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EDITORIAL

Why, you are asking yourself, is this year's edition of the School Magazine identical in form to the editions of all other years? Where are the original ideas and stimulating articles, where is the wit and humour you find so much more interesting? Previous editors have often apologised for and lamented the situation, but have failed to explain why the form of the magazine seems likely to remain as in former years.

The primary role of the magazine is as a complete record of the School's activities of the previous year, and, thus, every club, society and function, frequently the same ones every year, has its own report, dull reading though such articles may make.

Secondly the magazine is an advertisement: it has to meet the School's need for prestige, and, thus all noteworthy achievements, both scholastic and sporting, are proudly set forth. These reports, also, are generally of little interest to present pupils who are already well aware of the school's great feats. The fact is that the magazine is printed, not to entertain the pupils, but to make a favourable impression on parents, old boys and other schools.

But surely, you say, some wit and imagination can enliven even the dulllest of reports. Certainly they can, but unfortunately many articles have to be written hurriedly during the final weeks of the summer term, as a number of events are not decided until this post-G.C.E. period. Also several society reports, due from 6th formers who have left school, do not materialise, and, consequently, have to be written at short notice by junior members of the societies who have insufficient time to give very much thought to their articles. In addition, there is a limit to the length of the magazine and it is easier to shorten a humorous article than a purely factual one.

Yet there ought to be a section aimed mainly at the present school, you say. Indeed Forum is "an open debating column . . . an opportunity for any boy to express his opinions on school-life, however unconventional or anti-establishment with freedom limited only by editorial prejudice and the blasphemy laws." It received a mere handful of entries. Surely the point to be lamented is not the failure of the magazine to develop into the fresh, original publication that you say you want to see, but your failure to contribute your own ideas, opinions and beliefs which are essential if we are to create a magazine of greater general interest. The size, and quality, of Forum depends on the number of articles received. If you do not want the same type of magazine next year, then the onus is on you to contribute something towards it. The editors will be glad to accept articles from any boy, whatever his age, as soon as they are written.

SCHOOL NOTES

In September, 1972, we welcomed to the staff Mr. Simpson who replaced Mr. Smith in the Modern Languages Department, Dr. Timewell who joined the Chemistry Department, Mr. Clarke who came to teach Physics as a replacement for Mr. Collenette, and Mr. Sandercock who joined the Geography Department. We hope that all of them are at the start of a long and happy stay at D.H.S.

Dr. Hall joined us for a year as a replacement for Mr. Attewell who was on a Degree Course at Bangor University. We wish Dr. Hall well in his new appointment at Steyning Grammar School, Sussex, and hope that he will renew his association with the staff cricket team, should the opportunity arise. Our French Assistant, M. Loic Criaud, also has our good wishes. The last news we had of him was that he was enjoying a change of occupation in Finland.

The end of the academic year also brought the retirement of one of the longest serving members of the staff, Mr. R. M. Hopford, Head of the German Department. He joined the staff at Easter in 1945, from Houghton-le-Spring Grammar School, Co. Durham. The school was, at that time, still in its war-time quarters at Penzance and he was with Messrs. Nicholas and Berry at the Café Royale. After the return to Plymouth he acted for a time as 3rd Master of Grenville House and, in the immediate post-war years, was responsible for the formation of both a Language Club and the Stamp Club. The latter he ran for twenty-two years with the help of many often very efficient boy secretaries. About 1950 he started the Bible Study Circle, which continues to the present day, having evolved into the Christian Union and Religious Discussion Group, now run very successfully by Mr. J. Smith. He has been actively involved in the Field Club and the Geographical Society and has also helped to organise various school trips to different parts of Europe. We wish him the very long and very happy retirement to which his dedicated and enthusiastic service to the school over twenty-eight years has thoroughly entitled him.

Our good wishes briefly expressed as he would desire but none the less sincere for that, went with Mr. Vanstone who made his 'unobtrusive exit' last Christmas after more than a quarter of a century of service at the school. May he, too, enjoy many years of happy retirement.

At a staff meeting, during the summer term, it was decided to proceed with plans to re-organise the house system with effect from September, 1974. The proposal is to change to a three house system (new names to be chosen) under which each first form will be allocated *en bloc* to a particular house. The hope is that such identification of form and house will give a new impetus to the inter-house competitions. Full details of the organisation of the new scheme are being worked out and will be given in next year's magazine.

Congratulations to Wernham, Manley and Burt who, in an essay competition for Plymouth Schools organised by the L.E.A. as part of the "Fanfare for Europe" celebrations, obtained 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

CAREERS

During the absence of Mr. Attewell, who has been on a Specialist Careers Course, Mr. Nash has been responsible for this work.

During the year, various specialists have been invited to talk to the 5th and 6th forms. Mr. Cook, Deputy Careers Officer for the City, and an old boy of the school, has talked on several occasions to the 5th forms. We thank him for his help and guidance.

Special speakers from the Army, Navy, Merchant Navy, R.A.F. and Police, with the help of films, have explained their way of life to the 6th forms. The various banks have shown particular interest in recruitment of boys with "A" levels. In fact, schools are bombarded with information from all sides, Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and Further Education, the Armed Forces, Civil Service, Banks, Public Services, the Professions and, in particular, industrial firms of all sorts. Many boys seemed interested in Sandwich courses. It is almost impossible, with the time available for this work, to record, file material and communicate with all the 5th and 6th formers. Owing to the general lack of form room space in the school, the Careers Room has to be a form room also. This makes it very difficult for it to be used effectively. It is hoped that an alteration can be made to the Careers form room so that a small interview room can be available for discussing careers privately with boys. Special thanks are expressed to Jansen of the 6th. Without his dedicated help it would have been impossible to maintain an efficient filing system.

Next term we welcome Mr. Attewell back and hope that he enjoyed his course. Mr. Nash will continue to help with the careers.

W. NASH.

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

In the latter part of the autumn term, a group of boys was chosen to represent the views of the sixth form on hairstyles to the Headmaster. At this time, there was a desire that a council of some kind should be formed, and at the second meeting of the group, Dr. Cresswell asked that it should also make up a steering committee for the formation of a council. With the invaluable advice of Messrs. Borbon and Wroath, the group accordingly drew up a constitution for the council and arranged for the election of representatives. The inaugural meeting of the newly-formed council took place early in January, Stokes being elected chairman.

It must be emphasised that this does not represent the "revolt of pupil-power against authority" so much publicised recently; in all matters, the council recognises the Headmaster's decision as final. Rather, the aims of the council are to look into suggestions for improvements in the running of the school and to present to the Headmaster a coherent argument for the most practical ideas; to discuss how school facilities might more efficiently be used; to listen to anyone with a genuine grievance and to deal with the more minor matters of discipline which at present come to the Headmaster's attention. It must also be pointed out that, although the council is made up of senior boys, it is intended to represent the whole school, and will hear any boy, junior or senior, who cares to approach it.

We have been handicapped by the attitude, prevalent mainly in the senior school, that the council has not achieved a great deal to date, and cannot, therefore, expect any achievements in the future. The group has, in fact, been involved in a number of changes; we can, however, do very little if few matters are brought to our attention. The council has a useful role to play, but its degree of usefulness depends on the purpose to which the school puts it.

A. R. A. JAMIESON (Secretary).

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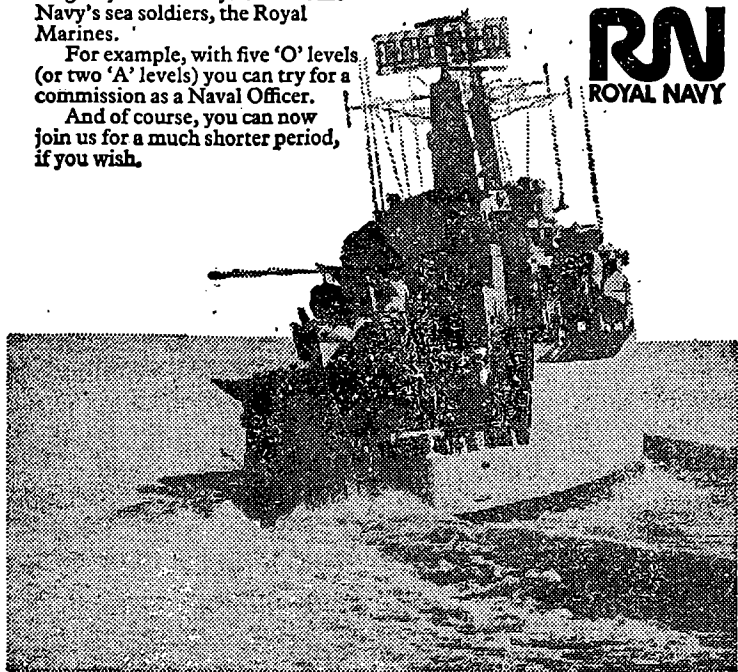
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- ASHPLANT, P. M. J.: House Captain, Choir, Orchestra, 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket. Proceeding to Bristol University (Theology).
- BODFISH, P. A.: 3rd XV Rugby, House Rugby, House Athletics. Has entered Civil Service (Customs and Excise).
- CASTLE, E.: 1st XV Rugby, House Swimming, House Athletics, House Speech, House Chess. Proceeding to Leeds (Medicine).
- CRIDDLE, A.: House Captain, 2nd XV Rugby, Tennis Secretary, Dramatics Society, Photographic Club, Sailing Club, Badminton, House Speech Captain, House Sailing Captain. Proceeding to Bristol (Drama).
- CROSSLEY, R.: 1st XV Rugby, Sailing Club Captain, Acting A.S.L. of School Scout Troop, House Speech. Proceeding to Leeds (Bacteriology and Zoology).
- EDEN, C. A. R.: 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Soccer Captain, 1st XI Cricket. Proceeding to Birmingham (Social Sciences).
- ELFORD, M.: House Vice-Captain, School Athletics Captain, 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket, House Rugby, House Cricket, House Athletics, House Speech, House Chess. Proceeding to Southampton (Civil Engineering).
- GEORGE, S.: Proceeding to Loughborough College (Librarianship).
- GODBEER, S.: 1st XI Soccer, 2nd XI Cricket, Basketball, House Rugby, House Athletics. Taking a position in either Banking or Insurance.
- GREGORY, T. J.: 1st XI Soccer, 1st XI Cricket Vice-Captain, Senior Athletics, Basketball, Captain of House Soccer, Captain of House Cricket, House Athletics. Proceeding to Manchester (Social Studies).
- KEEN, R. J.: House Vice-Captain, House Rugby, House Athletics, House Speech, House Chess. Proceeding to Cardiff (Accountancy).
- KIRBY, P. A.: House Speech, Chairman of Christian Union and Christian Discussion Group. Entering the Civil Service (Customs and Excise).
- LAWRENCE, K. J.: School Vice-Captain, Editor of School Magazine, Deputy School Librarian, Badminton, Senior Debating Society. Proceeding to a post in the Civil Service.
- LITTLE, N. C.: Member of School Council, Transport Club Secretary and Treasurer. Proceeding to Bristol Polytechnic.
- LOVELL, G.: 1st XV Rugby Captain, 2nd XI Cricket, Basketball, Senior Athletics, Swimming. Proceeding to St. Lukes College (Physical Education).
- MC SHANE, N. S.: 1st XI Soccer, Senior Athletics, House Soccer Captain, House Cricket. Proceeding to Manchester (Modern History and Economics).
- MEDLAND, R. P.: 1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Cricket, Athletics Secretary, House Cross Country. Proceeding to St. Luke's College (Physical Education).
- OSBORNE, R.: 1st XI Soccer, House Cricket. Proceeding to Exeter (Economics).
- PATTEN, M.: 1st XV Rugby.
- PENGELLY, J. H.: House Soccer, House Speech. Proceeding to Manchester (Town Planning).

- PENGELLY, R. J.: School Chess. Proceeding to Jesus College, Oxford (Classics).
- PERROTT, C. G.: Proceeding to Plymouth Polytechnic (Communications Engineering).
- PICKMAN, M.: Photographic Club, Science Society, A.T.C. Proceeding to Birmingham (Chemistry).
- PITTS, G. K.: Senior Tennis, 2nd XV Rugby, Chess, A.T.C. Proceeding to Bath (Mechanical Engineering).
- REYNOLDS, K. M.: Athletics Team. Taking up a post in Lloyds Bank.
- ROBERTS, G. B.: Photographic Club Chairman, Transport Club, Angling Club, 3rd XV Rugby, House Speech, House Soccer, Chess. Taking a post in the Civil Service (Customs and Excise).
- ROWE, J. R. P.: Science Society Chairman, Wine-making Circle Chairman, Photographic Club, Orchestra, Scouts, House Chess, House Soccer. Proceeding to Leeds (Chemistry).
- RUNNALLS, R. L.: Editor of School Magazine, Deputy School Librarian, Senior Debating Society, Badminton. Proceeding to Liverpool (English).
- SINGLETON, P. H.: A.T.C. Sergeant, House Rugby, Athletics. Has entered the R.A.F.
- STENT, G. J.: 1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Cricket, House Athletics. Has taken up a post in the National Westminster Bank.
- STEVENSON, N. T.: 1st XV Secretary, Senior Athletics, House Soccer, House Cricket, School Scouts, 1st XI Soccer, School Chess, House Speech. Proceeding to Reading (Economics).
- TABERNER, A. J.: House Captain, 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket, Cross Country, Athletics, House Speech Captain, House Sailing, Swimming. Proceeding to Caerphilly Polytechnic (Economics).
- TELFORD, B. W.: Debating Society. Proceeding to Bristol (Classics).
- THACKER, J.: Sailing Club, Athletics, House Speech, Cross Country, A.T.C. Proceeding to Nottingham (Medicine).
- TIMMINS, D.: Transport Club. Proceeding to Birmingham (Physics).
- TREVARTHEN, M. V.: House Secretary, Basketball Captain, Athletics Team, Cross Country, House Speech. Proceeding to Leeds Medical School.
- WHITFIELD, K. L.: School Captain, Sailing Club, 3rd XV Rugby Captain, House Speech, Swimming. Proceeding to Pembroke College, Cambridge (General Studies).
- WITHERS, P.: 2nd XI Soccer, House Soccer, House Cricket, House Rugby. Proceeding to Sheffield (Geography and Sociology).
- WOOD, J. V.: House Captain, Senior Debating Society Chairman, Christian Union, Arts Appreciation Society Secretary, Debate and Discussion Group Secretary. Proceeding to University College, London (Medieval and Modern History).
- WOODWARD, R.: Captain of Badminton Team. Proceeding to Leeds (History).
- NOTE.—Careers, in many cases, are dependent on "A" level results.

