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EDITORIAL

With this edition of the magazine, we say goodbye to the sixties, a decade which has seen great changes in the school and the magazine: The year system and fagging have been abolished, and over a thousand boys have come and gone; we have seen a new headmaster, and three changes in the mag's cover and format, which we hope are an improvement on those of 1960. This year has seen Mill Hill's Rugby Football Centenary season, and the Centenary match which offered the most memorable play of the year.

With the seventies, we shall see new extensions to the school's facilities, financed by an Appeal described on the centre pages. Of particular interest to the school is the new sixth form centre.

An article about Michael Corby, a notable Old Millhillian, appeared in Sportsweek, which we reprint here.

This magazine is being published simultaneously with the official launching of the Appeal intentionally; it is NOT late.

N.M.T. G.L.

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ORIGINAL

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THE BEACH

Along the beach,
Where numerous waves pound continuously in,
I walked and watched.
Why did I watch?
I didn't really know,
For I had seen it all before.
So many times before.

I cursed a crab,
Which scuttled away
In that peculiar fashion in which crabs do;
I had thrown a stone.
I do not like crabs;
Never did and never will.

M.V.E.

WORDS

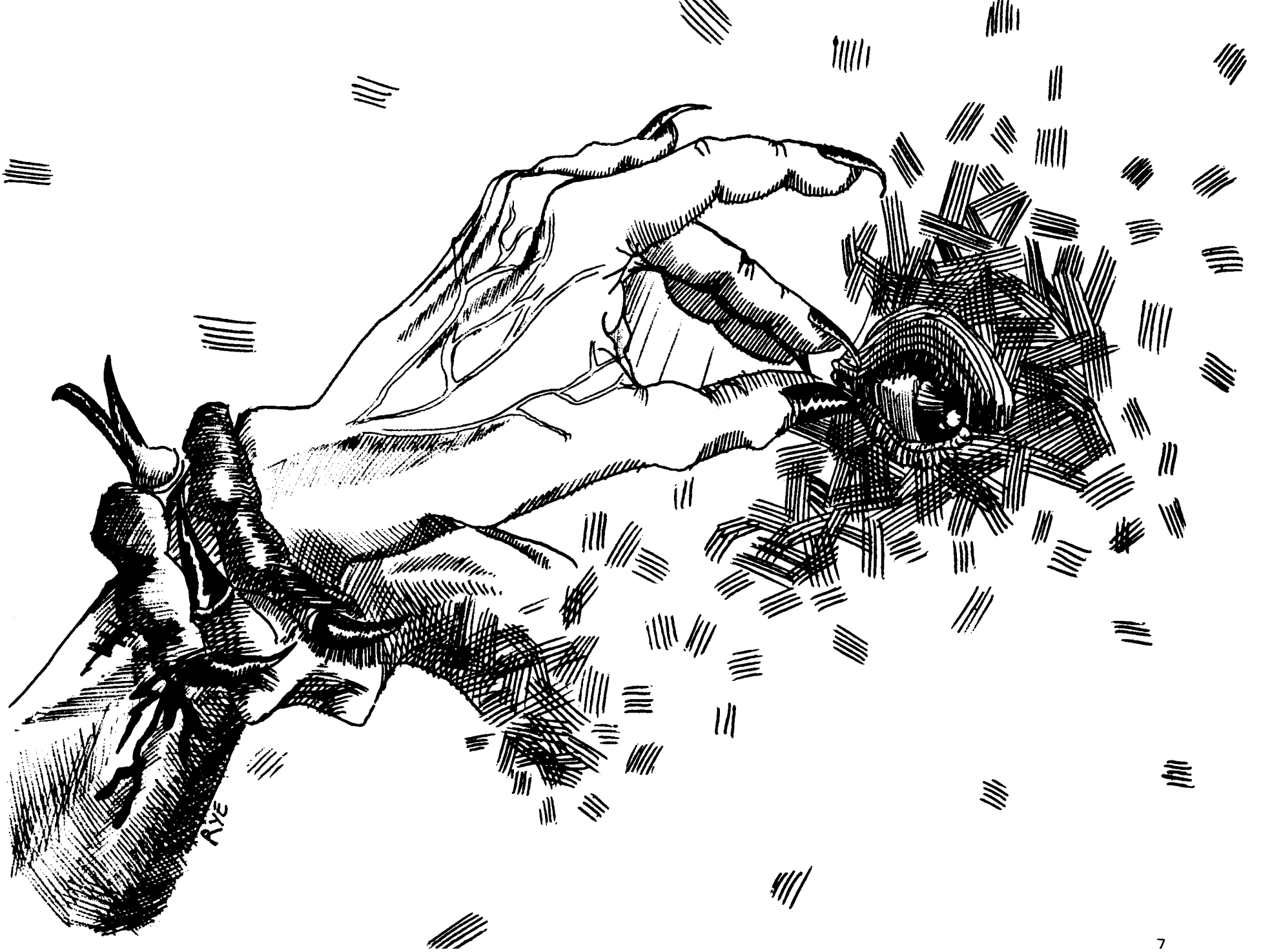
Words, tiny hard knots of thoughts
On the string of time,
Small flakes of driftwood,
On a sobbing, sighing sea of sorrow.
Yet able to tell all.

M.M.F.

A TRIBUTE to a GARDENER

*Not looking back on salt wounds,
Not like a swan.
Man is revolutionary,
His quest must go on.
Keeper of the past,
Love and Hate and Sorrow,
Looks for an answer,
He can beg, steal or borrow,
Doesn't need the truth,
Just satisfaction . . .
. . . Like a swan.*

Luke



WHAT'S UNCONQUERED 10,000 A.D.

Caught in the crossfires of Man's dreams,
A human planet breathes its last,
For Man cannot conquer any more

What's already been explored before.
Nothing's unconquered but God's paradise,
So now Man dies; to conquer.

J.L.H.

PEACE and LOVE

Peace and love,
Come like a dove
Upon the wings of time.
Spreading forth in every place
The preternatural rhyme.
Falling foul to many wars,
The one true thing man abhors,
Peace and love will break through
Given time.

M.V.E.





"HEAR YE! HEAR YE! LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CONCEIT"

(In the capsule before blast-off)

**Bean, Gordon, Conrad, sitting strapped back
Against their only link with life, a thousand dollar life support pack.
And speaking into their platinum-coated microphones, they talk
Of future missions, the next "vital" space-walk,
And that is all.**

(Blast off!)

**Bean, Gordon, Conrad, pressed back by "Gee"
On their hundred dollar cushions, are blasting out to sea,
And at the start the most explosive fuel known to man drains out
(A couple of million dollars of that fuel drain out)
And that is all.**

(They're on their way!)

**Bean, Gordon, Conrad, three normal men, they say,
Are using up the President of America's Monthly pay
EVERY DAMNED MINUTE! They've lost two stages, and they're off. Now
To the moon. It took one thousand men to find how,
And that is all.**

(Meanwhile back on the ranch . . .)

