



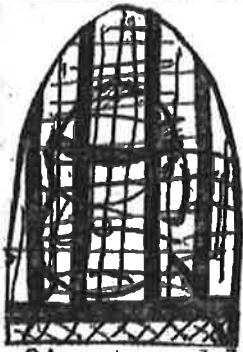
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ON THE Inside



The following is a report on the progress of the school by the Principal, Mr. Richardson.

"I am very pleased to be associated with the first publication of "Otis" and wish the committee every success in this venture.

"As this copy goes to press we have the full use of the new Science wing including the special language laboratory and new music room. We finally have a complete staff. Mr. Judd, the English master is on sick leave and Mr. Carter is acting in that capacity. Mr. Trist is filling the vacancy.

"The planning of courses and classes for 1966 has been completed at last, but many new aspects need to be considered. The cost of text books for Form V will be colossal. A rather extensive reference library is needed and the P & C association has been very helpful in its offer of assistance. This Association really does act on the motto 'Remis Velisque'".

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Editorial..

The first issue of OTIS is in your hands. The whole might of the school is yours. You can make it or break it, for it is you that we of the editorial staff, are trying to reach. We hope that we have reached you in OTIS, the newspaper of Boys' High.

The idea for a newspaper of this kind began in the fertile mind of one of the English staff. We thank you, Mr. Barnwell.

In the future, this column will attack or praise a feature of this school. We shall be happy to receive your contributions and your letters. You will see examples of the types of letters we desire in this copy.

Editor,

Greg Warner.

Speakout



With the introduction of the Wyndham scheme, various schools have had the initiative to inaugurate a new uniform for senior members. As it stands, the gaudy multicolour tie we display is not only inappropriate but embarrassing.

Surely, as resentment is already rife this matter can not be ignored. In anticipation, Town Talk.

To the Reader: I write to propose that, since the high school period will soon change from five to six years would it not be possible to also change the school tie? By this I mean that a distinctive tie should be created for fifth and sixth forms. The editors welcome opinions on the subject. V. McALPIN

The Editor; I think a school without lockers for its students is a disgrace. Where are the lockers of the leading school in Newcastle? All students should have a locker where raincoats and sweaters etc. can be placed in event of a sudden weather change. Give us lockers, Mr. Richardson.

"A Pupil".

"Otis" will depend for its success upon the participation of its readers, and thus, all types of literary compositions are welcome: very short stories; poetry; humorous sketches; imaginative articles. The contributor must give his name and class, and only some of the contributions will be published.

Artistic contributions are needed for the covers of future issues, and brief reports from any club in the school will be welcome. Advertisements of reasonable length will cost 10 c.

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BOYS' HIGH WINS SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

The outstanding performer of the Carnival was Scott Derwin winning 5 events and breaking 4 records 100 metres freestyle, 200 metres freestyle, 400 metres freestyle, 800 metres freestyle. Peter Budden finished 2nd to Scott in 100 and 200 metre events.

In the senior section, Keith Read was the outstanding performer winning the 200, 100 and 400 metre freestyle events. Other event winners were Clive Mitchell in 14 years backstroke and Scott Goodbar in senior dive. Special mention must be made of Greg Price, who finished 2nd in 800 metres open and 3rd in 16 years 400 metres. This is a wonderful achievement as Greg is only 13 years old.

We gained many points in relay events, winning three second in two others and fifth in 15 years.

The final point score was very close with Maitland being 2 points in front before the final event, which we managed to win. Our congratulations and thanks go to all members and team manager Mr. Schreiber.

Sport - lite



SCOTT DERWIN

After completing the vigorous task of summarising Scott's past numerous achievements I recollect a saying that the degree of sportsmanship in a man can be gauged by the way he accepts success. If this be so, Scott Derwin must fall into the category of "1st class sportsman", for his phenomenal success has led to the developing of a more amiable and experienced character. Scott came to N.B.H.S. in 1962 from Junction Demonstration School already established as a fine swimmer. His outstanding performances in school, area and C.H.S. Carnivals as well as Local, State and National championships have reflected Scott's immense ability and have given indication of a very prosperous future.

