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EDITORIAL

The Headmaster doubtless will refer to the new Sixth-Form area in his own résumé of the highly successful Appeal's progress. However, as one of its first benefactors, I feel it appropriate to offer an initial impression of the scheme, founded on first-hand experience.

"Save and Prosper" could not describe its achievements better. A year ago, before the transformation had occurred, the Sixth-Form had no area to call their own. Study and repose were shared with the remainder of the School. Library facilities, for instance, were restricted, silence impossible to maintain, and often interrupted by younger pupils, as yet ignorant of the pressures of examinations. Middle-sixth form rooms, although by no means intolerable, were cramped, and unsuitable for sustained periods of intensive study.

Silence now reigns golden. Prevention of juniors entering the area has resolved the irritating problem of interruptions, whilst the installation of the charells and lighted work-tops has increased comfort, and removed distractions. Occupants are encouraged to work individually and without disturbance. Although the problem of people passing through the corridor has not yet been resolved satisfactorily, noise has been reduced to a minimum, whilst working output heads towards a maximum. In those final few months of sixth-form life, as the dreaded 'A' Levels loomed ominously near, the new facilities greatly helped to abate the impending storm.

The addition of the Lower and Middle School Libraries have focused attention off the Main School Library, even at lunch-times. The plans have channelled away distractions, and ensured Sixth-Formers have ample opportunity to study productively. Similarly, the Lower-Sixth common-room provides a welcome relaxation and assembly point, as well as facilitating communication and career data hand-out. Centralization has opened the door to improved efficiency. Everything benefits the Sixth-Form.

Credit must be given to the governors and donors for such a widespread triumph already. Further improvement is planned to augment recent completion of the lecture-theatre, and more equipment has been ordered to supplement the invaluable videos, televisions, cassette recorders and slide projectors now in use. The Sixth-former's future can only look bright. Undeniable inconveniences of construction will have been worthwhile. GCE results must surely prosper. The School's endeavours present us with the opportunity—hereon, the ball is very much in our court!

P.G.

THE SCHOOL APPEAL

Since the last issue of the School Magazine the Appeal has been transformed from hopes and plans into solid facilities and equipment. So

good has been the response that it was possible to complete the main part of the project shortly after last Christmas. As a result, we were able to hold an official opening of the new facilities on 11th March. A very good number of parents, old boys and friends came to the occasion and were able to see what had been achieved. We were delighted that the President of our Appeal, Sir Austin Pearce, accompanied by his wife, was able to do us the honour of cutting the ribbon into the Ferraro Library, which bears the plaque commemorating the event on its outside wall. The 'Save and Prosper' Private Study Room was opened by Mr. McCullum, Employee Benefits Manager of the Save and Prosper Group which has given us great support, and we were also very pleased to welcome Mr. J. G. Owen, the Chief Education Officer of Devon.

That has not seen the end of our concern to improve the School's facilities. The Development Fund, having now received over £43,000, has also been able to promote the reconstruction of one large classroom for lecture and projection work, capable of seating a whole year group or the sixth form. The new Lecture Room came into use at half term in the Summer Term and work is now in hand to convert another room into a computer centre, ready for the introduction of computing into the curriculum in September.

We, and pupils entering the School for a long time to come, are very greatly indebted to all those who by their contributions, their hard work, and their goodwill have made these very valuable improvements possible.

THE HEADMASTER SCHOOL NOTES

September 1980 saw the welcome arrival of Mrs. Porter, to teach Chemistry, Mrs. L. Dart, Teacher-Librarian and Mr. C. Trueman, History Teacher. Each has already made an enormous contribution to the life of the School.

At Christmas, Mrs. Okell, Head of Biology left us. Her personal vigour and happy enthusiasm have been missed, but Dr. P. Jenkins, now recovered from his climbing accident, has been able to fill her post.

Mr. Dingle left the Maths. Department at the same time in order to enter family business: he has made a fine contribution since he joined us nearly ten years ago.

The loss of such stalwarts left quite a gap in the ranks of the staff but fortunately excellent help was at hand and Mrs. Perris and Mrs. Brannan have assisted with Biology and Mr. K. Gautama with Maths. These temporary members of staff said farewell in the summer, as did old boy, Mr. D. Rose, who admirably taught classics whilst a vacancy in that department was being filled. All departed with the grateful thanks of the staff.

Mrs. P. Forsythe who had previously taught English and French on a temporary basis, became a permanent member of staff last year. After only one year she moved to our sister School.

SPEECH DAY

Another good year for the School in so many fields of activity, although with continued effort and hard work such success could be equalled or bettered. Such was the Headmaster's message to the School, delivered at the Guildhall during the annual Speech Day in December. He explained how the success of the Appeal and the 'Devon County Show' exhibit demonstrated, as two prime examples, the growing stature of the School.

Mr. Farrow's musicians repeated the popularity of previous years by presenting an imaginative and compelling programme that was received warmly by an attentive audience. The guest speaker, Professor Wragg, continued in a similar vein. The atmosphere of the whole evening was enlivened by his subtle humour, dwelling unmaliciously on the 'Devon Education Committee'.

However, on a more serious note he warned that any career now requires a higher standard of qualifications, and to achieve this a rigorous path of study must be set and followed.

Prize-giving passed off without any problems, under the watchful guidance of Mr. MacTavish and Mr. Osborne. To our amusing speaker, Professor Wragg, the Headmaster, the Lord Mayor, and his platform party, as well as Mr. Farrow, go our grateful thanks for one of the most popular Speech Days for years.

J. D. E. ST. AUBYN

PUBLIC SPEAKING

This has been a particularly successful year for the public speaking competitions, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken part in the various competitions in which we have taken part.

The season started well, when we entered two teams in the first round of the 'Rotary Youth Public Speaking Competition' in December. The senior team consisted of David Riggs, Paul Wood and Graham Prisk; the juniors of Roger Saunders, David Miller and Andrew Spring. Both won their section and moved forward to the district finals in April. Success again was achieved. The senior team secured the Okehampton Trophy, and the juniors battled valiantly to come fourth against very tough opposition. The jubilant seniors went on to represent 'The Plymouth Rotary Club' in an inter-district final at Exeter in April, where they emulated their earlier achievements, receiving a handsome trophy for their pains.

This run of success was repeated to a certain extent in the two other Public Speaking competitions in which we participated this year. In January, we contested the 'Plymouth Junior Chamber Competition', where again each competitor must be congratulated on his performance. Christopher Hunt, David Miller and Roger Saunders individually qualified to advance to the second round; Miller eventually emerging as the winner of the junior section. As a result, he progressed to the South-West final in Exeter on 25th February, only to be narrowly beaten into second place by a pupil from Millfield.

Two teams also took part in the 'English Speaking Union Competition'. Once again Saunders, Miller and Spring represented the juniors, whilst Owen Williams joined Graham Prisk and Paul Wood for the seniors. After a spirited performance by the junior team, and a dignified one by their elders, the latter ultimately were placed second to the St. Dunstan's team.

I would once again like to thank all those who helped and competed this year, and to congratulate team members both on their performances and their conduct. I look forward to equal success in the next school year.

Mrs. P. J. SHAW

In turn the teams wish to record their thanks to Mrs. Shaw for her enthusiasm and encouragement.

TOAD OF TOAD HALL

A final closing of the curtains to rapturous applause heralded the conclusion of yet another successful school play production at the Globe Theatre in Stonehouse Barracks. The hard efforts of producer, Mr. Burrows, and all his back-stage crew were rewarded admirably by faultless performances on all three nights.

This year's play gave an opportunity for many younger members of the school to act before a large audience—for the first time in most cases—and their response was both mature and promising. Nigel Scorey, for instance, showed great potential in his energetic portrayal of Toad, coping competently with the demands of a leading role. Rat and Mole, played by Roger Saunders and Jimmy Coyle respectively, also performed fluently, Saunders

exulting in a parody of David Bellamy, whilst Coyle accurately presented the timid, unassuming creature, A. A. Milne always intended. The cast's new-comers were guided by the calming influence of sixth-former, Jonathon Dart, who acted Badger's part with great spirit, doing his utmost to contain the exuberance of Toad.

Lower-school members also took the parts of the various other animals, imitating them exactly in both appearance and manner. The remainder of the human characters were acted by the more senior pupils. David Jolly represented one of the 'boys in blue', complete with uniform and walk; David Camp played the dim goaler, possessed of a wide and imaginative vocabulary; Chris Hunt, the Judge, and his side-kick, Shaun Blake, exemplified a corrupt legal system as they declared Toad "guilty until proven innocent", and officiated a trial prolonged only by a recitation from Badger, and a few scuffles between the Chief Weasel, and Mole. Toad's escape from prison was facilitated by several maidens, comically presented, especially by 'Dame' Lewis Harvey.

Thanks must go to members of staff and boys who helped in making the production so successful. The cast remain forever indebted to Mr. Burrows, the driving-force behind the play, whilst the endeavours of Mr. Gibson with the lighting, Mr. Bassett with the splendid set, Mrs. Dart and Mrs. Porter the costumiers, and Messrs Farrow and Southern generally, were much appreciated. Special mention must also go to G. Widger, A. German, M. Mears and A. Babb, all of whom contributed towards yet another first class production.

RICHARD PFEIL, L6C

LA BOHEME

Having never studied nor indeed, enthused in Opera, to appear in "La Bohème", performed by the 'Opera South West Company', was a totally new experience. With Mr. Burrows as producer and Mr. Farrow as musical director—two names synonymous with Devonport High productions—and many of the chorus drawn from our pupils, connections with the school were pleasingly high.

The whole performance soon became most enjoyable for us and undoubtedly for many others, as we familiarised ourselves with the opera and its participants. Indeed, even to our deficient musical knowledge, Puccini's ability to evoke a scene through music was evident throughout.

Although both opera and composer have received much justifiable praise through the ages, it was particularly satisfying that the production itself secured noted commendation from Harvey Crane of the 'Western Evening Herald', especially for the second act, the principal Devonport involvement, which was singled out as a fine depiction of a crowded, Christmas Eve street.

Success all round then, though the effort and frequent rehearsals began to bring out the tension felt by the cast, producer and even outwardly composed musical director towards the climax.

So the work that had been put in by the entire cast, and indeed all who took part, was rewarded not only by the success of the venture, (a complete sell-out), but, more importantly, the enjoyment of participating—it's a pity the opera itself does not possess such a happy ending.

ANDREW MILLIGAN and ANDREW STEEDON

LOWER SIXTH FORM ACTIVITIES WEEK

For the fourth year running, the Lower-Sixth, after the strain of their exams (and the trauma of their results), were released for their 'activities week'. Apart from a series of lectures at Marjons, presented by the U.N., and the annual pilgrimage to Stratford (which is documented in detail elsewhere), these activities were designed to introduce us to several outdoor pursuits, while at the same time sorting out the men from the mice, as it were.

The Dartmoor expedition on the Tuesday and Wednesday, including a night on the moor, was led by Mr. Truman, and the indomitable Mr. Southern. The trek over the rugged, boggy terrain proved, as always, to be a great success, while providing many amusing moments, especially on the Tuesday evening.

Once more, Mr. MacTavish demonstrated his prowess both in subterranean acrobatics in Radford Caves, and in scaling the Dewerstone in the company of Dr. Jenkins.

Dr. Phillips spent the whole week introducing land-lubbers to the delight of sailing, while at Tin Park Farm a group of budding Harvey Smiths were supervised by Mrs. Pierpoint.

Finally, thank you to all those who helped organise the week, and to those like myself, who, by showing their ineptitude at various activities, managed to give everybody else a good laugh.

JOHN HOOPER

SIXTH FORM HUT

This year's Middle-Sixth made every effort to ensure the Sixth-Form Hut was habitable. On the whole, we succeeded.

Work started during last year's summer holidays, when willing members collected together enough money to refurbish completely the deteriorating Hut. Working on a rotary system, the interior was stripped down, cleaned out, and given a new lease of life with a fresh coat of paint, and various artistic impressions scattered around the walls. Thanks go to all who helped, including the girls from D.H.S.

A Hut Committee was elected in the Autumn, consisting of Treasurer, D. May, Secretary, G. Prisk, T. Hoy, G. Widger, N. Spiller, M. R. Rose, N. Fewings and S. Bryans. This met regularly to discuss any problems and soon struck up a good rapport with Mr. Attewell. School and Hut Committee combined in December to stage a disco in the School Hall, the proceeds of which were used to purchase a radio-cassette recorder.

Hut facilities were extended by D. May and A. Barkham's generous donations of dart-boards, and new items of furniture, bought with subscription fees. A darts competition was even organised, and, although it eventually petered out, it was an example of the enthusiasm contained within the Hut's four, shaky walls.

Throughout the year the Hut fulfilled its purpose of providing a comfortable, secluded common-room for the Sixth-Form students it housed, but it also gave much useful experience of simple administration. All occupants wish to thank the Headmaster and Mr. Attewell for their co-operation.

N. SPILLER, M6C

DEVONPORT INCORPORATED PRODUCTS

A YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY

In September 1980 two groups of lower sixth pupils, representatives of boys and girls at respective Devonport High Schools, met in the canteen of Fine Tubes Limited, to form and operate a company. This was to be the nucleus of what was later known as 'Devonport Incorporated Products', which for the third year in succession, was sponsored and hosted by Fine Tubes Limited, providing advisors and facilities.

Parents and friends were invited to become shareholders in the company at a price of twenty-five pence per share. After considerable debate, it was agreed that we should produce decorative waste-paper bins as a main line. Meanwhile, a small research and development team was established to investigate production of executive toys and other items, using stainless steel tubing, supplied from scrap by the sponsor company.

The waste-paper bin consisted of an inner pot covered in a fur lining, together with a face, arms and legs. As the majority of the workforce

could not sew, production tended to be both difficult and slow. Then, as time progressed and the novelty of sewing up arms and legs had long since worn off, apathy further hindered manufacture.

High production costs meant £100 capital had to be raised initially from our shareholders. This we did, only to reduce it to the negligible sum of £6.78 through overheads. Originally the management board agreed to pay a dividend of 50%, but it soon became obvious that this was quite unrealistic, and so was amended to 20%. This left the company with the daunting problem of recouping £120 to repay shareholders at liquidation. However, an extensive sales programme, involving some rather unorthodox methods, ensured that, after V.A.T. and Corporation Tax, we reached our expected target.

On 6th March, nineteen company members, executive and workforce sat the national 'Young Enterprise Examination'. Six obtained a credit and the remainder a pass. These results proved to be the best from the Plymouth area.

The object of the project was to learn about the rolls of industry and management. The fact that all twenty-nine original members finished the course, emphasizes the enthusiasm and interest displayed in the exercise. It had fulfilled its purpose.

D.I.P. wishes to thank the advisers; Messrs Johnson, Crocker and Crump of Fine Tubes Limited, for the use of their facilities and Mr. E. Attewell for co-ordinating the venture.

S. CLARKE (Managing Director)

THE PIRMASENS TRIP

After many months of careful consideration, thoughtful planning and enthusiastic fund-raising, I departed from an overcast Plymouth on April 20th aboard the 0650 train destined for London, and, hopefully, the sun. At Victoria, I took the boat-train to Dover, where the ferry was ready to transport me to Ostende. Unfortunately I soon found out that a life on the ocean wave did not agree with me, and was relieved when, after a twenty-six hour journey, including a two-hour wait in dreary Mannheim, I finally reached my goal, Pirmasens, in southern Germany, close to the French Border.