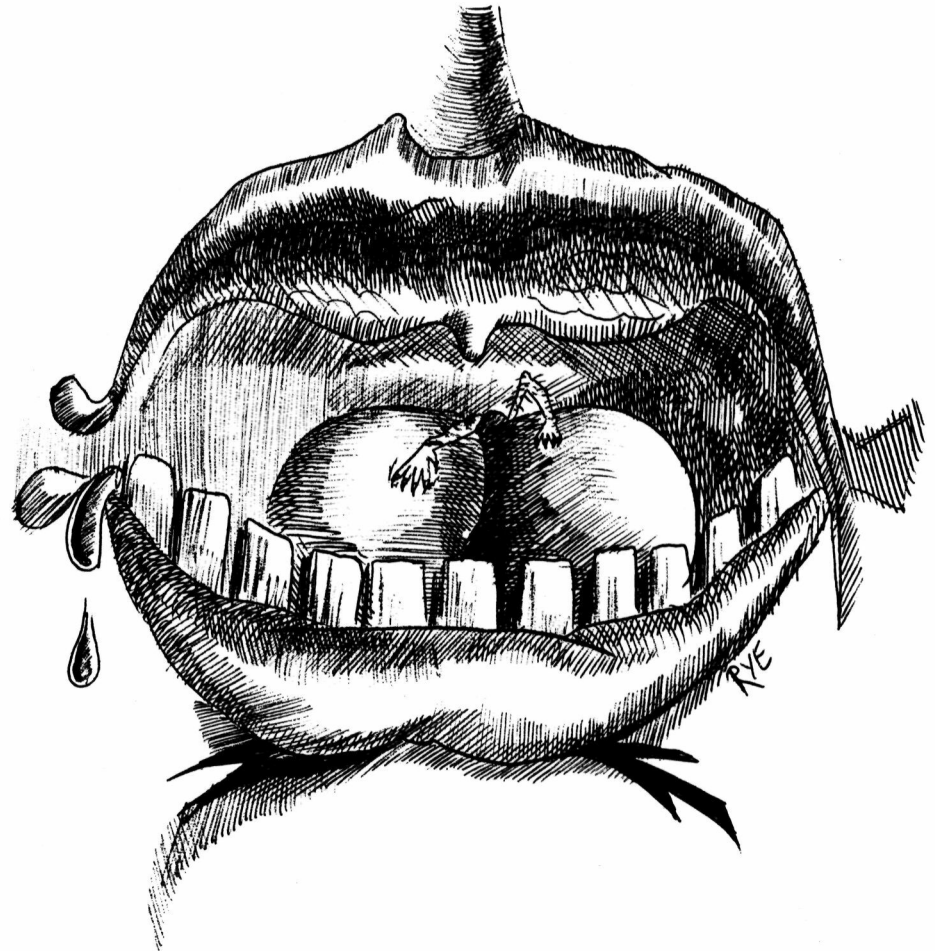
**Three hundred thousand American G.I.'s fed up and tired
Stumble through the rancid, stinking, Vietnam mires
Sit down, give up, and die.
Twice as many peasants, no longer able to cry,
And that is all.**

(The glorious return)

**And now for those brave astronauts
Who every heart has stirred,
"Three cheers! Hurrah! It's Victory!
The Moon at last! We've heard.**

**And for the driven Vietnamese,
The bravery which no one sees,
The begging soldiers on their knees,
The dying earth, and leafless trees,
O GOD! Not . . . a . . . word.**

Barry Keats Flynn.



OUR CIVILISATION

IS DESTINED...?

"I wish I could be alive when men first visit the planets."

It was ten weeks since he made that remark to Bill Texas, who had gone in for a special type of surgery.

"Our generation may go to the moon, but trips to Mars and Venus aren't so near. It would be marvellous to know what's up there."

Bill had looked at him earnestly. "Freddie Skippett" he had said, "You're twenty-seven years old. You've no immediate family, no one who would miss you too badly if you — er — disappeared. If you volunteered to be our first guinea pig for the deep freeze experiments, you might have your wish to see the world's discoveries of two hundred years from now."

Fred's consent was followed by many tests, interviews, signing of papers. Now here he was on the table, his arm stretched out waiting for the injection.

The instructions are in a sealed box which the hospital staff will hand down from one generation to another, they'll know how to resuscitate you. O.K.? Good Luck."

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Freddie opened his eyes. There were several people in white coats.

"How are you feeling, Mr. Skippett?" asked a very attractive nurse on his left.

"O.K., thanks."

They wouldn't let him get up.

"Don't try too much at first" a doctor warned. "We're going to thaw you out properly in a warm bed."

He was wheeled into a room and laid in the bed. It was delightfully warm. But there were no electric heaters . . . nor had there been any of the large, old electric light bulbs in the theatre. Otherwise the Hospital was the same, apart from the staff. Something must have gone wrong.

The nurse entered.

"By the way he asked", he asked, trying to sound casual, "what's the date?"

She smiled at him. "It's the 21st of May, 2169."

Another nurse came in and put a paraffin lamp on the table.

At his question about electricity, the nurse looked mystified.

"They used to use it for lighting," said the doctor, entering at that moment. "Electric light was given up through lack of resources and too high prices: the bills weren't being paid." Once his health was established, a visitor was announced.

A few minutes later a small, elderly, bearded man scuffled in.

"This is a great honour," he stammered. "Can you tell me about your twenty-seven years of memories before 1969?"

Freddie did not know where to start, but he was soon prompted and began to discuss their cars, trains, and aircraft.

"But your transport system must be very much more advanced," Fred added.

The professor eyed him over the tops of his spectacles.

"Would you like to have a look at our transport?"

Freddie was helped over to the window. In his day there had been a long stream of cars and buses on the road outside.

Now he saw a group of people walking and a man on horseback.

A large van drawn by two horses emerged slowly from a side street.

"No cars? None at all?" Freddie was startled and shocked.

"They went out about 100 years ago. Petrol became too expensive and cars and taxes became too high. We gave up the car because a horse was cheaper."

"Aeroplanes?"

"They disappeared too."

"So Mars and Venus haven't been explored?"

"Mars and . . . Oh! the planets! We can only study them with telescopes. How could they be explored when they're so many millions of miles away?"

"But as civilisation advances it should be possible to . . ."

"Civilisation hasn't advanced. Your age was our civilisation's height. It was the same with the Greeks, the Romans and the Egyptians you know. Those prices put us back a long way . . . especially transport. Some day, people will reach Mars and Venus. But all that's hundreds of years in the future. It takes you a month to get to America with a good wind."

Freddie was not listening. He was staring at the horse traffic of 2169 . . .

Phil Dexter.

The individual in society : a retrospective survey

Mutual criticism is the greatest asset that any society can have. Much as this may seem unhealthy pessimism, nevertheless, as we are told, "I am an optimist; I believe in the fall of man". If only we can recognize the dangers, then we can start progress.

Many are the slogans that have been bandied about in the discussion of democracy in education. We talk of participation as the solution to all problems yet if we are thinking solely in terms of committees and student parliaments we are deluding ourselves — we have missed the point. The one vital factor, the *sine qua non* of democracy is not formalisation into committees, but COMMUNICATION. No elected body will be worthwhile — just as no appointed body such as the school staff, is worthwhile — unless communication is strong. Strong communication will go over the heads of committees. So committees and such formalities of participation are in themselves redundant.

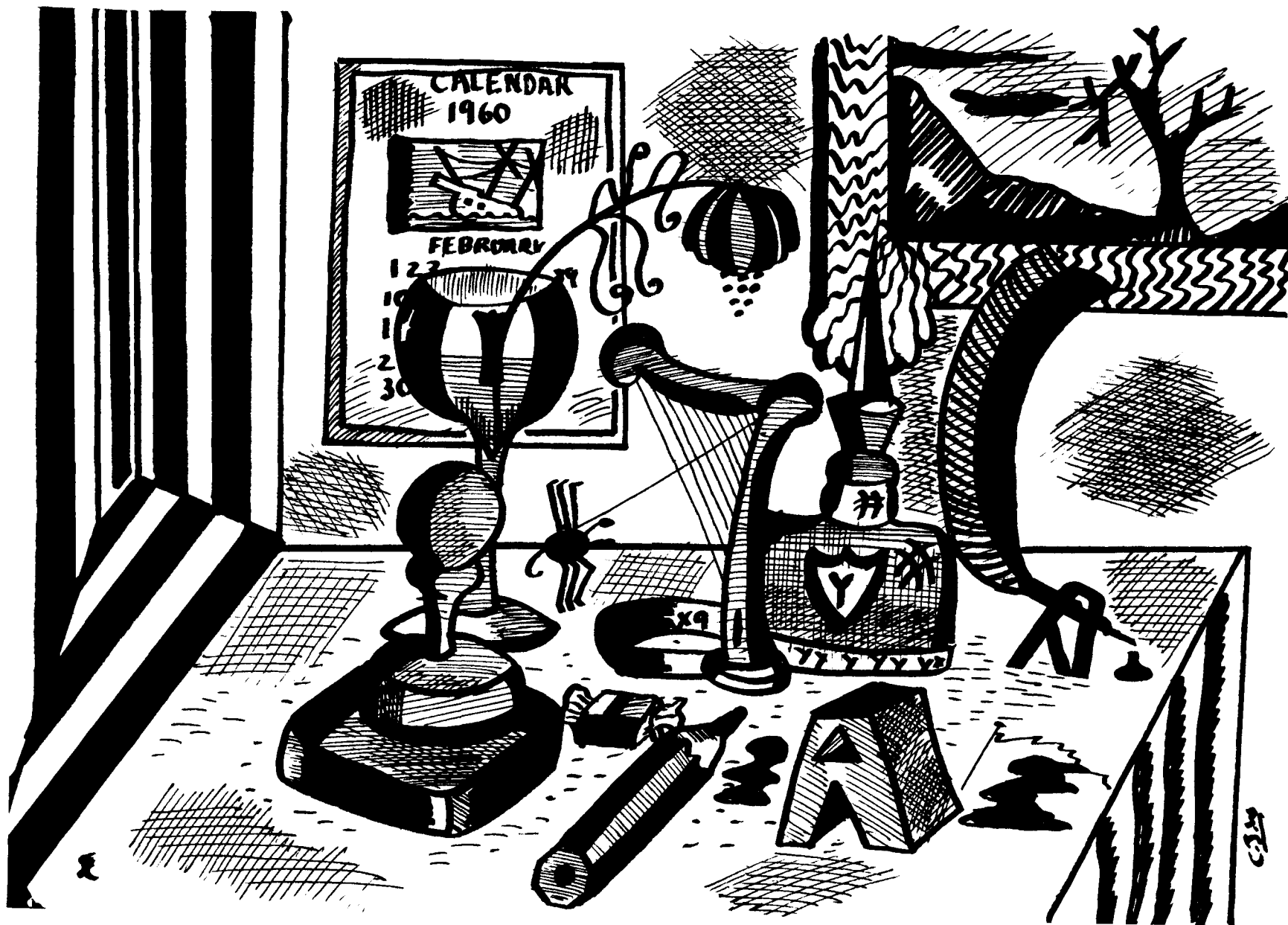
Looking back on the faults of the school, it is in this perspective that I see the barrier to a forcefully active school — the only bastion against governmental interference. Where communication has broken down between housemaster and boys, between housemaster and headmaster, the situation has become intolerable. If housemasters — or, to a lesser extent, heads of houses — are unable to communicate with boys, boys will become and have become already in some cases, frustrated in their desire to work within the school system. That is the great danger; that the more intelligent seniors should become alienated from the "establishment". If we are to be completely honest we must see failure in two regions. First of all: housemasters must know the members of their houses, they must be continually in touch, aware of everything that is happening, ready to spare time, even waste time, attaining a satisfactory understanding of character.

