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The Editor and Committee wish to thank all people who have contributed to "The Burr 76", whether financially or through other contributions. Our special thanks must go to the Bank of New South Wales, for generously donating prizes for the contributors to the Magazine.
The school has a long history and many fine traditions but it does not live in the past. We must look ahead and adopt worthwhile educational concepts and practices. This year this blending of the best of the old and the new was symbolised by the construction of a modern library in the fifty years old main building.

Members of staff have attempted to provide increased opportunities for students to take part in a wider range of activities. Pupils have responded with a growing interest in the school and a willingness to participate in its programmes.

I applaud the efforts of teachers and students to develop new features of school life based on the sound foundations of the past.

C. J. Regan

And a little Lower Down

I have found this year at Bathurst High an interesting and challenging one. I came from the R.A.A.F. School Penang, Malaysia, with its secondary population of some 270 students, many of whom were taught in attap huts, to a much larger school with long-established buildings and a fine academic tradition. Generally it has been a satisfying year because most students do want to learn and to participate in school activities and realise that they have a staff which is anxious to keep the school moving and to encourage pupils to feel proud that they belong to Bathurst High School.

One of my wishes certainly is to that you, the pupils, do feel happy to be here and do wish to see it improve further. I hope that innovations this year like the School Council, Clubs like the Film and Chess Clubs and our plans for '4th Term' activities will be felt by you to be worthwhile ones. I hope we will have more frequent Assemblies in the School Hall with greater student participation not only in musical items and short talks but in short dramatic items and other activities suggested by you. I'm sure you'll agree that we can do much more to improve the school's appearance and every student can help by paying more attention to tidiness in the playground. Remember that the School Council is there to represent you. Let your representatives know what you feel can be done to improve school.

Finally my thanks to Year 12's and especially the Captains Ken and Julie for the leadership they have given to all of you throughout the year.

R. J. White
CAPTAINS REPORT

Another year has passed, and like every senior form we believe 1976 to be the most successful.

Maybe we are biased, but 1976 has proved to be an unusually eventful year. The innovation of many organizations and programmes within the school, by the student and teacher body, are proof of this. The introduction of a successful Student Council, Film Club, Social and Competitive Visits with Kelso High School and the reinstatement of large scale school sports carnivals, are among a few. There is yet more to follow, in particular the idea of “4th Term,” which has aroused much interest and excited curiosity.

For all our boasting, Astley Cup once more evaded us. However we did achieve the prized Mulvey Cup in the annual interschool competition with Orange and Dubbo High Schools.

None of this could have been achieved without the wonderful school spirit and unity, for which B.H.S. is well-known and we hope this quality will continue with ever-increasing fervor. It is vital for the school as a body, and for the continuation of those events and organisations instated this year.

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BEV. GREEN: School netball team. Likes: Reading, Student Council, the Library. Dislikes: Conformity. Future: Primary teaching. Message: Live it up; you're only young once!


MARK REGAN: School cricket, rugby league teams. Likes: Hard work, studying, tests, the library. Dislikes: People who do not work hard. Future: Oxford or Cambridge University, to become an English Master. Message: Try to do as well as I have done at school.

TRACEY YEOMANS: School netball team. Likes: Astley Cup, driving, school assemblies. Dislikes: Insufficient vocational training, segregation between years. Future: Either secretarial work or teaching. Message: Do your best; it's all you can do.

ANGEL ARCH: School ballet and harping teams. Likes: Lunch hours, Guiness Book of Records. Dislikes: Most things. Future: Professional Year 12 student. Message: Be good, do all that's right, see you same time at the Ox. on Saturday night.


IAN PICKUP: School soccer team. Likes: Sport, girls, pub-crawls, Mrs. Simmons and Mr. Theobald. Dislikes: Library rules. Future: Riverina College of Medical Technology. Message: Do some work or give up!

BEV. JACKSON: School tennis team. Likes: Public speaking, debating, drama, parties, Astley Cup. Dislikes: Maths, wet Wednesday, smoking in the toilet. Future: Macquarie University-English/History teaching. Message: "We came, we saw, we left".


TRUDY VANDERWAL: Likes: To sleep, perchance to dream. Dislikes: None. Future: N.S.W. University-English/History teaching. Message: "Like Lambs to the slaughter we go!"

LINDA HARISSON: School netball team. Likes: Enjoying myself, going out, Student Council. Future: University to study Physiotherapy. Message: School days are happy days—so enjoy them!

KAROL NAYLOR: School hockey and tennis teams. Likes: Sport, reading, sewing, interior decorating, indoor assemblies, school council. Dislikes: Lack of facilities such as a senior common room. Future: Mitchell or Riverina C.A.E., teaching. Message: Make the most of your school life.

KEN DILLON: School cricket, rugby league teams. Likes: School council, drama, sport, camping, social life. Dislikes: Lack of enthusiasm in school sport, canteen. Future: Macquarie or Australian National University. Message: Attend functions (dances etc.) use facilities (Film Club etc).


RENE AITKEN: School netball team.
PAM SCOTT: Likes: Sport, reading, parties, library. Dislikes: Rules for seniors, canteen. Future: Unknown. Message: They say school days are the best days ?? ??


MARION CORBY: School hockey team. Likes: Sport, cooking, sewing, spinning and weaving. Future: Home economics teacher or police-woman.


MARR BOWER: School rugby league team. Likes: Hard work, Sue, Sue, Sue, Sue. Future: Business course at Mitchell C.A.E.


NICOLE McDONNELL: School hockey and cricket teams. Likes: Astley Cup, sport, driving. Dislikes: Lack of communication in school. Message: Learn to tolerate the "System", it is a means to an end.


IAN STAPLEY: Likes: Music, maths, driving, coin-collecting. Dislikes: Rules, no distinction or seniority. Future: Macquarie University to study to become an Actuary. Message: Stick at your work, it may get hard but it's worth it!


JANET RUECROFT: School hockey team. Likes: Guys, bikes, parties. Dis-Likes: Lack of discipline—in junior years! Message: "Alas poor Year 12, I knew them well, a form of infinite jest, until they received their exam-marks!"


CHERBY HERBERT: School netball, girls' soccer teams. Likes: Practical biology lessons, the Lodge, stirring, going home. Dislikes: English, School rules, English, chairs, English. Future: Astronaut, Lion tamer or work at the Institute of Sandology. Message: "May the blue band of happiness fall on you".

SUSAN GOLSBY: School softball, athletics teams. Likes: Sport, art, being lazy. Dislikes: Biology, pupils that spit, Keppel St. block in winter. Future: Riverina C.A.E. or Canberra School of Art. Message: Be good sports!

JOHN PORTER: School rugby league and drinking teams. Likes: Going home, Mrs. Ward. Dislikes: Mr. Theobald. Future: Dictator of Australia, or a cleaner at Mitchell C.A.E. Message: Follow the example of Mao-Tse Tung and Robert Dawson.


