

Bushy Tales

Dedicated to all who attended London Central High School
at Bushy Park, London England from
1952 to 1962



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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,

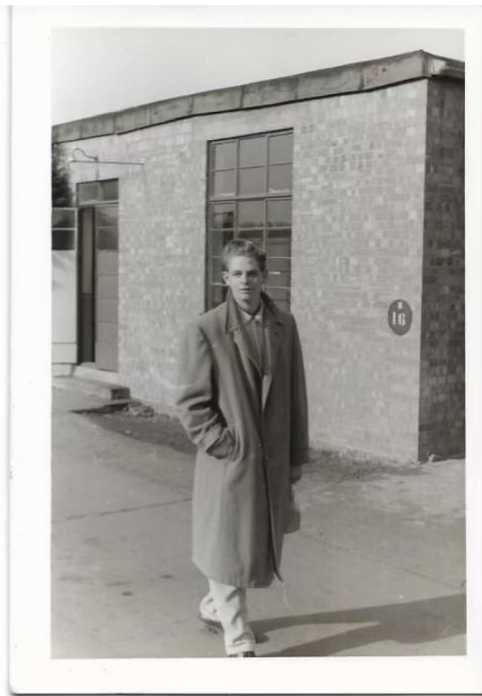
A few photos from '55. Your bro and I hung out a quite a bit - along with Betsy, Nancie, Joe Wolfe, Marianna, Teddy

I have no idea what the photo in drag is about!

Enjoy. Happy 2022!

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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.
- (b) Students will not bore holes in the walls or woodwork of any room.
- (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 (b) Lights will be turned off at 2230 hours (10.30 p.m.) and silence will
1 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	"	"Expulsion"

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]

Eddie

dressed for the occasion.

Betty Whitehurst seems to have troubles talking in Typing II class. What's the matter, Betty?

Congrats to John Enroth and Glenda Fuller, Dawanna Andreasen and Bob Rumph, although they are belated. . . . This is the first time this year for John and Glenda to go steady.

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SENIOR AMBITIONS

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FADS AND FASHIONS

This summer makes a bold entrance, clothed in gaily-colored cottons.

Lavender pants hit the spotlight, when worn by 'Tog.' Judy Tucker follows suit in her lavender skirt.

Be on the alert for Mike McManis and his future promise of a new suit.

Cindy Guertin is high on the hit parade of fashion in her new popular brown and white striped suit—and she tops a real note in style with her pink hat and purse.

Wearing our school colors, Patty Thomas looks special in her blue skirt and polka dot blouse.

Miss Hynes will 'voo-do, you-know' as she flies through Central High atmosphere on her witch's broom (a little gift from the seniors).

A happy summer vacation to all of you from the writers of 'Fads and Fashions.'

John Enroth—Be the conductor of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra.

Linda Sparks—Graduate from Mary Washington College in Virginia.

Patty Thomas—To make some millions that'd be mine, all mine!

Bob Chandonnet—Try to be a human being again (again?).

Harold Dilley—Ambition?

Monna Sue Norton—Run a repatriation home for run-down, homeward-bound Centralites.

Clark Godfrey—To pass the bar, someday. . . .

Mary Roop—To see Clark achieve his ambition.

Denny Kise—Become a geologist and . . . public enemy No. 1.

Frank Kirby—Air Force.

Kay Ervin—Go to college and have a ball (be the most popular co-ed on campus!)

Wilma James—Marry a millionaire and take life easy!

Glenda Fuller—Be a housewife, naturally.

Robert Rumph—Pass through the Point.

Bob Bush—Be a good . . . whatever I decide to be!

Edna Gibson—Become a Grade A book-keeper.

Wendy Parish—Get married, I hope. . .

Bob Bailey—Make money, money, money, dollars, and dough!

Marilyn Miller—I'm in a rut—don't have any ambition!

John Dimitroff—Go into the Navy.

Carol Logan—Become a Navy wife.

Nancy Bond—Work in an orphanage.

Valerie Ferroggiaro—Become a nurse.

Mitch Cypert—Become a flyer.

Warren Gehrett—Air Force.

Levon Fitts—Anything but a bum.

Amy Bunn—See June McDaniels graduate.