Secondly, and a far more important point: every single member of the school must stop pretending that he is anything but a member of a community. Of course it should not be completely introspective, indeed we ought to be far more aware of the world outside than we are now; but the societies and involvement in such often mundane activities is the only key to a healthier and more original school. We have plenty of talent: musical, artistic, literary; let's stop thinking it is "pseud" to be interested in Ibsen or Mondrian, or in the crisis in American society, and try to help those who don't ever think about such things. What is needed is far greater involvement: of masters in boys' affairs, of boys in what should be their own.

But given such an involvement, we must also develop a capacity for detachment: to be able to recognize faults, to be able to view the school through impartial eyes. The stepping stone to this is freer criticism. It is still considered somewhat immoral to criticize the "establishment" in writing: but it is only through a far healthier criticism that we can hope to survive at all.

Of course I believe in democracy. I have the disadvantage in our materialistic world of being a liberal and an idealist. But I have become increasingly disillusioned with the "committee" mentality and with the methods of assembly and mass "oratory". Two terms ago we were tortured with a magazine that set out supposedly superior educational systems. One German gymnasium discussed had for its system of communication a loud speaker. Not here thanks; we have 14 years to run till 1984. It is only through personnel contact that the school can achieve an effective purpose. That is how Murray was run this term — I believe it worked. It was certainly friendly — a great asset; and in any case it is attitudes not actions that determine society. If only we could lower ourselves to communicate with the boy in the next study . . .

Mark Tinker



GOODBYE SIXTIES

School News

Mr P. M. Slafter is leaving us after a term to take up an appointment at Burnham Grammar School.

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We would like to congratulate **Mr and Mrs David Martin** on the birth of their daughter, Jean, on August 2nd.

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The school is to be congratulated on the acquisition of a new Mini-bus. As well as providing a sporting challenge to Messrs Starkey and Veit, it is proving a valuable addition to the transport facilities available at the school.

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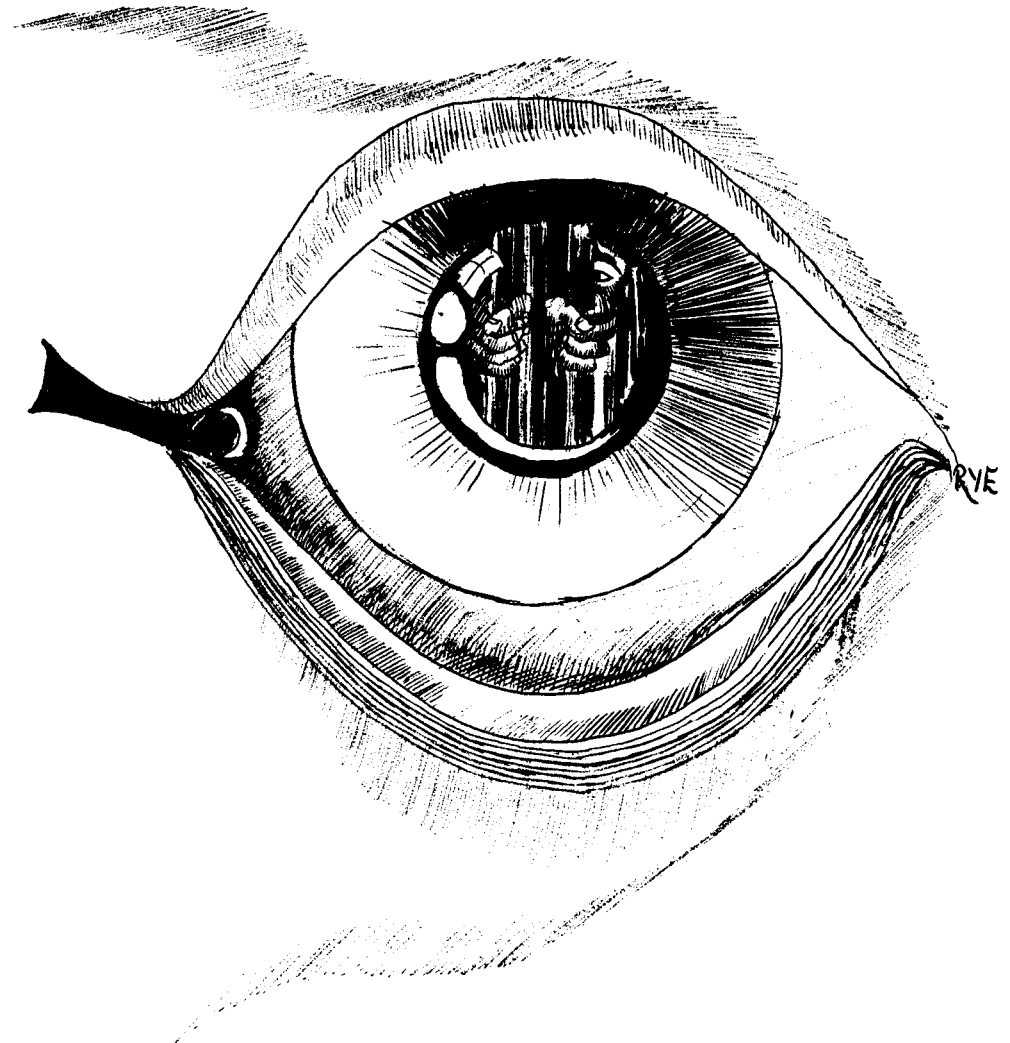
Congratulations to **John Stanbury** (64-69) who was runner up in the British Under-20 foil championship at the Beaumont Centre, London, and automatically qualified for the World Youth championship in Turkey at Easter.

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On 11th October, **The Pilgrim Players** visited the school to perform Hamlet. They produced a very worthwhile performance, which was appreciated by all.

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On 29th November a school dance was held in the large. Trouble was restricted to the projection of missiles at the "bouncer" but much enjoyment was had by all.



AUTUMN CHAPEL

There have been services to suit all tastes this term — except the tastes of the people who don't like services at all! On one or two occasions it has been possible for people to choose between a morning Communion Service or an Evening Service but, while we are happy for anyone just once, or maybe twice, to "observe" a Christian Communion Service, the choice is primarily intended for those who are committed to the Christian way of life.