ROYN CARTWRIGHT: Future: Radiography, Medical technology.


DAVID STEVENS: Likes: Maths, science, electronics, astronomy. Dislikes: Segregation of juniors and seniors. Future: Surveying or science research. Message: Learn all you can, while you can.


The

Happiest Days

of Your

Life!
THE LIBRARY

This year has seen many changes in the Library, the most important being, of course, the opening of the long awaited extensions to the Library. This caused some inconvenience for a while, but after the initial teething problems the Library has settled into a routine of regular usage. One of the biggest gains made possible was the extended use of the Library by class groups, where 3 to 4 classes can now share all the book and A-V facilities during any one period.

The 3 new seminar rooms have made the Library a lot more accessible to individuals and small groups. The rooms are constantly in use for drama and play practices, radio taping by students, chess and card games etc.

The audio visual collection has grown quite considerably with the addition of such items as another group listening post, more cassette players and individual filmstrip projectors with accompanying portable screens. Two new daylight screens have also been added for class use.

The book collection has grown immensely with the total collection now numbering 9619. Many thanks to a very generous P. & C. for making the extensive purchases of books and audio visual items possible.

Let's hope that the new Library (and all its plants!) continue to grow even more successfully in the future.

Miss Pryke, Librarian
YEAR REPORTS

YEAR 7

With an enrolment of 170, Year 7 comprised six classes. The naming of each class as a colour, rather than a letter or number, emphasises that students begin Secondary School without strict grading, and with equal opportunity and a common syllabus.

Pupils have enjoyed a number of extra-curricula activities, including visiting local cemeteries and attending a performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Pupils also interviewed local indentities, did a commercial survey, formed a musical group and even "wattled and daubed". Video tapes were made in the library and two classes were involved in "Micro-Teaching," activities with Mitchell College students. Many students showed sporting progress - Louise Cusner was in the Astley Cup squad and George Aitkin was the Junior Athletics Champion. Finally, I must thank Mr. Simmons who was Year Master until third term.

Mr. Dengate, Year 7 Master

YEAR 8

About half of our Year 7 enrolment from 1975 transferred to the new Kelso High establishment at the beginning of 1976. Thus, Year 8 became the smallest group in our High School.

Our representatives on the School Council, Jane Sisley and David Scandol, survived some close contests before gaining selection.

Most students seemed to settle in and attack their electives, despite finding out that, in most cases, the subject was not what they thought it would be.

Outstanding performances in sport were:-
Rhonda Lowe - Astley Cup Hockey Team.
Robert Eardley - Area Athletics Team.
Kerrie Bourke - School Netball Team.

Mr. Cranston, Year 8 Master

YEAR 9

Year 9 was the King year in 1976 (at least it was the largest, with 270 students). Many activities were engaged in by both groups and individuals. Educational visits included: Archive work in the Museum, gold mining, visiting Forbes, Sydney, Orange and Abercrombie Caves. Twenty five students are working towards their bronze medal in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and pupils also achieved much in representative sport. Craig Davis sailed for Australia in the world Championships in Canada, Kathy Sherman performed well in the N.S.W. Schools' Golf Championships, and many students represented Western Area in various other sports.

The School Junior Debating team included five students from Year 9 and the team successfully defended the Junior Debating Trophy at the Lithgow Festival of Speech.

A group of students have been involved in computer work, writing several new programmes, which included the first-ever true digital clock, and the first, Hill Moon-Landing Simulation.

Throughout the year, the students were very capably represented on the School Council by Ian Humphries and Julie Gwynne.

Mr. Stewart, Year 9 Master
YEAR 10

1976 year 10 pupils have left their own impact in the High School. Students both singly and in groups, have taken part in many educational excursions, entertained the school at assemblies, represented the school in sporting activities and carried out worthwhile community projects through the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

The pupils, during this year, have had to make the big decision. To those who have elected to go out and try the world of business and commence, we wish them well. To those who have chosen to continue onto Year 11 and perhaps Year 12 we hope that they will find their stay a fruitful and worthwhile experience.

Mr. Stockman, Year 10 Master

YEAR 11

What did Year 11 do this year? Well, we bludged and complained and handed in a lot of overdue essays, but really we did work sometimes (do I hear cries of disagreement from various teachers?). The main events of the year, as far as we were concerned, were the careers camp, the birth of “The Bugle”, the success of the reluctantly brilliant debating team, the sexy, Astley Cup, cheer squad, the dynamic volleyball teams (who, by the way, have only lost one game), the two biggest sporting events of the year, Year 11 versus Year 12 in football, in which Year 11 absolutely slaughtered Year 12, and the girls soccer game that Year 12 narrowly won 1-0, (they cheated!).

Year 11 has been a very important form for us because, for the first time in five years, we’ve been a small form, which has allowed us all to get to know people, we may not have met for the last four years. A special mention is needed of all the new people who joined our form, though there are too many to mention separately. They’ve all seemed to settle in really well with the rest of us.

Hopefully, as the senior year of the school next year, we’ll be able to carry out our respective responsibilities and, on behalf of Year 11, we’d like to wish Year 12 and those of Year 10 who are leaving, all the best for the future.

Kerren Heilpern, Year 11

STUDENT COUNCIL

The council is a body of pupils who meet each fortnight, to discuss students needs and wants. Each year is represented, the councillors being voted for by their respective years. The staff representative is Mr. Dengate. Many ideas and suggestions, ranging from the changing of sports uniform to the state of the fire extinguishers are put forward and discussed. The great majority of ideas have been given the “go-ahead,” by the school Principal. We are especially grateful to the East Bathurst Rotary Club for a donation, the Council is still discussing the best way of using this money.

The Council has come a long way this year, but has a job ahead, of trying to bridge the gap between staff and pupils. I hope that next year will see the Council even more active, even more progressive.

Peter Brewer, Year 11
Debating

UNKNOWN WINS MULVEY CUP

Orange, June.

A mystery speaker dressed immaculately in full school uniform, beautifully groomed and expounding the virtues of organised religion was to-night instrumental in the first step of Bathurst High School’s regaining of the legendary Mulberry Cup, five full years after its loss from its rightful home in a Kelso Orchard. The speaker, masquerading under a stage name of Karen Heelturn, joined soup magnate turned ferret farmer David Hines and wind-up robot Peter Brewer, more famous for his Maths papers and his droop, in absolutely, utterly, undeniable and categorically ANNIHILATING the home team in a split decision. The openings and timing of these three talented Year 11 prodigies will have next year’s debating aspirants running for cover throughout the whole of the Central West.

Bathurst, July.

A tape recorder became the first inanimate object to win the Mulberry Cup and its oft-sought juices in Bathurst this evening. Playing a tape on the subject of unions and the value of wages, well-worn by re-playing and re-dubbing, the tape recorder became an Olympic record setting winner of the Cup despite considerable wow and flutter, variation in speed and sound quality and amazing back-tracking.

WHICH WAY SODNAR?

