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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

Last term Mr. Beeley left us to take up an appointment as Head of Modern Languages at Tudor Grange Grammar School, Solihull. We wish him every happiness in his new post.

We welcomed to the staff last term Messrs. P. Bailey, M. E. M. Barnes, D. Heap, I. G. Holt, R. L. Houghton, D. Short, G. K. Smith, P. Thickbroom and J. Worth. This term we welcomed Miss Spencer, who has joined the Modern Languages Department. Her most recent predecessor on the distaff side of the common-room has just been made a D.B.E., as is noted in the O.H. notes later in the magazine.

We congratulate Mr. Thickbroom and Mr. Manning, both of whom have got married since our last edition. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Benton on the birth of a son.

We congratulate the following: P. E. Beverley, an exhibition in Engineering at Pembroke College, Cambridge; P. W. Graham, an exhibition in Modern Languages at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; I. R. Collinge, a scholarship in Mathematics at Brasenose College, Oxford.

The following were appointed School Prefects last term: C. Barclay, M. Benson, D. G. Cowan, D. B. Cunningham, J. Gabbay, D. P. Gaskell, R. Gill, C. Knott, C. R. Lloyd, I. M. K. Lowe, S. R. Marsden, D. G. Sparrow, D. J. Tonks, R. D. Armstrong, P. Dennis-Jones, K. M. Dodd, D. B. Faulkner, D. J. Fletcher, G. S. Simpson.

The biology department would like to thank Dr. R. Cumming for the generous gift of magazines for the use of sixth-formers.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of many of our contemporaries.

"THE FIRERAIERS"

At first sight, *The Fireraisers* by Max Frisch might not appear a suitable choice for a school production: its action is absurd and the ideas it contains are complex and may seem obscure. Yet, in a diary entry of 1948, Frisch refers to an earlier version of his play as a "burlesque" i.e. one of its prime purposes is to amuse. Further, it is a play of tension and it is this aspect which gives rise to attempts to seek a "meaning" in terms of various types of political appeasement e.g. Communist and National Socialist efforts to overthrow existing political systems.

But *The Fireraisers* cannot be thus confined to specific historical situations. The play has rather to do with the culpable stupidity of Biedermann who is not prepared to recognise obvious danger in spite of the warnings of his wife, the Chorus and the Fireraisers themselves. He is seen as a citizen whose values and judgement have been eroded. Biedermann, the wealthy businessman, influenced, perhaps, by the mass media of the Press and Radio, whose continual use of cliché and slogan ("humanity", "brotherhood") stand in direct contrast to his exploitation of his "little servant" Knechtling, commits an act of monumental folly and hands over the matches which are to blow his house and his family to bits. In the afterpiece his vision of "Heaven" is merely an extension of his earthly existence, whereas "Hell" is peopled, for the main part, by those convicted of crimes against property. If the traditional concepts of morality have ceased to exist, the traditional Heaven and Hell become irrelevant. So the Fireraisers and Biedermann and Babette return to their world. The whole process, as we are told by the Chorus at the end of the Second Act, is meaningless and a "morality" of this order must be "without a moral" and cannot admit the Brechtian solution of the vision of a new community.

The choice of the play, which was produced by Mr. A. A. Dudman, was an ambitious one and without wishing to sound patronising, I felt that within the limitations of the cast the production was very creditable.

As I have indicated earlier, the two elements of humour and menace are of supreme importance if the play is to make its full impact, and it was thus upon Biedermann and Schmitz that the portrayal of these aspects largely depended in the First Act. J. R. Banks sustained a difficult and long part well and, within his own interpretation, was convincing. He conveyed Biedermann's pomposity and alternating moods of bewilderment and self-assurance well and his efforts to portray Biedermann's desire to accommodate and appease were largely successful. Banks' performance, however, was marred by rather wooden movements and exaggerated gestures and some of the effectiveness of the swift repartee and irony was lost because he tended to deliver his lines too slowly. Concessions to N. S. Lerner's size as Schmitz resulted not only in loss of stature — the heavy-weight of the original became a light-weight — but also sacrificed something of the required sense of menace. He might have been more weighty in tone and delivery than in form, perhaps, and have made more of the ironic juxtaposition of high-sounding slogan with the mundane business of eating a sausage. Many of Lerner's movements, however, were accurately detailed and often amusing. Altogether the First Act tended to lack sufficient momentum and tension to hold the attention of the audience, although this improved considerably during the course of the week.

The Second Act was dominated by Eisenring played quite excellently by M. H. Sanig. Sanig was controlled, polished and articulate and maintained a balance between menace and "black humour". He always seemed aware of what the whole thing was about and it was largely thanks to him that the production was able to gather speed and build up an atmosphere of excitement. P. J. Taylor as the D. Phil. was purposeful in the afterpiece and this contrasted strikingly with his hysterical outburst at the end of the Second Act. Taylor's delivery was particularly pleasing.

Of the three women, A. A. Jones as Anna and R. J. Terry as Babette Biedermann were effective enough. Terry's timing in the afterpiece was good and his mood of frightened bewilderment harmonised well with his "bird's nest" wig! J. D. Eckersley as Widow Knechtling was always disturbingly present if not over-communicative.

The representatives of normality and order, the Chorus, stood in ironic contrast to Biedermann's indecisiveness. Well-drilled, mechanical and amusing, they were ably led by R. H. Vernon. I also liked I. J. Shaw's "Dixon" — a pleasingly ludicrous touch — and I. H. Capon's "Parrot".

Technically the production was good. The set's most arresting feature was the ingenious incorporation of the attic. The sound effects were impressive and well co-ordinated and even without the special lighting, the end of the Second Act, accompanied by "Götterdämmerung", was splendidly apocalyptic. The advance advertising was enterprising and intriguing.

With all its good points this production was a praiseworthy, if not completely successful, attempt at what is not a great, but an amusing, meaningful and arresting play.

R.J.B.

C.C.F. NOTES

Michaelmas Term was quite a satisfactory one for the Corps: we had 40 boys taking the Army Proficiency Certificate, and had 35 passes. The rest failed in one subject only and we are hoping that they will pass in March. The Signals Section took the Signals Classification Examination and had five passes out of seven.

The Corps Field Day was held at Crowder Range, unfortunately for the last time as it has been closed as one of the Army economies.

At half term we held an Arduous Training Camp at Borrowdale, in the Lake District, and despite bad weather a full programme of mountain craft training was completed.

Our last exercise of the term, a night exercise in Derbyshire, had to be cancelled owing to the foot and mouth epidemic.

This term a strong squad of signallers is preparing for the Signals Examination. The recruits are preparing for the A.P.C., and the older hands have been formed into an N.C.O.s' training cadre.

Our programme for the rest of the year includes ski-ing and arduous training at Aviemore in Scotland from 4th to 12th April, when we are hoping for near Arctic conditions which should prove a test of skill and stamina. Some boys are already preparing for this with indoor ski training in Manchester. Our annual summer camp will be held at Magilligan, Northern Ireland from 14th to 23rd July, and we are hoping that as usual, nearly all the boys in the Corps will attend this.

STAGE NOTES

During the last term the Stage Staff spent their time preparing for the school production of *The Fireraisers*. For this event, both old and new techniques and equipment were used and although much of the hard work fell once more on the shoulders of the Sound Effects and Electrical Departments, the other members of the Stage Staff were by no means idle.

The main structure which had been used in the last two major school productions was recovered from the tunnel and rebuilt. The placing of a sheet of gauze in front of the attic, which was created on top of the main structure, was an innovation which did away with the necessity of half the stage when the attic was not in use.

The set was painted, for the first time, by the school painters and we are extremely grateful to them for this, since it allowed us to have more time at the end of the term to put "finishing touches" to the set.

On the electrical side, a new feature was the erection of scaffolding in the New Hall alcove to carry spotlights. Despite the absence of some of the more elaborate electrical effects, the Chief Electrician, A. A. Gardner, and his staff got through their elaborate lighting plot without hitch.

After the hectic activity of Play Week, the Stage Staff had Monday morning in which to prepare the stage for the School Carol Service. The ramp, which had become something of a feature of Morning Prayers during the last term, was demolished and a Christmas tree was erected. The finishing touch was given by a hardboard cut-out painted by Mr. Barnett which added a welcome dash of a colour to the occasion.

S. M. Fletcher and C. D. Salmon are to be congratulated upon their respective appointments as Assistant Stage Manager and Assistant Chief Electrician.

We offer our congratulations to ex-stage manager, Paul Beverley, on his exhibition at Cambridge, and wish him success for the future.

Our thanks go as usual to Messrs. Barnett, Bonnick, Foulds and Furniss.

G. McK.
I.W.C.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

It should have been obvious from the moment that Mrs. Pankhurst first chained herself to the railings, that all male debating societies would never be the same again. Certainly in the permissive society of 1967 the virile schoolboy may scorn the company of his fellow intellectuals but will arrive fleet-footed for any joint meeting. Compare, for instance, the attendance at the first two meetings. The first gave our aspiring political minds an unprecedented opportunity for slinging abuse at the prime minister with a *Mock Trial of Harold Wilson*. We were treated to, on the one hand, learned legalities from Sparrow (prosecuting) and Lerner (defending) and, on the other, displays from apprentice John Birds, notable amongst which was Dodd's George Brown. Less than twenty-five people attended to find the defendant guilty. Number doubled, however, when Whalley Range brought a team to answer our challenge of a quiz based upon *University Challenge* and boosted by our victory, we hope to extend the challenge to other schools this term. Because of attendance problems, the committee had decided to limit the number of meetings and we had, in fact, only two others. The first caused a temporary resurrection of the Christian Action group when we held a joint meeting with Withington to discuss a talk on *The Psychology of Conversion*, given by the Reverend H. B. Tasker. Whether there is a fresh religious interest in the school, or only the usual female one, we again mustered sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile; so it was the more disappointing to find only eight true drama lovers prepared to visit Manchester High to read *On the High Road* by Chekov — perhaps the distrusting male fears to leave his own stamping ground.

The most important achievement of the term, however, can hardly be claimed as the work of any society, but rather as that of the sixth form collectively. Under the leadership and enthusiasm of Lloyd, money was raised from the sixth and handsomely matched by a donation from the Parents' Association, which enabled us to give a Christmas Party for Children contacted through the N.S.P.C.C. The Junior Common Room took on a new air of revelry, several old boys returned to join the fun, and with Payne playing "big daddy," everybody had a whale of a time — we understand the children enjoyed themselves too. After this year's success we hope the party will continue as a regular event each Christmas.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. Warden, not only for his admirable Father Christmas, but for his support and encouragement throughout the term.

