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THE MAGAZINE OF THE BRECON BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

EDITORIAL

VOLUME seventeen. The series grows and history despite all attempts at rebuttal repeats itself. The outside world looms larger and the precincts of our hallowed reserve shrink smaller—and smaller. Men may come and men may go, but Penlan Grammar School, will it go on for ever? The nasty Outside World tries desperately to convert us and bring about a return to the herd. Are we to bow gracefully to Fate or what? A system comprehensive by name should indeed be comprehensive by nature. The time has come the Walrus said to talk of many things, but the one thing that is on everyone's lips seems to be the merits or demerits of a Grammar School education. Biased opinion will of course be expected from this source and no doubt tradition and nostalgia will have a great deal to say, but in the interim period could we at least have space in which to breathe?

Volume seventeen. Again we serve up our annual compendium, of interest, we hope, to generations past and present, and maintaining, we trust the standard set by our predecessors in the ranks of the encyclopaedist club. From the hand-gleaned information found within, forged with loving hand and moulded into something approaching comprehensibility, the reader may judge for himself the ways, devious or otherwise, in which we spend our time. Be it in classroom or on sports-field the enthusiasm of past years has not been lost and ventures have this year been undertaken unprecedented in the school's history. The "new-look" societies have met with moderate success generally and the wider scope offered for differing interests not catered for in the school's curriculum has proved both popular and productive. Visits into the vast unknown that surrounds us have rewarded those elixir-seeking educationalists, and frontiers have been crossed, barriers destroyed and bridges thrown across interminable difficulties. The shackles of our cloistered existence have been shattered to make way for even more adventuresome spirits. Lectures, educational visits and the now regular school functions, not to mention sporting activity, have in this our seventeenth volume been presented for the mutual interest and we hope, enjoyment of student and parent, those connected with the school and indeed anyone whose gaze may happen to fall on this our humble offering.

G. T. WILLIAMS.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING.

THIS year the School Prize Day was held on 6th April. Once again the ceremony took place, by kind permission of the Headmaster, in the hall of the Secondary Modern School. After the address of welcome given by the Deputy Head Boy, T. E. Powell, and seconded by the Chairman of the Governors, County Councillor J. V. Like, J.P., the Headmaster presented his report. Mr. Rees, speaking to a large gathering of parents, defended the behaviour and moral standards of the majority of the younger generation. Following this report the prizes and certificates were presented to deserving pupils by Mrs. D. Andrew Davies. The musical items provided a light interlude in the proceedings. The choir gave a moving rendering of Verdi's "Speed your Journey", whilst P. J. Watkins delighted the audience with a solo performance of "The Sally Gardens." The school orchestra played a Minuet by Sacchini.

Mr. D. Andrew Davies, B.A., Secretary to the Welsh Joint Education Committee, said in his address that modern society needed more eccentrics and qualified his remarks by classing eccentrics as young people who had ideals which they were prepared to defend.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor D. Lewis and seconded by Councillor E. D. Morgan.

FORM PRIZES.

- 1a.—A. Jenkins, K. J. Howells, J. I. Beavan, A. V. Jones.
 1b.—D. R. Prytherch, G. Williams.
 2a.—S. R. Davies, M. I. Proud, R. C. Griffiths, T. C. Davies, P. A. Williams.
 2b.—N. W. Weston.
 3a.—R. G. Thomas, B. P. Mulhall, A. R. Jinks, D. L. J. Powell.
 3b.—P. J. Ryan, T. V. Hamer.
 4a.—R. Davies, C. W. Ralph, P. R. Geehan.
 4b.—S. T. Rogers, R. H. Griffiths, W. P. Salen.

EXAMINATION PRIZES.

Va.—G. Barrington, M. A. Boxhall, J. R. Fletcher, D. G. Morris, J. Norbury, R. H. G. Parr, P. H. Powell, R. S. Thomas, B. G. R. Davies, R. J. Hirons.

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SPECIAL PRIZES.

Jacob Morgan Merit	...	(shared) P. I. Hudson and D. W. James
Headmaster's Prize	...	D. J. Wilkinson
The Garnet Morris Prize	...	(shared) S. J. Lewis and J. M. Davies
The Douglas Mason Music Prize	...	M. J. Jones
David Lewis Welsh Prize	...	R. J. Williams

MADemoisELLE MARIE-HELENE VINCENT.

THIS year the French department has had the help of Mademoiselle Marie-Helene Vincent who comes from Montpellier in the South of France. She must often have longed for the blue skies of the Cote d'Azur during this last wet and icy winter. We can only hope that our welcome inside school has been warm enough to make up for the cold outside and that she has enjoyed her stay here. She has certainly helped us a great deal in our spoken French and the 2nd year Vith are particularly grateful to her for the guidance she has given us on "l'usage des mots" in our Tuesday afternoon review of week-end compositions. We wish her every good fortune in her future studies at the University of Montpellier, and feel sure that she will complete her 'licence' in the minimum time.

J.H.W.

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HERR HANS SCHRODER.

ONCE again we have been fortunate enough this year to share a German assistant with the Girls' Grammar School. Herr Hans Joachim Schroder, who has been with us since September, studied English and Politics at the University of Frankfurt, in which city he lives. He has already sat his "Staatsexamen," and when he returns to Germany will take up the position of "Studienreferendar" in a school in or near Frankfurt. Kindly and tolerant, he has established an excellent relationship with his pupils, and his knowledge of politics and interest in current affairs have proved particularly valuable in his work with the sixth form.

Herr Schroder has taken a full part in school life and has been a valuable member of the school orchestra. We hope that he has enjoyed his stay in Brecon as much as we, in the staff room, have enjoyed his company, and wish him well in his future career.

CHESS, 1966.

In the course of the year it has been necessary for the Chess Club to use two classrooms instead of, as formerly, one. This increase was not entirely due to the influx of first formers; there were many new recruits from higher forms. The total membership was close upon a hundred, which means that a quarter of the boys in School were members. The number of seniors in the club increased only slightly and we shall have to look to later years for a really strong senior section able to supply the leadership and example necessary in any successful club.

Interest in the club's activities has not been restricted to the school itself. In December, the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon very kindly donated a shield to the club. The shield will be competed for on a house basis during next season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank his Lordship most sincerely for his gift which should do much to encourage members to reach higher standards.

The senior chess team has enjoyed a comparatively successful year, reaching the second round of the *Sunday Times* Tournament and the semi-final of the Welsh National Schools Chess Tournament, where we were defeated by a strong Cowbridge Grammar School team. In inter-school matches the record is: Played 10, won 6, lost 2, drawn 2.

This included a double win over Llandovery College. The team's captain this year was D. J. Gwynne (U6 Arts.). Individual successes go to Robert Davies (5a) who won the Welsh Association of Boys' Clubs Chess Championship, and A. D. Griffiths (U6 Sc.) who won a lightning chess Tournament at Talybont in the Junior section.

The junior chess team has had a relatively less successful season. There have been many changes made in an effort to form a good team. Its record read: Played 7, won 2, lost 4, drawn 1.

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In the Junior "Victor Freed" tournament, the team finished in fifth place from an entry of ten.

The annual Easter Congress of the Welsh Secondary Schools Chess Association was held this year at Cyfarfha Castle Grammar School and several boys took advantage of its comparative nearness to compete in the various tournaments. Stuart Price (2a) did extremely well to gain second place in the under-12 section. Several others acquitted themselves well. Unhappily, atrocious weather curtailed the event.

One interesting feature was the formation of a first form team. The six places were competed for by 48 players. The team went on to beat a West Mon. team by 4 games to 2.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Roblin for the work he does for the club; Miss Harvey for helping to arrange fixtures and transport; and the canteen staff for preparing refreshments.

R. BENDLE, U6 Arts., Secretary.

Note.—I hope the club will be lucky enough in future years to find as able and enthusiastic secretary as Robert Bendle. The success of the club during the past season has been, in no small measure, due to him.

G. ROBLIN.

QUOTABLE QUOTES.

Staff Room—Its grand and ye canna expect to be baith grand and comfortable (Sir James Banner).

School meals—No Roman was ever able to say "I dined last night at the Borgias (Max Beerbohm).

School-boys—I do most of my work sitting down—that's where I shine (R. Bencheley).

School dance—The sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were fair (Genesis 6).

Head—He shall rule them with a rod of iron (Revelations 2).

Biology—Yea, slimy things with legs did crawl upon the slimy sea (Coleridge).

Room 10—We are all socialists nowadays (Ed. VII).

History—The chapter of accidents is the largest chapter in the book (John Wilkes).

Prefects—Certain lewd fellows of a baser sort. (Acts 17).

Lines—It is more blessed to give than receive. (St. Paul)

Maths.—I never could make out what these damn dots mean (Lord Randolph Churchill).

Staff Room—What a place to plunder (Marshal Blucher).

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SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD, 1966.

THE Annual St. David's Day Eisteddfod was held on Friday, 25th February in the gymnasium of the school. This eisteddfod again attained the high standard that has been characteristic of this event for years and competition was keen throughout the day. The highlight of the day was the adjudication of the Chair Poem by the Rev. Thomas Richards who commended the eight competitors on the high standard they had achieved. He went on to say that there were three outstanding poems, but the best, in his opinion, was the poem submitted by G. T. Williams who won the chair for the third successive year—a record which has never been equalled in the annals of the eisteddfod. A Millichip was second for the third year running.

The president for the day was the Mayor of Brecon, Coun. H. L. Jones, and adjudicating with Rev. Richards was Mrs. Ogwen Thomas, B.Mus. Both performed their duties in their usual distinctive manner.

The school is indebted to the members of the Staff who gave of their time and energy organising this event, but special mention must be made here of Mr. Arwyn Evans and Mr. Beddows who both worked so energetically to make this eisteddfod such a resounding success. The final results were:—

1. Siddons	...	546½
2. Theo	...	490½
3. Gam	...	483
4. Vaughan	...	466½

Individual results were as follows:

Middle Piano Solo:

1. T. C. Davies (V); 2. C. Davies (G); 3. P. Parfitt (S)

Middle Metalwork:

1. D. Addyman (S); 2. Martin Reed (T); 3. Keith Watkins (G)

Junior Metalwork:

1. Brychan Lewis (V); 2. C. Williams (B); 3. N. P. A. Smith (V)

Senior Metalwork:

1. B. J. Williams (V); 2. J. B. Morgan (S); 3. M. D. Davies (T)

Middle English Recitation:

1. B. P. Mulhall (T); 2. R. G. Thomas (T); 3. G. Protheroe (G)

Junior Public Speaking:

1. K. Howell (V); 2. E. Jenkins (V); 3. P. Price (V)

Senior Literary Competitions:

- Poem: 1. M. J. Jones (T); 2. G. T. Williams (S); 3. Stephen Rogers (T)
 Senior Short Story: 1. D. J. Younger (S); 2. G. T. Williams (S); 3. P. J. Morris (T)
 Book Review: 1. D. G. Morris (T); 2. Stephen Rogers (T); 3. Keith Evans (V)
 Senior Play: 1. Leslie Gwynne (S); 2. Stephen Rogers (T); 3. Alan Millichip (G)
 Senior Essay: 1. Alan Millichip (G); 2. G. T. Williams (S); 3. Derwyn Parry (V)

Firm 1 Vocal Solo:

1. P. G. Watkins (G); 2. P. F. Keddie (G); 3. H. J. Parfitt (S)

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Biblical Scrapbook Competition:

- Form 1: 1. Philip Watkins (G); 2. Terry Price (S); 3. Malcolm Davies (G)
 Form 2: 1. Eurig Davies (S); 2. Andrew Jenkins (G); 3. Malcolm Jones (G)

Form 2 Welsh Recitation:

1. Keith Howells (V); 2. Nigel Weale (G); 3. Gareth Williams (S)

Geography Competitions:

- Form 1: 1. G. Abell (S); 2. T. D. Price (S); 3. M. H. Jones (V)
 Form 2: 1. R. Powell (S); 2. D. J. Abbott (S); 3. A. G. S. Jenkins (G)
 Form 3: 1. M. Andrews (T); 2. T. C. Davies (V); 3. R. Williams (S)

Senior Art Competitions:

- Form 5, Lino cut—1. W. Jardine (G); 2. Alan Perry (S); 3. Harvard Thomas (S)
 Form 5, Painting (shopping basket)—1. M.E. Davies (T); 2. W. Jardine (G); 3. T. G. Crocker (T) and L. R. Davies (S)
 Form 5, Composition—1. Alan Perry (S); 2. W. Jardine (G); 3. M. E. Davies (T)
 Lower 6, "The Machine"—1. David Jenkins (G); 2. A. Hurford (S); 3. Michael Powell (S)
 Lower 6, "Market Scene"—1. Michael Powell (S); 2. David Jenkins (G)
 Lower 6, Figure patterns—1. David Jenkins (G); 2. Michael Powell (S)
 Upper 6, Montage "Dance"—1. A. McRobbie (S); 2. J. M. Lewis (T); 3. Terry Hopkins (T)
 Upper 6, Stage design—1. Alan Jones (G); 2. Terry Hopkins (T); 3. J. M. Lewis (T)
 Upper 6, "The Action"—1. Terry Hopkins (T); 2. J. M. Lewis (T)

Senior Instrumental Solo:

1. D. Massochi (S); 2. A. Woodcock (V)

Middle English Literary Competitions:

- Middle Essay: 1. T. C. Davies (V); 2. Ryland Wallace (G); 3. S. R. Davies (T)
 Middle Play: 1. M. Reed (T); 2. A. R. Jinks (T); 3. T. C. Davies (V)
 Middle Short Story: 1. B. P. Mulhall (T); 2. D. Thomas (T); 3. J. H. G. Davies (G)
 Middle Poem: 1. J. G. H. Davies (G); 2. A. P. Jones; 3. S. R. Davies (T)