I was met by Herr Speer, the father of the host family, who drove me to their home in Vinningen, a small village in the "Shoe Metropolis" of Germany. The family consisted of mother, Rita, father, Martin, and three children: Gudula, 15, Gerhard, 14, and Christina, 9. I was made very welcome in their large house, equipped with such luxuries as a table-tennis table, a well in the garden, and two bathrooms, to name but a few.

I was shown around many of the surrounding landmarks like the old castles at Burg Berwartstein and Trifels, where 'Richard the Lionheart' was imprisoned. We also visited Eppenbrun, Kashofen and Reideburg, where we fished successfully for trout, at six in the morning! All this was in addition to visits to the Catholic Church, the cinema and the local football ground. The highlight undoubtedly though, was watching Liverpool beat Bayern Munich on the television, improving my command of everyday German at the same time.

My search for bright weather was not a complete success. In fact I savoured all variations of the elements—rain, snow, hail, wind, and even some sun. The neighbouring families were very kind, all wishing to meet the young Englishman and try out their fragmented English, which meant many new friendships were formed. Before my departure, I was presented with many gifts; books about the region from, of all people, The Lord Mayor, and a pewter plaque containing the coat of arms of the family. My pride and joy was a presentation box from the local Parkbrau brewery, containing cans and bottles of beer, matches, playing cards, biro, bottle openers and five magnificently designed glasses.

At midnight on May 4th, I took my leave loaded down with souvenirs and fantastic memories of a stay which I both enjoyed and benefited from. As a result of the trip, my attitudes towards both German as a subject and the Germans as people have changed completely. I appreciate the fact that without the efforts of Mr. Jones, and the generosity of the school, this trip would not have been possible. To them, as well as to my hosts, I send my grateful thanks.

STEVEN HOWELL, L6D

TERM STUDY IN BAVARIA

As do most sixth-formers who embark on an 'A-Level' Modern Languages Course, I found my experience of German sadly inferior to my French. In the third and fourth forms, my French had been improved greatly by the 'Pont L'Abbe Exchange,' and so, after a talk with Mr. Jones, I decided to apply a similar 'treatment' to my German. Accordingly I wrote off to 'The Cultural Interchange Service,' which had arranged a stay in Germany for Alan Medway three years earlier.

Having sent off an application form, I waited for the details to arrive. Six months later, and only two weeks before my anticipated departure, the arrangements, notice of destination and expected date of arrival came through my letter-box. Fortunately, the German Student Travel Service came to my rescue, speedily arranging transport, and, on 4th May, I set off for Simbach, on the Inn in South Bavaria. The journey went as planned except for a four hour wait in Munich railway station, due to the 'Internationaler Schnellzug' not being 'schnell' enough, by five minutes to be precise.

Simbach is a delightful little town of about fifteen thousand inhabitants, living directly on the River Inn, which forms the border between West Germany and Austria. The house of the Grundwurmers (which I first translated into "earth-worms," but was later told meant "stream-dwellers") the family with whom I was to spend the three months, is large and well situated between town and country. I was introduced to the family, which consisted of Orpha and Oma, Herr and Frau Grundwurmer, Rita, 19, Hans, 18, and Richard, 17. Richard attended the 'Realeschule,' but the two elder children went with me to the 'Tassick Gymnasium', our equivalent of a Grammar school.

The 'Tassick Gymnasium' is more of an experience than a school. It is of a modern design in contrast to D.H.S.. Situated in the country, it has a large sports field and gardens for recreation. Every room in the school has: a sink and tap, air-conditioning, audio-visual equipment, wall-to-wall carpeting, automatic blinds and windows, together with thermostatically controlled heating. In the changing rooms, there are individual showers and body and hair dryers. The Modern Language laboratories are equipped with forty desks, each with an array of buttons, dials, switches and digital read-outs, and adorned with headgear and microphones. I haven't yet learnt how to use these, but the other pupils handled them dextrously. For my part, I was left with an impression not unlike that of 'Mission Control' at Houston.

One thing that Bavaria undoubtedly possesses is character. The huge forests, the peculiar mixture of primitive and modern life, and the craggy Alps form a magnificent backdrop to the beautiful countryside. I have been fortunate to spend my stay with a very good-natured family, people who have generously shown me the sights, including visits to the Alps themselves, Munich, Innsbruck, Passau and many other interesting places. I haven't the space to provide descriptions of all these—you'll just have to come for yourselves!

(A letter from) JONATHON DART, L6C

PARIS TRIP

On Wednesday 25th March, a party of nearly fifty boys set off from Devonport bound for Paris. Amid a babble of excitement and general high-spirits, the travellers sped on their way towards Southampton. After a brief stop at Bridport, we arrived at the 'port of embarkation,' and proceeded to board the ferry at 10.00 p.m. By about 1.00 a.m., most people had found a place to sleep (or to try to!), although some preferred to while away the early hours, locked in mortal combat with an array of 'Space Invader' machines.

Refreshed by a fried breakfast and coffee, we left the ferry at 7.30 a.m., and the coach hurtled on its way from Le Havre to Paris, whilst the majority tried to catch up on lost sleep.

On the capital's outskirts, everyone was awoken in preparation for the tour of the great city, steeped in all its romance, tradition and culture. Having passed first through La Defense: a new town to the west of 'gay Paris', possessed of an infinite range of multicoloured apartment blocks, and bizarre office buildings, we headed for our premier destination, 'Le Palais de Chaillot.' En route, we circled the 'L'Arc de Triomphe,' trying hard to avoid the crazed French motorists. From 'La Palais de Chaillot,' many boys ventured across the Seine to the Eiffel Tower, where the affluent amongst the party paid twenty-two francs to scale its dizzy heights, but were at least rewarded by a breath-taking, forty-four mile, panoramic view.

Next on the agenda was the 'Notre Dame Cathedral,' where sojourners luncheoned, and purchased a few souvenirs. A quick coach drive then took us to the 'Pompidou Museum of Modern Art' with its remarkably unusual architecture. Before our evening meal, there was a short tour of the 'Montmartre,' the square of oils and canvas, followed by a visit to 'Le Sacre Coeur.' Wearied but contented, we began to retrace our steps to 'Le Havre,' as the sinking sun haloed the city in a fiery glow.

Fortunately, the return crossing was calm, and the journey back to Plymouth was quiet, the initial clamour subsiding as fatigue started to take its inevitable toll.

The trip was enjoyed by all, and I am sure fellow-travellers will join in thanking Mr. Simpson for organising and ensuring a 'bon voyage.' Thanks are also extended to Messrs. Jones, Sandercock and Watson for supervising.

LEWIS HARVEY, L6B and DAVID CAMP, L6C

PONT-L'ABBE EXCHANGE

At Easter last year, seven French boys spent thirteen days with D.H.S. partners, whilst girls from the same Bretagne school passed the time with Stoke Dameral correspondents.

The overnight crossing had been quite rough, making them late on arrival in Plymouth. Once safely on English soil, the French guests explored Plymouth and the surrounding region, paying visits to the Hoe, Citadel, Aquarium, and other such places of interest. The weather kept fair and a good time was had by all.

Our party left for France at 8 a.m. on the 17th July from Millbay Docks. After a pleasant crossing, we arrived at Roscoff at about 2.30 p.m., and travelled the remaining 96 kms to Pont-L'Abbe by coach. Our French partners hosted us for two weeks, during which we toured the sights, such as Quimper, Concarneau, Benodet, and a local, spiral 'phare.' Everybody managed to muddle by on their limited French vocabulary, and all agreed the whole trip was both successful and enjoyable.

Thanks must go in this respect to Mr. Greenhalgh, for his organising ability and enthusiasm. The scheme remains an indispensable aid to a French 'O' Level candidate's education.

A. TAYLOR

USA EXCHANGE 1981

During the Easter "vacation," I, together with thirty other students (twenty-five girls, and five boys!), set out for the sunny climes of Central California to experience the "American way of life." Each of us was destined to stay with an American student and his/her family, becoming a resident United States citizen, although with San Francisco just six miles away, the chance to become a 'tourist,' and explore the city would not be ignored.

In the first week of my stay, I attended the local High School. The school day starts at 8.30 a.m. and continues until 2.45 p.m. with a lunch break of forty minutes. This leaves the rest of the afternoon free, allowing the student to enjoy the best part of the day. Pupils also have the choice of doing their homework in the afternoon and leaving the evening free. The typical American High School contains about fifteen hundred students and resembles a University campus. It has its own sports-track, swimming pool, and all the latest teaching aids, enabling it to offer a very wide range of courses, from Russian to car repair.

The atmosphere in the school is very relaxed and pupils are given a great deal of freedom, the attitude being, if they wish to succeed they will work. Discipline is fairly low key, but is enforced by a respect for the teachers.

Young Americans spend their leisure time in much the same way as we do, although an excessive amount is spent in the ice-cream parlours. The range of ice-cream is phenomenal, and I would challenge anyone to eat an "Earthquake," the largest one, cold. Young people in California are much more mobile than their British counterparts, due to the driving age being sixteen years, and lessons being subsidized by the School and free. However, not many people can afford their own car, although that doesn't really matter when dad allows you to borrow his B.M.W. to drive to the beach in.

Whenever one thinks of California, immediately an image of rills of golden sand, littered with beautiful, bronzed girls springs to mind. In reality, one's illusions tend to be, if not shattered, badly contorted. The sand is more a shade of grey, the sea is rather chilly, and, apart from the odd exception, the girls are fairly average. When the weather is hot, hordes of people stream down to the beaches, as it is for them an escape from the dirt and grime of the city, just as it is to us.

I have only briefly mentioned some of my observations while in California; to comment on them all would take a whole book! I would like to say though, that this type of exchange is much more valuable and enjoyable than an everyday package tour, as it enables one to become acquainted with and understand the people better. Brontë wrote: "Prejudices are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education," and so I would like to ask you never to prejudge anyone until you actually meet them, as many of us do towards the Americans.

Finally, I would like to thank the Devon Education Authority, Mr. Attewell for his kind and much appreciated help, Patsy who kept me amused on the airplane and, of course, Tim Sheiner and his family for putting up with me for three weeks.

C. HUNT, L6A

TEN TORS

Just before Christmas, several members of the fourth year began training for the thirty-five mile route of the 'Ten Tors Expedition.' As the actual event neared, it became apparent that three of these would have to join the Senior, forty-five mile team, which, at that time, had trained only lightly.

A few days before the hike, the two teams were announced by our invaluable team manager, Mr. Southern. The senior team consisted of Gareth Davies, team leader, Paul Salt, Karl Fuller, Robert Knight, Ian

Hodgins and me. Involved in the junior squad were Martin Wiltshire, team leader, Simon Wotton, Neil Gerry, Gary Bell, Chris Broome, and Robert Richards.

The two teams travelled to Okehampton on Friday May 15th, and, after a severe inspection of equipment, and meticulous route planning, we climbed, finally, into our sleeping bags at about eleven in the evening. Next morning, we were woken up by Brass Band music at 4.30 a.m., and within two hours we were at the start.

Over the next two days, the teams experienced some of the worst weather ever faced on a Ten Tors expedition, and it was not surprising that the young senior team found the going tough, losing one of its members on the first day. But the remainder persevered, undaunted if bedraggled, completing the course without injury. Everyone agreed, it was an experience never to be forgotten.

Thanks are extended to the team leaders, Martin and Gareth, and to Mr. Southern, Dr. Phillips, and Mr. MacTavish, who did a great deal to ensure the smooth running of the event, and its undoubted success.

NIGEL SCOREY, 4W

OUTWARD BOUND 1981

LOCH EIL, SCOTLAND

After an arduous journey of some nineteen hours, my choice of Loch Eil became more questionable when three pseudo-Army drill instructors (although in reality Outward Bound Instructors), hustled and bustled the group of unknowns into three waiting mini-buses. The silence during the ensuing ride was an interesting exercise in measuring different people's levels of apprehension, and after a few miles we arrived at the old hunting lodge on a large estate, which was to be our home for the next three weeks.

After the customary introduction of the course and the allocation of the eighty new arrivals into groups of ten—each group being given the name of a famous Scottish Clan—we were introduced to our first taste of what became an integral part of the Loch Eil Outward Bound Course—the food. Immediately after this lunch, we were engaged in all the preliminary activities designed to encourage participants to work as a group unit with absolute faith and trust in fellow team mates. Exercises such as blind jumping into a team mate's cradle of arms did wonders for character training but played havoc with one's digestion. Our team of 10 comprised of three Glaswegians, one from Belfast, two York City professional footballers, one Junior Infantry Leader and two from Birmingham. A mixed 'bunch' who in themselves during the three weeks of the Course provided an insight into various aspects of life which in itself was a valuable part of the Course. Ranging from the lad from Belfast, who registered amazement when he saw the shops without wooden boardings, to the lad from Glasgow who thought that every meal was to be his last!

Day by day, the value of the Course and its activities began to unfold as we progressed from the rope course to the basics of rock climbing in the shadow of Ben Nevis and then to the first of our three expeditions when we spent three days walking and canoeing in the Western Highlands. Between the expeditions, life at the Outward Bound Centre was hectic but good fun, and the day's activities didn't finish until 8.30 p.m. A tremendous team spirit was encouraged at all times. Exhilarating moments included climbing a 126ft. tree, famous on the estate and known as 'Big George', and jumping 25ft. into the raging base of a waterfall in Glen Nevis to the amazement of many tourists who thought we were all insane. This latter reaction immediately encouraged our Instructor to initiate a repeat performance by all of us. With the advent of the second expedition, strength and short-comings were beginning to show amongst the team members, as tolerances were being stretched. Smaller groupings of similar attitudes were now beginning to appear and one had to work harder at the group's objective of staying as a complete team. Periods of community service and preser-

vation duties within the estate grounds were also part of the training. The continued exercises in canoeing, sailing, mountaineering and survival proved to be physically exhausting and no effort was needed to comply with the rule which forbade people to be out during the three week stay, other times other than the controlled expeditions.

The final expedition consisted of a two day mountain walk to Glencoe, where we then transferred to large 3½ ton Sailing Cutters and sailed north through Loch Linhie to Fort William and Loch Eil.

In conclusion, my time spent at Loch Eil was a fantastic experience, and was made more enjoyable due to an insight into some of the activities which I received prior to the Course.

May I thank the Headmaster for his support, the Sir Francis Chichester Trust and the Elize Hele and John Lanyon Foundation for sponsoring me, and I hope that other boys at D.H.S. will take the opportunity to obtain these financial scholarships in the future.

RICHARD D. STOATE, M6D

A VISIT TO STRATFORD UPON AVON

On Monday July 13th, whilst our more Philistine colleagues were busy caving, rock climbing, or throwing each other into the Cattewater, the more cultured element of the Lower-Sixth embarked on the annual visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, to see this year's production, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

After a tedious four and a half hour coach journey, we finally arrived in the celebrated bard's home-town, in the early afternoon. As the performance did not begin until 7.30 p.m., the party had plenty of time to visit various places of interest, go boating on the river, emulate their golfing heroes on the local 'Putting-Green,' mingle with the foreign students, and generally make the best of the fine weather and beautiful surroundings. One of us even ventured a little farther afield, and located 'Ann Hathaway's Cottage' on the town's outskirts.

As for the play itself, it was generally agreed by all to be extremely well produced, and in places, hilariously funny, due mainly to Geoffrey Hutchings portrayal of Bottom, and some very animated performances by the two leading ladies, Jane Carr and Harriet Walter. As one has come to expect, the Company performed the play with imaginative zeal and expressive accuracy.