Sodnok, August.

Having exhibited the unquestioned advantages of Government school education in the Bathurst area, the unknown debater (not unlike the unknown soldier and now bearing a remarkable resemblance to Kerren Heilpern), the ferret farmer and the fast learning beer manufacturer loaded into their snowmobile and headed north-east for the cement centre of the southern hemisphere, for the inter-zone clash in the David Vercoe/Encyclopaedia Britannica/Spiro Agnew/Uncle Toby’s Oats trophy competition. It appeared that bigger was better, snow was whiter than white and all comparatives were infinite verbs anyway. The third track of the math-winning tape unfortunately became stuck incurring the wrath of the unbiased adjudicators. C’est la vie-it doesn’t hurt to lose occasionally-even for genuinely outstanding speakers like Kerren, David and Peter whose continued success is assured again next year, even against more formidable opposition and maybe with improved technology over the next six months, the famous tapes will run smoothly once more.

Ace Reporter - Ard N. Gate

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public Speaking is definately one of the minority “sports” associated vaguely with Debating but, as I have found out, it is vastly different and equally as enjoyable.

“Youth Speaks For Australia” is a national contest run by the Jaycees. Finals are held at each level and the eventual winner is decided at the national final in Perth. My association with this contest began at the Bathurst Chapter final at Marsden School. Here as in all other finals we gave two speeches. The first prepared speech was “Changing Australia My Way”. The second was an impromptu speech chosen from three topics with half an hour to prepare. The second contest was the Western N.S.W. Regional Final held at the Bathurst Leagues Club, where I very narrowly defeated Stephen Woods from James Ruse Ag. High with a very patchy speech, “Whose Castle is a Home?”

The last rendition of my very worn speech was at the state finals in Griffith. Here I competed against five other finalists from all over the state. The competition was very keen and, despite drawing an impromptu speech that I had had before, I failed to gain first or second place. The final was won by Cathy Stewart from Lismore. The final took the place of a formal dinner and was a very memorable evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bathurst Jaycees for their support and sponsorship and Mr. Dengate whose ideas, support and confidence contributed greatly to my success.

Beverley Jackson, Year 12
TERM FOUR

Monday, November 29th, marks the beginning of a two-week interest activities programme at Bathurst High. During those two weeks both students (mainly Years 7, 8 and 9) and teachers will be engaging in activities that range from international and bachelor cookery classes to courses in judo, leathercraft and photography. All told, sixty-three activities have been offered as possibilities.

The programme is known as Term 4 and each day will be divided into three sessions. Each student will pursue three different activities and follow them through for the two weeks. We may all be astounded by the talent that is unearthed!

Suggestions and outlines of similar programmes instituted at other N.S.W. High Schools, Willyama High, Broken Hill and Punchbowl Boys' High, were sought and their advice heeded. Staff opinion and interests were then surveyed before lists of activities were distributed to students so that choices and preferences could be noted. One wet Wednesday afternoon then became the scene of mass movement (organised chaos?) as bells rang every ten, then five, then ten minutes, so that students could move from one room to another to pick up more information about the activities to be offered. We hear that absolute hordes converged on Room 14 (fishing) and Room 10 (campcraft) much to the surprise (?) of organisers.

Term 4 should offer a workable and enjoyable alternative to the usual end-of-year classes, and hopefully it will provide the opportunity for many to develop previously unexplored talents and skills.

The school may never be the same again!

Miss Lynch

FILM CLUB

Because of the awareness of the lack of entertainment for students at Bathurst High School, two teachers, Mr. Theobald and Mrs. Forbes, organised a Film Club for all students interested. Over 500 pupils from all years joined the Club, and five films were shown on Tuesday evenings, one each month. The films were:-

"The Boyfriend", a musical, starring Twiggy, "They Call Me Trinity", a western, "Journey to the Centre of the Earth", a Jules Verne science fiction, "The Three Musketeers", and "Mash". These films were greatly enjoyed by the members of the Film Club, who appreciated the work and time given by Staff members.

The venture has been such a great success, that next year a total of fifteen films will be shown. The club also hopes to buy its own projector, cinemасoscope lens and screen. For $1.50, fifteen films represents truly great value.

Tony Ward, Year 11
History Alive

This year, Year Nine History pupils visited the ‘Lachlan Vintage Village’ at Forbes. We all wore traditional, colonial dress. After a minor delay because of a punctured tyre, we arrived at the village and divided into small groups, each one under the care of either a teacher or a parent.

Some groups inspected the gold diggings, which included specimens of reef and alluvial gold. Students were given the chance to pan for gold at the river, in true, colonial style but, I am afraid, not very successfully. Other groups visited the farming area, where we were allowed the opportunity to help plough a field (somewhat difficult in long skirts!). We also visited a forge, where we saw the making of horse-shoes demonstrated, one of which was presented to each group.

After this we all met for lunch, and then continued looking at various homesteads, cottages and diggings. We finished our tour with a welcome visit to the well-supplied gift shop and restaurant and then set off back to Bathurst, after a highly educational but also very interesting excursion.

Sharon Dyson, Year 9

Abercrombie House

— (Footnote).

The Year Nine excursion to Abercrombie House proved a great success. Mr. Butterfield, our escort, showed us through nearly all the rooms in the house with the exception of the private rooms. He related all the relevent information about the rooms, including their purpose, features, and in some cases, their history. Precautions were taken to protect the parquet flooring and valuable carpets, for we had to remove our footwear and stamp through the house with the stench of fourteen and fifteen year-old feet, hanging in the air, all of us praying that the gold-inlaid wallpaper would not peel off the walls!

After twenty minutes we emerged, and although there were no immediate casualties, students pointed out to each other the pale expressions of sickness on our teachers’ faces. However in the light of better judgement, the pupils decided not to press home their “overpowering” advantage of putrid feet, put on their shoes, bottling their odours, and walked to the bus, leaving the teachers’ gasping for breath, and trying (unsuccessfully) to maintain the evil glint in their eyes!

Craig Davis — David Heilpern
Year 9
LACHLAN VINTAGE VILLAGE
Hill End

We went, not to "Woolongong the Brave", nor to "Forbes the Forgotten", but to Hill End, the sunburnt, hill-top town that tourists flock to see, that tangible memory of what used to be!

We waited, for the bus with enough food to feed on army, but which would be sufficient for us only for the trip to Hill End.

The bus arrived, and about forty students charged for the "two feet" opening. Off we set on a journey of laughter, talk, comics and music. Everyone was happy except for those unfortunate travellers who did not appreciate chips, drink, tuna sandwiches, biscuits, cream buns and a bumpy road. For them the journey was hell.

Eventually we reached Hill End, and, at our leisure, looked around the museum, where each room showed a different aspect of Hill End's history. There was everything from graceful Nineteenth Century clothes, to blunt old-fashioned surgical instruments. The early scalpel looked like a vegetable knife.

