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A little reminder to all – if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Too many times we only find out when you send us an email saying you haven’t received the newsletter in few months. Thanks, guys.

Memories of Bushy Park

Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at BushyPark.org Among the things you can see at this website is a “Guestbook”, in which many website visitors have left comments. There are many entries, dating back to April 2007. Here is a direct link: Bushy Park Guest Book

From: Allen Burgess Phillips (55)

Bill,

A few photos from ’55. Your bro and I hung out a quite a bit - along with Betsy, Nancie, Joe Wolfe, Marianna, Teddy …. I have no idea what the photo in drag is about! Enjoy. Happy 2022!

Al
From: Edythe Williams (56) Wingate

Hi Bill--well I finally went through my Bushy memorabilia--left wondering why I saved some of it!! I scanned several items, and they are attached in 3 emails. The first is 3 pages from the Central High School Handbook which consisted of 21 numbered pages. No date was on the handbook, but I had penciled in 1954-56. Page 5 included the Eligibility requirements and those for admission. Pages 19 & 21 dealt with dorm life.

I was left wondering:
“How many were dorm students?”
“What was the furthest distance from which a student came?”

Edie
ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL

★ Accredited Standing

The new Central High School is "unqualifiedly accepted" by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in the United States. The Association covers twenty states, and there is a reciprocal agreement among regional accrediting institutions.

The North Central Association approves only those schools whose teaching staffs, standards of scholarship, equipment, and organization are of a caliber which will commend them to the best colleges and universities in its territory. Graduates of such schools, therefore, will be considered for admission to almost any institution of higher learning in the United States, with full credit given for high school work.

It should be clearly understood, however, that in order to be recommended for college entrance, students must maintain high standards of scholarship throughout their high school course.

★ Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for admission to Central High School, students must be dependents of personnel assigned or attached to the Third Air Force, including MAAG-UK, SCARWAF, MATS, and EUCOM units, and the Seventh Air Division. This will include dependents of DAF civilians, and any other categories provided for in annual Congressional appropriations. Dependents of other services or government agencies are eligible for admission. Reimbursement will be made by interdepartmental transfer of funds.

Dependents of other American parents may be admitted to the school as tuition students, at approximately $112.50 a semester or $225 for the school year. This fee is payable in advance. All checks should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

Any pupil from an accredited elementary school may be admitted to the high school without examination.

★ Requirements for admission

CERTIFICATES required: (ALL STUDENTS)

- Report card from last school attended.
- Transfer card from last school attended (if issued).

FORMS to be accomplished:

- Application for enrollment.
- Schedule sheet.
- USAFE medical form. This form should be completed by the Base Physician at the duty station of the sponsor. (A student will not be admitted to school until this form has been accomplished.)
accumulation of these points would precipitate notification of the parents, to the effect that the student was being consistently uncooperative. Thus a demerit system was evolved. A copy of the rules and the number of demerits incurred in breaking each follow below.

The rules cover three broad categories: protection of dormitory property, punctuality for meals, etc., and preservation of good health. The rules include specific prohibitions in order that there may be no doubt in the student’s mind about what is meant, for example, by protection of property. The figures to the left of each rule are the number of demerits which are recorded against a student if the rule is broken.

If fifteen demerits are accumulated, the student is warned and the parents are notified. At twenty-five demerits, a more serious check is necessary and the student is suspended from the dormitory to his home for at least one week, to consult with his parents and reflect over his attitude towards dormitory life and the necessary cooperation required from him. If after returning to the dormitory the student incurs a further fifteen demerits, parents are again notified, and if as many as fifty demerits are recorded within a semester we feel that the student is not suited to dormitory life and we suggest withdrawal.

We suggest that parents go over this list of rules with their children so that everyone concerned will have a clear understanding of the discipline and students will arrive at the dormitory with some idea of the minimum standard of conduct required from them.

★ Dormitory Rules

DEMERITS  I  PUNCTUALITY

2  (a) Students are required to know and adhere to the system of bells as listed on the "Time Schedule". Punctuality is essential to the smooth working of the school.

II TIDINESS

(a) The following must be accomplished before breakfast:

2 (i) Beds made.
1 (ii) Clothing put away.
1 (iii) Shoes and suitcases neatly stowed in cupboards or under bed.