The term began with the Head Master preaching and on the second Sunday the Chaplain involved quite a number of people in the Harvest Festival. He then preached a "straight sermon" on the third Sunday, and (to reassure those who wonder whether everything has changed and nothing remains as it was) he preached again on Remembrance Day and towards the end of term. The Head Master also preached again, and we had two visiting preachers: the Rev. Roy Trevivian of the B.B.C. and the Rev. Trevor Beeson, editor of the most lively religious journal of the day, "New Christian".

Another service was composed of many aspects of protest through the years (rather too many, actually, for the time available!) and yet another contained folk music, with a school group of folk singers and players, and a modern parable told by the Chaplain and accompanied by C. J. Jankel on the guitar.

The Head Master's wife produced "The Business of Good Government" (by John Arden) twice on December 7th. The cast had put in a great deal of time rehearsing, and we are grateful. This is the first play to be performed in Chapel and readers who know the design of the Chapel will realise that it was not easy to stage.

The term ended with the usual Festival of Lessons and Carols.

We are always glad to welcome parents provided their sons let us know by the Friday before. We are also happy to receive suggestions about services, both from boys in the school and from all interested people outside.

H.W.S.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The School Choir performed magnificently again at the Choir Supper — in their capacity of gastronomes, (not that their singing of the Choir Grace was to be hiccupped at), and their response to dining with the Head Master and his wife would have done credit — as was fully intended — to a swarm of locusts. Unfortunately, the Head Master was unable to be present this year; but we were delighted that Mrs. Hart was able to be with us, as well as the Second Master and Mrs. Stanham, and Mr. and Mrs. Starkey. This annual get-together was marked by an excellent meal, organised by Miss Symonds, and a particularly good speech by the Choir Manager.

Richard Belton provided the unusual example of the Choir Manager who has achieved all: his Cambridge scholarship, at the first attempt, was a splendid achievement and we all wish him well.

The Choir Supper and Richard Belton's scholarship apart, the School Choir has got down to its annual job of rebuilding, hoping that the cracks in the set-up could be plastered over in time for next Sunday's service. Fortunately, the Chapel Singers have been of assistance here, not only in singing John Ireland's anthem "Many waters cannot quench love," but by supplying the confidence sometimes found lacking in an inexperienced Choir. The Chapel Singers sang splendidly at a recital in St. Paul's, Mill Hill.

Latterly in the autumn term, the School Choir has turned its attention to the Carol Services on December 6th.

S.J.B.

SCHOOL STAFF

Senior Monitor P. M. R. Tinker (M)

Monitors S. A. Clarke (S)
M. J. Freeth (S)
M. J. Fuchs (W)
J. A. B. Gray (S)
A. A. D. James (C)
D. B. B. Kenning (R)
P. I. Kino (B)

Prefects M. E. Carter (S)
P. R. Clark (W)
M. R. Phillips (C)
G. H. Roberts (W)
M. D. Stuart (R)
C. A. L. Weber (R)
A. P. T. Wilkinson (M)
N. C. Winter (M)
F. G. A. Passmore (S)
R. H. Belton (S)
D. A. Hopkins (S)
M. Muller (B)
T. R. Spencer (B)
C. F. H. Bishop (C)
H. P. S. Shaw (R)
I. M. Harris (M)

Obituaries

JOHN ROBERT HUME

School House 1964 - 1968

John Hume was killed in a car accident in Rhodesia on Wednesday 16th July, 1969.

Firstly we grieve for those who have suffered by his tragic loss, especially for his parents and family who were so dear to him, of whom he was so proud, and who are, we know, here with us in spirit at this moment. And we also grieve for ourselves, amongst whom he lived and worked and played for five years.

Secondly, the sudden and inexplicable loss of someone so near to us, whom we knew so well, is always a shattering experience. We ask why and cannot find the answer. But it also reminds us that life is brief for us all, and that we must grasp it with both hands: a matter in which John himself set such a notable example.

But what is most important is that John's friends remember him and his life with affection and joy.

John was an outstanding games player, and naturally gifted at everything he turned his hand, and foot to: Rugby and hockey and cricket, and most of the minor sports as well. Always proud and confident in his talents, a feared and respected rival and opponent, a great force to have on your own side. And particularly proud of his father's achievements, and anxious to emulate him.

But much more important than this God-given ability at games, was his character and personality. Always full of life and energy and gaiety, he was never (in what is sometimes the modern manner) ashamed to show enthusiasm and enjoyment in the circumstances and opportunities which presented themselves. As his House Master, I always thought of him as the typical Public Schoolboy. Refreshingly genuine, transparently honest, never afraid to express and defend "old-fashioned" attitudes and virtues, without a trace of the veneer of cynicism with which lesser personalities sometimes try to conceal their own uncertainties. He was also immensely proud of his House and School and the traditions which support them, at a time when these traditions are being attacked from many sides.

Always friendly and polite, a clean, upstanding figure, he was a fine ambassador for the School at home and abroad; and as he grew older, easily able to do that most difficult of things for an adolescent boy — converse on equal and unaffected terms with his elders.

He was, in short, a fine example to his House, and indeed to all his friends.

We mourn the loss of John Hume; we grieve for his parents and family; but above all we thank God for our pleasure and enrichment in knowing him, and for the joy of his memory.

From a tribute paid by O. J. Wait in the memorial service to John Hume.

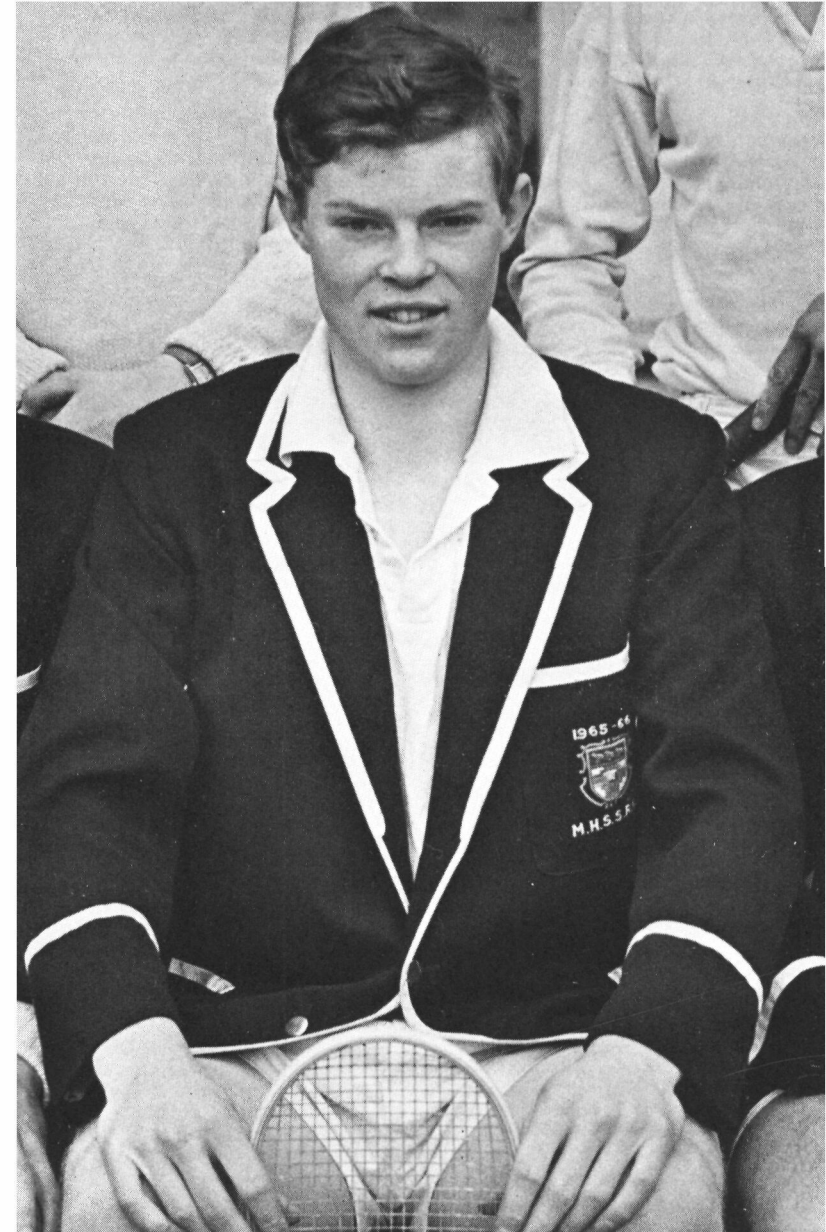
MR. E. ROBINSON

Emmott Robinson, one of the great Yorkshire Cricketers, died on Monday, 17th November, 1969. He was the School's Cricket coach at St. Bees during the war, and it is right that his passing should be recorded in these pages.