I.M.K.L.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society's present policy is to listen to music in its historical context: last term we heard mainly music of the Classical period written prior to 1800; this term we hope to listen to Romantic music, and in the Summer term, to modern music.

The first record, however, was an exception to this rule, being the *Fourth Symphony, in E minor*, of Brahms. After this, we heard some of the more familiar works of Bach, Vivaldi, Telemann, and others, and the following week, Mozart's *Symphony No. 40 in G minor*, K.550, and his string serenade, *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*. The next session brought an unusual record that attracted the largest audience the Society has seen for many years: *Indian Ragas* played by Ravi Shankar; these were generally admired, even if little understood. Then back to the Classical period: Haydn's *Oxford Symphony*, No. 92, Mozart's *Haffner*, K.385, and a number of suites by Bach for several harpsichords and strings. In a somewhat similar vein, we continued with music by Handel, comparing his suites for solo harpsichord

with movements from the *Concerti Grossi* in which he used the same material; the term ended with a flourish of early trumpet music.

It only remains to repeat our welcome to meetings on Fridays at lunchtime in Room M or the Upper Hall — if sufficient members are interested, we hope to instigate other activities — and to thank P. E. Beverly, who has left, for spreading enthusiasm and lending so many of the records last term.

R.G.
J.R.B.

THE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

Firstly, we all wish P. R. Sheppard well in his chosen career. His main interest was scenic work, but few of us will ever forget his unique tracklaying.

Because of the trouble encountered at Speech Day last year, there was very little enthusiasm for working amongst the members. After the election of C. H. Porter as Hon. Sec. and J. D. E. Dean as Hon. Treasurer, the society lapsed into oblivion.

However, this term, enthusiasm has returned and work is progressing. Any person interested in joining the society should come and see us in Room 21 during any dinner hour.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Manning for his help, and we all wish both him and his wife every happiness in the future.

C.H.P. (U6M).

THE CHESS CLUB

At the beginning of the year E. A. Penney was appointed Secretary and D. Grimshaw captain.

The attendance during lunch times in the Chess Room (Room 34) has once again zoomed this year after the abolition of subscription fees. However, we encourage people to play at lunch times, especially the younger members of the senior school.

In the first round of the Sinclair Trophy we drew a bye, but in the second round we were narrowly defeated 4-3 by Cardinal Langley School.

The Intermediate team has managed to obtain a respectable fifty per cent record so far.

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| 1. Home | — Moseley Hall S.S. | Lost 2-5 |
| 2. Away | — Eccles G.S. | Won 5-2 |
| 3. Home | — Tyldesley S.S. | Drew |

Once again we extend our thanks to Mrs. Taylor for the refreshments she has provided and to Mr. Warden and Mr. Bailey for their invaluable services as supervisors of the chess team.

E. A. P.

HOUSE LETTERS

BYROM

In recent years the Michaelmas Term has been the most successful for the House. This year, however, the tradition was disastrously broken, not only on the Games Field but in the House Rooms as well.

The Term ended with the surrendering of our two Rugby Trophies — the Junior Knock-out Cup to Gaskell and the House League Cup to Dalton. The Knock-outs were both lost to better sides; the Seniors, despite the impressive School Team leadership of D. G. Cowan, P. Dennis-Jones, G. S. Simpson, J. S. Rhodes (1st XV), C. Knott, J. A. Wheatley, T. J. Beasant, D. K. Anderson (2nd XV), M. T. A. Ashmore (3rd XV), S. E. Tebbett and G. Jones (U.16 XV), could only scrape a 9-3 victory over Heywood before losing heavily to a good Whitworth side. The score did little justice to the strong fight we put up in spite of both absence and injury. The Juniors, after convincingly beating Whitworth and Fraser, found the muddy conditions too much for them, despite the leadership of P. Norfolk and the support of P. J. Akers, R. G. Taylor (U.15 XV) and A. C. Hobday (U.14 XV). It was a pity, after their team's efforts, that only two Juniors could be bothered to watch until the end of the game.

This lack of house spirit was obvious throughout the term, both in the House League, where attendance and enthusiasm were disappointing, and, more especially, in the Common Room system. The running of Room 9 by the Juniors has now been going on for over two years, but last term was the first time that the system showed signs of breaking down; unless the rules of the Committee are obeyed, and the whole system treated with a greater maturity, this experiment, which should mark an important stage between the Junior School and the freedom of the Sixth Form, may have to be abandoned.

To end on a more cheerful note, we would like to congratulate P. W. Graham on his Exhibition to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and A. M. S. Guthrie on his place at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford. I would also like to thank the following for their assistance as House Prefects: P. W. Graham, A. M. S. Guthrie, J. A. Koski, P. F. Hilditch, M. A. Nightingale, D. K. Anderson, T. J. Beasant and I. R. Bays.

Let us hope that this term the House will be more successful in Lacrosse, Cross-Country, and the House Play Competition. I.M.K.L.

DALTON

We congratulate D. B. Faulkner on becoming a School Prefect. The following boys were appointed House Prefects last term: C. L. Wood, A. G. Williams, I. W. Cowen, M. L. Derlien, J. S. McQuin, C. J. Oxford, W. A. Veitch.

The House Rugby Teams once again enjoyed a successful season, and thanks to their enthusiasm and continued support we finished clear winners of the League. We would like to see the same spirit shown in the Lacrosse and Cricket seasons.

In the First Round of the Knock-outs the Seniors were unfortunate to meet a very experienced Whitworth team. Although we did well to hold them to a draw in the first match, we were defeated in the replay by a side strong enough to emerge the eventual winners. The Juniors, too, experienced a similar fate at the hands of Gaskell.

For several weeks we sadly missed the services of S. R. Marsden, who was in hospital suffering from a back injury which he had received while playing rugby for the School.

We congratulate J. D. Standley on being chosen to represent Great Britain in Bermuda, in the International "Snipe" Dinghy Sailing Championships during November.

Congratulations are also due to D. G. Sparrow and C. R. Lloyd on their acceptance

by colleges at Oxford University; also to C. L. Wood and S. R. Marsden on their acceptance at Bristol.

We would like to wish all members of the House every success in 1968, and especially those taking G.C.E. examinations in the near future.

The House was represented on School Teams by the following boys:
1st XV: Oxford, Astle. 2nd XV: Mardsen, Lloyd, Veitch, Williams. 3rd XV: Beddard, Burnside, Derlien, Hollows. U.16 XV: Peace, Standley. U.15 XV: Pimblett, Hallett, Dickenson. U.14 XV: Nettleton, Flook, Bentley, Crane.

School Table Tennis Team: Wood, McQuin, Derlien, Finnigan.

FRASER

The House has had a steady Michaelmas term, especially in the Rugby League where we consistently stayed near the top, finally running up to Dalton, robbed of a decisive last day's play by the weather, which also cancelled the sevens. The 1st team, captained by D. W. Gammon, and the 3rd, led by J. A. Cantrell, were both almost unbeaten sides. D. W. Gammon and A. D. Toft are to be thanked for their thorough work with the teams.

In the Knock-outs, the juniors, captained by D. Wong, beat Heywood 5-3 in the first round, with mistakes in the pack and in the backs. Against Byrom, we played very well but two tries towards the end gave a bigger team victory 17-11. The Seniors, granted a bye, held a big Gaskell pack well in the second round, and the hard effort earned Day's lucky break in the last minutes, to win 9-8. Payne led the pack very well, where Cary set a hard-working example. In the final, the powerful Whitworth team were held to 12-0 by difficult conditions and a stubborn fight, in which Fraser well deserves mention at scrum-half.

Colours were awarded at the end of term to: Juniors A. C. Ogg and P. N. A. Walker. Seniors: D. G. Bird, M. J. Payne, P. J. Everett, S. T. J. Daniell and E. D. Fraser.

D. J. Fletcher has been appointed a School Prefect.

A strong contingent played for the school. 1st XV: M. Benson, 2nd XV: D. J. Fletcher, D. W. Gammon, 3rd XV: D. G. Bird, M. J. Payne, A. D. Toft, U.16: P. A. Cary, E. D. Fraser, C. T. C. Danecki, D. J. Clarke, M. Saleh, U.15: D. Wong, U.14: J. C. Peat, E. J. Simpson, W. Howe, C. D. Payton.

This term, Payne, with experience from last year, has begun producing *My Hills, My Home* with a young and eager cast for once. He also leads our defence of the cross-country championship later in the term.

At Christmas, Barclay, Head of House, left to a University place. He has our best wishes.

J. S. Marshall, S. L. Claughton and P. A. Jackson have been appointed House Prefects.

GASKELL

We must congratulate P. E. Beverley on his being awarded an exhibition at Cambridge, and H. Bond and R. Gill on their gaining places at Oxford.

On the rugby field, the term was distinguished by the fine performance of the Junior Knock-out team, ably led by P. J. Grundy, which defeated Byrom in the final. The

enthusiasm of the whole team was particularly pleasing, and stood in sharp contrast to the results of the Senior part of the House. The House finished last in the inter-house league competition, and often displayed a notable lack of spirit. It was often the case that the hard work and keenness shown by many was let down by an apathetic minority. The Senior Knock-out team, although spirited and strong, disappointed, losing to Fraser in its first match. The House was well represented on School teams by 1st XV: R. Armstrong, R. J. Fitzgerald, D. Gaskell, 2nd XV: D. A. Houston, J. D. Tonks, P. D. Grundy, R. J. M. Ashton. U.16XV: D. G. Royle, G. M. Hunt, U.15: XV: G. G. Jameson, J. E. Duncombe, P. J. Grundy, D. A. Harrison, M. A. Williams. U.14 XV: R. Clarke.

It is to be hoped that the spirit shown by the lower half of the House will spread to the seniors in this coming term.

The following have been appointed House Prefects: H. Bond, C. H. Brownbill, P. D. Conway, D. G. Royle, M. G. Touchin, R. G. Walker.

HEYWOOD

Our congratulations must go to I. R. Collinge who has been awarded a scholarship in Mathematics at Brasenose College, Oxford.

