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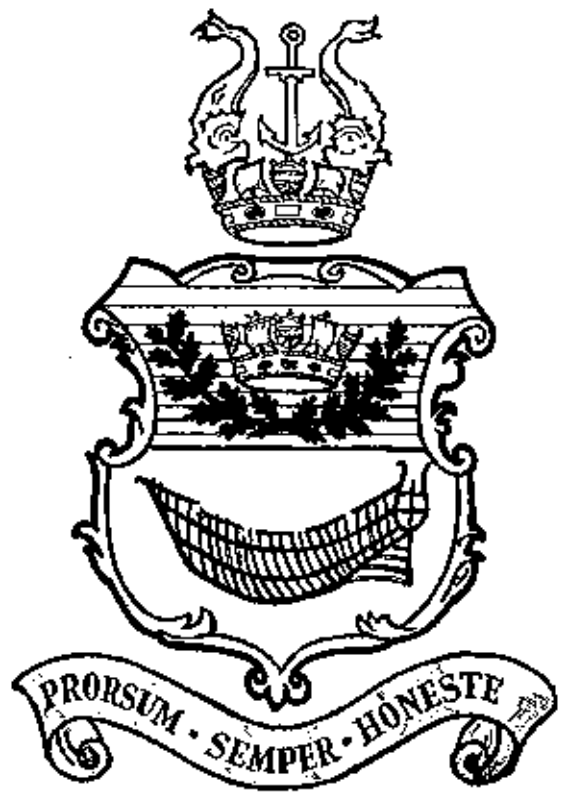
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EDITORIAL

Prorsumus Semper Honeste...

Devonport High School has entered a new, challenging decade. The future promises many changes within this dignified establishment which have been forced mainly due to the Education Department's cuts in expenditure. This is just one sector of society which has been seriously affected by Britain's present economic plight; cuts have to be made and people have to face this situation as best they can, but in the meantime it does nobody any good to go complaining to the Government of the day and expect it to provide a remedy every time some difficulty is experienced. A high degree of self-help and mutual assistance is required. Generally speaking, people today are more aware of the fact that they must motivate themselves and support each other if anything highly worthwhile is to be achieved; the State cannot be expected to provide our material needs all the time.

The School Appeal project launched this year is, in the Editor's opinion, a refreshing step forward in the right direction. It is a good example of sensible-minded people combining efforts to maintain high standards within the School, standards which at present are likely to decline if money is not spent now on improving facilities.

Devonport High is the first maintained Grammar School to launch such an appeal; nobody would deny that this is an ambitious enterprise (£50,000 is hoped to be raised by voluntary means), but ambition and far-sightedness are to be admired when the well-being of one's own School is at stake. Excellence at all levels has always been the aim of Devonport High School; with this kind of imaginative forward thinking, that excellence can be achieved.

J.P.

SCHOOL NOTES

At the end of the academic year 1979-80, Mr. Poole, the Head of the Physics Department, retired. He joined the School in 1947 and, between then and 1980, taught all the Science disciplines. He became Senior Physics master in 1964 and by his work and leadership made his department one of the finest features of the School. Towards the end of his career he was Head of the Senior School. Mr. Poole is a man of wide interests and during his time with us has been closely involved in School Cricket Clubs, Drama and Science Societies. He will be missed throughout the establishment but nowhere more sharply than in the staffroom where his wit and wisdom have given warmth and encouragement. We hope to see him often. Mr. Milton replaces Mr. Poole as Head of the Physics Department.

Mr. Wroath our Head of Classics left us in December of 1979 in order to take up the post of Senior Master at Tavistock Comprehensive School—a warmly applauded appointment. Mr. Wroath maintained the highest academic standards and regularly saw his pupils gain Oxbridge places. His tremendous energy enabled him to be of great influence in the Old Boys' Association and it was he who set up the first 'O' level programme and looked after the interests of new teachers. Mr. Wroath was a fine soccer player but on the one occasion that he played rugby for the Staff team (we had an 100% record that year!) what might have been was seen by a devastating burst through the School's defence. Mr. Beswetherick, an old boy of the School succeeded him as Head of Classics.

Mr. Burton came to us in 1974, first as a student teacher, then upon appointment to a full time post. He left us to take responsibility for teaching history at Eggbuckland School.

During his time with us his invaluable contribution to history teaching has been nevertheless only one aspect of his achievements at Devonport High School. He has led the Under Thirteen Cricket Team to success and has revived the fortunes of the Junior Cross Country Club. More of his spare time has been given to organising a singing group, giving guitar lessons and helping with dramatic productions. A unique and important innovation of his has been the S.T.E.P. motor bike and moped road training course.

He will not be leaving us altogether. His disembodied voice will still sometimes be heard echoing round the annex though only on a tape recorder.

Mrs. Lowde and Mr. Holbourne were with us for shorter periods during which they made many friends and created a lasting impression on the School. Mrs. Lowde joined the Chemistry Staff at Combe Dean School. Mr. Holbourne went to teach Classics at St. Ignatius School in London. The Tuck Shop will miss the administration of the former and the Public Speaking Teams the guidance of the latter. We wish them both well.

Mr. Cox joined us to teach Mathematics and Mr. Hayman to assist with P.E. They have both quickly established themselves as essential members of the Staff. We were also lucky to have the assistance of Mrs. Forsythe to help with the Classics and English and she is due to become a permanent member of Staff.

INTO THE EIGHTIES—THE APPEAL

In July, 1979, the School Governors took the unusual decision to launch an Appeal in order to provide additional facilities for the School. These were to be a long desired sixth form area and two additional Libraries, specifically for the use of the Middle and Lower Schools.

An Appeal Committee, composed of Parents, Old Boys, Members of Staff and others associated with the School, worked very hard throughout the winter preparing the ground and the Appeal was finally launched on the 18th March at a reception attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Both television networks and the local press gave the undertaking excellent coverage and many parents attended a number of meetings to explain the purpose of the Appeal.

By the end of the Summer Term exactly one year after its inception, the Appeal had raised more than £25,000 which had encouraged the Governors to take the decision to go ahead with the first phase of the project and to engage an architect. In addition the School benefitted from a generous bequest by Reggie Ferraro, and it had been decided that the first of the new Libraries would be named as a memorial to the two Ferraro brothers. We now have high hopes that all the basic work can be done to give the School these very substantial new facilities and add immensely to the working conditions of pupils of all ages. This has been due to the remarkable generosity and abundant goodwill of so many

people whose interest and kindness has made a lot of very hard work most rewarding. The School's thanks go out to so very many friends of the School.

J. G. W. PECK

THE DEVON COUNTY SHOW

This year the Devon Education Authority chose Devonport High School to be the representative for education in Devon at the County Show Ground, Exeter.

Months of preparation were undertaken in order to prepare photographs and reports for the School's stand. Michael Phare acted as Mr. Evans' 'right-hand man' and did exceptionally well in laying out the display boards for our show piece.

The Show took place during three days of blazing sunshine, with temperatures inside our tent rising to about 90°F. Displays included experiments from the Biology and Physics Departments, along with numerous photographs and slides of school activities and societies. Two features of the Show were the Post 'O' Level Scheme and the School Appeal.

Mr. MacTavish master-minded a sequence of slides which outlined a typical school day. The film was accompanied by a recording of a Scott Joplin Rag played by Devonport's answer to Oscar Peterson, Alexander Collinson. He was one of a group of musicians who went to the Show every day and performed during opening hours. In fact the musicians gave up valuable time and energy in arriving at the Show by 0700 hrs. one morning in order to give a live singing performance for B.B.C.'s 'Morning Sun' West radio programme.

A 'Reserve' place was awarded to the Display in one of the classes of stands being judged. D.H.S. did not only impress judges, however. Prince Michael of Kent showed a lot of interest in our stand and left with a few complimentary statements to the duty pupils.

The Lower-Sixth are to be congratulated on their undying support for the Display, and it may be said that without their help the show certainly would not have taken place.

GRAHAM PRISK, L6A

SPEECH DAY

The Headmaster's speech this year centred on the pleasing academic and athletic achievements of the School as well as the continued interest in the 'A' Level courses available. However, he did emphasise the need for more facilities and study areas to maintain or improve on this success, whether they were to be paid for by the government or by the fund-raising of the School itself. He also had high hopes for the School's future university candidates, despite the decreasing number of places available at university. The verbal jousting match which followed between the Lord Mayor and the guest speaker Dr. David Owen provided a brief, light-hearted interlude in the proceedings, his loyal references to Sutton High School and lively introductions both receiving a loud roar of approval from the assembly. The musical items for the evening were certainly unusual but enjoyed by all nonetheless. Dr. David Owen's speech was the most interesting I personally have heard for some time and his call for the combining of efforts to find the best possible education system was much appreciated by all those concerned.

J. D. B. ST. AUBYN

PUBLIC SPEAKING 1979-80

Once again the School entered for three competitions. The most outstanding success was that of D. Miller (2S), who, along with four other Juniors entered the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Youth Speaks" competition. All performed creditably but Miller's clear and authoritative

delivery won him first place not only in the Plymouth final but also in the South West Regional final, defeating two boys from Milfield in the process and winning a place in the National final at Wakefield.

The School was unplaced in the Rotary Club contest, but entered two teams for the English Speaking Union competition. This brought a double success: the senior team, D. Riggs, O. Williams and A. Jansen came first in the Plymouth final and recovered the cup they had lost last year to P.H.S., then went on to be runners-up in the South West final; and a junior team, N. Chown, D. Miller and R. Warne, performed most creditably and won much praise from the judges, though they were unplaced.

A.W.H.

"THARK"

Following the success of last year, this year's play, a farce by Ben Travers, was again produced by Mr. C. G. Burrows at the Globe Theatre in Stonehouse Barracks.

Heather Meisaac returned to act the authoritative Kitty, which she did admirably, and was backed up by a female cast of great quality. We had many "indomitable spirits" amongst the women, such as Diane Hudson, who created uproar as the raucous Mrs. Frush, Claire Sambrook who successfully presented the "straight part" of the conservative Lady Benbow, and the normally gentle Sue Groombridge who portrayed the forward, swinging shop-assistant, Cherry Buck. The female cast included Ruth Rogers who appeared as the voluptuous maid, Warner.

Kevin Wittie, this year took the male role of the simpering, young Ronny, a part which he acted with his usual gusto and flair. And he was backed up by your humble narrator as the 'Colonel Blimp' type Sir Hector Benbow. The stuttering, dithering, worried Lionel Fresh was played well by Adrian Stroud.

The butlers, Hook and Jones were played by Graham Prisk and Peter Glanville and full marks must go to these two characters who held the play together on many occasions. As well as this Hook managed to coat other actors with talcum powder during his jittering frenzies and Jones terrified us all and slowed the pace down with deadly control.

Owen Williams, on his return from Gibraltar took on the part of the 'Eric Idle' type reporter, Wittie, who was brilliantly perceptive and at times unmovable.

As a Company we formed a great attachment for the play, the theatre and the audiences who supported us and, on behalf of the whole company I would like to thank our own brilliant impresario, Mr. Burrows, as well as Mr. Gibson and the stage hands, lighting crew, set-builders and the artists for all their efforts and determination in making the play such a success.

PETER E. REED

DR. MUSIKUS

"More haste, less speed," was shown to be an invalid proverb after this year's opera, "Dr. Musikus" had been staged. In little more than four weeks the production had been cast, rehearsed and put on.