HOUSE NOTES

DRAKE

Maintaining its recent run of successes and "near-misses," Drake this year won the St. Levan Shield, by a rather narrow margin admittedly, and, thereby, avenged last year's defeat. This victory does not reflect so much outstanding results—though there were several exceptional achievements, both by teams and by individuals—as a good all-round record.

First place was gained in all the events of the winter term except the cross country, in which a good senior result was offset by a lack of talent amongst the juniors, giving overall third position. The senior rugby team, vociferously captained by Lovell, won both their matches comfortably and this, with the second place achieved by the juniors, clinched the rugby championship. The soccer trophy also became ours, after the juniors took first place and the seniors second. Despite the fact that a strong senior chess team by no means did itself justice, the victory of the juniors gave Drake equal first place.

Although just as important, the results of the summer term's activities were superficially less impressive. The fourth place obtained in the speech contest in no way reflects the work put into the competition by Paul and Fraser.

Third position was taken in athletics, an event in which, due to lack of numbers, Drake has not excelled for some years. If athletics is our traditional weakness, then cricket is our traditional strength, and this strength was maintained as we won the competition overall, the seniors winning one of their matches by six wickets. Second place was taken, after very creditable performances, in both sailing and swimming, and thanks are due particularly to Kirkby in the latter, who took over the captaincy at very short notice.

It seems to be the fashion at present to attribute a house's success to its team spirit and its failure to apathy. Certainly the former has been noticeable this year; unfortunately, apathy has also been much in evidence. Far too many have satisfied themselves with the role of disinterested spectators, leaving the work to others, and far too few, when not directly involved, have turned up to support teams. Those who argue in favour of a new house system will, I fear, still find themselves faced with considerable difficulty in mustering from the school anything approaching avid interest.

Perhaps the two other greatest difficulties faced by house officials are false modesty and false pride. As success depends equally on the ability to field a full team and the talent of that team, neither luxury can be afforded. I ask you, therefore, if you are good at an activity to overcome your modesty and let the team captain know, and if you are not so good, to swallow your pride and to be prepared, if called upon, to "make a fool of yourself" in a good cause.

Finally, I should like to offer thanks to all team captains for giving so much of their time, to all who were prepared to take part, to Paul for his enthusiastic leadership of the house and to Messrs. Bowden and Clarke for their help and guidance. I should like also to express the hope that, as next year will probably be the last for the present house system, by overcoming apathy and complacency, Drake may go out on a victorious note.

A. R. A. JAMIESON, Secretary.

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GILBERT

This year Gilbert has declined somewhat from the apogee which it attained in 1971-72 but by no means has 1972-73 been unsuccessful for Gilbert.

In rugby, the senior team, captained by N. Stevenson lost the winners' final to Drake and the junior team, under Haydon, was defeated in the losers' final.

In soccer, the senior and junior teams, led by McShane and Haydon respectively, were vanquished in two losers' finals, resulting in Gilbert being placed fourth overall.

In chess there was an extremely close match between Newett of Gilbert and Horswell, in the senior winners' final. It was resolved only with the help on an outside adjudicator, the result going against Newett. In the junior winners' final, Gilbert's representative, Small, lost. However, the overall position equal first was a triumph for Gilbert.

Gilbert was also victorious in the cross country, again coming first overall. Austin came first in the senior cross country and Gilbert juniors came second in a re-run, having come first in the original run.

In the athletic sports, Gilbert achieved another impressive and gratifying success by winning the competition. This was due to strenuous exertions in the standards and good organisation, for which Elford, the House Vice-Captain, deserves much praise. B. Williams won the under-12 cup and Elford was runner-up to the Victor Ludorum.

Gilbert came third in sailing. Here, Casey and a young team drawn from the 4th and 5th years, were robbed of second place by an adventitious capsiz.

As usual, Gilbert was fourth in swimming. Shute took over after the departure of Outterside, the captain, and coped efficiently with the problems facing him. Unfortunately a good team effort was not enough to compensate for the paucity of outstanding swimmers.

At the end of the Junior Speech Contest, Gilbert occupied third place. Heroic efforts by Thornton, Casey, Ayres, Trevarthen, Shute and Bolt in the Senior Speech Contest elevated Gilbert to second position. However, despite the endeavours of Best-Harris and his team in choral speaking and the actors in the Gilbert House Play, we came fourth in both those events and, as a consequence, ended up as third overall.

In cricket the senior team, captained by Bolt, won the losers' final. The intervention of the G.C.E. examinations deprived the team of the services of Wood and Taylor, two 1st XI players. The junior team, led by Stevenson, were not strong on paper, and, therefore, deserve acclaim for reaching the winners' final, in which they lost to Grenville. Gilbert thus came second overall in cricket.

The St. Levan's Shield, gained by us last year, has now been relinquished to Drake. 1972-73 has been characterised by the fervour and reliability of house officials and all captains of individual events. Thanks are due, as always, to Mr. Wayne whose constant helpfulness and unflagging enthusiasm have been of incalculable value.

JONATHAN VICTOR WOOD, House Captain.

GRENVILLE

After a slow start in the St. Levan's Shield, the summer term saw the house come through with a gallant effort to finish only one point short of winning the championship. The disappointment which results

from losing such a close run race, tends to make one glance back over the year with mutterings of "if only more boys had managed to obtain their standards" or "if only we had a larger number of senior boys" or even "if only more boys were willing to take part in house competitions."

But one must not overlook the achievements of the past year. These included second places in rugby and cricket, both inspiringlly captained by C. D. Evans, in cross country captained by J. Pidsley; athletics captained by R. Strode and an unprecedented second place in the Speech Contest, the team being captained by A. Criddle.

We again seemed incapable of finding enough intellectuals in the house to achieve better than an eventual fourth place in the chess competition. This, plus a third place in the football, seemed to be as much a fault of the lack of organisation within the school as the lack of willing, let alone talented, participants.

P. Llewellyn quietly and efficiently organised the swimming and can be said to have made a big splash by leading them to victory yet again. The sailing team retained the sailing cup with the brothers Taberner playing a very important part in the victory.

There were many encouraging performances in the junior sections of several house competitions, and I hope the enthusiasm of the junior house will be maintained as they proceed through the school.

Our thanks must again go to Mr. Warren who has always offered help and encouragement and is an inspiration to us all. We must once again try to inspire more enthusiasm and improve upon the efforts of this past year.

A. CRIDDLE, House Captain.

RALEIGH

This year has been very disappointing, not living up to earlier expectations. A general feeling of apathy has been noticeable, particularly in some areas of the senior school, a trend which we feel sure is not exclusive to this house. In light of this we are pleased to learn that the whole house system will probably come under review in the near future.

The results from inter-house activities leave a great deal to be desired, further comment being unnecessary as the results speak for themselves better than a page of writing or excuses; rugby, cricket and athletics, fourth; swimming and cross country, third and third equal respectively; soccer and chess, first equal; and, finally, tradition was upheld, yet again, by Raleigh who won the Speech Contest, victory being assured by the first place in the third and fourth form plays due to the efforts of C. Dally and his troupe of actors, not forgetting the incidental music by M. Dixon. This record obtained an inspiring fourth place in the St. Levan Shield.

R. L. Stokes was House Captain for the greater part of this year and, in addition to other duties, found time to scrape together teams for some events, the timing of which made this, in many cases, rather difficult. Our thanks go, also, to all others who took part in the running of the house, in particular T. Gregory, for organising both soccer and cricket, and P. Bishop, athletics.

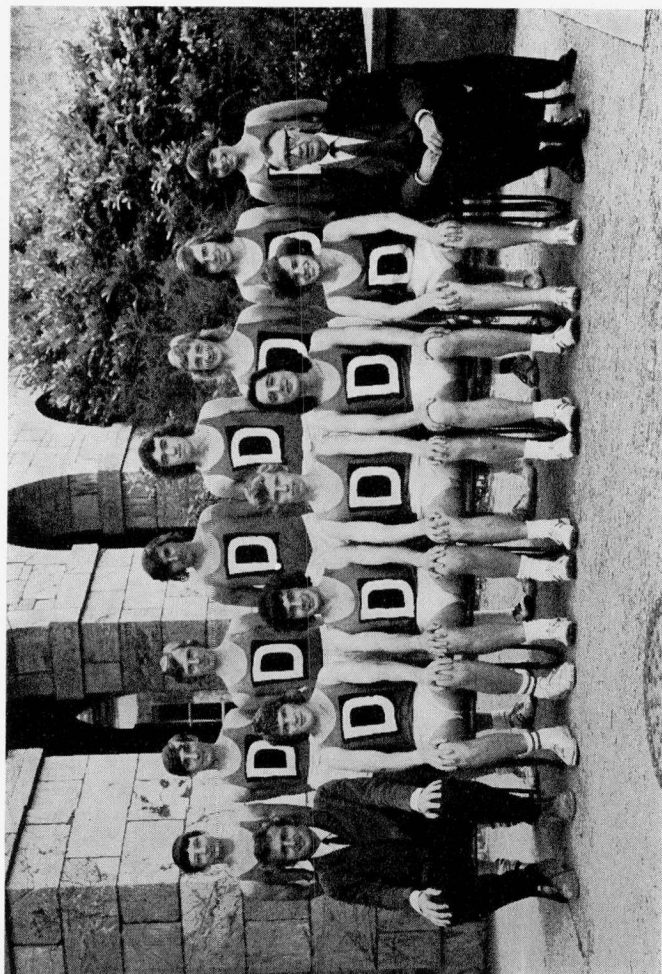
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I. C. HORSWELL, Secretary.
R. L. STOKES.



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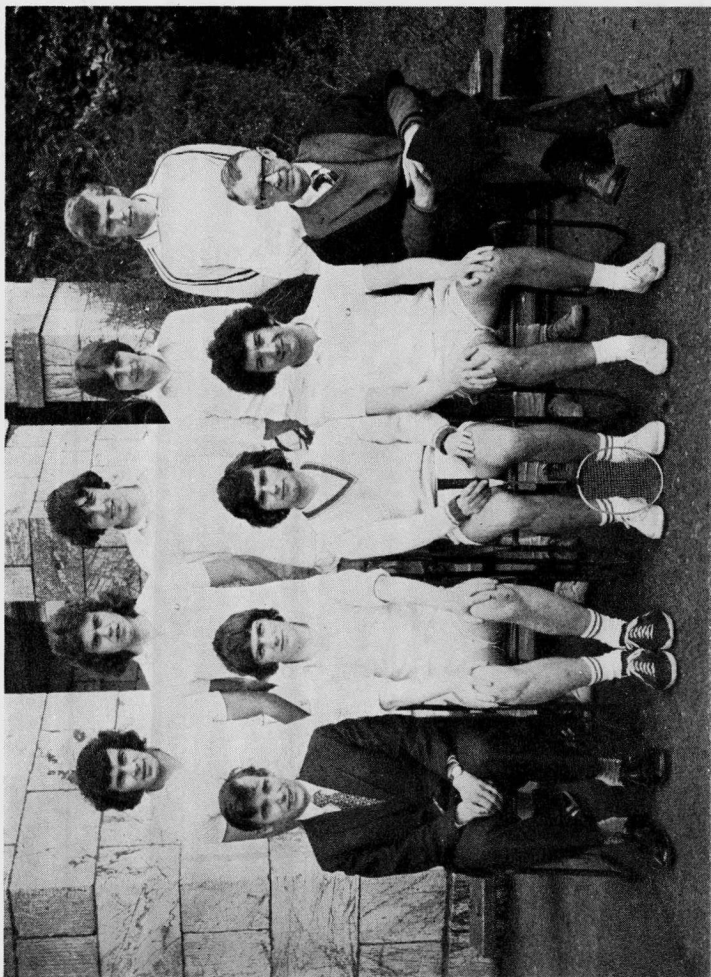
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Fourth row: N. Little, J. Faul, R. Medland, G. Pitts, P. Luscombe, B. Ayres, C. Eden,
 J. Rowe
Third row: R. Jeffery, B. Telford, M. Elford, D. Timmins, J. Pengelly, E. Castle,
 R. Crossley, A. Criddle, C. Perrott
Second row: N. Stevenson, I. Horswell, P. Kirby, K. Reynolds, S. George, P. Bodfish,
 M. Patten, A. Miller, R. Woodward, P. Marston
Front row: Mr. H. Mallinson (Senior Master), A. Taberner, P. Ashplant, J. Wood,
 K. Lawrence (School Vice-Captain), K. Whitfield (School Captain), R. Runnalls, P. Pengelly,
 P. Jackman, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster).