R. CUMMINGS

OTIS Sport's Talking Sport

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

The School has been appointed an operating authority of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme with the approval of the New South Wales Award Office.

This will allow those boys interested in the project to be examined by myself for the various stages of the Award.

Already, ten boys have purchased booklets and have begun work towards their Bronze Medallion requirements.

This week-end, eight candidates, will hike fifteen miles through bushland, camping out overnight to secure the "expedition" stage of the Bronze Medallion.

Every boy in the School is urged to acquaint himself with details of the Scheme and information may be obtained at the Sports room at any recess.

This is the premiere edition of what I hope will become a permanent column in the sports section of Otis. This can function properly only if the school is prepared to make some contribution towards it. As sporting editor it is my job to write this column, but it is almost certain that owing to limitations of time I will not be able to cover all fields of sport played on Wednesdays, so contributions will greatly lighten my burden. "Talking Sport" will be an attempt to present the lighter side of sport, so if anybody in the school has anything they wish to tell the school about some amusing incident or "hard-luck" story which occurred during Wednesday afternoon sport would they contribute it towards the writing of column?

Unfortunately, due to general rush that has been associated with the production of this first newspaper, no

data pertinent to this column has been accumulated. Just at the moment sport in Boys' High seems to have taken on a rosy complexion and I hope this column contributes a little towards continuing success

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BIG THURSDAY

The sets that day were from eight to ten feet high. Now and again a twelve footer could come through, but more often than not would close out. The riders at the take off point got the shock of their lives, when they saw eighteen year old Jim Freeman paddling past them, heading seawards. He stopped and turned, about a quarter mile past them. Jim did not know what had made him paddle way out there. Only a hidden urging had sent him paddling. He looked over his shoulder seawards, and paddled furiously. He went up and up the green monster, his paddle marks looking like twin white footsteps. His board cleared the top and almost broke his jaw as it slammed down into the sea. The second had better shape and seemed smaller. He swung his board around and paddled. He felt himself lifted, and he dropped straight down the face of the wave, and threw a mighty bottom turn. His board lost speed at that moment, but he ran to the nose, and the board leaped forward. He looked up as the lip hung menacingly above him. He grabbed the rail of his board to gain stability and

the nose. He curled it over and under. He was looking straight ahead and saw the whole shoulder peak over him; he was locked in. He was so far back in the tube that it was only semi-light. He made it, and swung around before the bowl, and belled it out in the soup, regained his feet inside, and rode all the way to the beach. He felt strangely, glowing.

"R and L"

CRITICISM OF RICHARD III

The travelling acting company brought a play to our school, but it was not true Shakespeare. It was too artificial and forced. The presentation was confusing, because of the many plots of history, and the rapid change from past to present. The characters were many, and this caused doubling-up of parts. As the actors wore the same clothes, this confused the issue even further. But the presentation was purely to throw light on Richard's character. The actor playing Richard's part, tried in vain to imitate Olivier's Richard. He failed miserably.

In all, confused; too much time changing, lack of costumes. Suggestions for the future would be: present whole of



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lay, with programmes available telling of plot. "Indico"

LITERARY CRITICISM OF
"WORDS AND MUSIC"

Last Monday I had the pleasure of sitting through quite a good performance of the University of New South Wales Drama Foundation's rendition of a selected anthology of English poetry. It was a very well planned and rehearsed one and a half hours of poetry and song, with the highlights, as far as the audience was concerned, being the comical enactment of "Widdecombe Fair". The poems were well spaced, so that heavy poems, such as "Helen of Kirconnell" and "The Bridge of Sighs", did not follow upon each other, but were interspaced with humorous verses. This proved to be a success as it held the rather restless attention of the audience for the duration of the performance.