After returning to the bus, a forest guide accompanied us on our tour. Before long we pulled up by a paddock where we walked a short distance over uneven ground, eroded banks and muddy areas, coming suddenly upon the "suburbia" of Hill End. A collection of shops, homes and pubs-amazing, derelict architecture-was to be seen. I was intrigued by a plague situated in a little, weedy spot, which recorded that the Hill End National Bank had once stood there.

After looking at the historical town, we went to the gold fields, where we tried panning in a small creek, having thirty minutes to make our fortunes. A few chips of gold were found, which pleased our modern-day prospectors.

Soon it was time to leave and we made our way back to the twentieth-century life style of Bathurst.

Debbie Pearce, Year 9
DRIVER EDUCATION

We have just completed our first year of the Driver Education Programme. In that time we have taught 65 students to drive and, equally important, develop sensible attitudes to driving. Bathurst Motors have given us the use of a new, dual-control Torana, while Mobil Oil supply us with the fuel. We have received driver-instruction movie-film, and a large donation for books and equipment from Bathurst Road Safety Council. Many thanks to those parents, members of Bathurst Apex Club and teachers, who have been instructors.

Mr. Cobby

CHESS CLUB

Early this year five students formed a team to play in the Inter-School Championships at Scots School. Although the team was not very successful, we decided to start a Chess Club at School. We found many students interested and Mr. Brotherton agreed to help, so the Bathurst High School Chess Club was formed.

We are forming a committee to decide competitions, handicaps and other details. A tournament is running at the moment, and we hope that the interest in Chess will quickly grow. Everyone is welcome to the Club, which meets on Tuesday lunchtimes, so come along, even if you know nothing about the game, but would like to learn how to play.

Eva-Marie Matiszik, Year 10
FOOTSTEPS

On Thursday, October 7th, four young actors came to the school to perform 'Footsteps'. 'Footsteps' was a comprehensive mixture of singing, dancing, acting and group participation, performed in the centre of the hall, using simple props of blocks, costumes and a cassette player.

The ideas that the group presented were based on the individual's direction in life, what it is, what it can be and what it should be. Without preaching any particular stereotype or radical viewpoints, ideas were expressed and everything was free to be interpreted at whatever level one wanted to. The main comments were made with reference to: Captain Cook's idealism, the collapse of Maitland Mine, hence the importance of survival; a story of James Taylor being reformed in a drug centre and the need for direction in life, and finally, a story of two ordinary people who win the lottery and what happens to their lives—our material world and the values it imposes upon us.

As far as talent goes, Peter, Alan, David and Bronwyn were all versatile and relaxed actors, especially when one considers the fact that they are trying to cater for everyone between 12 and 18 years of age. It looked as though they succeeded in giving everyone a good time, especially if you wanted a few important messages about life answered.

Kerren Heilpern, Year 11

MUSIC CAMPS

In the first and second terms of 1976 some Year 7 pupils from Bathurst High School attended two music camps at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreational Centre. This camp was attended by not only students from school but from all over the state (N.S.W.).

Most days were split into periods, which consisted of choir singing, small groups of various instruments and recreational periods, including trampolining, archery, table tennis and fishing.

The nights the camps were great fun with dances and hot cocoa before bed. All the time when we were not having dances, we had a lot of fun doing board games in the mess hall and playing games. Near the end of camp, the whole camp hiked around to the dam. We had a bar-b-que on the lawns of the Lake Burrendong Sailing Club and had great fun paddling in shallow water. After our Bar-b-que we hiked back to camp and, by the time the lights were turned out, we were exhausted.

Sue Hebblewhite, Michelle Aberley
Year 7
DEPARTMENT REPORTS

English

A year of changes with the return of traditional grammar (though not to anywhere near the same extent and depth as before), a new school certificate "system", with the added difficulty of assessing all Year Ten pupils on one level. In the dramatic field, several classes have made their own films with the use of either the Super Eight, or the video cameras. We have been fortunate to have received visits from an increasing number of touring actors, and most pupils in the school have seen one or more professional dramatic productions during the year. Amongst the plays brought to school this year are "Phonetics", "Back from the Moon", "Run the Gauntlet", and "Footsteps". Senior pupils visited the Bathurst City Hall to see the Royal Shakespeare Company perform "Pleasure and Repentance", and went to Mitchell College for an evening of "Hamlet", with discussion on the theatre in general and 'Hamlet' in particular.

The opening of the F.M. Radio Station at Mitchell College has given an added incentive to speech and oral work, and, at the moment several programmes for the Radio Station are in production. A House Debating Competition will be held later this term, and the new, "improved" library has already played its part in improving the standard of English.

This year we farewelled Mr. Gardiner, Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. Ashwood, Mr. Hodgman and Mr. Turlot, and welcomed Mrs. Burrow, Mrs. Jordan and Mr. White. I would like to thank all the department teachers for their support and dedication throughout the year.

Mr. Theobald

History

This year, in particularly Years 7, 9 and 10, the emphasis has been on Local History. Bathurst provides a treasure house of our local heritage and we have been able to utilize it, by means of guest speakers and excursions to the Museum, pioneer houses and factories, and ghost towns. Some groups of students have found the archives of No. 1 George Street, very helpful, as it has an excellent collection of primary sources that are vital to the true study of history. Generally, through the study of social, political and economic issues at the local level, students have been able to better understand the wider significance of the same issues at the state, national and international level.

The study of history, both in the senior and junior school, has been greatly aided by the acquisition of many interesting and valuable books by the library and also the increasing number of audio-visual resources.

My sincere thanks to the staff of the History Department, who have really tried to make the subject an interesting and stimulating one.

Mrs. Gossage
Home Economics

The ‘Centre’ of the school has many interesting things to report. The Home economics course in Year 7 this year has been enthusiastically followed by both boys and girls. We hope that many of these pupils will elect to continue the course in Year 8.

Senior pupils have been on an educational visit to Sydney, to visit the Argyle Art Centre, Vicars Woollen Mills, N.S.W. University, school of textile technology and the Building Information Centre. Senior Home Science students have also observed patterns of child socialisation at the Elizabeth Chifley Pre-school and Glenray, as part of their family studies.

Planning is under way to include units of spinning and weaving into the Year 7 Textile & Design courses next year. The P&C association have given generously to enable us to purchase the necessary equipment and a Centre will be set up in Room 24.

Already keen interest has been shown as the wheels and looms appear. I’m sure after Term 4 when many will have the opportunity to learn the skills, the interest will spread. Thanks to the P&C for their support and also to the Ladies Auxiliary who gave us a donation for books this year.

Miss Myers

Modern Language-Classics

The department was again fortunate in receiving some excellent films from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Canberra.

The German Consulate in Sydney is now regularly sending a free supply of an excellent youth magazine called “Scala” which is of great interest to students of German. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to these two official bodies for their interest and support.

Year 11 French with their teacher Miss Potts celebrated Bastille Day on July 14th, by having a taste of some French delicacies during the French period.