Senior Vocal Solo:

1. M. Powell (S); 2. G. T. Williams (S); 3. R. Webb (S)

Mathematics Competition:

- Junior: 1. Emrys Jenkins (V)
 Middle: 1. M. Reed (T); 2. P. Williams (G)
 Senior: 1. D. Jenkins (V); 2. M. C. Liko (G); 3. R. S. Thomas (G)

Welsh Recitation, Forms 1 and 2:

1. E. J. Edwards (S); 2. T. C. Davies (V); and S. R. Davies (T)

Junior English Recitation:

1. Gareth Williams (S); 2. Keith Howell (V); 3. E. B. Williams (S) and A. V. Jones (S)

Photographic Competitions:

- Open: 1. H. G. Davies (G); 2. A. L. Jones (G); 3. J. A. Evans (T) and M. A. Boxhall (S)
 Junior: 1. G. J. Mayall (T); 2. Martin Reed (T); 3. G. Quarrell (G) and A. Powell (G)

Senior Piano Solo:

1. A. Powell (S); 2. G. Barrington (G); 3

Middle Public Speaking:

1. B. P. Mulhall (T); 2. K. D. G. Bailey (T); 3. L. J. Powell (G)

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Junior Recorder Solo:

1. E. B. Williams (S); 2. G. H. Hughes (T); 3. P. C. Morgan (S)

Woodwork Competitions:

- Middle: 1. C. D. Williams (S); 2. P. J. Kendrick (G); 3. R. A. Young (G)
 Senior: 1. J. M. Davies (T); 2. R. Vaughan (T); 3. J. A. Evans (T)

Welsh Recitation, Form 1:

1. J. Cooke (S); 2. Glyn Lloyd (V); 3. David Jones (V)

Junior English Literary Competitions:

- Junior Play: 1. Emrys Jenkins (V); 2. Gareth Williams (S); 3. K. J. Howells (V)
 Junior Essay: 1. Andrew Jenkins (G); 2. K. J. Howells (V); 3. A. Turford (V) and Gareth Williams (S)
 Junior Short Story: 1. A. Jenkins (S); 2. T. G. Thomas (T)
 Junior Poem: 1. M. J. Jones (G); 2. Keith Howells (V); 3. Andrew Jenkins (G)

Small Choirs:

1. Gam; 2. Siddons; 3. Vaughan; 4. Theo.

Bardic Poem:

1. G. T. Williams (S); 2. Alan Millichip (G); 3. W. Salen (V)

Junior and Middle School Art Competitions:

- Form 4, Portrait of a tramp—1. Kenneth Price (G); 2. Stephen Jones (V); 3. Roland C. Jones (V)
 Form 1, Patterns—1. Wynford Thomas (S); 2. Alan Price (V); 3. Paul Keddie (G)
 Form 2, Fancy dress—1. D. J. Abbott (S); 2. Gareth Williams (S); 3. Colin Morgan (S) and J. Meredith (G)
 Form 2, Handwriting—1. John Bartlett (T); 2. D. J. Abbott (S); 3. C. T. Richards (T)
 Form 3, Potboilers—1. Malcolm Proud (V); 2. Robert Evans (V); 3. Brian Prosser (T)
 Form 3, Posters—1. Ian Griffiths (S); 2. S. R. Davies (T); 3. B. McKendrick (V)
 Form 4, Choir Practice—1. C. D. Williams; 2. S. A. J. Price (T); 3. R. Whittaker (T)
 Form 4, Poster—1. Tyrone Thomas (T); 2. David Thomas (T); 3. Paul Haynes (S) and M. J. Watkins (G)

Senior English Recitation:

1. B. G. R. Davies (T); 2. Keith Evans (V); 3. J. R. Fletcher (S)

Geography Competitions:

- Form 4: 1. Stephen Lewis (V); 2. R. G. Thomas (T); 3. Martin Reed (T)
 Form 5: 1. W. Jardine (G)
 Form 6: 1. B. G. R. Davies (T); 2. D. Jenkins (G) and M. Powell (S)

Vocal Solo, Form 2:

2. A. V. Jones (S); 2. Keith Howells (V); 3. G. Hughes (T)

Welsh Recitation for Welsh Speakers:

1. R. J. Williams (S); 2. B. G. Davies (T); 3. Eurig Davies

House Choirs:

1. Vaughan; 2. Siddons; 3. Gam.

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CONTINENTAL HOLIDAY, 1965.

THIS year a combined party of 35 boys and 3 masters from the Boys' Grammar and Secondary Modern Schools, spent a most enjoyable summer holiday in Germany.

The trip started at 7-30 a.m. on 19th July, from the Bulwark, with a send-off party of apprehensive parents. We had an uneventful journey to Dover and a tranquil crossing to Ostend.

Along the sea front at Ostend there were small memorial stones to Sir Winston Churchill which we saw as we disembarked. We had a good meal in the town, the first good one since leaving Brecon, and then we met our coach driver who was to be with us for the rest of the holiday. Pierre was a Belgian, and a very nice person, indeed. From Ostend we went to Brussels for a one-night-stop, and we were all glad to get to bed.

Next day we continued our journey, after a trip around the city, to Liege, where we had lunch. After a long and tiring drive all the afternoon, we were thankful to get to Heidelberg and our hotel. It was a very good hotel, but unfortunately near the railway station.

Wednesday dawned bright and clear, which was fortunate because we were to visit the Castle of Heidelberg and the Konigstuhl funicular railway, the view over Heidelberg was wonderful. That afternoon we were free to go shopping in the large stores of Heidelberg.

On Thursday we went to the Black Forest, and even managed a "walk" in it. It is most impressive, as are the resort towns of Baden-Baden, and Freudenstadt. We also visited Karlsruhe which suffered damage in the last war and has now been rebuilt.

Friday saw us in Ulm, an old historic Cathedral town. The Danube did not look very, very blue, rather muddy in fact. That day we visited the big industrial town of Stuttgart and were impressed by the layout and architecture. On the next day, Saturday, we travelled up the beautiful Neckar Valley to Eberbach and returned to the hotel for lunch. That afternoon we were able to visit the municipal swimming pool.

Sunday and Monday we had free, and were able once again to go swimming, sightseeing or shopping in Heidelberg. During this time we hunted for suitable presents for our families and ourselves.

Regrettably, Monday came and we had to prepare for our homeward trek which began rather early in the morning, arriving at Luxemburg for lunch. We had an hour to spare there, and someone had the idea of telephoning a request to Radio Luxemburg, but something must have gone wrong as no one has ever heard it played. We then travelled to Brussels for a night's rest.

After breakfast next day we made for Ostend with some misgivings as the wind was rising. At Ostend we said good-bye to our new very good friend, Pierre.

Once on the boat our worst fears were realised—it was a rough sea! So rough in fact that the boat hugged the coast as far as Calais before attempting to cross the Channel, and there were many green

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faces before we arrived in Dover. We had packed lunches but I don't think many were eaten. We arrived in Brecon at 10 p.m.

ANDREW MOY, Va.

"SWOTS."

SWOT is a school slang word. It means a pupil who works very hard, leaving no time for necessary leisure. Swots can be of either sex, but when I hear the word, I can see in my mind's eye, a very pale bespectacled girl. She is invariably pale and she swots so much that she is seldom out in the beautiful sunshine. She invariably wears spectacles, for her swotting habit has affected her eyesight. Of course, there are boys who also belong to this same swotting society, but, in my opinion, the girls outnumber the boys.

The beauties of the countryside do not interest them. The joys of exciting cycle rides to unknown places are not theirs. The fun of exciting toboggan rides down snow-clad mountains is not within their experience. The exhilaration of swimming in a tossing ocean is a happiness unknown to them. The adventure of climbing an unexplored mountain does not appeal to them, as they have no adventurous spirit. They can never spare the time to enjoy any of these outdoor pursuits. Rugby and soccer do not attract the boys from their work; girl swots are not interested in tennis or hockey.

When homework, the more the better, is mentioned, there is a gleam of pleasure to be seen on their pale faces. They are serious persons with no sense of humour at all. They are very uninteresting companions; at least, to anyone who is not a swot.

They will probably be very unsatisfactory employees and employers when they are adults. They would expect their employees to work every minute with no time for relaxation, and would speak disparagingly of those who had other interests outside working hours. They would work so hard that it would be detrimental to both their work and their health.

If it were possible, I should like to invent a huge invisible magnet that, poised above, would attract all swots from their swotting when they should be enjoying their leisure. Yet, I suppose that would not be a good idea either, for they should be able to do this voluntarily. When they are able to divide time sensibly between work and leisure, when they can play, as well as work, only then will their character be moulded so that they will be healthier and more interesting as companions. It will prepare them for their adult life, when they should be interested in leisure activities, so that they can lead a full and interesting life.

Therefore, I think that swots are no asset to school life in general, or to the community. Their swotting habit is not conducive to good health, good companionship, or to the formation of a good character. Swots be warned! Abolish the swotting habit! After all, one of Britain's greatest men, Sir Winston Churchill, was not a swot.

ANDREW JENKINS, 2a.

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THE ART SOCIETY.

The Art Society has been the scene of great activity in the past year, with members trying their hand at pottery, painting, and collage art. A number of periods was devoted to the study of the style of the Old Masters and the development of Modern Art. Slides, showing the ways in which ordinary objects may be photographed to produce an artistic effect, were enjoyed by all. On behalf of all members I would like to thank Mr. Peter Evans, for devoting his time and enthusiasm to the Society.

ANDREW GANCEWICZ, L6 Arts.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This year saw a revival of the Dramatic Society which, unfortunately, followed its predecessor of a few years ago to a swift and inglorious end. The year started with eleven members and numerous plans to produce plays. Unfortunately, this enthusiasm was short-lived and soon degenerated into apathy. The original aim, of producing a play for the enjoyment of the 6th form, proved too ambitious, particularly as the cast for the chosen play required to players, which was the number of members now left, leaving no-one to fill-in any gaps. Once again this project failed through lack of effort on the part of the members and all we can hope for is that future societies may learn from our mistakes. Thanks must be given to Messrs A. R. Williams and D. Davies for their spirited, if vain, attempts to help produce a play.

J. R. FLETCHER, L6 Sc.

Y.F.C. REPORT.

President : Mr. R. Jones. Vice-President : Mr. A. Rees.
Club Leaders : Dr. W. Ll. Williams, and Mr. C. Whittingham.
Chairman : T. Powell. Vice-Chairman : P. Powell
Secretary : P. Morris. Treasurer : B. Williams.

At the beginning of the year, we adopted Royston Jones, Esq., of Llanfihangel Nant Bran, as our new President. Mr. Jones has responded unequivocally and impressed us in his address. A party of Young Farmers and of Geographers under Mr. Whittingham have visited his farm.

This year marked the introduction of the Inter-Club Winter programme as a Rally precursor. Our membership is now much more even and we were able to find good teams. We entered three competitions and won two. Twenty-two clubs participated and points were given according to positions.

In external quizzes we won two challenge cups—presented by Pontfaen Y.F.C. and Bwlch Y.F.C., respectively, and now hold three cups. It is a pity that we do not have such a magnet—inter-club meetings often prove lucrative for the host club.

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School Societies.

WOODWORK SOCIETY.

VARIOUS members of the 6th form who have not had the opportunity to experience the art of woodwork as a subject found themselves enjoying the facilities of the wood-work room for brief periods on Friday afternoons during the term. Under the capable guidance of Mr. Moses and Mr. Giles, students were able to learn a little of what they found to be a wide subject and were able to produce satisfying results. It is hoped that in future years this society will gain interest in the 6th form, and that boys will be given a chance to unleash their hidden talents.

M. POWELL, L VI Arts.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

THIS year saw the foundation of a Music Society which has proved to be one of the most successful societies organized this year. The Society started with twelve members, not all of whom were music-lovers. After a fortnight of enthusiastic leadership and guidance by Mr. S. P. Beddows, members took a real interest, and plans for a public performance were energetically made. Although hampered by illness and holidays the Society made progress and spent all its time rehearsing. All preparations having been completed, the big moment came, a Friday afternoon near the end of the Easter term. The members of the Society, accompanied by Mr. Beddows, gave a 40-minute recital for the remaining members of the sixth form, various members of staff and other pupils. The show ran well, being enjoyed by all, and it is hoped that this idea will be continued in future. Thanks must be given to Mr. S. P. Beddows and the enthusiastic members of the above Society.

M. A. BOXHALL, L.6 Sc.

FIRE PREVENTION SOCIETY.

THIS year some members of the 6th Form attended a Fire Prevention Society. During the course a number of lectures and practical demonstrations was given. The lectures were concerned with fire regulations, the history of the fire brigade, the functions of the fire brigade; and a talk on the prevention of fires was illustrated by colour slides. Practical demonstrations included the operating of fire extinguishers, the manning of the pumps, and, of course, the correct methods of extinguishing fires. On a visit to the local fire station the scholars were shown the information centre and the various types of fire engines. Our thanks for a very enjoyable and informative course are due to the organiser, Deputy Chief Fire Officer K. Dart, to Mr. Arwyn Evans, the master-in-charge, and to Mr. C. Giles who arranged the course.

JOHN NORBURY, 6b. Arts.

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In the County Rally we made a little progress but gained no placings.

School meetings were again held in the Biology Lab. Mr. John Williams was kind enough to re-arrange dinner sittings. Early in the year, Miss Vera Jones, County Organiser, gave an exhaustive talk on the many facets of Y.F.C. life. The films shown during the year were, with one exception, well received. The rejection (sic) of the film "Vacuum Distillation" affords ample evidence that the Club is no longer wholly "in vitro," and that come what pressures we shall bubble and effervesce with life with impunity.

