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EDITORIAL

Since the Editors have recently completed their G.C.E. 'A'-Level examinations, this seems to be a suitable occasion on which to express some serious misgivings about the present public examination system. Many opponents of the General Certificate of Education, both past and present, have accepted the principle of public examinations and only quibble about such details as the length of individual papers and the validity of holding such time-consuming events in the summer months. However, the real defects of the system are much more fundamental.

The general effect on the student of the critical period preceding and during the examinations, which can easily last as long as two and a half months for the conscientious participant, is certainly intellectually numbing. In too many 'O'-Level examinations particularly, constructive individual thought is virtually negated by the fact that success depends on the 'cramming' of facts which are soon to be forgotten. Furthermore, the contention that examinations are ultimately beneficial because young people are pushed to new limits is hardly to be appreciated by those who are easily overwhelmed by such pressure.

The most essential problem is that the stringencies of prescribed syllabuses, and the quest for the necessary grades for employment and university positions, emphasises a prevalent attitude that examinations, and thus education itself, only constitute a meal-ticket for career success. real education is the satisfaction of intellectual curiosity and a desire for knowledge, not merely something to be tolerated and then, in effect, exchanged for hard cash in later life. The acquisition of knowledge is important enough to be valid as an end in itself, and ulterior motives consistently devalue such importance.

The argument that some form of evaluation is necessary for the practicalities of gaining employment and positions for higher education obviously deserves consideration. Nevertheless, the perpetuation of the present system is disturbing in that it reinforces an ever-developing belief, endorsed mainly by those of secular interests, that students should be 'channelled', or strongly encourage, into positions in industry and big business. The value of personal development through considerate and constructive education is today threatened by those who would thus influence too strongly the direction of the education of young students through the pressures and limitations of the public examination system.

W.C., M.C.

Just as the attitudes displayed in the editorial are not to be taken as representing the school as a whole, opinions expressed in original articles are not necessarily those of the editorial staff.

SCHOOL NOTES

This year has been one of change. Work has begun to develop the top floor of 'C' block into a Sixth Form Teaching area. The library and classrooms have been carpeted and appropriate furniture and resource material requisitioned. This is not to say that the Lower School has been neglected: large sums of money have been spent on the purchase of books suitable for that age-range.

At the beginning of the academic year we welcomed several new members of staff: Mrs. C. Lowde to the Chemistry Department; Mrs. J. Pierpoint to the French Department; Mrs. P. Shaw to the English Department; Mr. A. Holbourn to the Classics Department; Dr. P. Jenkins to the Biology Department and Mr. D. Lawless joined the P.E. Department. The influx of teachers of wide ranging interests and talents has made an enormous impact upon the school.

The end of the summer term brought the departure of Mr. Lawless, who went to work in the United States of America, Mrs. C. Bailey and Mr. B. Horner who were with us as temporary teachers. Our good wishes go with all of these people and with our French and German Assistants, Monsieur L. Fort and Fräulein Lorenz.

Although these changes have been made, the expectations and standards of the school have remained: the resulting success may be read in the following pages.

We extend our sympathy to the relations of Russell Pengelly, the distinguished test pilot and Old Boy of the school, who was killed in a flying accident in June.

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

This year's play marked the Drama Group's return to the Globe Theatre in Stonehouse Barracks, a charming theatre which raised the performances of the whole cast.

The leading female part was taken by Kevin Vittles, who, having spent most of his time dressed in women's clothing as Fancourt Babberley in 'Charley's Aunt', condescended to play the part of a woman yet again; that of Mrs. Hardcastle. He succeeded admirably well, but hopes to be able to play a male part in next year's production.

The part of Kate Hardcastle was filled by Suzanne Curry, who, together with Caroline Goddard who played Constance Neville, represented a great find for D.H.S. dramatics. Their obvious talent and marvellous performances on all three nights lifted the cast immensely, and caused them to work especially hard to try to equal their performances.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of female parts, and the wish that new members of the drama group should be allowed to exhibit their talent, Heather McIsaac was reduced to a minor part, although it must be said that she made a very quaint and charming Pimple. All the cast look forward to seeing her in a part in next year's play where she can exhibit her considerable talents more fully.

The partnership of Andy Jansen and Tim Caufield was continued this year when they played the parts of Young Marlow and Hastings. Andy Jansen had a particularly difficult part in that he had to be very shy when talking to young ladies of his own social standing. In this respect, he could not bring out his own character, but nobody would have noticed this when watching his performances, a mark of his acting talents.

Tim Caufield, as usual, gave a performance in which his extrovert character clearly showed, and he made everything possible out of his part.

It has been said that David Riggs brought out some of his own character in the part of Tony Lupkin, in that he played him with a degree of insanity never yet seen in the part.

Steve Tinney's authoritative air was perfectly suited to the part of Sir Charles Marlow, and he combined very well with Karl Wernham to provide some very comic touches.

The parts of the 'Revellers' were played with great relish and provided much of the comedy in the scene at the 'Three Pigeons' Inn and the servant's scene following it. Indeed, their performances gave a great deal of colour to the play due to their range of different personalities. Pete Reed and Owen Williams gave performances of particular note, and it is hoped to find parts for them in next year's play.

The play unfortunately witnessed two farewell performances; those of Karl Wernham and Paul Shannon.

Paul Shannon made his debut in the play, as Roger, the village cunuch, and it is regretted by the rest of the cast that he could not have started drama earlier, and developed his talent.

Karl Wernham spent most of his time chasing Kevin Vittles in 'Charley's Aunt'. The result of his endeavours were seen this year in that he played Mr. Hardcastle who was married to Kevin Vittles. He was, for many people, the star of the show, and created a great deal of the comedy in the play. His inspiration to the rest of the cast and his great talent will be missed.

The cast would like to thank Mr. Burrows who spent such a great deal of time working with us, and without whom we would never have been able to put the play on.

D.J.R.

HOW TO VIEW A FAMOUS PAINTING (viz "The Mona Lisa") WITHOUT FEAR OF HUMILIATION

To express any distaste
Is a social disgrace,
But to utter disgust
Is much better.
One should not say, "It smells,"
Or "I hate it to hell,"
But rather, "I do like the pose
And I do like the nose
And I'm terribly fond of the ear lobe."
If all in the Louvre
Completely approve
Of your comments and general behaviour,
They will smile and laugh
And strew palms in your path
And present you a card
Saying, "Thanks — Mona Lisa."

R. F. ASH

'SMIKE'

This year saw the school's most successful musical production ever, 'Smike'. The challenge of the musical was answered by Mr. Farrow and Mr. Burrows, who skillfully assembled a band and a large singing chorus. Most of the cast was made up of pupils from this school, but Plymouth High sent us a singer to take the main part, Stoke Damerel sent Joanne Carnell, a talented actress and choreographer, and Tamar Secondary School, our neighbours, supplied girls for the chorus. The gratitude of D.H.S. for boys is extended to all these young people and their schools.

In May, the company gave four performances in the school Hall. The confidence of the musicians and actors improved on each night: thus by the last evening an extremely high standard was reached. On the Thursday a matinée performance was attended by three hundred and fifty primary school children from all over Plymouth. The musical was notable for its moments of wit and melody, which had an instant appeal. One of

the highlights of the show was the scene in which Miss Savery and Miss Rogers flaunted their boas and bodies to some unexpected person in the audience. We well remember the hours of bliss that Graham Prisk experienced during the rehearsal of this piece. On the last evening, Mr. Farrow and Mr. Burrows joined the cast in the Finalé, and made it a show-stopper.

Due to the enthusiasm of the cast and the success of the production, after constant nagging at Mr. Farrow, it was decided to repeat the show for three nights in July: the set was rebuilt in a day and a larger chorus assembled. Thus three more memorable performances of 'Smike' were given, although there were a few frightful moments with scenery. Thanks to popular demand the recipe for 'Brimstone' will be found in next year's school magazine.

Thanks are due to the Heads of assisting schools, Mr. Farrow (musical director), Mr. Burrows (producer), Mr. Gibson and Mr. Bowden. Also deserving of mention are M. Waugh and his crew for their invaluable help in lighting the show, and finally J. Carnell for helping with the choreography.

K. VITTLES

6th FORM ACTIVITIES WEEK

The weather was ideal and so the activities week got off to a good start. A varied choice of events was on offer and most of the lower sixth took full advantage and had a very rewarding week.

On Monday the culture seekers went to Stratford to see a first-class production of 'Twelfth Night', a long journey but enjoyed by all who went.

A new activity on offer was rock climbing at the Dewerstone; a start was made on relatively easy climbs, but a few with good heads for heights such as Lacey and McIntyre progressed to much more severe climbs.

The camping on the four nights was enjoyed by most, as the weather was warm and sunny and a good swimming hole was found.

The caving and sailing days were well attended and much appreciated, the large sailing groups taking advantage of the fine weather.

The two afternoons spent on horse riding were well patronised and some of the riders such as Riggs and Pomeroy certainly got their money's worth.

On the Friday a group visited Bristol University on their Open Day and had a good chance to look around their facilities.

Mr. J. SOUTHERN

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Learning through practice is probably the best method of education, particularly when the practical experience is exciting, challenging, interesting and has direct relevance to a young person's understanding of life and his future. To this end, the Young Enterprise Scheme must be an invaluable asset to the inquisitive and ambitious person.

Young Enterprise provides a scheme whereby a group of twenty to thirty young people form and run their own company. The scheme has three main aims—to provide opportunities to young people to learn about business at management level, to help them in the choice of their career, and to provide a better understanding between management and the shop floor.

The group of participants, although guided and advised by three or four businessmen, is left very much to its own devices from the start to select a product for manufacture, plan the production, elect the management and raise the capital by share issue. When the operation is underway, time is available to review progress and plan for the future accordingly, at regular board meetings. Therefore, from the outset, the opportunities are almost unlimited, and scope for imagination, innovation and leadership is even wider. Experience and understanding of business control and co-ordination is gained to a large extent by analysis of mistakes and also from the expertise of the advisers.