Whether those of us who struggled with our English Literature 'O' Level would have been able to cope with a 'heavier' production, such as 'King Lear,' is questionable, but as it was the play provided a most entertaining end to a very enjoyable day.

I would like to thank Mr. Burrows for his organisation and supervision, and Mrs. Dart for accompanying us.

JOHN HOOPER, L6

OPERA TRIP 1981

The chances of seeing large-scale opera being performed in the West Country by internationally acclaimed Companies are unfortunately slim. The only other reasonable alternative is simply to go all the way to London. So this is just what a school party did, and, in February, set off to see "Tosca," by Puccini, enacted by the 'English National Opera' at the London Coliseum.

After arriving in London at about 11.30 in the morning, there was still another eight hours to while away before the performance. Therefore the senior members of the School were allowed to spend the afternoon as they wished, whilst the Lower School members were given the choice of either visiting the Science or the Railway Museum, under the careful eye of Mr. Farrow.

The group assembled again at 6.30 p.m. and were given an extremely interesting tour 'back-stage' where we saw all the preparations that have to go into any production of this sort. The London Coliseum itself is beautifully decorated, and it is the perfect setting for any opera. The production of 'Tosca' was splendid, and there were excellent performances from all the cast, who were in fine voice. The whole effect was stunning, doing 'Tosca' full justice, and its haunting melodies and lyricism will not soon be forgotten by all those who attended.

The journey back was uneventful, and, when everyone arrived back on Plymouth Station, all were tired out, but thoroughly satisfied with the long day they had just undergone.

Thanks, however, must be extended to Mr. Farrow, who made this event possible, and maintained peace and order in his usual effective manner.

M. PAGE, L6

THE 'KING LEAR' EXPERIENCE

On the evening of the 7th April, the English 'A' Level students ventured forth seeking enlightenment. Twenty-nine pupils journeyed to Exeter for the production of 'King Lear' at the Northcott Theatre. Once the coach arrived, we soon discovered that the performance would be delayed by half an hour, due to Regan boarding the wrong train and setting off for Salisbury. The time was not ill-spent, as the party acquainted themselves with the theatre, mingled with the crowds and took up their seats in the electric atmosphere of the auditorium.

Distribution of tickets was carefully arranged by Mr. Burrows, and we were treated to a performance of very high quality. Onlookers soon forgot that the stand-in Regan was actually reading her part, and few noticed when she was replaced by the proper actress. It was generally felt that the Bard's words were miraculously brought to life by the standard of acting, with Phil (Quadrophenia) Daniels playing the Fool admirably, and Lear's gradual insanity being depicted to perfection.

There was little complicated scenery and only a few points to criticise adversely; sound effects provided by 'Animal' of the Muppets, the deceased Regan moving her leg to the music and her equally-dead sister, Goneril, left on stage, covered by a sheet, these were only minor blemishes. Throughout, the drama held the audience spellbound.

Alas, all too soon the weary venturers found themselves hurtling through the night to the cultural wasteland of Plymouth. Praise of the playwright was universal, as the trip came to an end.

Our thanks to Mrs. Dart and Mr. Burrows for organising and supervising the trip. As the cliché goes, 'a good time was had by all.'

S. JONES, L6A and L. HARVEY

SCHOOL FETE

Encouraged by last year's success, the P.T.A. increased its range of exhibitions for the 1981 Fête. Not only did the familiar stall and side-shows attract those who braved the cold, overcast, July's day, but they were also greeted by a whole new array of entertainments.

The 'Police Motor Cycle Display Team' enthralled onlookers with their dexterity on a slippery surface, whilst the Laura Youth Band (whose talented musicians averaged only thirteen years of age) relaxed the resultant tension with a repertoire of popular melodies.

The 'Plymouth Morris Men' added fresh colour to the proceedings, dancing about on the Colonnade in their traditional costumes, whilst, in the background, the local Fire-Brigade displayed the mechanical workings of its latest engine to intrepid youngsters. Once more the A.T.C. stall provided an opportunity for inspiring marksmen, golfers practised on the 'greens' of the soccer-field, and both the 'Wargames Society' and 'Stamp Club' utilised the opportunity to present exhibitions of their respective pastimes.

Parents again rose to the occasion with their usual zeal, ensuring the proceedings ran smoothly. Their efforts did not pass unrewarded, and the school remains indebted to them for the £1,150 raised. The ambitious extension of the programme proved a complete success, but one could not help feeling that if the murky drizzle had been replaced by radiant sunshine, then this year's fête possessed the ingredients for being the best on record.

PETER GREGORY, M6C

THE GRANDFATHER CLOCK

Permanently, regally, he stands, the aged Grandfather Clock,
In the grand banquet-hall of some ageing country-squire.
He has resided with the family for more than two hundred years
And his carved oak-panelled cabinet and faded face speak of Times Past.
His steady, reliable pendulum-swing of Time Present,
And at every hour precisely, his awesome timeless chime
Resounds heralding in a new age —

The Age of Times Future:
This guardian, elder statesman, considers contemptuously
The worthless grandeur of squire and hall as they decay falling
Between Times Past, Present and Future into a bottomless abyss
Of forgotten memories. For his place is unquestionably assured:
He is Time, answerable to none, Vanquisher of all.

PAUL GRIBBELL, 5N

A VIEW OF THE LOWER SCHOOL

About a year ago, the new batch of green-clad 'scruffs' arrived from various institutions around the city. They were put in the capable charge of Mr. Bowden who encouraged them to take part in, and enjoy the activities of the Lower School.

In the single, eventful year most have settled in and have completed the first year in the last phase of their compulsory education. I shall endeavour to capture the essence of the year's activities in these few lines.

The Rugby Season was very successful as all three years managed to crush the meagre opposition from other Plymouth schools. I was involved in many of the Second Form's struggles, until a broken arm, sustained in the match with St. Boniface's College, curtailed my season. The noble second year challenged the new first years to a "friendly" game, which resulted in a comprehensive annihilation, thus establishing our superiority over our successors.

Sports Day provided a chance for each Lower-School member to battle for the honour of being the year's best athlete. S. Palmer won the third year title; M. Colwill and myself shared the second year title; and D. Cook won the first year's. The Athletics Season has been promising with the emergence of some very able athletes, for example, John Heath, a Devon Champion in the Long Jump, and M. Colwill who achieved an 80m. hurdle time, which would qualify him for the National Championships. The second year distinguished itself in winning the Plymouth Schools Tournament.

The school year has been brightened up by the amusing assemblies performed by each form in turn. One memorable occasion was the musical extravaganza featuring the school band, the school-rock group, and the renowned, "Henni and the Headaches". My group played from its vast repertoire, "The Hedgehog", which is widely tipped to be the new school song. The most popular performance was a "Three Ronnies" sketch enacted by 2W.

The worst part of the school year was examination time. Several people fell ill suddenly, a disease diagnosed as 'examinitis' by the new, witty school matron, Mr. Dickens. Others hid away hoping to be forgotten, but they were eventually found. The whole school is overwhelmed by numerous blank papers which one is expected to fill up with facts, in the hope of receiving a good mark. The year comes to an end very quickly, and one looks forward to the future in the school, hoping the enjoyment of the last year is repeated again in the following September.

S. HERNIMAN, 2W

LIFE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A whole new horizon opens up before third formers, as they stand on the threshold of the long awaited graduation into the Middle-School. No longer are they treated as insignificant, baby-faced "scruffs" by older boys, but have established their own identity. No longer are they compelled to remain within the confines of the 'top-playground', but can now move on to the formerly-revered 'bottom playground'.

These are the thoughts that fill the mind of any new fourth former. In reality, the importance of the progression centres around its educational implications. Two years seems a long time, examinations a mere speck on the horizon. Experience soon removes such misconceptions. The 'O' Level course is demanding. Candidates cannot simply muddle through for a year-and-a-half, and then try and make up. They must heed staff's advice, and learn to study productively. Once achieved, Middle-School life is fun, often more so than previously imagined, and the perks well worth the wait.

The Middle-School makes its inmates think about their life after leaving the security of school. Mr. Cox is always willing to give careers advice. He organises visits for students to possible places of employment, and lays on meetings with future employers, such as the Police, and Armed Forces. The 'Post 'O' Level Scheme' is arranged diligently each year, so students can gain an insight into prospective careers. Soliciting, accountancy, teaching, farming, hospital and veterinary work are all open to them. This comprehensive careers advice is completed by a trip to Bath University, and thus giving everyone a chance to see every option available.

During this period, a student is given more responsibility. Chances frequently occur in which boys can begin to help the school on a wider scale. A week as 'Acting-Prefects' provides the prime example. But, whatever a fellow's contribution, whether a member of the 1st XV (as some were this year), a leading actor in the School Play, or just one of the rank and file, the school benefits from the support of its students. The Middle-School is not only about securing those all important results, but also developing a better attitude to life, as it is for many the last stage before entering the wide expanse of adult life.

LEWIS HARVEY

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The past year has proved to be one of the School Council's most successful for some time, with the long awaited opening of the sixth-form area and the new junior libraries causing several minor problems which were overcome without difficulty.

The Council elected Owen Williams as its Chairman, and he was aided throughout the year, with varying degrees of efficiency, by no less than three secretaries. The first of these, Peter Williams, left the school in the autumn to take up an appointment with the City Treasury. The office then fell to Martin Lang, who was forced by illness and more pressing engagements to relinquish the task of organizing meetings, leaving it in the incompetent hands of one John Hooper.

Although sadly interest did tend to wane towards the end of the year, with the thought of examinations just over the horizon, attendance was for the most part very good, especially from the lower forms. Only on one occasion did we fail to make a quorum.

I should like to thank the Headmaster, and all members of staff and school who have taken the time and trouble to attend any of the meetings. I am confident the School Council has fulfilled its promise this year, and I hope that it will continue to play an important part in the smooth running of the school.

JOHN HOOPER, SECRETARY

SCHOOL LIBRARY REPORT 1980-81

This year has been an extremely stimulating and busy time with the inauguration of the new School Library facilities. As a result of the School Appeal two new study areas have been opened; a Middle School Library and a Junior one, which old boys will be pleased to learn was named after the 'Ferraro brothers', in commemoration of their long association with the school.

These are gradually being stocked with new volumes. We would like to thank all those who have donated books to the libraries and the many publishers who have given books so generously, particularly 'MacDonald and Evans' of Estover, and 'Harraps' of London.

Many young librarians have been responsible for the smooth running of the new facilities, and we are grateful for all the time and effort they have devoted to the additional task of cataloguing and filing.

Greater use is being made of the library facilities. The Junior and Middle School Library atmosphere is conducive to reading and learning. It is hoped that the same atmosphere will prevail in the Upper School Library, which all too often boys use as a common room.

There is, however, still room for improvement in the attitude to work in the libraries. They are private study areas, and there should be silence at all times. Co-operation would be appreciated in this respect and in the prompt return of books.

We would like to thank Mr. Burrows for his support during the year and Mr Sandercock and Mr. Beswetherick for their work in the Ferraro and Middle School Libraries respectively. Best wishes are extended to Richard Stoaate, last year's librarian, and Horton, on being elected as his successor for 1981-82.

RICHARD STOAATE AND MRS. DART

SENIOR INTER-HOUSE SPEECH CONTEST

As usual, the standard of the Senior Speech Contest was extremely high, but even more pleasing this year was the re-emergence of the interest in the competition, reflected by the large numbers in the audience.

The adjudicator, Mrs. Shaw, is to be applauded for her impartiality, despite certain threats from her sixth-form English set.

The competition began well with the fifth-form section, although many of its competitors are renowned more for athletics than drama. However, the audience was pleasantly surprised by their annual recitations. All sectional winners performed admirably; particularly Choun in the poetry recital, and Craig Irvine by winning the 'Prepared Speech'.

The sixth-form contest was even more competitive, with Chris Hunt winning 'The Dorothy Fleury Verse Speaking Award', with a very emotional rendition of a speech from Henry IV Part I. Paul Wood completed a remarkable run of victories in the 'Prepared Speech' competition in his last year at the school. The duologues followed, and, as expected, proved the highlight of the afternoon.

Gilbert House were forced to withdraw from the competition, due to illness; but their three counterparts excelled. Raleigh's duologue, entitled 'Squatting in Heaven'; imbued with subtle humour, was performed with great panache by Peter Reed and Tim Hoy, and contrasted with the ribaldry of Jolly and Harvey, acting for Grenville House. Drake too chipped in with a ingenious piece of situation-comedy, enacted by Martin Taylor and Peter Gregory, but, in the end, the scales fell in Raleigh's favour. Grenville, though, found comfort in an overall senior victory, with Raleigh second, Drake third and Gilbert bringing up the tail.

Finally, thanks must go to Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Burrows for all their hard work, and to Mrs. Harvey for the loan of a dress!

C. HUNT, L6A

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOUSE PLAYS

Mr. Burrows' encouragement of a Middle-School House Plays competition has continued to yield handsome rewards for School dramatics. The School stage has proved the breeding ground for many talented School Play actors, and judging by this year's performances, 1981 should be no exception.

Producers were given little warning by usual standards, which made their resultant efforts even more laudable. Competition was as keen as ever, and adjudicator, Mrs. Dart, needed all her impartiality and dramatic experience to choose between them.

Drake eventually earned her vote: They performed an excellent rendition of Oblong's arrival on Bolligrew Island, taken from perennial favourite, "Baron Bolligrew". The timid gentility of Miller as Fitz Oblong, contrasted admirably with the composure and guile of Baron Bolligrew, played by Powisland, and the bullying ignorance of Blackheart, brought to life by the grunts of Saunders.

Nigel Scorey's efforts could only earn Raleigh second place for their performance of 'Androcles and the Lion'. Gilbert won the ensuing battle for third place with Grenville, where Jolly's presentation of the memorable court scene from "Baron Bolligrew", gave many their first taste of acting, but was hampered by the size of the stage, with so large a cast.

Behind the formality of the results, everybody agreed the experience was both enjoyable and profitable. Mrs. Dart and Mr. Burrows deserve thanks and congratulations for their support. If these performances are veritable guides, Mr. Burrows need loose no sleep over his School Plays for the next few years at least: His major worry will be in finding a play large enough to cast such an array of talent!

P. GREGORY, M6C

1980, RAFT RACE

On a typical October's Sunday last autumn, over three hundred waterborne craft converged on a large field near Buckfastleigh to compete in what is known officially as the "Sponsored Struggle Down the Dart". It is more usually called the "Totnes Raft Race".

D.H.S. sixth-formers were involved in five entries. It was my dubious privilege to captain Raft No. 182, which after much debate, was entitled 'Titanic II'. It had a crew of three; Adrian Stroud, Shane Bryans and me, supported by reserve Roger Bindschedler.

Being low down the order, we were able to watch roughly half the rafts being launched. Most seemed to get under way without difficulty, although some took to the water in the most unusual fashions. One, which resembled an enlarged chewing-gum packet, seemed to do nothing but capsize.

As the time for the sailing of the 'Titanic II' approached, the main fear haunting its occupants was "would it float?" It had been somewhat hastily constructed, and would easily have won the 'Smallest Raft Competition', had there been one.

Happily it did float—rather well! However, we found a crew of three inadequate, especially when it was reduced to two. (No, nobody was pushed overboard).