We remember him as a genial, white-haired figure, short, stocky and with wonderfully baggy trousers. His enthusiasm for the game and his mastery of the art of coaching were complete. "Pitch 'em oop, lad," he would say. "Off stoomp". And if we couldn't, he could and did, again and again. He got results, too, from his proteges. Surely, Brian Piper's innings against Sedbergh must be unique in Mill Hill's Cricket history. 46 runs came in the thirteen minutes before lunch, 100 in thirty-nine minutes, and then out for 136 in less than an hour.

One final memory remains. The School had beaten Carlisle C.C. at Carlisle by six runs, thanks to an inspired spell of seam bowling by a young colt called Hamilton Bailey. Emmott Robinson, quite beside himself with delight, stumped happily out of the ground on his way back to Yorkshire, his summer's work over.

C.D.L.S.



John Hume

Valete

Allen S. (65-69), Burton Bank: Upper Arts Sixth.

Andrew N. C. (65-69), Ridgeway: Upper Medical Sixth; House Prefect; Senior Swimming Team 68, 3rd XI Cricket & 2nd XV 69; Hon. Sec. Koinonia, Music Club, Innomates; wishes to read Medicine at London Hospital; 3 Farm Rise, Whittleford, Cambs.

Armitage M. A. (65-69), Weymouth: Upper Arts Sixth.

Carter M. E. (64-69), Weymouth: Upper Science Sixth; School Prefect; 5th XV & 4th XI Cricket 68, 4th XV & 2nd XI 69; Geographical, Science & Photographic Societies, committee member Printing Society; trying for university 70; working for 9 months in industry; 5 Wedderburn House, Wedderburn Rd., Hampstead N.W.3.

Clarke S. A. (65-69), Scrutton: Upper Science/Maths Sixth; Monitor; Rugger: Yearlings 65, Junior Colts 66, Colts 67, 2nd XV 68, 1st XV 69, Capt. Shooting 66-69; Photographic & Science Societies; working until university entrance in Sept.; Wychwood, Daws Hill Lane, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Clissold A. J. (66-69), School House: Vth form; Printing & Photographic Societies; going to Tech. Coll.; Old Lane House, Old Lane, Knebworth, Herts.

Dungay M. (65-69), Collinson: Upper Arts Sixth.

Ellinopoulos A. (68-69), Weymouth: Lower Medical Sixth; Drum Major i/c Band; future plans undecided; no fixed address.

Freeth M. J. (64-69), Weymouth: Upper Medical Sixth; Head of House, Monitor; 1st XI Hockey 67-69, 1st XV 68-69, 3rd XI Cricket 68; Natural History & Concert Societies, Innomates; continuing studies in London or America; Crosslands, Nantwich, Cheshire.

Fuchs M. J. (64-69); Monitor; Upper Arts VI; Editor 68; Venture Scouts 67-68; Hon. Treas. Natural History Society; Choir 64-69; Music Club; Printing Society; Admin. Hon. Sec. Cross-Country; Form Prizes: German & French 66, History 67, German & Italian 68, English 69; hopes for University; 132 Hempstead Road, Watford, Herts.

Gray J. A. B. (65-69), School House: Monitor, Head of House, Csm i/c Army Section C.C.F.; 2nd XI Cricket & 2nd XV 69; Choir 65-69; Hon. Treas. Geographical Society, Chairman Stage & Cinema Committee, Economics & Natural History Societies; travelling before entering college; Huttons Fm. Hambledon, Henley on Thames, Oxon.

Harris P. S. (66-69), Winterstoke: Lower Arts Sixth.

MacRae S. P. (65-69), Burton Bank: Upper Classical Sixth.

Mizner G. A. (65-69), Murray: Upper Maths Sixth; House Prefect, L. Bombardier C.C.F.; 3rd & 4th XV 69, Athletics team 68, Tennis 68-69, Cross Country 69; Richard Lister Music Prize 67 & 69; Pythagoreans, M.H. Debating Society, Choral Society 65.

Passmore F. G. A. (65-69), School House: Upper Arts Sixth; School Prefect, Petty Officer R.N.; 2nd XI Cricket 68-69 (capt.), 2nd XV 69, Choir 65-69; Geography Prize 69, Music; Geographical, Economics, Natural History & Photographic Societies; gaining practical experience before entering agricultural college; 7 Forest Drive, Keston Park, Kent.

Phillipps M. R. (64-69), Collinson: Upper Arts Sixth; School Prefect; Tennis Team 68, 1st XV, 2nd XI Hockey, Fives Team 68 & 69, 1st XI Cricket 69, Swimming Team; furthering education in Switzerland; "Sunridge", The Close, Totteridge, London N.20.

Scott K. (68-69), Murray: Upper Science Sixth; Physics prize 68, Chemistry & Physics prizes 69; Photographic & Science Societies, Electronics Group, Murray Debating Soc. (Committee); plans to work in research group, Yale University before entering Peterhouse Cambridge to read Natural Sciences.

Stuart M. (64-69), Ridgeway: Upper Arts Sixth.

Thompson R. J. W. (65-69), Upper Arts Sixth; House Prefect; 1st XV Rugger Team; 3rd XI Cricket Team; Lower VI Geography Prize; various societies; School House & School Stage 67-69; going to a university Oct. 70; 2 Drury Road, Barnet, Herts.

Tinker M. (65-69), Murray: Upper Arts Sixth (History); Senior Monitor, Head of House, Rules Committee; House Music 68-69, Chorus Leader 66-67; Entrance Scholarship 65; IVs English Prize 66, Music Prize, McGowan Essay Prize 67 (& 68), Lower VI History & Latin Prize 68; Open Essay Prize, O.M.s' Lodge Prize for History & French (Upper VI) 69; French Reading & Speech 69; "Telly" Team 66; Choir, Music Club, Chamber Orchestra, Ernest Read 68, Chapel Singers; Editor of "Forum" 68 & 69; Scenic Designer School Play 68; Architectural Society Founder & President; M.H.D.S. — President; Witton — Prolocutor; Committee Christian Fellowship; Task Force; Koinonia, Phoebeans, Ancients Anonymous, Modern Languages, Arts Societies; working with Ernő Goldfinger F.R.I.B.A., and travelling in Scandinavia before entering Sidney Sussex College Cambridge to read architecture; 6 Holdene Ave., Mill Hill, N.W.7.

Weber C. A. L. (64-69), Ridgeway: Upper Arts Sixth.

Winter N. C. (65-69), Murray: Upper Arts Sixth; School Prefect, R.E.M.E. Gunner; Athletics 66-69, Barnet Schools Team 68 & 69, Cross Country 65-69, Boxing 66, 4th XV 69 (capt., once then 5th XV!); Lower VI English Prize 68, Upper VI Economics Prize 69, Peter Davies Memorial Prize 68; President of Economics Society, Modern Language Society, Architectural Society, Christian Fellowship, M.H.S.D.S., Bubble Club; hoping to enter a university in 1970 to study social psychology; 98 Holder's Hill Rd., Hendon N.W.4. — until new year.

Woodhams J. B. (65-69), Burton Bank: Upper Classical Sixth; House Prefect; School Choir 65-69, School Play 66 & 67; IV form prize for Maths, Vth form for English & Greek, Lower VIth for Latin & Greek, Upper VIth for Classics; co-founder & President of Astronomical Society, Scriba of Interpretes, Committee member of Koinonia, Music Club; travelling abroad before going to University; The Grange, Bayley's Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Salvete

Allen S. G. (Ripley Court School), Ridgeway.

Alder P. M. (Davie's N.W.3.), Murray.

Amin J. (Whitefield Bilateral School), School House.

Bourne P. D. H. (Belmont), Burton Bank.

Comoy J. H. (The Hall), Murray.

De Silva S. C. (Davie's N.W.3.), Murray.

Farris S. C. (Emscote Lawn), School House.

Harkett D. M. (Belmont), School House.

Kalms S. J. (Beechwood Park), School House.