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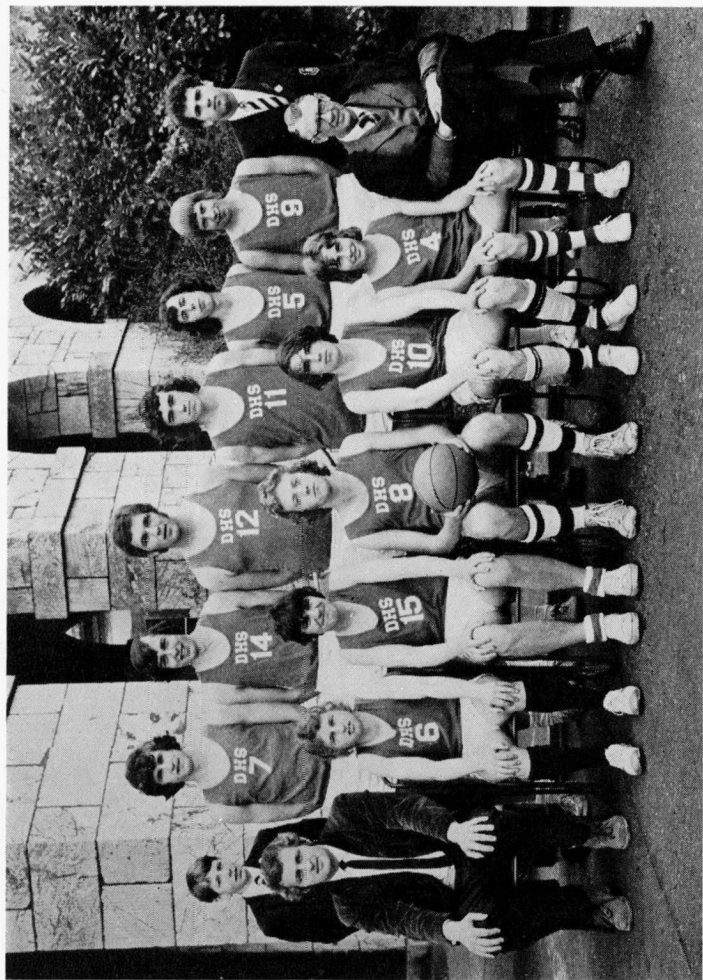
Standing : B. Fairgrieve, E. Dodd, R. Taberner, M. Lang, S. Hughes, P. Drew, A. Casey, J. E. Scoble

Sitting : Mr. M. Moon, P. Bolt, P. Russell, P. Bishop (Vice-Captain), P. Williams, H. Austin, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster).
Absent M. Elford (Captain)



BADMINTON, 1972-73

Standing : P. Russell, D. R. Stubbs, G. J. Smith, G. C. Taylor, P. Bishop
Sitting : Mr. J. C. Smith, P. J. W. Bolt, R. Woodward (Captain), G. J. Skinner,
 Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)



BASKETBALL, 1973

Standing : M. W. Bucknell, T. J. Gregory, G. J. Smith, G. Lovell, S. T. Hughes, C. H. Blackler, B. Sherrell, N. Clifton

Sitting : Mr. M. Moon, C. Piper, D. M. Taskis, M. V. Trevarthen (Captain), D. J. Wood, S. C. Carrick, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)

SPEECH DAY

Once again, it was the closing stages of the autumn term which brought the school face to face with one of its most important and, possibly, most debated functions: Speech Day. However, the argument concerning the value to the School of this annual report on the year's events is one which, it is felt, merits neither time nor space in this article.

Perhaps the best description of this year's Speech Day would be "typical": indeed, if there was anything at all unusual this year, it was that the choir did not perform. However, the School Orchestra amply made up for the departure from the programme of one of the most eagerly anticipated items, and our gratitude is due, as always, to Mr. Farrow for his arrangements and conducting. The Headmaster's Report, although containing some surprises, his comments on hair length in particular attracting not inconsiderable attention from members of the senior school, followed the same general pattern as last year, and this must surely reflect the continuing high standards of the school.

The prizes this year were presented by Mr. N. H. Golding, Governor of Dartmoor Prison, who, in an interesting and entertaining speech, amused both parents and pupils with anecdotes about some of the characters who had found their way into his care. Indeed, although amusing, this speech did contain, as Ald. Paul pointed out in his vote of thanks, a great deal of value and of truth.

Our thanks are due to the Deputy Lord Mayor, Mr. W. E. Evans, Mr. N. H. Golding, Ald. Paul and the School Captain, K. L. Whitfield, and, above all, to the many parents and friends who attended in spite of the rain. Their presence must surely indicate some kind of feeling towards Speech Day, be it of pleasure or of duty.

R. P. JEFFERY.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year's production of the Dramatic Society took the form of an English interpretation of Molière's *Le Malade Imaginaire*. Although the original is something of a classic in French literature, the English text perhaps fails to equal the continuous lively action of its foreign counterpart with the result that the audience was faced with a succession of rather slow-moving scenes. However, the cast strove with the utmost enthusiasm to overcome the difficulties posed by a lengthy dialogue and the outcome was an overall high standard equalling that of the Society in the past.

An amusing saga of 18th-century French society, the play related the story of a middle-aged hypochondriac and his attractive daughter's efforts to avoid the unwelcome marriage proposed by her father. It was entertaining for the most part, enlightened by certain ironies arising from the casting of the major roles. With competent acting by the cast in general, attention must be focussed on the outstanding performances rendered by certain individuals. Helen T. Pearce played the vivacious quick-witted maid of the incurable hypochondriac, P. Foster, while Philip Bolt and Karen Tudor cannot be forgotten for the sincerity of their performances.

The play provided yet another opportunity for the skills of that perennial producer of plays, Mr. C. G. S. Clayton, to be displayed to the full, whilst the set was once again "well made" by that veteran

of stage managers, P. Bishop, ably assisted by a swarm of underlings figuring prominently C. D. Evans and P. Russell. As on previous occasions, the technicalities of the superbly lit set were mastered by the school alchemist, Mr. B. Gibson, whose subtle colour combinations derived from the discovery of the magical properties of the light bulb enhanced an atmosphere already elevated by the Thespian skills of the troupe.

Our final appreciation and thanks must inevitably be extended to the headmistress of S.D.H.S. without whose permission the female roles might never have been adequately filled, nor the play have come to its spectacular and unorthodox climax.

We look forward with interest to the next production.

SUB-EDITORS.

THE SCHOOL OPERA

This year the Music Society's production took the form of an opera, R. R. Bennet's *All the King's Men*—the first of its kind attempted at the school. The large cast comprised mainly the School Choir, the female members being supplied by D.H.S. for Girls. The enthusiasm of all was reflected in the quality of the performance. The School Orchestra, ably conducted by Mr. F. Farrow, gave good musical support throughout and thanks must go to Messrs. Bowden and Milton for their efficient piano accompaniment.

Making allowance for customary theatrical mishaps, the performances were of a singularly high standard and although it is difficult, if not impossible to assign praise to individuals, acknowledgement must go to L. Trobridge (the Queen), P. Foster (the King) and M. Dixon (Col. Massey), for their outstanding contributions, not forgetting P. Ashplant, who made use of a fine baritone voice, well-suited to opera, in playing the leading role. His final line, however—*I did so want to be a bishop*—was aptly ironic to viewers of *Faith for Life*.

Final thanks must be extended to the Musical Director, Mr. Farrow, and the Stage Director, Mr. Clayton, and to the set designers whose scenery, though necessarily minimal, was most competently constructed, especially the "tortoise," an essential feature of the plot. Acknowledgement also goes to the other stage hands, lighting technicians and the Headmistress of Devonport High School for Girls, Miss Edwards, for permitting the girls to take part.

The opera had been preceded by an enthusiastic and amusing rendering by Form 1S, of the old favourite, *The Jackdaw of Rheims*, accompanied very effectively on the piano by M. Dixon.

Overall this novelty was well accepted and we look forward to equally successful productions in the future.

SUB-EDITORS.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

This year the School Sports Day was greeted with some surprisingly good weather, and this made the event most enjoyable for the spectators as well as the athletes. The standard of the athletics was, as usual, very high. Indeed, the general enthusiasm was epitomised by the high number of records broken, thirteen in all, and one wonders how many years will elapse before the school stops breaking records!

For the second year running the contest for Victor Ludorum proved to be an exciting close struggle between two of the senior boys but, once again, Bishop's determination just gave him the edge over Elford. Gilbert triumphed in the House Championship, followed respectively by Grenville, Drake and Raleigh.

Victor Ludorum: P. Bishop (Raleigh).

Runner-up: M. Elford (Gilbert).

Under-15 Champion: R. Taberner (Grenville).

Under-14 Champion: M. Baker (Grenville).

Under-13 Champion: J. Lee (Grenville), A. Beer (Drake).

Under-12 Champion: P. Williams (Gilbert).

Our thanks go to Chief Superintendent R. W. Stone, Divisional Commander, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, who presented the awards and to Mr. Nash and the P.E. Department who dealt with the arrangements with customary efficiency.

M.H.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

The overpowering smell of chlorine, the equally overpowering cheers, jeers and other noises emanating from the excitable multitude of young spectators; the polite applause of the smaller band of trusty parents: yes, the venue is Central Park Swimming Pool, and the event is the 1973 Annual D.H.S. Swimming Sports.

Once again that sea-green incorrigible, the stalwart Mr. Nash, proved that under his guidance the team of staff members could operate as a well-oiled machine, and conduct the event with the usual thorough D.H.S. efficiency.

Though the tension was high throughout, the general spirit of sportsmanship was never lacking. This goodwill—typified by the gallant, if unsuccessful, attempt by Marsh and Simcock in the life-saving race—gave to the proceedings an air of friendliness which has hitherto often been missing.

For an event of such prolonged excitement, action, and above all, effort on the part of the competitors, it would be difficult and unfair to single out individuals. However, some mention must be made of Kirkby, who succeeded once again in breaking several records, and Peter "I am the greatest" Llewellyn who, together with R. Didymus, comprised the majority of the Grenville team and won a couple of well-earned and much-desired awards.

The overall victory went to Grenville, followed successively by Drake, Raleigh and Gilbert. The awards were presented by the very welcome Mr. E. Cock (Vice-President of the Old Boys' Association). Individual cups were won by Porter (under 12), Pillage (under 13), Kirkby (under 14), Mapstone (under 15) and Llewellyn (senior). The cup for the relay races went to Grenville.

On the whole it was an exciting and entertaining evening's swimming, and we can only hope that future swimming sports will be as successful and enjoyable.

S.W.

THE INTER-HOUSE SPEECH CONTEST

This year's Speech Contest proved to be much more keenly contested than in previous years and, at the start of the final item, the 3rd and 4th year plays, all four houses were still in a position to win the competition. However, the final outcome was that Raleigh

once again retained the Speech Contest Shield, with Grenville second, Gilbert third, and Drake fourth.

We were fortunate this year to have Mrs. Joan Warn as adjudicator of the 5th and 6th year section and, as usual, found her remarks most interesting and informative. Her comment that she found the standard of speech as good as ever is a tribute to the ability and effort of the senior competitors.

Prizes connected with the Speech Contest were won by the following:

Pinwell Public Speaking: R. L. Stokes.

Dorothy Fleury Verse Speaking: P. Bishop.

Symons Creative Writing: P. J. W. Bolt and P. A. Shute.

The 3rd and 4th year plays are dealt with in a separate article, but it should be recorded here that the 1st and 2nd year competitors and their coaches produced items of a creditable standard, as did the choral speaking teams.

With the increasing prominence of spoken English in G.C.E. examinations and the obvious value of clear and articulate speech in all situations, the Speech Contest has a vital role to play. It is gratifying to find so many senior boys continuing to give it their enthusiastic support.

THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR PLAYS

As has been the custom in the past, the final section of the Inter-House Speech Contest was held during the Garden Party. The situation amongst the houses was such, for those interested few who were aware of the fact, that any could win the overall competition and possibly influence the final result of the St. Levan's Shield. However, it soon became apparent that in general the casts did not share the enthusiasm of their directors, nor the directors the enthusiasm of their house-masters. Despite such obvious difficulties and several mutinies among the ranks of those press-ganged for the occasion the plays passed off without a hitch.

Lack of opportunity to practise and learn lines adequately claimed its toll in the Gilbert play "*Snobs*," the weakest of the four. Inability to project voices undoubtedly due to inexperience created tedious moments as the audience lost the thread of the plot, and its fourth placing was thereby justified. On the whole the cast was held together by C. Stevenson who, in the role of Mrs. Bradbury, found high-heels difficult to manage and shuffled about as well as possible. The Grenville play, an extract from *Waiting for Godot*, supplied perhaps the best acting by D. Treece and N. Hellings and well earned its second position. First place went to Raleigh, whose improvised and up-dated version of Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer* somewhat stole the show. Its humour and novelty was a refreshing change from the serious play that preceded, and the guest manifestation of Goldsmith himself, to the sound of the tinkling ivories mastered by virtuoso M. Dixon, filled the important role of educating the audience to the state of affairs. Finally, third place went to Drake, who, in selecting a scene from Jonson's *Alchemist* perhaps furnished themselves with too many insurmountable difficulties.