P. MORRIS, U VI Sc.

URDD ACTIVITIES.

SEVERAL of the winners at the school eisteddfod went on to compete in the County Urdd Eisteddfod at Brynmawr. The recitation parties under 12 and between 12 and 15 were both unplaced, but J. R. Williams (4a) was awarded 3rd prize in the recitation for Welsh-speaking children under 15. Philip Watkins (1a) won the solo under 12 at Brynmawr, and at the National Eisteddfod at Holyhead he was also placed first gaining 99 marks out of a possible 100. N. Weale, G. Williams and K. Howells also competed in the recitation for non-Welsh speaking children under fifteen.

A number of boys from the school attended the Urdd camp at Llangrannog during the last summer holidays.

The total Urdd membership at the school at the moment is 120. It is hoped that more boys will join the Urdd next year because it offers such wonderful opportunities to its members.

GERAINT DAVIES.

Art Successes.

At the Urdd Eisteddfod at Holyhead. 1st prize 14 to 19, Alan L. Jones, VIa; 2nd prize, Michael Powell, LVI; 2nd under 14, Robin C. W. Cumbes, 3a.

The Brecon Rotary Club Competition. Major award to Alan L. Jones. School awards were given to: Robert Whittaker, 4b; Geoffrey Hughes, 2b; Kenneth Price 1b; Malcolm Proud 3a; Lyndon P. Bradley, 4b; R. A. Bovey, VIa; John Meredith 2b.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

THIS year saw the advent of the Photographic Society as one of the 6th Form activities. The Society met under the guidance of Mr. J. H. Thomas whose instruction proved invaluable to the students. The efforts of the photographic society resulted in a high standard of competition in the school eisteddfod. It is to be hoped that Mr. Thomas will continue to render this valuable service to the Society in the future.

R. PARR, L VI Sc.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1965-66.

Captain: T. Powell. Master-in-charge: Mr. Wyatt.
 Vice-Captain: A. Farr. Secretary: R. Beetham.
 W.S.S.R.U. Rep.: Mr. Angell.

The First Fifteen enjoyed an excellent season despite the loss of Tim Powell at the end of the Autumn Term. His knee injury deprived the team of a firm skipper whose presence was sorely missed at times when the team became a little talkative later in the season. Chris Jones also left at Christmas, but the stalwarts of the Seconds stepped in ably to fill these two vacancies in the pack. Acting captain, Tony Farr, did well to represent Monmouthshire and Mid-Wales in the W.S.S.R.U. trials. Gerald Williams joined him in the 'County' side for the friendly matches against Pembroke and Glamorgan. Raymond Higgins and Aneurin Williams of Brecon S.M.S. played for the the School.

High-lights of the season were the annual matches with Mosely Hall, Chesdle, played this year in Brecon, and a short tour in France where First and Second Fifteens played teams from Lycee Jean Barth, Dunkirk.

Colours: 2nd Re-award—D. B. Jones. Re-award—T. E. Powell, B. A. Williams, I. Miles, R. Beetham, G. Crocker.
 Award: J. R. Jones, V. G. T. Davies, R. Higgins, J. Davies, A. Farr, C. A. G. Jones, T. A. J. Williams, G. T. Williams, A. D. Hodges, D. Gardner.

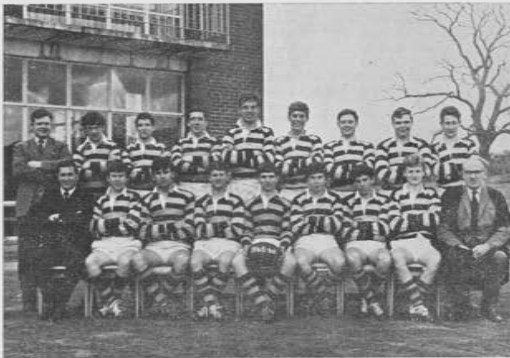
Mountain Ash G.S.	Away	Won	14	3
Cyfarthfa G.S.	Away	Won	3	0
Abersychan G.S.	Away	Won	5	3
Pontllanfraith G.S.	Home	Won	12	3
Hartridge H.S.	Home	Won	6	0
Merthyr Co. G.S.	Home	Won	25	3
Abersychan G.S.	Home	Won	15	0
Tredegar G.S.	Home	Won	3	0
Abergavenny K.H.G.S.	Away	Won	3	0
Aberdare G.S.	Home	Drawn	0	0
Bedwellty G.S.	Home	Won	21	0
Old Boys	Home	Lost	6	9
Pontllanfraith G.S.	Home	Won	3	0
Abergavenny K.H.G.S.	Away	Won	26	3
Neath G.S.	Home	Lost	0	11
Hartridge H.S.	Away	Won	3	0
St. Illtyd's College	Away	Won	3	0
Croesyceiling G.S.	Away	Lost	0	14
Merthyr Co. G.S.	Away	Won	19	0
Cathays G.S.	Home	Lost	6	8
Mosley Hall G.S.	Home	Won	15	0
Cathays G.S.	Away	Won	8	0
Croesyceiling G.S.	Home	Won	8	3
Lycee Jean Barth	Away	Won	11	8
Old Boys	Home	Won	14	0

Played 25, Won 20 Drawn 1, Lost 4. Pts for 236, Against 68.

2nd XV.

Captain: M. Powell. Vice-Captain: P. J. Morris.
 Master-in-charge: Mr. Morris. Secretary: P. J. Morris

As so often in recent years the Second Fifteen played a most valuable part in supplying reserves for the First Fifteen and put up a very good performance in its own right. Its members accompanied the "First's" to Dunkirk. Michael Powell and Phillip Morris led unobtrusively but effectively.



1st FIFTEEN, 1965-66.

Mr Angell, A Williams, D Gardner, D B Jones, G T Williams G Crocker r, J R Jones
 B A Williams, A Hodges
 Mr Wyatt, R Beetham, T A J Williams, R Higgins, T E Powell (capt.), A Farr
 V G T Davies, I Miles, Mr Rees



2nd FIFTEEN

R Page, W Salen, T Crocker, D G Morris, R. Turner, J B Morgan
 R Hatton, L. R. Davies, M E Davies, T R Hopkins, D C Davies R Fletcher
 A Hurford, J C Thomas, F Norbury
 Mr Wyatt, Mr Morris, A McRobbie, P G Morris M Powell (capt.), D Younger
 D K. Evans Mr. Rees. Absent: M. A. Boxhall.

Mountain Ash G.S.	Away	Won	11	0
Cyfarthfa G.S.	Away	Won	9	0
Abersychan G.S.	Away	Won	8	3
Builth C.S. 1st XV	Away	Lost	3	14
Abersychan G.S.	Home	Won	32	3
Abergavenny K.H.G.S.	Away	Won	25	3
Builth C.S. 1st XV	Home	Lost	0	5
Aberdare G.S.	Home	Lost	3	9
Old Boys	Home	Lost	12	15
Elbow Vale G.S.	Away	Won	17	3
Duffryn H.S. 1st XV	Away	Won	20	0
Llandrindol G.S. 1st XV	Away	Won	6	0
Vaynor & Penderern 1st	Home	Won	38	8
Builth C.S. 1st XV	Home	Lost	3	5
Pontllanfraith G.S.	Home	Won	6	3
Cathays G.S.	Home	Won	15	0
Croesyceiling G.S.	Away	Lost	0	14
Old Boys	Home	Lost	3	8
Lycee Jean Barth	Away	Won	12	6

Played 20, Won 13, Lost 7. Points for 251, Against 99.

Under 15 XV

Captain: A. J. Price. Master-in-charge: Mr. Rowlands.
 Vice-Captain: P. J. Kendrick.

Last season's pessimism proved, for the most part, groundless; for much of the season "the Under Fifteens" showed distinct and most welcome improvement and enthusiasm. The latter was, no doubt, increased by a transfusion of life blood from one or two "old hands" from last year's team.

Cyfarthfa G.S.	Home	Won	23	3
Brecon S.M.S.	Away	Won	21	3
Builth C.S.	Away	Won	15	6
Merthyr Co. G.S.	Home	Won	32	8
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Lost	0	32
Abergavenny K.H.G.S.	Away	Won	12	8
Builth C.S.	Home	Won	20	9
Aberdare G.S.	Away	Won	3	0
Bedwellty G.S.	Home	Won	22	5
Elbow Vale G.S.	Home	Won	16	0
Gwernyfed S.M.S.	Home	Lost	3	6
Builth C.S.	Home	Won	9	3
Merthyr Co. G.S.	Away	Lost	5	34
Mosely Hall G.S.	Home	Won	6	3
Blaenavon S.M.S.	Home	Lost	3	12

Played 15, Won 11, Lost 4. Points for 190. Against 133.

Under 14 XV.

Captain: T. Merrick. Master-in-charge: Mr. Morris.
 Vice-Captain: J. Hutchinson.

This side did not really fulfil its potential. The forwards failed to develop into a cohesive unit and therefore the promise; back division did not have much opportunity to shine. Nevertheless the record is not bad by any means.

Cyfarthfa G.S.	Home	Won	50	0
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Lost	13	14
Hartridge H.S.	Home	Drawn	6	6
Merthyr Co.G.S.	Away	Lost	3	10
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Won	6	3

Neath G.S.	Home	Lost	0	25
Brecon S.M.S.	Away	Lost	0	14
Ystalyfera G.S.	Home	Lost	3	9
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Won	9	0
Gwernyfed S.M.S.	Home	Won	14	9

Played 10, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 5. Points for 104, Against 90.

Under 13 XV.

Captain: R. Cumbes. Master-in-charge: Mr. Wyatt.
 Vice-Captain: M. J. Jones.

The record of the "Chicks" is, on the surface, fair. There is, however, much room for improvement all round. The forwards in particular need to apply themselves with greater grit to the task in hand! Their enthusiasm is great, however, and this will take them a long way.

Abergavenny H.K.G.S.	Home	Won	15	3
Merthyr Co. G.S.	Away	Lost	6	9
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Lost	8	10
Aberdare G.S.	Away	Drawn	0	0
Gwernyfed S.M.S.	Home	Won	75	0
Gwernyfed S.M.S.	Away	Won	5	5
Merthyr Co. G.S.	Home	Lost	5	14
Ystalyfera G.S.	Home	Lost	3	6

Played 8, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 4. Points for 97 against 45.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL,

THERE were no fixtures with other schools during the season. Soccer was played, however, in the middle and senior schools during games lessons by those wishing to do so. Mr. Lee was in charge.

The school team defeated the Staff by two goals to one in an entertaining match. The captain was John Norbury.

CROSS COUNTRY.

EARLIER this year the school cross-country championships were held over the school course.

The Junior section was won by John Evans, for the second successive year. Mervyn Jones won the Middle competition, and David Thomas, the winner of last year's Middle section, went on to win the Senior competition. Gam won the overall House competition with Theo second, and Vaughan third.

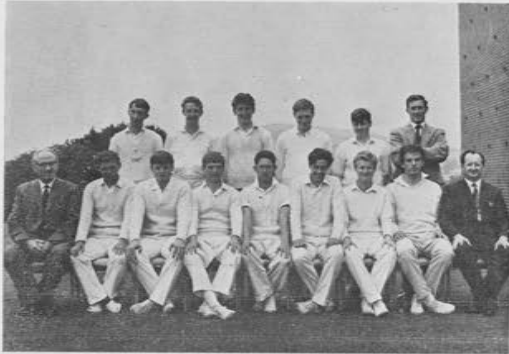
From the County Championships, in which the School won the Senior competition, D. Thomas, R. Beetham, J. M. Davies and K. Gethings were chosen to represent the county in the National Championships held at Newtown. David Thomas came 25th and J. M. Davies came 33rd in the Senior event with K. Gethings finishing in the sixties in the Junior Section. Unfortunately, Roger Beetham was unable to compete as he had injured his knee.

J. M. DAVIES, U.V.I.S.C.



Under 15 FIFTEEN

W M Lewis, M H Davies, A C Morgan, D A Lewis, D G Watkins, P Steulb,
S R Bowring, D G Powell, A P Jones G Cornfield
Mr Wyatt, Mr Rowlands, D H Davies, P Kendrick, A J Price (capt.), M R Thomas
J C Giles, J J Morgan, Mr. Rees.



CRICKET TEAM, 1965-66

T. R. Hopkins, T. Hughes, T. T. King, J. Norbury, P. Norbury, Mr. A. Wyatt
Mr. A. Rees, J. Parry, J. R. Jones, T. Powell, V. G. Jones (Capt.), P. Moon,
J. Miles, S. T. Williams, Dr. W. S. K. Thomas

CRICKET, 1965.

Captain: C. Jordan. Master-in-charge: Mr. Wyatt.
Vice-Captain: V. Jones.

Lack of practice and lack of confidence were the factors which contributed most to a mediocre and at times farcical season, a season in which the efforts by the bowlers were so often set at naught by the ineptitude of the batsmen when faced with good bowling. The loss of Chris Jordan was keenly felt under such circumstances.

There was, however, no lack of ability, latent though it often was. Peter Moon and Vincent Jones appeared in all County matches. Gerald Williams played in one match, Ian Miles was reserve on one occasion.

Thanks are due to the members of Staff who umpired matches, to the kitchen staff and to the groundsmen.

v. Neath G.S. Home. School 14. Neath 17 for 1. Lost.
v. Llandovery H.S. Away. School 74 for 8. Llandovery 70 Won.
v. Merthyr C.S. Home. School 75 for 6. Merthyr 119 for 8. Drawn.
v. Neath G.S. Home. School 24. Neath 72. Lost.
v. Builth C.S. Home. School 104 for 6. Builth 49. Won.
v. Old Boys. Home. School 86 for 7. Old Boys 50 for 7. Won.
v. Crickhowell Colts. Away. School 39. Crickhowell 39. Tied.
v. Staff Home. School 140 for 6. Staff 57. Won.
Played 8. Won 3. Drawn 1. Tied 1. Lost 3.