Approximately half the course consisted of rapids, weirs and other hazards to which our craft was well suited. With a great deal of physical exertion, including the back-up, the crew managed to propel the craft, if not gracefully, at least forwards up a slow, meandering river.

Eventually, Totnes was reached, but only in the nick of time. Of the raft which completed the course only one limped in behind us. We were very cold, and by the time we arrived, there was little hope of any refreshments.

The other rafts from D.H.S. which participated, were captained by C. Bradley, P. Thompson and G. Manson. In addition, A. Briggs and S. Beale joined another crew. Unfortunately, Thompson's raft failed to finish in time, hampered by its late start. Many rafts came to grief for reasons other than lack of time, and debris was a common sight all along the Dart.

The Raft Race is really great fun, and I shall probably enter again this year—if I can find a team!

M. P. ROSE, M6B

VISIT OF THE BAND TO JERSEY, JULY 1981

It took thirteen hours, three trains, two buses and one boat to get to Jersey, and it says something for the organisation of our School band that they arrived in good order with all their baggage intact.

So they arrived at St. Helier, and were met by a cheerful group of parents of the De La Salle College boys, who were to host them for a three-day visit. Tony Hallett, ex-D.H.S. and now Director of Music at the Jersey school rapidly allotted our boys to their parents, and soon everyone was experiencing the splendid Channel Island's hospitality. Even 'Wordsworth', the Old English Sheepdog crossed woolly mammoth, at one house showed his friendliness by leaping happily onto a member of our staff from the tenth stair.

The next day was spent in frenzied preparation and rehearsal. In the evening, the hall was packed. If there was any tenseness that the two bands, separately rehearsed, might not link successfully, it was dispelled the moment the first chords of the first item sounded out. The programme continued with other joint items even with each band playing separately, with solos; and a combined choir. The whole evening was a roaring success and this was clear not only from the applause from the audience, but also from the enthusiasm which each school's musicians gave to the others. There is no point in elaborating on names; we have some fine and experienced musicians and they were on top form.

Friday was spent in seeing the island. Many were taken out by their hosts in the morning. One trio of sailing enthusiasts were even lent a large boat and pottered around in Gorey harbour. In the afternoon, a coach tour was arranged to various sights, and the De La Salle boys came along. Between stops, the D.H.S. group gained kudos by putting right their Rubik's cubes, which had only just arrived on the island. And then, in the twilight, the band boarded the 'Earl Godwin', and sailed north, leaving their new friends waving on the quay, and twelve music stands (now recovered). It was a trip to remember, a trip where everything went right, where we were overwhelmed with generosity. We look forward to the return visit from De La Salle, and hope that the event may become an annual one.

Mr. MacTAVISH

HOUSE NOTES

DRAKE

After lending the St. Levan Shield to Grenville last year, Drake lost no time in reasserting its authority in this year's campaign. Guided by

House Master, Mr. Clarke and House Captain, Mark Dewdney, Drake soon began to build a lead, and, in the closing term, fortified their position by a string of fine performances.

Particularly pleasing was the emphatic manner in which the shield was recaptured. Outright wins were achieved in the Athletics, Swimming, Chess, Rugby, Speech and Sailing competitions, accompanied by an equal first in the Cross-Country. So effective were these efforts that in the final analysis, Drake triumphed by a very comfortable margin.

These successes were due to the considerable interest and enthusiasm shown throughout the House. Thanks must be extended to Dewdney and Taylor for their involvement in the sporting events, Prisk for the sailing and musical events and Stroud, Gregory and Barkham for producing another winning play. Their endeavours, together with the general organization of Mark Dewdney and Graham Prisk, and, of course, the ever present encouragement and direction of Mr. Clarke, made ultimate victory much more certain.

With the efforts displayed by the Lower-Sixth, and the promise of Mr. Sandercock's junior House members, especially the Rudge brothers, I am confident that this year's great achievements will be repeated next year.

MARTIN LANG (House Secretary)

GILBERT

Mr. Dickens, unfortunately had to retire as Gilbert House-Master because of the pressure of extra tuition. Mr. Smith assumed command and appointed Paul Baker, Owen Williams and Paul Wood as leaders of the House.

The only event in which the House was not represented was the duologue, where illness forced a tactical withdrawal. Yet despite all this participation, results lacked general all-round success. The only excuse could be that we remain the smallest House in the School.

It was disappointing that the House failed to reach many Winners' Finals, but the House spirit earned several creditable third positions. The two major successes came in the Swimming Sports and Speech Contest, where two seconds were achieved. In the latter, Paul Wood emulated the junior's victory in the 'Reading at Sight', by winning the sixth-form Speech. The Athletic prowess of Tim McShane was rewarded by the Victor-Ludorum, but these were the only real highspots of the year. However, although Gilbert accomplished little in terms of the St. Levan Shield, all our competitors performed with tremendous effort, and deserved more reward.

The House again took the opportunity of raising money for charity. The original target set was £100, but Gilbert House members rose to the occasion, amassing much more. In all £150 was raised, which was donated to 'Plymouth Mencap Society'—a fitting beneficiary in the 'Year of the Disabled'. Thanks must go to all those who jogged the five miles, and to their sponsors for their generosity.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Dickens for building such a firm foundation and Mr. Smith for continuing the construction for a strong showing in next year's championship.

C. J. PENBERTHY (House Secretary)

GRENVILLE

The House had a satisfactory year in finishing joint second with Raleigh in the St. Levan Shield. Obviously it was a disappointment, after our win the previous year, not to get closer to Drake who had a runaway victory in the championship.

The major setbacks were the performances of our seniors in rugby and soccer, in both of which we finished last, including the sailing competition. Sailing has been a Grenville strength in past years, but a capsized in

poor conditions, and the subsequent shortening of the competition made fourth place an inevitability. Our juniors, with Harris as captain, won the soccer and we won the losers' final in the junior rugby. In a very close music competition we came third, after our regular successes of previous years.

Grenville again dominated the basketball, winning both sections with Mike Rose as captain. David Cox captained the chess in which a good overall performance was achieved with two second places to Drake. In badminton the team reached the winners' final but lost to the strong Raleigh side. Richard Baker, in his final school gala, led our swimming team to third place. The outstanding swimmer in the school for seven years, he again produced a superb personal display.

In cross-country running, two third places were gained while in athletics an excellent all round performance, led by Martyn Baker, secured second place. David Jolly worked hard with our speech team and the seniors were outstanding but a disappointing first and second year showing meant that third place overall was the result.

Pitch and weather difficulties led to the senior cricket being cancelled after our first round win in which David May batted excellently and the captain, Nicholas Spiller, took several wickets. Our very strong junior side reached the winners' final but underestimated the opposition and were surprisingly beaten. Andrew Reddaway and John Herbert batted very well in the first round match, but captain Matthew Smith never really displayed his usually devastating ability.

David May was an excellent House Captain and those organising teams were well supported, which is most encouraging for the future.

G.K.S.

RALEIGH

For the seventh year running, Raleigh failed to win the St. Levan Shield. This year, however, it was not through lack of effort. The House Masters, Messrs. Burrows and Southern, the House officials and team captains ensured that Raleigh were represented in every event, race or competition which decide the eventual winners of the St. Levan Shield.

This effort nearly paid off. Raleigh won the senior football, cross-country and badminton, and were in the top three in the rugby, drama, chess and athletics. In the Junior competitions, Raleigh gave many fine performances, which, once again, reinforce the contention that if Raleigh's junior teams could even only sustain their youth promise in the senior school, Raleigh might easily "whitewash" the other Houses.

On a more serious note, it appears that Raleigh finally has been guided into a situation where success in the St. Levan Shield can be achieved. No longer are Raleigh's representatives considered lame-ducks, but respected as potential threats.

The characters within the House; Tisdall, Mark Davies, Gary London, Clive Stitson, and the brothers Price have all contributed as substitutes, team captains, or organizers, to the smooth running of the House on the playing fields.

I would like to thank Peter Glanville, who together with Nigel Partidge helped retain Raleigh's dramatic strength, and also to Mark Northcott and S. Smith, who organized the chess and sailing teams. Their endeavours provided a welcomed stimulus, whilst also bolstering any flagging House announcements.

As House Captain, I must offer my thanks to all members of the House for their efforts and support, and I wish them every success in gaining the St. Levan Shield in the future.

PETER E. REED (House Captain)

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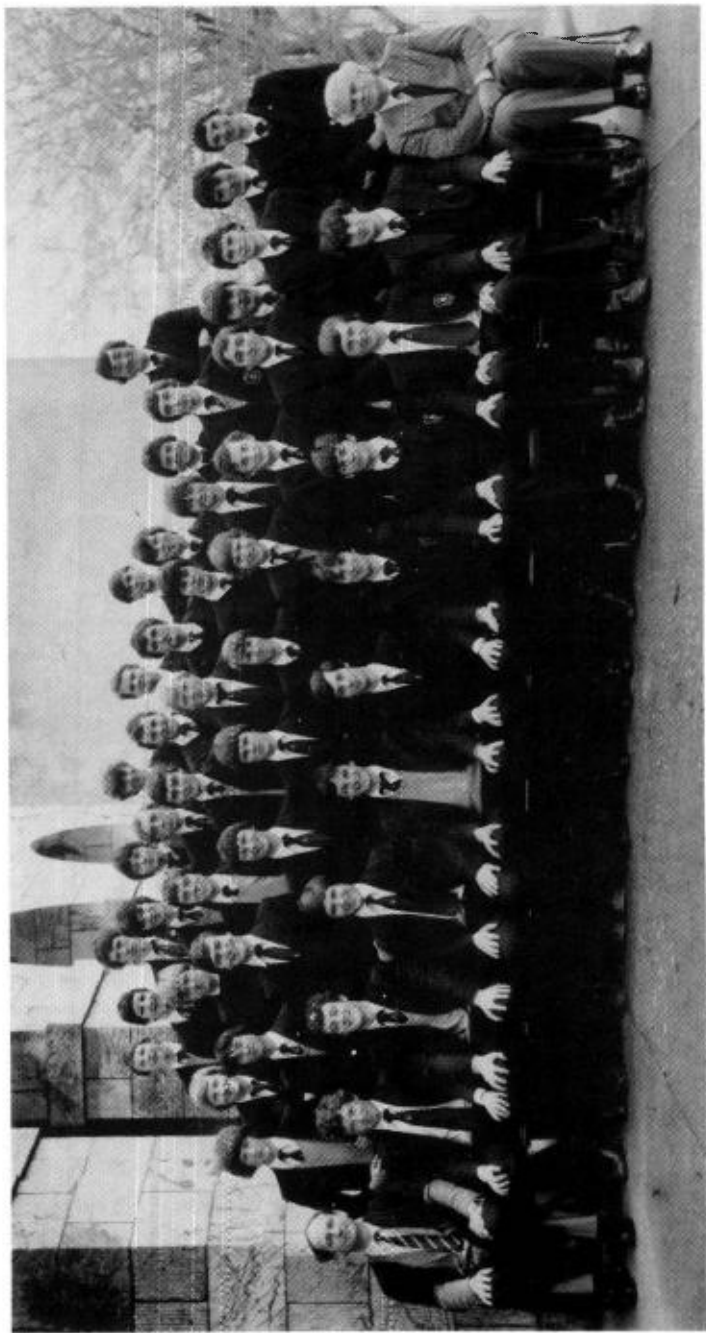
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2nd. to Back Row : M. Rose, D. Musk, S. Pope, R. Baker, M. Cartwright, M. Phare, P. Glanville, A. Barkham.

3rd. to Back Row : N. Spiller, P. Barrett, G. Prisk, A. Stroud, S. Lawson, C. Stitson, M. Northcott, T. Bright, P. Gregory, R. Coles.

2nd. to Front Row : K. Bailey, J. Williams, C. Bradley, R. Richards, P. Baker, D. Smith, N. McClung, P. Wood, S. Shears,
J. Griffiths, N. Fewings.

Seated : A. J. MacTavish (Deputy Headmaster), G. Pinwell, K. Hodgins, M. Taylor, T. McShane, S. Bryans (School Captain), D. May
(Vice-Captain), O. Williams, R. Stoate, M. Dewdney, The Headmaster.



RUGBY 1st XV

Back Row : M. Perring, G. Lendon, K. Fuller, S. Lawson, R. Price,
P. Greenlees, G. Macbeth.

Middle Row : Mr. T. D. Evans, R. Wills, J. Hooper, K. Hodgins.

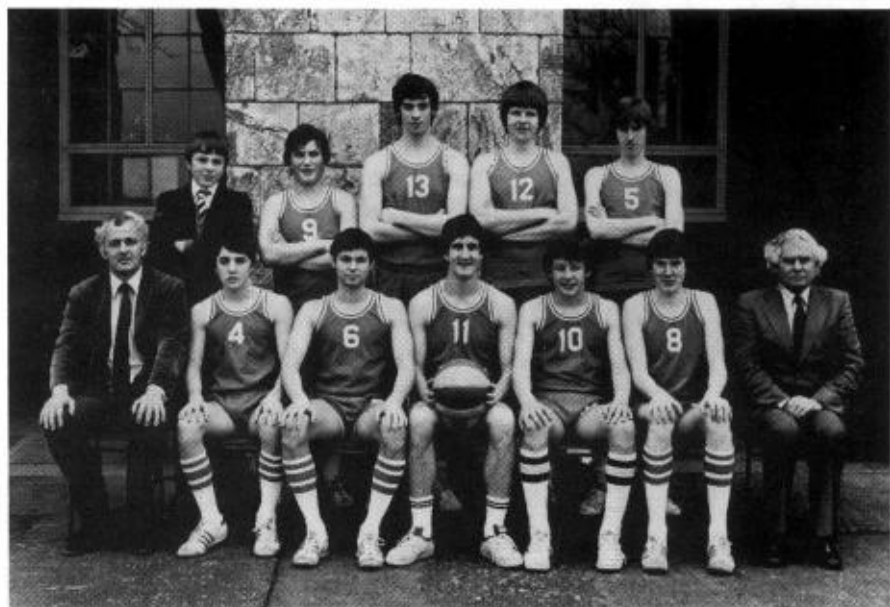
Seated : Mr. Southern, A. Blackwell, C. Bradley, M. Dewdney, P. Reed (Capt.),
M. Taylor, A. Price, M. Northcott, The Headmaster.



SOCCER 1st XI

Standing : D. Waugh, P. Gregory, M. Dewdney, A. Hume, C. Stitson.

Seated : Mr. G. Hayman, S. Clarke, T. McShane, M. Kearley, R. Baker (Capt.),
M. Roseveare, D. Furneaux, The Headmaster.



SENIOR BASKETBALL

Standing : I. Mollard, D. Jolly, D. Parsons, C. Irvine, M. Flood.

Seated : Mr. D. Moon, P. Thompson, M. Baker, M. Rose (Capt.), S. Pine,
D. Waugh, The Headmaster.



BADMINTON

Standing : K. Tull, M. Flood.