This crowned academically what was athletically a lean term. The league started well — we were second for some time — but we gradually slipped to fourth. A main contributing factor to the slide was the slide itself; the further we slipped, the more disheartened we were. On the first team especially, we found it difficult to get a grip on games and take points which by rights were ours. Good rugby but no points tends to dampen enthusiasm, and before the end of the season, the points could not even be said to be ours by rights. The second team consistently played well, and were largely responsible for saving Heywood's face. Of the third team, the less said the better. Let us hope that their rugby improves with age. Our school team representatives however were numerous amongst the juniors. B. M. Caldwell, A. B. Foyne, A. J. Higgins, C. J. D. Plunkett played on the U.14's, and M. T. Broadhurst, N. S. Farr and S. G. Williams on the U.15's. D. V. Roberts, V. W. Bennet and W. P. Boustead played on the U.16's, D. J. Russell and P. F. Atkinson on the 2nd and G. Peart and G. Reading on the 1st.

In the Knock-outs, the juniors were perhaps unlucky. They played well in the first round against Byrom, and often looked like winning, but they eventually lost 3-5, the missing points being due to the unfortunate missed conversion from under the posts. They could perhaps have learned from G. F. Jones who scored an unexpected drop goal from 25 yards to give the seniors their only points in the first round game against Byrom. which was a good deal closer than the score, 3-9, would suggest.

The house was well represented on the cross-country 1st team; A. W. Renshaw, J. A. Gabbay (Captain), D. V. Roberts and W. P. Boustead running regularly (the latter two when not engaged in U.16 rugby), and E. R. Jeffreys ran the for 2nd. This, combined with our good results in last year's House Championships, certainly makes Heywood the favourites this year, provided some hard training is put in, especially by our junior "unknowns." The lacrosse season also holds great promise, especially in the knock-outs, since we will have a good number of players on the school teams.

Heywood's other activities must not be forgotten. S. P. Pope (captain), J. N. Andrews and A. P. Crompton played on the school chess team; G. S. Lee and R. M. Gilchrist swam for the school; P. J. Taylor and J. D. Eckersley took part in the school play.

Although we have come to the end of our remarkable run of experienced actors, which has stretched over the past six years, we put great faith in our latest venture, *The Birthday Party*, by Harold Pinter — one of his “comedies of menace.” We are well represented on the stage staff — with M. Eyre, assistant stage manager, A. C. Sewart, P. G. Hodcroft and M. W. Garner. No fewer than six of the nine Science Society committee members are from Heywood, and in the more practical side, J. A. Gabbay, K. Noble and K. R. Shaw are at present doing their best to help keep the school’s laboratories in order.

D. J. Blezard, our only house prefect remaining from last year, has left us, and we wish him every success. The following have been appointed house prefects: N. S. Bolland, I. R. Collinge, N. W. Duckworth, G. F. Jones, J. P. Ketley, M. D. Mitchell, K. Noble, G. Peart, S. P. Pope, I. H. Rodgers, D. J. Russell and K. R. Shaw.

We can only hope that this season’s great potential is fulfilled, and that everyone of us in the house does his utmost, in support as well as in active participation, to achieve this.

WHITWORTH

The irrepressible “Furor Whitworthius” began rather uncertainly but soon was inspiring great victories in all spheres. P. S. Gage was appointed Head of House but left for the higher flights of academic life after only a short term of office. To him we offer our best wishes and thanks; to D. B. Cunningham, who took over, and to E. E. Broadhurst, A. C. George, C. H. Porter, P. N. Ogden, D. P. Rhodes, B. J. Edwards, I. J. Shaw and I. D. Kettle, who were appointed House Prefects, we wish every success. We congratulate A. J. McGlue on being made Head of School and K. M. Dodd on being made School Prefect.

In the House League we finished a very good third which was a creditable performance as we lost many players to school teams. J. B. Hollingworth and K. E. M. Robson were the mainstays of the first team in which every player fought hard and with great determination. The second team met with little success but the Junior teams showed considerable talent and purpose although there were few outstanding players.

In the knock-out competitions, the Seniors justified their position as favourites, although in the first round complacency and mud enabled a none-too-strong Dalton side to hold us to a draw. Shocked out of our lethargy, we won the re-play comfortably and over-ran Byrom in the second round. In a dour final we defeated Fraser 12-0, thus avenging the previous year’s defeat. The Juniors, despite many excellent players, were knocked out in the first round.

Our representatives on school teams were:

1st XV: A. J. McGlue (capt.), B. J. Edwards, I. J. Shaw, E. E. Broadhurst, K. M. Dodd.

2nd XV: D. B. Cunningham, A. C. George, D. Hallworth, I. D. Kettle, R. D. M. Lind, P. N. Ogden.

U.16: A. Dean, A. P. Taylor.

U.15: A. H. Kay, I. D. H. Spicer, D. C. Greensmith, I. H. Capon.

U.14: T. P. Lodge, L. C. I’Anson, R. H. Kidner, J. Rowe, D. J. Wake.

Cross-country: G. P. Phythian, C. H. Porter, P. A. Deville.

In *The Fireraisers*, R. Vernon, N. S. Lerner, M. H. Sanig and I. J. Shaw, continued our dramatic traditions and the Furor-W, sub-section music, has been very prominent. All of which augurs well for the future and we are all looking forward to another successful term.

D.B.C.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE JUNGLE

Tense, humid atmosphere.
Sickly-faced alligators slither into the murky water.
An idle tail flick
Indicates the power in the jaws,
And the impenetratable hide, so thick.
Thick, dense, cramped, is the hot, sticky jungle.
Snakes rear envenomed heads
On coloured necks
Of greens, yellows, blues and reds.
Colourful is the jungle.
Smelling swamps expose their peril
In dank traces of steam.
An unsightly animal ready for kill
May launch itself from the oscillating tree tops
Anytime. Anytime the pores form drops
Like a river bursting its banks,
Sweat trickling down the wrinkles.
Looking up, only large leaves can be seen.
The sun only viewed by the radiant sheen
Reflected on the heart-shaped leaves.
As the burning ball makes it difficult for the body to function,
The heart still pumps, the lung still breathes.
—Just.

M. REYNOLDS (2B).

THOUGHTS OF LLAVENGYDU

Gossamer threads hang from the rising sun and stroke the sea. Sandpipers dance on the beach of no footprints. Gulls kiss the sun. I walk along the sands afraid of the tide. The sea lolls, laps and idles in, covering my feet like eiderdowns. Cascading crystals sparkle in the rock-pools. I stand watching the sun flashing gold upon the sea. So quiet, yet the sea rattles the pebbles like children's laughter. Tiny oceans in my hands fill my eyes with kaleidoscopic circles. Across the bay a man sits, endlessly fishing for time.

The sun slowly goes down casting diamonds in the sea. Coloured waves touch the sand. A young girl cuts and trims the sail of her boat. Her indigo eyes flicker in the fading sunset. Nearby a solitary gull dives and swims in the ripples, looking for small fish. The whole beach becomes silhouetted.

My toes are numb and my eyes are weary for soon the days of wine and roses will be over. I shall have to return to the city. Sooner or later the beach will lose its aesthetic beauty and become a holiday resort, full of bags, paper, buttons, cigarette ends, wet chips, dandruff, chicken bones, saliva and "kiss me quick."

J. E. YOUNG (4B).

THE DEATH OF A MOTH

Nearer and nearer to the attractive light,
Closer and closer to its doom,
Flittered the moth.
It settled, and to its horror
Its feet were badly burned.
Again it was attracted,
Again it was burned.
Strength rapidly failing,
The end was near.
Down it flittered,
Scorching its wings,
Down it fell to its grave.
It must not die!
Still for a moment,
Feverish struggles,
Still. Dead?
More struggles,
Longer periods of rest.
A last feverish burst,
Then silence.
Dead.

D. HALPIN (3L).

FIREFLIES

The overhanging willows cast dark shadows,
over the gently shimmering lake.
Tiny pin-pricks of light,
flitted, danced and looped,
in and out,
among the shadows.
Weaving luminous patterns over the lake.
They flew hither and thither among the rushes.
Never stopping,
never-ending streams of light.
Until just before dawn,
as the sun peeped over the hills,
They disappear as if they were fluorescent water-sprites.

M. M. HALLIWELL (3B.)

THE PLUMBER

(with apologies to W. H. Auden)

O what is that sound which so thrills the ear
Up in the bathroom dripping, dripping?
'Tis only a burst in the pipe, my dear,
The plumber is coming.

O what's that puddle on the floor down here
Growing larger, larger, dripping, dripping?
It comes from the hole in the roof, my dear,
The hole that's leaking.

O why doesn't he come quickly, Fred,
I can't stand all this worry, worry?
Perhaps his van has broken down,
Or he's hit a lorry.

O why has he left the road down there?
O what is all that shouting, shouting?
He's swerved to miss a coach, my dear,
Going on an outing.

O hasn't he stopped for the doctor's care?
There's still a lot of shouting, shouting.
The doctor is already there.
He was on the outing.

O here he is coming on the road again
And at our gate he's stopping, stopping.
Yes at last he's here, my dear,
Up the path he's hopping.

O he's dropped all the gear on the floor,
O its the stop-tap he's turning, turning.
He's got his foot wedged in the door
And his blowlamp's burning.

M. PEARSON (2A).

THE END OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP

Ever since Peter had been born, Rob had been there. Always steady and reliable, a great friend in time of need and a hard worker. It was Rob who had first taught him to say "Mum" and "Dad" as a surprise for his parents. The next word he had learnt was, needless to say, "Rob," which was, he found, short for Roberta. She was the perfect maid. Since the age of about four, Peter had thought her the most beautiful person in the world and was firmly set on the idea of marrying her when he grew up.

He had a deep respect for Rob's views and was amazed and rather horrified at the huge tasks which she was set by his mother or father. He would go and offer to help his friend but she would always decline and do her work with even more amazing speed. When Peter asked her how she managed to lift such great weights, she would answer that she did weight-lifting and smiled. This puzzled the boy greatly and their friendship was always of the closest nature and a harsh word was never spoken between them.

However, as soon as Peter became old enough to think about such things, he found that some of Rob's habits were extremely peculiar. For instance, he had never seen her show any sign of emotion, other than smiling. He had never actually seen her eating although she always retired to the kitchen after serving meals.

One day during the particularly harsh winter of 2068, Peter had gone into the kitchen to see what Rob was doing. He found her standing by the solar cooker perfectly motionless, as if in a trance. The boy was worried by what he saw. In the seven short years of his life he had never known Rob to be ill. He walked up to her and suddenly screamed in pain for her skin was red hot.

"Go and get your father," said she in a low monotone. Peter went. His parents soon came, and went into the kitchen, but their son did not follow. He was too afraid.

There were muffled bangs, then a crackling noise and then a crash as though something heavy had dropped to the floor. A short silence was followed by a click and then voices.

"Circuits alpha one and alpha three burnt right out," came his father's voice.