The post of adjudicator—or adjudicatress for pedantics—was most charmingly filled by Mrs. Pat Lower. Those of the audience still remaining enjoyed her sincere and frank comments as much as, if not more than, the plays themselves. We look forward with hopeful delight to a return visit.

P.B.W.

TUG-OF-WAR

This year saw the introduction of a new sporting event, the tug-of-war. This was due to the donation of a cup to the School by the Old Boys' Association of Hoe Grammar School. At the end of the year, members of the 5th and 6th forms from the four houses took part and the proceedings were carried out with an air of general frivolity which will, without doubt, be repeated by future generations. The result of the draw was that Grenville faced Drake and Gilbert pulled against Raleigh in a "best of three tugs" contest. Grenville and Gilbert won through to the final where the strength of Shute and Russell, in the Gilbert side, secured victory over a Grenville team which lacked sufficient rhythm. The only fault is that of the spectators who could, perhaps, have lent more vocal support to the occasion. We thank the Headmaster for presenting the cup and Mr. Nash for arranging the event.

M.J.H.

FORUM

The Editors wish to make it clear that opinions expressed in the "Forum" Section do not necessarily represent their own views.

The following two poems tied for first place as the best original compositions in the 6th form section of the Speech Contest.

INVESTMENT

by R. L. STOKES

*Selfish is what they would call it,
" . . . To jack it all in now!
Letting down his family,
His school, himself—and how!*

*After all they have sacrificed,
The money and the time.
To fail them now in such a way
Seems such a heartless crime!"*

*But they can't see the torture,
The rift it caused in me.
The anguish and the agony,
The longing to be free.*

*Lord, my head is splitting.
Appearances I keep
Up only to serve to hide the pain
And even if they realised
How much I cry inside,
They'd only tell me that I'd failed
And push me to one side.*

*And you know? you bastards sitting there,
High on your tin pot thrones,
I'll have the last laugh on you yet,
I'll ride through all your stones.*

*Yet somehow, in the midst of all,
I found my faith again;
And I thank you now, my friends,
For all the cruelty and the pain.*

*I only hope that someday
 You will see the light,
 And try to reach for freedom
 From within your aimless life.
 And, in my turn, I promise
 To help you on your way ;
 Which is more than you, my d
 Are doing here, for me, today.
 If love is what you feel for me
 Then let me go my way ;
 Don't make me an investment
 Honour-bound to pay.
 I shan't love you the more for it,
 For I love you wholly now.
 So " take this cup away from me "
 And let me take my bow.*

NORTHERN IRELAND

by J. V. WOOD

*The bodies of Connolly, Pearse and Collins lie heavy with lead in their
 graves,
 But the scissors of the Moerae still click feverishly over Hibernia ;
 McSwiney and McCaughey lie lightly under the ground, bellies empty,
 But Famine still sits with the prisoner in his cell.
 A second Sunday is bloodstained in Ireland,
 The Bogside's viscera are twisted now by Dublin's sadness,
 The parti-coloured men with blood on the hands are, immured in
 History's tar pit,
 But the Agave plant of cruelty is still rooted firm in Ulster's unsanguined
 soil.
 The poet said that rebellion gave birth to a terrible beauty in Ireland ;
 The terror floods in upon me but the beauty is hid from my eyes.
 David pursues the violent course that Daniel shrank from,
 O'Connell same in name but like in little else ;
 Jesus bringer of peace and love is metamorphosed into Yeats's rough
 beast,
 Religion's union is with race and piety becomes chauvinist ;
 Moloch squats obscenely on Ulster's shrines,
 Bony shoulders rub together in supersaturated cemeteries,
 The bloodstains at Cross-Ma-Glen and in the Falls Road have all
 been washed off,
 But psychic tincture of murder and fear will never be rubbed away,
 The damnosa hereditas rides our backs like Sinbad's Old Man of the Sea.*

MAD MATHS

A rope is passed over a pulley. It has a weight at one end and a monkey at the other. There is the same length of rope on either side and equilibrium is maintained. The rope weighs four ounces per foot. The age of the monkey and the age of the monkey's mother together total four years. The weight of the monkey is as many pounds as the monkey's mother is years old. The monkey's mother is twice as old as the monkey was when the monkey's mother was half as old as the monkey will be when the monkey is three times as old as the monkey's mother was when the monkey's mother was three times as old as the monkey. The weight of the rope and the weight at the end was half as much again as the difference in weight between the weight

of the weight and the weight of the monkey. What was the length of the rope? What was the name of the monkey?

A. R. A. JAMIESON.

PRE-PACKED SOCIETY

*Mr. Jones, squat, urbane,
Conforming to that squat, urbane conformity which rules his life,
Rises, protesting, at seven-thirty and slips sleepily to the breakfast table,
As he did yesterday,
As he will do tomorrow.*

*Eats his synthetic protein, counting his artificial calories
Because they say it's good for him to do so,
Smokes a soothing cigarette
Because they say it's bad for him to do so.*

*Authority smiles smugly at his blind obedience
As, shepherded by frowning forests of forbidding signs,
He sits snarling in his car
And curses the thousand cursing drivers round him,
Choking in the fumes of the foul air.*

*His office, fragrant with the smell of plastic and efficiency,
Swallows him.*

*Ascending in the lift, he is crushed by humanity's oppressive weight,
Yet has no friend to talk to,
And so is left to dream of things for ever unobtainable,
Still stifled by society,
As he was yesterday,
As he will be tomorrow.*

A. R. A. JAMIESON.

WILL FRANCE SEE A REPEAT OF "LES MANIFESTATIONS" OF MAY, 1968?

(For as far as I am concerned, the revaluation is not yet over. "Ce n'est qu'un debut, continuons le combat" Daniel Cohn-Bendit on "les événements" of May, 1968 (From "Obsolete Communism—The Left-Wing Alternative).)

Five years ago France hovered on the brink of civil war. The pent-up grievances of students, high school children, intellectuals and workers had burst out into open defiance of De Gaulle and his government. In the last week of May, with 9,000,000 workers on strike and France governed, in effect, by spontaneous action committees, it seemed as if the State was, to borrow Karl Marx's words, "withering away."

However, a social upheaval was averted at the last moment and the Gaullists were returned at the polls with an increased majority. There is a tendency now to describe May, 1968, as an aberration, an isolated event. However, I believe it to be yet another manifestation of the French revolutionary tradition, a tradition which begins in 1789, includes the bourgeois revolutions of July, 1830, and February, 1848, and the proletarian insurrections of June, 1848 and 1871 (the Paris Commune), and extends into the 20th century with the events of 1936, when hundreds of factories were taken over by workers and seventeen people died in a battle between security forces and demonstrators; 1947, when riot police stormed factories and fought pitched battles with the workers, and 1953, when France was racked by an almost general wave of strikes.

However, the alliance of students and workers made May, 1968, unique in 20th-century French history. Could this alliance occur again?

Certainly the students are, at this moment, defying the authorities. The anger of students and high school children over Michel Debré's

conscription law, which abolishes deferment of national service for students, has caused anti-conscription demos in every major French town, a two-week national strike by university students and high school children, and fierce clashes between youngsters and riot police. Marxist, anarchist and situationist ideas have long been influential in French universities and since 1967, have been seeping down to the high schools. Debré's law has provided the fuel for widespread and violent opposition to capitalism as well as conscription. At the same time, Paris's Latin Quarter contains extremely militant Leftists. In June this year, thousands of these left-wingers, Trotskyists prominent among them, fought and defeated a force of riot police in Paris's worst rioting since 1968. Two police vans were set on fire and 77 policemen injured. French political riots are growing in intensity and scale.

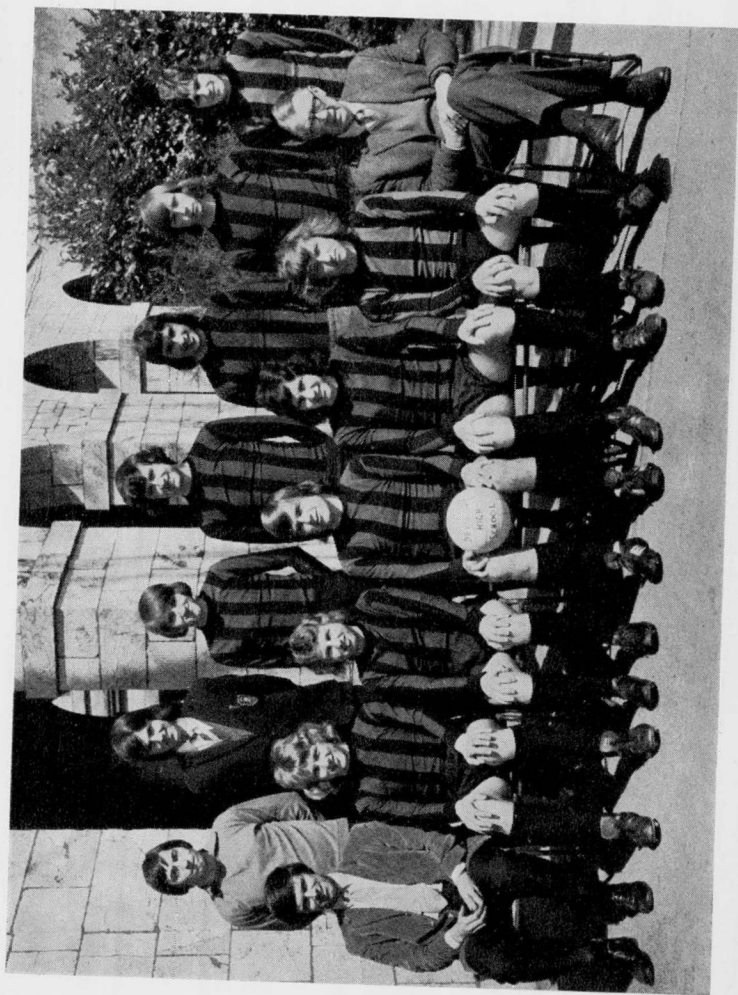
However, it was the participation of the workers which made May, 1968, so dramatic. Which side would they support in a confrontation between the authorities and the leftists? France is becoming increasingly affluent and recent Gaullist social reforms have benefited the workers. These factors would tend to reduce shop-floor militancy but, on the other hand, proletarian resentment is kept alive and exacerbated by indiscriminate police violence and by Gaullist indifference to their interests and aspirations. The Gaullist social reforms mentioned above were brought about by Communist and Socialist pressure. Many activists believe that the circulation of Marxist ideas among the French workers is of great importance and that the French working class is becoming more militant. The French proletariat remains an unknown and potentially explosive quantity.

The French police have done much to create hostility towards the government by their behaviour. The riot police, the C.R.S. (Campagne Républicaine de Sécurité) and the Brigades d'Intervention, launch savage assaults on peaceful demonstrators, often injuring completely innocent bystanders. Newspapermen at French demos are guarded by special branch men to prevent the riot police from beating them up. In Paris, the riot police are hated, not merely by students and intellectuals, but by the population as a whole. Their tactics could create disturbances which they will not be able to suppress.

The nature of the present Gaullist government, described by commentators as "neo-Vichy" and "provocative," also angers many Frenchmen. Gaullist ministers such as Maurice Druon and Raymond Marcellun sometimes seem to be trying to make France a police state. The Gaullists retain power largely because of France's distorted electoral system (designed by Gaullist Michel Debré). Since Gaullism, basically, represents the interests of the managerial classes, the Gaullists have been dilatory as regards social reform. Thus, reform-minded Frenchmen tend to support either the Communist-Socialist alliance or, to a lesser extent, the Centre Party, led by Lecanuet and Servan-Schreiber. As a result, the Gaullists are becoming increasingly dependent on the reactionary and intolerant sections of the French population and, in consequence, are becoming themselves increasingly reactionary, intolerant and repressive.

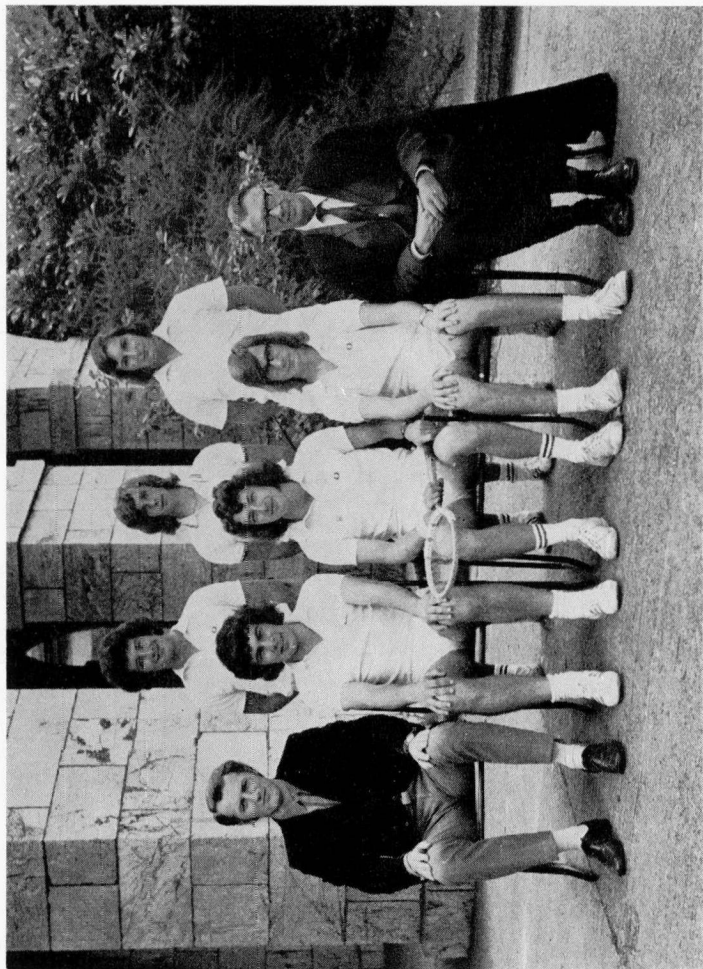
Thus, the future will almost certainly see continual confrontations between the Gaullists on the one hand and the students and the left-wing splinter groups on the other. Will the French workers join the leftists in this struggle, as they did in May, 1968? Probably not but the possibility cannot be ruled out. A recurrence of social upheaval on the scale of May, 1968, seems unlikely but, then again, no one expected May, 1968, itself. Whether May, 1968, marks the end of the French revolutionary tradition or is an adumbration of things to come, it seems certain that the French political scene will see a great deal of turbulence in the near future.