On the 6th of August Years 11 and 12 Ancient History together with the Latin classes travelled to Sydney to visit the Nicholson Museum and the Macleay Museum. Lunch was taken at the Students Union of the Sydney University. In the afternoon students proceeded to Macquarie University to listen to some very entertaining lectures on Rome and Roman Life, followed by a lecture on and a demonstration of Egyptian papyrus making.

With the co-operation of Mr. Ron Holt of Mitchell College we were able to organize three lectures for the General Studies classes. Mr. A. R. Dunsmuir of Mitchell College gave two lectures to a very interested audience on “Art and its Problems”, and Mr. P. Potts also of Mitchell College spoke about “Journalism”, showing some material used in the production of newspaper.

We wish to thank all these people who have made the subject of General Studies more interesting throughout the year.

Mr. Van Wierst

Art

1976 has been a year of varied activities. Such things as marionettes, copper shim, jewellery, painting, silk screen, printing, batik, lino printing, mosaics, and leatherwork, have stimulated and enlarged the students’ interests and abilities.

In September, students from the elective classes attended an exhibition on “Aspects of Australian Art”. This gave them an opportunity to see original art works from private collections.

Year Eleven are involved in restructuring the Keppel Street environment. It is hoped this will provide a more pleasing and congenial atmosphere.

Miss Lukas, Miss Massey
Social Sciences

1976 has been a very active year in this department for both pupils and teachers.

Once again fieldwork has been quite extensive. Year 12 students visited Mr. Waddell's dairy farm "Evergreen", and followed this by factory studies of the Dairy Farmers Co-operative Factory and Tremain Bros. Flour Mill. They also carried out an extensive study of the urban system based on Bathurst. Year 11 students conducted fieldwork in geomorphology at Duramana Creek and have planned an eco-system study in the Mt. Wilson area. Year 9 Geography students were involved in an urban fieldtrip to Sydney. Year 9 commerce students visited the Email factory at Orange and looked at the Mitchell College computer in relation to modern business methods. Year 8 Commerce students were involved in a local retail survey and a survey of traffic flows in the city centre.

Some fieldwork was specifically related to community needs. Year 10 Geography students and Year 8 Commerce students were involved in a local traffic survey of the Bathurst commercial area for the Town Planning Department of the Bathurst City Council.

As usual, we were pleased to have the services of Bank Education lecturer, Mr. Ian Barton, to speak to senior Economics and Commerce students.

Again it has been possible for us to co-operate with the Mitchell College Teacher Education programme, by having students with us at varying stages of their courses for observation and practice teaching.

Mr. Gillette

Mistress in Charge of Girls

1976 was the year of another improvement. A toilet in the girls' clinic. Hopefully it will not be long before all toilets are of the same standard as the new toilet block. My thanks go to Mrs. Smith for her ready availability as dispenser of plaster patches and consoling words.

Best wishes to all students for whom 1976 will be their last year of school.

Mrs. Stockman

Counselling

The school counselling service helps students at the school by assisting with personal difficulties, whether they are a result of pressures at school or at home. Such difficulties might be in settling in to high school routine, study and examinations, career information, domestic difficulties or any kind of information to put people in touch with those who can help.

A number of courses are available, including relaxation training, a variety of group programmes, training in communication skills and values clarification, as well as personal counselling.

The service is voluntary and confidential. The counsellor can be seen throughout the year, two days a week, either by appointment or by "walking in". The counsellor's office is in the main block opposite room five (5).

Mrs. Blaikie

School Farm

This year has seen two large and pleasing steps forward such as the appointment of a farm attendant for three days a week and the supply of a full-sized Ford tractor. Our paddy calf of a few years ago now has a year-old heifer and two-week old calf. During the winter we harvested a successful crop of cauliflowers. At the moment we are caring for 50 chickens, some to be eaten at Christmas, some kept for egg production. We have almost completed a fence around half the farm, in anticipation of running sheep in this area, free from dog attack.

Mr. Cobby
Bathurst High Sound Centre

This year our orchestral ranks have gone from an ensemble of fairly competent “public performers”, to an encouraging group of learners. These students have taken up woodwind, brass and string instruments, which soon should make up the backbone of an orchestra.

Several of our Year 7 students were fortunate enough to attend Western Area Music Camps this year. A report on these can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

The opportunity for some “tootlers” and other players to perform at assemblies this year, has given the instrumentalists added confidence in their playing and has added incentive to the beginners’ task.

Our thanks go to the residents of the Piper Street block for their patience and endurance this year. I’m sure these months of “cacophonous noises” emanating from R13 have not been in vain. Next year it will be said with considerable satisfaction — “And the Band Played On”.  
Miss Jenkins

Room 17

There has been the usual struggle to beg, borrow or bribe large numbers to join the School Choir. While they sound confident during rehearsals, the members are too often stage struck when faced with an audience of their “friends”? ? Nevertheless, we have enjoyed the year and thanks go to Mrs. Ward for her piano accompaniment.

A group of string players began elementary lessons in term one on the violin, viola and cello.

Since second term we have formed a recorder consort which shows very great promise.

The “Tiki Four” are that well-known group heard at assemblies. We have Michelle Aberley on piano, Victor Aberley on clarinet, David Heilpern on banjo and Greg Crome on drums.

During Term Four, numbers permitting, Mrs. Ward plans to stage a short musical, “Jonah Man Jazz”. We hope it will be very successful.

People may wonder why we could not stage a musical earlier this year: rather than choose already overdone rock-operas, we searched for an alternative yet everything else of interest was either out of stock or out of print. Better luck next year.

Miss Laing

Rock Opera at Orange

In August a bus load of Bathurst High School pupils attended Orange High School’s performance of “Godspell”. The show proved most enjoyable, with a novel setting, including a V.W. car, brilliant and colourful costumes, and fantastic music. The numbers, both solos and choruses were really well sung, with great rhythm and feeling. All in all, an exhilarating play, greatly appreciated by an audience of over six hundred school pupils.

Gary Meyers, Year 10

“Run The Gauntlet”

The Pageant Theatre presented this rock opera about a high school, its staff and pupils, before approximately four hundred students in the school hall. The five actors/singers expressed the situation really movingly.

At the start of the play, the teachers tried to impress the rules into the students’ brains. Two of the students were in love and thought the other pupils wrong to rebel, but the others persuaded Margaret, who loved Danny, to join them in their rebellious plans. As the pupils entered the classroom, they refused to listen to their teacher. The headmaster was called in, and threatened to expel Margaret. Danny attacked the Headmaster and nearly throttled him. From then on, both pupils and staff had learnt a lesson in life, and had a much better relationship.

Sandra Bonham and Janet Fulton
Year 7
Duke of Edinburgh Award

When we started the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, 3 years ago, it was very small and disorganised. Gradually, the original 16 girls worked through their bronze awards and are doing their gold. To-day there are approximately 80 members, with 6 teachers, and, the scheme is now running very smoothly.