The most important profits from the scheme are those gained by the participants : an appreciation of the workings of a company, and learning how to work as part of a team. Other gains, equally important, are the development of confidence, personality and character of every participant.

This year, the school was invited to participate with Southway School and Crownhill Secondary School in a scheme sponsored by Fine Tubes Ltd., and which was to involve twelve members of the school's Lower Sixth year. Within the first few weeks, the top management positions had been secured by members of the school, the name of CDS Company had been adopted and ideas for a product were beginning to form. It was finally decided to manufacture soft owls, and the £50 capital raised by selling shares was used to buy materials and hire two sewing machines. The owls proved difficult to make and the first were not ready for sale until late in November. The company pulled through its subsequent financial problems and continued to improve at a slow rate until March, when the prospect of making a loss on the original capital inspired a concerted effort, and finally a net profit of 30% was made.

An important development occurred in January when the Management resigned and a new group from the shop floor took over. Also in that month an open evening was held for parents and shareholders to examine the progress. In April, production was slowly wound down with a final sales drive before liquidation in May and a final Shareholders' meeting at which an extensive report of the company was given.

During the scheme, several short informative talks were arranged to increase understanding of production control, accountancy and the use of a bank account. The scheme as a whole provided what was very much a self-help situation, with varying degrees of benefit and enjoyment for the individual participants.

MARTYN EASTON

SOUNDS

Listen all around,
Sympathy of sound will take you
Drifting down through your dreams,
In an endless stream.

Singing through the air,
On its wings of fiery silence
The melody comes crystal clear,

Can you hear it near ?
Song of all the Earth,
Song of death and birth,
Ringing through sea and sky,
Can you hear the cry ?

A. LITTLE, 3W

FIRST YEAR TRIP TO BRITTANY

On June 20th a party of eighty-five first year boys accompanied by six members of staff and three parents left for a day trip to Brittany. The exhausting nature of the day ahead seemed lost on the excited youngsters as they chatted into the early hours during the first of the two consecutive night crossings. Dawn provided, amongst other things, a continental breakfast. This seemed too much for some despite the millpond crossing. We were soon on board the two coaches and enjoying the sights of the Brittany countryside a brief stop in St. Pol de Léon was followed by a longer one in Morlaix. The fact that one boy managed to get hold of Chinese firecrackers at 7 a.m. in Morlaix accounts for the fact that our progress through France was marked by a series of minor explosions until the culprit was pinpointed. Fortunately, by the time we reached the National Park at Huelgoat peace was restored and we were able to

wander through the woodland and admire the spectacular formations caused by fallen boulders. Lunch in Quimper was followed by a visit to the mediaeval town of Locronan with its traditional arts and crafts. As a complete contrast we then went to the modern naval port of Brest and so back to Morlaix for an evening meal in a French restaurant. Although the 'oufcs à la mayonnaise' had to be coaxcd into the digestive system of many, the more familiar chicken and chips soon disappeared. Finally we returned to Roscoff where we had an opportunity to look around the town before making a slightly more subdued crossing back to Plymouth.

G. K. SIMPSON

PARIS TRIP, 1979

The 1979 Paris Trip was enjoyed, I think, by all.

Our arrival at Southampton at 9 p.m. was heralded by Mr. Simpson, and fifty students were let loose in the docks for an hour. This proved to be most amusing due to the predominance of women looking like men and middle-aged men taking their secretaries on holiday.

The party embarked and we left Southampton at about 11 p.m. Our accommodation consisted of a luxury lounge, but most decided to take the floor between the seats.

Next morning after a meagre breakfast we ventured towards Paris. The Eiffel Tower was the first stop and the less energetic members took the lift. We also visited the Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, Le Louvre, and the Paris Opera House, with a few hours at Notre Dame where we were left to our own devices to buy lunch. Unfortunately we had very little time left, and could not visit the Sacré Coeur!

We left Paris at 5 p.m. and journeyed back to the ferry where most had a meal of steak and chips.

Senior party members made the most of the duty-free prices in the shop before retiring for the night.

The next morning we arrived back in England, where the coach journey to Plymouth was uneventful.

Finally I must extend a special 'merci' to Mr. Simpson for organising the trip, with thanks also to Mrs. Pierpoint, Mr. Jones and Mr. Sandercock for supervising us.

H. LACEY, L6T

TWO VISITS TO THE NORTHCOTT

There have been two visits by pupils of this school to the Northcott Theatre at Exeter. On both occasions, the journey was made to see a performance of 'Macbeth'.

Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Bowden accompanied a group of pupils on the first visit and Mr. MacTavish and Mr. Burrows accompanied a different party on the second visit. Opinions differed as to the quality of the production but nevertheless any production which engenders discussion must have some merit.

Our gratitude is due to the English department who have organised very many visits this year apart from those to the Northcott.

Special thanks must be extended to Mr. MacTavish who entertained us with a varied selection of popular hymns on the journey to Exeter.

MARK CORNELIUS

A VISIT TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

On the 9th July, 1979 members of the Lower Sixth, as part of their Lower Sixth Form Activities Week, and a few members of the Middle Sixth, visited Stratford-upon-Avon. The party arrived in Stratford at midday, giving us ample time to view such sights as Shakespeare's daughter's house, the river and a local putting green.

In the evening the party went to a very warm and enjoyable production of the comedy 'Twelfth Night' performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Most will agree that the time spent before the performance itself more than compensated for the expense of the trip. The thanks of those who went are to be extended to Mr. Burrows and Mrs. Shaw for their organisation and participation.

M. CORNELIUS

EPITAPH

The old man sitting there,
His head bowed down.
Every now and then,
He'll take a look around,
And his eyes reflect the memory pain,
Of years gone by.
He can't regain a stand
In dreams he'll never see again.
With trembling hands,
He wipes a tear,
Many fall like rain,
There's one for every year,
And his life laid out so clearly now,
The life that's brought death.
So nearly now, like once,
He hung too dearly, now let's go.
A lonely grave,
And soon forgot.
Holy wind and leaves
Reflect his mournful song.
Yet they shout his Epitaph out clear,
"For anyone who's passing wearied names,
The person lying here
Is you."

A LITTLE, 3W

TEN TORS EXPEDITION, 1979

On the weekend of 19-20 May, a school team of six, comprised of the leader Jeremy Ballard, navigator Andrew Babb, Robert Knight, Mark Turner, Chris Tottle and Steven Clarke set off on a thirty-five mile Ten Tors competition on Dartmoor. The twenty-year-old expedition was organised jointly by the R.A.F., R.N. and Royal Marines who voluntarily prepared routes and recorded the team's progress. On Friday 18 May, the teams assembled at Okehampton Army Camp and were given maps, route cards and identity tags, and, by the regulations, were strictly checked so that each team would be self-supporting.

The course which had to be completed between 7 a.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday included hiking to ten different named Tors and a compulsory ten-hour rest. On Saturday morning after a brief blessing and traditional prayer, 2,400 youngsters simultaneously started the expedition which demanded skilful navigation, endurance and, above all, team-work. The school team, who had practised in torrential rain were blessed with magnificent weather; and after walking twenty-two miles on the first day, camp was finally assembled at Roos Tor. We arose at the inhospitable hour of 5 a.m. on the Sunday morning, the expedition was completed, at last arriving back at Okehampton to the applause of many supporters at 1.47 p.m. As the team finished without a member dropping out or receiving an injury, we received a certificate and each member a bronze medallion. But the achievement would not have been possible without the experience and training given by Dr. Phillips, Mr. MacTavish and Mr. Southern.

STEVEN CLARKE, 4W

THE ARVON FOUNDATION

The Arvon Foundation, instituted by the poet Ted Hughes, organises courses in the creative arts, in which established writers, poets, painters et al., act as tutors to a mixed bag of aspiring artists. In September 1978, Kevin Pope and I spent a week at Totleigh Barton in the centre of Devon on a prose writing course, under the tutorship of Philip Callow and Colin Thubran, and financially assisted by Parents' Association bursaries.

The atmosphere was remarkably relaxed and informal; all those attending (from American students to an architect and a retired school-mistress) participated in the preparation of meals and the general upkeep of the cottage. Fortunately the large female majority made the former task that much easier for those men present were unskilled in culinary art.

While we were all encouraged to produce some original work during the week no-one was under any pressure, and many took the opportunity to relax in the fine late-summer weather. For one evening, the novelist Margaret Drabble joined us to read from, and discuss her own work.

By the end of the week, as we all finally learned each other's names and camaraderie developed into 3 a.m. conversations, the majority of those present only reluctantly returned to their homes in various parts of the country.

Such courses are to be strongly recommended to those with artistic or literary aspiration, or even to those without, but who would enjoy spending a week in the company of interesting strangers of widely varying ages and backgrounds.

WAYNE CONNOLLY

MINIMALIST REQUIEM

So.
Farewell then John Wayne,
"American"
The last stage to Boot Hill
At last—
A strange name for
A graveyard
Boot Hill,
When the boots are left
Behind with the guns.
But I'm sure
Genghis Khan would have
Approved . . .
I know Keith's mum does.

ELSPETH J. THRIBB (II), age 4½

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

This year could not be classified as one of the most successful in the Council's history. Only four meetings were held and it is apparent that the school is not making full use of the ideal platform facility which the Council can offer. It was used to the other extreme at the second meeting, which was dominated by disillusioned members of the Lower Sixth with various axes to grind. This degenerated into a forum for destructive criticism of the establishment, and such grievances in the Sixth Form are best not aired in front of the whole school.

The Council did, however, have its successful moments and was responsible for the reinstitution of the School Song at Speech Day (I am one of the few people who regard this as a wonderful success); the handrails in 'D' block were repainted; more magazines and periodicals were placed in the library and other genuine grievances were heard and noted.

Hopefully next year a medium will be reached whereby the whole school will participate by proposing motions and by supporting their representatives. This will result in many of the small, irritating difficulties of the school being brought to light and, through constructive thought, eradicated.