Lansbury B. J. (Belmont), Collinson.

Leong C. R. (Belmont), Winterstoke.

Liang M. Y-E. (Belmont), Murray.

Michael D. (Davie's N.W.3.), Murray.

Noorani A. (Windlesham House), School House.

Peacock J-W. S. (Beechwood Park), School House.

Piggot S. C. (Feltonfleet School), Collinson.

Priestley R. G. (Ravenswood School), School House.

Sidhwa D. B. (St. Joseph's Convent, Dar-es-Salaam), Burton Bank.

Studd S. G. (Hawkhurst Court School), Ridgeway.

Woodhead R. J. (Lycee Francais de Londres), Ridgeway.

FRIDAYS

SCOUTING

A large Scout Troop cannot be run in the same way as a small one. The School Troop is now very large indeed — about ninety — and is having to come to terms with itself. Meanwhile not everything is carried through as efficiently as it should be.

Mr. Huxtable was much missed as we started the year, but we have welcomed Mr. Tyers and Mr. FitzHugh as additional leaders.

An innovation was a week-end camp, three weeks after the start of term, for all new recruits. This was run by Mr. Martin with much help from last year's, and this year's, P.L.s. It appears to have been thoroughly worthwhile.

A large number visited Hatfield Forest in Essex for Field Day: some were hiking some orienteering. Climbing training has been organised by Mr. FitzHugh. A visit to the Longridge Sailing Base at Marlow was too short to be worthwhile but it is hoped to use the Welsh Harp base more and more.

There is a good chance that we will pull through the difficulties without reducing the size of the troop and we are hoping to make the 1970 Troop the most interesting and exciting that we have ever had.

H.W.S.

ARMY SECTION

The scope of our activities this term has not been as wide as we would have liked largely because of a shortage of officers. On Field Days and long afternoons the problems of providing supervision for a variety of activities becomes insurmountable and inevitably interest flags.

Nevertheless things do happen and we have been out and about. The Lyke Wake Walk was done again, everyone completed the course and we are most grateful to Messrs. Veit, Bromehead and the Master of Belmont for their guidance and help.

An attempt has been made to revive the Band and for their help in this we are most grateful to the C.C.F. Contingent of Christs College Finchley. They have been coming to Mill Hill each Sunday this term to instruct our cadets. They also took our band to one of their week end band camps.

Cadets have been away on week end Drill Courses sponsored by the Brigade of Guards at Windsor and Caterham, and we hope to benefit from their experience next term.

We are running two open camps in 1970. Our main one is at Leek in Staffordshire, quite near to our week end Training area in the Peak District. There is also a Joint Services Camp at Fort St Angelo, in Malta, which promises to be very interesting.

To return briefly to the question of officer-manning of the C.C.F. we would be extremely grateful if any Old Millhillian or friend of the School could help us out. The scope of available activities is extremely wide but we particularly need help with week end adventure exercises of an arduous training nature.

D.M.F.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

This term has by no means been drowned with activity; a majority of the afternoons being spent learning for the end of term Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency exams.

A map-reading exercise successfully broke the monotony of the usual boring "long Thursday". The other Thursday was spent mainly watching old R.A.F. films which went far to improve our knowledge of the young corps.

The cold weather set in soon after a clamp-down on wearing school clothes under our No. 8's but nine of us "volunteered" to push a car along the Ridgeway and down Milesplit Hill.

The cancellation of the formal parade owing to snow was taken down-heartedly by the section who had unwillingly spent most of the previous afternoon touching up their kit.

Many thanks go to the help given cleaning and painting the whaler on Field Day. We are pleased to say it was a highly successful operation and it is now available for shaving in every morning.

When this report is published the results of our exams will be known and we only hope that C.P.O. Flower has not been too harsh on us.

C. J. Creffield is to be congratulated on his success in the Dartmouth Scholarship for entry into the Senior Service in 1972.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

This term thirty of our strength of fifty-one have flown at White Waltham and we hope to have had everybody in the air by the beginning of March. What is more, only one cadet has had to use the brown paper bag supplied. We even succeeded in persuading our Royal Signals officer to take to the air — an experience which, in his own words, he quite enjoyed.

Field Day was spent by 'B' Flight at RAF Benson in Oxfordshire and their day included a flight in an Argosy, mostly on circuits and bumps around the airfield. Our recruits spent the Sunday afternoon of Field Day weekend being driven round and round Berkhamsted Common in the one-tonner trying to find somewhere away from the day-trippers to pitch camp for the night. An excellent spot was eventually found.

Cpl. Gribble has continued to spend his weekends helping at the gliding school at RAF Halton, and a party of senior cadets spent an enjoyable Field Day there.

Of the two long afternoons, one was spent by some cadets at the Shuttleworth museum of old aeroplanes, cars and cycles at Biggleswade while the rest of the section joined with the Army for a visit to the Imperial War Museum.

Proficiency training has continued throughout the term for 'B' Flight and we are hoping for some good results.

We have asked for camp to be at RAF Leeming this Easter so that part of the section might make an attempt on the Lyke Wake Walk on the Yorkshire Moors. We have yet to hear whether our request will be granted or not. Joint service summer camps in Malta and Leek, Staffordshire complete our camp options for this year.

S.M.J.P.

LYKE WAKE WALK II

For the second time in the history of Mill Hill's miscellaneous and stranger achievements a party of assorted cadets covered 40 miles of the Yorkshire Moors under the expert guidance of a veteran of the Walk, Mr. Bromhead, to whom we all owe many thanks for pulling us through — almost literally. Some of us had gone before, for others it was a first-time achievement, but we all felt that it was worthwhile — afterwards.

The journey was long and tiring — in fact so tiring that many seemed to be trying to sleep while walking, and a group of nocturnal comedians was banished to the unfriendly distance of 15 yards behind the party. On this occasion there were no sub-zero temperatures to freeze any snow filling the hollows and covering the bogs, and as a result the resigned cries of those unfortunates who had sunk in bogwater up to their knees or slid back down a muddy slope were not unusual to hear. However, the party was altogether fitter than the previous one and so good progress was made; indeed one leg of the journey was covered so quickly that the original time estimation was cut by no less than one hour, so that we arrived at the end to find not the steaming soup and coffee that we might have expected, but the loud snores of the support party fast asleep in their vehicles.

At this point a few words of sincere thanks must go to this support party for fulfilling so well the unwelcome yet essential task of keeping us alive. As one grateful walker pointed out to one of them, while wading through a large corned-beef sandwich and a mug of steaming soup: "If we were served this sort of thing back at G.C. there'd be a riot, but it sure is good out here!" They were of course the vivacious Mr. Veit and the impeccably dressed Mr. Vine; and believe me, the sight of the red flashing light on the roof of the van and the odour of tobacco smoke drifting on the wind were very welcome indeed. We would also like to thank Mr. Peskett for taking on the burden of arranging the expedition and bravely accompanying us.

So it was that a tired party drifted in groups to the van on the morning of Oct. 26th after 18 hours of trekking across mile after mile of moorland; the sun was bright and the North Sea sparkling after an almost cloudless night, but sleep overcame any appreciation of beauty. We had finished at last. Perhaps some will go again, the rest will probably stay at school and laugh at their folly, but not without a sense of nostalgia, for the completion of the Lyke Wake Walk is not an event to be easily forgotten.

K. N. Milburn



MAN IN SPACE — TRIUMPH OR MADNESS?

The Jubber Lecture by P. E. TRIER Esq. (O.M.)

With the good news that Conrad and Bean had safely rejoined Gordon in the command module, what must have been one of the most topical Jubber Lectures for some years was opened, on the same day that President Nixon signed the document granting the money needed for the next year of the Apollo programme. "Man in Space — Triumph or Madness?" was a thorough and absorbing look at the progress of space technology from its earliest days right up until the time of lecturing. Taken by both ear and eye to launching pads and to Mars, around Venus and into the complexities of capsule construction and trajectories, one was able to catch the feeling of excitement found in space travel — the heights of success, the shattered dreams, the heroes and those unrecognised.

The advance has been so rapid — the first moon landing had been achieved only four months previously — that the question immediately arose as to whether 1969 would be a year to go down in history as one of triumph, or merely be recalled as a stepping-stone toward greater victories. Since the title cast the concepts of manned against unmanned space travel and exploration, Mr. Trier gave a cleverly organised chronological account of the progress made in both fields, and the questions posed both in the title and at the beginning were left to answer for themselves at the end.