J. V. WOOD



1st XI SOCCER, 1972-73

Standing: R. Osborne, J. B. Gilbert, A. Mitchell, T. J. Gregory, N. S. McShane,
D. W. Wills, J. P. Millman
Sitting: Mr. T. K. Farrow, A. J. McSweeney, C. Piper, C. A. Eden (Captain), B. S.
McStravick, D. C. Wood, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)



TENNIS, 1972-73

Standing : G. Skinner, J. Campbell, A. Criddle

Sitting : Mr. R. Watson, P. Russell, J. Thomas, S. Green, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)



THE SCHOOL PLAY—LE MALADE IMAGINAIRE

From left to right: D. Collicott, A. Hallett, A. Casey, J. Dawe, P. Bishop, P. Foster (kneeling), P. Bolt, K. Tudor, H. Pearce, J. Burrett, C. Scoble, P. Shute

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

This season was unusual in that the Plymouth Schools' Championships took place before our own School Sports, causing a few difficulties in selection. These were overcome, however, by basing our choices on standards and previous performances. In spite of this, the School still managed to win the competitions in two age groups—junior and intermediate—and to come second in the senior section. Later the first and second years both gained second places in their respective age groups. Due to their performances in this competition, twelve boys were picked to represent Plymouth, and three of these—Lovell, Bishop and Austin—were selected to represent Devon at both the South Western Schools' Championship and the E.S.A.A. Championship at Bebbington, Cheshire.

Apart from these individual performances there were some very creditable team successes. The Devon Public and Grammar Schools' Sports produced a fine effort from a small, but highly talented senior team. That the team came second by merely four points to a very strong Allhallows School team was a reflection of the tremendous effort put into the meeting. It should be noted that the school is the only non-public school ever to have won the championship. The seniors gave Plymouth College a sound thrashing, winning every single event, beat Sutton High School and only lost to Truro School and H.M.S. Fiscard when the team was severely depleted.

Provided that boys in the junior years continue at school, they should form the basis of a very strong senior team, as is shown by their victories over Truro, Sutton, Hele's, Okehampton, Tamar and Plymstock.

The first form beat Plymouth College and St. Boniface, the second form defeated Sutton, Tamar, St. Boniface, Plymstock and Okehampton but narrowly lost to Hele's School, while the third form were victorious over Tamar and St. Boniface.

The form sports were contested as keenly as ever, and 1W, 2W, 3N and 4W emerged victorious in their respective years.

We must thank Messrs. Moon, Nash and Stone for their guidance and organisation of the school teams, and hope that they will continue in this work in future.

Full Colours : (Re-awards) Bishop, Elford, Stevenson, Lovell, Russell, McStravick.

Full Colours : (New Awards) P. J. Williams, Wood, Gregory.

Half Colours : (New Awards) Millman, Bolt, Hughes.

BADMINTON CLUB

This has been a very successful year for the Badminton Club. Out of four matches played against other schools, only one was lost (4-5) against a very strong side from St. Boniface's College. Other victories were against Sutton (7-2), Plymstock School (9-0) and Plympton Grammar (7-2).

The annual match against the staff was also played and resulted in a 7-2 victory for the School (the staff's two wins being obtained by default).

I should like to thank Mr. Smith for his enthusiasm throughout the year and Mr. Nash for allowing us the use of the gym on Monday lunchtimes.

Full Colours : Woodward, Skinner.

Half Colours : Russell.

P. RUSSELL.

BASKETBALL CLUB

UNDER 19s:

This was a disappointing season, our first defeat coming in the initial game against Plympton Grammar. Against Plymstock, however, we gained an easy victory.

After a three month lay-off, the team was home to Widey Tech. and thoroughly outplayed its younger opponents. The match against Southway, on the other hand, was lost due to indecisive and timid play. The season ended with a comfortable victory over Tamar.

Our thanks are extended to Trevvarthen for his leadership over the past two years.

UNDER 16s:

Although the Under 16s had entered the South-West Knockout only to make up numbers, it became obvious that the final was well within our reach.

In the first round, we beat Plymstock by seven points and, due to our superior fitness, the next game resulted in a victory against Charles School. The holders of the cup, Hele's School of Exeter, took the initiative in the final, and at half time, we were 35-20 down. The second half, however, saw a complete reversal of positions, and the full-time score was 52-59.

The Under 15s took the league two championship after a play off with King's Tamerton and were runners-up to Tamar in the Knockout Cup.

We must thank Messrs. Moon and Clarke for their coaching, and Clifton and Bucknell for scoring and timekeeping throughout the season.

P. J. WOOD (Secretary).

THE CRICKET CLUB

1st XI:

With the number of players available this season it would not have been unreasonable to attempt to run a third senior team—that is, if we could find any opposition. It is this appalling lack of enthusiasm among both pupils and staff of schools, which could once be relied upon for regular fixtures, combined with nature's uncanny knack of producing Friday afternoon rain storms, that has resulted in a season of only five games, two of these being against opposition that can only be described as second team standard.

The season opened with a 32-run victory over Sutton High, a game which was deservedly won with the last ball of the day. Following this came a creditable draw with Plymouth College. The College batted first, and, after an early collapse, fought their way to 109, Norman taking five wickets. Despite a couple of unlucky dismissals we managed to reach a total of 78 for 7 wickets by the close, Gregory making a fine 42. Plympton Grammar provided the next opposition and set us 98 runs to score in just over an hour, a task which proved to be just too great. H.M.S. Raleigh were disposed of in a 25-over game thanks to a faultless knock of 77 by Evans, an innings containing shots the like of which had never been seen on the ground before, and some aquatic and acrobatic fielding from Paul, who also took 6 wickets. The season ended with our only defeat, at the hands of Plymouth Cricket Club "A" XI who fielded a strong side and, on a bad wicket, bowled us out for only 62.

The batting strength of the side lay with Wood, the well-known club cricketer, McSweeney, Evans, who kept wicket, after a fashion,

and Eden, who proved once more that his performances on the cricket field can be bettered only by his performances during the tea interval. The middle order contained two notable all-rounders; off-spinner Gregory and opening bowler Smith and two who considered themselves notable all-rounders (with some justification!); Norman, the other opening bowler, and Paul who captained the side astutely and enthusiastically. The only player in the side who actually confessed not to be a batsman was Vaggers who consequently batted at number eleven. He proved, however, to be a fine fielder, probably the sides best, and bowled at a useful medium pace.

2nd XI:

The 2nd XI started the season with high hopes under the knowledgeable leadership of Stubbs but ended the season having played only one game, a draw against Plymouth College. The side looked strong on paper, and the fact that Cutler, Fraser, Copley and Bolt were all selected for the first team substantiates this. The star of the side, however, was Medland, whose innings of 45 nearly won him a place in the first team. Congratulations!

U15 XI:

Due to a general lack of enthusiasm the under-15 XI had an unsuccessful season with only Scoble, Haydon and the skipper, Woodward, showing any aptitude for the game. Congratulations to Scoble who reached the final Devon trial as a wicket-keeper.

U14 XI:

The Under-14 XI have done better than expected after a weak start. The bowling of P. Mitchell, T. Mitchell and Shaw was satisfactory, but apart from occasional good innings by Woodward and Charlick few runs were accumulated. The fielding was poor, but Lumb's captaincy has developed well.

U13 XI:

The Under-13 XI played only two games losing to Plymouth College but beating Sutton High, but, due to the fact that many of the team played for the U14 XI, it was seen that there was considerable talent and enthusiasm with Steward, Brewer and Moore outstanding.

U12 XI:

The first year team, led by Easterbrook, an all-rounder, has, as usual, demonstrated that enthusiasm is not an ugly word, as many of the older boys seem to think, and their record of two wins and a draw augurs well for the future. Bennett, Brady and Richards scored the runs, while Silcock was the leading bowler, Easterbrook aiding in both batting and bowling.

I should like to thank Messrs. Burrows, Clayton, Wayne, Timewell and Simpson, Dr. Hall, and the Ladies' Committee for their invaluable help and supervision.

Record	P	W	D	L
1st XI	5	2	2	1
2nd XI	1	0	1	0
U15 XI	5	0	2	3
U14 XI	8	2	3	3
U13 XI	2	1	0	1
U12 XI	3	2	1	0

Congratulations to Gregory, Evans and Norman, who played for Plymouth Schools' U19 XI.

Full Colours: (Re-award) Paul, Gregory, Eden, Evans.
(New Awards) Vaggers, Wood, Smith, McSweeney,
Norman.

Half Colours: (New Awards) Fraser, Cutler.
C. D. EVANS (Hon.-Secretary).

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RUGBY CLUB

1st XV:

With a nucleus of nine of last year's team available, an impressive team emerged, built around Lovell, who again captained the side, three-quarter, Stevenson, and the fleeting fly-half, Medland. The back division saw the return of Russell and Crossley whilst the pack's front row must be familiar to numerous teams with Shute, Evans, Hocking (and Eden, whenever available) prominent. The versatility of Taberner and Castle and the drive supplied by Stent provided ample possession for Patten at scrum half to distribute, whilst Clinick shared the kicking responsibilities.

The 1972-73 season was anticipated with excitement as the initiation of the Devon Schools R.F.U. Cup Competition presented a major objective for the team. The final itself was won 10-7 against local rivals St. Boniface's College, with the match creating a good deal of publicity for the School. Other notable victories were recorded against Plymouth Albion Juniors and Plymouth College (7-6) again. The side achieved a remarkable total of over 800 points, with wingers Bishop and Elford (who contributed 36 tries alone), proving invaluable.

In April a squad of players toured Bath and South Wales to oppose St. Julian's H.S. (9-13) and Newport H.S. (21-13), as ambassadors of Devon.

Finally, we are all grateful to Mr. Southern whose involvement with, and coaching of the team proved invaluable, as the good results throughout the season showed.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV, drilled and tutored by Mr. Evans, provided excellent strength in depth for the first team and thus forfeited many key players. However, creditable victories were secured against Truro, St. Boniface, Sutton and Kingsbridge, to maintain a fine record.

3rd XV

Mr. Simpson's 3rd XV once more supplied a necessary pool of young players for the 2nd's and, although their matches have been restricted, the experience for some has been enjoyable.

UNDER-15 XV

The Under-15's continue to operate successfully and, under the activating influence of Mr. Watson, the side combined to defeat Public, Newton Abbot and Kelly College convincingly.

UNDER-14 XV

The Under-14's this season came under the direction of Mr. Bowden and, although starting in accelerating style, they decided to sit back and give the opposition a chance on the odd occasion.

UNDER-13 XV:

The character and maturity of the Under-13's was a credit to Mr. Burrows' efforts. With an abundance of enthusiasm they completed the season with one match lost (to our neighbours, Tamar).

UNDER-12 XV:

With the amount of talent available, two teams could again be fielded, and the records of both are complimentary to Mr. Moon, and provide the foundations for future senior teams.

Full Colours: Re-awards—Crossley, Patten, Stevenson, Medland, Lovell, Evans, Hocking.

New Awards—Shute, Russell, Taberner, Elford, Bishop, Castle.

Half Colours: Clinick, Dodd, Jolly.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV ...	33	27	0	6	807	197
2nd XV ...	18	11	0	7	361	260
3rd XV ...	9	2	0	7	100	190
Under-15 XV	13	9	0	4	350	144
Under-14 XV	10	6	1	3	324	162
Under-13 XV	13	12	0	1	397	84
Under-12 XV						
("A" Team) ...	12	8	1	3	178	50
("B" Team) ...	6	2	1	3	24	38

Congratulations to Lovell, who played for Devon and S.W. Schools. Shute and Medland, for Devon Public and Grammar School XV, and Patten for Cornwall Schools.

N. T. STEVENSON (Hon. Secretary).

THE SOCCER CLUB

With most of last year's 1st XI returning, hopes were high for a successful season, but the league matches began badly with a defeat by Teignmouth. However, the side then started playing well together and had a chance of winning the league until it suffered a narrow defeat at Torquay. Cup games were begun in a very convincing manner with a victory over old rivals, Sutton, by a score of 5 goals to 0. A good triumph achieved over Torquay put the team in the Devon Area Final, which, unfortunately, was won by Plymstock.

The defence, controlled by Eden—an outstanding captain—played well throughout the season and conceded few goals. Goals themselves were difficult to score and, although only five matches were lost, these could have been won with better finishing.