PAUL S. ROBERTSON

THE UPPER SCHOOL

This year the Upper School has been run relatively smoothly with no great problems arising. Members of the Middle Sixth form wrote, produced and performed a successful review called 'IT'. They also planned and executed a successful kidnapping of Mr. Lawless and the School Captain, Karl Wernham, in the interests of Whiteleigh independence.

The Lower Sixth form activities week was successful and greatly appreciated by all those who participated.

Finally, the Upper School would like to thank Mr. Attewell for his hard work and spiritual guidance.

M. CORNELIUS

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Here in the Middle School one is constantly reminded by the staff of the approaching 'O'-levels and of the necessity of consistent hard work. Perhaps the hardest part of the pre-'O'-level education to accept is the volume of homework. In my experience, once an exercise is started it presents little hardship, and that actually bringing oneself to begin the work is the most difficult task. In other respects the Middle School differs little from the lower years. There is, however, consolation in the exclusion of the personally disagreeable subjects.

Furthermore, the pocket calculator can be removed from its hiding place under the desk and used in full view of the teacher; and also one feels less persecuted by the upper years.

To conclude, we all reach the Middle School eventually, whether we like it or not—and it is up to the individual to make the best of it.

A.R.

THE LOWER SCHOOL

As always this has been a busy year for members of the Junior School. Boys from the first three years have taken part in and, in a number of instances, excelled at a wide range of activities.

Sport has taken a prominent place and it is good to note that both winter and summer sports teams have maintained the high standard of school sporting activities. Other activities have been well supported, particularly those involving musicians. The various concerts and the opera 'Smike' have given a large number an opportunity to display their talents.

Societies and clubs have also flourished during the year, and a number of new ideas have emerged from the enterprising First Year.

There seems to be a genuine feeling of co-operation and participation in the present Lower School, not only made obvious by the support of productions like 'Smike' but also in the willingness of a number of forms to contribute to the Friday morning Junior Assembly. Programmes for this occasion have ranged from Mr. Burton's Four Strong Winds through 1N's nearly Magic Show to 3W's Celebrity Squares.

It is hoped that the present enthusiasm which, without doubt, contributes to the main task of academic achievement can be maintained.

T. FARROW

THE HORSES

Horses were an endangered species then. My uncle on the Hebrides had four ebony-black stallions of incredible beauty and because of them had gained some notoriety throughout the islands. I for my part was devoted to him. When my father had died in the third Sino/Russo/American war, he had brought me up as though I was his own son. Although I was relatively close to him, he was still very much an enigma. He was old, older than I could imagine. His love for his stallions was considerable but he would never allow them out of the stalls. He had an air of foreboding and melancholy hanging around his person like some sword of Damocles. There was a dark and terrible secret locked within his heart and a suggestion of that secret was found in his eyes. Brooding, forever brooding, the mystery seemed too awful to contemplate. What was more disturbing was the fact that he knew so much about the tenuous political situation in the year 2100. He knew every twist and turn, every machination, and every double deal that the Chinese, American and Russian diplomats made last week in China, yet he never read a government journal or watched the video. Was he clairvoyant, warlock or something more evil?

I for my part wasn't worried. I was too concerned with his stallions, their inscrutable beauty, their muscle, fetlock, sinew and their eyes. Alas, they too had a secret. Yesterday my uncle spoke to me . . .

"I have to go to the harbour now. Do what you have to do."

I didn't know what he meant, and quite honestly I didn't care. In my foolishness I saw a chance to let the beasts run free. Such beauty should not be confined to a stinking, stuffy box. My uncle was a wise man, but in this matter he was wrong, definitely wrong. He left me and for 10, maybe 12, minutes I was alone. Then impulsively I ran to the stables to let them out; I creaked the stable door open and they thundered past me. The sky turned black and a chill wind blew strongly, blinding me with its force. The horses galloped down the path to meet my uncle who was silhouetted against the setting sun with four other shapes, vaguely similar to knights. A tingling sensation enveloped my body. The shapes mounted the stallions disappearing into some sort of heat haze. I was frightened, I didn't understand. My uncle whispered to me . . .

"So it is destined. The four horsemen of the Apocalypse now ride."

In China the first nuclear rocket was launched . . .

It begins . . .

M. O'SULLIVAN

SPEECH DAY

This year's Speech Day was particularly notable for the welcome exhumation of most of the School Song after much prompting by members of the Rugby Club, who had evidently kept its tradition alive in secret conclave during the last years. Mr. Farrow again organised the rest of the evening's musical entertainment, which included the ever-popular 'Liberty Bell' (made famous as the national anthem of Taiwan), and a remarkable vocal piece, 'Devonport Blues', which seemed specifically staged to embarrass Neil Myners, as those present will testify.

In his extensive Report, the Headmaster reflected the school's numerous sporting and academic achievements of the preceding year. It was encouraging to note his indication of a promising academic future for the school, with further improvement in the general standard of 'O'-level results achieved by the fifth form.

Chief Constable John C. Alderson of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary distributed the awards, and accomplished the appreciable feat of exchanging a few words with most of the numerous prize-winners. Furthermore, he expressed some obviously valid opinions on aspects of law and order in contemporary society.

As at last year's Speech Day, the Reverend Cryer presented his vote of thanks and David Goodfellow seconded him admirably and succinctly in the place of the absent School Captain, Karl Wernham. Finally, the gratitude of all concerned is due to the Lord Mayor for presiding and visibly appreciating the musical programme.

W. CONNOLLY

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

This year the school library can boast of several important additions. The most striking of these is the carpet. This carpet is intended to enhance an atmosphere of study, which to a certain extent it does, but the success of the venture is still in the hands of those who use the library and those prefects and librarians who help to maintain quiet during private study periods and at lunch time.

Another addition has been that of new stock. The number of paperbacks has almost doubled over the last year. More recently a large amount of non-fiction books has been added to form the basis of the junior library, which it is hoped will have a general appeal. It has also been a regular feature of the library throughout this year to subscribe to an extensive range of educational magazines and newspapers. These have proved to be very popular and they are now complemented by large protective covers. On the whole a great deal has been done, and is still being done to modernize what has for so long been a drab and dreary place and which all too often merely functioned as a shelter from the rain.

Finally I should like to extend my thanks to all those who have been instrumental in the renovation of the library; to all the librarians who have worked hard in their own time; to Mr. Burrows who has given much support and enthusiasm to the year's campaign; to Mr. Evans for his help in arranging the carpet fitting; and to Mr. Holbourn who has been of considerable assistance. I should also like to wish Steve Dart all the best as next year's head librarian.

A. MEDWAY, Head Librarian

JAN POLAK

The room was hushed, for the lot was ready,
I was the first to be drawn.

I withdrew myself
And thought of the cause, my life and my nearing death
Of which I was warned, was the greatest act of man.
The watches were fixed, and the fuel fetched.
Myself, with only time ticking tensely towards that day
When a dazzling torch did daze the scorched eyes of Wenceslas.

The square, the one cause, the statue, the match, the
Petrol, the shocked petrified people, the sizzling in my ears.
But it was worth the agony, my immolation
That made the people think
To rise and spit in the faces of the oppressors.

M. HUGHES, 4S

HOUSE NOTES

DRAKE

At the beginning of the year the question of whether the House would win the St. Levan Shield for the seventh consecutive year raised doubts and much speculation. However, as the year progressed it became fairly obvious that the House was far ahead of the flagging opposition and well on the way to victory.

Two second places in the Junior and Senior rugby gave the House the overall rugby title, while both football teams ended up in their respective losers' finals. The good results continued in the cross-country races, but the chess competition resulted in the only real failure of the year with the senior team being disqualified. This was soon forgotten with the House winning the basketball, mainly due to a strong senior team, the speech contest and a whitewash in the badminton.

Thus at the beginning of the summer term the House was in a strong position, but still required very good performances to retain supremacy. In this light, therefore, it was probably fortunate that the cricket competition could not be played because of the bad state of the pitches. The House showed its real character in winning the Athletics championship and the swimming gala, the former very easily, but the latter was a close contest.

Finally, thanks must go to Messrs. Wroath, Clarke, Farrow and Phillips and to Mrs. Pierpoint for all their help throughout this most successful season, which saw the House retain the St. Levan Shield, yet again.

T. C. CAUFIELD, Secretary

GILBERT

The year for Gilbert was one of rather mixed fortunes with many creditable success along with some poor efforts in certain events. Success seemed to be most prominent in the senior school with victories and good performances in rugby, football, basketball and badminton. However the juniors failed to consolidate these performances for they did not obtain one victory although promise was shown in basketball and football.

In the main showpieces of the House calendar, Sports Day and the Swimming Gala, there was a similar story of inconsistency with fine victories by members of the Middle Sixth in particular not being repeated by the other years. It was particularly disappointing not to regain the Athletics trophy for the third year in succession.

Away from the sports field, the House was unlucky in failing to gain high positions in the speech and music competitions in which all four Houses reached a particularly high standard, competition being especially keen in the Junior plays.

It is hoped that next year when the House returns to the old system of assembling as a single body, new enthusiasm and effort will be injected as there is clearly the potential to break the Drake stranglehold on the St. Levan Shield and achieve widespread successes.

Fortunately enthusiasm and effort has been forthcoming from the House Masters and Mistresses and the House is indebted to Messrs. Dickens, Watson, Gibson and Mrs. Shaw.

PAUL S. ROBERTSON

GRENVILLE

This was a disappointing year. The lack of strength in depth, which had been apparent in the previous year, hit us particularly hard in events like the Cross-Country in which sport the possession of a couple of talented individuals are not enough. Nevertheless, credit must be given to the numerous officials who worked tremendously hard to raise teams for all competitions. Grenville came first in Soccer, Sailing and, particularly pleasing, in Chess. For years the House's regular position in this competition was fourth. The traditional Grenville effort in the athletics standards was not so noticable this year, and this undoubtedly affected our final placing in that competition.