4 (b) Students will not bore holes in the walls or woodwork of any room.
2 (c) Improper pictures are forbidden.
1 (d) (i) The members of each room will be responsible for the general cleanliness of that room and care of its furnishings.
1 (ii) Each student will be responsible for his own property.

4 (e) Damage to the property will be paid for by the student responsible for the damage.
DEMERITS

1. (b) Lights will be turned off at 2230 hours (10.30 p.m.) and silence will be observed.

4. (c) No student will be absent from his or her room between "Lights Out" and the "Rising Bell", except with specific permission or to go to the bathroom.

VIII GENERAL RULES

25. (a) No student may leave the grounds without permission.

1. (b) Students who have permission to leave will sign their names and times of departure and destinations in the "Day Book", and immediately upon return will sign their names and times of return.

25. (c) Alcoholic beverages will neither be consumed by students nor brought on to the premises.

15. (d) Students will not gamble.

10. (e) No student may smoke at any time without having first given the Supervisor a note of permission from his/her parents.

15. (f) Smoking is permitted only in specified rooms of the dormitories.

4. (g) Students will at no time remove bulbs from lights in the corridors or use the switches operating these lights.

7. (h) Explosives and dangerous weapons of any kind are forbidden.

5. (i) All roofs are "out of bounds".

2. (j) Students will not throw objects of any kind indoors; games involving the throwing of objects must have the approval of a supervisor.

1. (k) Food, food-containers, waste paper, etc., will not be thrown or left in any place that will cause untidiness or an unsanitary condition to exist.

10. (l) Students will not operate fire extinguishers except in an emergency or if directed to do so in a Fire Drill.

PENALTIES

✓ Detention Study Halls.
✓ Restriction of Privileges.

The Demerit System

15 demerits constitutes "Warning"
25  "  "  "Suspension"
40  "  "  "Second Warning"
50  "  "  "Exulsion"

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Bill--these next two come from the Friday, June 8, 1956, Bushy Park Bulletin. It was interesting to read over the entire bulletin, but worth sharing were the Senior Ambitions. Can't help, but wonder how many were filled? I have the June 3, 1955, bulletin which mentioned the University of Maryland in Munich. What year was the plane crash of the students coming home for Christmas? [Editor note: The year was 1960]

Edie
BUSHY PARK BULLETIN

SLAVE SALE

The baseball diamond’s nearby
bomb shelter became the center of
much activity on Tuesday, May
2nd. This was the scene of the
many-times-postponed slave sale,
for which everyone has been saving
his pennies. The money was being
raised by the Student Council.

The slaves, Miss Hynes, Mr.
Mitchell, Mr. Dickinson, Mrs.
Kelly, Mr. Walsh, Geneva Bates,
Bob Chandonnet and Patty
Thomas, were escorted up to the
stage by Coach Cannon, who was
to act as auctioneer. All the
’slaves’ seated themselves on the
block.

Mr. Walsh was the first to be
sold, and his ‘masters’ for the next
24 hours were a group of boys
who had pooled their money. Liz
Cain and Peggy Reeves bought
Mrs. Kelly to do their work and
carry books. Mr. Dickinson was
sold to a group of seniors (natur-
ally) and the rest of the teachers
soon lost their freedom for a day.
The most frenzied bidding was for
Miss Hynes, who was finally pur-
chased by the junior class for $25!
The freshmen teamed with Coach
Cannon and Mr. Thielkeld to
form an opposition, but the
juniors dug deep and finally
scraped together enough to buy
her. Poor Miss Hynes!

The Student Council officers
were sold (where was John Soule?)
and everything ended just as the
bell rang for the end of school.
The penniless students trudged off
with thoughts of what to do to the
teachers tomorrow.

Vicki Deavers—To go back to
the States and finish a year’s
study.

Edith Montero—To make up for
the lost time when I go back to
the States.

Dotti Journalette—To run a boys’
school and bring them up in my
own way.


Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and no wonder.
All the rest eat peanut butter.
Except grandmother, she drives

SENIORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Baccalaureate services held on
Sunday, June 3rd, was for many
of the seniors the first genuine
realization that they were at last
graduating. Up till then it had been
a wonderful far-off dream. Since
then, however, they have had no
chance (or time) to forget it.

There has been one continuous
round of parties ever since, with
Frank Kirby’s all-night party for
the senior class on June 7th at his
home as the highlight. Everyone
can look back on that with delight-
ful memories.