Colours: V. Jones (2nd re-award), P. Moon (re-award), T. Powell (re-award), I. Miles, R. Jones, J. Parry, G. T. Williams.

Bowling averages: G. T. Williams, 12 for 58, average 4.8; V. Jones, 17 for 100, average 5.8; T. Hopkins, 13 for 94, average 7.2; C. Jordan, 11 for 84, average 7.6.
Batting averages: R. Jones, 83 runs in 5 innings, average 16.6; P. Moon, 84 runs in 6 innings, average 14; T. Hopkins, 51 in four innings, average 12.7.
V. Jones, 83 in 7 innings, average 11.9; I. Miles, 78 in 8 innings, average 9.7
Catches, P. Moon, I. Miles, T. King, 3 each. Stumping, T. Powell, 1.

Under 15 XI

Lack of fixtures and lack of practice led to lack of success. There were, however, signs of talent in what was a very young side. At least seven of the team will be eligible to play under 15 in 1966

v. Maesydderwen C.S. School 83. Maesydderwen 87. Lost
v. Neath G.S. School 58. Neath 115 for 8. Lost.
v. Brecon S.M.S. School 58. Brecon S.M.S. 48. Won.

KILPECK

On June 2nd, the 6th form Art students went on their annual tour of Herefordshire visiting, first of all, Hereford Cathedral, then moving on to smaller churches in the county. The highlight of the day was the visit to the Norman church at Kilpeck, consisting of a Nave, Chancel and apsidal end. The most outstanding feature of this church was the semi-circular doorway leading into the Nave, which was richly encrusted with moulded ornaments which evidence the era of the church. The sandy coloured stonework was yet another feature in this wonderland of mouldings and carved ornaments.

The party returned home after a very successful and inspiring day. Thanks must be offered to Mr. Peter Evans for his guidance throughout the tour.

M. Powell, L.VI Arts.



Norman Carving on South Doorway of Kilpeck Church, Herefordshire, visited by 6th Form pupils on 2nd June.

CAROL SERVICE.

THIS year the School's annual Carol Service was held in St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Present were the Dean of Brecon, Governors of the School and parents. Once again the orchestra and choir maintained their high standard. Besides the traditional carols, the choir sang Michael Williamson's arrangement of "Ding, Dong, merrily on High." The orchestra accompanied Mr. J. H. Thomas in a movement from a Handel Organ Concerto and also played a march by Gluck and Handel's Pastoral Symphony. Perhaps the outstanding solo item was Bach's "Sheep may safely Graze" sung by P. G. Watkins, while the service concluded with the performance of Handel's Chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord." Traditionally the readers (directed by Mr. A. Williams) were members of the school and the final reading was by G. T. Williams, the Head Boy.

Thanks go to the members of staff who assisted in the choir and orchestra and also to the Dean for permission to use the church. It is to be hoped that the future Carol Services can be held here to establish a traditional Christmas meeting place for parents, pupils old boys and friends of the school.

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

The Annual Remembrance Service was held at the School on Thursday, 2th September. The service was conducted by the Headmaster (Mr. Aneurin Rees) and the Dean of Brecon (Rev. Gwynno James). Mr. John H. Williams (Deputy Headmaster) read the Proem and the Tribute was read by Gerald Williams (Head Boy). The roll of Honour for the First World War was given by Coun. Mervyn Jenkins and for the Second World War by Mr. John Morgan (Secretary of the Old Boys' Association). Wreaths were placed on the Plaque by Mr. W. J. J. Morris (President of the Old Boys' Association) on behalf of the Old Boys and James Twining and Ken Young for the School. The devotional part of the Service was taken by the Dean of Brecon and the choral arrangements made by Mr. S. P. Beddows. Also present were His Worship the Mayor of Brecon (Councillor Llewellyn Jones), Mr. Jacob Morgan, Mr. W. Hargest, Mr. W. Ifor Jones, Alderman G. H. Wood, Coun. Val. Morris, Coun. W. J. Millichap, Mr. H. Prosser Roberts, Mr. C. Palmer, Mr. A. Miles, Mr. W. M. Edwards.



On February 2nd and 16th, Form VI art group attended full day lectures and demonstrations on colour and figuration in painting at the Reardon Smith Lecture Hall, Cardiff.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Congratulations to Terry Hopkins on qualifying for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Gold Standard); and to Tim Powell, Alan Griffiths and Keith Evans on qualifying as Queen's Scouts.
 Congratulations to David Younger on achieving print with his contributions to *Sixth Form Opinion*.

We welcome two new members of staff, namely, Miss Eira Lloyd, B.A., who has replaced Mrs. Barbara Davies, and Mr. Donald Davies, M.A., who takes the place of Dr. W. S. K. Thomas. It is hoped they will enjoy all aspects of our school life.

Congratulations to Roger Fletcher on being accepted for Sixth Form studies at Atlantic College, St. Donats.

A Colours Tie is being produced for the benefit of past and present pupils. Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Peter Rowlands.

Theatre Visits.

Forms 1a and 1b were present at a performance of "Pinocchio" in Brecon Secondary School on 5th May. The production by the Welsh Theatre Company was colourful and lively.

A large party of senior boys visited Ebbw Vale early in the Autumn term to enjoy the Welsh Theatre Company's revised production of "The Rivals", and a rather smaller party journeyed to Cardiff in November, to see "Anthony and Cleopatra," produced by the Meadow Players and starring Barbara Jefford. A still smaller party grazed St. David's Convent's production of "The King of Kandy" at the Guildhall, but enjoyed it very much.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: Alan Millichap Secretary: Roy Jones

UNFORTUNATELY the activities of this society have been somewhat limited this year because many Friday afternoons have been lost. As a result, only four debates have been held and only two of these amongst the combined sixth forms. The first of these was "Should Pakistan and India settle their differences over Kashmir and eliminate their common food problems?" For the motion were G. Crocker and B. Seage and, speaking against, D. Gardner and D. Younger. This was a lively debate and the motion was carried by 62 votes to 5. The second debate was on drinking and driving.—That the increasing number of road accidents is due to increased cases of alcohol consumption among drivers'. Speaking for the motion were T. Powell and P. Morris who upheld it against the eloquence of G. Williams and B. Beetham. The Lower 6th debated the Seamen's Strike and Compulsory Fingerprinting. They were both entered into wholeheartedly and were therefore most enjoyable. Sessions of impromptu speaking were also organised and provided the greatest enjoyment of the term.

A. Millichap, R. Beetham, U. VI Arts.

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SCHOOL SPORTS, 1966.

DESPITE threats of rain the School Sports Day was successful, finishing well inside the time available. The Mayor of Brecon, Mr. H. L. Lones, presented the trophies to the captains of the successful houses. The Victor Ludorum awards were made by Mr. Charles Palmer, President of the Old Boys' Association.

It was a day of sound, but not spectacular performances. Four records were broken: Senior Pole Vault (Alec Hodges), Senior Steeplechase (Roger Beetham), and Senior Discus and Hammer (Gerald Williams). Also notable were good efforts in the Senior Javelin by Ian Miles, in the Senior 440 yards by Brian Seage, the 120 yards Hurdles by Terry Williams, the Senior Long and Triple Jumps by Derek Jones, and the Senior 880 yards by David Thomas.

MINORS.

100 yards—1, S. Price (G); 2, C. P. Williams (T); 3, R. Arrowsmith (T).
 Time 12.5 secs. Record 12.8 secs.
220 yards—1, S. Price (G); 2, C. P. Williams (T); 3, R. Arrowsmith (T).
 Time 31.9 secs. Record 29 secs.
High Jump—1, P. Keddle (G); 2, C. P. Williams (T); 3, G. Abell (S) and S. Price (G). Height 4'0 1/2". Record 4'3".
Long Jump—1, K. Price (G); 2, M. Marsh (G); 3, W. Rees (V).
 Distance 11'11 1/2". Record 15'2".
Javelin—1, M. Marsh (G); 2, I. Morris (T); 3, R. Dickey (S).
 Distance 73'4". Record 85'7".
Shot—1, M. Marsh (G); 2, P. Keddle (G); 3, G. Morris (S).
 Distance 24'5". Record 33'10 1/2".
Relay—1, Gam; 2, Vaughan; 3, Theo. Time 62.3 secs. Record, 61.2 secs.
"Minor Cup"—Gam.
"Victor Ludorum"—M. Marsh (G), 1st Javelin, 1st Shot, 2nd Long Jump, plus standard points.

JUNIOR.

100 yards—1, G. Brugnoli (T); 2, R. Evans (V); 3, R. Powell (S).
 Time 12 secs. Record 11.6 secs.
220 yards—1, G. Brugnoli (T); 2, R. Powell (S); 3, R. Evans (V).
 Time 28.1 secs. Record 26.2 secs.
80 yards Hurdles—1, R. P. Williams (S); 2, A. Phillips (V); 3, P. A. Williams (G).
 Time 15.9 secs. Record 13.9 secs.
Pole Vault—1, M. Ferguson (V); 2, E. R. Powell (T); 3, J. Evans (T).
 Height 6'. Record 8'10".
High Jump—1, D. Winstone (T); 2, D. W. G. Davies (V); 3, T. C. Davies (V).
 Height 4'1 1/2". Record 4'9".
Long Jump—1, G. Brugnoli (T); 2, P. A. Williams (G); 3, R. Cumbes (V).
 Distance 15'5 1/2". Record 16'5".
Shot—1, H. Williams (V); 2, R. Evans (V); 3, B. Prosser (T).
 Distance 34'10". Record 41'7".
Discus—1, B. Prosser (T); 2, G. Brugnoli (T); 3, I. Griffiths (S).
 Distance 74'6". Record 95'9".

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Javelin—1, Bevan I. (T); 2, T. C. Davies (V); 3, D. Winstone (T).
 Distance 95'8". Record 126'1".
Relay—1, Theo; 2, Siddons; 3, Vaughan. Time 58.7 secs. Record 55.7 secs.
"G. Davies Cup"—Theo.
"Victor Ludorum"—G. Brugnoli (T), 1st 100 yards, 1st 220 yards, 1st Long Jump, 2nd Discus, plus standard points.

INTERMEDIATE.

100 Yards—1, P. Kendrick (G); 2, A. Perry (S); 3, M. R. Thomas (V) and D. C. Davies (T). Time 11.7 secs. Record 10.7 secs.
220 Yards—1, P. Kendrick (G); 2, A. Perry (S); 3, S. G. Morgan (T).
 Time 26.5 secs. Record 25 secs.
440 Yards—1, D. C. Davies (T); 2, M. R. Thomas (V); 3, G. Cornfield (G).
 Time 59.6 secs. Record 56 secs.
880 Yards—1, G. Cornfield (G); 2, M. Watton (G); 3, G. Watkins (Z).
 Time 2m. 28.1 secs. Record 2m. 16.4 secs.
1 Mile—1, M. Watton (G); 2, K. Gothings (G); 3, T. H. Thomas (T).
 Time 5m. 56.5 secs. Record 5m. 16secs.
110 Yards Hurdles—1, P. Poole (S); 2, M. R. Thomas (V); 3, M. H. Davies (G).
 Time 19.3 secs. Record 17.3 secs.
Pole Vault—1, S. Richards (V); 2, P. Poole (S); 3, D. H. Davies (S).
 Height 8'1". Record 10'4".
High Jump—1, P. J. Davies (T); 2, K. Watkins (G); 3, J. I. Williams (S).
 Height 4'8 1/2". Record 5'1".
Long Jump—1, D. C. Davies (T); 2, M. R. Thomas (V); 3, A. Perry (S).
 Distance 17'6". Record 19'2".
Triple Jump—1, D. C. Davies (T); 2, M. H. Davies (G); 3, J. I. Williams (S).
 Distance 35'7 1/2". Record 38".
Shot—1, A. McInnes (G); 2, T. Crocker (T); 3, D. J. Powell (T).
 Distance 36'9". Record 45'2".
Discus—1, J. I. Williams (S); 2, P. Kendrick (G); 3, T. Crocker (T).
 Distance 95'9". Record 137'10".
Javelin—1, G. Watkins (S); 2, T. Crocker (T); 3, A. McInnes (G).
 Distance 118'4 1/2". Record 147'9".
Relay—1, Theo; 2, Gam; 3, Siddons. Time 53.7 secs. Record 51.1 secs.
"The D. G. Powell Cup"—Gam.
"Victor Ludorum"—D. C. Davies (T), 1st Triple Jump, 1st Long Jump, 1st 440 yards, 3rd 100 yards, plus standard points.

SENIOR.

100 Yards—1, V. G. T. Davies (V); 2, D. B. Jones (V); 3, T. Williams (G).
 Record 10.8 secs. Time 10.2 secs.
220 Yards—1, V. G. T. Davies (V); 2, D. B. Jones (V); 3, T. Williams (G).
 Time 24.8 secs. Record 23.8 secs.
440 Yards—1, B. Seage (V); 2, R. Hutton (T); 3, M. Powell (S).
 Time 56.3 secs. Record 56 secs.
880 Yards—1, D. Thomas (T); 2, B. Seage (V); 3, G. Crocker (T).
 Time 2 mins. 10.9 secs. Record 2 min. 9.6 secs.
1 Mile—1, D. Thomas (T); 2, R. Beetham (G); 3, D. Younger (S).
 Time 4 min. 53.2 secs. Record 4 min. 46.5 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles—1, T. Williams (G); 2, D. Morris (T); 3, I. Miles (V).
 Time 18.2 secs. Record 18.1 secs.
200 Yards Hurdles—1, T. Williams (G); 2, D. B. Jones (V); 3, R. Francis (S).
 Time 26.7 secs. Record 25.3 secs.