The four members of the cast were extremely disappointed by the general support for the enterprise in view of the fact that the number of productions had to be cut from three to one. However, the one surviving show was well supported and many complimentary remarks were received after it ended.

The cast included Andy Clatworthy, Kevin Bailey and myself along with Cathy Savery of Plymouth High School: an old hand at stage and song at D.H.S. We also took part in a short operetta by Malcolm Williamson before the main show began. Entitled "Knights in Shining Armour," it served well as a "warm-up" piece for the audience.

We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and would like to thank Mr. Burrows, the producer, Mr. Farrow, our patient musical director, and Graham Widger for being an excellent stage-manager.

GRAHAM PRISK, L6A

6th FORM ACTIVITIES WEEK

It only rained twice during the week—once for four days and for three days on the second occasion! Joking apart, most members of the Lower Sixth seemed to enjoy the various activities in which they participated and were in good, adventurous spirits after a week of important exams.

The intellectual contingent of the Lower Sixth boarded a coach to Stratford in search of literary inspiration and educational enlightenment. The R.S.C.'s production of "Hamlet" has been quoted as being 'stimulating'. Further information about this is to be found elsewhere.

Eight colleagues attended a Computer Course at Plymouth Polytechnic and uncovered the fundamentals of computer espionage.

The overnight stay on Dartmoor highlighted the ineptitude of certain pupils. One "cool" person actually leapt into a leat! "Sherpa" Southern was in charge of the expedition, leading us through the wilderness of bogs etc.

Mr. Gibson amazed the Lower Sixth caving group with his underground antics at Radford Cave. This challenging subterranean activity proved just as popular and memorable as last year.

The trip to London took place on the Thursday and members of the group were graced with the presence of a few girls from D.H.S. All had a very rewarding time, and Mr. Attewell must be thanked for organising this particular event in the week.

In brief, the campers camped, the climbers climbed and the sailors sank and got wet. Certainly a merry time was had by all. Thanks to all the Staff who gave of their time.

S. BEALE, L6A

DEVONPORT AMALGAMATED PRODUCTIONS A YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY

For a second year Fine Tubes Limited agreed to sponsor a Young Enterprise Company, which was run and operated by members of the Lower Sixth from this School and from D.H.S. for Girls.

Young Enterprise is an organisation through which students can learn how an industry works and can see the problems associated with running a company.

Our Company, D.A.P., was set up in September 1979 with the guidance of three advisors from Fine Tubes. During the first meeting the managers of the Company were elected and shares to the value of 25p each were sold to families and friends. The Company proceeded to be incorporated into the National Organisation of Y.E. and accordingly received its memorandum and articles of association.

It was decided to produce freezer-gloves and lapel badges and production began. A lease for premises and equipment was drawn up and the 'workers' began to produce the gloves after a 'minor' hitch over the shape of the glove.

The Company was not due to liquidate until May 1980, so at the end of each month a board-meeting was held at which members of the Company, who were known as 'achievers', could question policy and review progress. During the nine months the Company was in operation we had three managing directors and four sales managers, 358 gloves were produced and a profit of £256 was realised. This enabled the Company to pay a dividend of 64p per 25p share!

D.A.P. entered various competitions and examinations during the nine months, over half the achievers passed a Y.E. examination and D.A.P. reached the final of the C.B.I. regional competition.

All in all the thirty members who took part in D.A.P. gained not only valuable insight into industry, both from a careers and an educational viewpoint, but gained experience in working together as a team and in organising other people. The result was a most successful company.

Thanks are due to the Advisers, Messrs. Roberts, Owen and Johnson and to Mr. E. Atwell for co-ordinating the venture.

S. C. BRYANS, Secretary

R. RIMES' TRIP TO BAHRAIN

As a result of a Royal Institute of Navigation Competition, I won a trip, in Concorde, to the generally unheard-of island Kingdom of Bahrain, in the Persian Gulf. To anyone interested in aviation, Concorde is a fascinating aircraft, conforming to fighter standards rather than to those of an airliner. I spent almost the entire journey in the computerised world of the flight deck, where, apart from takeoff and landing, the computer does most of the work.

The service in Concorde is remarkable; passengers paid a £200 "Supersonic" surcharge (since dropped due to losses) on a single flight from London to Singapore, for which they enjoy virtually any delicacy available. A typical menu for a four hour flight would be Caviare and Prawn Canapes over the Swiss Alps, Smoked Scotch Salmon over Venice, and the main meal of Chicken Imperiale, or Beef Bourguoise between Venice and Crete.

We went supersonic over the Adriatic, though without the pilot's warning, it would have been unnoticed. The acceleration took less than ten minutes, during which we climbed to eleven miles high and reached Mach 2.2 (over 2,300 kph), and was little more dramatic than a car changing into overdrive. The main difference between subsonic and supersonic flying, was the increase of fuselage skin temperature to nearly 130°C, which was noticeable through the walls of the aircraft.

We arrived at Bahrain at 9 p.m. local time, and the first sign of the islands was of many oil wells, with huge flames of burning gas, as far as we could see. Despite the decline of the oil industry, oil wells abounded in Bahrain. The most important interests there are now the huge business hotels, from which businessmen conduct tours of their Middle-East interests. These have completely overtaken the island of Muqarrat, along with the huge airport complex, making Bahrain one of the most important commercial centres in the area, despite its population being smaller than that of Plymouth. Many are still being built or extended; I stayed overnight on the twelfth floor of the "Al Jaziras" hotel, where the thirteenth floor was still being constructed.

After a brief overnight stay, it was back to the airport by 8 a.m., for a guided tour of the complex, closely followed by sinister armed guards. I joined the same flight crew for the return journey, on the same aircraft, which had made the return flight to Singapore while I slept. Leaving hot and humid Bahrain by the 12 noon flight I was back in the traditional British rain in time for tea at 3.30 p.m.

R. RIMES, Sixth Former

THE FIRMASENS TRIP

On the 2nd April, 1980, I departed from Heathrow Airport to spend ten days in Germany. My destination was Pirmasens, which is a town about a third of the size of Plymouth, situated in the south of Germany close to the French border.

After a tiring fifteen hour journey, I was greeted cordially by Herr Werner (an old friend of Mr. Jones) and driven to Pirmasens to meet the Illic family with whom I was going to stay. While abroad I toured some of the surrounding countryside, which is reputed to be some of the most beautiful in Germany, and I also had a surprise trip to Strasbourg across the French border. I think that I gained a greater knowledge of the German language and also I experienced the day to day life of a German. Altogether it was an interesting and profitable stay.

Finally my sincere thanks go to Mr. Peck, to Fraulein U. May whose help was invaluable, to Mr. Jones for arranging the trip and whose time and effort was much appreciated and last but not least to the Illic family, for making my stay an interesting and a worthwhile one.

PAUL WAY, L6D

A MONTH IN MADRID

Last Easter, I had a most enjoyable four week stay in Madrid on an exchange organised by 'The Central Bureau for Visits and Exchanges' in London.

After my exhausting twelve hour journey from Plymouth, I eventually arrived at Madrid Airport and was introduced to my hosts, who took me at 100 m.p.h. by car to their house. I found it rather difficult to see the places of interest that they pointed out to me as we sped down the motorway.

During the following week, I attended my partner's school and was amazed to find that everybody smoked in class! This week was mostly taken up by going for a drink with the teachers (another of their many customs) since it was the end of term.

Then the Easter holiday arrived. During this time, I visited many places in and around Madrid such as El Escorial, El Valle de los Caídos where General Franco is buried, the Retiro Park and Crystal Palace, La Plaza Mayor, Gran Via, La Puerta del Sol and El Palacio Royal. I also went to El Rastro (sea-market) which is held every Sunday in Madrid, and a bull-fight, which became monotonous after the killing of the first bull.

For the last week, it was back to school where, on one day, whilst sitting in the shade just outside the school, a shower of what I took to be water fell on several of us. However, I stood in amazement as my green trousers turned white from the bleach, whereas the others vented their wrath at the lady above, in the flat!

However, no sooner had I come than it was time to go home again and so I left Madrid thinking back over the visit and realising that I had, in fact, learnt a lot of Spanish.

Thanks must go to Mr. Simpson, who gave me the details of the exchange, the Headmaster and 'The Eliza Hele Bursary Fund' who helped me financially, to the Exchange Bureau and, of course, to the family who made my stay a most enjoyable one.

DAVE WARE, L6D

PARIS TRIP 1980

On Wednesday, March 5th, a party of about fifty pupils left Plymouth en route for Paris. After a brief stop at Bridport, where much needed refreshment was obtained we reached Southampton at about 9.30 p.m. The party boarded the ferry, which sailed at 10.30 for Le Havre. As is the custom, the night was spent on the floor between the rows of reclining chairs.

The night passed without incident and the party boarded the coach in high spirits at 7.30 a.m. The four hour journey to Paris from Le Havre was relatively quiet as people tried to capture some of the sleep lost during the previous night. Once in the centre of Paris we were given a tour of the main sights which included Napoleon's Tomb, the Louvre and L'Opera. The lunch break was taken at Notre Dame and in the two hours available to us, most people looked round the Pompidou Art Centre which we found disappointing. After lunch the French counterpart of the Blackpool Tower was visited and those with excess energy climbed up to the second stage where a magnificent view of Paris was obtained. From here the coach went to the Sacre Coeur and then to a restaurant where the evening meal was served.

We beat a hasty return to Le Havre and the ferry sailed for England at 11.30 p.m. We arrived back in Southampton and the return journey to Plymouth proved uneventful.

Finally, I would like to extend a sincere 'merci' to Mr. Simpson for organising a very successful and enjoyable trip and to Mr. Jones, Mr. Watson, Dr. Phillips and Mr. Southern for providing supervision.

M. E. NORTHCOTT

SCHOOL CRUISE 1980

The party of twenty eager pupils under the controlling influence of two masters waved goodbye to their loved ones on Friday, 17th November. Sharing our coach were pupils from Notre Dame and Bishop Vaughan. We departed from Plymouth at midnight and arrived at Gatwick airport in the early hours of the morning. After a three hour flight in a D.C.10 we arrived in Venice where we made our first acquaintance with our cruise-liner, the S.S. "Uganda". Here we braved the rain and toured the famous canal district. The next day was spent in the Yugoslav city of Dubrovnik where a guided tour of this most interesting and picturesque place was enjoyed by all. Soon we were sailing through the Ithika Channel which runs between the islands of Ithika and Capalonia and then, on the Thursday, the caldera of Santonni was circumnavigated. In the afternoon, we successfully passed through the first two rounds of the hockey competition on deck, though our means of winning were somewhat suspect.

On the Friday we woke up to the spectacular sight of the mountains of Antalya stretching far above us. The next stop was at Perge where we visited the fascinating ruins and, later, the beautiful theatre of Aspendos. The next day saw us in Cyprus where Limassol, the theatre and Turkish baths at Curium as well as the Rock of Aphrodite were all visited in the morning. The day's expedition was concluded with a swim in the Mediterranean and a visit to the castle at Kolossi. Alexandria was the next port of call, where entertainment on board was provided by an Egyptian magician. Although there was an unpleasantly early start to the next day, we had an exciting journey along the Nile Delta in a rather battered Egyptian coach. After a stop at Tanta, we arrived in the chaotic streets of Cairo where we spent time viewing the museum, mosque and citadel. Then we headed towards Giza with its famous landmarks—the pyramids and the Sphinx. This was a very eventful day, for we suffered two punctures on the journey back to the ship besides having a humorous encounter with a few Arabs.