It is hoped that all those who organise the various teams next year gain a little more support from the body of the House, and that Grenville will once more be serious challengers for the St. Levan Shield.

G. K. SIMPSON

RALEIGH

This was yet another year which saw the dominance of Drake House in the St. Levan Shield Competition, and Raleigh once again not really excelling itself, finishing well down in the overall ratings. But the trends in the House, however, do show some signs of improvement, so the message is not entirely one of gloom and despondency. Although there was a certain amount of apathy, and perhaps lack of ability, in the Senior section (except in Table Tennis and Cricket, which were likely to be good wins for the House, but were cancelled) the Juniors are showing much promise, and, hopefully, in the not too distant future, will make Raleigh a force to be reckoned with.

The House did achieve a few notable results during the year, including wins in the Junior Rugby and Basketball Competitions and second places in the Speech Contest, Swimming Sports and Junior Cross Country. In the major inter-house event of the year, the Athletics Sports, despite several good individual results, we could only achieve fourth place.

Finally, thanks must be expressed to Mr. Southern and all House Masters and Officials who have kept the House in good order during the past year.

MARK HARPER

INTER-HOUSE SPEECH CONTEST

This year both the Junior and Senior sections of the Speech Contest, held on separate occasions as usual, were adjudicated by Mr. C. G. Burrows. The first year poetry recital was won by Millar with 'The Little Dog's Day', a poem which he enunciated with the appropriate pathos and humour. Beale produced Drake's second triumph with an accomplished performance in the first year speeches. Smith of 2S continued this impressive trend with a humorous and directly communicative speech to win his section. The decision on the second form poetry section was particularly close, but Salt of Raleigh emerged victorious with a dramatic recitation of 'The Tom Cat'. Although Gilbert House won only one of the above, a good all-round performance ensured their first place in this Junior competition, followed by Drake, Raleigh and Grenville, respectively.

The Senior contest was held shortly after the Easter break, and with G.C.E. examinations, impending their was clearly limited time for preparation. Acknowledging such difficulties, Mr. Burrows congratulated the participants on their individual efforts and the occasional high standard of performance. From the fifth form, Prisk won the prepared reading section and Manson that of poetry recital, although each had to compete for attention with a particularly vociferous lawn-mower. Stroud's prepared speech on the dangers of nuclear armaments was impressive for its clarity and controlled intensity and he deservedly achieved his first position. 'Your Humble Narrator' won the Dorothy Fleury Verse Speaking Prize after collapsing on stage as the dying Othello, pierced with an extravagantly imaginary steel.

The concluding sections of prepared speech and duologue again proved to be the most entertaining. K. Pope secured his first position with a remarkably biased speech on the 'pop culture', enhanced by the marvellous incongruity of quotations from both Alexander Pope and M. T. Cicero. The Raleigh team of M. O'Sullivan and P. Harris retained their duologues title, despite very strong competition from the three remaining pairs, all of whom had clearly put a great deal of time and effort into their preparation. Mike O'Sullivan appeared as God in a grubby lab. coat and carrying a bag of potato crisps—obviously type-cast, and with a firm intention to keep it that way.

The final positions in the Speech Competition for the whole school (completed by the third and fourth form plays) were: first, Drake (40 points) followed by Raleigh (38 points), Gilbert (32 points) and Grenville (31 points). The gratitude of all concerned is due to Mr. Burrows for his considerate adjudication and useful comments on all performances.

W. CONNOLLY

HOUSE DRAMA CONTEST

The Inter-House Drama contest was again very successful and provided not only a great deal of fun for the players but also an insight into the wealth of talent available for future full-scale productions. Gilbert House offered a well-costumed extract from 'Pygmalion' by Bernard Shaw with Martin Penn as Eliza Dolittle. Drake gave a rendering of the 'Cricket Pavilion' scene from 'Badgers Green' by R. C. Sherrieff. Producer Andrew Jansen worked well with his team to suggest the cricket match which was supposedly in progress offstage. Ivan Rich as Major Forester was very impressive. Grenville turned to an old favourite, the opening of 'Androcles and the Lion'. Hugo De Rijke played the lion, Neil Williams was Androcles and Andrew Milligan was Megaera, the shrewish wife—the latter performance was outstanding. Gordon Francis played the trombone (suggesting the roar of the lion!). Raleigh House won the contest. John Dart's redering of Mark Anthony's funeral speech from 'Julius Ceasar' was excellent. He was well supported by a 'mob' of fourth formers and even the corpse, Michael Rosevear, was praised by the adjudicator, Mrs. Pat Milton, to whom we offer our thanks for the thoughtful judgement.

C.G.B.

THE LION

The lion is an animal, proud but fierce,
Its head, brown and bushy as a forest in Fall,
Its face is lined with a hidden rage,
But shows deep wisdom in times of fear,
Its ears are hidden beneath its mane,
But lie there sharp and attentive,
This is the character of a lion, so tame,
But fierce when death is near.
Its eyes are as of a sleeping storm,
But rage like fire when tormented
Its mouth is a cave of a death unseen,
And sharp swords lie in wait beneath,
Its body is so lean and agile,
It moves like a ship rolling over rough seas,
Its legs so powerful and fast,
But it will not run when death is nigh,
It will stay to fight, and win.

NEIL COLES, 2W

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Two features stand out in the year's activities. Firstly, the team, highly successful in previous years, stood aside to make room for new blood. Secondly, the school entered for the first time a competition for solo speakers, organised by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It was unfortunate that no seniors found time, in the midst of trial exams, to enter this latter competition, since they might have done well, amidst some rather unexciting entries. Two juniors however, P. Salt (2W) and M. Smith (2S), entered with a will, and Smith met with outstanding success, speaking his way gently but forcefully through, as runner-up in the Plymouth section and winner of the South-West area, to the national final in Birmingham.

In the English Speaking Union competition an entirely new team, K. Bailey, A. Stroud and G. Prisk, all fifth formers, produced a crisp, sparkling and impassioned display to win their heat for the Plymouth final, but could not quite reproduce their best in the final itself. They were runners-up to Plymouth High School who subsequently went to the national final, but whom they had defeated in the earlier heat!

The Rotary Club 'Youth Speaks' competition went much the same as in previous years. S. Tinney speaking with great authority, D. Riggs proposing thanks with genial expansiveness, and K. Vittles chairing the meeting with ingenuous charm, defeated eight other schools in the Plymouth final. In the Area final A. Stroud bravely replaced Tinney at the last minute, but the final was dominated and won by Cornwall. In the end, third place did not perhaps do full justice to the team's talents.

A.W.H.

MUSIC REPORT

This has been a year of immense activity in the Music Department. After weeks of practising in the winter term, the school choir performed a carol service at Stoke Damerel Church, which was well attended by boys of the school and their parents. As in the past, instrumental concerts were given at the end of each term, and a demonstration concert was given to the first formers' parents to show the range of instruments available and the standard reached by junior boys. In the autumn term senior boys were supplied to play leading roles in the play presented by Plymouth High School for girls, 'The Beggar's Opera' by John Gay, which proved to be very successful.

In the spring term a number of boys performed in concerts at the Scott Lecture Theatre, and the choral group gave a performance of 'Fancies' by John Rutter; the group again also performed admirably in the 'Youth Makes Music' concert. During the last few weeks of this term extensive rehearsals took place for the school's musical production of 'Smike' (documented elsewhere).

It should be noted that over one hundred boys a week have instrumental lessons at school, and a number of these participate in the activities of the Plymouth Music Centre: three, Gordon Francis, Matthew Brown and Duncan Waugh are members of the Devon Youth Orchestra and Wind Band. A greater number of boys have taken external music examinations this year; exceptional results were achieved by Gordon Francis who attained a Grade 8 distinction on his bass trombone, and Nigel Lillicrap who gained a place at the Royal College of Music. Finally, thanks must be expressed to Mr. Farrow who has worked with his usual fanatical dedication.

K. VITTLES

DEATH FROM THE SKY

Swift is the motion without a sound,
Strangely it seems to defy the ground,
Vermin seek shelter from its silent stare.
A bubbling shriek! Blood and fur fill the air.
A horrible death, but not what you'd expect,
For a woman has just been hit by a passing glider.

MARK CORNELIUS

SPORTS DAY, 1979

In conditions which were never ideal, six records were broken this year. In Part I, at school, the outstanding performance was by Clym, in the Under 13 400 metres, who reduced the previous record by 2.5 seconds, to 62.1 seconds. In Part II the school was fortunate enough to have continued use of the Brickfields, being the last group to use it before the new work began. Again Clym by winning the Under 13 200 metres in a record breaking 25.8 seconds, provided the best track performance. On the field Davies and Nix both broke the 13 metre barrier

in the Under 14 weight and Senior triple-jump respectively, increasing each record by over half a metre. On an overcast day, the rain finally broke out while Mr. Mallinson was presenting the trophies. Thanks are due to Mr. Moon and all the other staff who helped for the outstanding smoothness with which both parts of the sports were conducted.

Under 12 Victor Ludorum :	P. Kelland
Under 13 Victor Ludorum :	M. Clym
Under 14 Victor Ludorum :	R. Blackford
Under 15 Victor Ludorum :	D. Onslow
Senior Victor Ludorum :	P. Williams
Tresceder Runners-up :	A. Nix, T. Caufield
Senior Standards Cup :	Gilbert
Junior Standards Cup :	Drake
Revington Relay Cup :	Gilbert
House Championship Shield :	Drake

S. J. TINNEY

RUGBY REPORT

The 1st XV enjoyed a truly memorable season, winning 26 of their 32 matches and lifting the Devon Cup for the fourth time.

Early season results showed the side's capabilities but it was not until the New Year that it justified its true potential. The 'ruthless' coaching of Mr. Evans injected new enthusiasm and at one point the team won four matches within seven days! In the Devon Cup Final at Beacon Park the side crowned a magnificent season with a 10-0 victory over Exeter College.