A prominent theme throughout the lecture was the great competition between the two powers in space exploration, the "space race". Frequent reference was made to the prestige sought by both the USSR and the USA in their quests, for this was greatly responsible for the tremendous rate of advance in this field. It was President Kennedy who, when the Russians achieved a major victory in proving to the world that a man, Yuri Gagarin, could orbit the earth and return unharmed, called upon America to put a man on the moon within the next decade. The billions of dollars needed to fulfil such a task were poured into the programme year by year, and the far-off target set by the late President was reached with time to spare. The relative failure of the European space programme has been dismally saddening in the light of these achievements, ELDO have not yet launched their satellite that they have been planning so long.

Much time was spent discussing the applications of space travel and the uses of satellites. Photographs sent from unmanned crafts, reassembled by computer, were of an excellent quality and showed how important a role they played in such fields as geology, cartography, meteorology and so on.

The excellence of such photographs was further proof of the necessity of the question posed in the title. Throughout the lecture it became painfully obvious that much is to be said in favour of unmanned as opposed to manned craft in space. Manned craft are extravagant and unnecessary and they are not justifiable solely for scientific exploration. Unmanned space craft are more economical to produce: they need no food other than the conventional fuels, they can stand an infinitely greater range of conditions than can a man, they can do as much as a man and still more, and not least of all, they do not have to be returned whence they came.

It therefore became apparent that in the light of things at present, the future of manned space flights is not an entirely secure one. For expeditions beyond the moon a great improvement must be made in the size of the rockets and the methods of sustaining human life, and furthermore a machine could do as efficient a job as man when it got there. But it was only ten years ago that the thought of a man in space was still an unfulfilled dream. And Mr. Trier did not leave us disheartened, ending on this encouraging note:

"This human urge to go further, stay out longer, and do more than anyone has ever done before is too strong to be depressed by scientific or financial arguments."



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Those who heard John Slater's comments after the Saturday night performance can expect no surprises from me. I was thankful that I did not have to commit myself as immediately as he did, but quiet reflection on the day after confirms his judgement. There should be a trophy for the whole production. Some of Wednesday's audience may not understand this unqualified tribute: I know of people who can hardly believe that the Wednesday and Saturday audiences are talking about the same play. Here the reviewer for the school magazine has an advantage over the professional drama critic: instead of writing about the mishaps of the opening night, I can concentrate on the ultimate achievement.

The beauty of the sets fully deserved the audience's spontaneous applause. Mr. Baker's imaginative designs were well executed by his staff to create memorable pictures. The mellow glow of the gauze street scene evoked the essence of sunny Italy, and the garden backcloth distilled the spirit of romance. The arched interior set was effective too in the way it doubled as Leonato's house and the church. The stage staff rang the frequent changes of these scenes with admirable precision. Where the changes of scene depended on lighting, the results were sometimes less effective, but the electricians worked under special difficulties. Extra lighting equipment, which has to be hired to supplement the school's inadequate supply, arrives at the last moment when there is too little time for co-ordinating the lighting with the action. A professional like John Slater knows how to move into the best light, but for amateur actors and technicians, more rehearsal with complete lighting is needed.

The visual pleasure of the sets was enhanced by Miss Adnams' stunning costumes. Always resourceful in dressing everyone appropriately, this year she surpassed her own high standard with the subtle beauty of her ensembles. The range of reds and russets for Don Pedro's entourage and the permutations of gold for the wedding finery created the pictorial effect of Italian Renaissance painting. One admiring spectator told me that he thought such superb costumes must have been hired, but in fact hired costumes would be unlikely to complement the production as effectively. What made them seem professional was the meticulous, though not necessarily obvious, attention to detail: the swing of a cape, the cut of a sleeve, the contrast of a piece of trimming. Every character, from Don Pedro to a messenger with two brief speeches, was dressed with equal precision and flair.

Setting and costumes were important features of the production's general sense of style. This admittedly vague phrase sometimes implies an idiosyncratic interpretation superimposed by the producer on the raw material of Shakespeare: *Hamlet* as a Freudian case study or *Julius Caesar* in modern dress. In Mr. Stringer's production, on the contrary, the style was as unabashedly, indeed joyously, romantic as Shakespeare himself. There was no sympathy for the villains, no apology for the weakness of the Hero/Claudio plot, no constraint in the buffoonery of the Watch, the solemnity of the marriage procession, or the pathos of the cemetery scene. Each in its turn was played to full measure.



Mr. Barlow's charming period music, ably sung by C. J. Shaw and his colleagues, contributed to the romantic atmosphere.

We were offered Shakespeare straight, without gimmicks, and we loved it.

A major factor in the success of the play was the generally excellent diction. I heard a number of people exclaiming that they could hear every word. The sure timing and effective movement were achieved by careful teamwork, in which many of the smaller parts were played with as much skill as the leading roles. C. Matthew as Antonio, P. D. James as Don John, J. A. W. Old as Conrade, P. I. Kino as Borachio, and A. R. B. Phillips as Verges created especially vivid characterizations. J. F. Megginson made the most of the only scene where poor Hero takes any initiative, baiting the trap to catch Beatrice for Benedick. The members of the Watch were outstanding not individually but collectively, in their rough and tumble sequences which were really comic ballet though ostensibly a shambles. They were like rag dolls, contrasting effectively with the engagingly pompous wooden soldier that Trier made of Constable Dogberry.

Of the five principal characters, the trophy winner was *primus inter pares*. K. N. Milburn played Leonato with remarkable command not only of feeling but particularly of language. His diction was, so far as I can recall, flawless. He and S. R. Trewin as Don Pedro were well matched as the two figures of authority, both of them dominating the stage by their precision of speech and gesture as well as their splendid physical presence. Compared to the firmness of these two, Beatrice and Benedick were charmingly mercurial. H. M. P. James lived up to expectations with a brilliant comic portrayal of Shakespeare's cleverest heroine; his timing, movement, and range of inflection were highly skilled. R. J. Hoare as Benedick surpassed expectations by revealing a wider range than his parts in the last two years have called for. He made credible the difficult transition from witty mockery to tender sincerity in the scene where he acknowledged his love for Beatrice and promised to fight her cause against his friend. There was not a titter when he kissed the lady's hand; we believed in him. Where Beatrice had more polish, Benedick had more warmth. A contrast between them is effective, but I wished in the end that their acting styles could have been like the lovers themselves, reconciled. If I seem to expect too much, it is only because both James and Hoare have set a high standard. Among this expert company, A. M. Kingon acquitted himself well in the most difficult role. With none of the eccentricities of a character part, and the greatest burden of feeble motivation, he managed to make Claudio a convincing and likeable young man, a notable achievement.

In addition to all these talents most obviously responsible for an enchanting production, there were others backstage whose contributions were so exactly right, such harmonious parts of the whole that we tended to take them for granted. The sound effects for which Mr. B. G. Slater is credited on the programme were excellent, and his advice and assistance generally were inestimable. He and the rest of the experienced make-up team did a splendid job, and whoever made up Milburn can take some of the credit.

Finally, however, as John Slater said, the credit for a splendid entertainment goes to the whole production, which of course means to the producer, and to the playwright. He didn't take Shakespeare and make it entertaining; rather he revealed how entertaining Shakespeare can be.

D.H.