To gain a Bronze, Silver or Gold award, candidates must complete 4 sections—Service, Interest, Design for Living for girls' or Physical Activity for boys and the Expedition Section. The service section has involved work on worthwhile community projects, eg. Art gallery, National Trust, work at the hospital, helping with charity appeals and the nursery school. Many interests are undertaken by the candidates, some of the most common ones are leatherwork, musical instruments, spinning and weaving, typing, trampolining, dressmaking etc. For Design for Living the Bronze girls have done “making the most of Yourself”, and for Silver, the “Art of Entertaining”, was studied. For Physical Activity the boys must show general proficiency in this field. The expeditions are the most enjoyable section of the scheme. These involve overnight camping and some times hectic hikes through bush country. Those participating in the scheme all enjoy and participate fully in all sections, and are very grateful to all the people involved for their huge effort, and co-operation.

Margy Ross, Jenny Eardley, Year 11

CAREERS CAMP

Too early, Monday morning, 5th July, most Year 11 students left Bathurst by train for a Careers Camp at Narabeen National Fitness Camp. The camp was designed to actually allow students to visit various places, to gain more knowledge about different careers. We arrived at Narabeen very tired, and, after a rest were shown about the camp. Every morning we went by bus into the city to visit hospitals, banks, colleges, T.V. stations, etc. After lunch, back at the camp, we could choose between activities like canoeing (Ken Heilpern fell out), ice skating (Sue Lynch fell over), horse riding (Stephen Gunning got on the wrong end), and archery (nobody was hit)! In the evenings there were films and dances. One highlight was a dance on a boat as we cruised the harbour.

Stephen Gunning, year 11

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Do you think he heard?

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We're used to leaning on Bars

Mrs. Cossage's Favourite

What a Bore!

From the Cast of 'MacBeth'

I told you not to use that Hair Oil

We've got the winner of the three o'clock

I've heard of "Fotsie" but this is Ridiculous!
Inter-School Christian Fellowship

JUNIOR I.S.C.F.
About 10 students from Years 7-9 have met each Tuesday lunchtime in Room 38 to learn about Christianity. There have been a variety of activities including tape recordings of "The Crucifixion," "Daniel," and "Gidon," a great speaker, Mr. M. Robinson, a Bible crossword, films "Going, going, gone" (where a boy finds out how much his parents love him and that he needs them) "Who cares?" and "The Parable." We have also re-enacted Bible passages and discussed characters in the Bible and how to live as a Christian to-day. The library of Christian novels has been both helpful and entertaining.

Many students especially boys, don't come along because they're afraid of what their friends might say and they think Christianity is old fashioned. But we find I.S.C.F. enjoyable, because we can voice our views on living and society and think about how God means the world to be. Why not join us?

Terese Grott, Year 8

SENIOR I.S.C.F.
We have met each week in a relaxed and informal atmosphere, in Room 37. Our meetings have been mainly discussions on anything from school problems, to the need and relevance of the Christian faith in to-day's world. Any problems and queries raised are discussed in an open manner and, if necessary, a whole lunch-time will be spent on trying to find an answer to one question. Mr. Robinson from the Baptist Church was a guest speaker earlier in the year.

'Of course, fellowship extends beyond the classroom and school, and we have planned a barbecue for the end of the year. More planning is underway for brighter and better activities next year, but these can only be a real success when more students join us. Why not accept this invitation?

Elizabeth Robinson, Year 11

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HELLO BATHURST

My name is Mari Henares and I have come as a Rotary Exchange Student to stay at Bathurst for a year. The first thing I noticed when I entered B.H.S. was that I was allowed to choose my own subjects. At home in Manila we are always told our subjects, and have to study twelve instead of six. Here I can select the subjects I am interested in. Changing rooms and classes during the day is also new to me.

The method of teaching is very similar but the class atmosphere in Australia (or, at least, in Bathurst High School), is much more informal, with teachers not as strict as in Manila. I must admit that I have never written so much within a certain period of time in all my high school days — essays, depth studies, study guides, projects (even writing for the school magazine!).

Australian schools give much more importance to sporting activities, and this is actually my first year where outdoor sport is incorporated within the curriculum. It is new and exhilarating for me to leave the classroom on Wednesday afternoons to play sport (except for the many wet sports days).

School, both here in Bathurst and in Manila is hard work, but I cannot deny that it is exciting and interesting for me as an exchange student to acquaint myself, and interact within a totally new environment. With the help and kindness of all my new friends, I have settled in well, and am really looking forward to the remainder of my year here.

MODERN YOUTH

Our youth now love luxury, They have bad manners, Contempt for authority, Disrespect for older people. Children nowadays are tyrants, They no longer rise when their elders enter the room, They contradict their parents, Chatter before company, Gobble their food, And TYRANNISE their TEACHERS. Is this Bathurst, 1976? Hardly! It was written by Socrates in the Fifth Century, B.C.
Science Excursions

We Returned Unscathed

Ninety Year 10 pupils and their too keen teachers set out to investigate rocks. There was a tense, dramatic feeling in the bus, everyone being well aware of the dangers of an excursion to the remote village of Rockley. An attack by the wild Rockleyites, a landslide, or even a shortage of Minties—all these were known, possible, dangerous events.

To avoid encountering hostiles, a devious route through Georges Plains was taken. We watched friendly natives quarrying marble. On to the talc mines on the Rockley Road, where we discovered the propulsion method of examining rocks (throw them as far as possible and watch them break on the ground or other bodies).

A final dash into Rockley followed, this being to take any hostile native by surprise. Lunch proved uneventful with a trip through the historic flour mill (unfortunately not producing historic flour). The return via Perthville consolidated how little was known of the geology of the area, and all returned, sleepy, well-fed and very ignorant.

Mr. Morrison

Human Biology

A notable highlight in the year for the Biology class was the excursion to the sewage treatment works, where students discovered a new method of treatment being set up, and the practical application of microbiology to one of man’s waste-disposal problems. Students seemed quite keen to return to school at the end of the morning’s excursion (was this a case of “out of the pan”?).

A further excursion to study the pollution of Bathurst is planned and should be very worthwhile if it follows the trend of those previously undertaken.

Mr. Richardson

Napoleon’s Reef

It was a freezing cold morning when we left the school for Napoleon’s Reef, and we wondered if we would thaw out in time to get any work done, but by the time we arrived the weather was much warmer.

We were given 100M2 plots to work in and each group of four marked their plot out with wool or string. The only purpose these seemed to serve was to constantly trip us over. After counting all the trees and shrubs in our individual plots, we had to identify them. This involved a lot of running backwards & forwards to where Mrs. Stockman, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Richardson were pouring over biology books to try to put names to the things we found. They had intended to do some filming, while we were there, and the movie camera was brought along on the excursion but unfortunately, movie cameras won’t work on flat batteries!

Everyone was glad when lunchtime came and we all worked up an appetite, urging little twig-and-lunchpaper fires to burn. Most of us brought some meat to barbeque but a few people, doubtful of their ability to make fires, had to be content with just sandwiches.