Betsey Crawford—Float down the Thames on a bar of soap and . . . get involved in some monkey business at the Monkey Club.

Judy Bourgeois—Learn how to leap on a lurching transport bus without breaking my neck.

Sheila Porter—Lead the 'write' kind of life someday, with lots of money to burn . . . and get through those four years ahead of me at Mr. Holyoke!

Roberta Sharpe—Pattern my life after a dress designer.

Bill Grimes—Raise my grades to a D— (chemistry . . . Miss Reagan, please notice!)

Phyllis Moore—Learn to bop like Stan!

Betty Whitehurst—Be the only girl graduate of a boys' college.

Barry Smith—Go to college and become an engineer.

Bob Dorman—Graduate!!!

Stan Beverly—Choreographer.

Dawnna Andreason—Grow up!

Eddie Williams—Go to college.

Kaye Caldwell—See the world!

Harold Driebelbis—Go home and then on to West Point.

Dotti Zirkle—Recover from the

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 (naturally) and the rest of the teachers soon lost their freedom for a day. The most frenzied bidding was for Miss Hynes, who was finally purchased by the junior class for \$25! The freshmen teamed with Coach Cannon and Mr. Threlkeld 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 living.

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

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

Shades of Junior Revue—1956.

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 'til 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 delightful 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 freshmen again! What a let-down after the past few wonderful days!

MEMORIAL DAY

Bushy Park enjoyed its last holiday of the school year last Wednesday, May 30th, or, as it is usually known . . . Memorial Day. A traditional holiday, it was just as much appreciated as an unexpected fog day. The choice of things to do during these free eight hours were many.

First was the T.A.C. Boat-Trip down the Thames from two till eight. Then there was a dorm. trip to Brighton, and finally anyone could be just plain lazy . . . something 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 waiter dropped a tray full of dishes and six couples started dancing.'

HIGHLIGHTING HAMPTON HALL

Lately things have been better behind these curtains. It seems that Bob Bush, with the help of several judges, has effected a student court; but there have been few trials.

Another big improvement at Hampton Hall is our radio. In there is a F.M. radio, a textia recorder and amplifier, other necessary equipment. By Dad Munro and Mr. Burr will, next year, be a great improvement. A wonderful teaching in for the dorm. Even now unfinished, every morning Burr has a program called Tempos.'

T.A.C.

Bill Haley and Stan Joplin, we heard from the month when the T.A.C. afternoon feature was the popular movie, 'Beverly Hills Cop.' Glenn Ford, showed great acting on and the theme music was 'Around the Clock.' In weeks the club has seen really good movies, such as 'With the Wind,' 'The Chalice' and others. Afternoons will provide features that last until eight.

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

In the dance department are being featured on

As for sports, baseball every Saturday in Hyde Park. Everybody be sure to

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--**Eddie**

GRADUATING SENIORS	
Class of 1956	
Andreasen, Dawнна G.	Godfrey, Neil C. S.
Bailey, Robert L.	Grimes, William R.
Beverly, John S.	James, Wilma J.
Bond, Nancy J.	Journiette, Dorothy
Bourgeois, Judith A.	Kirby, Frank E.
Bunn, Amorelle	Kise, Charles
Bush, Robert T.	Logan, Rose C.
Caldwell, Virginia K.	Miller, Marilyn T.
Chandonnet, Robert P.	Montera, Edith M.
Crawford, Elizabeth J.	Moore, Phyllis B.
Cypert, Mitchell R.	Norton, Monna S.
Deavers, Willa V.	Parish, Gail S.
Dilley, Harold E., Jr.	Porter, Sheila J.
Dimitroff, John D.	Roop, Mary S.
Dorman, Robert E.	Rumph, Robert R.
Dreibelbis, Harold N., Jr.	Sharpe, Roberta S.
Enroth, John E. M.	Smith, Barry J.
Ervin Kay, F.	Sparks, Linda M.
Ferroggiaro, Valerie M.	Thomas, Patricia M.
Fitts, Levon	Turner, Jesse R., III
Fuller, Glenda H.	Whitehurst, Betty L.
Gehrett, Delbert W.	Williams, Edythe C.
Gibson, Edna R.	Zirkle, Dorothy L.

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

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