The final day of the cruise was spent at Athens where we visited the Acropolis and explored the local flea market. We left the ancient Greek capital late that night and arrived wearily back at Plymouth on the Saturday morning. Cruise 992 was over.

On behalf of the whole party, I should like to thank Messrs. Moon and Osborn for all the time and effort they contributed in order to make the cruise the success it was, also for their invaluable help on board.

SHAUN GLANVILLE, 4N

A VISIT TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

For three and a half hours, on the evening of the 7th July, 1980 about forty members of the School lost touch with today's reality and entered the tragic world of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. The civilized atmosphere of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre was the climax to a day largely spent boating on the river or dodging the multitude of foreign tourists who were determined to sample all "Ye Olde English" customs. Other attractions included Shakespeare's birth-place, Ann Hathaway's cottage and the local putting-green.

The play was, on the whole, superbly acted and very successful. Michael Pennington's portrayal of the Prince was particularly impressive, injecting the part with eloquence and youthful vigour. It was generally thought that he was well supported by Carol Royle as Ophelia and Barbara Leigh-Hunt as Gertrude—his regal mother. The production, however, was too narrow and slanted in so far as the producer had taken one theme—the dividing line between Life and Art becomes at certain times so narrow as to be almost indistinguishable. This was emphasized in the portrayal of the other leading male parts; Polonius was not characterized as the chief court-advisor "declining into dotage," as Dr. Johnson saw him, but rather as a man who was cynically portraying senility in such a way as to prove that he himself was not yet affected by such a condition. His attempt to reveal himself as a sharp, shrewd man still in possession of all his faculties was shown to be an elaborate facade when the ease with which Hamlet duped him is taken into consideration. As for Claudius, he was not played as a hyper-intelligent, subtle politician but rather as a dotting husband who made up for his lack of intelligence with bravery and wine.

Most, therefore, will agree that this interpretation of the play was both enjoyable and provocative. I have no hesitation in thanking Mr. Burrows and Mrs. Shaw for their organisation of the trip and for giving us all the opportunity to see top-class theatre. Good show!

OWEN WILLIAMS, 1.6A

TEN TORS EXPEDITION, 1980

The Fourth Year Ten Tors Team, which consisted of Gareth Davies as leader, with Shaun Glanville, Karl Fuller, Mark Hammond, Russel Allen and I, began practice hikes shortly before Christmas. Mr. Southern was team manager and it is due to his boundless enthusiasm that several gruelling treks became more-or-less enjoyable even though the weather was appalling and the team members generally miserable.

However, on Saturday, 10th May we set off for the first tor on the course. On the way we came upon many bedraggled groups of weary females who were lost. Overcome by old-fashioned feelings of chivalry, we escorted them back to the Night Camp at Steeperton. They promptly expressed their gratitude by beating us back to Okehampton on the Sunday.

Although the hike was extremely tiring, it was an exhilarating experience to finish, and a feeling of self-satisfaction ran through us all as we received our medallions. Indeed, most of us now wish to do it again next year!

Thanks must go to Dr. Phillips, Mr. MacTavish and Mr. Southern for their advice and experience without which our endeavours surely would have been unsuccessful.

PAUL GREENLEES, 4N

OUTWARD BOUND

At Easter this year I went on an Outward Bound Course at Outward Bound Eskdale. I was in the position to be able to face the costs as a result of receiving a bursary from the Sir Francis Chichester Trust of £125. I obtained this by following up an article in the Western Evening Herald.

Outward Bound Eskdale is situated in a wooded area on the side of Eskdale commanding awe inspiring views of the surrounding peaks. The centre is housed in an old and picturesque manor house as well as a more modern block containing the dormitories and stores. The buildings overlook a fairly large tarn giving an overall air of beauty and peace.

On arrival the students are split into patrols of about ten people, all but two of these patrols were mixed, it was deemed fit that I should be put into one of the all male patrols. The members of my patrol were

from all walks of life ranging from a bank clerk to an inmate of a detention centre. Of a course of around 70 only ten were there by their own choice the majority having been sent by their employers.

The daily routine starts at 6.30 when the students (victims?) are assembled for a period of exercises, a jog and an invigorating dip into the tarn. The remainder of the time before breakfast is taken up with preparing for the inspection. The points for the inspection go towards the inter-patrol competition. The rest of the day is taken up with periods of instruction and activities. In the evening there was usually a lecture on some aspect of the course.

The first activity which I undertook was canoeing. I found I possessed a great ineptitude in this particular direction. For the uninitiated sitting in a canoe is rather like sitting astride a floating matchstick. I managed to capsize twice in Ullswater—Britain's coldest lake. Also going in a straight line is not at all easy, my direct course tended to consist of a series of arcs. Enough of this self-abasement, onwards.

One of the most alarming activities was the ropes course. At first sight this collection of ropes to be climbed, ropes to traverse (while you hang dubiously underneath them), ropes and bridges to walk tentatively across, insubstantial ladders, jumps etc., is most disturbing. Even more so when you realise that you are expected to go round this (on average forty feet above the ground) course without any vestige of safety equipment. However, once the initial fear is conquered the course proves to be comparatively simple and a most rewarding experience as you improve with successive attempts.

Another activity which is coupled with the ropes course is the wall and beam. Here the entire team has to get across a seven foot beam and a fourteen foot wall. This particular activity does a lot to promote team work and team spirit; especially as towards the end of the course there is an inter-patrol speed trial in both of these activities.

Rock climbing also plays a significant part in the three week course. Initial instruction in rope work, safety technique etc. is given on an easy and not very high rock face. Gradually the climbs get harder and probably more to the point higher, culminating in a climbing expedition where multi pitch climbs of 200 to 400 feet are undertaken. Initially the very thought of leaving the ground seemed a terrifying prospect. However, once you start, fear vanishes and is replaced by concentration. (It is probably necessary to state that this view is wildly biased as I became totally addicted to the sport and now climb regularly). Climbing turned out to be an intensely rewarding and enjoyable experience (not all my fellow students would agree with this view, though).

The most exhilarating part of the course is no doubt the (in)famous zip wire and parachute jump. The zip wire entails the student climbing a ladder to a platform approximately fifty feet up a tree, from there there is a wire stretching to another tree some 200 yards away. The student hangs underneath a pulley and leaps into space, to hurtle the length of the wire at some considerable speed. The parachute jump requires the student to mount a platform of similar height to the zip wire, here he is strapped into a parachute harness and told to step off the platform, this is after he has been promised that the harness system will prevent him from hitting the ground too hard! In both cases the decision to leave the platform is indeed an awesome one, and the falling through space and indescribable experience.

The entire course is based around expedition work culminating in the final outing of three days and two nights. For my final expedition I joined a group doing a Duke of Edinburgh Gold final exercise of four days and three nights, this enabled us to take a circular route which took in many of the higher peaks in Cumbria, including Pillar, Great Gable, Baw Fell and the Old Man of Conistone. Great Gable afforded me the rare experience of climbing through the cloud layer to come out above it. This supplied some of the most spectacular views possible of the surrounding peaks with just their summits protruding through the cloud layer.

Despite the many arduous physical activities undertaken many people found the two non-physical exercises the hardest, namely the public speaking and the solo. The public speaking involved giving a short lecture to the members of your patrol on any subject apart from Outward Bound, your job or football. The solo involves being taken out to some remote valley late one evening. Here the student is left with a stove, food, a polythene sheet, a groundsheet, some string and a sleeping bag. You are then expected to build a shelter and survive two nights and the intervening day. Despite the fact there is no physical hardship entailed, (the equipment and supplies are perfectly adequate) many people found the solitude hard to cope with, especially as no watches or reading materials are allowed to be taken. Personally I found it a most enjoyable and refreshing experience.

Obviously there are many other activities undertaken which I do not have space to cover here, these included mountain rescue practice, orienteering, cross country and abseiling.

In conclusion I would say that I found the course enjoyable and worthwhile. I feel I have gained a great deal from it and would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone, regardless of whether they already participate in the rather esoteric sports undertaken, or not.

ADAM BRIGGS, L6A

THE SCHOOL FETE

With the sun shining brightly on a fine Sunday afternoon, many parents hastened to venture outdoors and come along to our annual School Fete. Both children and adults alike enjoyed several organised events which they could either participate in, or sit and watch from the bank. The 'tug-of-war' contest was a major attraction as usual, although pupils were disappointed that a team was not entered by the Staff (obviously remembering the embarrassment they felt last year).

The A.T.C. rifle range was a direct target for many people as were the various societies on show for the day. Several interesting, unique side-stalls were organised very well by members of the Parents' Association and at the end of the day all efforts were justly rewarded with a final profit in excess of £750.

Finally may I extend thanks to the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and to all members of the School and Parents' Association who gave up their valuable time for such a worthwhile cause.

PETER GLANVILLE, L6th

THE ARVON FOUNDATION

Last December, the day after the highest rainfall recorded for many years, Peter Gregory and I travelled via Exeter and Okehampton to the Arvon Foundation's picturesque thatched-cottage at Tolleigh Barton. It lies at least two miles from the nearest village in the midst of Devon's beautiful, undulating countryside.

The Arvon Foundation, instituted by Ted Hughes, the poet, arranges courses in creative arts such as poetry, prose and play writing, painting and music. We spent five days on a poetry and prose course, being financially assisted by School bursaries. Novelist William Cooper gave some tutorials as did Gavin Ewart, the poet, whose works were recently acclaimed in the 'Observer'.

So relaxed and informal was the atmosphere that one could slip out of the cottage at dawn and, like Wordsworth, roam the magnificent countryside composing verse, returning at dusk for dinner which we took turns to prepare. We were encouraged to produce some original work

during the period which could be read aloud on the final evening. It was in the evenings that intellectual discussions of the tutors' works, other artists, or our own occurred, often continuing into the early hours of the morning.

New Year's Eve celebrations were very enjoyable because many diverse talents participated, ranging from an American housewife and her student daughter, to Australian and Scottish teachers (though the rendering of "Waltzing Mathilda" left something to be desired!).

When the time came for us to leave it was certainly not without a feeling of regret because we had made many friends and had enjoyed that unique feeling of camaraderie which is created when many aspiring poets and authors assemble.

DAVID A. MAY, L6R

LAMENT FOR THE END OF THE WORLD

At dawn after the Bomb had dropped,
After the last Mortal on Earth
Had poured out his soul
On the dead, dry sand
Beneath the sky thundering from Pole to Pole,

Came Satan smiling, infernal serpent,
His heart swelling with Pride
At the sight of his rebel-angel band
Happy to find a stoney, desert land.

From dawn to noon, from noon
To the dewy eve, he joined his Powers and Dominions
In mocking laughter, and to the horrid crew cried 'See !'
'This is the work of MAN
WHO WAS CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE !'

J. PHILLIPS

THE INSTITUTION

There it stood, beckoning to those on the Fence outside,
Its arched windows reflecting the sky, dark and grey,
Its walls stained red with life drained blood,
We are its servants, you its prey.

Someone is tempted, he enters, someone from the Fence,
No one sees the iron gates open, yet they must,
He walks up the winding drive, ever confusing,
Once inside he gives his trust.

A name no more he's just a number,
Waiting for the cogs to move,
They crush his bones and tear his skin,
His body passed from groove to groove.

His brain picked clean by phantom vultures,
His body's limp it's drained stone dry,
Emotions gone, he's just a shell,
Not even pain will make him cry.