The best victory of the season was achieved at St. Austell with an excellent team display; others came against Britannia and Plymstock.

The 2nd XI had an outstanding season under Mr. Sandercock and lost only one match. Goalkeeper Power kept out the goals at one end while Johnson and Taylor scored them at the other.

The Under-15 XI, under Mr. Dingle, had a fairly good season, obtaining victories over Southway and Plymstock, and over Sutton twice.

Mr. Wroath was in charge of the Under-14 XI which had an up-and-down season. They either lost by a large margin or won by an equally large score.

Thanks are due to all masters who gave up their spare time to take charge of the teams and in particular to Mr. Farrow.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XI ...	23	16	2	5	60	25
2nd XI ...	21	18	2	1	100	27
Under-15 XI ...	13	7	2	4	38	30
Under-14 XI ...	8	4	0	4	30	25

Full Colours: Re-awards—C. Eden, S. Oates, D. Wills.

New Awards—R. Osborne, A. Mitchell, T. Gregory, C. Piper, J. Gilbert, A. McSweeney, R. Strode, B. McStravick, N. McShane, D. Wood.

Congratulations go to Eden, Oates and McStravick, who played for the Devon Senior Schools side, and to Mapstone and Taberner who played for the Plymouth Schools U-15 side.

A. MITCHELL (Secretary).

SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM

Although this year's team enjoyed only limited success in actual matches won, there were many fine individual performances and, with none of the top four players leaving, next year's results should improve greatly. There were two keenly contested fixtures with Newton Abbot, on the second occasion the School, although being forced to enlist additional members, lost by only one set.

The Devon Schools Cup Competition, in which the School has been runner-up for the past two years, was postponed from its original date and eventually arranged and played very hurriedly, without D.H.S. being notified, and was consequently won by arch-rivals, St. Boniface.

Our thanks must go, as ever, to Mr. Watson for his friendly supervision and support, and to Criddle for arranging the fixtures, many of which unfortunately never took place.

J. A. THOMAS (Captain).

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

AIR TRAINING CORPS

Once again 197 (the School) Squadron has maintained a high standard of efficiency, discipline and prowess. Two members of the squadron will be representing the School at Buckingham Palace. The reason: they have obtained their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and there is a possibility of their being joined by another cadet. This is an achievement in itself. The squadron has, again, won the Falcon Trophy, this trophy being for the best squadron in Plymouth. It has been won by the squadron for the past five years. At an exciting athletics match the squadron won the athletics trophy, this trophy having been won for the past seven years. They may look unusual in their short hair and smart appearance, but they bring honour to the School and glory to themselves. They (the cadets) put a lot into the A.T.C. and they, in turn receive a lot from it. How would you like a holiday in Malta? The price? Just your pocket money. Or would you like a holiday in Germany? It will cost you £9, a rather modest sum. Fancy a week at an R.A.F. station for an outlay of £2? You will experience flying, shooting, swimming, night exercises and a comradeship that can only be found in the A.T.C.

This squadron, which is one of the most respected in Great Britain, is always ready to take in new blood, so, what about it, chaps?

J. M. PIDSLEY.

THE CHESS CLUB

This has been, on the whole, a most successful year for the School teams. The senior team, captained by Horswell, more than compensated for their disappointing performance in the Sunday Times Competition by finishing runners-up in the Goodman Cup, having lost only two of the sixteen matches. On the basis of this record, they can look forward to even greater achievements next season, strengthened by an influx of new players from the lower forms.

The junior team, ably led by Miles, were not outstanding in the Horley Cup, losing three of their eleven matches. They did, however, manage to win the Bruce Cup for the second year in succession after a very closely-contested final. Unfortunately, most of the present team will no longer be eligible to play for the juniors next year and we should like to take this opportunity of asking any would-be chess players in next year's first, second and third forms to come forward.

Plagued by persistent misuse of the facilities provided, the lunch-

time chess club was forced to remain closed for much of the year. Ideas put forward at the recent A.G.M., however, seem to have succeeded in overcoming this, and the considerable and genuine interest amongst the junior forms is clearly illustrated by the extremely large entry for the three competitions presently being run.

In conclusion, we should like to express our gratitude to Nelder for acting as secretary, and to Mr. Borbon for giving up so much of his spare time, for providing transport, for his enthusiasm and, most particularly, for his services as tea boy.

A. R. A. JAMIESON & D. M. NEWETT (Joint Vice-Captains).

THE CHRISTIAN UNION AND DISCUSSION GROUP

In order to combat the situation encountered at the beginning of the year, which looked rather black due to a great lack of support—our Monday evening meetings being attended only by a few prefects—it was decided to draw up a more varied programme. Therefore, topics discussed this year have ranged from "Clergymen and Civil Disobedience" to "The Church and the Supernatural." The Rev. T. S. Nicholas gave a talk on Borstal and Stokes delivered a series of lectures on "Prophecies and Predictions for the next 30 years," whilst Dr. Hall gave his views on the Christian doctrine of marriage. In a lighter vein there were films and records and it was noted with great satisfaction that, at the end of the term, the membership had increased considerably.

It was decided to devote the Christian Discussion Group exclusively to the 1st form and enthusiasm has been so tremendous that the twice weekly lunch-time meetings have been packed to capacity. Various topics have been discussed and there were Biblical crosswords and quizzes. The proceeds from the group's carol singing at Christmas went to Muscular Dystrophy.

P. KIRBY (Secretary).

THE SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

This year has, in terms of membership, not been as successful for the Senior Debating Society as the two years preceding it. This is due to the fact that the response of the present upper school has failed to compensate for the depletion caused by the departure of the 1970-72 sixth. Formal debates have been few due to the paucity of our numbers.

However, though the participants have been less numerous, the vigour and fervour displayed in the discussions has not abated, thanks to the vitality of those members of the upper school who have taken part and the energy of the lower school polemicists who have attended, the society having been opened to the lower school earlier this year. The enthusiasm of the lower school members has been most beneficial to the society.

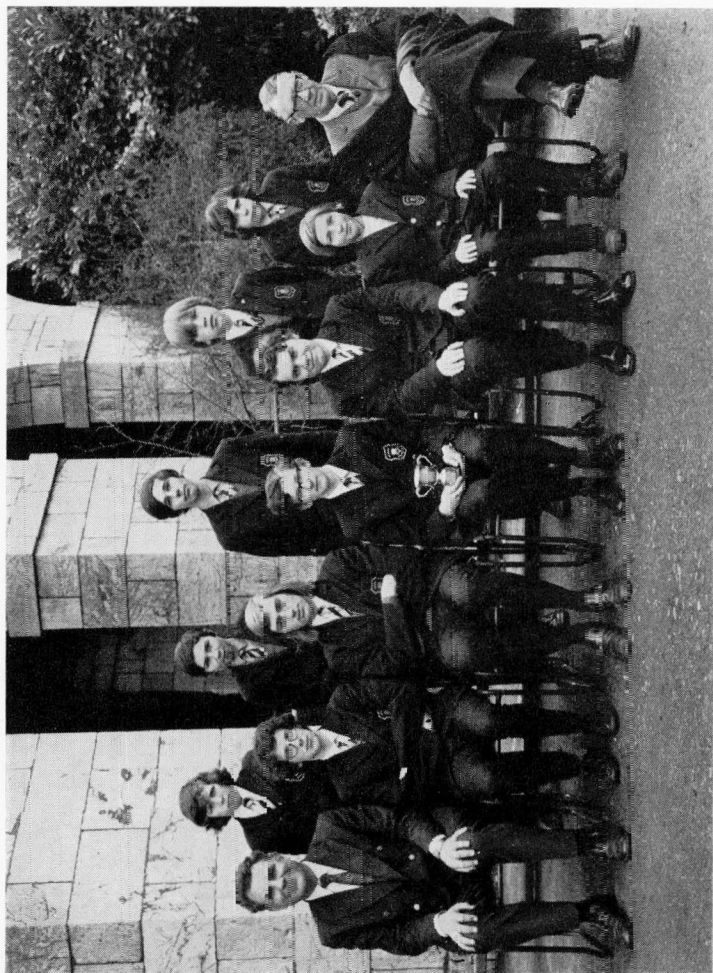
The society has discussed many subjects this year, including the Roscoff ferry, the British judicial system and accupuncture. There has been a strong bias towards subjects involving religion and the supernatural. Attendances have ranged from fifteen to an abysmal two.

My heartiest thanks to all those who have taken the trouble to attend the meetings, in particular to the committee members, Mr. Hartley, the secretary, Mr. Rowell and Mr. Nancarrow. To my successor, Mr. Nancarrow, I commend the words of Virgil, *Tu ne cede malis, sed contra audentior ito*.

J. V. WOOD (Chairman of the School Debating Society).

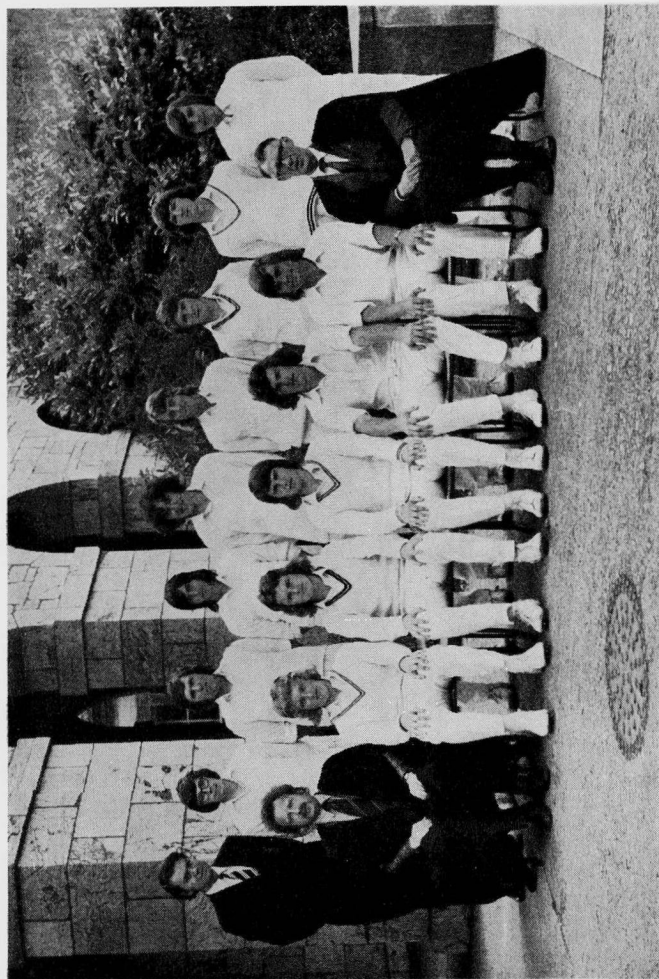
JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

I am pleased to report that this year has provided ample opportunity for the junior school to exercise their oratorical skills. They have shown a predilection for debates with schools of the opposite sex on



CHES, 1972-73

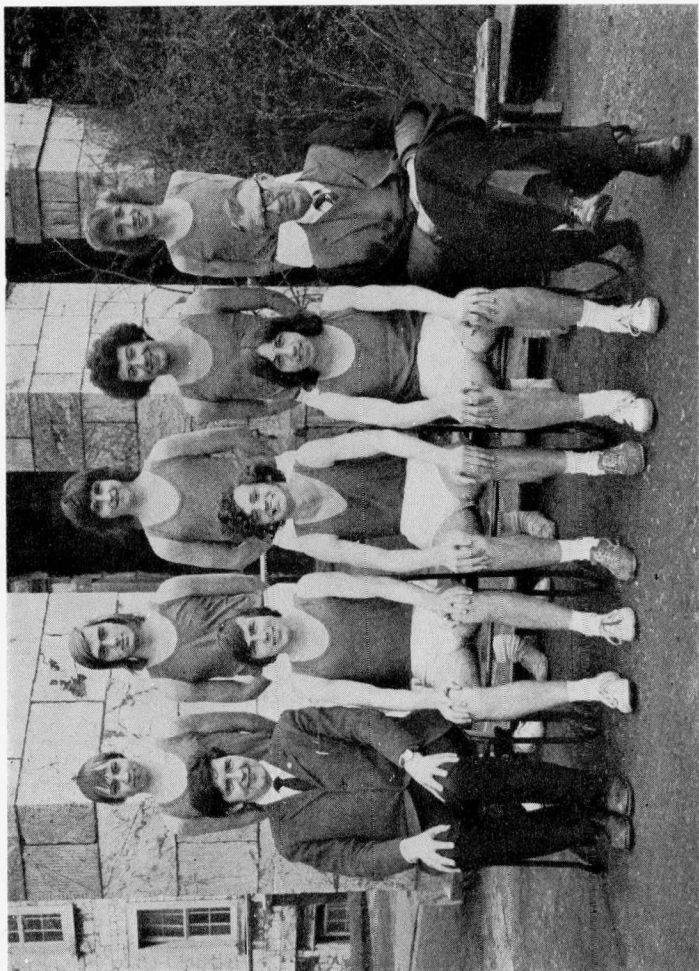
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Sitting : Mr. R. G. Borbon, G. P. Nelder, D. M. Newett, I. C. Horswell (Captain),
A. R. Jamieson, S. N. Cooke, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)