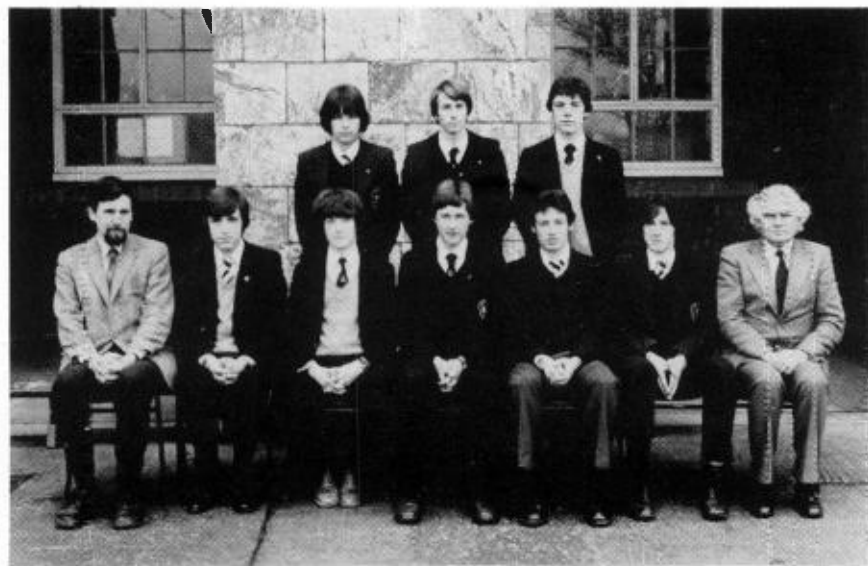
Seated : Mr. J. C. Smith, D. McCallum, N. Rutter (Capt.),
A. Pipe, The Headmaster.



CROSS COUNTRY

Standing : D. Heggie, M. Kearley, A. Price, A. Steedan, J. Potter, D. Rudge.

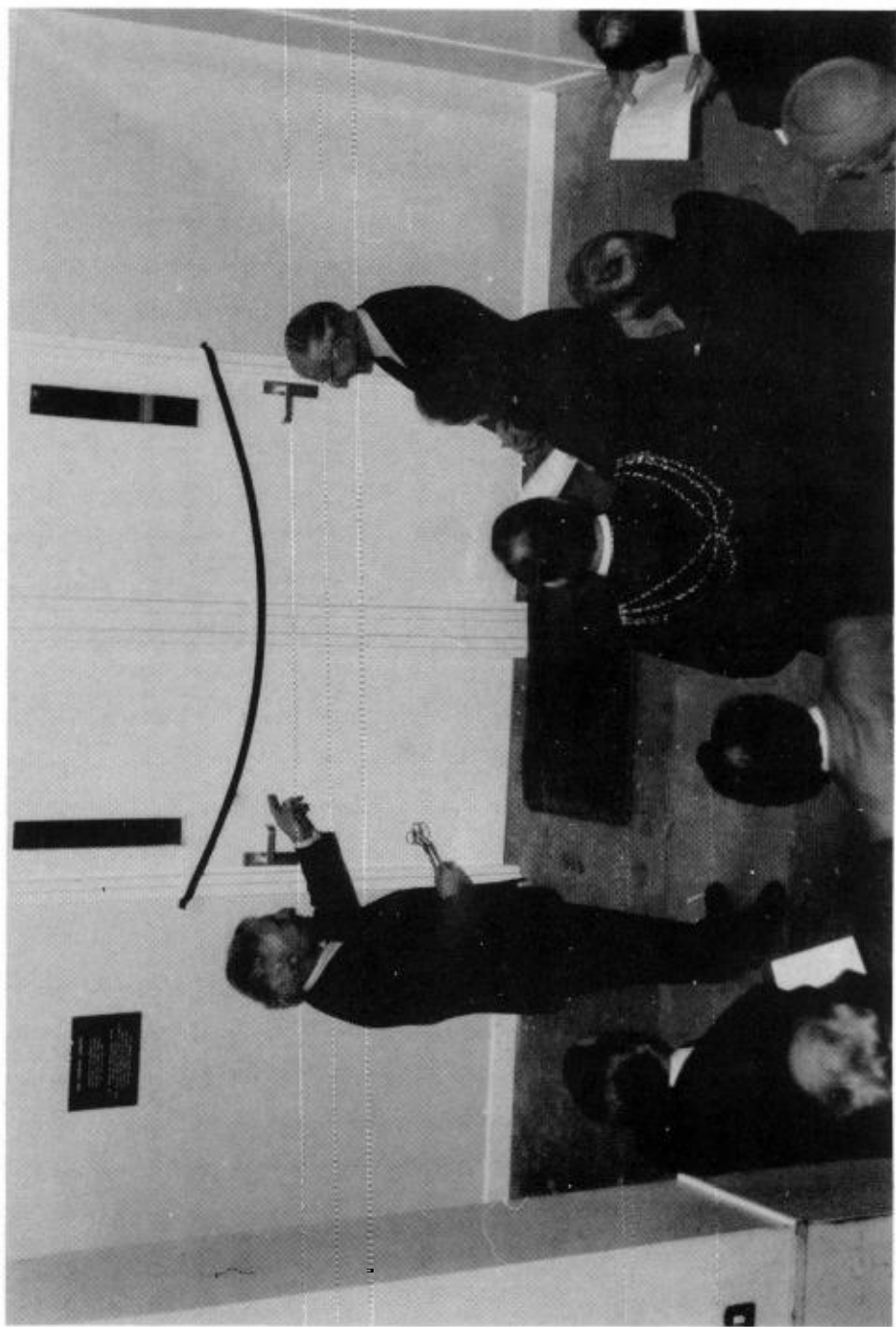
Seated : Mr. K. G. Dickens, S. Clarke, J. Allin (Capt.), M. Horgan,
A. German, The Headmaster.



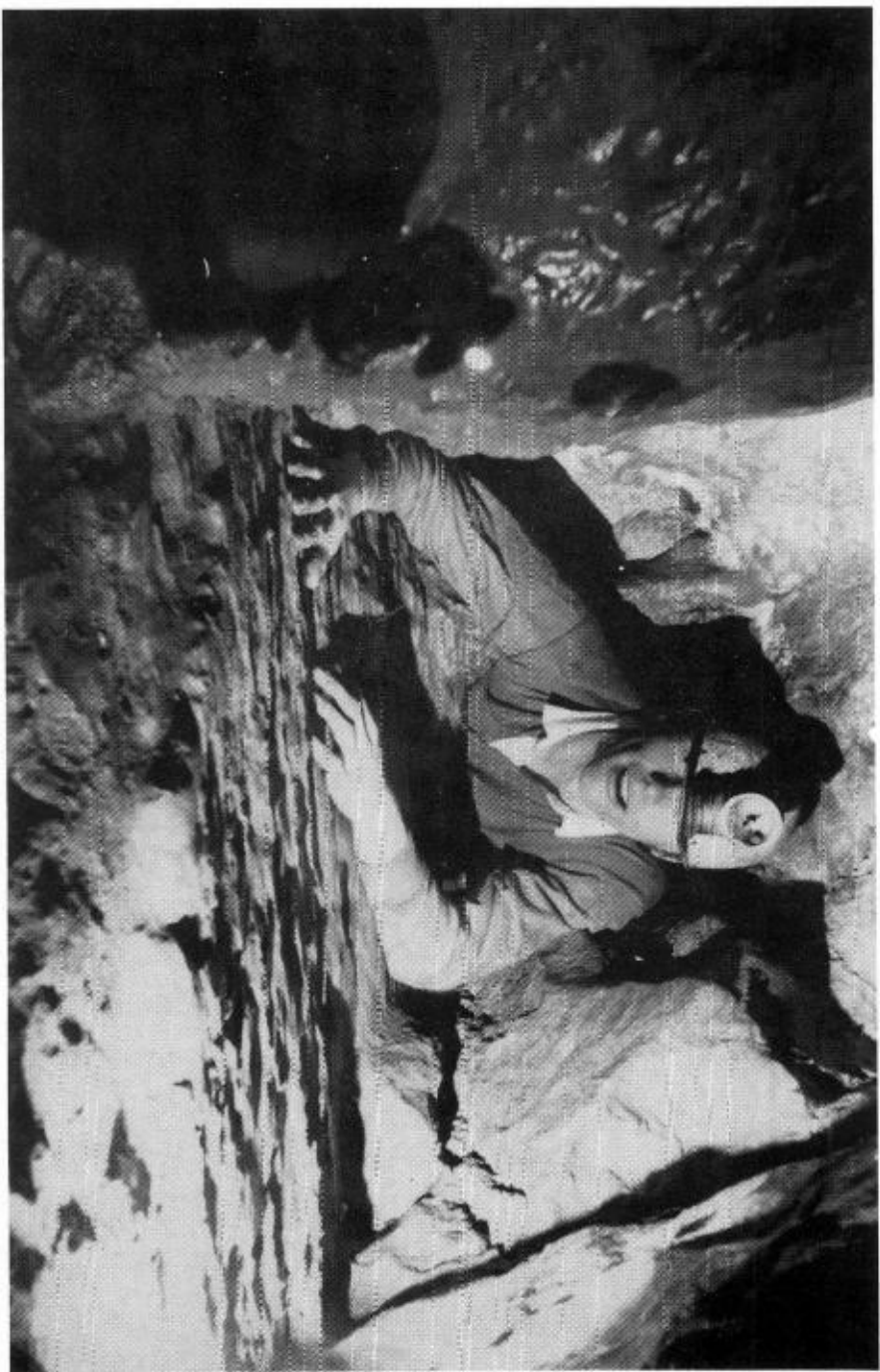
SAILING

Standing : R. Richards, D. Smith, G. Prisk.

Seated : Dr. Phillips, D. Honey, K. Bailey, R. D. Stoaite (Capt.)
A. G. Palmer, The Headmaster.



The Headmaster invites Sir Austin Pearce officially to open the Ferraro Library



Lower Sixth Form Activities Week : A. German, Caving



The Jersey Trip : T.V. Rehearsal.

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BARCLAYS

'DESOLATION'

The black morning sun
Shone its death grey shadow
Across the bleak, empty plain.
Dust, once flesh and bone, lay scattered
Forlorn, forgotten, false.
The sky eternally night
Was still, free from the
Glistening Death carriers,
Which were rulers of the skies
For a never ending season.
The silence, which after reigned,
Deafened any listener ;
The wind sweeps the oven dried dust
To the once proud, bustling centres of humanity,
Covering the monolith ruins,
Burying the civilisation countless generations
Stove and failed to perfect,
No-one will question the reasons
For the desolation and destruction :
No-one will question any question
Or reason any reason again.

GLYN MACBETH, L6C

SPORTS DAY 1981

The School Sports started as usual with the first stage being held at the school itself. There were many good performances, turned in, but only one record fell, the Under 13 1500 metres time being cut by D. Rudge to 5 minutes 00.7 seconds, a splendid effort. Although this provided the sole alteration in the record book, nonetheless all competitors did their best, and pupils witnessed many keenly fought contests.

Brickfields once more hosted the second part of the 'Sports Day', and many runners exploited the more suitable all-weather, tartan track. As a result, four new records were set and one equalled at the venue. The most successful athlete in terms of records was J. Allin (Drake), who first broke the senior 800m record by 3.8 seconds, and then, an hour later, succeeded in clipping a few seconds off the 400m time. The most prolific performance came from Tim McShane, who shattered the senior triple jump record with a leap of 13 metres 36 cms.

The senior high-jump record was equalled by Mike Rose, who matched his own previous record of 1 metre 90 cms. The other record breaker was D. Cook, who clocked a time of 25.4 seconds in the Under 12 200 metres. Meanwhile, the battle for the coveted 'Victor Ludorum' proved one of the most exciting for many a summer, when Tim McShane (Gilbert) narrowly outpointed Mark Dewdney (Drake), the holder. Dewdney must have been partly consoled, however, by Drake's comfortable House championship victory, by a margin of 111.5 points.

Our thanks go to Mr. Moon, and to all other members of Staff who once again were responsible for conducting both parts of the Sports very smoothly. Congratulations also to all those who competed, even if they did not figure in the eventual list of winners ;

House Champions : Drake House

Under 12 Champion : D. Cook

Under 13 Champions : M. Colwill (Gilbert) and S. Herniman

Under 14 Champion : S. Palmer

Under 15 Champion : M. Klym (Drake)

Victor Ludorum : T. McShane (Gilbert)

Runner-up : Mark Dewdney (Drake)

Senior Standards Cup : Drake

Junior Standards Cup : Drake

Remington Relay Trophy : Drake

J. ALLIN

SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

The annual School Swimming Sports were held at Central Park on the 8th May. Again, few parents were present, but those who did attend were thoroughly entertained by some extremely exciting competitions.

Several new records were set, the most noteworthy being those of Richard Baker of Grenville, who concluded his distinguished aquatic career in the school, by capturing a few more records. S. Blake (Gilbert House), a second year, seems destined to follow in his footsteps.

Despite their efforts, as the contest neared its close, it was patently obvious that Drake House would leave the pool victorious, only having to finish in the last event to take the overall cup, which they accordingly did. Gilbert followed them home, pursued by Grenville and Raleigh in turn. Other outstanding performances came from:

Senior Cup : R. Baker (Grenville)
Open Championship : R. Baker
Under 15 Championship : D. Johnson (Gilbert)
Under 14 Champion : N. Raven (Gilbert)
Under 13 Champion : S. Blake (Gilbert)
Under 12 Champion : P. Evans (Drake)
House Cup : Drake

Finally, thanks are extended to Mr. Pester who presented the trophies and certificates, and also to the members of staff, without whose efficient organisation, the evening could never have been such an enjoyable success.

D. TINNEY

RUGBY CLUB REPORT

The disastrous string of results the 1st XV endured this season, have obscured the true potential nurtured within its ranks. As only a handful of experienced players remained from the cup glories of the previous year, restructure was inevitable. Accordingly a 'Rugby Training Camp' was organized to unite the more experienced players with keen, talented newcomers from the fifth-form, and mould them into a team.

Under the guidance of veterans Steve Hughes and Andy Weymouth, the four days passed at 'Renney Lently Army Camp', Wembury, could not have been better spent. The hardships of long, arduous training sessions, coupled with early morning swims and simply living together meant the squad soon got to know each other well, and a great team spirit quickly developed. We are indebted to Major and Mrs. Reed for both organising the camp and catering for us during our entire stay. This is the first year any such venture has been undertaken, and I hope it will become an annual event. It is certainly worthwhile.

The whole scheme soon paid dividends even for this year's 1st XV. The season started well enough with a cluster of close results, and a win or two! But it was not long before the team realised that their relative inexperience and general smallness of stature, with some Under 15 players actually being called upon on odd occasions, that they were bound to struggle against any strong opposition. This indeed was the case, and powerful opponents inflicted some of the heaviest defeats in Devonport records, including a painfully premature exit from the Devon Schools Cup, at the hands of Tavistock in the first round. Throughout it remained a compliment to the side's perseverance that they never became dispirited, which reflects admirably upon the captaincy of Peter Reed. Anybody can captain a winning side, but few possess the rare qualities essential to maintain morale when things are going badly.

The dedication of all those who played was evident throughout the season, and credit must go to John Hooper and Richard Price, who played in every match. Price was also equal top try scorer along with Mark Dewdney, whose kicking ability combined with his try scoring ability, to

leave him as the overall top scorer. In addition to this, Dewdney's exploits earned him the distinction of being selected to play for Devon Schools' U-19 XV, as was Stuart Lawson.

That talent and promise of the fifth-formers in the squad became apparent as the season progressed, and this was emphasized when the Under-16 team, led by G. Lenden won the Torquay Under-16 'Seven-a-Side' competition, beating the old enemy, St. Boniface, twice on the way.