With leaden limbs he walks the tunnel,
Searching for that blinding light,
Another of life's desolate souls,
Only death can cure his plight.

MARK NORTHCO'TT

DEPRESSIONS

A town that's always far away,
A thought I had the other day,
A love that came and went away,
And happiness subsides.
Another rainy day I see,
Another cloudy sky for me,
One more closed door, where is the key
To all the good in life ?
There must be something good in life ;
It can't be never-ending strife.
Or if it is I'll take a knife
And slash my own two wrists.
'Life's a bed of roses' quote,
That's what some stupid person wrote.
I need a piece of sturdy rope
To tie around my neck.
But wait, a chink of sunlight, see,
Just look, it's shining down on me.
Perhaps this is the long-lost key
To all the good in life.

PAUL GREENLEES, 4N

THE LOWER SCHOOL

Lower school assembly ends at nine twenty-five or should I save the best bits until last? However, it is an important aspect of lower school life, hopefully increasing pupils' confidence as they contribute to their form's performance before the other years. It also provides a few minutes for Mr. Bowden, the head of the lower school, to comment on the past week—individuals, teams or forms to be commended, the good behaviour to maintain and the bad to rectify.

Assembly is just one example of the way the lower school gives pupils a good grounding and points them in the direction of good working habits essential for the onset of a successful 'O'-level course in the fourth year. However, if the first year is gently broken in to a steady work rate and the second and third years gradually accelerate, they equate their effort to the rest of the school's in other ways: we are the ones who have to accommodate any changes in room allocation by being shunted about the school, and those whose timetables always somehow involve the longest possible trail from lesson to lesson. Other privileges unique to the lower school include litter duty and preparing the hall for assembly.

Naturally responsibility is carried to a greater extent as the pupil moves up the school but it is encouraged from the first year with various responsible positions to be gained such as Form Captain, School Council Representative or Captain of a sports team. Keen first years occasionally take on the responsibility of running a club; this year saw the establishment of the stamp and railway clubs.

It is in the lower school that much of a boy's character is developed and a lot of consideration towards the teachers. Most learn quickly not to pester for their books to be marked around 'O'-level time.

M. SMITH

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

You're on your own now
You're the only one you're fooling
Keep your head down
It's easier to see the words
Easier to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

No time to mess around
It's all running out
There's more behind than in front
Stay in front, Don't get behind
You'll regret it if you do.

You're told that life with 'Uncle Reg' is hard
You'll be lucky to come out alive
But it's he who gives that little extra push
That keeps you on the right path
That keeps the pressure on you
And stops that tiny lapse
That sinks you without trace
Spewed out onto the pavement
To become another statistic
Another face at the end of the queue--
At least that's what you're told.

Continued reminders of how the mighty fall
Frightens everyone with that added touch of drama
A combined effort to keep your motor turning
'Uncle Reggie' provides that constant oiling
That keeps it all running smoothly
The enjoyment's there at the end
That little slip of paper with the 'A's and 'B's
That sends you into fits of joy
And gives you that final realization
That those who seemed against you
Were behind you all the way.

A. HUMB and P. GREENLEES, 4N

UPPER SCHOOL REPORT

The year has been marked by the implementation of the scheme to improve sixth form facilities at the top of 'C' block. There can be little doubt that this has helped many of our senior students to settle more easily to their studies. We look forward to future developments thanks to the success of our appeal.

It has been a pleasure to work with both year groups and help individuals sort out career and higher educational problems.

The fierce competition for positions caused by the employment situation has meant that it is even more important for sixth formers to have interests outside the academic field and learn how to project their personalities. With this in mind the D and D sessions have had a wider scope. One innovation during the past term has been to entertain several guest speakers from major political parties who have put forward their point of view and generated a lot of interest in debate.

It is always a pleasure to meet Old Boys whenever they are in the city and many of them who call at school provide helpful advice which can be passed to their successors.

E. R. ATTEWELL

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT, 1980

This year the school council has had one of its most successful years. It has led to several important improvements in the running of the school and eliminated some irritating problems. As such it has fulfilled its function as a platform for the ideas and proposals of the school to be aired and listened to.

However, there have been problems—one being the lethargy of several representatives which resulted in a difficulty to muster a quorum at two or three meetings. It must also be noted that the support of teachers has sometimes been lacking.

Despite these problems the council has functioned well and it is hoped that next year enthusiastic representatives will be elected and constructive proposals put forward.

PAUL WOOD, Secretary

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY, 1979-80

In continuation from last year's renovation of the school library this year has seen a steady inflow of new books both fiction for the developing junior library and non-fiction, relevant to the academic disciplines taught within the school. It is hoped that this will be maintained in order to replace the many ageing books in the library and so encourage greater numbers to use the facilities. In view of these improvements it is expected that those using the premises will respect it as a library and not a common room during private study as has often been evident in the past. Co-operation is also appreciated in the prompt returning of books on request at the end of each term for inspection and repairs.

This year has seen the addition of yet another educational journal to the already varied selection available in the library. "The Times" newspaper which is purchased on a daily basis has proven a great success to both the boys and staff.

As a result of the School Appeal it is hoped that the Autumn of 1980 will see the commencement of the proposed junior and middle school libraries which will further enhance the school's library facilities.

May we extend our thanks to Mr. Jones and D. Coles and A. Medway who have recently left the school for donating books to the library. Thanks are also due to Mr. Burrows for his support during the year and our best wishes to S. Dart, last year's librarian, at University.

RICHARD STOATE, School Librarian

SENIOR INTER-HOUSE SPEECH CONTEST

The date of the senior contest was known well before hand this year and this was consequently reflected in the high standard of performance. The adjudicator this year was Mr. Stevens, Head of English at Tamar Secondary, to whom we must express our thanks for his constructive criticisms.

From the fifth form Hunt won the poetry recital section, with a poem by D. May who receives the creative writing prize, whilst Penberthy's prepared speech on the Christian Union gained him first place. T. Hoy won the Dorothy Fleury verse speaking prize after rendering an impressive excerpt from "A Winter's Tale" which required total control of at least two octaves.

The concluding sections of prepared speech and duologue again proved to be the most entertaining. Paul Wood secured first position with an inspiring and passionate speech on the subject of 'How far has man progressed?' Paul Martin and Jerry Phillips from Gilbert House won the duologue section following a very close battle with the other three houses, all of whom had clearly put a great deal of time and effort into their preparation.

The final positions in the Inter-House Speech Contest for the whole school (completed by the Junior School Contest and by the third and fourth form plays) were: first, Grenville; joint second, Drake and Raleigh; fourth, Gilbert.

DAVID A. MAY

HOUSE NOTES

DRAKE

House Master: Mr. Clarke
House Captain: I. L. Jamieson
Vice-Captain: T. Caufield
Secretary: G. Prisk

Although Drake failed to distinguish itself in a vast majority of inter-house competitions this year, some notable placings were accomplished. The Junior House Rugby Team secured first place by their two performances and the Senior Cross-Country Team gained a 'run-away' victory over the other three Houses.

Once again Drake demonstrated its superiority in Athletics this season by retaining the inter-house Athletics championship although the House did not fare as well in the swimming sports where only second place was obtained. This may, in part, be attributed to the small number of Drake House members in the Senior School.

Unfortunately the House Championship has been marred to a certain extent by bad organisation in competitions such as sailing, chess and cricket. However, let this not account for the fact that Drake did not gain the St. Levan Shield this year. All that can be said about that is that with the enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Clarke and a very keen sixth form, despite its size, Drake will be a force to be reckoned with again next year.

GRAHAM PRISK, House Secretary

GILBERT

It was hoped last year that members of the House would put greater enthusiasm and effort into the organised events. Certainly the majority of people started the annual campaign with renewed vigour and the will to win, although unfortunately overall results do not reflect this.

Again the Seniors appeared to enjoy greater success than the Juniors, with the House recording a splendid triumph at the Swimming Gala in May. It was particularly pleasing to beat Drake House in this competition, who up to this year looked invincible in the St. Levan Shield. The Gidley brothers, M. Colwill, N. Smith, N. Raven, C. Broome, S. Blake and D. Johnson all did particularly well.

Good results were achieved in the Basketball; the Junior side fought hard in their matches to finish a respectable second. The Senior team, led by A. Nix, won the losers' final.

Perhaps the Junior Cross-Country side could have gained a higher place than fourth if more enthusiasm had been shown. The Seniors on the other hand were very successful, being rewarded for their good team packing.

In Rugby, the Junior side was reduced in number but did not lose spirit altogether and finished third. The Senior team battled through to reach the final but unfortunately were defeated following the loss of two leading players.

The House footballers experienced similar bad luck when the Senior team was narrowly defeated by Grenville in the first game. This talented but by now grossly reduced side went on to triumph over Drake in the losers' final. The Junior team, although not victorious this year, continues to show some promise.

Our failure to win the Athletics Trophy again has taught us that standard points must be pursued before the games begin.

Away from the sports field, the House did very well on the whole in the Speech Contest, actually winning the Senior section. This year O. Williams organised the team, which included Penberthy, P. Wood, J. Phillips and P. Martin. Standards were high once again in the House Plays and good teamwork in the excerpt from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' resulted in an honourable third position.

Andy Gidley the House Captain was proud to present a cheque of more than £80 to MENCAP—the result raised following a sponsored run. Thanks of course go to all who contributed in any way, and particularly to Messrs. Dickens, Watson, Gibson and Mrs. Shaw for their continued support.

J. PHILLIPS

GRENVILLE

At last, after being runners-up several times in recent years, Grenville has wrested the St. Levan Shield from the stranglehold that Drake seemed to have upon it. In addition to enjoying the success of the past year, the House can also take pleasure from the fact that, by interrupting Drake's winning run, Grenville's thirteen successive victories comfortably remain the best sequence in the history of the House Championship.

Victory in the 'academic' events was the basis of Grenville's triumph last year. First place was won in the Music Competition and Speech Contest and in both the junior and senior sections of the Chess Competition. Kevin Vittles, Dave Riggs and Brandon Cook all proved efficient and enthusiastic captains of these events. Mike Rose led our seniors to win the Basketball and our juniors with Steve Pyne outstanding made it a clean sweep for Grenville in this sport. Richard Baker captained our senior team at Soccer and in the winners' final they met Raleigh who employed a defence that made Italy look as benevolent as Argyle. Our normally free scoring forwards were frustrated and had to settle for a draw and a share in the competition. The junior team also reached the winners' final but lost to a breakaway goal.

Rugby provided the major disappointment of the year as we finished fourth in both sections of the competition. This was not in itself a cause for concern because the other Houses had much stronger teams but what was worrying was the way in which Martin Porter, who was an excellent captain, was let down by some players who failed to turn up for a match. In the Cross Country, the placings in the senior section were exactly reversed by the juniors in their race and so there was a four way tie in the competition overall. Kevin Holmes who was a most conscientious House Captain also took responsibility for this event. In Badminton we were unfortunate to meet the very strong Raleigh side in the first round but most commendably we won the losers' final. In Athletics David May put in a lot of hard work organising the team and was well supported by several outstanding performances, notably those of Roger Blackford who was under 15 champion and the high jump record set by Mike Rose. Richard Baker is to be congratulated on his performances as the outstanding competitor at the Swimming Gala in which we came third. He also ensured that Grenville were represented in every race.