"Well, they always said that the mark one models were defective." That was his mother

"Bother!" exclaimed his father, "the guarantee ran out last month."

"Well," said his mother with a sigh, "it was only a robot."

P. SMYTH (4Y).

THE FUNERAL

A grey, empty sky
The land bleak and desolate.
Trees weeping over the monuments
To deceased forefathers.

White-faced mourners
On a cold, sombre day
Black cloaks billowing in the wind.
Everyone stunned
And too numbed to be sad.
Limbs moving automatically,
And voices mouthing words without thinking.

The small coffin struck the earth
With a slight thud,
Bringing the mourners back
To the reality of death.
The weeping began
At the realization
That they were in the present
And nightmare turned into stark fact.

Mounds of earth were shovelled onto the coffin
As they turned
And walked slowly from the graveyard.
Leaves blowing around their feet.

Only the dead were left behind.

M. COTTON (3L).

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although several opportunities were squandered in the last minutes of the match.

v. Merchant Taylor's, Crosby: Away—Lost 3—12 (3—3).

Despite the score, the School perhaps gave its best performance of the season against an extremely powerful and strong-running Crosby side. Dodd opened the scoring after a neat blindside break by Peart, and the school held their own until the second period when we were on the defensive. Ironically it was during one of our rare attacks that Crosby broke away to score a somewhat fortunate try to which were added two penalty goals late in the game.

v. Birkenhead School: Away—Lost 3—25 (0—6).

After contributing to an excellent well-matched game in the opening half against strong opponents, the School fell apart completely after half-time. The strong running of Birkenhead's centres proved too much for the School's tired defence.

v. Q. Eliz. Wakefield: Home—Lost 8—11 (8—3).

Certainly the most entertaining game of the season and one which the School were unlucky to lose. The forwards rose to the occasion quite splendidly and the School held the lead through an opportunist try by Astle and a penalty by Simpson, until the final three minutes of the match. It was in this final period that Wakefield gradually wore down our defence through quick possession and elusive running and they scored the winning goal in the dying minutes.

v. Wallasey: Home—Lost 9—17 (0—6).

The spirit and team-work that had built up during the season seemed to be completely absent from the School's display. The points were scored solely through individual flair and Oxford's solo try and Simpson's drop goal must rank as the finest solo efforts of the season. However, although Armstrong, especially, played with great spirit to drive on the forwards, lack of good possession told its tale in the end.

Colours were re-awarded to McGlue A. J., (capt.), Armstrong R. D., Cowan D. G., Oxford C. J., Simpson G. S., Peart G., Dennis-Jones P. and awarded to Gaskell D. P., Edwards B. J., Fitzgerald J. S., Rhodes J. S., Shaw I. J., Dodd K. M., Broadhurst, E. E., Reading G., Benson H. Astle, Lloyd, Russell, Kettle, George, Tonks, Houston also played.

SECOND XV.

The Second XV has had a season which may only be described as fair since injuries took their toll somewhat earlier than had been expected.

The forwards, though generally quite strong in the set-scrum and line-out, might have shown more direct effort in obtaining possession of the loose ball. The backs were rather better in defence than in attack for which a certain amount of real speed is necessary. Failing this, an attacking team must be capable of well-timed passing and clever kicking. The results of such play were seen against Cheadle Hulme when several fine tries were scored in quick succession.

Colours were awarded to S. R. Marsden (capt.), D. J. Fletcher, C. R. Lloyd, D. B. Cunningham, C. Knott, J. A. Wheatley, P. F. Atkinson, I. D. Kettle, D. J. Russell, K. R. Astle, D. Hallworth, T. J. Beasant, P. D. Grundy, A. C. George, W. A. Veitch, R. D. M. Lind.

RESULTS

Home	Cowley School L. 3—27
Home	Stockport G.S. W. 33—3
Away	King's School, Macclesfield L. 6—35
Away	King Edward's, Lytham L. 6—3
Away	Cheadle Hulme School W. 35—0
Home	Old Hulmeians L. 17—3
Away	Manchester Grammar School W. 16—0
Home	Birkenhead School L. 8—0
Home	Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield L. 9—0
Away	Wallasey G.S. L. 16—0

UNDER 16

Denstone College: Away—Won 15—3
 King Edward VII, Lytham: Home—Won 28—3
 Leeds Grammar School: Away—Lost 0—20
 Birkenhead School: Away—Lost 0—25
 Wallasey Grammar School: Home—Won 21—8
 Manchester Grammar School: Away—Won 11—0

Played 6; won 4; lost 2. Points for: 75; against 59.
 3 games cancelled.

Throughout the season the team aimed at playing open handling football. Consequently some very attractive rugby was seen from a team with rather more talent in it than in recent years. Denstone and Lytham were eventually worn down by sheer persistence at handling quickly and running hard. The Leeds side on average was older and heavier, and proved a more experienced side. Birkenhead, with a heavier pack, took full advantage of considerable possession with a well organised side. The side was unsettled initially by a small fiery Wallasey pack, but eventually won a somewhat disappointing game. The season was rounded off with a well deserved win against Manchester, when the side, which included several under-fifteen players, handled the ball competently in spite of atrocious playing conditions.

It would be invidious to single out for special comment those who were perhaps marginally more in evidence; each player seemed to play to his limit

during the season and enjoyed every moment of it.

The following played: Dean, A., Tebbett, S. E., Taylor, A. P., Robert, D. V., Saleh, M., Jones, G., (captain), Fraser, E. D., Standley, R. W., Peace, A. C., Danecki, C. T. C., Clarke, D. J., Hunt, G. H., Wheeler, R. J., Boustead, W. P., Cary, P. A., Royle, D. G., Bennett, V. W., Brown, P. V.

UNDER 15

P. 10; W 4; L 6; (3 games cancelled).

		F.	A.
Cowley School	Away Lost	11	17
Stockport G.S.	Away Won	27	0
Denstone College	Away Lost	10	23
King's School Macclesfield	Away Lost	3	23
King Edward VII, Lytham	Home Won	18	8
Cheadle Hulme School	Away	Cancelled	
Leeds G.S.	Home Lost	0	22
Manchester G.S.	Away Won	6	3
Merchant Taylors School, Crosby	Home	Cancelled	
Birkenhead School	Home Lost	0	14
H.M.S. Conway	Away	Cancelled	
Wallasey G.S.	Away Won	28	16
Salford G.S.	Away Lost	6	12
		109	138

The final record of the U-15 side is rather disappointing for in three of the matches which were lost the team was leading at half-time but appeared to run out of steam in the second half. This would seem to be a matter of fitness, which really ought to be an individual responsibility.

The side was quietly and capably led by P. Norfolk, who was the leading scorer with 49 points and whose kicking in defence often saved the day. At half-back the reliable P. J. Grundy was joined by D. C. Greensmith, from Nottingham H.S. who has a good break and a fine sense of timing and shows much promise. The three-quarters moved nicely at times but often the vital final pass was dropped. J. E. Duncombe usually ran hard and was probably the most dangerous attacker.

The forwards collectively could have done with more fire in the loose but in the tight a solid front row of P. J. Akers, N. S. Farr and R. G. Taylor usually insured a plentiful supply of the ball. At wing forward D. A. Harrison and later R. H. Hallett showed much dash and determination allied to skill and this ought to have been an inspiration to the rest of the team.

The team was selected mainly from P. Norfolk (capt.), P. J. Akers, M. T. Broadhurst, J. E. Duncombe, N. S. Farr, D. C. Greensmith, P. J. Grundy, R. H.

Hallett, D. A. Harrison, G. G. Jameson, A. H. Kay, M. J. Naylor, L. Pimblett, R. G. Taylor, M. A. Williams, S. G. Williams, D. Wong.

UNDER 14 XV

The team had an erratic season, mixing some good performances with several poor efforts.

Although lacking both size and match practice compared with their opponents, the players showed commendable spirit and skill, but often reserved showing these virtues until the second half of a game.

The backs showed speed but lacked tenacity in defence. Hobday (captain) and Clarke were the outstanding three-quarters.

The forwards were usually much lighter than their opposition, but often made up for this with superior speed and skill. Nettleton, Payton and Caldwell were prominent forwards.

Simpson, Wake, Higgins, Peat, Cross, I'Anson, Plunkett, Flook, Lodge, Rowe, Kidner, Howe, Foyne and Partington also played.

UNDER 13 XV

Played 6. Won 1. Lost 5.

The old adage about "good big 'uns" and "good little 'uns" has never been more convincingly proved to be correct than during this Rugby season, and it happened time and time again that our miniature backs were overawed by giant-like opponents. The attempt to add some weight to the three-quarter line was rudely interrupted by a broken collar-bone, so even this player must have been too light! Our forwards were also much smaller than those on some of our opponents' sides, but in this part of the team there was plenty of spirit and there can be few complaints made in this direction. Hume was the outstanding forward, and Hindley and Whiteside were particularly effective in backing up the man with the ball.

Outside the scrum Cosslett worked hard at scrum-half, giving generally good service to his backs, all of whom had their moments in attack. There were some exhilarating bursts from Greensmith and Summersgill, some promising breaks from Swann, which he often wasted by not parting with the ball, and some characteristic jinking runs by MacNiell. Having said this of their attack, however, one can find nothing to say in favour of their defensive ability, apart from the often remarkable tackling of MacNiell which was beyond praise.

Colours were awarded to R. W. MacNiell (capt.), B. R. Clayden, J. L. Lindley, D. Hume, M. H. Lomas and M. W. Whiteside, and the following all played at some time: G. R. Burton, D. J. M. R. Burton, R. N. Bury, A. P. Cosslett, N. I. Greensmith, S. C. Hobday, R. L. Marsh, R. J. Morello, D. M.

Paxton, P. D. Roden, W. P. Swann, P. R. Summersgill, R. S. Threlfall, T. J. Underwood, J. Walton.

UNDER 12 XV

The team lost the one fixture against Merchant Taylor's at Crosby by 22 points to nil. Lack of cohesion in the pack, especially in the loose was the main reason.

The team was selected from an enthusiastic practice list of: Martin J. C., Summers O. R. W., MacNeill C. W., Harrison D. S., Bunnage C. P., Hodgkinson C. W., I'Anson S. J., Young R., Paxton E. R., Dodd P. S., Dawson P. J., Haley M., Howarth P. J., Gibson M., Smithson P., Meehan J. B., Sherring P. M., Hawes G. I., Leigh J. F., Collier W. B.

HOUSE GAMES

Exceptional weather during the first half of the term gave us a very fine start and not a single game had to be cancelled.