Special thanks go to Mr. J. L. Southern for training the 1st and 2nd XV's throughout the year, and to Mr. T. D. Evans for his encouragement of the Under-16's. Also, we are grateful to the P.T.A. for supplying tea for visiting teams, and for presenting the team with a resplendent set of new jerseys.

1st XV

Played: 25 Won: 7 Drew: 1 Lost: 17 F 159 A 483

The usually overshadowed 2nd XV team enjoyed quite a successful season by comparison, scoring more points than the 1st XV and in half the amount of games. Obviously, they did suffer some defeats, but this cannot detract from the promise that the team as a whole displayed.

2nd XV

Played: 11 Won: 4 Drew: 0 Lost: 7 F 180 A 252

The Under-15 team excelled, losing only a handful of matches scattered amongst some impressive victories. Thanks go to Mr. Burrows for his running of the team, which was well led by Clive Swiggs and improved by newcomer, Gary Bell.

Under-15

Played: 10 Won: 7 Drew: 0 Lost: 3 F 180 A 101

Under the control of Mr. Rose, the Under-14's had a varied season, and like the Under-13 team, coached by the energetic Mr. Trueman, seemed to lack fitness towards the end of the season.

Under-14

Played: 8 Won: 3 Drew: 1 Lost: 4 F 116 A 125

Under-13

Played: 8 Won: 3 Drew: 2 Lost: 3 F 84 A 40

Yet again, the Under-12 team proved the school's most successful representatives, winning all of their matches and giving away very little. Credit must go to Mr. Moon and Dr. Phillips.

Under-12

Played: 10 Won: 10 Drew: 0 Lost: 0 F 254 A 16

Such results augur well, and I think the school can look forward to a period of very high quality Rugby at all levels in the very near future, provided the commitment and keenness, demonstrated this season, continues.

M. TAYLOR (Secretary)

SOCCER REPORT

Under the leadership of Richard Baker, the 1st XI had another successful season, reaching the 'Devon Under 19 Cup Final' for the second year in succession. After overcoming Plympton 3-0, Plymstock by the same scoreline, and Bideford 2-0, (all away from home), the school faced an extremely talented Exeter College team in the final. Two replays were needed before the laurels unfortunately fell to the opposition, by three goals to one. A special thanks must be extended to the vociferous support, particularly from the Rugby team, and Messrs. Rosevear, Furneaux and Dewdney. Throughout the three matches the performance of goalkeeper Mark Dewdney was outstanding, although the whole team competed to the very last whistle.

The team's league results were erratic. Creditable wins against Plympton and Plymstock (6-0) helped secure third position, but inconsistencies, such as the surprising defeat at home to lowly Saltash, prevented a true title challenge. Tim McShane's ten goals left him as the season's top goal scorer.

The 2nd XI was not so successful, and suffered quite heavy defeats at the hands of Dartmouth and Torquay, teams whom they had beaten convincingly earlier in the season.

Finally, thanks and appreciation must go to Mr. Hayman, who, after only two years in charge of the 1st XI, has twice produced a potential cup winning side.

The Under-15's led by Mr. Farrow, experienced an indifferent season: They managed to reach the Quarter-Finals of the Cup, only to be conquered by Whitleigh, whilst the majority of other games ended in defeat. However, goalkeeper, Neil Harris showed potential for next season.

Mr. Jones, for a variety of reasons, was unable to field his strongest team for the most part of the Under-14's matches. This was reflected in a series of disappointing results. Yet, when at full strength, they achieved two good victories, beating Plympton Secondary 3-1, and Plymstock 5-1. John Herbert captained the side competently, and together with Simon Long proved the most reliable players.

The Under-13's season was highlighted by their reaching their respective Cup Semi-Final. Meanwhile, the Under-12's, although unable to participate in the league, did contest three friendly matches, two against Coombe Dean and one against Egguckland. The team was victorious in both Coombe Dean encounters, but the more experienced Egguckland side proved too powerful. With only limited match practice, the team secured a creditable record, showing great promise for the future. Names to watch are: M Davey, G. Drake, M. Harris and M. Pring, all of whom bloomed under the encouragement of Mr. Sandercock and the parents.

S. CLARKE (Secretary)

SCHOOL VERSUS STAFF SOCCER

The renewal of the School versus staff soccer fixture was welcomed by all. The 1st XI relished the opportunity of tackling their daily overlords; the staff were eager to prove to the School that their abilities were not merely limited to the blackboard, whilst the School itself simply looked forward to the spectacle.

Everyone came out winners. The 1st XI, although playing well below par, gained the technical victory by one goal to nil. This complementary result, in view of R. Baker's pre-match predictions, reflected the staff's moral victory, and the joyous cries emanating from the bank suggested the crowd were at least satisfied.

Mr. Hayman, captaining the teachers, was generally acclaimed, "Man of the Match", for his energetic, bustling performance in midfield. Messrs. Truman, Jones and Rose supported him admirably. Mr. Southern, however, was never able to stamp his authority on the game as in past encounters, although he tried his best to lame winger, A. Stroud.

The School team, relieved to have escaped the humiliation of a draw, were not satisfied with their performance. The penetrative, probing style, that had characterized their Cup exploits all season, was never in evidence. Although they found little difficulty in containing the staff in all departments of the game, whatever fluency they could muster, sadly went amiss when possession should have been converted into goals. Still, they can at least be thankful Mr. Evans forgot to award the staff their customary penalty!

P. GREGORY, M6C

ATHLETICS REPORT

The highlight of the season was without doubt when ten members of the senior team retained the Devon, Public and Grammar School Championship, for the fourth time in succession. This was a great achievement, as we are still the only state-maintained school to have won this competition.

In the Plymouth Schools Championships, the School's all round ability was demonstrated when we carried off the overall shield. The senior team came third, the Inter-team third also, and a promising Junior squad won their section.

From these championships, nineteen boys proceeded to represent Plymouth at the 'Devon Schools Championships', held at Brickfields, which resulted in ten of them being selected for the Devon team at the South West Schools Championships. These were:

Senior: M. Rose, M. Dewdney, E. McShane, J. Allin, A. German;

Intermediate: M. Northam, K. Fuller;

Junior: J. Heath, P. Kelland, M. Colwill.

Three of these athletes represented Devon at the English Schools Championships at Yeovil: high-jumper, M. Rose, M. Northam in the steeplechase; and J. Heath in the long-jump. M. Rose earned the distinction of setting new height records in the Devon and South Western Competitions whilst J. Heath came third in the English Schools.

The Under-13, and Under-14 teams came second and first respectively at the Plymouth Schools Championships.

All the junior teams enjoyed a great deal of success this year. Out of the thirteen inter-school competitions, they were victorious in all but one. This must surely mean that the School dominates athletics in Plymouth, and is also highly rated in Devon.

This year the Under-16 team were involved in a few matches. However, Glazschieer distinguished himself and represented the Inter-team.

The excellent standard of the Under-15 team was illustrated by their victory in the Plymouth Schools Championships. S. Palmer's defeat of J. Heath in the 100m (the latter having already given many fine performances during the season) was indicative of the team's talent, and strength in depth.

The Under-14 side was the most successful this year. Under the captaincy of D. Rudge, they won the "Five-Star" Award Scheme's cup for the highest number of points, and in the National Schools Athletics Cup, sponsored by the Milk Marketing Board, they finished up winners in the second round, and fifth in the inter-regional final. Their most successful athlete was M. Colwill, who achieved the National Standard in hurdles.

The Under-13s also had a very successful year, with a number of athletes who look promising for the future.

The annual inter-form sports were contested as keenly as ever throughout the Junior School, with 1N, 2W, 3W and 4W emerging as victors.

Finally, thanks must be extended to Messrs. Moon, Hayman and Trueman for their efficient organisation of matches, selection of teams, and their constant help throughout the season.

A. GERMAN (Secretary)

SENIOR BASKETBALL

Once again the School Under-19 team enjoyed a very profitable season, highlighted by the regaining of the Junior Under-19 League Championship, losing only one game all year.

In the South West Final, we were narrowly defeated by Plympton B.B.C., but were hindered by the untimely loss of our coach, Mr. Moon, who was unfortunately injured the day before the great event. Nevertheless thanks must be extended to Ian Jamieson for deputising at such short notice.

Once more, this time in the Plymouth and District Cup Final; we emerged beaten but unbowed, losing out to a strong Western Trust side.

During the season, six players represented Plymouth Schools, and two of them, M. Rose and C. Irvine went on to play for the South West at Under-19 level. Congratulations also go to M. Rose for being voted the League's "Fair Player of the Year".

We remain indebted to Mr. Moon for his constant encouragement and experienced coaching; to Mr. Hayman for occasionally standing in for him, and his own continued support of the team; to Ian Jamieson who returned to figure in a few of our last matches; and to the table-officials for their dedicated support.

M. FLOOD (Secretary)

CRICKET CLUB

For a variety of reasons, including a lack of training facilities, problems of "A"-level examinations, and last year's miserable showing, it was regrettably decided to forego a Senior Cricketing team this year.

However, this decision failed to dampen the natural instincts of some sixth-formers, who, keen for at least one game, arranged a fixture against Kelly College. They were defeated, but only after a commendable struggle; and, if the problems with the bat had not encumbered them as last year, their splendid fielding efforts might well have yielded a just reward.

Lower-school Cricket proceeded as usual, and enthusiasm was sufficient to suggest that Senior Cricket's retirement will only be a short one.

Under-15 Cricket:

Played : 3 Won : 1 Drawn : 1 Lost : 1

This was a disappointing season. Bad weather and lack of facilities led to few matches and virtually no practice. Only fixtures against Penlee, Plymouth College and Plympton Grammar were completed. M. Smith and A. Reddaway batted and bowled well, the former being selected to play for Devon Schools. The semi-finals of the Plymouth Schools 6-a-side competition was reached before the event was rained off. It is to be hoped that the talents evident in this team may have a further chance of development next season.

Played : 4 Won : 2 Lost : 2

Under-14 Cricket:

The Under-14 team did not enjoy one of its best seasons. Again, lack of consistent practice was the main cause. M. Rawles did achieve a batting average of 20.1 runs, in the four games played, whilst D. Wright's bowling of one wicket every 3.2 runs easily topped the averages. Other good performances came from J. Herbert (captain), and S. Long. Efforts were helped by the organisation of Mr. Beswetherick and parents supplying transport.

Under-13 Cricket:

Played : 3 Won : 1 Lost : 2

This team was unfortunately neglected rather this year, and only played three matches, against Plympton Grammar, Plymouth College and Plymstock. T. Manhire played well as captain, and organised the side efficiently. The standard of bowling was high, but batting suffered from lack of coaching. The games against Plympton Grammar and Plymstock were both exciting, with results only being decided in the last over.

Under-12 Cricket:

Played : 3 Won : 1 Lost : 2

Although there was a lack of adequate facilities for practice, the team persevered bravely. As the opposition involved the three strongest teams in Plymouth, the School can be well pleased by their performance during the season. Fennell showed promise for the future.

The team relied upon the support of Messrs. Beswetherick, Moon and Dr. Phillips, and wish to offer them their grateful thanks.

CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

With a stock of talented runners, including M. Northam, J. Allin, M. Horgan, S. Gibby and M. Kearley, the Cross-Country team looked forward to a memorable season, despite the lack of fixtures (a problem which has already been tackled for next year by contacting St. Boniface's College and H.M.S. Fiscard). Our aspirations did not go unrewarded.

The Junior and Senior House Championships were won by D. Rudge of Drake, and fellow team member, M. Northam. In the team competition, Drake secured the Junior race, Raleigh the Senior. The overall result ended in a rare tie for first place, between Drake and Raleigh.

The defeat of Kelly College and Seale Hayne at Kelly marked the season's major achievement. Success came, despite our three main runners being sent the wrong way, leaving two of them leaning on a post in Tavistock, wondering where to go next. Price and German mistaking the route did not help matters either. But, after the result was amended, M. Northam was placed first, and victory was attained by eight points.

We also were involved in two matches against Plymouth College, both of which we won, convincingly. The race was distinguished by a fine performance from second year, D. Rudge, who came fourth, beating the entire College team in the process! J. Allin won both races with M. Northam second on each occasion, and M. Horgan, third.

The team suffered only one defeat at the hands of B.R.N.C. Dartmouth, whose runners were headed by Robinson, third in the Inter-County Championship for junior men, so we were by no means disgraced.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who ran for the team, and, with all still available, I am confident of even greater success next season. Thanks must also be extended to Mr. Trueman, and especially Mr. Dickens for their help and enthusiastic support.

J. ALLIN

SCHOOL SAILING REPORT, 1981

The School Sailing Club has embarked on an ambitious programme of matches this season. We have encountered Kelly College, Tavistock Comprehensive and Callington on a home and away basis, and to date we have won three and lost one.

Team racing has highlighted the encouragement of the potential that exists within the School for this sport. It is clear that with one of the largest fleets of School boats in the West Devon area, more boys should be urged to make use of the facilities. However, improvement of the associated facilities is urgently required to enable the boats to be maintained. Additional staff and parental support is always welcome in assisting in the repair and movement of the boats, and to ensure that weekend sailing can take place.

The Inter-House Sailing Competition was held on 9th May, and resulted in a win for Drake, led by G. Prisk, followed by Grenville, Gilbert, and, finally, Raleigh.

Thanks are due to Dr. Phillips and Mr. Southern for their help, involvement and control of the safety boat.

RICHARD STOATE, (School Sailing Captain)

TENNIS REPORT

The tennis season was rather shorter than expected, as only four matches were played. However, the year opened on a fairly successful note by our standards, when the team (comprising of captain, David May, Dave Howman, Mike Perring and Mike Rose) paid its annual visit to the Devon Schools Championships in Exeter. We finished the competition halfway down the list of the original twelve entrants.

The next major event on the fixture list was the Plymouth Schools Cup, but due to a general lack of players in the lower school, we were only able to enter a senior event. This tournament was held at Mannamend Tennis Club, and witnessed some impressive school tennis. A respectable third was achieved.

Although fixtures were proposed against St. Boniface and Plymouth College, they were never actually fulfilled due to the lack of playing ability, a year-long problem. Fortunately, this was not the case when we came to play our girl rivals at Devonport High School, on home ground. The girls only arrived with four players, but competed fiercely, and an enjoyable afternoon's tennis was passed, before the School emerged as undisputed victors.

The annual match against the staff was played in its usual competitive spirit, and, though pressed for time, the School team had little difficulty in notching up a comfortable victory.

Many thanks must go to Mr. Watson, who again showed great interest in the running of the team.

M. PERRING (SECRETARY)

BADMINTON REPORT

Although, once again, there was limited opposition from other schools, the School Badminton team had another hundred percent record this season, beating both Plympton Grammar (6-3) and Plymstock Comprehensive (9-0).

Thanks are due to the staff who boldly challenged the team and, despite the School winning 9-0, the competition was appreciated, and very much enjoyed.

Players of the School team this year have been: N. Rutter, M. Flood, S. Gerry, K. Tull, D. Mcallum and A. Pipe. The side at present possesses some very promising youngsters with A. Pipe and D. Mcallum still only in the first and second years respectively.

There have been many noteworthy individual achievements throughout the season. N. Rutter has played third team county level, and won both the Plymouth under 18 Singles and Doubles Championships; D. Mcallum has represented the South West in the National Schools Badminton Championships, and A. Pipe won the Devon County Under-12 Championship. Mcallum was also involved in the victorious partnership in the Devon Under-13 Doubles.

With the present standard of Badminton within the School, I am sure the team will be even more successful next year.