Of course, the crowning event
will be graduation in just one more
day. Bob Bush is valedictorian,
while Judy Bourgeois stands
out as salutatorian. Guest speaker
will be Brigadier-General James
T. Whisenand. After graduation
there will be a farewell party,
in which the seniors will be able
to sign yearbooks and namecards.
It will be the last get-together for
most of the class of ’56, as the
majority are sailing home to
prepare for college . . . lowly fresh-
men again! What a let-down after
the past few wonderful days!

HIGHLIGHTING HALL

Lately things have been
better behind these walls. It
seems that Bob Bush, with
the help of several judges, has
had an effect on student court; be-
tween there have been few trials.

Another big improvement to
Hampton Hall is our radio.
In there is a F.M. radio and
record player, and if other
necessary equipment by Dad Munro and Mr.
Taylor will, next year, be a great
wonderful teaching aid for
the dorm. Even now, the
unfinished, every morning
Burr has a program called
‘T.C. Tempos.’

T.C.

Bill Haley and Stan
Yep, we heard a month ago when the T.C.
showed us a popular movie, ‘Beverly
Jungle,’ Glenn Ford, showed great acting on
around the Clock.’ We
weeks the club has really good movies, such
With the Wind,’ ‘The
Chalice’ and others.

afternoons will provide features that last until
eight.

Last week, on the 30th
our long-awaited boat tour
ing at 2 p.m. and last
10 p.m., we sailed
Thames accompanied by
Raymond and his band.

In the dance depart-
are being featured on
every Saturday in Hyde

MEMORIAL DAY

Bushy Park enjoyed last holi-
day of the school year last Wednes-
day, May 30th, or, as it is usually
known, . . . Memorial Day. A tra-
titional holiday, it was just as
expected fog day. The choice of
things to do during these free eight
hours were many.

First was the T.C. Boat-Trip
down the Thames from two till
eight. Then there was a dorm trip
to Brighton, and finally, anyone
who could be just plain lazy . . . some-
thing which appeals to all of us.

JOKES

‘Anna, Anna, pass the Ipana.
Mother just bit into a wax banana.’
—Ohio State Sundial.

‘I won’t say that the orchestra
was bad, but a water dropper
dropped a tray full of dishes and six couples
started dancing.’
Bill--this last is the back cover of the June 8, 1956, graduation program. The happy event took place at 8:00 p.m. in the Base Theater, USAF Bushy Park, London England. Fun to read over the names--some I don't recall at all while others bring smiles and memories. I especially wonder how life turned out for some. I will do some follow up with Pat Owen.

As always--thank you ever so much for all you do to keep us connected--Edie

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Bill--promise this is my last email!! Please ask people to send me any info they have about any of the individuals in Class 1956 and their lives after Bushy.

Thanks - - Edie WingW@aol.com

Letters to the Editor

From: Pat Terpening (58) Owen

Bill - I've had a few mentions recently about my living in Kansas, which, of course I did, but now live in Colorado.

For those who don't know and who remembered I lived in Kansas (for 47 years) a little over 3 years ago I moved to Colorado, and I'm about as far southwest in Colorado as you can go and still live in a town. I'm in the 4 Corners area now.

Pat

BTW - did you know that Fr. Aaron Sheldon “Pete” Peter, OSB, was the one who named the newsletter “Bushy Tales”, and Dick Wilson's (58) father, who was the Commanding General of Third Air Force, South Ruislip, was the person who named it “Central High School”?

Pat

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From: Sean Kelly (78)

Bill - I need your help. Do you recognise these two names?

Robert & Michael Sherwell

I have a feeling they were Bushy Park era kids, but they may have been in elementary school back then. I am trying to locate them for someone.

The man who has asked me was a neighbour of theirs. He lived near/next door to them. It was a chance conversation we had, and he asked - “I wonder whatever happened to the American twin brothers who lived next door?”

I am asking in case any of you remember a family called the Sherwells. They would have lived on Rydens Avenue in Walton-on-Thames….at least for a time. The family included twins - Robert and Michael Sherwell. I reckon they would have either been in elementary school or junior high school….but possibly they went to CHS. I have been asked if I can find them by a former British neighbour of theirs. He reckons they would be in their early 70s now. Any recollection of them? As always, if so please email me on Sean@us1uk.com

I will follow up and let everyone know any outcome from this.

Respectfully, Sean Kelly LCHS ‘78

--FINIS--