Weymouth, Stanbury, Williams (who ran in a record of 37 tries) and Hughes all represented the Devon Schools' U19 side—with the latter continuing to the final international trial. Another notable achievement was that of A. Nix, who kicked his way to a new school record of 151 points in a season.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Southern and to Mr. Evans for their relentless enthusiasm and devotion to the side; also to the Old Boys' Rugby Club who allowed us to tour London with them, and to the Parents' Association for their refreshments.

The 2nd XV suffered from the lack of a regular master-in-charge and consequently results were disappointing. Notably fine performances by A. Jansen were often rewarded by first team call-ups.

The Under 15 XV under Mr. Lawless (a footballer!) had an inconsistent season but the combination of Pfeil and Kearly at half-back showed promise for the future.

In the capable hands of Mr. Bowden, the Under 14's won all but the first two of their matches. Lenden captained the side impressively and Blackford and Northern regularly displayed their talents to great effect.

Mr. Burrows coached the Under 13 XV into a formidable outfit and they remained unbeaten at the end of the season. Apps, Ponsonby and Clym (who notched up more than 30 tries) were all impressive, whilst the captain, Swiggs, looks an exciting prospect for the future.

Needless to say, the Under 12 XV had another outstanding season under Mr. Moon's knowledgeable guidance, conceding only 20 points and one unlucky defeat. Thanks are extended to Dr. Phillips for his assistance to the side and a 'B' team was often fielded with great success.

It only remains for me to wish next year's teams success and I hope the undoubted talent in lower years is allowed to materialise while the 1st XV undergoes a period of rebuilding.

ANDREW WEYMOUTH, Secretary

SOCCER REPORT

The 1st XI had an inconsistent season although some creditable results were achieved, notably the 2-1 away win over Plymstock, the



PREFECTS

Back Row : R. Sargent, A. Nix, M. O'Sullivan, W. Connolly, M. Bennett, J. Massey, S. Buckingham, B. Garnish.

Fourth Row : C. Hunt, S. Evans, D. Fry, M. Baxter, R. Ash, P. Burnard, P. Lewis, D. Coles.

Third Row : N. Stanbury, P. Harris, R. Davies, V. Meswania, S. Barrett, A. Medway, T. Mills, D. Curno, M. Cornelius, K. Corcoran.

Second Row : I. Elliot, A. Weymouth, J. Whitefield, A. White, A. Creber, P. Short, A. Meatyard, T. Telfer, M. Retallack,
K. Rundle, M. Hughes.

Front Row : Mr. A. McTavish, M. Porter, P. Reynolds, K. Wernham (School Captain), D. Goodfellow, P. Williams, S. Bridges,
The Headmaster.



1ST XV RUGBY

Back Row : M. Russell, P. H. Williams, P. S. Robertson, A. R. Nix, A. L. White,
M. Retallack.

Middle Row : Mr. T. D. Evans, D. Fry, S. Bridges, K. Rundle, R. T. F. Sargent,
A. P. Jansen, S. P. U. D. Harper, P. J. Reynolds.

Front Row : Mr. J. Southern, R. H. Davies, P. J. S. Lannon, A. D. Weymouth,
M. A. Hughes, A. C. Creber, N. S. Stanbury, The Headmaster.



1st XI SOCCER

Back Row : I Woods, J. Hodgson, R. Burley, G. Charlick, S. Bridges, N. Brenton.

Front Row : Mr. T. Farrow, C. Stitson, T. McShane, P. Pearce, J. Whitefield, P. Cotton,
R. Baker, The Headmaster.



BASKETBALL

Back Row : I. L. Jamieson, S. B. Witchell, K. Rundle, M. R. Rose, N. Partridge,
Mr. M. D. Moon.

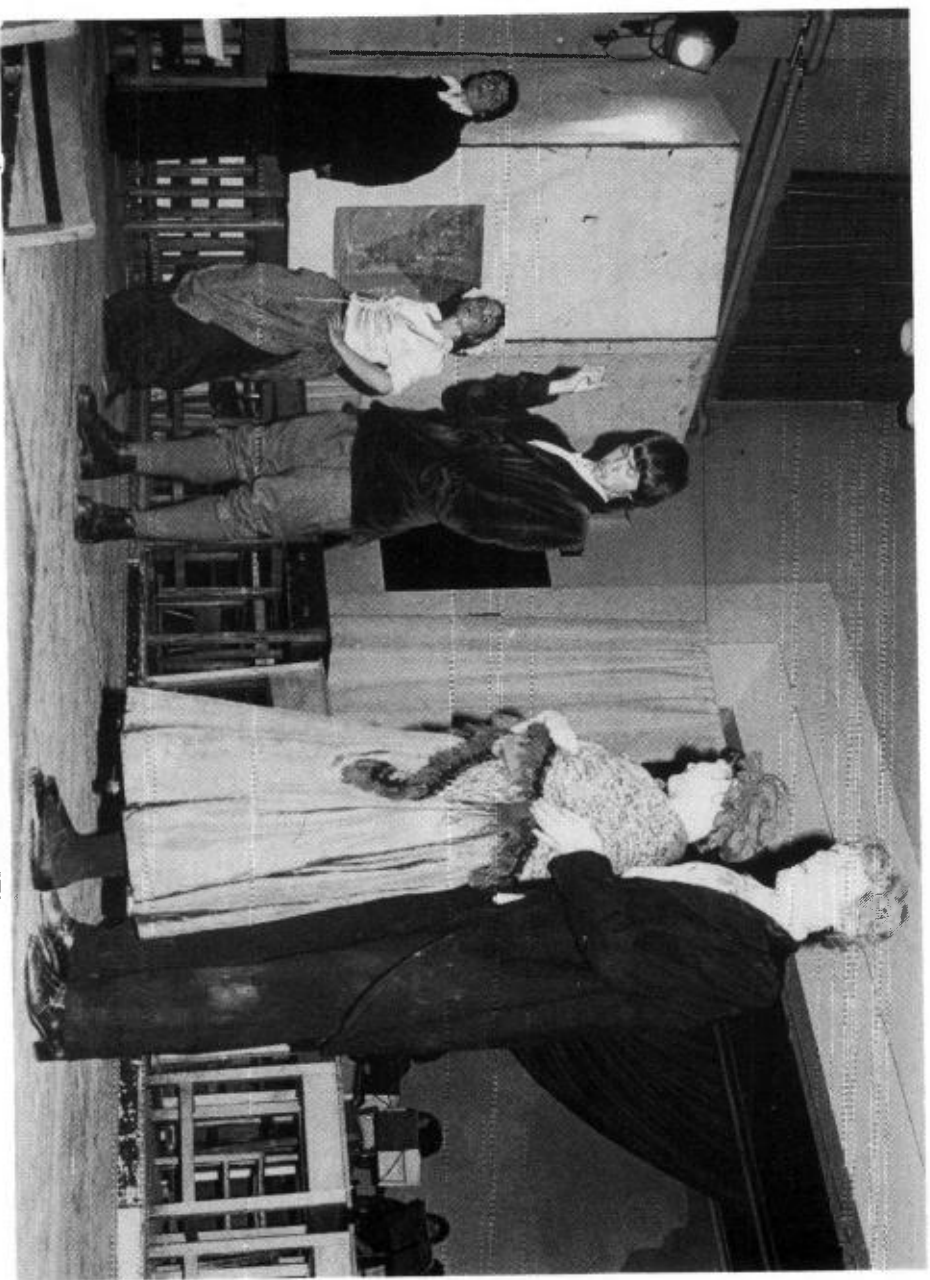
Front Row : A. D. Weymouth, A. R. Nix, M. A. Hughes, P. H. Williams, D. J. Goodfellow.



CROSS COUNTRY

Back Row : M. Northam, D. Uren, J. Hodgson, A. Jansen, S. Barrett.

Front Row : Mr. K. Dickens, S. Tinney, D. Flemming, K. Holmes, A. Gidley,
The Headmaster.



THE SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF 'SMOKEY'

Left to Right : G. Prisk, C. Savery, O. Williams, J. Carnell, K. Vittles.

eventual League winners. The lack of enthusiasm for training and the failure to maintain a settled side partly explain the inability of the team to produce a consistent run of good results.

However, two individual achievements of outstanding note were Mark Dewdney's appearance in the Devon Under 19 team, and the performance of Paddy Cotton who was credited with approximately two-thirds of the team's goals. Thanks are extended to Mr. Farrow for his unerring devotion and patience and to John (the axe) Hodgson for providing a few light-hearted moments during the dour season.

The 2nd XI's performances were similarly inconsistent, but the 4-2 win against Plympton and the 6-1 victory over Teignmouth highlighted their undoubted talents.

P. PEARCE

JUNIOR SOCCER

Problems with finding pitches on which to play made Junior fixtures very difficult to fulfil this year. Only the Under 15 XI were able to complete their programme and were indeed very successful, winning Division 1 of the Schools' League and losing only in the semi-final of the Cup. Teamwork and enthusiasm were the key to their success, but the captain, Michael Ham, represented Plymouth and Devon Schools and Stephen Clarke was outstanding in defence. The talented Under 14 XI had a disappointing season and did not live up to their promise, whilst the Under 13s tried hard but found results difficult to achieve; Clive Swiggs proved to be a good captain. The Under 12s were undefeated and played football of a high standard, John Herbert and Simon Long promising particularly well for the future. Thanks are due to all those members of staff who gave up so much time for coaching and refereeing teams in such trying circumstances.

A. WROATH

ESCAPE

I hurried along the narrow ledge,
Great bells tolled above us, sirens rang,
Sheets of light expanded from behind.
The ground had frozen like steel,
My bones quaked with hunger, soaked to skin,
I battled through night-noise echoing above, below, behind me,
I searched for a place to hide.

I had chosen to renounce, throwing chairs to the floor.
Killed or be killing, I had to make that choice.
Between giant watchtowers
Casting shadows of penetrating force,
But drenched I sit, in a damp, dark cave,
Icicles thaw and clatter to the floor—Is no one there ?
I stand alone.