The Inter-House Championships were won convincingly, once again, by Raleigh, despite S. Gerry's transfer to Grenville House.

Thanks are due to Mr. Smith and Dr. Phillips, who have given their time and enthusiasm to the sport.

NEIL RUTTER

TABLE TENNIS REPORT

The School Table-Tennis team (comprising of: Richard Burley, Mark Fletcher and Peter Gatrell) won the "Plymouth Schools Handicap League" convincingly, finishing the season twenty points clear of 'nearest' rivals, Coombe Dean.

The team would probably have ended undefeated this year, had not the lack of keen competition kindled an air of nonchalance. This undoubtedly resulted in the only defeat of the season, 5-4 to Coombe Dean, once the title had already been clinched. The remainder of the fixtures provided comfortable victories for the School.

Thanks go to Mr. Moon for the loan of school equipment; and the Hall for practices. Let us hope that next year, with three new faces in the team, this achievement can be repeated.

RICHARD BURLEY, M6C

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The society has considered a wide and original range of topics throughout this year's debates. Nuclear disarmament, divorce, euthanasia, the legalization of cannabis, public schools and abortion all have been discussed, as well as the familiar subjects which have incited sixth formers for years. The debates held with the ladies of St. Dunstan's Abbey again proved the most lively. Particularly memorable were the cries of "rather red than dead", kindled by the motion: "This House Believes that Britain should withdraw from N.A.T.O. and join the Warsaw Pact".

Sceptics still look upon "The Debating Society" as a haven for intellectual dalliance—all talk and no action! They overlook the simple function the society always has intended to perform—to provoke controversy and increase thought. Provided members have learnt to reason, and not accept blindly what they are told, this session will have been worthwhile.

Thanks must go to members of staff for encouraging this aim, and especially Mrs. Dart, who has given up so much of her own time to supervise after school.

ADAM BRIGGS (Secretary)

CHRISTIAN UNION REPORT 1980-81

After a disappointing start to the year, it became apparent that Christian Union membership, although low, was comprised completely of boys in the first two years, with the exception of a few stalwart sixth-formers. Consequently, at the end of February, Mr. P. Gibson took the decision to officially convert the Christian Union into a Junior Christian Union, to which all pupils of the first and second years were invited on Thursday lunchtimes. Next year, we are looking forward to an increased membership, when all boys from the Lower School will be welcomed.

The link, which the Christian Union has forged with the Parish through its Inter Denominational Communion Services, has been maintained throughout the year, with a total of four Communion Services.

Our thanks are extended to Mr. J. Smith and Mr. P. Gibson for their work during the year, and, also, the Rev. G. Cryer for officiating at the Communion Services, and for the loan of the Church on such occasions.

C. J. PENBERTHY

EERIE ETERNALLY EERIE

Eerie Eternally Eerie,
Is this the street to Hell?
A darkening, ever darkening road,
And luminous figures swell.

It came without a single warning.
Out of nothing approached smog.
Too frightened ever to speak a word,
Is it hell or fog?

Stumbling, staggering, onward go,
Walking in eternal blindness.
Someone out there, can you hear me?
Help me in your kindness.

DOMINIC FIELDER, 1W

EVENING STAR

Sunsets, so romantic and red, remember
Glorious days, which to dusk have crept,
Silent, sensuous hours of such wonder
Float by, while in quiescence the stars have slept.
The great Titan ruby sinks into oblivion.
But Erato, my amatory muse,
Allows not my love to sail Lethe unsung,
Nor the stagnant waters of hell to lose
My Aphrodite, my radiant orb.
So rejoice, O young and beautiful maiden,
Be warmed by my love, you are not forsaken,
And let your soul my affection absorb,
For we have discovered that divine charity,
That once was known to Cupid and Psyche.

DAVID A. MAY, M6B

THE SOLEMN AIRMAN

He stood there looking so solemnly
Towards the sky and above.
For once he was a fighter pilot
And flying was his love
The rushing air went flying past
As he took to the air once more.
Although he sat upon the ground
He was doing the thing he loved.
Behind him appeared a Luftwaffe plane
Bullets flew left and right
One of them hit him in the arm
And the blood came oozing out.
The engine stalled
And the plane fell badly gnarled,
Crashing fatally to the ground.
It twirled and twirled and whirled about
And he crashed into reality.
He stood there looking so solemnly
Towards the sky and above,
For once he was a fighter pilot
And flying was his love.

MARK MILLER, 1W

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

The preceding year has seen a marked improvement in the number of activities available at the squadron, mainly due to the addition of four new members to the adult staff. We now have fully equipped photographic and electronic flights, as well as project work, and the inclusion of a radio controlled boat, and the resurrection of an old diesel engine.

The term started well with a camp at R.A.F. Waddington, which was crowded but still enjoyable. We participated in an exercise involving the entire base, and later we visited a real fire-range, and saw the British and German airforces practising gunnery and bombing. Meanwhile, back in Plymouth, we were involved in wide range of activities. Included were; flying, shooting, sports competitions, tours of R.A.F. stations, and similar aeronautical pastimes. Again, the squadron hired a minibus to pay a visit to both a local air show and museum.

This year's specialities included a two-and-a-half hour flight in a Nimrod, for the winners of the Endeavour Competition. In December, two cadets, myself being one, decided to partake in a sea survival course at R.A.F. Mountbatten. The two days of lectures were interesting, but when we were taken a mile off the break-water, and pushed in (from the warmth of a rescue launch into the freezing fathoms of water), we both began to have doubts. Still we did survive, if only just.

Honestly, it wasn't so bad as it sounds, and I can recommend the course to any would-be participant. If this is the sort of thing that interests you, why not come down on a Friday after school, and see for yourself?

D. CHILDS

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The Photographic Club has enjoyed one of its most successful years, increasing its membership to thirty, and, for once, being able to take full advantage of the dark room facilities provided.

Especially pleasing was the large influx of Lower School members, with cameras poised, the credit for which must be given to Mr. Bassett's unrelenting enthusiasm. His initiation of regular club competitions has added new interest to the proceedings, and injected a fresh incentive, which can only improve the standard of photography.

With Mr. Bassett at the helm, and our eager, young recruits supporting him, I am confident that the club will continue to develop and prosper. Already a bright future is coming into focus.

MICHAEL G. PHARE (Secretary)

THE STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club continued to meet regularly during the Michaelmas and Lent terms. The programme included swapping, competitions, and a very interesting talk by Lt. Cmdr. H. McGeeney, a former President of the 'Plymouth Philatelic Society', who also exhibited part of his extensive collection.

Post-Office 'First Day Covers', presentation packs and P.H.Q. cards for all new issues have been ordered, at no extra charge, for any member of the school requiring them. This service will continue when the Stamp Club restarts in September.

Thanks must go, once again, to Mr. Sandercock for his help and encouragement throughout the year. We look forward to another successful year and any members will be very welcome.

ANDREW DEACON, 5W, and RICHARD GREENHALGH, 5N

CHESS CLUB REPORT

Throughout the year, the membership of the Chess Club has been steadily increasing, and, consequently, we were able to purchase new sets and boards. Meetings were initially held in the Biology laboratories twice-a-week, but, once the Club had been transferred to the Physics laboratories, matches could be played daily.

Owing to a misunderstanding about the closing date for entries, the School was unable to participate in the 'Sunday Times Competition'. However, throughout the Autumn term both the Senior and Junior teams enjoyed considerable success in friendly matches against local schools. The Seniors narrowly lost their first game against Public, but won all their remaining fixtures comfortably. The Juniors' performances were even better, as they overcame all opposition without serious threat.

In the "Pitt-Fox" and "Bruce" Cups, the Seniors suffered a humiliating 5-1 defeat at the hands of Plymouth College, but the Juniors compensated for this by reaching the final.

The strength of the Junior team was no where better emphasised than when they beat a weakened Senior side by five boards to one. Both remain indebted to Mr. Milton and Mrs. Okell, before she left, for their support.

R. D. LANE

FREEDOM FOR AN OTTER

The tall blades of intertwined grass covered the riverine. Set deep in the undergrowth was a concealed aperture from which a wet, black nose and whiskers protruded. The whiskers twitched spasmodically sensing the close proximity of danger. Finding nothing distasteful, a beautifully furred, weasel-like mammal crawled from its holt and slid silently into the abstruseness of the murky slow-flowing river. It immediately surfaced lying on its back emitting a soft whistle.

From the holt two whelps appeared, resembling their mother in colour but not size. They were more inquisitive of their surroundings than their parent and before entering the water squirmed over each other admiring and scenting the neighbourhood of the holt.

The mother dived into deeper water and the whelps followed with a splash. The otter's streamlined body and powerful, tapering tail glided through the water creating ripples through the duckweed. Suddenly, its rudder-like tail lashed out and darted sleekly to its right and then to the

surface. The otter was lying on its back with a small writhing trout on its stomach clasped between its paws. The fishes movement subsided and a pair of claws ripped at the scaly flesh. The whelps ate heartily.

After their feed, they returned to the bank where the grass had been flattened. At the highest point of the bank the mother slid down the reeds on its back and into the water with an ostentatious splash. The whelps were a little reluctant to follow their mother's example. However, whilst scrupulously trying to descend the bank, they found the reeds too slippery and were soon rolling and tumbling ungracefully over one another until they ploughed into the water. This aroused their sense of enjoyment and began to clamber up the muddy steep-sided edges of the river. Over and over they would fall helplessly into the river.

The mother crouched alongside the slide and threw a stone into the water and almost simultaneously she dived in to retrieve the sinking stone.

Bored with their repetitive antics, the whelps frolicked on the grass with boisterous and playful squabbles. Their onlooking mother mused at their actions and then started up with its minute ears to the wind. It became aware of a nearby adversary.

A hurried whistle rendered the air with an icy sensation of uneasiness. The whelps came scuffling to their mother still irrespective of the danger. The three crossed the river and climbed onto the opposite bank shaking their spiked fur to dryness. The otter hustled her infants into the holt and immured them by blocking the entrance with her body.

Through the trees poachers appeared carrying guns and suppressing straining leashes holding pointer dogs smelling the otter-scented reeds. They stopped in confusion at the river and the poachers moved on further downstream. They now had a vague idea of the location of an otter family, so, the otters would have to live in a world of danger and awareness, for fear of the consequences.

NEIL GERRY, 4N

“FORTY YEARS ON”

Alan Bennett's play "Forty Years On", was staged at the Hoe Theatre from the 15th to 30th May, by the 'Plymouth Theatre Company'.

The play, a witty parody of the end of term production at 'Albion House Public School', required twelve boys from D.H.S. to act the parts of "Albion House" pupils.

The privileged twelve were; G. Baker, S. Blake, D. Burrett, J. Carter, J. Coyle, M. Evans, S. Howe, M. Putt, P. Rowland, R. Saunders, A. Spring and C. Wells.

All who participated found the new experience of professional theatre fascinating, and grateful thanks go to Chris Hayes, the rest of the cast, and everyone at the 'Plymouth Theatre Company', especially Greta, for putting up with us for "the duration".

We would also like to thank Mr. Peck, for without his co-operation this great opportunity would have been missed, and Mr. Burrows, to whom we are indebted for initiating the entire venture.

M. EVANS

ST. LEVAN PRESS

The St. Levan Press, although no longer as great as in its hey-day, is still going strong. Indeed, it continues to provide the School with an invaluable service, producing headed notepaper, tickets, invitation cards and compliment slips.

Apart from these School duties, boys of the St. Levan Press also carry out projects of their own, gaining experience in the art of printing, layout and design. There remain, however, a small number of vacancies for hard-working and dedicated boys.

DR. PHILLIPS

THE WARGAMING SOCIETY

At the start of this school year, the Wargaming Society was close to collapse, but thanks to a few dedicated members, it has survived, and even increased its numbers considerably.

The society is now much more organised, complete with a committee. Subscriptions are now paid, and, although these are low, we have made considerable profits and have begun to invest in school equipment. At the meetings, on Saturday mornings, we fight on various scales and time periods, including fictional games, like "Dungeons and Dragons".

The members of the Society would like to thank Mr. Dickens for his supervision and organisation of our meetings.

M. CLEMO (Club Secretary) and D. PRITCHARD

THE SCHOOL FISHING EXPEDITION

The School Fishing Party met at Millbay Docks at 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15th July. From the moment of arrival it became obvious that the fish would be difficult to come by. In fact, M. D. Lang was the only person who succeeded in catching one, although S. Gibby landed an eel.

Many thanks must go to Mr. Borbon for although he did not catch anything, without his time and effort the whole expedition would not have been possible.

M. D. LANG, L6C

A YOUNG BOY FROM DEVONPORT HIGH

'Twas in the classrooms of our school,
When I heard a faint, sad cry.
That I found in despair, on a plastic chair,
A young boy from Devonport High.

His hair was black his nose was long,
And black and long was he.
And then he started to say,
In a singularly minor key;

Oh I am a dancer, and the captain of the team
And the left-back of Hartlepool,
And a tennis star who travelled wide and far,
And of course I'm a boy at school.

Oh little boy, it's little I know,
Of the duties of a boy at school.
And I'll eat my hand, if I understand
Eh! Anyway you're just a boy at school.

We were sailing on a cruise at sea
In the Caribbean, actually
And there on a reef, we came to grief
Which had never occurred to me.

And soon all the passengers were drowned
There were lots and lots of them.
And only five stayed alive
And said "Here! I'll go with them."

There was a dancer, and the captain of a team,
And the left back of Hartlepool,
And a tennis star, who travelled wide and far
And of course, me, a boy at school.

For a month we'd neither food nor drink,
Until a hungry we did feel.
So we drew a lot and accordingly shot
The captain for our meal.

The next lot fell to the dancer
And a tough dish he made (for a prancer)
And our appetite with the tennis star
We two survivors stayed.

He boiled the water and took the salt,
And pepper in portions true.
And he never forgot the chopped shallot,
And some sage and parsley too.

And he stirred it round and round and round
And he smelt the foaming froth.
When I tripped at the heels, and smothered his squeals,
In the thick of the foaming froth.

And I ate that left-back, Oh! pretty soon
And as I be eating
The last of his bones, why, stone the crows,
For I saw a ship far out at sea.

Oh I'm a dancer and a team captain
And the left back of Hartlepool
And a tennis star, who travelled wide and far,
And, of course, a boy at Devonport High !!!

P. CHOWN, 1W

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The last year has seen the demise of a number of Old Boys' "institutions". After many years of valuable service to former pupils, particularly school leavers, the London Branch has ceased to exist. It is hoped that members will retain their contact by joining the Plymouth or Bath & Bristol branches.

In May our Life Vice-President, Eric Cock, died. Eric had given many years of service to the Association, and committee meetings are not the same without his reminiscences of the early days of the Association.

The A.G.M. was postponed until April 3rd. at the United Services Club, Mount Wise. Our venue for over 25 years, the Magnet Restaurant, having been closed in January. There was an increased attendance for the first time in several years, with some new faces enjoying recollections of their school days.

The Dinner/Dance at the Moorland Links Hotel in September was enjoyed by those who attended, particularly the Rugby Club. This year the venue will be the Astor Hotel, the Hoe on Friday, 25th September, 1981.

Other social events continue as in the past, including the cricket match and darts match against the staff, and a snooker evening.

During the year the Association's tie has been redesigned. It is dark green and the single motif incorporates the Devonport crest and the school motto. They are available from me at £3 each.

