reform, by which the Government takes any farm it likes and hands it over to the peasants. Marvellous ideals, but they do not always work. They have this ridiculous tendency of taking well-run and profit-making farms instead of the less successful ones, so that things tend to get worse rather than better. This is, of course, the big issue in the Presidential elections which take place in September, and the campaigning has been going on for months already. The Left will nationalise and appropriate anything and everything that is making money, the Centre will take a good chunk, and the Right will take a good look at the success and failures to date before doing anything else. But before everything they must stem the inflation.

Some of the problems in Chile seem to be strikes, importing and lack of production. Chile is the home of the potato but twice since I have arrived there has been a chronic shortage, and the ones we get down here are usually pretty awful. The unofficial God here, especially in Puntas Arenas, is importing, and all the shops blatantly advertise their produce as the best, as it is imported. This also means that, instead of going to a special shop for something, you can probably find it anywhere, as most shops specialise in importations. Unfortunately, there isn't much in the way of exports to offset this except copper, fruit and wool; nitrate has been replaced on the world market by chemical products. Strikes? Well, someone is always on strike, and at the moment ENAP, the state oil company, is on strike, wanting more pay, of course. This could be a crippling strike, especially for us down here, as we are so far away from other sources of power, and if the strike goes on long, gas and electricity will have to be rationed.

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