All actors gave creditable performances, especially Edwin Hodgeman and Leon Gregory. The least impressive was Errol Gardiner whom I thought was a little self-conscious and out-of-place

in some of the more comical readings. But all-in-all it was an enjoyable performance and it is to be hoped the troupe will return in the near future.

G. GILMOUR.

THE DESERT SONG

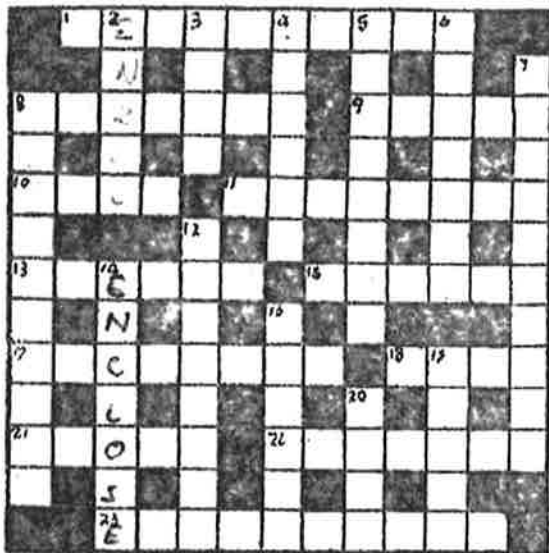
The sun dipped to the earth its molten flames searing and scorching, blasting rivulets of heat in the veins of the sand, which rippled and sank.. bubbled to mist and rippled and sand....rippled and sank.

His eyes were closed now; he could not see the shadows, leathern-winged, hovering, waiting - but he knew. He knew he must last till sunset - not long, not long to endure the pain of flesh made white by heat and dehydration, not long to withstand the agony of brittle limbs, jarred by every step: he might have cried but he had no tears.

The sun was low now; his skin was like the very earth, hardened, pulsating in gaping holes and cracks that reached to his brain. He screamed a nameless, inward scream which flew to every crevice in his body, choked him to convulsions, and he sank; rippled and sank with the sand.... rippled and sank....bubbled to mist.

The shadows merged and were gone in the voiceless dark of sunset.

D. WELLS.



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| 11. Antithesis (8) | 6. Shoulder to shoulder (7) |
| 13. Prelate (6) | 7. Prodigy (10) |
| 15. Sagacity (6) | 8. Tough in a fight (4-6) |
| 17. Value greatly (8) | 12. Faithful (8) |
| 18. Daze (4) <i>Verb.</i> | 14. Encase (7) |
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| 22. Warning (7) | 19. Cause of annoyance (5) |
| 23. On the outside (10) | 20. Cougar (4) |

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PREFECTS REPORT

The prefects are concerned at the lack of co-operation in boarding afternoon buses and trains and the boys lack of respect for the public. The prefects detention has been working smoothly, the only drawback being boys who continually mock the detainees.

In future, these offenders shall be put on detention.

L. COLLESS

A.T.C. REPORT

1966 has proved a capacity year in membership for 21 Flight Air Training Corps, N.B.H.S. In the sporting sphere Flight 21 won awards at the Inter Squadron Swimming Carnival. Training has now begun for the Inter-Squadron Drill Competition.

SGT. HOLMES

CADET REPORT

From 11-13th March the cadets attended a bivouac at Gan Gan military camp. Activities at the camp included: instruction for the 2nd year cadets, realistic exercises on Saturday and Sunday. Recruit training was given to the first year cadets by A.R.A. instructor, W.O. Boxer and our corporals.

SGT. JACKSON

CHESS REPORT

The only major activity has been the selection of teams for an inter-school competition. Invitations are being sent to other schools by Mr. Southern. To gain a place in either the A Grade Team or the B Grade Team you may challenge any player in your age group. This will be conducted in room 5 during lunchtime. Further details may be gained from K. Colyvas. We will possibly feature a testing chess problem next issue.

K. COLYVAS