It was back to work, after lunch as we gathered such information as the density and cover of trees, shrubs, leaf litter, animal life and their percentage cover, which was limited to a couple of kangaroos and some ants.

It was an enjoyable excursion, but we were all glad when the bus finally came to take us home.

Kathy Kinghorn year 11
Wednesday sport has seen the introduction this year of several new activities, which have proven most popular. There were skateboard riding, dance & yoga, gymnastics, archery and jazz ballet. Pupils have been encouraged to choose at least two different sports throughout the year, the aim being to give them a grounding in recreational activities which they might continue after they leave school. To this end also, Year 7 girls were given a programme of instruction for two terms in swimming or lifesaving, badminton, archery synchronised swimming, before being able to choose from Term 3 sports. It is pleasing to note the large number of pupils who participate in sporting competitions conducted in Bathurst, especially in swimming, athletics, cycling, cricket, basketball, squash, tennis, rugby league, soccer, hockey, netball and softball.

Bathurst High has continued to have representatives in the Western Area teams for many sports. Congratulations to those who have achieved this honour and especially to Craig Davis, Year 9, who represented Australia at sailing in Canada, Alana Inwood, Year 10, who was a member of the N.S.W. Schoolgirls Softball team, and Vicki Bonham Year 9, who was a member of the N.S.W. under 16 hockey team.

Our thanks go to the staff and coaches who have given much time to training the school teams and to the various sporting bodies in Bathurst and the Bathurst City Council, for the facilities and grounds they make available each week.

Miss Staples (Sportsmistress) and Mr. Cranston (Sportsmaster)

INTER-SCHOOL VISITS

Social fixtures have been held in many sports with Kelso High, Blayney High and Canobolas High. The annual Willman Cup for junior students played against Lithgow High, saw Lithgow leading after the winter matches in Hockey, Netball, Squash, Soccer and Rugby League. Summer series in Tennis, Cricket, Volleyball and Softball will take place in November.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival was held in March with the help of staff and senior students in organisation.

HOUSE RESULTS — 1. Evans 162 points.  
2. Blaxland 143.  
3. Lawson 114.  

CHAMPIONS — 12yrs. David Humphries, Bronwyn Willingham  
13yrs. Michael Ashwood, Vicky O'Malley  
14yrs. Shane England, Carol North  
15yrs. Jeff Wooton, Robyn O'Malley  
17yrs. John Inglis, Kerrie Drayton  
Open David Turnidge, Jenny Eardley
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Much house enthusiasm was shown in the June athletics carnival. Once again senior pupils gave valuable organising assistance during the 11 days of events.


ASTLEY CUP

After a crushing defeat at Orange, the Bathurst High teams were defeated by a mere 12 points in the round against Dubbo High.

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| TENNIS             |            |        |            |       |
| Boys Doubles       | 3          | 27     | 6          | 24    |
| Girls Doubles      | 5          | 25     | 7          | 23    |
| Mixed Doubles      | 5          | 25     | 7          | 23    |
|                    | 13         | 77     | 20         | 70    |

| HOCKEY             |            |        |            |       |
| Astley Cup Points  | 30         | 70     | 92         | 8     |

| RUGBY LEAGUE       |            |        |            |       |
| Astley Cup Points  | 27         | 73     | 23         | 77    |

| NETBALL            |            |        |            |       |
| Astley Cup Points  | 7          | 65     | 40         | 20    |

| TOTAL SCORE        | 102        | 348    | 219        | 231   |

1976 WESTERN AREA REPRESENTATIVES

ATHLETICS — Cathy Eardley, Judy Weal, Narelle Wills, Judy Bennett, Alan Jackson, Chris Hudson, Robert Eardley.

CROSS-COUNTRY — Cathy Eardley, Karen Went, David Conyers.

SWIMMING — Vicky O’Malley, Judy Weal, Adam Hart, David Turnidge.

HOCKEY — Mark Cohen, Vicky Williams, Karol Naylor, Donna Williams.

SOFTBALL — Alana Inwood — SOCCER — Ian Pickup.
RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST XIII

Our first match, the first round of the University Shield, was played away against Lithgow High School. It proved a hard, brawling game which was won by Lithgow, 21-15.

Before Astley Cup we played three social matches and then went to Orange. The match, played in sub-zero temperatures was won by Orange 23-13 after we had scored the opening try. Lack of ball and defensive errors in the second half cost us the game by two tries.

Against Dubbo, a side that had defeated Orange by 31 points, we played our best game of the season. We led 7-5 at half time, but could not hold out against a bigger and more experienced team.

Our thanks must go to our coaches, Mr. Byles and Ken Dillon.

RESULTS

Bathurst H.S. 15 Lithgow H.S. 21
Bathurst H.S. 22 St. Stanislau's College 0
Bathurst H.S. 8 Oberon H.S. 5
Bathurst H.S. 13 Canobolas H.S. 19
Bathurst H.S. 13 Orange H.S. 23
Bathurst H.S. 7 Dubbo H.S. 14
Bathurst H.S. 19 Mudgee H.S. 17

David Conyers, Year 12

UNDER 16

Bathurst High School under 16 Rugby League teams met with mixed success during the 1976 season.

In the Saturday morning competition, High School had a fairly successful and enjoyable season, winning most of our games and giving those teams which beat us a "run for their money". Only a quirk of the second round draw kept us out of the semi-finals, allowing a team which we beat every time we met them, to enter the semi-finals ahead of High School.

Bryan Baillie had an outstanding season as did the Year 11 students in the side, Kevin Arrow, Michael Hoban, and Tony Smith, with "Gus" Willis playing above his size in every game. Youngsters Geoff McDonnell, Martin Bowyer, Greg Johnston and Graham Macpherson have bright fight prospects next season, but all the team deserves praise for their efforts in the field throughout the season.

The East-West Cup side lost their first round game to Randos. The game was such a hard close affair, that either team could have won, and Bathurst was unlucky to be beaten by a last minute try. Paul Bonham and Martin Bowyer played very well in this game.

Mr. Dawson
HOCKEY

Girls' hockey continued to grow from strength to strength in 1976. Wednesday afternoon groups were made up mainly of learners, who enjoyed the game in inter-house matches.

The more senior and advanced players chose other sports in midweek and trained at other times for the local, town competitions.

These teams numbered seven: High Greens (trained by Mrs. Wardman), although losing most games, improved throughout the season, and enjoyed their hockey. Heather Lambert organized High Reds, an enthusiastic team. Year 8 formed High Blacks, in B Grade, (trained by Janine Lowe). This team had some exciting games, especially at the Orange Junior Carnival. High Golds were trained by Greg Carter, and reached the semi-finals, while 'Kookaburras', our Year 7 team (trainers Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Keuter), surprised older teams by reaching the grand-final, and sharing the premiership. In addition this team won their age division in both Orange and Bathurst Junior Carnivals. High Whites (trained by Mrs. Larnach), improved to finish their competition by drawing with the leaders, and then winning their section. High Blues (trained by Mr. Cranston), led the competition early in the season, and then lost the grand-final to Swifts Blacks, after a goal half a minute from full-time.