Wind and fire pass me, I am weak and numb with pain.
Stumbling over stones and sticks, I fall in a lake.
I shake with fear, but fear destroys.
I fight the beast, as it burns my children's laughter,
I seize a stick and rush the fence.

No, now the time comes to end the night
As hails of shell turn to hails of light—
I pick up my tools and wander off, alone.

P. M. BRADSHAW, 4S

ATHLETICS REPORT

This season has been the most successful the school has had for a long time, and it could be said to have been the best in the school's long history.

The highlight of the year was when the senior team, which was virtually the same as last year, regained the Devon Public and Grammar

School Championship. This was the school's fifth victory and it remains the only state maintained school to have won this competition.

Soon afterwards, the school competed in the Plymouth Schools Championship, with the seniors finishing second, only because four or five key athletes were missing due to examination commitments. The intermediates and juniors both won and the school took the overall title. In their competition the first years won and the second years were close runners-up. This success led to twenty members of the school being selected to represent Plymouth at the Devon Championships; seven represented Devon at the South West Championships, and M. Dewdney, K. Rundle, M. Rose and M. Porter, with Northam as first reserve all reached the national finals at Nottingham. One outstanding performance was a new South West record of 1.90 metres by M. Rose in the intermediate boys high jump.

The inter-school competition saw a high standard of performance with the school winning most matches at every age group. The inter-form sports were keenly contested throughout the junior school with 1W, 2N, 3W and 4N finishing as victors.

For the second year running the school entered the Kangaroo Club Competition with the seniors first in their league at the end of May. The junior teams entered the new Guardian Royal Exchange Competition for the South of England with the Under 14s and Under 16s both reaching the South West Finals. Both these competitions emphasise the school's strength in Athletics as compared with the national standard.

Finally, we thank Mr. Moon for all his help throughout the season, and Mr. Lawless to whom we wish success in his travels to America.

T. C. CAUFIELD, Secretary

CRICKET CLUB

The 1st XI had a very disappointing season, mainly due to the fact that the fixture list was reduced considerably because of the poor standard of pitches in the Plymouth area. At the beginning of the season the team was heavily defeated by St. Boniface College and Truro School, but a higher standard of performance was achieved when they defeated Plymouth Y.M.C.A. In their final game, the 1st XI was only narrowly beaten by Plymouth Cricket Club, thanks mainly to the batting of Steve Pomeroy. The poor form of the team can be attributed to lack of practice and subsequent lack of enthusiasm. The captain for the first three matches was Steve Bridges, and Dean Coates undertook this task for the final match.

Colours—S. Bridges, D. Coates, J. Whitefield.

Half-Colours—M. Rosevear, G. Webster, M. Tucker, D. Fry, T. McShane.

I should like to thank, on behalf of all the boys, the masters who gave their time and effort throughout the season.

Under 15 XI

Won 2 Lost 2 Abandoned 2

The side was narrowly defeated in the semi-final of the six-a-side tournament, having beaten Sutton and Penlee convincingly. The team suffered from lack of match practice but showed some of their true potential by beating Plymouth Cricket Club Under 15. There were good batting performances from Andrew Price, and Gary Webster proved to be the most effective bowler. Michael Rosevear, the captain, was selected for the Devon Colts as wicket-keeper.

M. ROSEVEAR and S. SMITH

Under 14 XI

The lack of playing facilities fell very hard upon the Under 14 XI because this group of boys has talent and an enormous amount of enthusiasm. By the great kindness of Saltash C.C. two matches were played against Saltash School (one won and one lost) and later the team went down fighting bravely against Plymouth College. Captain Nicholas

Couchman and vice-captain Marcus Gardiner worked hard to keep the morale high. Some progress was made but the team must have more match experience next summer or some gifted players will be wasted and that would be a great shame.

Under 13 XI

Played 8 Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 3

This was a good lively season in which the nucleus of a very good team was established. The fine batting of M. Smith and Reddaway was often the foundation of success, with able but inconsistent support from Apps, Clarke, Herbert and Singlehurst, though they did not adapt well to the demands of the six-a-side tournament. Reddaway bowled an excellent length and line and was easily the leading wicket taker, and Smith showed his true ability at the end of the season. Apps often surprised batsmen with his extra pace, and Swiggs was always a threat with his pugnacious approach and in-swing bowling. Perhaps the most interesting was Herbert, whose accurate off-spin was penetrating and sometimes crucial. Keen support in the field, especially from Moreschi McFarlane and Swiggs, coupled with Howe's continued development as a wicket-keeper, brought a good team spirit which promises well for the future.

Very great thanks are due to all those kind parents who took us to and from our matches, especially Messrs. Smith, Clarke and Reddaway, Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Herbert. Mr. Clarke took on the additional burden of baggage-master at a busy time, and to him we offer our greatest thanks.

A.W.H.

ETERNAL YOUTH

Time is a great healer,
Or so the proverb goes,
Yet the wound grows deeper
And envelops the whole of his nose.
Who is he who would not have it so?
The doctors know the truth.
From Africa, Australia and Europe they go
To find the flame of eternal youth.

MARK CORNELIUS

BASKETBALL REPORT

Judging by results, this season has been the most successful ever for the school as the team remained unbeaten throughout, but it was slightly disappointing that there was very little good opposition in Plymouth, our closest rivals being Pilgrim Textiles whom we comfortably defeated on each meeting.

The year has also been successful as far as honours were concerned. Six of the eleven-man squad represented Plymouth in the National Under 19 Knock-out Cup. Also Mike Hughes and Stu Witchell represented the South-West in the national area championships in London. Despite losing all their games, Mike Hughes was selected as one of the 'tournament ten', which is equivalent to an England place.

In the P & D competitions the team carried off both the League and Cup Trophies, and early in the summer term defeated Torbay Tigers by 56-54 to add the South-West Cup to their collection.

Thanks are extended to our coach, Mr. Moon, who has aged a good ten years this season due to our somewhat erratic play on occasion. The team would also like to express its gratitude to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Lawless, A. Medway and K. Wernham, who were ready and willing to officiate if needed.

The team was: M. Hughes (captain), G. Callicott, A. Nix, S. Witchell, A. Weymouth, D. Goodfellow, P. Williams, K. Rundle, I. Jamieson, M. Rose and N. Partidge.

A. NIX

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JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The Under 16 team had a very successful season, ably led by Mike Rose. They convincingly won the Plymouth Schools' League with an unbeaten record. Rose averaged about 60 points per game. The Under 15 team were runners-up in their division, and the Under 14s were third.

The most encouraging aspect of Junior Basketball has been the success of the mini-Basketball organised in the first and second years. 2N and 1W won in their respective groups.

M. D. MOON

A CHASE OVER THE MOOR

The silent mist swirling, curling as a cat,

Hindering, but helping

A piece of grey cloth thrown over the world,

Silken, flowing cloth.

Falling down, getting up,

Cut arms, cut legs

Hiding place,

Potholes.

The creepy mist chilling the blood,

The wind and mist a silvery ghost,

Or the mist as a dancer, prancing and pouncing.

Being chased over moor as a fox is by hounds,

Short breaths, short strides,

Racing to a goal,

Over hill, through river,

Stop to rest.

D. REEVES, 3W

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB, 1979

In the hardest winter for many years the adverse weather conditions brought about a rather sudden decline in C.C.C. fortunes. However, this does not alter the fact that stalwart team members turned out in wind, rain and snow to support the school in what is not, perhaps, our most popular sport. The season was not without success, though, with S. R. F. Barrett and K. J. Holmes representing Devon in the All-England Championships.

Although the junior team only had slightly more success than the seniors, their obvious enthusiasm manifested itself in the form of regular weekly training sessions. With the prospect of continued support from Gibby, Lang and Northam and encouragement from Messrs. Burton and Dickens, without whom these pleasures would be denied us, the CCC has reached a turning point, I will not say that it is the end, nor is it the beginning of the end, but it is the end of the beginning.

S. J. TINNEY

BADMINTON CLUB

This season only three matches were played against other schools, owing to various fixtures being cancelled. The school won two of them.

C. Hunt and N. Rutter were both selected for training with the Devon County squads, in the Under 19 and Under 16 respectively. C. Hunt, representing the school, also won the Plymouth and District Under 19 Singles Tournament.

For the first time badminton was included in the inter-house St. Levan Shield competition at senior level, and the tournament was very successful. The result was 1st Drake, 2nd Gilbert, 3rd Grenville and 4th Raleigh.

Next year it is hoped that years four to six will be able to play regularly at lunchtimes.

J. C. SMITH

TENNIS REPORT

The tennis year was more enjoyable than successful. Only one inter-school match was won, but there were improved performances in the Devon and Plymouth Schools' championships. Occasions of a more light-hearted nature saw the school plummet to defeat against Devonport High School for Girls and Notre Dame, when concentration for some inexplicable reason was lacking and the team's motives were questionable.

The annual match against the staff provided the occasion for both sides to try and emulate the Wimbledon Prima Donnas, and the players were more concerned with the mysterious psychological aspects of the game, neglecting to hit the ball. Unfortunately the staff emerged as sound winners, totally due to underhand tactics.

A highlight of the year was the promise shown by the younger members of the Club, Perrin and Palmer, who, along with captain Tim Roper and secretary Paul Robertson, will return next year, and greater success is almost guaranteed.

The team was organised with patience by Mr. Watson and we are very grateful both to him and to his car.

PAUL S. ROBERTSON

THE TABLE-TENNIS CLUB

The team knew that it would be a difficult task to follow on from the victory in the past two years in the Plymouth Schools' Handicap League. After an excellent start to the season with a 9-0 win, the handicap rule came into operation. This resulted in our downfall, as it was made obvious, by our handicaps, that the League did not want us to win for the third successive year.

With just a handful of narrow victories and draws, the now-depleted team played extremely well to finish fifth overall in the League.