Once again I have enjoyed my co-ordinating role this year and it has been nice to see how well the various captains have responded to the tasks entrusted to them. They have, in the main, been well supported by the body of the House. I am pleased to say that, on one occasion at least I was able to provide help of a more practical nature. My dustbin was used as a prop for the senior duologue in the Speech Contest.

G.K.S.

RALEIGH

This year, under the captaincy of Tim Roper, the House has become a force to be reckoned with. Although our final position in the St. Levan Shield suffered a large blow due to our surprise defeat in the Swimming, the year saw some fine results in both junior and senior competitions. It seems that we have finally arrived at the position of having an enthusiastic Sixth Form, and we are looking forward to next year when we hope to cause a few more up-sets in the major contests. However, as a House we must have a little more enthusiasm for such events as the Cross Country, Basketball, Badminton and Sailing. It is in these 'minor'

contests that we lose valuable points, and hopefully next year we can consolidate the advantage we have as a 'Democracy', and enjoy a series of good results across the board, rather than the single successes we had this year in the Rugby and Football.

Congratulations must go to the House for their unparalleled effort to gain standards which surprised not only the P.E. Staff, but also the other Houses, and resulted in these last minute efforts of Drake which showed us that some people were worried over their own decline as well as our improvement.

Finally thanks go to Mr. Southern for his optimism, to the House Captain and Prefects who helped to keep the House running smoothly, and to the so far anonymous Raleigh-ite who donated the correct copy of the Lord's Prayer to the Captain.

PETER E. REED

SPORTS DAY, 1980

The year that witnessed D.H.S. achieving a hat-trick of victories in the Devon Public and Grammar School Championship, also registered the breaking of eleven records at both parts of Sports Day. The event was more interesting this year due to the fact that competition in the St. Levan Shield was the closest it had been for many years.

As usual, Part I provided some outstanding performances which included record-breaking discus-throws by Harvey Lacey and R. Blackford in particular. Excellent 1500m runs were made by M. Northam and D. Rudge who both clipped at least ten seconds off the previous record. Part II of the Sports were held once again at the Brickfields, this year making use of the new, impressive, all-weather tartan track. This no doubt aided Steve Pomeroy in smashing the senior 100m record. Mike Rose of Grenville House, our Devon high-jump record holder, excelled himself once again by clearing his previous record by 9 cms. Congratulations must be expressed to the members of Drake House for being the overall winners; especially in view of the fact that the majority of the points they secured came from possibly the greatest number of standards obtained for many years.

Our thanks go to Mr. Moon and to all the other members of Staff who once again were responsible for conducting both parts of the Sports very smoothly. We would also like to thank Mr. W. Nash for returning to the school and presenting the hard-earned trophies and certificates to the winners.

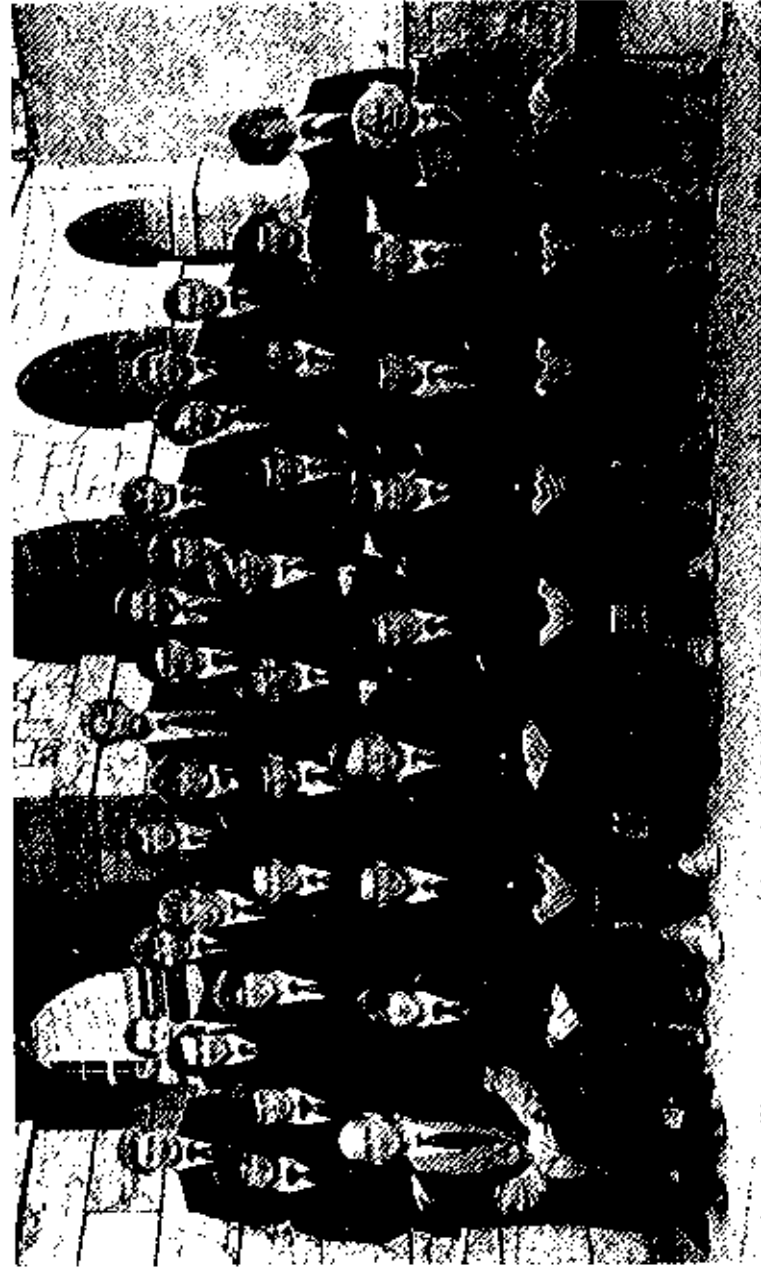
House Champions : Drake House
 Under 12 Champion : M. Colwill (Gilbert)
 Under 13 Champion : J. Heath (Drake)
 Under 14 Champion : S. Glazher (Drake)
 Under 15 Champion : R. Blackford (Grenville)
 Victor Ludorum : M. Dowdney (Drake)
 Runner-up : S. Pomeroy (Raleigh)
 Senior Standards Cup : Raleigh
 Junior Standards Cup : Drake
 Remington Relay Trophy : Drake

D. A. MAY, L6B

SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

The annual School Swimming Sports were held at Central Park on the 16th May. Few parents were present but those who came were thoroughly entertained by some extremely exciting competition.

The result was in doubt until the very end, but eventually the Gilbert team triumphed over the rest, with Drake and Grenville finishing close behind. Gilbert's victory was achieved after an excellent team effort



SCHOOL PREFECTS

Back Row : M. Williams, M. Spettigue, A. Jansen, J. Phillips, D. Hay, A. Gidley, M. Tucker, T. Caulfield.
 3rd Row : R. Horton, M. Harper, S. Pomeroy, D. Coates, S. Hooper, D. Riggs, J. Attard.
 2nd Row : T. Telfer, B. Garmagh, S. Dart, A. McGrenary, P. Crago, B. Cook, S. Tinney,
 K. Holmes, R. Ball, K. Rimes, M. Porter.
 Front Row : Deputy Headmaster, P. Martin, H. Lacey, I. Jamieson (Vice School Captain),
 P. Robertson (School Captain), M. Easton, K. Villes, P. Clarke, The Headmaster.



THE RUGBY CLUB

Back Row : Porter, Clemence, Jansen, Northcott.
 Middle Row : Mr. Evans, Hoy, Roper, Caufield, Dewdney, Taylor, Hooper.
 Sitting : Mr. Southern, Hodgins, Reed, Lacey, Robertson (Capt.),
 Harper, Price, Cunningham, The Headmaster.



SENIOR BASKETBALL

Standing : Lacey, Parsons, Rose, Irvine.
 Sitting : Mr. Moon, Pyne, Jolly, Jamieson, Baker, Flood, Pfeil,
 The Headmaster.



THE 1st XI SOCCER SQUAD

Standing : Hant, Charlick, Dewdney, McShane, Williams.
 Sitting : Mr. Hayman, Kearley, Clarke, Roseyear, Pearce (Capt.),
 Hodgeson, Stetson, Cotton, The Headmaster.



ART PHOTOGRAPH

R. Rimes, T. Telfer, P. Barrett, R. Blackford, Brain, Hanleigh



SCHOOL PLAY PHOTOGRAPH
P. Reed (Standing), K. Whites (on bed), O. Williams.

spear-headed by S. Blake, N. Raven and the Gidley brothers. Other outstanding performances were achieved by R. Baker (who established three new records), M. Porter and D. Johnson.

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

Finally, thanks are extended to Mr. Porter who presented the trophies and certificates, and also to the members of staff without whose efficient organisation the evening would not have been such an enjoyable success.

R. BAKER

RUGBY CLUB REPORT

With the prospect of retaining only three regular players from last year's 1st XV, it was clear that we had to 'start from scratch' in rebuilding a side to challenge for the top County honours. Indeed, we had to experiment with no less than 35 players during the season.

The side was rather inconsistent during the first half of the season, achieving good wins over St. Boniface College, B.R.N.C. Dartmouth and Okehampton School among others, but also suffering one or two embarrassing defeats.

After Christmas, however, we began to enjoy more success and after preliminary ties we defeated Okehampton School in a nerve-racking semi-final. To reach the final of the Devon Schools Under 19 Cup proved once again the climax of the season, when we defeated Exeter College by 9 points to 6 at the County Ground. The result showed that a solid, determined team-effort can destroy even the most fearsome of reputations.

On behalf of the whole team, I would like to thank Mr. Southern and Mr. Evans for their patient efforts in guiding the side to glory, and to the P.T.A. for after-match refreshments.

No one could claim that the 2nd XV's record was anything outstanding, but they did win a few of their matches and filled the role as a proving ground for the stars of the future 1st team.

Under the guidance of Dr. Jenkins, the Under 15 team's fortunes were mixed, but they did chalk-up some good wins against useful opposition.

Mr. Burrow's Under 14 side won half of their games and were rather unlucky to see victory marginally evade their grasp in some other matches.

After one or two set-backs early on, Mr. Bowden succeeded in guiding the Under 13 team through a fine season which came to a climax when 212 points were scored in its last six games.

The expert guidance of Mr. Moon and Dr. Phillips helped the Under 12 'A' and 'B' teams to remain unbeaten throughout a most successful season.

Finally, I wish to express my personal thanks to all members of the Rugby Club for making the season a most enjoyable one.

MARK HARPER, Secretary

SOCCER REPORT

The arrival of Mr. Hayman injected fresh enthusiasm into the 1st XI and his regular training sessions which were a novelty at first, proved worthwhile when the team won the Devon Under 19 Cup. After beating Teignmouth 3-0, Exeter College 3-1 and Westlands 2-0, the school reached the final. Despite Plympton's home advantage and considerable support, the team triumphed by one goal to nil, with Mike Ham scoring the decisive goal.

Due to this victory, the 1st XI represented Devon in the 'English Schools Trophy'. Unfortunately, the game at Bodmin—the Cornish champions—came just after Christmas and the squad had been prevented from training together owing to the mock 'O' and 'A' level examinations. However, Richard Baker put the team in front with a well-placed shot, but the advantage was lost in the last 15 minutes when Bodmin's superior fitness and concentration won through.