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Steeplechase—1, R. Beetham (G); 2, D. Younger (S); 3, M. Davies (T).
 Time 5 min. 11.5 secs. **New Record.** Old Record 5.16.7. secs.
Pole Vault—1, A. Hodges (S); 2, V. G. T. Davies (V); 3, T. Williams (G).
 Height 10'7". **New Record.** Old Record 10'6 1/2".
High Jump—1, A. Gancewicz (S); 2, R. Turner (S); 3, D. Osborne (V).
 Height 5'. Record 5'6".
Long Jump—1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, J. B. Morgan (T); 3, A. Hodges (S).
 Distance, 19'4". Record 19'10 1/2".
Triple Jump—1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, J. B. Morgan (T); 3, A. Hodges (S).
 Distance 39'3 1/2". Record 42'2 1/2".
Shot—1, B. A. Williams (T); 2, G. T. Williams (S); 3, J. Norbury (S).
 Distance 38'4". Record 42'10 1/2".
Discus—1, G. T. Williams (S); 2, B. A. Williams (T); 3, M. R. Jones (S).
 Distance 116'10 1/2". **New Record.** Old Record 107".
Javelin—1, I. Miles (V); 2, M. R. Jones (S); 3, R. Francis (S).
 Distance 152". Record 163'7".
Hammer—1, G. T. Williams (S); 2, G. Crocker (T); 3, B. A. Williams (T).
 Distance 93'6". **New Record.** Old Record 83'4".
Relay—1, Vaughan; 2, Theo; 3, Siddons. Time 49 secs. Record 47.7 secs.
"The Staff Cup"—Vaughan.
"Victor Ludorum"—D. B. Jones (V), 1st Long Jump, 1st Triple Jump, 2nd 100 yards, 2nd 220 yards, 2nd 200 yards hurdles, plus standard points.
 T. A. J. Williams, 1st 120 yards hurdles, 1st 200 yards hurdles 3rd 100 yards, 3rd 220 yards, 3rd Pole Vault, plus standard points.
Aggregate Points Trophy—"The L. Lewis and Dr. G. Price Cup"—Theo.

Y GAELF.

Drwy'r gaef oer daeth Robin Goch
 At ddrys fy nhy drwy'r rhew,
 A chafodd gennyf bryd o gaw,
 Bob dydd i'w gadw'n dew.

Heddw eto fe'i gwelais ef
 Yn disgyn yn y wig
 Ar hiniog drws ci dy ei hun
 A mwydyn yn ei big.

A phan ddaw'r gaef eto'n ol
 A'i dywydd oer a blin,
 Disgwyliaf weled wrth y drws
 Pum robin ac nid un.

MEURIG DAVIES, 2a.

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Master-in-charge : Mr. A. J. F. Wyatt Captain : A. D. Hodges.

The performance on the athletics track this year has not been up to the standard of previous years, due partly to the departure of several talented athletes, but in part also because the potential members of the school team did not train sufficiently.

In a triangular match against Merthyr County School and Abergavenny Grammar School, the School team was easily victorious.

Brecon and Radnor Counties A.A.A. Sports.

THE meeting took place on a grey, windy and far from pleasant day, which no doubt accounts for the small number of new records established. The School team won the Senior Shield and the Aggregate Certificate, but lost the Lower Junior and Middle trophies. In the Junior section the team came second, failing to regain the cup lost two years ago.

Performances (places counted for points down to 6th) :

Lower Junior.—100 yards, S. Price, 6th; 220 yards, S. Price, 6th; High Jump, P. Keddie, 2nd*; Cricket Ball, M. Marsh 4th.

Junior.—100 yards, G. Brugnoli, 3rd; 220 yards, G. Brugnoli 2nd*; 880 yards, G. Prothero 2nd*; Relay, (Merrick, Brugnoli, A. McInnes, A. Workman), 3rd*; Hurdles, J. Hutchinson, 3rd; High Jump, P. J. Davies, 1st*; Triple Jump, T. Merrick, 3rd*; Pole Vault, B. Weston, 4th; Cricket Ball, T. Merrick 3rd*; Javelin, A. McInnes, 2nd*; Discus, A. McInnes, 3rd*; Weight, A. McInnes, 2nd*.

Middle.—100 yards, J. Seage 4th; 220 yards, R. Hatton, 4th*; 440 yards, R. Hatton, 4th; 880 yards, M. R. Thomas, 4th*; Mile, P. Gechan, 3rd; Relay, (Kendrick, Seage, Hatton, D. H. Price), 4th*; 110 Yards Hurdles, M. E. Davies 5th; 200 Yards Hurdles, P. Kendrick, 3rd; High Jump, R. Turner, 4th*; Long Jump, C. D. Davies, 4th; Triple Jump, C. D. Davies, 5th; Pole Vault, S. Richards, 3rd; Discus, C. D. Davies, 3rd; Weight, L.R. Davies, 6th.

Senior.—100 yards, Y. G. T. Davies 2nd; 220 yards, Y. G. T. Davies 3rd*; 440 yards, B. Seage 3rd, * 880 yards, D. Thomas, 4th; Mile, D. Thomas 1st*; 220 yards hurdles, T. A. J. Williams, 1st; High Jump, A. Ganciewicz 2nd*; Long Jump, D. B. Jones, 1st*; Triple Jump, D. B. Jones, 1st*; Pole Vault, A. Hodges, 1st; Javelin, L. Miles, 2nd*; Discus, B. A. Williams, 1st*; Weight, B. A. Williams, 1st*; Hammer, G. T. Williams, 1st; Steeplechase, R. Beetham, 2nd. *County Standard (not available in 200 yds., Hurdles, 100 yards, Steeplechase, Hammer).

Of the above the following were selected for the Counties team for the National S.S.A.A. Meeting at Carmarthen: P. J. Davies (Junior High Jump), G. Brugnoli (Junior Relay); V. J. T. Davies (Senior Relay), D. Thomas (Senior Mile), T. A. J. Williams (Senior Low Hurdles), D. B. Jones (Senior Mile), Jump and Triple Jump), A. Hodges (Senior Vault), B. A. Williams (Senior Discus and Weight), G. T. Williams (Senior Hammer).

Silurian once again acknowledges its debt to Mr. Peter Rowlands for his careful recording of performances in Rugby and Athletics.

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Kurt Finkelstein sat in his Heinkelsteiffer and gazed glumly at the controls. The chromatic-autolisers were functionally normal, but the robotolitic-hypodynamic-fusiliders were slipping rapidly back to the danger zone. The machine was cruising at a steady Velot 4.6 or Mach 23. If the machine moved so much as a fraction of course now the cooling apparatus on the right flange of the wing would tear itself away, sending the machietic stabilisers haywire and forcing a speed of Mach 12 or Velot 4.72, in which the corrugated craftonite coating would burn-up in a blaze of electric flashes and white hot sparks.

There was nothing more which could be done now. Dr. Finkelstein had adjusted the megatomic stabilising equipment so that it would automatically cool itself as the cooling apparatus was torn free and sent into the cosmo-storm.

The electric sun-dial told him he had twenty-four minutes, five seconds and twenty four thousand dimo-measures to pass before he hit the cosmo storm.

He sat back and thought about the time before he had constructed the Heinkelsteiffer, or even before he had met Hynton-Smythe-Williamson at the Brussels Conference of Autodynamical Persons. It had been a hot day in Greece, on the little island of Guacho-del-sol (Home in the Sun), with nothing more to do but cut the lawn with his newly perfected electric scissors.

It had been a long day and after clipping the asparagus tree, which stood twenty three feet high, had a diameter of one inch and was completely leafless except for the occasional poisonous spine, which had the habit of dropping off and pinning the unfortunate person to the concrete path, he went for a stroll.

He walked slowly down the gravel path, across the electrified barbed wire and floated gently across a patch of the Sahara Desert which he had bought off a passing Arab.

The next day he was walking across a tightrope when he had an idea. It was the Agraphobia, combined with the gentle swaying motion that brought the idea of man-powered flight in space into his mind.

The very next day he had constructed a working model of the machine, which he named after the German, Second World War bomber, the Heinkel III. It was five feet four inches long, with a span of thirty inches and supported by cedarwood and oak struts. The engine was a miniature dynamation converter unit, part of a batch delivered by C.A.N.E. that morning. The wheels were craftonite orbs, reinforced with laminate of syncrotome. The model worked, but would the actual vehicle? The dynamation converter unit used pulleys as a source of power. Links from the back wheel of Kurr's bicycle connected with the converter provided nuclear

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power, enough to send the Heinkelsteiffer off the ground. The actual machine was constructed, tested, checked, rechecked and finally submitted as an entry for the Brussels conference of Autodynamical persons.

Having gained honours in this conference he had teamed up with Hynton-Smythe-Williamson and produced a machine of perfect engineering genius.

Now as he gazed at the battered controls and waited for that cooling unit to tear itself free, the Moment came—it happened just as he had predicted. The megatomic stabilising equipment functioned normally and at a speed of Mach 2 or Velo 1.7 he cruised down the runway of Dublin Airport and into his hangar.

Engineers milled around him and immediately sprayed him and the Heinkelsteiffer with oxide of chromate, to fight the radiation. Luckily the air-cooling units were recovered on their twenty-fourth orbit around the earth in time, so as not to decompose from lack of fuelling canvas, which had been ripped off in the separation.

M. J. WATKINS, Via.

DUNKIRK, 1966.

On Friday, 1st April, the school 1st and 2nd XV's crossed the Channel to Dunkirk where they were to play the Jean Bart G.S.

The arrival at Dunkirk was at midnight, and the youth hostel accommodation provided was much appreciated by the weary teams. They slept on in the morning and arose in time for lunch which was provided by the school (some of the French food was a little strange, e.g., snails in oyster shells!).

A tour of the school, which embraced all age-groups, followed, and we were surprised to hear that it had 4,000 pupils. After tea we were allowed to see the town; a gay time was had by all and we were in bed by 10-30.

The second day was the "big day" for us. We began with a one-mile walk from the hostel to school for breakfast, and then walked another mile to the docks where we were shown around the massive harbour on a tugboat. The matches were played in the afternoon and both proved very exciting. The pitch was a "little" below our standard, but both teams won—the 1st by 11-8 and the 2nd by 8-6.

A reception followed the matches and the teams went into Dunkirk to celebrate their victory on what is hoped will become an annual fixture.

The return trip was something of an anti-cimax and when the teams arrived in Brecon at 1 a.m. on Tuesday morning they were extremely tired, but also very grateful to the school for making such a wonderful venture possible.

R. BEETHAM, U.VI Arts.

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A ROYAL-MARINE ACQUAINT COURSE

DURING the last week of March I was fortunate in being assigned to an Acquaint course at the infantry training centre at Lympstone in Devon. I was met at Exton station and taken to Lympstone. The officers' mess was modern, comfortable and very friendly. I was given my cabin number, an immediate reminder of the close connections between the Navy and the Marines. I met the rest of the boys, on the course, at dinner. The remainder of the first day was spent talking to young officers and enjoying a quiet drink.

Life then took on an extremely vigorous tone. After breakfast at 7 a.m. we collected a complete set of combat clothing, and spent the first morning being shown the kind of training we could expect as young officers. During the afternoon we were shown the uses of the Wessex V helicopter and went for a short but exciting flight in one. The evening was spent travelling to Poole in Dorset.

Again the day began with breakfast at 7 a.m. followed by a lecture on the swimmer-canoeists. These were the amphibious assault experts of the Marines who have earned perpetual fame as the Cockleshell Heroes. The afternoon was thrilling and amusing. We were all fitted out with inflatable life preservers and taken to a floating platform in the centre of Poole bay. We embarked on landing-craft, and here as throughout the course, we were not merely shown how the craft worked, but were allowed to take command and try them for ourselves. The inflatable rubber boats, weighing less than 200 lbs. and powered by 40 h.p. outboard motors, were the most interesting. They were extremely fast and manoeuvrable. At an inopportune moment, one of the boys accidentally opened the throttle and rammed a boat moored in the harbour. The sergeant instructor was highly amused. No-one lasted the afternoon without hitting at least one buoy. That evening we returned to Lympstone. The next two days were spent racing, as it seemed to me, around an assault course, and swinging around a Tarzan course. When I saw the death slide, I contemplated becoming the Marines' first schoolboy deserter. We slid down a rope from the top of a forty foot tower. Having tried it once, however, the P.T. instructors spent an afternoon trying to get us off it. Most afternoons were spent attending lectures on such specialisations as helicopter piloting, cliff assault, swimmer canoeists and heavy weapons.

On the sixth day we collected twenty-four hour rations, blankets and ground sheets and left for Woodbury Common. The common is part of the Marine training ground, and it is here that they have their endurance course. We set up camp on the common and changed into kit ready to do the endurance course. It consisted of several long underground tunnels, steep hills, broad flooded ditches waist deep bogs and a flooded underground tunnel six feet long. All boys succeeded in completing the course. We returned to the common and cooked an enjoyable supper from the twenty-four hour rations. We all slept soundly and returned to Lympstone the next morning.

This was the last day of the course and we were all sorry it had ended so soon. After a group photograph had been taken we had lunch and were taken to Exeter to catch our trains home. The Acquaint course was an enjoyable experience that told me more about the Marines than any recruiting booklet could have done.

B. Seage, U. VI Arts.

OUTWARD BOUND !