Many thanks must go to Mr. Evans for taking over the table-tennis club, and to Mr. Moon for the use of the school equipment and the Hall. Let us hope that the success of previous years will be repeated in the years to come.

M. J. WILLIAMS

DIRGE

So strange, so stange.
You gave me your parchment hand
—I wrote my name—
your acorn necklace to keep 'til we meet again
you gave me your faith in my art,
your ageing, wide mouth,
and you gave me my heart.
So old—too old.
The acorns fall from your bouquet string
—my head aches cold—
in the night I would touch your bleeding feet again
your stained, vellate image, sad and tall—
I gave you nothing.
It was never so strange at all.

W. CONNOLLY

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

After a slow start to the year we soon had regular debates with St. Dunstan's Abbey and Stoke Damerel High School for girls. The topics debated ranged from 'Britain has nothing to offer on a World scale' and 'Abortions are not necessary' to 'Females are inferior to Males', which all

the girls voted against despite being brilliantly out-argued by Mr. Milton and our society; of course the males, being unbiased, voted for the motion.

Despite this, and other provocative titles such as 'Rape is provoked by the Female', relationships between our schools steadily improved throughout the year. This culminated in a hockey match between our Debating Society and that of St. Dunstan's, which resulted in a three-all draw, in spite of our ignorance of the correct rules.

Thanks are due to all those who helped to make this year a success—particularly Mr. Burrows, Mr. Bassett and Mr. Pengelly who gave up time in the evenings to allow us to debate.

IAIN ELLIOT, Secretary

CHRISTIAN UNION

This year the Christian Union has enjoyed a varied and lively existence with the continuation of activities initiated in previous years. We have had an overwhelming success with the C.U. coffee bars, which are now held on a more regular basis than last year. At these, many varied topics were discussed, from U.F.O.s to the permissiveness of our society—all, of course, from a Christian viewpoint.

Our normal Wednesday meetings have also been well supported although, as in previous years, there has been a lack of support in the latter half of the summer term due to examinations. Our link with the parish church of Stoke Damerel is still strong and, under the officiation of Rev. Cryer, we have continued with our school communion services held twice in each term.

One new venture this year was a youth week during the Easter break organised for the members of Christian Unions throughout Plymouth. A number of Methodist churches on Dartmoor were commandeered for this week and everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Smith and Mrs. O'Kell for the interest and support they have shown, and also to Rev. Cryer for his advice and without whom the communion services could not have taken place.

P. CLARKE, Chairman

WARGAMES SOCIETY

The Society has continued to thrive and the addition of role playing games to the range currently played by members of the Society has sparked off a sudden blaze of enthusiasm amongst the lower forms and membership has increased two or threefold. The increase in attendance has brought the younger members into contact with the more conventional types of wargame and their interest in this field has developed.

In the last week of the summer term members of the Society visited the Imperial War Museum and the National Army Museum in London, as well as a model shop near the former.

The Wargames Society meets each Saturday morning in the Annexe of the library and a warm welcome is extended to all members of the school with any interest in military history. Meetings commence at 9 a.m. and finish at 1 p.m. Our great thanks go to Mr. Dickens for his continued support, and without whom the visit to London would not have been possible.

M. H. T. SPETTIGUE

197 (Devonport High School) SQUADRON A.T.C.

Changes to the squadron this year include the addition of a purpose-built modelling room, and two new instructors. This, along with flying, gliding, shooting and competition successes, has served to make 1978-79 a most interesting year for the squadron.

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The annual camp for 1978 was held at R.A.F. Lyneham, near Swindon, a Hercules transport base. As well as exercises, visits and so on, the camp was notable for the three hours' flying for everyone, to places such as Bristol, Brize Norton and the Isle of Man. The 1979 camp, to R.A.F. Stanbridge, promises to be just as interesting, and, with overseas camps to Gibraltar and Germany, the summer should prove to be an exciting one.

The most disappointing and regrettable part of the year has been the continuing decline in numbers of D.H.S. members in attendance. With an increasing number of cadets from other areas, it seems that the squadron is in danger of losing its identity with the school. This is despite the fact that recent changes mean that even more attractive activities can take place. In this respect, 1979-80 will probably be a crucial period for our squadron.

Thanks must go again to Flt. Lt. Reed and Mr. Sparks for their running of the squadron.

Sgt. RIMES

TIME

Time only abstract, yet
Ruling our lives
Time now in motion
Continuing like clockwork,
Wound by the need,
For guidance, of man.

Alarm clocks, watches,
Both masters of Time,
Who work at their task,
Though producing nothing,
Save for regular ticks,
Divided by Time.

But Time is their master
For they will be beaten
By better technology,
Who'll serve unwary,
Until a victim of age ;
Yet Time flows on.

When will Time end ?
Will it die with mankind
Or will it live on
To guide yet another ?
For man is Time's creator
But not is dictator.

R. KNIGHT, 4S

THE ST. LEVAN PRESS

Six years ago, a young Scruff was grabbed by a prefect and forced to empty the Printing Group waste-bin. Despite the indignity, the Scruff was intrigued by the Printing Room and he pestered the prefect until he was allowed to join the Group. In those days, very little printing was done at all, and the unfortunate Scruff passed most of the time being hit by the now-famous Chatterton Mallet ; he learnt little of the Art of Printing and all looked hopeless . . .

Then two things happened which were to change the Printing Group for the better : Dr. Phillips arrived to lead the Group out of the wilderness, and the Scruff grew up to become Printing Captain for four years. From then on, the Printing Group went from strength to strength and changes were noticed. The Mallet Torture was abolished, productivity soared, and the Group was able to purchase new type, tools and auxiliary equipment.

Most of the credit must go to Dr. Phillips, for he has given countless hours of his free time to install new type cabinets, decorate the room, and to making sure that orders were completed by the deadline. He stimulated a great deal of interest in printing, and this encouraged Richard Whitell, a former member, to pursue his present career in printing. Let us hope that given time, Doc P will produce further success stories in this field.

To update the story, the Scruff has just relinquished his position as Printing Captain, and the new Printing Captain is David Massey. Nobody will ever know how much that Scruff contributed to the progress of the Printing Group, for modesty forbids him to tell... But I know, for I was that Scruff.

JON MASSEY

THE CHESS CLUB

Due to the time, energy and enthusiasm supplied by David Curno (M6S) the Chess Club, while not actually thriving, continued, well supported, throughout the year. The Club will continue in its present form next year.

The inter-House competition was not an unqualified success owing to the reluctance of both Seniors and Juniors to conclude their matches. Indeed, the Senior contest was never completed. However, the number of keen Junior members of the school should ensure the survival of both the Club and the competition.

Thanks must also go to Mr. Borbon for his support and help.

I. L. JAMIESON

WINE MAKING SOCIETY

Having been "turfed out" of the Chemistry Lab., the Society occupied the old Tuck Shop in the Annexe, where it has continued to thrive. A number of brews were produced during the year, notable amongst which were a Banana and Rosehip sherry produced by the Middle Sixth, and an Apple Rosé made by the whole Sixth Form. This was partly due to the efforts and imagination of D. Curno who supplied all the recipes. Towards the end of the year the Fifth Form began to produce some wines, but due to the 'O'-Levels these were left for the Lower Sixth to complete. There was no Society stall at the Summer Fete because the organisers feared a repeat of last year's Bacchanalian festivities, but no problems were encountered when it came to disposing of the remaining wines.

New members of the Sixth Form will be most welcome at our meetings to replace the departing Middle Sixth. Our thanks go to Doctor Phillips for his patronage, and to the History Department for the use of their tea-room.

J. P. ATTARD

... ONLY HUMAN

To live far away on the South Pole, as far away from the stench of humanity as possible.

Success, I find, is as cold and lonely as the soil of Pluto. Money can make even bastards legitimate. The rush, strain and business is everywhere, clouding my nostrils, like a roll on a kettle drum becoming louder and louder. Yet my enmity brings forth regret. Life is the greatest good and death is the greatest evil... Far worse than death are the wages of cynicism... Life is a business like any other. It's the best special offer of all. It's completely free... We cannot despair of humanity, for we ourselves are only human...

M. O'SULLIVAN

THE SIXTH FORM HUT

At the beginning of the year most of the Middle Sixth were eager to turn the sixth form hut into a luxurious haven from the traumas of sixth form life. I had dreams of a hedonists paradise which would have made even Epicurus and his chums stand and stare. However our eagerness soon abated and the hut quickly degenerated.

Thanks must be extended, however, to the people who did try to make the hut habitable, particularly Mike Hughes, Andy Weymouth and Stu Wittchell.

Just before the Christmas break Dave Behennah, the only aspiring rock star of the sixth form did his best to entertain us in his usual inimitable style in the hut. Also present that day were other well known names from the Plymouth rock scene: Rob Ash and Steve Buckingham known collectively as 'The Fluffy Sheep' and also most notably, 'Garf' Ovey. The proceedings however came to an untimely end due to somebody's decision to turn the power off, without forewarning.

Finally Mr. Simpson is to be thanked for his continued interest in the hut and for supervising the much-heard-of-but rarely-sighted hut committee.

MARK CORNELIUS

VALETE

R. F. ASH: English and American Literature at Kent University.

S. BARRET: Position with the Midland Bank.

M. A. BAXTER: Medicine at Birmingham University.

M. I. BENNET: Economics at King's College, Cambridge, as part of a 1-3-1 sponsorship with G.K.N. Engineering.

S. BRIDGES: After a period in the U.S.A. on the 'Camp America' scheme, accountancy foundation course at Plymouth Polytechnic.