NEIL CLARKE, Hon. Secretary

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Once again the Annual Steak Supper was held in September 1980 and proved to be our most popular event.

At the Annual General Meeting, held in November 1980, it was decided to revert to our previous practice of donating a Bath and Bristol Branch annual book prize instead of sponsoring a visit to Bath for two boys. This decision was taken reluctantly, but it was forced upon the Branch because of the shrinking membership.

Unfortunately due to lack of support the Annual Dinner 1981 had to be cancelled. It is hoped that a new formula can be worked out for 1982.

News of some Old Boys who are members of the Bath and Bristol Branch has been forwarded for inclusion in the Old Boys' Personal Notes.

R. W. LOCK

Old Boys' Rugby Club

The 1980-81 season saw the club win 19 matches, lose 17 and draw 1. It was disappointing to lose several matches by the narrowest of margins, often against far less talented but better organised sides. Until all players commit themselves to training regularly not a great deal can be done about coaching improved techniques. A lack of forwards in key positions proved to be the major obstacle to a better record. On a more positive note, last year's team must have had the lowest average age for a long time, so there is hope that the present players can develop into a really effective unit. Six members of the club represented Plymouth & District Combination last season.

In the Lockie Cup an easy first round win over Rank Toshiba was followed by a quarter-final defeat at the hands of eventual finalists Old Technicians. The double was achieved against the School, Teignmouth II and Newton Abbot II. Wins were also secured against O.P.O.'s, St. Columba, Torquay Quins, Jesters, O.P.M.'s, Exeter University II, Salcombe, Crediton III, Plymouth Albion United, Paignton II and touring side Llandaff North from Cardiff. A blizzard was blowing for most of the Plymouth Combination seven-a-side tournament but the Old Boys' two sides performed creditably. The "B" team reached the quarter-finals while the "A" team were the losing finalists.

The London tour was again a big success and a number of those at university met up with the party which travelled from Plymouth. The match on the Saturday against Centaurs produced a comfortable victory but a waterlogged pitch deprived us of a Sunday game against Old Merchant Taylors, much to the relief of some tourists. The Twickenham encounter between England and France was the championship decider, but the home side rarely showed the determination needed to grab a share of the title and allowed France to gain a comfortable first half lead. Despite a thrilling revival, England failed to stop France winning a well deserved "grand slam". Next year the club is planning a visit to Paris to see the return match. Fund raising activities and personal saving is already well under way.

Brian Sherrell was plagued by a knee injury all last season but hopefully, after a second cartilage operation, he will be able to lead the club on the field this year. He will have the support of recent school leavers such as Keith Rundle, Steve Pomeroy, Paul Shannon, Andy Cunningham and "Chalky" White as well as the experience of long established players like Dave Ferguson, Peter Ireland, Paul Vaggers and Geoff Simpson. It is to be hoped that "vacation" rugby will also be available for the likes of Andy Weymouth, Paul Williams, Kevin Lomas, Martyn Porter, John Hawkins, Paul Robertson and Mark Harper. As always new faces will be most welcome. Training is on Thursday evenings at the school and any further details are available from me at the same place.

GEOFF SIMPSON

Devonport High School Old Boys' AFC

This has not been an easy season for the Old Boys. A change of management in midstream, a consequent reshuffling of existing players and the introduction of new ones, caused some anxiety as relegation began to loom. But one or two splendid performances and dogged determination eventually saw the team to safety. Particularly heartening was the larger "Old Boy" contingent to be found playing regularly towards the end of the season; it is a great disappointment that so few have in recent years seen the "Old Boys" as the natural continuation of their football career on leaving school. The training facilities at school, the pitch and accommodation at Millbay Park are second to none at this level. This is no closed clique; it is an opportunity to play football in an enjoyable atmosphere and at a good standard with old friends. Just come along on Wednesday evenings to the school gym and train with the team; you will be assured a warm welcome!

May I, in conclusion, thank the stalwarts David and Chas Carne, Paul Andrews and Martin Hunt for their hard work in keeping the club together during these difficult times. I look forward to a successful season in 1981-82.

A. WROATH

OLD BOYS' PERSONAL NOTES

M. N. CASE has graduated from Loughborough University with a first class honours degree in Civil Engineering and will be continuing with research.

JOHN CLEMENCE after a successful season with the Civil Service rugby club is to join the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary.

NICK COLBOURNE (71-78) is now in the Civil Service.

MARTIN COTTER (71-76) is in the final year of his apprenticeship as a joiner in Devonport Dockyard. His younger brother Trevor (74-79) has left the Navy after a period of artificer training at H.M.S. Fisgard.

ANDY CREBER has left Nottingham University and is visiting South Africa.

DAVE FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary of the old boys' rugby club and now in his forties, completed the London Marathon in under four hours. He took particular satisfaction from beating Welsh international J. P. R. Williams to the line.

PAUL GOSLIN qualified as a dentist at Guy's Hospital in December 1980 and had an appointment as House Dental Surgeon there. By January 1982 he hopes to have the letters L.D.S., R.C.S. after his name. He gave a conducted tour of the hospital to a party of lower sixth formers on the occasion of their London visit.

TONY HALLETT (68-76) is now Director of Music at De la Salle College, Jersey and welcomed a party of musicians from D.H.S. in July.

KEVIN HARRIS (74-79) is training as a student nurse and hopes to go into general or psychiatric nursing.

MIKE HOCKING (67-74) is an accountant with Plymouth City Council.

DAVID HUTCHINGS is a journalist with the Western Evening Herald after experience in banking and the Civil Service. He is off to the University of Richmond, Virginia, on a scholarship awarded by West-country Rotary.

KEVIN LOMAS has enjoyed his teaching practice at Uppingham School and has one more year to do at Loughborough.

TONY NORMAN (72-75) is working at the Green's photographic and electrical department in Debenhams, Plymouth.

PHIL PARSONS (68-75) is working for Brittany Ferries at Millbay Docks.

JOE PENGELLY of the B.B.C. went to his college reunion and met up with four old boys. Dr. E. J. FORBES is now lecturer in chemistry at Birmingham University, Dr. R. H. HUZZEY is the senior partner in a Launceston medical practice, Dr. A. C. HAM is Divisional Superintendent at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough and M. S. WARREN is the License Group Manager for Pilkington Glass.

PAUL REYNOLDS who is also at Guy's Hospital accompanied Paul Goslin during the lower sixth formers' visit. He hopes to take a year off to do a one year degree course in Pathology.

IAN ROBERTSON (71-78) has obtained a certificate from the National Examination Board in Supervisory Studies and is now working in the Civil Service. His interest in rugby has led him to become an executive member and assistant secretary of the Plymouth & District Rugby Combination. His younger brother **PAUL (73-80)** has transferred from U.M.I.S.T. where he was studying Management Sciences to Lancaster University where he is taking a degree course in Social Services.

CRAIG RICH attended a couple of Old Boys' functions during the year. He is a lecturer and head of department at Plymouth Polytechnic but is more familiar to hundreds of thousands of Westcountry people as the B.B.C.'s weatherman on Spotlight South-West. He also had his own eight-programme series on Fridays during the summer.

PAUL SHANNON (73-79) now working with Natwest has passed his BEC exams.

BRIAN SHERRELL (68-73) has again been elected captain of the Old Boys' rugby club and has recently been promoted to Technical Officer with British Telecom.

GEOFF SIMPSON (60-68) is still teaching French and Spanish at D.H.S. For the past three years he has been secretary of the Plymouth & District Rugby Combination. He has three children. His colleague on the staff, **JOHN BOWDEN (54-61)**, is soon to see the arrival of his sixth child. John is now Head of Lower School.

ANDY WEYMOUTH (72-80) has successfully negotiated his first year at Loughborough where he played rugby for the University's Freshmen XV.

ANDY WHITE (72-79) has passed his Part I exams for the Diploma of the College of Radiography.

CLIVE WILLIAMS (68-75) has moved to Kingston-upon-Thames with Phoenix Assurance.

PETE WILLIAMS (67-74) is working with McDonald and Evans Publishing.

PETER WARN (54-61) is a housemaster at Bootham School, York. His parents Eric and Joan take a keen interest in the progress of his two sons.

D. P. MILES (41-49) F.B.I.M., Member Institute of Purchase and Supply, is our current Chairman and has just been appointed as the Director Support for the R.N. Trident Project

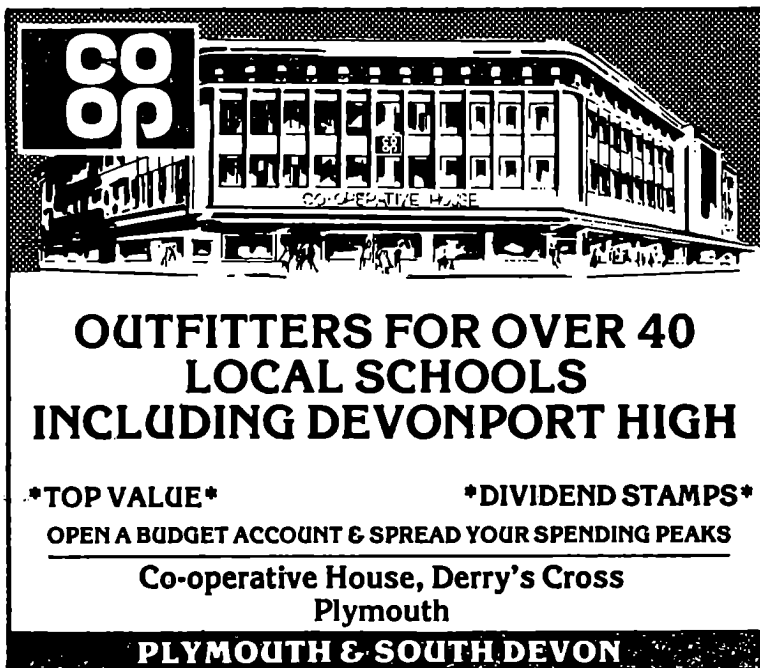
- A. J. HAWKINS F.B.I.M. (31-39), D. T. CORY (31-37), N. E. CHAFF (31-38), R. J. G. HODGES (28-37), D. A. WORDEN, S. MORGAN, L. M. R. TRUSCOTT (29-35) have all recently retired and are living in the Bath area.
- J. M. WIDDECOMBE (19-28), C.B., O.B.E., is enjoying his golf in retirement in Surrey.
- D. G. REED (33-39), R. W. LOCK (38-43), H. J. JONES (39-41), H. E. G. TOUT (39-44), R. STEPHENS, D. WYATT (42-47), R. G. SYMONS, P. ROWE, R. RENDLE are all members of various departments of the Ministry of Defence at Bath.
- C. SMALE, C.B.E., contacted our Chairman at the opening of the Ferraro Library and was duly recruited into the Branch. We look forward to meeting him at our next function. He is now managing director of a firm near Cardiff and was awarded the C.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List. Our congratulations go to him.
- F. GERRISH is now living at Thornbury, near Bristol, and is working for Bristol Aerospace.
- G. BRYANT (29-37) is living in retirement at Taunton
- C. S. VEALE (36-41) is the Superintendent of the R.N. Armament Depot, Trecoun, Wear, Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
- H. D. D. THOMAS (42-50) is the Superintendent of the R.N. Armament Depot at Plymouth, but we still manage to extract his sub, in competition with the parent branch.
- F. W. J. LAWRENCE (23-33) has retired and is living at Weston-Super-Mare.
- T A. CURTICE is manager of Lloyd's Bank at Highbridge, Somerset.
- RALPH MORRELL, Lord Mayor of Plymouth.
- JOHN BESWETHERICK: Head of Classics at D.H.S.
- DAVE ROSE, Classics Teacher at D.H.S.
- REG SCOTT, Voted as a Labour Councillor.
- BRAD McSTRAVICK, took part in the Decathlon event in the Olympics.

VALETE

- N.b. the University places have been secured on conditional 'A' Level passes.
* signifies a post obtainable on grades, or after interview.
- M. P. ANDREWS: Chemistry at Southampton University.
- K. L. BAILEY: Mechanical Engineering
- M. BAKER: Management Sciences at Manchester UMIST.
- P. BAKER: Position in the Royal Navy.*
- R. BAKER: Chartered Accountancy at Plymouth Polytechnic.
- A. J. BARKHAM: English at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.
- P. M. BARRETT: Mechanical Engineering at Bath University.
- D. F. BARTLETT: Civil Service.*
- S. BEALE: Mechanical Engineering at Swansea University.
- R. J. B. BINDSCHEDLER: Biochemistry at Surrey University.
- C. P. BLAKE: Trainee Supervisor at Bejam.
- A. N. BRIGGS: SRN at Bristol Royal Infirmary.*
- T. M. BRIGHT: Law at Nottingham University.
- S. C. BRYANS: Return for 7th term Oxbridge (Law).
- N. E. BURGE: History at Durham University.

R. J. BURLEY : Awaiting 'A-Level' Results.
 M. R. CARTWRIGHT: Trainee Assistant Manager with Pickfords Removals.
 R. W. J. COLES : Business Studies at North London Polytechnic.
 S. P. DAVIDSON : Business Studies at Plymouth Polytechnic.
 M. G. DEWDNEY : Architecture at Plymouth Polytechnic.*
 N. ELLIOTT : Computing Studies at the University of East Anglia.
 S. W. EVANS : Medicine at Leicester University.
 N. FEWINGS : Position with Barclays Bank.*
 M. A. FLETCHER : Business Studies at Hatfield Polytechnic.
 P. GARTRELL : Position with General Accident Assurance.
 S. M. GERRY : Combined Studies at Plymouth Polytechnic.
 P. D. GLANVILLE: Accountancy at Birmingham University.
 A. GOW : Laboratory Technician.*
 P. A. GREGORY : Return for 7th term Oxbridge (English).
 J. D. GRIFFITHS : Architecture at University College, London.
 K. HALLETT : Accounts Clerk with Tecalemit.
 P. HARRIS : Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Plymouth Polytechnic.
 K. A. HODGINS : Management Science at Loughborough University.
 D. J. HONEY : Chemistry at Surrey University.
 T. P. HOY : Law at Leeds University.
 M. P. LACEY : Awaiting 'A-Level' Results.
 S. LAWSON : Accountancy at Plymouth Polytechnic.
 M. P. LOCK : Awaiting 'A-Level' Results.
 G. D. MANSON : Law at Nottingham University.
 D. A. MAY : Banking and Finance at Loughborough University with Midland Bank Sponsorship.*
 N. J. McCLUNG : Pharmacy at University College, London.
 T. N. McSHANE : Position at Trustee Savings Bank.*
 D. MUSK : Social Administration at Sheffield University.
 M. E. NORTHCOTT : Medicine at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.
 H. J. PEARCE : Navigational Cadet.*
 M. G. PHARE: Architectural and Environmental Design at Nottingham University.
 G. D. PINWELL: Law at Cardiff University.
 S. C. POPE : Physics at Royal Holloway, London.
 G. J. PRISK : Law at Southampton University.
 P. E. REED : Economic and Social Studies at Swansea University.
 R. M. RICHARDS : Return for 7th term Oxbridge (Medicine).
 J. B. ROBERTSON : Aeronautical Engineering at Imperial College, London.
 M. P. ROSE : Civil Service.*
 M. R. ROSE : Communication Engineering at Nottingham University.
 S. P. B. SHEARS : Management Science at Lancaster University.
 D. J. SMITH : Computer Science at Manchester University.
 N. S. SPILLER : History at Hull University.

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