The games produced some of the best rugby for some years especially at House first team level, though tackling is still rather weak. Dalton and Fraser in particular are to be congratulated on the excellence of their teams, and Whitworth, especially in the early stages, looked very promising.

By half term, Dalton, Whitworth and Fraser, in that order, dominated the top of the table. Dalton, although being overhauled, were really out on their own, and the real struggle developed between Whitworth and Fraser for second place. Towards the end of the term Fraser took over as runners-up by two points.

RESULTS: Dalton 153, Fraser 136, Whitworth 134, Heywood 69, Byrom 54, Gaskell 30.

KNOCK-OUTS. The games were not of a very high standard, but inevitably they produced some very exciting games.

RESULTS Senior 1st Round

	Byrom	beat	Heywood	9—3
	Whitworth	drew	Dalton	3—3
Replay	Whitworth	beat	Dalton	15—0
	2nd Round			
	Whitworth	beat	Byrom	22—3
	Fraser	beat	Gaskell	9—8
	Final			
	Whitworth	beat	Fraser	12—0
	Junior 1st Round			
	Byrom	beat	Whitworth	11—3
	Fraser	beat	Heywood	5—3
	2nd Round			
	Byrom	beat	Fraser	17—11
	Gaskell	beat	Dalton	23—3
	Final			
	Gaskell	beat	Byrom	21—3

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

After the great success of our teams last season this term has seen a notable increase in the number of boys on cross-country. The average turnout now is of thirty to forty boys twice a week irrespective of weather for thirty minutes steady running.

Michaelmas term is always a training period before full scale competition in the Spring, consequently we have only had four matches this term. The Senior team was left a little weak without Whaite, Gage and Cusick who all left after the Summer. Cusick has since distinguished himself by winning the freshman's mile at Cambridge. Despite these losses, the Senior team has run exceedingly well and amongst the U.16 boys we have some really powerful runners developing.

At Denstone the U.16 team had a decisive victory due to the excellent running by M. G. Shepherd, Symmonds, Jeffries and McIntosh. The Seniors were not so fortunate and lost by 28 points. The course was extremely muddy and made truly rough cross-country running.

The senior team lost at Bolton School by 2 points and at Stand G.S. by 18 points. Both these courses were very hilly and emphasised our lack of hill training.

The last match of the term was a five sided match between Bacup and Rawtenstall G.S., Chadderton, Rochdale, Cardinal Allen and ourselves, at Bacup. Most of our senior team was hit with illness and the team was made up of mainly U.16 runners. The race was run in icy and snowy conditions and this made running hazardous. Phythian slipped and pulled a muscle but managed to finish. Shepherd, Roberts, Symmonds and Jeffries all ran extremely well and the team finished third in the match.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club was re-opened at the beginning of Michaelmas Term for the Sixth Form.

J. T. Briscoe (L6S) was appointed Hon. Secretary, C. J. Barratt (L6S) as Hon. Treasurer, and J. A. Greensmith (6ML) as Assistant Hon. Secretary, also R. J. M. Ashton (6CU), I. B. Glass (L6S), M. A. J. Potter (6ML) forming the Committee.

We played two matches last term, drew with Manchester Grammar School and lost to Stretford Grammar School. We feel that these results are a fair beginning considering our lack of experience in match play. The following have represented the Club:—R. J. M. Ashton, D. J. Tonks, M. A. J. Potter, J. A. Greensmith, C. J. Barratt, J. T. Briscoe, D. C. Greensmith, P. W. de la Perrelle, J. A. Koski.

It is hoped to hold an Inter House Knock-out Tournament and introduce a Junior Section of the

Club during the Lent Term. We wish success to D. J. Tonks in his career and shall miss his valuable contribution to our match play. We thank Mrs. Taylor for the provision of teas and our thanks go to Mr. Renny for his assistance and encouragement.

J.T.B.

SWIMMING

The primary function of a school swimming pool is to teach people to swim. In this respect the bath has more than proved its usefulness and will continue to do so—even for older pupils!

The competent swimmers, however, under the captaincy of P. N. Ogden, have formed a swimming team. So far there have been two matches. The school lost heavily to Manchester Grammar School but beat Cheadle Hulme in a hard fought competition.

It is hoped that there will be at least six more matches before the end of the Summer Term, again involving all age groups.

CAVING CLUB

The inaugural meet of the club was held at the

Calf Holes—Browgill system near Horton-in-Ribblesdale where ten boys and three masters enjoyed a "through trip" in wet but easy passages.

The "sausage machine," a tight crawl from which one emerges by dropping head first for three feet into a chamber, provided most entertainment.

Early in October, the Hobson's Choice series of Dow Cave at Kettlewell was explored by a party of nine after an overnight camp. Twenty other cavers were encountered underground, which made the cave congested! Higher water than is usual in Dow Cave, however, made the trip sporting and gave useful experience.

Apart from a junior trip to Browgill at half term, the only other meet held was at Heron Pot in Kingsdale, shortly before the Foot and Mouth outbreak. Heron proved a popular hole although at least one of the party of eight preferred to stay at the top of the 20 ft. waterfall to hold the lifeline! Since then, the club's activities have been curtailed by Ministry of Agriculture restrictions. We hope to expand in numbers and carry on an active programme next term.

OLD HULMEIANS NOTES & NEWS

In the New Year's Honours List, Miss M. G. GREEN, Headmistress of Kidbrooke School, London and a former assistant mistress at the school, was made a D.B.E. Mr. W. G. THORPE, the school builder, was awarded the C.B.E. To them both, go our sincere congratulations.

W. H. THOMPSON, a former history master has published his long-awaited "History of Manchester." We hope to review this in our next edition.

J. SIMPSON, a former History Master, has been appointed Headmaster of a comprehensive school in Bristol.

Dr. GORDON L. DAVIES is visiting Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Oregon, U.S.A.

A. J. ROYLE has been appointed headmaster of Greenheys Primary School, Manchester.

P. SIDEBOTHAM has been appointed master in charge of music at Claremont Road Primary School.

G. E. MARSDEN, who left in 1943, is now a pilot with BOAC, and was co-pilot on the Boeing 707 which brought back Princess Alexandra and Mr. Angus Ogilvy from Canada.

NOEL HAWKINS, living in the Philippines, is head of an Import organisation helping with this country's exports to that part of the world.

TOM OLIVER, who expects to return home later this year after his stint there, met Noel by chance and discovered they had an O.H. affinity.

IAN LOW is now Supervisor of Physics at Lambton College, Sarnia in Ontario and is enjoying Canada, more and more.

JOE GILBERT, back in this country after his command of 92nd Squadron (Lightnings), is now attending the Joint Service Staff College at Latimer, Bucks.

W. B. BATTY has recently been appointed Managing Director of the Ford Motor Company of Great Britain.

2nd Lt. BARRY WALKER, with the Scots Guards, appointed Vice-Captain of the Battalion Cross-Country (Langlauf) Ski-ing Team, was looking forward to a spell of training at Leutasch, about 20 miles south of Garmisch, before competing towards the end of January, in the B.A.O.R. Championships at Oberjoch, in Bavaria.

MARTIN FRIEND has had another move, this time to Felixstowe in Suffolk.

GEORGE WOOD is still basking in the constant sunshine of Southern California.

JOHN HARVEY is settling happily into his retirement in the locality of Kingswood, Surrey which he describes as a very pleasant change from the 'rat race' in London.

LINDSAY LOGUE, as active as ever in Grimsby, maintains his interest in the Association and discovered one of his business contacts, F. R. HARRISON, was another O.H.

F. RUSSELL HARRISON is living at Copdock, Ipswich. He lost touch after returning from overseas in 1946 but has now rejoined. Has recently been travelling extensively, both in connection with his work and as a Diocesan Reader.

PETER H. HARRISON, B.A., A.R.I.B.A., his brother, is also traced. He is living at Aylesbury.

I. MURRAY is doing photography at Regent Street Polytechnic.

D. PATON is working for General Electric just outside New York.

P. BARNES qualified as a veterinary surgeon at Edinburgh and is now working at Gravesend.

C. COOPER is working in Barbados.

R. HEATH was due to return from Australia in January. He has become what he describes as an "avid horseman," and has appeared show jumping on T.V.

UNIVERSITY RESULTS

Cambridge: J. N. JONES, Pt. 2, Law, Third Class Hons.; G. MORLEY, Anthropology, II.1., J. S. TORKINGTON, Mod. Lang. Pt. II, II. 1.

Oxford: M. HOMER, Lit. Hum., Second Class Hons., R. GRISTWOOD, Mod. Lang., Class III; D. WALKER, Mod. Lang. Class III.

Aberdeen: J. S. MARTIN, M.A.

Leeds: W. S. DAVIES, B.Sc. Hons. Civil Engineering, II.1.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS

WOOD—On October 13, to Camilla and Michael, a son.

KENNEDY—On October 18, to Mary and Ian, a son.

ROYLE—On December 21, to Lorna and Alex, a son.

STOCKDALE—On December 24, to Thelma and Glynn, a daughter.

RAYMAN—On January 6th, to Caroline and Jon, a son.

STRADLING—On November 29, to Vera and Frank, a daughter.

DEATHS

DENT—On November 24, 1967, John Geoffrey Dent, O.B.E., B.Sc., aged 59 years.

KENNEDY—On March 8, 1967, Alan Robert Kennedy, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., aged 57.

HAWKSEY—On October 20, 1967, Anthony Howard Hawksey, aged 22.