On Monday, 4th July, a group of 16 boys from among the W.J.E.C. candidates will be leaving school for a 4-day visit to Glasbury House. Here they will take part in such activities as camping, canoeing, pony trekking and map-reading. Mr. N. Pugh, who is in charge of this Outdoor Pursuit Centre, has kindly donated a canoe to the school. It is hoped that in future years similar parties will visit the centre. On this occasion the party will be accompanied by Mr. A. Wyatt and Mr. P. Rowlands.

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COLLEGE REPORTS.

CARDIFF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

R. A. D. JONES.—Alban is in his third and last year in college, and is following a main course in Geography. He was elected to the post of Social Secretary for this session, an office in which he has excelled, his many bookings for college dances including Bob Miller and the Millermen of Radio fame. In the sporting sphere, Alban captained the College Hockey team but has declined to play cricket this season in order to concentrate on his studies. In September he will be taking up a teaching post in Leominster.

E. J. RODERICK.—I am in my second year here and am also pursuing a Main course in geography. The next few weeks should see me and the other second year students concentrating on our subsidiary and professional courses, examinations for which will be held in June. In the sporting sphere, I have again been concentrating on refereeing, rather than on playing football. I hope also to be able to turn out occasionally for the cricket 2nd XI team.

Both of us are members of the Geographical Society, which, unfortunately, has not been very active this year.

We should like to wish all June G.C.E. candidates every success. We should also like to welcome the four newcomers for the next session and will assist them in any way possible. I hope that more will follow in future years.

E. J. RODERICK.

LEICESTER.

I have been following a full-time course in Architecture at the College of Art and Technology here. The first part consists of three years at college, at the end of which comes the first important (Intermediate) exam. The fourth year is spent at college, but during the fifth year students are required to take up employment in an architect's office in or near the city. At the end of this period, they return to college for a sixth and final year to sit the next important examination of their career. Those who are successful receive the college diploma (Dip. Arch., Leics.) and are considered qualified architects. After one year's employment, they can, if they so wish, sit a Professional Practice Exam, to become Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects (A.R.I.B.A.).

An average week at college consists chiefly of studio work, spent either on projects lasting for up to several weeks, or on one-day sketch designs. In conjunction with these projects we have lectures in Building Science and Structures and one day per week is given to the History of Art and Architecture.

As for Leicester itself, it is a moderately large city (pop. 300,000)

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with all the good and bad points you could find anywhere. I get the impression that it does not have much "character" but I think this is chiefly the fault of the citizens and not the city. Leicester started life as a market town, and so it is not surprising that nowadays traffic near the centre presents a very real problem; but the initial stages of an ambitious plan for total redevelopment are under way.

ROBERT JARDINE.

ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST.

When you first come to Sandhurst you are called a "junior" and are the "lowest form of animal life" for about twelve weeks. Basically the odd numbered intakes (I am in intake 39) have one term as juniors whilst the even numbered intakes have two terms as juniors.

During the first term you are taught everything that an ordinary recruit would learn on joining the Army. Being a junior at Sandhurst takes up most of your time during the first nine weeks or so but there is always time to play rugby, etc. The first term ends with the exercise named rather aptly "Climax." This is a three-day exercise culminating in the march and shoot which consists of a 5-mile run in full battle order (weight 40 lb. approx) and a "falling plate" shooting competition at the end. The rest of the term after "climax" which, occurs in week 11, is given over to Sovereign's Parade Practice.

Officer Cadet training lasts 2 years and since the even numbered intakes come to Sandhurst in the Easter term, and there are only 2 intakes a year, they remain juniors for two years. The next stage up from junior is inter-junior (the stage I am in at present). This is my 2nd term as an inter-junior, and for the last two terms a senior. The course is split up into 6 terms, the first and last purely military and the four in between academic. In every term there is something, some physical achievement, to aim at. Last term it was the P.T. competition, this term the Assault course competition, and eventually battle P.T. tests. This term's assault course competition involves getting a team of cadets over 12 obstacles, including a ten foot wall and a 20 foot scramble net, in four or five minutes, then running a mile and shooting at the end. It is run as a competition between the 12 companies here and basically the team with the best time wins the competition. The assault course once again is tackled in full battle order.

This term marks the end of the first year at Sandhurst for intake 39 of which I am a member. We have academic exams in four weeks' time and our results in these, with an assessment of our achievements during our first year, count towards the "first year order of merit."

Whilst you are here you apply to join the regiment of your choice and your acceptance into that regiment does in many cases depend upon your position in the order of merit.

C. JORDAN.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SWANSEA.

Because a number finished courses last year and no fresh talent arrived from the school this year, the number of Old Boys in Swansea has dropped to eleven.

Most senior, although it cuts deep into my heart to say so, is Tom Thirgood. He is doing Post-Graduate research in Metallurgy, studying the effect of ingot lead geometry on the mode of metal flow during rolling processes. His spare time is divided between the archery club, the Metallurgical Society and reading a comparative philology of Indo-European languages with special reference to Welsh, Cornish and Breton. He also likes curry.

D. J. and D. L. Jones are both doing honours degrees this year in Physics. D.L. is in the college athletic team and frequently seen at Saturday "hops." In the evenings he is usually found working hard in the library. D.J. is now engaged and is hoping to get married in the summer. He is in a cottage in Mumbles. Squash and rugby are his main athletic interests. He plays rugby for the Uplands XV. After qualifying he hopes to teach in a Technical College.

Peter James will be qualifying this year in geography. He is engaged and hopes to get married in September and then go out to the University of Saskatchewan where he has been provisionally accepted to do research into soils. He will be there for two years and hopes to obtain an M.A. and possibly a Ph.D. for his work.

Keri Thomas and Dave Adams are qualifying this year in Pure Maths and Metallurgy respectively. Keri is a member of the college Judo team and is often seen enjoying a dip in the college swimming pool. After qualifying he hopes to work in the Legal and General Assurance Company. I gather that Dave would like to stay on next year to do Post-Graduate research or, failing that, get a job with International Nickel.

Also doing their degrees this year are Meirion Williams and Jake Tuthill. Merion is doing Pure Maths and Chemistry. He swims occasionally. He got fed up with "the Swines" so now supports the college rugby team of which Jake is a member. He played in the team in the final of the U.A.U. Championships. He is doing his degree in History and Politics.

After a year's exile, Gwynne Griffiths is back doing Part II Civil Engineering. He got engaged at Christmas (it's an epidemic). His fiancée supports 'the Swines' so he gets dragged along on a Saturday afternoon. He plays football, for the engineers, and tennis.

P. J. Havard and H. G. Giles: 'Alf' and I are in digs together overlooking St. Helens, opposite the Cricketers and 40 yards away from a fish and chip shop. 'Alf' is doing Hons. I Physics and I am doing Part I Chemistry. We both swim quite a bit and try to murder each other on the squash courts. 'Alf' spends Saturday afternoon terrifying the rugby field and occasionally the opposition, while I have terrified low-flying cloud above Swansea airport.

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There were no "freshers" from Brecon for the Welsh Riviera this year and we all hope to see some next year, even if it means I don't have to write this again.

Lastly, on behalf of all the old "mob" here, I would like to wish all those still in school doing 'O' or 'A' level exams this summer the best of luck.

Another old boy of the school, Dr. Michael Williams, is now lecturing in Organic Chemistry at this university.

GWYN GILES.

ABERYSTWYTH.

During this session, many departments have moved into the fine new buildings overlooking the town. There has been an appreciable increase in student intake as the ultimate of 6,000 is being reached.

Bob Gant is now well into his Ph.D. research and little is seen of him.

"Fred" Major, now completing Part II Law, has been elected head of Hall for the coming session. He plays football and tennis for his hall and department.

The Freshers include more law men: Dai James and Pete Moon both devote considerable time to their thick law volumes. Pete manages to visit Crickhowell periodically and Dai has played for the College 1st XV, a notable achievement.

Adrian Morris says he is doing "sums". This, I think, means Pure and Applied Maths and Statistics. He also says he is very happy with College life.

I am in the new faculty of Economics and Social Studies, taking Economics, International Politics, Politics and Sociology. I hope to take International Politics next session.

JOHN ALLBUTT.

LIVERPOOL ART COLLEGE.

Having been in Liverpool for almost one academic year, I find it difficult to understand why the colleges and university here have not been "discovered" by Brecon boys and girls.

I arrived last September under the impression that I had made an unsafe choice, and that I was making things harder for myself by not going to one of the familiar colleges generally suggested by the School. Therefore, I was greatly surprised to find Liverpool college of Art to be one of the two most popular Northern colleges. The pre-diploma course attains a very high standard; 75% of Liverpool students are accepted for diploma courses, throughout the country, whereas the national average is nearer 50%. The diploma course, here, is noted for the high number of qualified students which pass, yearly, to the Royal College of Art, for post-graduate studies.

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Liverpool University, too, is recognised as one of the best for scientific studies in the country. New buildings are currently being erected.

Life in Liverpool could not be further removed from that in Brecon, and this is certain to widen the experience and broaden the mind of any young Breconian.

This year's pre-diploma course started early last September, on a strict academic basis, with organised classes, liberal studies, and Art History lectures. During this period students were taken to various parts of the city, and to the seaside, to tackle differing situations and problems. A two-week camp was organised in North Wales. The academic discipline was maintained throughout. The end of term brought a rigorous assessment of the term's work. By the end of the second term, students were beginning to follow their own courses, so that by the time interviews for diploma courses started, we had equal amounts of much improved personal and academic work.

The interviews began at the start of the third term. At first local students were encouraged to apply elsewhere, for diploma courses, as Liverpool prefers to take people from all over the country. Although a great many outsiders applied, Liverpool found that the standard of its own pre-dips was higher. Hence local people were accepted in preference to outsiders. I'm very pleased to say that I am amongst those accepted, but it is disappointing to think that there will not be many students from elsewhere, especially Brecon, which, I'm sure, could compete anywhere, to help break down the Liverpoolian monopoly of this excellent college.

R. DUNNING

GLAMORGAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

It is now two years since a report filtered through from this obscure establishment. Since those days of pioneer gaiety, the complement of Old Silurians has increased by 66½%, and we now number a grand total of five, Tony Dacey, Charles Lewis, and Ronald Isaac having been joined by Alan Jones and Leonard Jones.

A. S. F. Dacey, as is the case with Charlie Lewis and Ron Isaac, is now in his third and final year, pursuing a double main course of maths and science, and, with "finals" approaching fast, is rather busy at present. He has, however, managed to combine his studies with his duties as treasurer of the Scientific Society and is still a stalwart of the soccer 2nd XI, the highlight of our season being when he turned out as goalkeeper for the 1st XI and kept the entire Llantwit Major forward line at bay with a magnificent display and a broken thumb. He has also excelled on the cricket field, being vice-captain of the college XI, and also an effective off-spin bowler. In September, he will be taking up an appointment at the Bishop of Llandaff High School, Cardiff.

H. C. Lewis.—Charlie is also rather busy preparing for "finals" in Main and Advanced Main History, having been successful in his subsidiary examinations. This versatile character is also this year's

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athletics captain, excelling at the discus event, but has distinct hopes of an Empire Games medal for sprinting, within the family circle. He spent some of the winter playing rugby for the college, and is by now an established artist on the television programme "Hob y Deri Dando." He has obtained a teaching post in Blackwood Sec. Mod. School.

D. R. Isaac.—Ron is concentrating on English Lit. and History for his "finals," and has managed so far to combine this with duties as a committee member of the History Society and a member of the Rag Committee. He still turns out for the soccer 2nd XI and the Cricket XI and is now awaiting verification of a post in North London.

A. Jones.—Alan has now almost concluded his 2nd year and is a very popular member of the community. He is pursuing a course of main geography and subsidiary history and English. He is also a very active sportsman, being regular goalkeeper for the college 1st XI, having just missed a Welsh Training Colleges "cap" this year, and for Brecon Corries. In addition to this he is a keen swimmer, having represented the Welsh Training Colleges in the relay event, as well as being the secretary of the college swimming team. His many other notable achievements include a sizeable "leg" during a relay attempt to swim the length of the English Channel in the college pool during 'rag week', and one of the slowest mile times in history in an athletics match.

B. L. Jones.—Len, our first year representative, has settled down well and already has a reputation for being outspoken. He is pursuing a double main course of history and geography and takes a great interest in societies, being assistant convenor for debates. On the sporting field, he has yet to make his mark in the cricket XI, but has turned out several times for the soccer 1st XI. He is to be congratulated on having been voted to the post of assistant treasurer on the Students' Representative Council for the next session.

RON ISAAC.

ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD.

As I write this the summer term at Oxford is drawing to a leisurely close, and it will soon be possible for me to survey the ground of a whole academic year and attempt to order the chaos of innumerable impressions. The first statement I can surely make is that Oxford lives up to its immense reputation. Where else can those interested in literature encounter personally figures such as Robert Graves, W. H. Auden, C. Day Lewis and Iris Murdoch, all in one year? And the same opportunity offers itself to those interested in other fields; the great proliferation of societies for every conceivable form of activity, from tiddly-winks to nuclear physics, ensures close contact between the young and enthusiastic and the nodding and the wise.

In recent times Oxford has rarely been out of the popular press. The excitement caused by the recent Franks Report is dying down,

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Oxford is in the process of carrying out some of the proposed changes. St. Catherine's College, where John Price and I are reading Modern Languages, occupies an exciting and fascinating position: originally it was a Society, founded some century or so ago, which took in comparatively small numbers of students who belonged to no particular college and yet were members of the University of Oxford. In 1960, St. Catherine's gained full college status, and had built a vast new college designed by the Danish architect, Arno Jacobsen. Since that time St. Catherine's has, under its dynamic Master, Alan Bullock, become a dominant force within the University, and its admissions policy, which aims at attracting students from as wide a social and educational background as possible, has been an example to other colleges dissatisfied with their too close dependence on admissions from public schools. Now more and more students in Oxford are people from grammar schools who have won a place on academic merit rather than through having been to a famous public school. Oxford is on the move, and St. Catherine's is well to the fore. At the same time, however, the college shows a keen appreciation of the value of well-tried Oxford traditions, and only desires to remove those which constitute a real hindrance. And so in a sense St. Catherine's is the Janus of Oxford, smiling round-eyed on the broad and spacious past, narrowing its eyes against the challenging future; *Nova et Vetera*, proclaims the new college motto.