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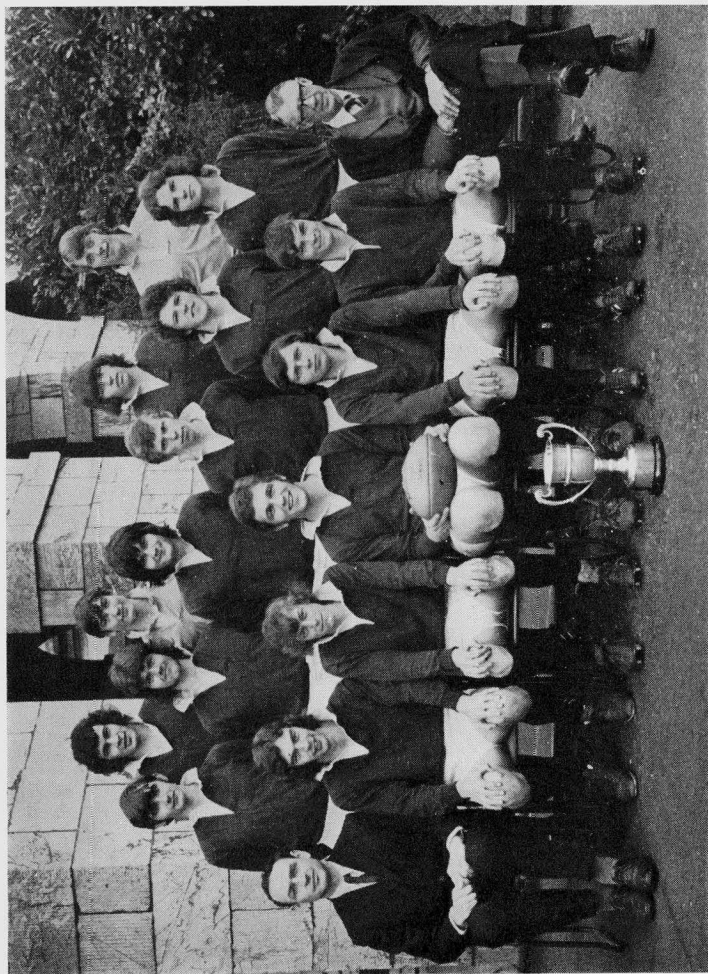
Standing : A. Jamieson (Scorer), P. Parsons, G. Cobby, A. Norman, G. Smith, P. Vaggers,
P. Bolt, S. Fraser, S. Cutler

Sitting : Mr. G. G. Burrows, A. McSweeney, C. S. Evans (Secretary), J. Paul (Captain),
T. Gregory (Vice-Captain), R. E. Eden, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)



CROSS COUNTRY, 1972-73

Standing : I. Millar, D. M. Newett, M. K. Power, G. J. Skinner, A. Missen
Sitting : Mr. B. Gibson, A. T. Casey, J. Austin (Captain), J. A. Spurr, Dr. J. L. Cresswell
 (Headmaster)



1st XV RUGBY, 1972-73

Back row : P. Russell, P. I. Dodd, A. D. Hocking, P. J. Vaggers
Middle row : R. Crossley, R. P. Medland, G. J. Stent, P. Bishop, P. A. Shute, C. D. Evans
Sitting : Mr. J. Southern, M. W. Elford, M. G. T. Clinick, G. Lovell (Captain), N. T. Stevenson (Secretary), A. J. Taberner, Dr. J. L. Cresswell (Headmaster)
 Winners Devon Schools Cup

controversial subjects, and the members from the third year embarked upon the planning of debates with the utmost vigour and enthusiasm. Speakers such as T. Mitchell and G. Bell have proved invaluable in enlivening the debates. All in all, the year has been replete with successes for the Junior Debating Society, and interest and support have not flagged.

K. OLVER (Chairman).

JUNIOR GYM CLUB

Again this club has functioned weekly throughout the year. In the past, it has been confined to boys in 1st, 2nd and 3rd years only due to the 4th year being time-tabled for games. However, boys from the 4th year are welcome, and it is hoped the most experienced gymnasts, Tudor, Wall, Burt, Pender, Sims, Mahony, Meddleton, Marshall and Wilkinson of the lower 6th will continue in order to reach an even higher standard and help the other boys. Of the 2nd year, Ridley is an outstanding performer, followed by Jago, Burley, Tindsley and Wilding, who have made much progress. In the 1st year, Nix, Laight, Hunt, Porter, Matchett, Nicholas, March and Reburn are very promising performers. Others in the 1st year, namely Evans, Telfer, Silcock, Norton, Munday, Corcoran, Brody, Woods, Rickerby, Michell and Korbut, for whom we have great hopes, are making good progress. Other boys have attended, but attendance must be regular to make improvement. Basketball is now also played by the Gym Club and is very popular. Any boy wishing to join the club (meetings on Fridays after school) should see Mr. Nash.

MR. W. NASH.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

In accordance with an unwritten convention past library reports have traditionally consisted of the retiring librarian congratulating his successor, celebrating the fact that the library possesses over 10,000 books, and lamenting the failure of the main school to use fully the resources of the library, the themes being varied in order to suit the whim of the writer. The completion of the first thorough book check in living memory confirmed the fears, felt by many librarians, that our predecessors had been unaware of, or had turned a blind eye towards the true situation. Of the boasted 10,000, little more than half remained—the library had been used far more than had ever been thought.

It is believed that the majority of these books have been removed by people who have gone to the library during their free periods when there is no librarian in attendance. Unless alternative accommodation can be found for those who, during free periods and lunch breaks, have hitherto gone to the library with no intention of working, but rather to shelter from the elements, and hear the latest gossip, it will not be very long before the library returns to its original form of mere cupboards of books.

The situation is aggravated by a number of factors. Quite apart from those who simply take books during their free-periods, a number of boys, who have gone through the official channels in taking out books, show a great reluctance to return them. This applies to at least 100 boys this year alone. In addition there are some masters who believe they have the right to take out books without notifying a librarian, even though this year every master has been issued with four tickets as a tacit reminder.

My final complaint is against some former librarians who, after enjoying to the full the librarians' privilege of taking out an unlimited number of books, have then omitted to return some of them.

Unless it can be ensured that there will always be a librarian on duty during free periods then the library will continue in its present unsatisfactory state.

I congratulate, and to some extent commiserate with, A. R. A. Jamieson and his deputies D. Newett, D. Rowell and P. Russell on their appointments as the new school librarians. The fifth form have worked well in the mechanical functioning of the library, and if they take a greater part in the organisation as well, then they should prove invaluable when their seniors approach their "A" level exams. The fourth form have been a great disappointment, though the few who did trouble to turn up regularly have worked well. Their conduct in the library, however, should be a little more becoming. Hope for an improvement in the state of the library lies largely in the mammoth intake from the third form. If they continue to work as well, and as consistently, as they have done so far, and if the library is given sufficient time to put itself back on its feet, then all should be well by the time of next year's report.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Mr. Wayne for his genuine and constant interest in library affairs and hope that under his guidance the library will soon make the greatly desired improvement.

J. PAUL.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

In spite of the opportunities that the club offers, it still has few members from the junior school. The number of keen, active members from the senior school, however, is ever increasing. The club's coverage of such events as the School Sports was greater this year than ever before. There is now a great deal of talent in the club, and the group has experimented with a number of techniques including colour. These experiments were usually highly successful, marking a great step forward.

A further boost for the club was the purchase of a quality camera. The fact that the club did not have one previously was a great hindrance to its activities, and thanks must be extended to the headmaster for its acquisition.

On behalf of the club's members I should also like to thank Mr. George for allowing us to use the Art Room facilities, and Messrs. Evans and Osborne for their kind help in enabling us to make the dark room properly dark. In addition I should like to thank Mr. Lamper to whom we are indebted for his invaluable assistance, time and knowledge.

D. J. HOWARD.

SAILING CLUB

This year has been one of change. We said farewell to Mr. Collenette—our good wishes and thanks go with him and his family to his new sailing grounds at Fareham—and we welcome in his place Mrs. Morgan as organiser of the club. In addition, for the first time in living memory the school boats have undergone a colour change: for reasons of safety, or personal preference perhaps, they are now painted a bright shade of "Red!"

A second (or even third) hand G.P.14 class boat has been newly acquired from Torpoint whilst the last of the Cadets has departed for a happy retirement in the hands of Sutton. The fourth Mirror class boat has, at last, though dubiously, been finished, mainly due to the able skill of Mr. Southern, and its maiden voyage was executed by two brave volunteers without loss of life or limb. Interest in racing has this year been revived and the School achieved victories over Kelly College and Plympton Grammar, but did not, unfortunately, fare so well against the more experienced competition in the Devon and South-Western Schools Championships.

Finally, we should like to thank Mrs. Morgan for running the club Mr. Southern for his continued interest and perhaps with this in mind we more than appreciate the unsurpassed rescue service provided by Mr. Borbon!

R. CROSSLEY (Captain),
I. HORSWELL (Secretary).

THE ST. LEVAN PRESS (School Printing Group)

1973 marks the coming of age of the School Printing Group. After 16 years of guidance from Mr. E. J. Brimacombe, we are learning to face independence for the first time. Mr. Brimacombe has helped the group build up a reputation for quality and versatility and has given members an appreciation of the Art of Printing, which we shall endeavour to pass on to future members.

During the past year, the group has produced note-paper, business cards and tickets for school societies and functions, members of staff and boys. With income derived from this work, a substantial expenditure has been made to fill the more obvious gaps in our range of typefaces, which has enabled us to render a better service to our customers.

There has been a lack of interest from the middle school members, although the youngest member, M. Chatterton of 2S, has proved both keen and able. In the coming term it is hoped to train new members from the 2nd, 4th and 5th forms to ensure the continuance of the group.

A. J. WALTERS, Group Leader.

THE SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP

This year has been marked by Mr. Sandercock taking over as Scout Leader from Mr. Harris who, due to other commitments, was required to leave Plymouth. This change, and the consequent confusion, has meant that there have been no camps this year but members have still had a full year with several hikes and a team in the miniature Ten Tors, "Boots" '73.

Badgework has been well up to standard this year, although a sad lack of new members has seriously reduced the total of badges awarded. A shortage of Venture Scouts has also hampered the training programme, but we hope to catch up again next year.

Finally, good luck to Mr. Harris in his new position and many thanks to him for all that he has done for us in the past year; also thanks to Mr. Sandercock for taking over the running of the troop—we hope he is aware of what he has let himself in for!

J. ORANGE.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

The society has had a fairly full, if somewhat unimaginative, year. The weekly films, of a scientific nature, ran well despite inefficiency and disruption on the part of our largest supplier. However, Mr. Hurrell gave a welcome illustrated lecture on rabbits and sea otters which was greatly appreciated by a large audience.

This year another film was made by the society, presenting a general picture of the school as it stands now. To achieve this, Mr. Milton modified the school's pre-war camera to take perforations of modern 76m.m. film. By processing the film themselves, the members of the society have managed a 50 per cent reduction in cost compared to last year's film.

I should like to thank, on behalf of the society, Mr. Poole for his continued help and enthusiasm towards society projects.

J. ROWE.

THE TRANSPORT CLUB

The past year has not been the most successful in the club's history since various plans and expectations were shattered, "due to unforeseen circumstances." The usual visits to local rail installations were impossible, and the new magazine, "Roving Around," seemed doomed, not incidentally through apathy on the part of the members. However, the third edition eventually materialised with more contributors and more pages than before. Already contributions are flooding in for the next edition, thus indicating the popularity of this innovation.

The major event of the year was the trip to Crewe which was extremely well patronised and, thanks to the general assistance of the Headmaster, Mr. Sandercock and Mr. Simpson, it was a great success.

On behalf of the club, I should like to extend my thanks to Mr. Simpson for taking over control after the loss of Mr. Smith. It is hoped that under his young and spirited leadership, we shall move on to greater heights next year.

D. J. HOWARD.

WAR GAMES SOCIETY

I regret to report that this year has not been an outstanding one for the society. Due to a lack of support from the younger members of the school and the encroachment on the time of the senior members by "O" levels, the attendance rate at society meetings has been low.

The most notable occurrence during the year was the first inter-schools' war games meeting with Plymouth College, which took place during the spring term. We are now looking forward to a return match as this encounter ended in a draw.

Next term, we hope to be able to persuade some junior boys to join us in the compiling of a World War II German force to add to the extensive range of troops which were displayed at the garden party.

We should like to thank Mr. Burrows and Mr. Wroath for their invaluable support during the past year and are sure that with their help the society will prosper in the future.

T. ROBERTS (Secretary).

THE WINE-MAKING CIRCLE

The Wine-Making Circle began in December, 1972, and started to hold weekly meetings only at the end of January this year. We have approximately 15 members banded together in three groups, each responsible for its own activities. I should hasten to add that the function of the circle is not to produce large quantities of liquor for immediate consumption and the intoxication of all concerned, but rather smaller quantities of carefully prepared and very palatable wines, the quality of which will improve with members' experience. The disappearance of many of the middle sixth form from the membership in the summer creates several vacancies, and responsible new members from the fifth and lower sixth will, therefore, be welcome.

I am forced to record the efforts of Al Boyle who succeeded in brewing a beer that was 75 per cent head, and of Dave Garland who was responsible for the final stages in the life cycle of much of our output. On behalf of the circle I should like to thank Ray Sheldon for putting up with our bottles all over his lab, and Dr. Timewell, without whom we should never have started.

J. ROWE.

D.H.S. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

President : DR. J. L. CRESSWELL

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D. F. MALLOCH, J. G. POLKINGHORNE, D. H. SEARLE, G. SIMPSON,
M. J. STEPHENS.