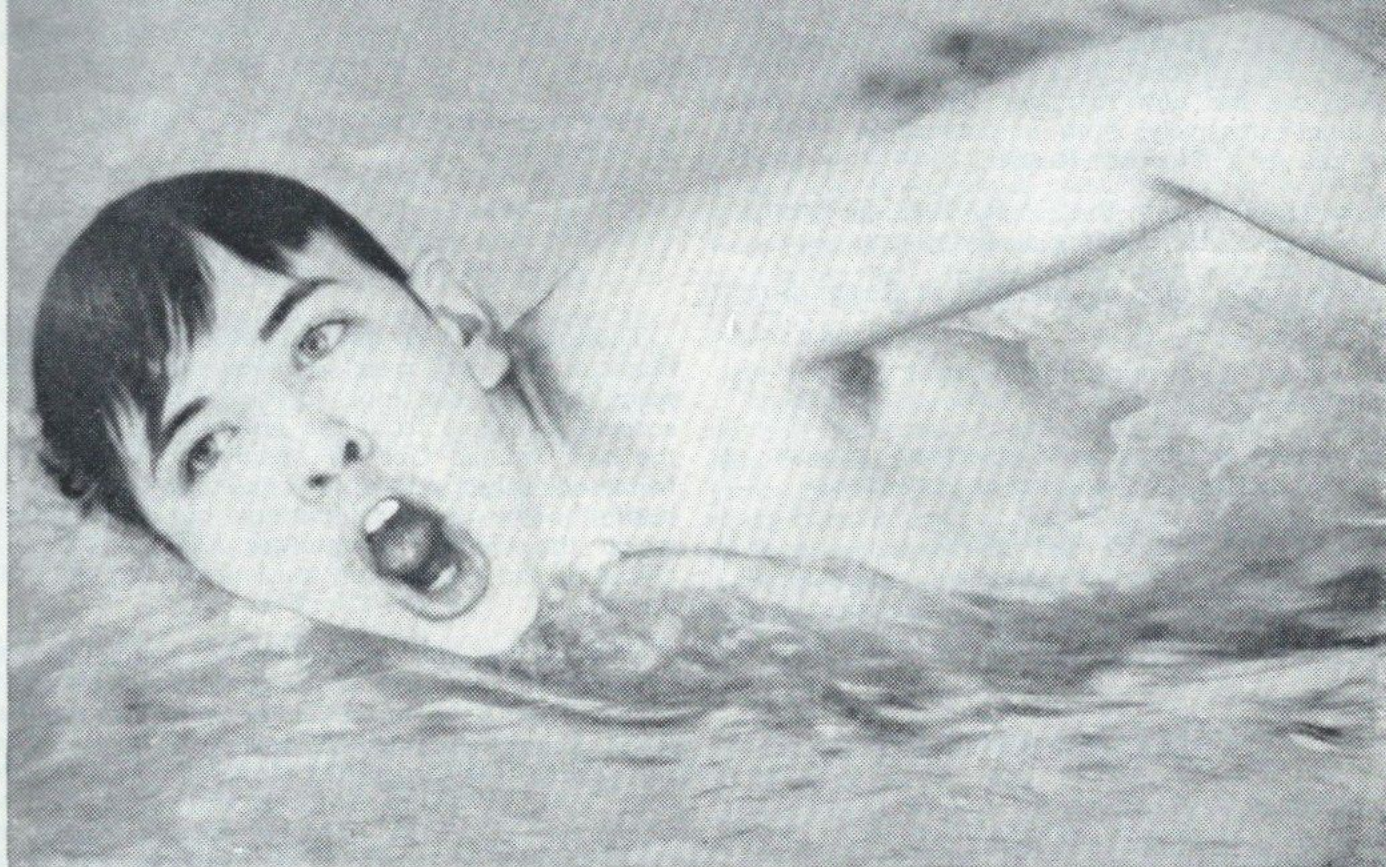
OLD HULMEIANS ASSOCIATION

These are still early days but with the Association's financial year well over half way through it would seem that one can look forward to a much more acceptable report from the Honorary Treasurer at the next Annual General Meeting. Obviously the increased subscriptions are making a big contribution to the improved outlook but the care with which the General Committee has controlled all affairs of the Association must also have had some impact.

Those of you who attended the last Annual General Meeting will be aware of the concern felt about the future of the Association Clubhouse in Brantingham Road. Since then much has been done by a new and very active Sub-Committee elected in mid October with J. L. Williams (Motor and Rifle Section) Chairman, C. Wilde (Rugby Section) Secretary, G. B. Lawson (Lacrosse) Vice Chairman and D. A. Ward (Rifle) and S. Jones (Motor) members. This sub-committee met on no fewer than six occasions between its election and mid December. During this period it has been demonstrated that the Clubhouse can be used successfully both socially and financially by a Beat Dance organised by the Rugby Section and a Cheese and Wine Party arranged by the Social Sub-Committee. Although close on one hundred attended it, the latter function was disappointing numerically and many of those who, at the A.G.M. in September, helped to select the date and indicated their intention to attend failed to turn up on 5th January, 1968. It also became apparent that there are many Old Boys who are prepared to lend a hand in running these functions either by sheer hard physical work or by providing items at no cost to the Association and to them the Association owes its grateful thanks.

Encouraged by the success of these two events at the Clubhouse where, at very little expense, some improvements had been made, particularly towards the comfort of the ladies, your committee has authorised procedure on a much more ambitious schedule of improvements submitted by the Clubhouse Sub-Committee and involving a considerable amount of money. The generosity of one member, who wishes to remain anonymous, in making an interest free loan, ensures that the Association will not need to sell any of its investments. A Social

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Sub-Committee of the Clubhouse Sub-Committee (as distinct from the Social Sub-Committee of the General Committee) is being formed to organise an annual programme of events to be held at the Clubhouse and your support for these events is earnestly sought.

Rule 17 of "The Rules of the Old Hulmeians Association" states that:—"These Rules shall be printed and a copy supplied to every member of the Association immediately after election." It was in 1954 that the Rules were last printed and distributed and since then it will be realised that there have been many amendments. Financially your committee felt it was impossible to reprint the Rules in their former book form but they have been reprinted on open foolscap sheets. Any member who is without a copy and who wishes to have one will be willingly supplied on application to the Honorary Secretary.

The existence of The Old Hulmeians Playing Fields Limited may be unknown to many younger members and it should therefore, be explained that this company was formed to hold land for the benefit of the Old Hulmeians Association. There are five directors but due to the deaths of K. Rains and J. A. Barber some years ago and the more recent resignation of S. Whittingham the surviving directors Eric Barnes and W. T. Curtis appointed T. W. M. Bland, Alan Jones and J. L. Williams (Motor and Rifle) to fill the vacancies. T. W. M. Bland succeeds S. Whittingham as Secretary. Sidney Whittingham held office as Secretary for thirty-six years. The Association owe him a great debt of gratitude.

The Annual Dinner will be held as usual on the second Saturday in March, (9th) at the Midland Hotel, Manchester.

The Golf Competition will be held by tradition on Ascension Day, 23rd May, 1968 at Chorlton Golf Club.

The Annual Cricket Match against the School will be played as usual on the first Saturday in July (6th). Any Old Boy wishing to play should contact A. M. Blight, Esq. at the School.

ERIC BARNES.

ASSOCIATION OF OLD HULMEIANS IN LONDON

By the time these notes drop through your letter boxes, Friday 27th October, 1967 will seem long past, but innovations are generally worth recording and on that date the Association held its first function at the Public Schools Club in Piccadilly. The location is particularly convenient and the formal business of the Annual General Meeting was concluded quickly enough to leave plenty of time for the Buffet

Supper that provided the right setting for the general re-union aspects of the occasion. A satisfactory number put in an appearance and we were glad to have Keith Herbert, Bob Dale and Roy Francis join us for the first time. On their next visit, member will find the School Shield is now included in the Club's collection, at the approach to the front lounge.

The Rt. Hon. William F. Deedes, M.C., M.P., again sponsored our Annual Dinner at the House of Commons, this time on Friday, 24th November. It was a particularly happy arrangement for he and John Fitzgerald, who presided, frequently knock golf balls around together at week-ends. Manchester was well represented for, in addition to the Headmaster and Jack Rickards, in his office of President of the O.H.A., Herbert Jones, Alan Jones, Jim Peters, Fred Harrison and Peter (regular supporter) Charnley, also made the journey. We were delighted to have them with us and hope all felt it was worth the effort. This applies also to Alan Suley only in his case, the travelling was in the opposite direction, from the south coast. Alan Jackson, R. Mark and G. D. Whitlock were also welcome newcomers.

In recent years a lacrosse and a cricket fixture have each been organised as annual events and we hope to continue with these. The idea of including a golf match in the programme has been tentatively raised in the past. This time, we firmly intend to hold such an event so will all golfers note and be ready to respond when details can be supplied.

OLD HULMEIANS RUGBY CLUB NOTES

*If you can keep your head when all about you are
losing theirs and blaming it on you.*

KIPLING.

1st XV record to date:— P.18. W 5. L 12. D 1.
For 106 pts. Against 240.

The demands of commerce have prevented me seeing as much of the Club activities as I would have liked this season but until Christmas, what I have seen has been pretty bleak and as is usual when things go wrong, the other side has all the luck or seems to. On one Saturday, I arrived just after the game had finished and was greeted with a snarled "Don't say it" from a team captain. A few yards further on, a threequarter growled "Need you ask" and before I had reached the bar, a wing forward advised me not to look at him like that . . . all this before I had said a word. You will doubtless have gathered that everyone was upset. With the exception of the School game which was comfortably won, there has been little to cheer until Christmas. In many ways, the game against Manchester "A" was typical of events. We turned round

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6—3 to the good and finished 6—31 down. There was complete disintegration forward, Manchester running in three tries with only the scrum-half and forwards participating—all movements from within the Manchester half. Again against Old Rochdaliens, we turned round only 0—5 down but in the end we conceded 33 points without reply. There was a close game at Calder Vale when a last minute penalty earned Vale a draw but they won the return game on our ground 9—19. On Christmas Eve we met the Y.M.C.A. and won 8—3. C. Wilde won a tremendous amount of the ball in the set and we had more than our share of the line outs. Perhaps we should have had more points but it was the season of goodwill. The last game of the year was away to Lymm who had earlier beaten us 5—16. This time we reversed the traditional result and won 8—5.

If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same.

“A” team troubles follow the 1st team’s only more so. To date they have 3 wins and a lot of defeats. According to team members:—

Old Aldwynians:		
A close and interesting game	L.	8—12
Davenport:		
We played well and were unfortunate	L	3—8
Cheadle Hulme:		
We played marvellously. The ref. was a bit off	L	8—14
Eccles:		
A dam’ close run thing	L	6—32
Calder Vale:		
A wonderful game. Both wingers scored	L	8—28
Metrovick:		
We had some unfortunate injuries	L	0—14
Lymm:		
Casual ties not recovered	L	3—36
Calder Vale:		
Travel sickness	L	3—11
W.H.G.S.:		
We were a little below par	W	24—0
Old Salfordians:		
An ecstatic victory	W	5—0
Congleton:		
We had no penetration	L	0—3
Manchester:		
Something seemed to go a teeny bit wrong	L	0—24
Prestwich:		
You can’t expect us to be on top form every week	L	3—29
Y.M.C.A.:		
We were astonished at the result, we thought we had won	L	0—8
Lymm:		
We were getting over Christmas	L	0—6

And lose and start again at your beginnings and never breathe a word about your loss.