In inter-school knock-out competition, the senior team were defeated by Orange 2-1, Orange reaching the semi-final. The East-West Cup team had easy victories over Kandos, Mudgee and Lithgow, before losing to the eventual winners, Orange High School. In Astley Cup, Bathurst narrowly lost 3-2 to Orange, but defeated Dubbo, 6-0.

Mr. Cranston
ASTLEY CUP HOCKEY TEAM

HIGH BLACK

HIGH BLUE

HIGH WHITE
In Astley Cup this year, both games were extremely hard fought. Although we lost to Orange by 65 points to 7, the score was no disgrace against one of the best teams in N.S.W. Our win over Dubbo H.S. by 18 points to 14, was our proudest achievement as Bathurst had not won an Astley Cup netball match for many years. It was an exciting and tense game, with Dubbo leading until the final minutes. After training for many hours, this victory was well worth waiting for. Many thanks to our coach, Miss Jenkins, ("Jenks") for putting up with us.

The same team played under the name "High Gold", in the local town competition and other carnivals. After a few injuries early in the year, we gained third position in the competition, eventually losing our semi-final. In the Cowra festival, we reached the final, losing to the Wagga team.

All in all, a successful year for Bathurst H.S. netball, and I wish the very best of luck to next year's team.

Julie Fitzsimons, Year 12
TENNIS

Bathurst High again took its annual drubbing as the score board indicates in the Astley Cup, but the spirit and dedication still lives on!

We were fortunate this year to have Miss Staples join Mr. Dalton as coach, and their dedication and persistence on cold, windswept afternoons was really admired. Many hours were spent practising strokes and discussing various manoeuvres with the grim prospect of the superior opposition looming ahead. Still team spirit was always high and the rules of fair play followed, despite anguished suggestions, such as mistakenly calling "aces" as "let balls" to warrant another chance, and calling "Your's, Partner," when a fast ball comes mid-court (so as not to be selfish).

The squad this year, although lacking in stars, showed steady, reliable team work. Each contributed his or her special talent but mention must be made of our two finds of the season, Kerryn and Malcolm, our reserves, who, along with Warren, Michael and Trevor, will be the only members of the present squad lining up for 1977. They should be a force to be reckoned with, especially as our rival schools are losing some of their more prominent members.

In concluding, I would like to thank Miss Staples and Mr. Dalton for their untiring work, Mr. Bourke and the R.S.I. Club, Mrs. Jackson for taking us to Wellington for the area trials, and the Bathurst City Tennis Club for the use of their courts, and their members for their umpiring. But especially I would like to thank the team for their determination in the face of defeat.

Beverley Jackson, Year 12
ATHLETICS

After our athletics carnival a squad was chosen and trained in the short time available, for the Astley Cup competitions against Orange and Dubbo High Schools. In the first round at Orange on a cold, wet day, the team performed badly, only Mark Cohen (100 Metres, and long jump) gaining first places. Final points were: Orange 72, Bathurst 28.

However against a strong Dubbo team (which had defeated Orange), the team really excelled, losing in the end, by the narrow margin of only 2 points. Leonie Lamont won the 100 metres sprint, Robert Eardley won the 1500 metres, Mark Cohen the 400 metres. Perhaps the highlight was Judy Weal's exciting victory in the high jump, which she won with her very last jump. Congratulations to the boys' relay team who, with some well-timed baton changes, defeated Dubbo by some yards.

Next year we hope to begin training much earlier, and, with many of this year's team again available next year, we hope for the success we narrowly missed this year.

The team would like to thank Mr. Theobald for the time he gave to coaching us.

Carol North, Year 9
SOCER

TASMAN CUP . . .

In the first round of the state K.O. Competition, Bathurst defeated Blayney 7-0 with Wayne Meyers, Neil Faraday and Ian Pickup, each scoring two goals and Warren Aubin one goal. In the next round, we met the strong Lithgow side and after being two goals down in twenty minutes, we drew 2-2 and after still drawing after extra-time, lost, under the competition rules, by one corner. In this game it was pleasing to see the younger players, Peter Hadley, Bill Alexander, Anthony Pryse-Jones and Wayne Meyers perform well against bigger and more experienced opposition.

As a result of these games, Ian Pickup was selected in the Western Area team and was unlucky not to make the state team.

SENIOR SQUAD . . .

The school A and B teams played Canobolas H.S. and won both matches, the A team winning, 6-1 and the B team, 3-1. Goal scorers were Stephen Hines, Alan Lamberton, Bill Alexander, Kevin Tanner and Don Tisdell. A Senior team also defeated Oberon 13-0.

The defensive record in the senior teams was accentuated by the good play of Allen Lamberton, Brian Quinn and David Stephenson, with Stephen Meyers displaying an outstanding effort. Chris Tatnell always gave an excellent exhibition in goal.

JUNIOR SOCCER . . .

Junior teams met with general success against Lithgow. Year 9 won 5-3, year 8 drew, 2-2, year 7 lost 2-1, a combined years 7/8 defeated Kelso. 3-2.

Mr. Stewart
CRICKET

Alan Davidson Shield

In the state knock-out cricket competition, we were forced to travel to Forbes, to play two games in one day. In the first game against Parkes, Mark Cohen finished with 6 wickets for 29, Parkes making 96 runs. Thanks to Mark Regan (20), Brian Hope (18) and Bill Alexander and Steve Hunt (15 each), Bathurst won by 3 wickets. Highlight of the game was the spectacular catch at point by Lawrence "Truck" Hudson, to remove Parkes' star batsman-lunchtime fielding practice paying off!

Forbes, state finalists in 76, proved much stiffer opposition. Batting first, however, Forbes were soon in trouble, at one time losing 3 wickets before a run was scored. Ironically fielding lapses allowed the batting team to recover to 164 runs. Bathurst made 109, (Mark Cohen 43) and so we were defeated. Others who contributed to the team effort were Ken Dillon (capt.), Michael Burke, Norm Mathieson, Brian Judge, Greg Willott and Mick Myers, and with the majority of these players available for next year, it augers well for a successful summer.

Mr. Dengate
SOFTBALL

We were very sorry that our softball coach, Mr. Sewell, left us to teach at Kelso H.S., but were very fortunate in having Miss Humphries to replace him. Mr. Sewell still helps us at training on Tuesday afternoons. Miss Humphries has organised a regular competition on Saturday afternoons. Our team has played three games so far and is unbeaten. One of our players Alana Inwood, brought honour to the school by being selected to play for the N.S.W. team, which won all their games at the inter-state carnival. We also miss Judy Nipperess, but her frequent visits usually mean us all having a hilarious time.

Judy Weal, Year 9