We held another successful Annual General Meeting at the Magnet Restaurant in December and have fixed this year's meeting for the same venue on Thursday, December 27th, 1973, at 7.30 p.m. Will you please circulate this date to all Old Boys with whom you come into contact.

It was felt that there were many Old Boys living in the Plymouth area who would welcome more frequent "get togethers" and we now meet on the second Tuesday in every month at 8 p.m. at the West Hoe Hotel, West Hoe Road, where we book the upstairs room. All Old Boys whether living in or just visiting Plymouth are welcome.

Arising out of these meetings we have so far this year held two darts matches, two skittles matches, a social evening, a motor treasure hunt and in July we took the children by coach to Goodrington for the day. All events were extremely successful and are to be repeated in the future. Would any Old Boy who would be interested in supporting these functions please get in touch with me. The Committee are prepared to Organise any event which would attract sufficient support—suggestions to me please.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Davie Hall in April and was enjoyed by all who attended. Next year we have arranged a dinner dance to be held at the Dartmoor Restaurant (Dingles) on Friday, March 1st, 1974. Tickets available from committee members or direct from me.

The cricket match against the staff took place in good weather this year but the batsmen on both sides were in good form and lack of time and fading light denied a result. However both the match and the gathering afterwards were well attended.

We are always pleased to hear from Old Boys wherever they are, letting us know what they are doing. When writing, please state the period you were at school in order to establish identification.

I should again like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Bernard Gilbert, who resigned during the past year for personal reasons after giving 18 years devoted service to the Association.

JOHN ELLIS (Hon. Secretary).

The London Branch

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Last year's annual dinner was held for the first time, within recent memory anyway, at Simpson's in the Strand, a restaurant justly famed

for its largely traditional English fare. It was agreed by all who attended that the management did us proud and all enjoyed themselves immensely. The only disappointment was that not more people were present to share their enjoyment. Nevertheless the committee decided to hold the 1973 dinner again at Simpson's, but this time at the beginning (3rd) instead of the end of November.

Following falling attendances at Trent Park in recent years it was decided to try as an experiment an organised rail and coach tour to the Isle of Wight. Although some members expressed an interest the response was not considered to be sufficient to justify the organisation of a branch outing. However, the idea will be borne in mind for another year possibly to a different venue and with more notice.

The London Branch assumed responsibility for the appeal for a memorial to the late "Tex" Austin and has received contributions from his former pupils and associates all over the country. At the time of writing the total collection is not known but it is intended that the memorial should take the form of something tangible and useful to the School so that it may be a permanent reminder of Tex's devoted years of service.

As a memorial to our other former president it was decided to have a Chairman's Medallion made, suitably inscribed in memory of "Dicky" Brooks, our founder member. It will incorporate the School Crest and the ribbon will be in the School Colours.

At our Annual General Meeting Alan Pike was elected our President, having served the London Branch in one capacity or another for many years. We welcome to the committee Keith Holloway and Colin Dawe and express our thanks to John Maunder for his valuable assistance. He has now moved to Bristol.

We were very shocked and saddened during the year to learn of the death as a result of a heart attack of S. J. B. (Stan) Hurden. He was at the School from 1929 to 1937 and was a regular member of the Old Boys' Association. His contemporaries and all who knew him will very much miss Stan.

C. P. GRANT.

Bath and Bristol Branch

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Committee : MESSRS. D. REED, H. JONES, C. VEALE, J. WILLIAMS

At the A.G.M. held in November we elected our first president, the choice of Claude Hosking being an obvious and unanimous one. Claude, our oldest Old Boy, left school in 1911 and together with his wife Hilda, still takes a keen and enthusiastic interest in all our activities.

The steak supper, held this year at The Viking Restaurant, seems to be more enjoyable every year and at this function we welcomed back former member Norman Chaff and Mrs. Chaff.

The annual dinner at the Francis Hotel in May was not so well attended as in previous years but those present ensured that it did not lack the usual sparkle and conviviality. Once again we were disappointed that Dr. and Mrs. Cresswell were unable to attend but were compensated by having with us, for the first time, Eric and Joan Warn. Many of our members who were contemporary with Eric at school were meeting him for the first time since those days. Eric

presented Claude Hosking with a plaque of the School Crest—a gesture from the Plymouth Association to mark Claude's first year of presidency.

Murray Widdecombe, our founder chairman, and Mrs. Widdecombe represented the London branch whilst Archie and Mrs. Summers and the late Stan Hurden and Mrs. Hurden made the journey from Paignton and London respectively.

We were also pleased to see our only Honorary Member, Dennis Macleod, and his wife Margaret. Also new member Russell and Anne Stevens who were attending their first function.

A highlight of the year was the visit of the School 1st XV in April. We were treated to a hard and exciting game in which the School beat a combined Bath Schools XV by 14-12 pts. at the Bath University Ground. Team and supporters celebrated the victory in the usual manner in the University Bar and a number of members said farewell to the team the following morning en route for Newport.

We are all grateful to John Williams whose efforts ensured the success of this occasion and to those members who provided accommodation. Next year's visit is already being keenly anticipated and we hope that through such ventures the boys at school will realise one of the reasons for the importance of an Old Boys' Association.

Tom Jackson, a founder member, departed to Portsmouth but the membership was strengthened by the arrival of Jack Peter.

Next year's dinner will be held on Friday, May 3rd, at the new Wessex Room of the Francis Hotel, Bath.

L. R. TRUSCOTT, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

O.B.A. PERSONAL COLUMN

I rather feel that this is going to be one of the thinnest "personal" columns since we started it some twenty years ago. I have trouble in getting news from you, either about yourselves or about each other and yet at the same time the Plymouth Branch of the O.B.A. is stronger than it ever was, due largely to your new committee with its vigorous chairman, treasurer and splendid secretary. John Ellis is certainly busy, full of ideas and has the capacity to make us all want to help. Each event this year has been most successful and the number of new faces at our various events is really encouraging.

I'm sorry to have to say that I am rather disappointed by the response of recent Old Boys to the Wilf Tamblin appeal. Many of you have been more than generous but so many who owe almost all they are to him have not bothered to reply. It does give me cause to wonder what our job is all about. I wrote personally to over 300 of you who left School in the last ten years—only 30 replied to me. Yet each one had taken Geography and/or Economics at "A" level.

I think our first congratulation must go to Alderman Clifford Porter—an Old Boy of the School—who is this year Lord Mayor. It is most pleasing that the last Lord Mayor should come from our end of the city. Alderman Porter and his wife will be at our Speech Day. Then I must record with some pride that Graham Ashcroft, Professor of Urban Environmental Studies at Salford University has been elected President of the Rural Town Planning Institute—at 38 he is the youngest man ever to hold this post. We congratulate, too, I. N. Hancock and Derek March on their O.B.E. awards. Martin Best-Harris is now a Senior Lecturer—one step away from a Chair, too. Well done! Bob Hodges has been promoted to Assistant Secretary for the Ministry of Defence and we look forward to his going on to follow in the steps of Murray Widdecombe. Another Old Boy, Thornton Pearce, has also been awarded an O.B.E. During the war he won the

M.C. at the Rhine Crossing. C. F. Smale, Managing Director of Tucker Products, has been awarded the M.B.E. for services to industry. And I have to confess that I have misplaced the name of an Old Boy whose award of the A.F.C. has given me tremendous pleasure.

We have noted, too, with sorrow the death of a number of Old Boys but none more saddening than that of Stanley Benney who died as the result of a car accident. Our sympathy goes to all who mourn.

P. J. KNOWLING has gained a gold award of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme whilst at R.N.C. Dartmouth.

S. TUCK has moved to Nottingham. Is now a Navigation Officer with B.P. Tankers.

DAVE SAWYER is enjoying life as First Mate with B.P. Tankers and occasionally meets up with Tuck.

R. KING. Married, has two children, is now Q.M.S. with the Devon and Dorsets. Off on a visit to British Honduras.

S. EBRAHIMI is in his final year at UMIST and then on to Bradford University for a course in Production Management.

DAVID CURRELL has been appointed a Lecturer in Education at the Froebel Institute and is about to publish his third book.

DAVID BEST-HARRIS has been appointed Senior Maths Master at his Bristol Comprehensive School. I wonder what has happened to Buley, Dawe, Box and Co. of that year.

S. TINDSLEY has a Second Class Honours and is highly delighted about it. So are we.

J. P. LEWIN has a Third in Electrical Engineering.

W. M. ROACH has a Second Class Honours in Economics at London.

M. J. W. SANDELL has a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering.

S. POWER has a First in Mathematics.

IAN MARSH has a First in Computer Science.

J. V. TRICKEY has a Third in Electronics.

F. VOSPER has sent me an interesting note that "Tex," who was so keen on the Toc H received the Plymouth Toc H Lamp from the Prince of Wales in 1926.

Do you realise that three years ago 62 of you went up to university to start your degree courses? I have heard from five of you. Are you shy or too proud or ashamed to let us have news?

Elsewhere in the magazine you may read about a proposal to reform the house system. You might let us have your views.

Why have I not heard from Murray, Rosier, Harvey, Parsons, Herbert, Hawkins, Bentley, Lightfoot, Loze, Phelan, Waugh, Webber, Burbeck, Dight, Fleet, Kovacs, Sowter, etc., etc., etc.?

The Report of the Old Boys' Soccer Club

It is again my pleasant duty to report upon a most successful season. Although in the final analysis we were seventh in the first division of the Combination League, precisely the same position as last year, this is no reflection on the standard of our football which was far superior to that of previous seasons. If we had not begun so badly against relatively modest opposition, promotion might have been a real possibility. As it was, we held our own against the best sides and beat most of those struggling against relegation with rather more authority than in the past. The crushing of Lee Moor in the penultimate match was a worthy climax to the season.

For some time now the Soccer Club has suffered something of a "hangover" from the successful side of several years ago, which because of its success was a compact and closely-defined unit and by its very nature tended to discourage new and younger players. When that team grew old, the inevitable vacancies were filled only with great difficulty. The connection with the School had become so tenuous that no-one thought of the Old Boys as a natural extension of his footballing career at school. Recent seasons have seen a strengthening of this link, and to such good effect that it was by no means exceptional last year for the average age to be as low as twenty.

One of the unfortunate consequences of this trend, however, was that some of the more established club members were unable to command a regular place, and it is a tribute to their loyalty, enthusiasm, and energy that, instead of going elsewhere to find football, they decided to form a second team which took over the commitments of R.A.F. Mountbatten. Both sides in fact competed in the same division and, whilst this led to a certain rivalry, there can be no doubt that this is a step which can only bring good for the club. Although the second team were relegated, there were some outstanding performances which augur well for next year; there was great relief amongst the first eleven when the "local derby" was successfully negotiated!

There will be teams in the first and second divisions of the Combination League next season, and whilst we are hoping to retain the services of many of our successful team, there will always be a welcome for new members; our aim is to have teams in the premier and first divisions! Training is every Wednesday evening at school, and any potential newcomer can be assured that he will enjoy football played in the spirit which earned the club a sporting trophy for the fourth year in succession.

Finally, let me thank all those who have by their efforts, enabled others to enjoy their football; John Collins for his untiring help and advice; Mr. Warren for his loyal and valued support; and Paul Andrews and Dave Came who managed to ensure that the club remained solvent! We are indebted to them.

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The Old Boys' Rugby Club

The 1972/73 season was one of mixed fortunes for the Old Boys' Rugby Club. We often beat the better sides but had some disappointments against sides that we should have beaten easily. The final record was 23 matches won and 18 matches lost. We scored 636 points and conceded 597. Our best performances were reserved for the Lockie Cup in which we reached the final at Beacon Park before eventually losing to Plymouth Albion United in a keenly fought contest. The double was achieved over a number of sides including Old Suttonians, O.P.M.s and O.P.O.s. The School XV which had such a successful season was defeated by 7 points to 4.

Last season we were never well off for players and, on several occasions, we succeeded in fielding a full side only after a last minute scramble. Next season we shall regretfully be missing some of our more experienced players such as Paul Venn who has been forced to retire through injury and Dave Bennett whose recent appointment as Headmaster has taken him to Helston. This means that we are keener than ever to welcome new members. Training sessions are

held at the school, on Thursday evenings, and anyone is welcome to come along.

One of the most enjoyable features of the season is the annual trip to London which coincides with one of the Twickenham internationals. The captain for next season is John Mann and we are confident that with some new young players he will receive the support he deserves.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The year's activity began with the Annual General Meeting in October. On that occasion a presentation was made to Mrs. Slatter in appreciation of her long service to the Association. Replacements for retiring committee members were readily found, two of them Old Boys of the school.

There was slightly improved support for the already popular whist drives held in November and March, between 80 and a 100 being present. For the annual dance in December, the demand for tickets always seems to exceed supply and about 240 parents, friends, staff and Old Boys greatly enjoyed the event.

There never seems to be enough time at the senior and junior "At Homes" for parents to see all the members of staff they wish to, but the occasion serves a very useful purpose.

The garden party was held on one of the wettest days of the summer term and it is remarkable that so many attended. Their generosity is shown in an overall profit of £220.

Almost all new parents joined the Association when they attended with their sons early in July.

The funds collected have enabled us to donate £200 to the School Fund; to purchase vests for the School basketball team; to help with the purchase and repair of musical instruments, and to provide refreshments for visiting teams. Gentlemen of the committee helped with the original organisation of the School draw.

We look for your continued support and express sincere thanks, especially to the ladies' committee, for help during the year.

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