The third XV ceased to exist apart from one game against the School under the nom de guerre of the Chairman’s XV. A motley collection of decrepit ancients was assembled. Reflexes were somewhat slower than of yesteryear and as there were 15 ideas of how the game should be won it was duly lost. One veteran swore he would start training the following week for next year but to the best of my knowledge he is not walking properly yet. I overheard a doctor threaten to have his companion ——— well certified for having suggested that they should go down and see if they could get a game.

The Griffins XV has so far played thrice — winning two of their games and drawing the other. They have not conceded a point in these three games, whilst scoring 22.

Socially, the breathalyser does not seem to have had a great deal of effect on the numbers at the clubhouse, though the members working behind the bar have to work somewhat harder preparing shandies. There has also been a very successful dance run by C. Wilde and a rejuvenated social committee.

So:

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn, long after they are gone, and so hold on, when there is nothing in you except the Will which says “HOLD ON.”

There is a place for you in The Old Boys Rugby Club

“Muddled Oaf.”

Stop Press:—1st team wins again 9—8 over Old Aldwinians A VX. “Well they turned out their first team against us!” L 3—22

O.H. RIFLE CLUB

We are now half-way through our winter programme of postal competitions. In the County Competition, our first team are lying third out of eight, having won four out of seven matches. The second team are fourth in their division, having won three out of seven matches.

In the National Competition, the first team are eighth out of twelve, the second team are fourth in their Division.

Last month we held a highly successful dance at The Woodlands, Timperley, in conjunction with the Motor Club. Though Mrs. C. reduced some of our more hardened drinkers to orange juice, she failed to put a damper on the proceedings. Once again we were honoured by the presence of the President and his wife, and Mrs. Rickards kindly presented our club trophies and prizes.

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Thewall Cup: J. L. Williams
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Club Champion: J. L. Williams
Charles Bell Certificate: D. A. Ward
Daily Telegraph Certificate: J. L. Williams
News of the World Certificate: E. S. Thelwall
Daily Mail Certificate: H. W. Wood
Silver spoons for "possibles" were awarded to
J. L. Williams, E. S. Thelwall, and D. A. Ward.

During the last few weeks we have been encouraged to see several new faces down at the Range attending regularly. One improved so rapidly that when he was included in a team to substitute for another member, he so dramatically exceeded his submitted average in the first round that I am sure we were suspected of some crafty fiddling at headquarters!

Due to much hard work and time spent by H. W. Wood, we now have a new target-holding frame which should speed up the changing of targets. Mr. Foulds helped by allowing us to use the facilities of the Manual Room.

We look forward to seeing more aspiring Master Shots any Wednesday or Friday in termtime.

A. WILSON.

OLD HULMEIANS MASONIC LODGE No. 7062

The Worshipful Master, Kenneth B. Hilton and his wife were our hosts at the members' Christmas Party which was held on December 8th at our H.Q. The Birch View Cafe, Dickinson Road. Once again we had an enjoyable time though some members and their wives were unfortunately absent owing to illness. It was good to hear from A. O. Gatley once again with seasons greetings from Rhyl, N. Wales.

A. E. Bolsover, Secretary,
268, Brooklands Road,
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Manchester.

OLD HULMEIANS MOTOR CLUB

Our Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Woodlands Hotel, Timperley on December 2nd 1967, and was once again a joint function with the Old Hulmeians Rifle Club. It was the customary success and everyone present seemed to have a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks are due to Frank Pickup for acting as M.C. and General Organiser of the function.

In the competitive world, the Springbridge Trophy Rally is about to take place once again for the first time since 1965. On this occasion, however, it is to be a joint event held in conjunction with Avro (Woodford) Motor Club run jointly with their own

Stearnwood Trophy Rally and is to be known as the Stearnwood-Springbridge. Our own competition secretary, Stuart Jones, is acting as Secretary of the Meeting and several other members of our Club are very actively engaged in this joint event. It is to be hoped therefore that we shall be supported by members, and also probably boys from school, acting as marshals on the event, and we also hope to see several members competing.

Plans for further competitive events are a little uncertain at the present time due simply to lack of willing organisers. We may, however, be able to run one or two of the Treasure Hunt type of events during the Summer months and we shall certainly be holding one of two Social events in the nature of Film Shows during the early Spring.

Any enquiries about the Club will be welcomed by the Honorary Secretary, John L. Williams, 7 Kings Avenue, Gatley, Cheshire. Telephone GATley 4666.

OLD HULME LIONS LACROSSE CLUB

At the half-way mark in the season the Club sides are well up with the leaders and turning in some good results. Newcomers to the first team J. Kershaw and J. D. Shuttleworth are showing their mettle and holding their places. K. Irving is firmly established and becoming a force to be reckoned with. Our older members are doing sterling work in the lower divisions, coaching and encouraging by example. All in all, we are in danger of becoming complacent about the situation. Nevertheless, a modest pat on the back would be in order.

Response to social functions maintains its strength. The Annual Buffet Dance at Finnigans, Wilmslow being especially successful. Our Christmas Draw showed its usual returns with the occasional moment of splendour as the winners' names were announced.

Modifications and decoration of the Whalley Range Clubhouse have so enhanced the bar section that the takings have increased remarkably in defiance of this breathalyser age. It looks as though wives and sweethearts will be as lonely as ever on these winter Saturday evenings.

The highlight of this season must be our celebration dinner at the Piccadilly Plaza on Wednesday 24th April. All our members and friends will be gathered there to celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary.

One other highlight must be mentioned but preferably from our on-the-spot reporter.

"Once again at their own den the Old Hulme Lions mauled the Mellor Tigers. In the fierce struggle for supremacy, cub John Blake fresh from the Bangor jungle, demonstrated his remarkable skill in deputising for the injured king C. E. Bryans.

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The Tigers trailed until the 2nd quarter in which a brilliant spell of 5 goals in 5 minutes took them to a half-time lead of 9—4 seemingly impregnable.

After half-time, inspired by 5 goal Alan Marsland, the Lions clawed back to level at 10—10 in the last minute. The excitement of the encounter was heightened by superb play from both sides executed in the gloom of a near-tropical thunderstorm.

This game cost Mellor their first point in the League championship and could indicate the sort of game which might result should both sides meet in the Senior Flags Competition.

RESULTS:—1st Team

30th Sept.	v. Old Stopfordians	H W	9 5
7th Oct.	v. Mellor	A L	6 13
14th Oct.	v. Lee	H W	5 10
21st Oct.	v. Heaton Mersey	A W	14 3
28th Oct.	v. Leeds University	H W	18 1
4th Nov.	v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe	A L	6 8
11th Nov.	v. Cambridge	A W	18 14
18th Nov.	v. Cheadle	A L	4 8
25th Nov.	v. Rochdale	A W	8 3
2nd Dec.	v. Urmston	A W	12 3
9th Dec.	v. Cheadle	H L	7 9
16th Dec.	v. Old Waconians	A W	6 1
23rd Dec.	v. Old Stopfordians	A W	9 7
30th Dec.	v. Mellor	H D	10 10
6th Jan.	v. Ashton	A W	9 2

RESULTS:—A Team.

30th Sept.	v. Stockport	A W	7 8
7th Oct.	v. Mellor A	H L	6 12
14th Oct.	v. Oldham & Werneth	A W	10 3
21st Oct.	v. Heaton Mersey A	H W	4 2
4th Nov.	v. Offerton	H D	8 8
18th Nov.	v. Oldham & Werneth Junior Flags 1st Round	H W	9 2
25th Nov.	v. Urmston A	A postponed	
2nd Dec.	v. Cheadle A	H D	8 8
9th Dec.	v. Disley	A postponed	
16th Dec.	v. Cheadle Hulme	H W	19 10
23rd Dec.	v. Stockport	H L	5 8
30th Dec.	v. Mellor A	A L	3 10
6th Jan.	v. Oldham & Werneth	H W	10 7

RESULTS: Extra A Team.

30th Sept.	v. Old Aldwinians	H L	7 14
7th Oct.	v. Mellor B	A L	1 18
14th Oct.	v. Mellor B	H L	3 14
21st Oct.	v. Heaton Mersey B	A W	8 3
28th Oct.	v. Birmingham University	H W	12 4
4th Nov.	v. Old Stopfordians A	A L	5 6
11th Nov.	v. Chorlton	H W	11 4
18th Nov.	v. Oldham & Werneth A Junior Cup 1st Round	H W	11 2
25th Nov.	v. Boardman and Eccles A	H W	11 6
2nd Dec.	v. Ashton A	A L	4 7

9th Dec.	v. Cheadle B	H L	3 16
16th Dec.	v. M. G. S.	A L	2 12
23rd Dec.	v. Old Aldwinians	A L	5 11
30th Dec.	v. Chorlton	A W	12 2
6th Jan.	v. Boardman and Eccles A	A W	14 9

RESULTS: B Team.

7th Oct.	v. Mellor C	H L	8 10
14th Oct.	v. Urmston B	A L	5 13
28th Oct.	v. Disley	A W	15 8
4th Nov.	v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe	H L	8 12
11th Nov.	v. Rochdale B	A W	9 8
18th Nov.	v. Ashton B	A W	12 4
25th Nov.	v. Oldham & Werneth A	A W	10 4
2nd Dec.	v. Stockport B	H W	10 5
9th Dec.	v. Leeds University A	A postponed	
16th Dec.	v. Ashton B	H W	1 0
6th Jan.	v. Urmston B	H W	17 4

OLD HULMEIANS AT OXFORD

Trying to give a concise and unified account of a collection of a dozen or so individuals and lumping them together under the loose heading of "Old Hulmeians at Oxford" is as unsuccessful as putting an assortment of potatoes, carrots, dumplings, peas and gristle into a cauldron of gravy and calling it stew. If we look deeper, however, we see that Old Boys here are divided into the categories mentioned in the immortal lines "Some may come, and some may go and some stay on for ever."