It is impossible in a short space to evoke the atmosphere of Oxford with its rich stratification of history so closely connected with the momentous flux of Britain's adventurous past. There is not a street, not a building, not a monument with which some great event or illustrious personage cannot be associated, and gradually an overall impression forms cloudily in the mind. At high noon, gliding over glassy waters, motionless in the bottom of a punt, the guileless undergraduate, vaguely aware of towering spires, is overcome by an ineffable mood, a mood fortified by names and associations, by memories of old and far-off things, so that he might perhaps wonder, for a fleeting moment, whether he has not glimpsed the immortal heart of Oxford, beating still, sub specie aeternitatis, under the aspect of eternity.

For those that have a very keen interest in their subject and do not regard education merely as a necessary preparation for a successful career, there could be no better university than Oxford.

R. HAUSHEER.

NOTTINGHAM.

As the first pupil from the school to come to Nottingham, I did not know what to expect and was pleasantly surprised to find the "City of Robin Hood" bursting with life and vitality.

The Art College itself is much like many others, untidy, and very old. However, plans are in hand for a new building to be completed in 1970. The Photographic Department is poky, but provides a great deal of expensive equipment and caters for all types of student from budding geniuses to amateur "snap-shotters."

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The course is of three years' duration and aims at paper qualifications as well as technical competence. From 1966 first year students will do a year of combined Graphics and Photography which seems a very good idea.

One of the College's greatest attributes is that it provides all materials free of charge at a cost which runs into pounds per week for each student.

Nottingham has many entertainments, from discotheques to the New Playhouse, and it is also true that it has "the prettiest girls in England, and more of them."

RODGER BANNING.

WELSH COLLEGE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.

At present there are only two old boys at the W.C.A.T. Terry Higgins is in his first year pursuing a course in Electrical Engineering, and, since Easter, is doing his industrial training with the South Wales Electricity Board, by whom he is employed.

I, also, am in my first year doing Part II Industrial Chemistry. It is hoped that the College will soon obtain University status, and most of the college courses will then become Degree courses.

My sporting activities are mainly confined to soccer for the Chemistry Society, and occasionally for the College 2nd XI. Darts also occupies some of my spare time. As far as I know, Terry's only sport is cards. We hope to see more Old Boys venturing down to the C.A.T. next year.

DOUGLAS JONES.

ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE, LAMPETER.

One usually associates St. David's College with the training of ordinands for the Anglican Church, but in these days the theological hall is only a small part of the College set-up. The numbers in the college are small compared with those in other colleges, but the College is in the process of expansion. For the first time in its history lady students were admitted last session. I am the only Old Boy of the school here and I am resident in Burgess Hall, preparing for the Lampeter Diploma in Theology with the intention of being ordained. This means I study five subjects: Greek, New Testament, Old Testament, Doctrine and Church History. This year the College has been celebrating the centenary of the conferring of its own B.A. degree. There is a wide variety of sporting activities and many societies. As most people know, the College reached the semi-final of University Challenge and this has boosted the College's prestige.

DAVID WILKINSON.

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SHOREDITCH COLLEGE.

Shoreditch College of Education is perfectly located in that it is within easy reach of London and yet it is in the heart of the country. It is on the top of a wooded hill overlooking Runnymede in the Thames valley. Runnymede is the scene of the signing of the "Magna Charta" and also the site of the memorial to the late President Kennedy. Windsor Castle can also be seen from the College grounds.

Shoreditch is a specialist Craft College and the standard of work here is very high. I think this is because of the introduction this year of the Bachelor of Education degree (B.Ed.) which is now open to craft students (or will be open by the time that my year is ready for it). This will be an extra year's course on top of the 3-year course which already exists as the teachers training course.

However, life at Shoreditch is not all work. There are ample facilities for recreation, including the usual college clubs and societies. We have a film show every Wednesday and dances most weekends.

Of course it is an all male College but there are many female colleges in the district on which we can draw.

I am enjoying life at Shoreditch very much and at the moment I am experiencing the excitement of my first teaching practice.

DAVID DAVIES.

EXETER.

I am now completing my first year in Exeter University, studying Theology. The University is set in well-kept grounds which makes work almost a pleasure. Down here in the "deep south" the climate is a great deal milder than in Brecon. Snow was not seen here during the winter.

I have been fortunate to be allowed to spend my second year in Hall. Hall life is stimulating and something the prospective student should bear in mind. The only thing I can say against it is that it is almost impossible to keep sane hours. The results of this are usually painfully obvious at 9 o'clock lectures.

On the social side the University does not have a lot to offer. The dances are the best attended events, with big names like "The Animals" and the "Merseys". On the whole the University of Exeter is ruled by a rather complacent middle class element. Radicalism is sadly lacking. An attempt to form a Free Wales Army unfortunately fizzled out. All that is left is a small "special branch" which carries on subversive activities. These consist mainly of flooding Hall with hoses-pipes and singing Welsh hymn tunes.

Most students here are of the opinion that the University could do with a shake-up. It is hoped that with the expansions that are proposed next year's young hopefuls will contain some spark of enthusiasm for revolution.

Workwise things are not too bad here. In the Theology department

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we have to work fairly hard with an essay a week. On the whole the staff student relationship is good, although professors, at least in my dealings with them, are inclined to be "untouchables."

I can honestly say that my first year in University is something I would not have missed for anything.

W. M. JONES.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CARDIFF.

I was the only Old Boy to come as a "fresher" to Cardiff University this year. The old stalwarts, however, are still trudging their way through courses with the end now in sight.

G. Curtis, a veteran, is now completing his research in bio-chemistry and will this September be quitting college. Gerald is again a prominent member of the College 1st Cricket XI which has, this year, hooked, forced and driven its way to overwhelming success by winning the U.W. Championship.

R. Owens and W. Griffiths, who achieved successful degrees last year, are this year grinding their way through an extremely arduous year of Teacher Training.

My first year at Cardiff has been a memorable and enjoyable one and for me, my greatest achievement was to secure a place in the college 1st XV of which I have been elected captain for the coming season. Rugby apart, my other greatest achievement was surviving the thralls of an intensive and arduous 3-subject course—English, French and Italian—without either a nervous breakdown or the support of purple hearts.

We all hope to see some Old Boys of the School among the "freshers" for the next session.

VINCE JONES.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The London Hospital and the Medical College are situated in Whitechapel, in "the heart of the East End." Contrary to popular belief this is not a rough area—although this term there was a murder in "The Blind Beggar" public house opposite the hospital.

I have now been at the London Hospital for 5 terms (almost two academic years). During this time the course has consisted of Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry, i.e., the study of the "normal" healthy human body. These five terms represents the Pre-Clinical part of the five year course.

The next three years will be devoted to the Clinical part of the course ("walking the wards"), when we study illness and disease in actual patients.

The College has about 500 students (100 in each year); 10% of these are women. The College also has a separate Dental School, and recently a modern Dental Teaching Block has been added to the facilities of the hospital.

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The hospital, recently greatly modernised, has about 1,200 beds and is one of the largest (if not the largest) in London.

The Medical Schools of London University (there are about 12) tend to remain separate from the other Colleges of the University. This is due mainly to geographical positioning and to the fact that the Clinical academic year is 48 weeks—as opposed to the ordinary undergraduate year for other subjects which is 30 weeks. Because of this each Medical College provides its own recreational and social facilities.

The London Hospital is particularly fortunate in this respect for a year ago our new Union building was opened. This offers a games room, three common rooms, a college shop, a bar, a snack bar and a dining hall.

However, the College is not entirely insular and many activities such as rugby, soccer and rowing are shared with other Colleges.

Also, for anyone studying at London University, there is the University of London Union (U.L.U.) which offers all conceivable facilities for the student. It is, perhaps, the focal point of sprawling London University.

My first two years as a student in London have been most enjoyable. As far as I know there are very few Old Boys studying in London University and I would certainly recommend that those in the 6th forms at present look not only to Cardiff and Swansea, but also further afield when considering their University education.

From my experience of a London Teaching Hospital, I can certainly recommend the London Medical Schools for anyone contemplating studying medicine.

R. W. GRIFFITHS.

U.C.N.W., BANGOR.

I am at present in my third year at the U.C.N.W. and, sadly, remain the only Old Boy of the School here in the windswept heights of Wales. This, to me, is somewhat disappointing, especially since Bangor caters so well for disciplines like Agriculture and Forestry, traditionally those in favour with Breconians. Again, the time-honoured plea goes out to all of the School envisaging higher education to give Bangor due consideration before perfunctorily dismissing it as so many have done on the past. It is indeed a worthy choice, particularly during those formative years of its history when it is ever expanding. The present Session, alone, has witnessed improvements and changes of real moment with the new Science laboratories springing up to present an awesome spectacle, towering over the city. Two new Halls of residence have made their appearance, too, enabling even greater emphasis to be placed on the summational spirit of life here, whilst this year has seen a commencement in the building of a Students' Union, the fruition of a long and untiring campaign. In every sphere of activity Bangor is extending its scope, rightly taking

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its place as a Provincial University and I sincerely hope a fresh contingent of Silurians will soon direct their steps northwards to strengthen old ties between the School and the U.C.N.W.

Once more having sounded the clarion call—or perhaps the last post—I turn to a brief account of my activities since last October. Here, of course, I run risk of duplicating remarks of past reports, but this I will try to avoid.

This session sees me launched on an Honours course on History, I having switched from a General Degree last June. Exhaustive and exhausting as this can prove, the scheme of study is nevertheless worthwhile and challenging whilst affording ample scope for choice. We in Bangor are fortunate in having as Professor of History the eminent modern historian Dr. C. L. Mowat. This means that the accent is very much on U.S. and late British History here. Most of my time, however, has been absorbed by the intensive study of the Tudors and Stuarts, mostly from an economic standpoint.

The highlight for me this year has been the week I spent at Gregynog Hall, near Newtown, in February. Gregynog, a large Victorian mansion house, is a recent acquisition of the University of Wales. It is now fully developed as a residential educational centre for its four constituent Colleges and the Welsh National School of Medicine. The particular Conference I attended comprised a series of informal lectures and discussions on "The Tudor Age" with talks from such notables as Mr. Ogwyn Williams of Aberystwyth. These provided an invaluable opportunity for exchange of views and for gaining background knowledge for more formal study of the subject.

Except for such infrequent excursions as this, my extra mural and social activities have been rather meagre—one result of the perennial evils of excessive work and insufficient time. Nevertheless, I still find time for jaunts in the Snowdon Ranges whilst my attendance at Union dances has been regular as ever. Since I remain in residence at Plas Gwyn, many leisure hours are taken up by heated debates and discussions which always rage in Hall. These have covered a wide range of topics from transubstantiation to earth-worms and reptiles and most have been conducted, I may add, over formal meals. Next session, I have the happy prospect of entering a new Men's Hall, Neuadd Emrys.

I look forward to welcoming at least a few Old Boys of the School to Bangor before making my exit next June. Meanwhile I would wish all W.J.E.C. candidates every success in their ordeals this summer.

W. DAVID MORGAN.

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY.

I am in my first year at Leicester University and the only Old Boy at the University at present, although I am not the first Brecon person to study here. I am following a Combined Studies course. This involves doing one subject for three years, two subjects for two

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years and one subject for one year. This year I have been doing Geography, History and English and hope to do Geography for three years, History for two years and English for one year, beginning Economic History next year for two years. Leicester is practically the only university which offers an honours degree in Combined Studies. This gives one a very varied and interesting course with the chance of a worthwhile degree at its end. The disadvantage with doing three subjects in each of the first two years and two subjects in the final year is that one cannot possibly read in the same depth as with a single subject course.

At present there are nearly 2,000 students here, which is 500 more than last year and 500 fewer than is planned for next year. The extra places are mostly for scientists and engineers which is hardly surprising in this scientific age. As a result, new buildings are mushrooming up, if not exactly overnight, but eventually an even greater expansion seems probable. These new buildings are naturally found on the science side of the campus. The development is apparent when one compares the crowded lecture rooms and cramped tutorial rooms of the History department with the spacious lecture theatres and large tutorial rooms of the Geography department.

I am a member of the Geography Society and the History Society and I am also a member of the cricket club, which may surprise many of those who knew me in school.

Leicester itself is a rich city, apparently the second richest city in Europe. It is a very individual city and by and large is quite pleasant, but with very little to interest young people. Furthermore its people are apparently unaware of its student community except during 'Rag-week' which hardly gives a fair impression of Leicester students.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those who helped me to achieve success last year, and wish staff and pupils the best of luck in the June examinations this year.

R. L. WILLIAMS.

PREFECTS' DINNER, 1965.

THE annual Prefects' Dinner was held at Bishops Meadow Restaurant on the evening of Monday, 12th July, when an excellent meal was enjoyed in the pleasant company of the Headmaster and the Deputy Headmaster. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. W. S. K. Thomas who kindly consented to address us at rather short notice and gave a very instructive address of great value to sixth formers.