The same effort and commitment was not evident in the league and this was reflected in the poor position in the table. Mark Dewdney, Phil Pearce and Mike Ham all represented Devon while Ham also played for the South-West team.

C. STITSON, R. BAKER

JUNIOR SOCCER

Mr. Jones had difficulty in fielding a full team for the Under 15's and this was reflected in their rather disappointing results. Nevertheless, they did manage a good run of victories during the middle part of the season. Players especially worthy of note were Tony Hume and Mark Davies.

The Under 14's had an indifferent year under Mr. Farrow and good performances were given by Swiggs, Brown and Smith. They also reached the quarter final of the cup but unfortunately lost to Sutton High.

The Under 13's had a difficult season which was not helped by Mr. Wroath's departure at Christmas. Mr. Hayman took over as coach but little was achieved.

Under the excellent supervision of Mr. Sandercock, the Under 12 side had a successful season finishing second in the league. Truscott and Hand both showed a great deal of promise for the future. Mr. Sandercock and all the players finally wish to thank the parents for their help and support throughout the year.

C. STITSON, R. BAKER

ATHLETICS REPORT

The school once again had a successful athletics season with the Senior team completing a hat-trick of Devon Public and Grammar School Championship wins. Thus D.H.S. still remains the only state-maintained school to win the shield.

At the Plymouth Schools Championships, the Senior team came second, whilst the intermediate and junior teams both managed very creditable third positions. In their respective competitions the 2nd year side came second and the 1st year ninth, though it must be said that both teams suffered from some unfortunate disqualifications without which they would have almost certainly snatched victory.

Fifteen members of the school were selected to represent the Plymouth team at the Devon Schools Championships at Exeter. Unfortunately the Exeter track was waterlogged, and the competition had to be postponed for a week. It was finally held at Plymouth where M. Porter and M. Rose achieved new Devon records. Owing to the postponement of various County championships, there was no meeting of the South West Schools championships this year. However, some fine individual performances during the season meant that Martin Porter, Mike Northam, and Keith Apps, all represented Devon at the National Finals at Kirkby in Lancashire.

Credit must go to the second year and fourth year teams, both of whom made the Final of the West of England Schools cup. This is a very great achievement considering the standard of athletics throughout such a large area.

There were also school best-performances by T. McShane in the Senior triple-jump and R. Blackford in the Junior javelin.

In the inter-form sports, the winning forms were 1W, 3S, and 4N—the second year match being called off unfortunately due to rain.

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

M. ROSE

BASKETBALL REPORT

Owing to the lack of fixtures in the Under 19 Junior Division of the Plymouth and District Basketball League, the school also entered this season the men's Senior Division.

With the help of several Old Boys, the Under 19 team once again has had a very successful season, winning the P and D cup for the second year running by beating Pilgrim Sports in the Final. However, there was some disappointment in losing the South West Cup Final to Torbay Tigers and being placed runners-up in the Junior League on basket difference.

The senior squad won the Intermediate Men's Trophy in their first year in the competition by defeating Poly Panthers 60 points to 50 points in the Final. The team also managed an extremely creditable third place in the Senior League. Ian Jamieson proved to be an excellent captain, winning the Junior Sportsman Award as well as representing Plymouth at Under 19 level. M. Rose also played for the Plymouth team as well as the South West Under 17 team, which despite all its enthusiasm was heavily defeated in its matches at the England trials.

Thanks must go to Mr. Moon for his constant encouragement and coaching during the season, to Mr. Clarke for adding his experience to the Senior team, and to Mr. Hayman whose height advantage proved an invaluable addition to the team. Special thanks are owed to the Table Officials.

M. R. ROSE

JUNIOR BASKETBALL, 1979-80

This has been a very encouraging winter for Junior Basketball by virtue of the fact that a large number of boys have been involved in Inter-Schools, Inter-House and Inter-Form competition.

At representative level, Steve Pyne played for Plymouth Schools Under 15 and Ian Mollard captained Plymouth Schools Under 14's.

Of the four junior teams that competed at Inter-School level, the outstanding performances came from the Under 13 'A' team who finished third in their 14 league!

I would like to extend my thanks to Messrs. Clarke and Hayman for all their help both in running teams and conducting training sessions.

M. D. MOON

CRICKET CLUB

Before the season had started the School received a letter from the Local Education Authority with the welcome news that in addition to the artificial grass square being built at Marsh Mills, a second Nottingham square was to be prepared at Collins Park in readiness for the 1980 season. On the strength of this information it was decided to enter teams in the Plymouth Schools Association League and Cup Competition at Under 15, Under 13 and Under 12 levels. However, the proposed plan for a new pitch never got off the ground, and instead of having the anticipated home venue, masters in charge of senior and junior elevens were kept very busy on the telephone organising alternative grounds attempting to complete fixtures. In this respect, Messrs. Burrows, Phillips, Holbourn, Burton and Sandercock have given much of their time this term to their respective sides and I really cannot thank them enough for their assistance.

At the first Cricket Club meeting it was evident from the attendance that there was plenty of enthusiasm amongst the juniors. This keenness has been illustrated in their cricket throughout the term, and in particular by the Under 13 eleven. Unfortunately, apart from a small number of players, the desire to play for the School was noticeably absent from many of those eligible to play for the senior team. Against Truro, only one regular first team member was available to travel; in other prestige matches against Kelly College, Plymouth College and Plymouth Cricket Club, always, there were last ditch efforts to find eleven people prepared to play. Often the team arrived for fixtures short of players, having to borrow from the opposition to make up a complete fielding side. The playing record understandably was also unimpressive and in the six matches there were six defeats. The bowlers always performed to the best of their ability and Tim McShane, Duncan Waugh and Dean Coates bore the brunt of the work. Batting was the main problem with the lads getting themselves out almost as soon as they had arrived at the wicket again emphasising the lack of practice and the desperate need for better training facilities at this School. In every game the fielding of Dean Coates, Duncan Waugh and Martin Taylor was quite outstanding. Despite the lack of success this year I believe there is hope for the future and in Mark Tucker, Duncan Waugh, Nick Spiller, Tim McShane and Martin Taylor there is a nucleus around which a good team could be built next season. Added to these of course will be several members of the current Under 15 team who have had a relatively successful season.

In addition to Dean Coates and Tim McShane who were honoured last season, this season Mark Tucker, Martin Taylor, Duncan Waugh, Steve Hooper and Nick Spiller have been awarded half colours.

Under 15 Cricket

Played: 8 Won: 3 Lost: 3 Drawn: 2

Inconsistency has been the main problem with the Under 15 team due mainly to lack of match practice and partly to lack of experience in limited over cricket. The season started with a very good win at Truro School; in a low scoring game Marc Gardener collected seven wickets. Another good victory, by ten wickets, was achieved against Plymouth Cricket Club, a new record undefeated opening partnership of 59 being established by Nicholas Couchman and David Bastone. Pentec became a bogey side narrowly defeating us in the League and being responsible for our exit in the six-a-side competition held at Plymouth Cricket Club.

Under 14 Cricket

Played: 4 Won: 0 Lost: 3 Drawn: 1

Two misfortunes affected the team. They lacked match practice partly because other teams failed to fulfill fixtures, and they lost the services of Andrew Reddaway, one of last year's stalwarts, through injury. A great deal of responsibility rested upon Matthew Smith's shoulders and he responded by scoring 110 runs, for an average of nearly 30, and taking 11 wickets, this in addition to his Devon County commitments. Unfortunately he was not as strongly supported in the field as he should have been. John Clarke batted well against Saltash but no other batsman played a substantial innings. Clive Swiggs was successful in his determination not to score any runs but bowled steadily throughout.

Finally, the School is very much indebted to the many parents whose contribution both as supporters and also as carriers of kit and an assortment of young cricketers talent, has been highly appreciated by members of staff associated with the teams. Thank you all very much indeed.

Under 13 Cricket

Played: 14 Won: 12 Drawn: 0 Lost: 2

This has been an extremely successful season for a talented squad of players who will undoubtedly contribute much to D.H.S. in the future. The side was ably captained by John Herbert with Steven Palmer as Vice Captain. Both boys were selected for Devon Under 13's. The highlight

of the season was undoubtedly the match against Plymouth College where D.H.S. won by 1 wicket scoring 167 for 9. Other notable victories included Truro School and two victories against St. Boniface College. In all, five matches were won by nine wickets.

Although unable to complete the Plymouth League fixture programme Devonport came equal first in the League. Success has been essentially a team effort but mention must be made of Steven Palmer who scored 259 runs out of a total of 979—an average of 52. A quartet of bowlers—Mark Rawles, Douglas Wright, Keith Pearn and Simon Long—made the batsmen's job much easier. Simon Long was the most successful bowler with final figures, 83 overs, 35 wickets for 166—an average of 4.69. No bowler ended with an average of more than 10.

Under 12 Cricket

Played: 6 Won: 2 Lost: 4 Drawn: 0

Although the Under 12 results do not look impressive on paper, most of the matches were close, often being decided in the final overs. The team has grown in confidence and some of the weaker aspects in the opening matches have been strengthened as the season progressed despite the lack of practice facilities at school.

Tim Manhire proved to be an able captain and his batting and bowling show great promise. The team's bowling performances were good and a special mention should be made of Simon Heriman (with 12 wickets) ably supported by Mark Jago and David Vicary. On the batting front, the team was much indebted to Mathew Dates whose average of 25 runs made the totals respectable.

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

The season started well in September with the senior team winning medals for second place in a coastal relay at Seaton, where they ran against teams from all over Devon. With a pool of talent including M. Horgan, M. Northam, M. Lacy, K. Holmes and A. Gidley, this performance should have been repeated, but due to absence, illness or accident the combination did not come together again and so we never did succeed, as David Vine might say, in pulling out the big one. Indeed we had to make do with a succession of rather little ones against Plymouth College, Kelly, Figard and Dartmouth.

There are however things worth remembering. D. Uren's top speed, as he would himself acknowledge, is not great, but once in forward gear he is virtually unstoppable and it is rumoured that this season he has gone through a brick wall, two Devon hedges and a haystack without noticing. Adversity has also bred a quiet appreciation of the achievements of others in the team. One recalls the scenes of tight lipped emotion when D. Fleming actually got up in time for one Saturday afternoon fixture. There are also some rising stars. Towards the end of the season news came from the bowels of 'B' Block that J. Allin of SS could run quite well. This rumour proved to be wholly true and signifies that, with others coming into the senior school, we have the makings of an effective team next season, and one which furthermore we shall keep together for two years rather than one.

K.I.D.

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

This has been a most successful season both in the Plymouth and District Under 14 League and in the single Under 12 and Under 13 matches. The League 'A' side won four of its five league meetings outright, coming second in the final race, so that after an absence of two years the League Shield has returned to D.H.S. The League 'B' side also acquitted itself very well and became the top 'B' side in the League. In a series of three matches against Plymouth College and St. Boniface, D.H.S. Under 12's came first with the Under 13's coming second.

The Club was ably captained by Paul Salt with the willing assistance of Martin Brown who proved to be the outstanding runner of the season. The future, therefore, looks extremely bright with a particularly talented 1st year team, including notably Daniel Rudge, Andrew MacKenzie and Simon Hows to back up a strong second year squad. Despite the development of these excellent runners and the promise of even more entering next year, the team will have one great loss due to Mr. Burton, the coach, leaving the school. We must thank him for so generously giving up much of his time in support.