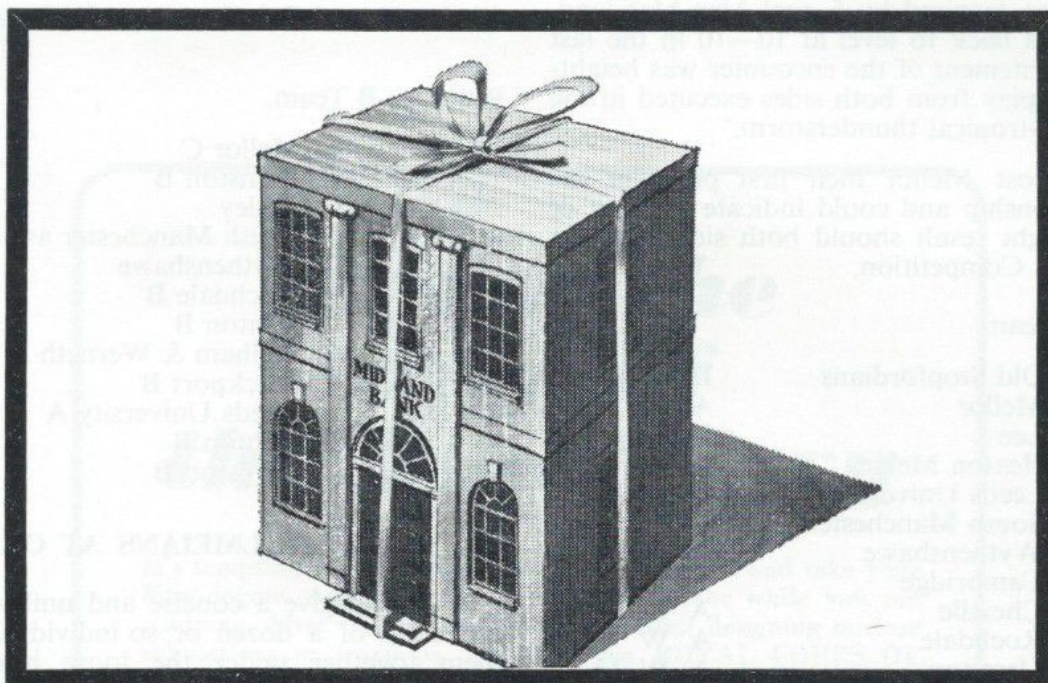
In the latter category are still to be found those whose names have come to be immortalised over the years in these columns. The recently married Bob Johnson is coming to the end of his research—even he can't prolong it indefinitely—and is in danger of falling down the brain-drain to the U.S.A. next year. Since his marriage he has retired gracefully into the shadows and getting him to play lacrosse nowadays is a diplomatic achievement. Fortunately, his demise from the Iroquois has been somewhat redressed by the return of Lawrence Hall to the sporting world. He has forcibly registered his protest against society by growing his thick curly beard even longer.

Paul Norris has also taken to sporting a beard. His tremendous beer-drinking capacity is matched only by his poker winnings, but even these claims to fame pale into insignificance when compared to the diverse talents of Roger Gristwood: whisky-stocker, college darts captain, and bookmaker extraordinary. Boyd Hilton has just returned to the fold again after a year's absence, and is all set for three years' idleness as he works for his D.Phil. He turns out occasionally for the Iroquois, but the effects of riotous living prevent his being a real asset to the team.

So much for our elder statesmen. In the second category we find those at present working for finals, who may soon be going and who will meet no more.

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Gareth Jones now has a pale, wan look. Bleary-eyed and shoulders bent, he is visibly suffering under the strain of his third year at Oxford, but he has at last succeeded in growing a fine curly moustache to match his fine curly beard. What a contrast we find in Eugene Rigg, that tall, lithe figure bursting with vitality, to whom twelve hours' work a day comes as easily as writing a cheque for all the swinging clothes he wears. Paul Horwich, on the other hand, takes life more placidly preferring a pleasant rubber of bridge between physics experiments. He has even been known to play in the BNC soccer team. Such heresy would certainly not be tolerated by Roger Cox, who has kept out of everyone's way so skilfully this year that all one can say of him is that he has not played lacrosse, practised on his violin or grown a beard.

Julian Sternberg is studying for Physics Finals at Pembroke.

T. Taylor is taking a degree in Mechanical Engineering at BNC.

Of the newcomers to Oxford, this year, only two, Stuart Ogden and Jerry McMullen, have responded to the call of lacrosse. Ogden has already made his mark on the University 1st Team and is clearly being groomed to put Oxford back on the map in the lacrosse world. McMullen plays for the Iroquois when the mood takes him and has now found that law isn't the easy option he thought; he is hurriedly looking around for something less taxing before Prelims. With them as BNC is ex-RSM John Rushton who has continued his military interest by joining the O.T.C. He is bitterly jealous of Simon Harrold at Pembroke who, by signing on as a regular, is actually paid by H.M.G. for doing nothing, although he prefers the more euphemistic description of reading P.P.E.

John Castelberg is reading Modern Languages at B.N.C.

Malcolm Crosby is reading Modern Languages at Worcester.

In the intermediate stage of second year men who don't really know whether they're coming or going, Allen Broome has succeeded to the position of secretary of the Iroquois, and is thankful that the early season's talk of weight-lifting and such like has not materialised, thus allaying his fears of going down in history as the only Iroquois secretary not to hold his place on the team. No such worries beset Mark Wolstenholme, who keeps fit by cross-country running and climbing (usually out of college after all-night parties by the B.N.C. in-set). The scholarly David Vaughan relaxes from Aristotle and Co. with the occasional light-hearted game of chess. He is also an avid member of the Archaeological Society and his beady brown eyes always seem to be on the look out for some new find. He could do worse than to find the whereabouts of David Whitworth, last

year's golden wonder boy of lacrosse. His crisp play so impressed several old salts that they thought that this year he had a half-blue in the bag. During the vacation, however, Whitworth got married and now, understandably, perhaps, but regrettably, he prefers the comforts of matrimony to turning out twice a week. Fortunately Steve Bentham has not allowed love to interfere with his sport. He is also doing so well in chemistry, incidentally, that he is now able to give Gareth Jones some sorely needed help with his Finals problems.

Andrew Hamnett is reading Chemistry at University College.

Z. J. Qureshi is reading English at St. Edmund Hall.

Such, then, is the Oxford scene, 1968. Luckily, however, this account will appear too late to deter people from applying here, and we look forward to welcoming the fresh intake from school next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Box 483

Wagga Wagga,
New South Wales,
Australia,
30. 10. 67.

The Editor,
Hulmeian,

AUSTRALIA 1967

Dear Sir,

I have been in Australia now for nearly two years and as I receive my *Hulmeian* every four months I am reminded to submit something from down under. My original ideas of calling it "O.H.—Australia" fell a little flat as it would turn out close to an autobiography! I am a little surprised at having not met anyone from "school," as I must have met at least half a dozen University colleagues who have either come for good or are just having a look at what Australia has to offer. Before giving you a run down on a "Pom's impression of Australia," I must make mention that I did meet an OH in Adelaide in March 1966. An O.H. who has certainly made an unusual career for himself yet must rank as one of the best paid young men at the moment. Dereck Leckenby—bass guitar and often musical arranger for Herman's Hermits—.

"Lek" is still quiet, unassuming and has the looks more of a post grad. student doing a Ph.D. than a "pop" idol. It's a pity that the popular press paint the teenage pop scene with so much vulgarity, immorality and drug taking. However, since it was just a one night stand to 1200 Adelaide pop fans, our chance meeting was short.

Unlike many from the U.K., I have not emigrated to Australia—I was lucky to be posted here for a two year tour with an International Oil Company.

Australians still ask me "How do I like Australia?" and I always fight shy of giving them the old well worn cliches full of generalities. One *can* make certain generalities, however

Climate-wise, Australia can justly boast average maximum summer temperatures of 80°, whilst in Adelaide in 1966 we had a series of 8 consecutive days with the temperature in excess of 100°. The climate makes for the sportsman's dream—even in winter, spectators at the unique Aussie Rules Football rarely wear coats; in fact, it is normally shirt sleeves. The summer lasts for very nearly six months—October to March—which, coupled with the mild winters, makes for a climate surpassing even that of the Mediterranean. I am at the moment referring to the states other than Queensland which of course is in the tropics and which I have as yet not visited.

Perhaps one of the currently favourite news items on aspects of Australia to reach the U.K. Press would be the saga of the Sydney Opera House. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that this building which is

almost complete is one of the most exciting pieces of architecture in the twentieth century. Ironically, though, the last laugh is yet to come,—although billed as an Opera House, the amount of Opera that is likely to be seen by Sydney theatregoers will be a maximum of four weeks each year Its principal function will be as a concert hall to house the avaricious Sydney concert-goer. At present the Sydney Town Hall (capacity 2,500) holds three consecutive concerts with identical programmes to packed houses.

If you are contemplating going abroad, I could recommend a year or two in Australia as a very worthwhile experience—leave your raincoat, overcoat and wellington boots at home and bring with you an open mind to enjoy a developing country with amazing contrasts. However, don't just plan to visit the cities—go and work on a sheep station because this is where you will find Australia begins to live.

R. HEATH.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Eleventh Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, in November and proved as popular as ever. We were pleased to see a number of new parents and we hope that they will continue to give us their support. The Tombola stall, manned by the Committee on a rota basis (I overheard many dark words about that rota) did very well indeed and was almost a sell-out. To those parents and friends who donated prizes and bought tickets we express our grateful thanks. The evening was enlivened by rumours, cheers and counter-cheers about certain bye-election results including one in Manchester, but I'm glad to be able to report that all present bore themselves with decorum.

Early in December Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bryans, Mr. Langford, Mr. Peat and Mr. Phillips gave us a talk on William Hulme's on Holiday. The talk was illustrated with photographic slides and we were able to see our "dear ones" in their unnatural habitats. The more unnatural the better as far as most were concerned and their roving eyes were obviously accompanied by equally roving eyes. The holidays illustrated included the Lakes, the Cottages, Norfolk Broads, Italy, Switzerland and France. For a change we also saw pictures of parents visiting the cottages, but we thought the more attractive pictures of the cottages were those taken in times of flood. It was a very enjoyable and well-attended evening.

Our Christmas Party was at the School on the 20th December. Despite the 'flu epidemic we had a full house for the festivities. Scorned these days by the

young, Father Christmas came to our party and received an uproarious welcome which showed that the parents at least know when to believe a good thing. He responded in his usual generous manner and distributed gifts to all present. The refreshments were very good indeed and our thanks are due to Mrs. Taylor and her ladies for their good work.

When these notes appear in print we shall have had our Supper Dance at the Manor Hey Hotel, Urmston on the 23rd January. Last year it was very successful and so we determined to include it in the list of annual events. This year will, I hope, prove the decision to have been a popular one. In March we shall be holding our Annual Social at the Embassy Rooms. This is an informal occasion to which we invite the staff and their ladies as our guests. More about this later but meanwhile make a note to complete and forward the appropriate page in the booklet distributed to all parents.

If any new parents have not yet joined the Association the Treasurer or Secretary will be pleased to hear from them. The Committee look forward to meeting all members again at forthcoming functions and if there is anything you wish to know about the Association and its activities please don't hesitate to ask any Committee member who will be only too pleased to help.

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