S. BUCKINGHAM: Neurobiology at Sussex University.

P. D. BURNARD: Electrical engineering at Brunel University.

A. S. CANNON: Philosophy and politics at Leeds University.

M. CHATTERTON: Law at Liverpool University.

D. R. COLES: Engineering at Christ's College, Cambridge, with a British Rail sponsorship.

M. COLLARD: Apprenticeship in mechanical engineering for prospective employment with British Rail.

K. CORCORAN: Position with Lloyds Bank.

A. CREBER: Mechanical engineering at Nottingham University, with a Royal Naval sponsorship.

D. CURNO: Natural sciences at Jesus College, Oxford.

J. C. DAVIDSON: Surrey Constabulary.

R. DAVIES: Basic medical sciences at the Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff.

I. ELLIOT: Computer engineering at Heriot-Watt University.

P. EVANS: Royal Air Force.

S. EVANS: Position with Barclays Bank.

B. GARNISH: Applied biology at Brunel University.

D. J. GOODFELLOW: Zoology at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.

P. M. HARRIS: Mathematics at Christ's College, Cambridge.

M. A. HUGHES: Electronic and electrical engineering at Loughborough University, with a possible Army cadetship.

C. R. HUNT: Position with Lloyds Bank.

- P. LEWIS: Mathematics at Imperial College, London.
- N. W. LILLICRAP: Royal College of Music, London.
- J. MASSEY: Newspaper journalism at the South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education.
- D. MATCHETT: Position with the Trustee Savings Bank.
- T. McShane: Position with Lloyds Bank.
- A. J. MEATON: Position with the Midland Bank.
- A. G. MEATYARD: Psychology at Loughborough University.
- A. MEDWAY: French and German combined Honours at Leeds University.
- V. MESWANIA: Mechanical engineering at Plymouth Polytechnic.
- T. E. MILLS: Modern History at Magdalen College, Oxford.
- R. MUSTARD: Optician with the Co-operative Society after a three-year correspondence course.
- A. NIX: Midland Bank sponsorship at Loughborough University.
- M. V. O'SULLIVAN: History at Bristol University.
- K. J. POPE: Position with Barclays Bank.
- M. PORTER: Law at Sheffield University.
- M. RETALLACK: Seeking a University place through the U.C.C.A. clearing system.
- P. J. REYNOLDS: Guy's Hospital medical school.
- K. RUNDLE: Commerce at Birmingham University.
- P. SHORT: Medicine at University College, London.
- R. T. F. SARGENT: Mechanical engineering at Nottingham University.
- N. STANBURY: Natural sciences at Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- P. STEWARD: Geography and geology combined Honours at Keele University.
- T. TELFER: Marine biology and oceanography at Bangor.
- T. THOMAS: Police cadetship.
- M. J. WAUGH: Computing at U.M.I.S.T., with a Kitchener Scholarship.
- K. WERNHAM: Law at Downing College, Cambridge.
- A. WEYMOUTH: Mathematics and education at Loughborough University.
- A. WHITE: Computer studies at Plymouth Polytechnic.
- J. WHITEFIELD: Trainee computer programmer with S.W.E.B.
- T. P. WHITEMAN: Trainee computer programmer with the Co-operative Society.
- P. H. WILLIAMS: Total technology and mechanical engineering at Imperial College, London.
- S. B. WITCHELL: English and philosophy at Leeds University.
- I. WOODS: Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.
- NOTE: In many cases careers and positions for higher education are dependent upon 'A'-Level results.

PRIVILEGE

What is privilege? Privilege is when you can stroll casually into the Headmaster's Office, choose the most comfortable chair, and spend the day asleep in it without any fear of punishment, your boldness greeted by smiles.

Privilege is when you can walk cheerfully across the school stage in the middle of prayers, pausing only to groom yourself on the way, showing no concern for the act of worship, or the group of staff who would normally be furious at such a blatant interruption.

Privilege is when you can make your way along all the rows of girls on Opera night, brushing against their legs without fear of a slapped face, receiving tickles and words of endearment from all of them, and being allowed to sit on each of their laps in turn.

Privilege is when small boys fight over who should give you a share of his chocolate biscuit, and when you are the most popular personality in Devonport High School.

Privilege is being the School Cat . . .

JON MASSEY

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The A.G.M. was held at the Magnet Restaurant on Friday, 20th April, 1979, but the change from late December resulted in a very poor attendance in spite of the use of all possible local publicity. In consequence it was agreed to hold the next A.G.M. on Thursday, 27th December, 1979 at 7.30 p.m. at the Magnet Restaurant.

The Annual Dinner/Dance is this year being held on 29th September, 1979 at the Continental Hotel in conjunction with the Rugby Club, who celebrate their 50th Anniversary on that day. It is hoped that many Rugby players who have played over the fifty years will be attending, including several founder members.

A successful darts evening was held at the London Inn, Plympton, with the Staff, and further skittles and darts matches are being organised.

Last year's cricket matches were cancelled, but an enjoyable match with a Plymouth 'A' XI was lost in the last over, and the match against the Staff is due to be played at Peverell Park shortly.

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The Annual General Meeting was held in November, 1978 and was once again attended by the stalwarts of the Branch.

After the disappointment of having to cancel the 1978 dinner due to lack of support, I am pleased to report that this most enjoyable event was revived this year. Perhaps this was due partly to changing the venue back to the Francis Hotel. We were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and his wife, Eric and Joan Warn and Paul Miller, Chairman of the London Branch. It was good to see Don and Rita Warden safely back from Iran. Murray Widdecombe was unable to attend this year's dinner as he was electioneering in Burnley where his daughter stood (unfortunately unsuccessfully) as the Conservative candidate at the General Election. Apologizing in advance for his absence he promised the opposition "one hell of a fight."

One familiar face missing from the Dinner was that of Claude Hosking, our President, who passed away on 26th April, 1978. Claude died at the age of 82 and he actually left school in 1911! A truly old Old Boy he was a staunch member of the Bath and Bristol Branch and he will be sadly missed.

The annual Skittles Match versus the Old Suttonians could not be played this year because the bad weather had played havoc with many fixtures in the Bath area and a suitable venue could not be found.

We are looking forward to the annual visit of the two winners of the Bath and Bristol bursaries who are due to visit Bath in July.

R. W. LOCK

O.B.A. Personal Notes

P. J. JEWELL, who attended the school between 1968 and 1975, has obtained a 2/1 Honours Degree in Economics and Social Studies at Surrey University and proceeds to Imperial College, London, to further research.

A. H. PENGELLY has been made Hon. Fellow in Oral History at Exeter University. This is a new departure and is the first in the country.

Squ.-Ldr. R. PENGELLY was sadly killed in June while piloting the prototype 'Tornado' combat aeroplane. In 1973 he had gained the Air Force Cross, and in 1977 was awarded the Queen's Commendation for valuable services in the air for the second time.

Dr. A. W. SIMMONDS, the eldest son of the late H. A. T. Simmonds, is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, and the Institution of Gas Engineers, and is a Senior Fellow of the Institute of Energy. He is now a member of the International Gas Union Committee on the Industrial and Commercial Use of Gas, and is chairman of a Sub-Committee.

Lt.-Cdr. R. M. EVANS (1955-62) a helicopter pilot is now enjoying life as an Officer of the Queen's Flight. He is living in Oxfordshire.

Hat Trick

It is well known that before, and after, the Second World War, a large proportion of D.H.S. Old Boys entered the Services and Civil Service—many of the latter joining the Admiralty—now part of the Ministry of Defence. The situation has just arisen that the three Deputy Directors of the Armament Supply and Management Services Directorate were Old Boys of the School.

Mr. S. G. Morgan, who retired in June, left school in 1936, worked first for the Health Department of the City Council and then served for over 40 years in many parts of the world, including a period when he was commissioned into the R.N.V.R., becoming Deputy Director in charge of Management Services from which post he retired to stay in the Bath area.

Mr. J. A. Hawkins left school in 1939, and via the Executive examination joined the Armament Supply Department serving all over the world during and after the war, including a period when he was commissioned in the R.N.V.R. He now controls all Surface Armament, and the computer applications in the Department. He lives in Bath and has two married sons.

Mr. D. P. Miles, who was School Captain in 1949, joined the Admiralty Prime Minister's Office in Swaziland. He is now the Deputy Director responsible for Underwater Armaments, and has two sons, the elder being at London University.

D. P. MILES

Old Boys' Rugby Club

The 1978/9 season was a very successful one until the last two months. At the start of March we were in the semi-final of the Lockie Cup and had only lost a handful of matches. The feeling in the club was that in our Golden Jubilee season we would finally win the trophy which had eluded us in three previous finals. Unfortunately we played badly against O.P.M.s and did not even reach the final round. This seemed to demoralise some players and several defeats followed which left the season's record looking only moderately successful. Nevertheless, creditable performances were registered in 'Jubilee' matches against Devon Under 21s, Plymouth Albion Extras and Plymouth and District Combination, the last of which the Old Boys defeated.

We were fortunate in our trip to Twickenham in that we saw England gain their only victory of the season, and a close one at that, against France. Brian Sherrell retains the captaincy for next season and training will again be at the school on Thursday evenings. One of the highlights of next season will without question be the Golden Jubilee Dinner to be held at the Continental Hotel on September 29th. It is hoped that the Rugby Club can continue as successfully for another fifty years as it has done for the first half century.

G. K. SIMPSON

Old Boys' Soccer Club

The two Old Boys' teams enjoyed contrasting fortunes this season. The 'A' team, under the new management of Peter Cause, finished fourth in the Premier Division of the Combination League—an excellent achievement! The 'B' team struggled for most of the season but, largely due to a late rally, escaped relegation into Division Three—to our great relief. There were, however, a number of disturbing aspects this year. Firstly, the vast sums of money involved in running an amateur football club became more difficult to raise and we are entirely dependent upon the hard work and good will of Martin Hunt and the players who organise profitable ventures; it is an onerous task. The number of bona fide Old Boys who are playing for the Club has decreased this year and, allied to this, there has been a far less satisfactory disciplinary record. When one thinks of the outstanding footballers which the school has produced over the last few years, it is a great shame that so few are joining their Club when they can be assured of an opportunity to play a good class of football with excellent facilities. Training takes place at school every Wednesday evening and it would be nice to welcome some familiar faces!

A. WROATH



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