The toast of The Queen was proposed by the Head Boy, James Twining, Chairman for the evening. This was followed by the toast to the School proposed by the Deputy Head Boy, D. J. Wilkinson. Mr. Aneurin Rees and Mr. J. H. Williams responded. Malcolm Morris, in an entertaining speech, proposed the toast to the Guests and Dr. Thomas replied. This was the last time the 1964-65 Prefects met as a body and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

D. J. WILKINSON.

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FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSE, EASTER, 1965.

ONCE again, students from school were given the opportunity through the "Euro Lingua" organisation of spending ten days in France with a French family, the object of the visit being to improve one's practical knowledge of the language. This year five boys participated: Timothy King went to Avignon, in the south of France, and Alan Millichip, Alan Powell, Gerald Williams and I went to Chambéry in the French Alps.

We commenced our journey at Victoria Station and took the train to Dover, then the boat to Calais. After the Customs, we boarded a train for Paris, and this journey gave some of the party their first sight of France: it proved very disappointing. After this long and boring journey we reached Paris and at the Gare du Nord boarded a bus which took us on a guided tour of some of the sights of the city. This proved quite interesting to those of us who were awake. We then proceeded to the Gare de Lyon and on finding our train discovered that owing to a misunderstanding, our "couchette" reservations had not been made, and as all the seats were booked fourteen tired students had to look forward to a night in the corridor. However, seats were eventually found, though no one slept much (not even Alan Millichip!). We reached Chambéry at about 6-10 a.m. to find that the temperature had dropped to below freezing point, but we were met at the station by our French hosts and were given a warm welcome at their homes, with the traditional "petit-dejeuner" of coffee and rolls. During our stay we had to attend fifteen hours of lectures, given at a local convent school, which usually began at nine o'clock in the morning. Our mid-day meals were taken at the Maison des Jeunes, a large new building, belonging to an organisation which corresponds to our youth hostels. The afternoons were usually spent in excursions to local places of interest. We visited the castle and "old quarter" of the town (which had an aroma of its own which was not pleasant), the house of Jean Jacques Rousseau; and a local spaghetti factory; after which everyone vowed never to eat spaghetti again. We also went on day trips to Geneva, in Switzerland, and to nearby Annecy. The countryside we passed through was very beautiful and different to anything in Britain.

Our leisure time was spent in wandering around the town in company with our French friends and in sampling local specialities of food and drink. Most of us visited a local cinema, and although the films were, artistically, mediocre, they provided us with an excellent opportunity of testing our knowledge of French. On our last full evening we gave a party, or "soiree", at the Maison des Jeunes, for our French hosts, for which we were expected to provide the "entertainment." There were five Welsh students amongst us and Alan Powell volunteered to play the piano, which was in a decrepit condition. Someone said the Welsh could sing, so... we finally broke

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down in the middle of "All my Loving" because someone played the tune too fast and we all began to laugh. However, the soiree went quite well after this fiasco, though further difficulties were encountered when it was found that the French could dance only "le slow" and didn't know any modern dances. We finally got home (somehow) at about 1 a.m. The following day, our last, certain students noted for tardiness arrived late at school and the latter part of the day was mainly spent in buying presents and souvenirs. Later that night we assembled at the station where we said "au revoir" and not, we hope, "adieu," and the train left at 23.29. For this trip we had couchettes and the journey was uneventful. We had all enjoyed the trip immensely and had achieved fame by having our photograph in the local paper *Le Dauphine*, even though a certain well-known (t)wit said "Fromage" as it was taken.

All thanks are due to the Headmaster, Mr. John Williams and the Education Committee for a marvellous and most valuable visit. It is hoped that this scheme will be continued.

ANDREW WATKINS, U.VIa.

I was posted to Avignon for my stay, segregated from the rest of the clan, which, of course, was not such a great disadvantage. My first general impressions of France, however, were coloured by the mishaps of the journey which was, to put it mildly, extremely uncomfortable. The lessons—three hours a day—were counterbalanced by the many excursions which were arranged. After the sights of Avignon had been exhausted we were taken to Nîmes, to Orles and to the notorious dirty-grey Mediterranean. One of the highlights of the visit was an excursion to the Camargue—a nature reserve where wild birds, wild boars and flamingoes are plentiful. Unfortunately, it rained, so, for many, what was supposed to be magnificent marsh turned out to be boring bog. However, even the inclement weather could not detract from the natural beauty of this area. In conclusion I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mademoiselle Marie-Helene Vincent who made it possible for me to visit her family near Montpellier.

T. J. KING, U.VI Arts.

"FAUST."

THE German students of the Sixth Form welcomed the opportunity this year of seeing a film-version of Goethe's "Faust" shown at Cardiff University. The visit proved both interesting and informative and we extend our thanks to those responsible for its organisation.

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BADMINTON REPORT.

THIS season has seen an increase in activity. Membership of the Badminton Club increased so much that a rota had to be introduced so that everybody could play at least one game a week. As a result, the competition for team places has been very keen.

The school team has enjoyed a fairly successful season, losing only two games (to Crickhowell and Christ College). Unfortunately, both fixtures were played away and return fixtures could not be arranged. However, more fixtures were obtained this season than for last season, the main opponents being Vaynor and Penderyn. The school team enjoyed three victories over Vaynor and also one victory over Porth Grammar School. It is hoped that next year a stronger team will be formed.

Record: Played 7, won 4, drawn 2, lost 1.

Team: J. M. J. Davies (capt.), I. Miles, E. R. Beethan, J. R. Jones, A. D. Hodges A. McRobbie (club secretary).

A FIELD STUDY COURSE.

DURING the last week of the Spring term the senior pupils of the Geography Department attended a four-day course on "The Geomorphology of Breconshire." The course was organised by the Local Education Authority and the lecturers were Professor Kitson, recently appointed Professor of Physical Geography at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Mr. Slaymaker, a lecturer in Geography under Professor Kitson, and Mr. Trevor Thomas of the Planning Department of the Welsh Office at Cardiff.

The course took the form of two lectures on each morning followed by field excursions in the afternoons. Professor Kitson gave three lectures during which he dealt with the approach to geomorphology in the Sixth Form and with glaciation and coastal morphology. Mr. Slaymaker gave a most interesting account of recent research into the problems of water conservation in Wales, while Mr. Trevor Thomas lectured on the Geomorphology of Breconshire and conducted the field excursions. Mr. Thomas's thorough knowledge of all the elements of the geomorphology of our local area was obvious from his interesting commentaries, delivered from selected vantage points on roadside ditch or escarpment crest.

The course was valuable on two major counts. Firstly, it brought the pupils into contact with geographers of high academic standing and ability, and, secondly, it provided staff and pupils with the opportunity for intensive field study under the guidance of experts. Further, it must be pointed out that the importance of such courses from the examination standpoint is extremely high.

It was apparent that the pupils thoroughly appreciated the course and thanks are due to the visiting lecturers who conducted it and to the Local Educational Authority who organised it.

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THE WELSH NATIONALIST.

I.

below him,
moonlit,
the great white wall stretched
ghostly
across the valley,
tapping the sheet of water
rippling in the light night breeze.
reaching up the valley
near to the foot of the great Dulais fall

he stood,
alone,
(he had to be alone
he could not involve the others
in a job of this size)
silently he picked his way
down the heather slope
toward the square shapes
that were his target for tonight.

he waited
silent,
listening for late worker
or poacher passing up to the lake
silence
ears straining
for sound of danger
silence
all was clear
he went to work

he has the time to gloat
ten years
no remission, for he painted
a dragon on his cell wall.

II

pontardulais
next day, main street,
he was famous
"heard it on the radio this morning, dai"
"da iawn dai bach" and
"you've really shown 'in this time"
"was you, weren't it?" "Sure it were"

in Birmingham
they will always remember
the night the city
ran dry
the morning the taps gurgled
and failed.

the morning a million went to work
unshaven
and they went home again
factories closed

III

the police
tolerant as they were
of neighbours beliefs
in the nationalist cause
could hardly ignore
the enormity of the offence.

and now Dai Llewellyn gloats
over his glorious day
when Llewellyn once again
was king.

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE 16th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Cafe Royal, Brecon, on Friday, 18th March, with the retiring President, Mr. W. J. J. Morris in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. B. Palmer; Vice-President, Mr. John Llewellyn; Honorary Secretary, Mr. John Morgan; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. A. R. Williams; Honorary Auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands.

The following were elected to the committee: O. Owen, J. A. J. Miles, T. G. Powell, W. B. Hargest, W. I. Jones, G. S. Davies, John Jones, M. J. Jenkins, E. B. Powell, F. M. Thomas, E. R. Morgan, P. C. Mogg, C. Leonard, E. I. Rowlands, G. Angell, D. Hatton, L. S. Davies, J. Goleworthy, W. J. J. Morris, M. Morris.

At the first committee meeting Alvin Miles was elected Chairman and John Jones Vice-chairman.



This Year's President: Mr. C. B. Palmer

The annual Dinner was held on 23rd April at the Wellington Hotel, when the Headmaster of Christ College, Dr. J. Sharp, was the principal speaker. The other guests were Councillor H. S. Morgan, Deputy Mayor, Gerald Williams, Head Boy and Timothy Powell, Deputy Head Boy.

At the School's Annual Service of Remembrance the Association's wreath was laid by the President, Mr. W. J. J. Morris. The Service

was conducted by the Dean of Brecon. The Rev. Geoffrey Davies was to have conducted the service, but unfortunately he was injured in a car accident whilst travelling from North Wales to Brecon. We were pleased to hear that his injuries were less than originally feared.

The usual games were played against the School. Mr. Aneurin Williams has again captained a Staff-Old Boys Cricket team which has played several evening games against local sides.

On September 25th we held our first Golf championship at Builth Wells, when Tom Williams (Upper Chapel 1933/38) won the cup. Everyone enjoyed this new event and a similar competition has been arranged for September 24th at Builth Wells at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to take part should inform the secretary (Ty Draw, Pen-y-Bryn, Brecon) or Arthur Perry (16 The Watton).

The Dinner/Dance arranged for September 10th had to be cancelled because of the miserable response. I apologise to any members who were inconvenienced by this cancellation.

At the School Sports the President (Mr. C. B. Palmer) presented the Association's prizes to the outstanding athletes in the sports. The prize-winners were: Minor, M. Marsh; Junior, G. Brugnoli Intermediate, D. C. Davies; Senior, D. B. Jones and T. A. J. Williams.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. Winstone Griffiths and Miss Ceri Gravell of Cardiff.
Dr. David E. Joseph of Sennybridge and Miss Susan Hilary Smiles.
Mr. Ron Samuel and Miss Enid Morgan.
Mr. Charles Lewis and Miss Elizabeth Gill of Barry.
Mr. Peter Rowlands and Miss Glenys James of Clynderwen.
Mr. Gwyn Davies and Miss Elaine Jones of Crickhowell.
Mr. Roy Griffiths of Aberystwyth and Miss Brenda Price of Groesffordd.

MARRIAGES

Mr. G. Millward and Miss J. Harvey.
Mr. David Gwyn Fergusson of Libanus and Miss Cathryn Ann Howell of Rhymney.
Mr. Leslie Perry and Miss Olwen Price.
Mr. Terry N. Watkins and Miss Hazel Price of Kendal.
Mr. Trevor Brian Millichip and Miss Elsie Price.
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Mr. Mervyn Jenkins on his appointment as Justice of the Peace.
Professor Dyfed Lewis on obtaining the degree of D.Sc.
David James of Brecon on the award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Gold Standard.
Mr. Peter Watton of Talgarth on passing the City and Guilds Flower Confectionery Advanced Craft Examination.
Mr. Gerald Williams on his appointment as Western Welsh Inspector.
Mr. Vincent Sullivan on his appointment as Deputy Chief Reporter on the Leamington Spa Courier.
Mr. Roger Hausheer on the award of a Heath Harrison (Travelling) Scholarship for 1966, and on his election as an Honorary Scholar of St. Catherine's, Oxford.
The Rev. Geoffrey Davies on his appointment as Honorary Canon of St. Asaph.
Mr. Wyndham Perkins on being Captain of Brecon Rugby Football Club this season. He is the first Old Boy to hold this office.
Mr. Peter S. Jones on being selected to play for the Breconshire Rugby team. He is the first Old Boy to do so.
Mr. Derwyn Jones on becoming University of Wales High Jump Champion.

Mr. George Davies on his elevation to the Aldermanic Bench.
 Mr. D. Jeffrey Jones on his appointment as Lecturer at Caerleon College of Education.
 Terry Payne as Captain of Leeds College Rugby XV; to Alban Jones as Captain of Cardiff College of Education Hockey XI; to Brian David as Vice-Captain of Winchester T.C. Rugby XV; and to J. M. L. Jones and C. M. Jones for representing the Metropolitan Police at rugby.
 To David Adami on his Second Class (Div. I) Honours Degree in Metallurgy.

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ROAD SAFETY.

by VICTOR C. POWNEY, County Road Safety Officer.

Breconshire, with its unrivalled scenic beauty and its architectural monuments, naturally attracts motorists in ever-increasing numbers. To try and combat the rising accident figures, the County has many District Road Safety Committees, acting under the guidance of, and in conjunction with a County Road Safety Committee. Meetings are held quarterly, and the members give their time freely for the vital purpose of road safety.

The vital factor in most accidents seems to be the human element. How can this be combated? By constant propaganda directed at the older section of the community? They need be no more at fault than the younger generations. Many believe that the time must come when the knowledge of road safety will become a subject on the school curriculum and made as necessary as the Three "R's."

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With this aim in view, road safety training is directed at the 95 schools within the County, with particular attention to training young cyclists, under the National Cycling Proficiency Scheme. The Headmasters and members of the Mid-Wales Police co-operate as far as possible in seeing that as many young cyclists as possible are properly trained in the use of our roads and are given full knowledge of the Highway Code.

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