PAUL SALT

SAILING CLUB

I am pleased to report that the Sailing Club now has a total of nine boats in the fleet. This winter a third G.P.14 was added and subsequently increased the amount of work to be done on refitting. It is hoped that the poor facilities we have on the school premises for boat maintenance will be improved by next year.

Racing fixtures this year included a meeting at Kelly College on the 30th April. Although the school team narrowly lost the competition once again, the ample food and refreshment provided by our excellent hosts rapidly made up for our disappointment. Other fixtures included the Kelly College Sailing Regatta and the Plymouth Schools Regatta, with the Inter-House competition being held later on in the year.

At the beginning of the sailing season, the Plymouth Schools combined school matches and the ultimate match of the season against the staff resources and obtained a new 13 ft. Dory safety boat complete with Mercury engine. This is now proudly kept under cover at a boat-house on Phoenix Wharf. The school fortunately has been able to make use of this facility, which has proved a great success, and an added attraction to the school Sailing Club.

Thanks are due to Dr. Phillips and Mr. Southern for their support and involvement during the year.

R. STOATE

TENNIS REPORT

It was pleasing this year to witness an increase in enthusiasm in tennis, especially in the sixth form. Although in the Plymouth Cup we came sadly third in both senior and junior tournaments, success in the other inter-boosted the team's confidence. The matches against the young ladies of Devonport High School for Girls and Plymouth High School for Girls not only provided great entertainment and amusement (especially when the opposition attempted to reach the many drop-shots) but also resulted in three victories for the team.

In the last week of the summer term, a school team, greatly weakened by the absence of our captain Tim Roper, Mike Perring and Richard Burley, took up the annual challenge of the staff's team. The match was contested in a very friendly but competitive spirit and there was literally no lack of spilled-blood on both sides. However, both Mr. Farrow and our secretary, David May, battled on bravely, and along with George Phare, Mike Rose, Adrian Stroud and Messrs. Watson, Hayman, Jones and Simpson, produced a close result with the school emerging the victors for the first time for many years.

Our thanks must be expressed to Mr. Watson whose guidance and patience proved yet again to be invaluable. Looking towards next year, the school team should be certainly quite strong since the only member leaving is our captain, Tim Roper, and in the lower school N. Coles and S. Palmer are continuing to improve.

DAVID A. MAY, Hon. Secretary

BADMINTON CLUB, 1979-80

The senior team had a successful season, although their fixtures against other schools were limited.

For the first time an Under 16 team was entered in the Devon Schools' Championships and reached the semi-finals.

Our congratulations to Neil Rutter of 5S; he has represented the Devon Schools' County team against Cornwall, Dorset and Somerset. Congratulations also to Danny McCallum of 1S who won the Devon County Under 12 championship.

The inter-house championship was won by Raleigh who swept everyone before them.

Once again my thanks to Dr. Phillips for his help.

J. C. SMITH

THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The team consisting of Burley, Penny, Caulfield, Jamieson and Williams had a very successful season, losing only two matches against Combe Dean (6-3) and Plympton Secondary (5-4). It eventually finished in third place—only three points behind the eventual league winners, Penlee, and two points behind Plympton Secondary. Interest was maintained throughout the season with the title remaining undecided until the final week of competition when the team from Penlee achieved the number of points necessary to take the title.

Thanks are extended to Messrs. Evans and Moon for the use of the school equipment and the hall. Let us hope that the team can attain greater heights next year and clinch the title.

R. J. BURLBY

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The year began with a series of debates with St. Dunstan's Abbey and Stoke Damerel High School for Girls. It is to this that the added interest and fervour for debating may be attributed—in fact, up to 40 people at one meeting!

Topics for discussion included 'Conscription', 'The Olympic Boycott', and 'World Peace', besides the annual debates on 'Abortion', 'Rape' and 'Nuclear Power'.

The standard of debating is definitely improving as speakers gain in confidence and self-assurance; all the hard work put into the speeches resulted in sensible, lively discussion most of the time. If we failed to gain superiority in the various arguments we had with the ladies of St. Dunstan's Abbey, at least we beat them in the hockey!

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

SHANE C. BRYANS, Secretary

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

It is pleasing to report that an increasing number of first year members have been regularly involved in the Christian Union meetings since September. The Senior school, however, still has the largest representation.

It has been the regular practice to invite guest speakers to come and conduct alternate Wednesday assemblies and our contingent of atheists has shown greater interest and enthusiasm in the proceedings. Topics this year have varied from 'Abortion' and 'U.F.O.s' to 'Adam or the Ape?'

It was also decided to strengthen the bond between the school and Stoke Damerel Parish Church by raising the number of Communion Services to three per term. Indeed, the whole Inter-denominational 'flavour' of the C.U. has been strengthened for we now have members of nearly every denomination in Plymouth. Next year, due to the likelihood of more members—Christians, atheists and agnostics—it is intended to have separate Junior and Senior sections.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Smith for his helpful support, and to Rev. Cryer without whose aid the Communion Services could not have taken place.

SHANE C. BRYANS, Chairman

SONNET TO THE SEVENTIES

Besieged by granite hills and skeletal corpses
The man meditated on the meaning of life.
The trees raped of their leaves by the hostile wind
Stood sacrificed like his hopes of survival.
Those elevated bastions of nature
Unable to withstand evil's wrathfulness
Reflect the struggle of the individual
To resist their alleged superior's will.
Freedom of spirit—his secret nirvana
Is hopeless in man's present condition.
So he contemplates the validity of life.
The conclusion he reaches fills him with grief—
Existence and survival offer nothing
For surely death and freedom are the same.

DAVID A. MAY, L6B

Working slowly, laboriously, my mind looks back over past memories.
A child sitting at a small table.
The parents are shouting at each other.
The child begins to cry,
The shouting grows louder,
They have no care for the child's feelings.
As the shouting reaches its summit
The child feels a kind of Abhorrence.

K. FULFORD, 4N

FUNNY FOREIGNERS

The French eat nasty frog's legs
And snails and eyes of sheep,
And tonnes and tonnes of onions
Whose odours make you weep.
They wear those funny berets
And stripy tee-shirts too ;
They look like ancient mariners
Or zebras from the zoo.
You may think that this is silly,
But you've really got to laugh ;
You ask them where they'd like to be ;
En Angleterre ? Not 'arf.

P. GREENLBES

THE ROSE OF A RELATIONSHIP

Set is the cerulean scene, dressing all with warmth.
A band of vestal light illuminates the stage.
The air is befriending—welcoming the beautiful sight.
No sound is heard, no movement exists, time is not.
A metaphor in the guise of a rose materialises,
To describe abstract emotions is the meaning of its life.

Perfection, the ultimate, the birth— all are watched in silence,
But our abstract feelings are active and alive, absorbing all.
Is this not true of a rose ? Its presence creates a type of balm.
To see, to smell, to touch, to understand, to love ; are they not there ?
Take just one away and the others become dimmed, losing their power.

All the beauty in an omnium can be observed in a rose.
When I see you at once I visualize a rose,
Your aroma is that of its bouquet.
To touch your divinity is like experiencing its texture ;
So gentle and soft but full of such vitality,
Radiating benevolence—having a purpose for living.
Even though you are absent, I will not forget you.
For the rose will remind me.

DAVID A. MAY

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

The past year has been a very encouraging one for 197 Squadron, with the number of cadets from Devonport High School beginning to dominate the school's squadron.

Among the many interesting events which have occurred during the year was an impressive speech given by the Fleet Air Arm Museum's curator about the various aircraft in the museum which added to the enjoyment of the squadron's visit to Yeovilton. The squadron's efficiency competition was won this year by Corporals Potts and Childs and Cadet Park with the prize being a memorable two hour twenty minute flight in a Nimrod of 42 Squadron of the R.A.F. station at St. Mawgan. The squadron had several representatives at the Military Tattoo at Home Park on the 10th May selling programmes. Also the usual activities of the squadron are still continuing with regular flights, shooting, and also the radio flight is now operational.

The summer camp this year is at R.A.F. Waddington in Lincoln—a Vulcan bomber station. Although not every member of the squadron is going to camp, the rest have other A.T.C. commitments elsewhere. Three cadets were accepted, after an interview, for a ten day adventure course at Lake Windermere in Cumbria and Corporal Childs has been selected for a seven day stay at R.A.F. Wildenrath in W. Germany. Corporal Ellis secured a place on a parachute course and with regard to my own activities I am attending a leadership course at Primley Park. A new development for the squadron is the introduction of a photographic flight survey which should be 'off the ground' so to speak, by September.

On behalf of all the squadron, I should like to express our gratitude to Flight Lieutenant P. Reed and Warrant Officer Sparks, who have both spent a great deal of time and effort in improving the squadron. We would also like to wish Flight Sergeant Rimes all the best for the future since he will be leaving at the end of term after seven years of dedicated service, during which time he has won a return flight to Bahrain by Concorde and has obtained his gliding wings.

As you can see, our A.T.C. squadron has a great deal to offer you, so why not make use of it and join now !

Sgt. THOMPSON

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There is only the pure joy of living,
Of seeing and loving all.

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The A.G.M. was held at the Magnet Restaurant on Thursday, 27th December, 1979. The meeting held a minutes silence as a token for our Life Vice-President H. Ferraro, who died during the year. A Life Vice-Presidency was confirmed on Eric Cock in recognition of his many years of service to the Association. The next A.G.M. will be held at the Magnet Restaurant on Friday, 23rd January, 1981.

The Annual Dinner/Dance at the Continental Hotel celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Rugby Club, and many old players made considerable efforts to attend. A pleasant and nostalgic evening was enjoyed by all who attended. The success was particularly due to the considerable efforts of Gil Polkinghorne, who traced original members of the Club as far as Australia. This year's Dinner/Dance will be held at the Moorland Links Hotel on Saturday, 13th September, 1980.

Other social events have continued to function well, with skittles and the annual cricket match with the staff being particularly well supported.

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The Annual Steak Supper was held in September 1979 and was attended by some 30 members and their wives. This is one of our most popular social events and we were pleased to welcome the Secretary and Treasurer of the Old Suttonians, Bath Branch.

One of the major decisions taken at our Annual General Meeting held in November 1979, was to continue with the visit to Bath of the winners of the Bath and Bristol Bursaries. These visits have proved to be most enjoyable. My thanks to Alec and Mrs. Hawkins who acted as hosts to David Fleming and Andrew Gidley the 1979 winners who visited Bath on 13th and 14th July and to Don Miles for his guided tour.

Our Annual Dinner, 1980 was held in the Francis Hotel, Bath and we were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Mrs. Peck, Eric and Joan Warn and there was a special welcome for Henry and Mrs. Whitfield. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Porter (the Chairman of the Plymouth Branch and his wife) and Paul Miller, Chairman of the London Branch. A most successful evening.

Old Boys' Rugby Club

The 1979-80 season was highly successful and the final record of 24 matches won, 14 lost and 1 drawn was the best for many years. Several of the defeats were by the narrowest of margins, three matches being lost by a single point. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the club's performance in the Lockie Cup. After a most satisfying win over O.P.M.'s in the first round, a comfortable victory was achieved against Y.M.C.A. in the second. In a tense semi-final the highly fancied Prince Rock side made their exit from the competition at our hands. And so we reached our fourth final since 1970 and faced the formidable Old Technicians who had twice defeated us heavily earlier in the season. The way in which the Old Boys set out about their task in the first half was the talk of local rugby for a couple of weeks after the match. The speed and drive displayed by the younger members of our team completely knocked the Old Technicians out of their stride and fifteen minutes after the interval we were leading. At this point we did not have the best of a couple of refereeing decisions, to put it politely. A mass of bodies falling over the line was interpreted as a try and the resultant conversion attempt was clearly wide but was awarded even though both touch judges kept their flags down. Encouraged by this good fortune, the heavier and more experienced Old Technicians pack began to take control and the final result was a defeat by 13 to 6.

Other results during the season included the double against Plymouth Albion United, O.P.M.'s, St. Columba, O.P.O.'s, Paignton II and the School and good wins over St. Austell II (a new fixture), Kingsbridge, Plympton, Teignmouth II, Ivybridge, Torquay Quins, Newton Abbot II, R.N.E.C. and Jesters, the last being a runaway 56 points to 4 victory and a welcome revenge for an earlier defeat.

The London Tour was again a most enjoyable experience and we saw the England versus Wales match at Twickenham. The only consolation to be drawn from this ill-tempered game was that England won. If Wales had been victorious with only fourteen men, one can only imagine the crowing that would have come from Max Boyce and others from the principality not so far from Devonport High.

The spirit in the club is very high at the moment and the most encouraging factor for the future is the number of young players who are joining us from the school. Chalky White, Dave Fry, Stuart Witchell, Andy Weymouth, Paul Shannon, Keith Rundle and Paul Williams all played regularly last season. Training continues in the school gym on Thursday evenings and new playing members are always welcome. Anyone requiring more information should contact me at the school.

GEOFF SIMPSON

Old Boys' Soccer Club

1979-80 was a season of mixed fortunes for the Club. Although the 'A' team maintained its strong position in the Premier Division with football of a consistently high standard, the 'B' team's record was very dismal and they were relegated. Several years ago when the 'B' team was reformed the intention was that it should support the 'A' team by bringing along promising players. Regrettably such is the disparity in playing strength at the present time and so high is the cost of maintaining a second team that the decision had to be taken to enter only one team

in the Combination League this year. This need only be a temporary set back; however the path to the club has not been so well trodden by our Old Boys of late! We have facilities which are the envy of many clubs at Millbay Park, training every Wednesday evening at school and a reputation for good football played in the right spirit. So why not come along—you will be assured a warm welcome.

Old Boys' Personal Notes

CHRIS BENNETT is now working for the Midland Bank.

Lt. PAUL BISHOP received the Queen's Sword from Prince Charles in May. The award goes to the best all round student of the year at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon. Added flavour was given to the success by the fact that it was the College's Centenary Year. Paul is now specialising in air engineering.

NEAL CLIFTON, a former head boy, has gained a 2/2 in Modern Languages at University College, Durham and is going to Wadham College, Oxford to do a Certificate of Education.

ALAN CROSSLEY has been awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy after four years study at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London. Alan, 25, who is married, submitted a thesis on "The use of electron microscopy to compare wood decay mechanisms." Younger brother Richard is studying for a Doctorate in Zoology at Hull University. The oldest of the three brothers, Robert, is a Doctor of Geology and lectures in Malawi.

COLIN S. DAVIES was in Plymouth during the summer after an absence of ten years. He was recently awarded a Doctorate in Developmental Psychology at the University of Kansas. Dr. Davies is now an Associate Professor at the Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland. He is engaged in research on the use of computers as a teaching aid and during his time in Europe he attended a conference on university teaching in Lausanne, Switzerland, where he presented a paper on curriculum design.

Lt.-Col. BRIAN FOX, 45, has been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. He completed a 12-month tour of duty in Northern Ireland as head of the bomb disposal squad and has been posted to Hong Kong. Lt.-Col. Fox joined the Army in 1952 and went to Sandhurst where he obtained a degree in general science. He later specialised and is now a chartered engineer and a member of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

PAUL GALWAS has gained a First in Natural Sciences at Clare College, Cambridge.

REG GORCZYNSKI was in Plymouth during July with his wife Patricia and their two children. Dr. Gorczynski, a biochemist working at the Ontario Cancer Institute, Canada, has created a stir in medical circles with his recent work on transplant rejection. He graduated in 1969 with a first class degree in biochemistry from Exeter College, Oxford.

Lt. STEVE HUGHES, now serving with the Royal Marines, has had a very successful rugby season. He played for Devon in the county championship and was selected for the England Under 23 side.

PAUL JEWELL has obtained an M.Sc. at Imperial College in Management Sciences after graduating last year. From October 1980 he will be working with British Petroleum in the Forward Planning Department.

PAUL LAMBDAIN is taking up a post with a firm of solicitors in Bishop Stortford having finished at law school in Chester.

GEOFF McCAULEY has obtained a 2/1 in Modern Languages at Trinity College, Cambridge. He is joining the Midland Bank.

BRAD McSTRAVICK visited the school in June shortly after learning of his selection for the 67-strong British team for the Moscow Olympics. He had just returned from Denmark where he had won the decathlon in a triangular international tournament.

Dr. AUSTIN PEARCE became a Knight in the Queen's birthday honours list. Sir Austin is chairman of British Aerospace and was formerly chairman and chief executive of Esso Petroleum. He is a director of Williams and Glyn's Bank, and of the National and Commercial Banking Group; chairman of the UK Petroleum Industry Advisory Committee, and vice-president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

MIKE POWER has gained his M.Phil. at Cambridge. He now has the distinction of being both an Oxford and a Cambridge Blue after playing for Cambridge in the inter-varsity soccer match. In doing so Mike became the first full Blue that Girton College has ever had. He hopes to remain in Cambridge for a further three years to do a Ph.D.

DAVID ROSE has qualified as a librarian at Aberystwyth University.

CHRIS SCOBLE has graduated from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge with a 2/1 in Modern and Mediaeval Languages and is taking up an appointment with Barclays Bank International. He represented Cambridge in the inter-varsity athletics match and returned to Plymouth to score 54 not out for the Old Boys' against the school staff last July.

BRIAN SHERRELL, Old Boys' rugby captain, was married in June. Rugby club secretary DAVE FERGUSON was best man.

GRAHAM SKINNER has been posted to Malta with Barclays International.

DAVE SPARKS was in Plymouth during the summer on leave from Bahrain where he is still working for the telecommunications section of Cable and Wireless Ltd. He is still playing cricket on matting wickets. He is married with three children and also plays tennis, squash, golf and soccer.

RICHARD STEELE has been awarded a 2/1 in History at Southampton University but has not yet decided what to do in the future.

BILL WARWICK, LES WARREN and JEN RICKARD the 1929 captain, secretary and treasurer respectively of the Old Boys' Rugby Club were all present at the Golden Jubilee Dinner.

In response to the School Appeal many old boys wrote to the school and the information listed below was gathered from some of these letters.

T. L. ORCHARD wrote from Reading and mentioned his father and younger brother, also old boys.

M. PRIDEAUX of Milchouse, Plymouth, is now a dentist.

Dr. JOHN MAHONEY is living in Beacon Park, Plymouth.

A. M. DODD is living in Trieste, Italy.

R. W. HANDFORD is Staff Security Officer at H.M. Naval Base, Gibraltar.

REX WINGATE wrote from Hampshire and at 68 had many happy memories of his school days.

Dr. R. H. HUZZEY is living in Launceston.

L. TUVELL who was at the school in its Albert Road days from 1929-38 wrote from Guildford.

L. MILLS wrote from Budleigh Salterton and mentioned two other old boys living near him, C. J. HOWELL and F. W. KELLAWAY.

C. MURPHY, M.P. wrote from the House of Commons.

Letters were also received from S. M. P. GIBSON (1919-28), S. P. ASH (1929-37), F. E. JOHNSON, R. A. DENYER, P. J. WOOD, E.

FORBES, P. J. CROWTHER, J. TAMBLYN, C. P. GRANT, G. PIKE, P. HOBBS (1955-61), H. E. BARRY, G. GALLAGHER (1924-28), D. J. CLIFFE, R. CORY, N. HODGE, A. J. HAWKINS, M. HURWITT (1936-43), S. G. ASH, I. M. SIMMONDS, S. MORGAN, B. II. COUSINS and D. B. WILLIS.

VALETE

R. J. BOWDEN: Journalism, West of England Newspapers.
 R. RIMES: Seeking position with Civil Aviation Authority as A.T.C. Officer.
 B. GARNISH: Position with Quantity Surveying department.
 R. HUME: History at Warwick University.
 R. BALL: Geography at Leicester University.
 K. VITTLES: Dentistry at Guy's Hospital, London.
 C. D. SMERDON: Latin and Hispanic Studies at Liverpool University.
 D. COATES: History and Politics at Royal Holloway College.
 K. J. HOLMES: English at Nottingham University.
 A. G. GIDLEY: History at Reading University.
 S. HOOPER: Classics and Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Oxford.
 J. M. PHILLIPS: Applied for Classics at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
 M. HARPER: French and Spanish at Nottingham University.
 J. HODGSON: Royal Air Force.
 P. M. PEARCE: Commercial Union/West of England Newspapers.
 D. L. HOSKIN: ?
 R. HIRST: Economics at Kent University.
 N. PARTRIDGE: ?
 K. LEMIN: English at Manchester University.
 T. TELFER: Marine Biology at Heriot-Watt University.
 S. SHOE BROOK: Accounting at Bangor University.
 P. CRAGO: Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.
 A. BROWN: Position with City Treasury Department.
 D. BEER: Royal Air Force.
 R. WILLIAMS: Medicine, Bartholomew's Hospital, London.
 M. PORTER: Law at Cardiff University.
 D. UREN: Position at Midland Bank.
 K. ROSS: History at Leicester.
 D. J. RIGGS: Law at Durham.
 S. POMEROY: Physical Education and Maths at Birmingham.
 T. ROPER: Management Science at U.M.I.S.T.
 D. FLEMING: History at Leicester.
 M. SPETTIGUE: Computer Science at Manchester.
 G. J. CHARLICK: Journalism at South Glamorgan Institute of Higher Education.
 P. CLARKE: French at Royal Holloway, London.
 A. JANSEN: Agricultural Science at Oxford University.
 G. PENNEY: Royal Air Force.

J. CLEMENTS: Agriculture at Nottingham.
 B. TRUSCOTT: Computer Science and Accounting at Manchester.
 P. MARTIN: Computer Science at Manchester with a Michelin Sponsorship.
 J. L. JAMIESON: Natural Sciences, Corpus Christi, Cambridge.
 J. P. ATTARD: Natural Sciences, Corpus Christi, Cambridge.
 M. J. WILLIAMS: Position with Barclays Bank.
 A. MCGRENARY: Construction at Liverpool.
 M. PASTON: Engineering, Fitzwilliam, Cambridge.
 S. J. TINNEY: Oriental Studies, Robinson, Cambridge.
 S. DART: Natural Science, Fitzwilliam, Cambridge.
 R. J. HORTON: Computer Science and Statistics, Exeter University.
 B. COOK: Microbiology at Leeds University.
 D. McINTYRE: Psychology, Swansea.
 P. S. ROBERTSON: Management Science, U.M.I.S.T.
 D. MAY: Law at Aberystwyth.
 A. CLATWORTHY: Seeking position with Civil Service.
 D. HARRIS: Management Sciences at U.M.I.S.T.
 P. POPPLESTONE: Position at Texas Instruments.
 D. TOMANEY: Position with Barclays Bank.
 H. LACEY: Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.
 M. TUCKER: Geography at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.
 T. CAUFIELD: ? Oxbridge candidate.
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