CAST

CHARACTERS (in order of appearance)

LEONATO Governor of Messina	K. N. Milburn
ANTONIO His brother	C. Matthew
BEATRICE Leonato's niece	H. M. P. James
HERO Leonato's daughter	J. F. Megginson
MARGARET attendant on Hero	R. J. Holley
URSULA attendant on Hero	A. R. Wilkin
MESSENGER	D. Tothill
DON PEDRO Prince of Arragon	S. R. Trewin
DON JOHN his bastard brother	P. D. James
BENEDICK	R. J. Hoare
CLAUDIO	A. M. Kingon
CONRADE follower of Don John	J. A. W. Old
BORACHIO follower of Don John	P. I. Kino
BALTHASAR A singer	C. J. Shaw
SINGERS	R. G. Williams N. Richardson M. D. Smith
DOGBERRY Constable of the Watch	N. M. Trier
VERGES His partner	A. R. B. Phillips
THE WATCH	R. J. Vandyk, R. P. Galloway D. S. Warren-Thomas N. C. Perrin, J. R. Purkis T. A. Friesse-Greene
MESSENGER	A. J. Peel
FRIAR FRANCIS	D. Stephens
PRIEST	N. J. L. Lowe
SEXTON	M. M. Franks

<i>Attendants and Acolytes</i>	J. E. Cannon, J. R. Lewis N. C. Potter, W. S. Hamilton
<i>Stage Manager</i>	M. R. Dungay
<i>Assistants</i>	F. R. Francis, J. L. Fox
<i>Electrical Adviser</i>	Mr. D. Powney
<i>Electrician</i>	R. F. Myers
<i>Properties</i>	A. R. Clark
<i>Wardrobe Mistress</i>	Miss M. Adnams
<i>Sound Effects</i>	Mr. B. G. Slater
<i>Sound Operator</i>	A. F. P. Lorimer
<i>Scenic Designer</i>	Mr. C. S. Baker
<i>Scene Painting & Posters</i>	C. J. Jankel, M. P. Wurr R. Addison, M. S. George J. Tanebourne, M. Walker
<i>Programme Cover</i>	D. Tothill
<i>Programme & Tickets</i>	The Printing Society
<i>Call-boy</i>	S. J. Adams
<i>Prompter</i>	A. G. Turnbull
<i>Box Office Manager</i>	Mr R. W. Veit
<i>Assistant</i>	Mr. C. J. Steele
<i>Make-up</i>	Mr. B. G. Slater, Mrs. E. Winter Mrs. R. Sturgess, Miss E. Jenkinson Mrs. B. Sutton, Mr. H. E. Alston Mr. G. Williams
<i>Stage Staff</i>	R. J. W. Thompson, J. H. Galloway P. S. A. Rummer, A. R. W. Moore A. D. Guthrie-Jones, D. Brown

Dance (Finale) arranged by Mrs. E. Winter

Songs "Sigh no more" and "Pardon, goddess of the Night"

composed by Mr. S. J. Barlow

Producer, Mr. H. S. STRINGER



HOUSE REPORTS

BURTON BANK

Staff : P. Kino, P. Macrae, J. Massey, M. Muller, V. Shah, T. Spencer, A. Warshaw, G. Woodhams

Having got over the turbulence of the first couple of weeks, the house settled down to yet another uneventful term. Sportwise we have achieved nothing special, but there's the table-tennis competition still to come.

The new house-tutor has already introduced a record library, and Andy's at last got hold of King Crimson and Keith Emerson.

Mr. Peskett showed that his heart is still with us when he paid us a surprise visit after the Rugby Centenary Dinner.

Hope everybody had a Happy Christmas.

COLLINSON

We welcome Mr. Jackson as our new House Tutor.

Great work was done during the summer holiday to make Collinson a desirable residence. We now have study-bedrooms, strip-lighting and storage heaters littering the desks (and ceilings). As a result, perhaps, Kimba has decided to tighten up on security. Or perhaps it was just that he had more people to protect. To add to the comforts "Sony" has expanded the Wednesday night football clique.

We reached the final of the Senior Squash and the Senior House Rugger showed great promise though it seems unlikely to be completed. But we all look forward to pastures new and further chances next term in the competitions at which we excel.

Adrian James

MURRAY

Head of House : Mark Tinker

School Prefects : Tim Wilkinson, Neil Winter, Iain Harris

House Prefects : Gordon Mizner, Mike Kennedy, Chris Mann, Nick Lidwell, Roy McGlone, Jon Crook

There is nothing more depressing than reading the usual report attempting to explain why the house has done so badly. Murray often seems incapable of realizing that we have our own special contribution to school life: the only house to have a Debating Society (five years old), or a Magazine (six years old), or a Playreading Society (started this term), without a monopoly of the sports field. But it would be unfair not to mention that eight of the Yearlings are from Murray, probably an unrivalled achievement. And if material success has not come our way, even so, in spite of all the difficulties that continued division imposes, the house is happier, friendlier and more eager to put forward ideas than it has been for years.

Academically and athletically we are not without our big shots. That is all very well, but if the rest of the house were in the doldrums, the house would be a failure. But that is not so, and I would like to think, just to spread a little propaganda, that it is the "liberalism" of the régime that has given every member of the house stimulus and purpose to his activities.

With the numbers rapidly shooting up, I do not envy Tim's job next term, but I do know that there is a solid foundation of enthusiasm to build on, for everyone has come to realize, however lowly he may seem, that his responsibilities are just as great as for those at the top. When in two years time juniors are seniors, there will be no need for excuses

P.M.R.T.

RIDGEWAY

Head of House : D. B. B. Kenning

School Prefects : M. D. Stuart, C. A. L. Weber, H. P. S. Shaw

House Prefects : R. F. Harris, S. F. Rudlin, N. C. Andrew, M. E. Shaw

This term we came back to find many alterations, each member of the House Staff now has his own room and the rest of the fifth year live in bed-sits for three or four; these have been a great improvement.

The sports this term have been a great deal more successful. We lost the junior rugger in a hard match against Winterstoke but successfully carried off the senior squash cup, and the senior league retained their cup as always.

The senior rugger has not yet been fought but our hopes are high as indeed are those of our junior gym team.

We hope that this trend will continue and that next term will be ever more successful.

D.B.B.K.

SCRUTTON

Head of House : J. A. B. Gray
Monitor : S. A. Clarke
School Prefects : F. G. A. Passmore, D. A. Hopkins
House Prefects : D. A. R. Harrison, R. Pusey

This term has seen many changes, new bed-sits (yet again!); new house tutors, a new matron, and a new set of house staff and dormitory prefects (although three of us returned unexpectedly). On the whole it has been a quiet term, although we did have a few brighter moments (or duller as the case may be). The fuses are ever blowing, the roof, although supposedly repaired, leaked (not an unusual occurrence); and every dormitory was occasionally awakened by midnight yapping!

As regards house competitions, few have been played and with, I'm afraid to say, only moderate success for Scrutton. We managed to reach the second round of the Junior House Rugger with not too strong a team; gained third place in the Junior House Shooting, an improvement on previous years, and only reached the second round of the Senior Squash. We drew 0-0 with Collinson in the first round of the Senior House three weeks ago, but nothing has progressed from there. Perhaps the most successful event of the term was the School House Senior League who apart from winning nearly every game, managed to send one of the opposition to hospital each time.

On leaving I wish the house and its members the best of luck in the future.

J.A.B.G.

WEYMOUTH

Head of House : M. J. Freeth
School Prefects : M. E. Carter, R. H. Belton
House Prefects : M. A. Armitage, R. J. W. Thompson, C. J. Wickenden, T. J. King

We have again had new bed-sits because the San has decided to take over one portion of School House. We also have a new house-tutor and a new matron, plus Josephine.

On the sports field the juniors walked away with the Junior Rugger Cup and they also won the Junior House Shooting. The seniors failed in the Squash and have not yet been called upon for action in the Senior House Rugger or Gym competitions. We have had our usual house dance this term, enjoyed by all, especially those skinheads amongst us.

All the Old Lags are leaving this term and we wish School House and Weymouth the best of luck for the future, and hope that a lot of use will be made of the juniors.

M.J.F.

WINTERSTOKE

Head of House : M. J. Fuchs
School Staff : G. H. Roberts, P. R. Clark
House Prefects : P. Edwards, J. W. Flynn, R. W. Horton, A. G. Paterson, N. K. B. Robertson

Much praise is due to over half the house who were involved in the various school sports teams, to the ten members of the house who took part in producing the school and chapel plays, and to the proportionately large number who are members of the choir. The Junior House rugger side fought valiantly to a gruelling final, not to mention the seniors who have another opportunity to a combat with Ridgeway. Runners-up in the junior competition, J. A. Galloway still won the competition. Mainly as a result of the good-willed negligence of other houses the state of our visible silverware balance remains stable. However, it is sad that there have again been so few society activities.

This term saw the belated arrival of a bunk-bed to accommodate Dave's teddy-bear in the new bed-sit for three. Next term there will be half a dozen more bed-sits (four of them for only a single occupant) and new individual horse-boxes for each member of the common-room — hopefully not an extra excuse for the senior house "isolationists" to perfect their act.

One member of the house-staff found his Oxbridge examinations so utterly exhausting that the house-masters wife assumed a new role at nine o'clock one Monday morning; another member of the house-staff also under the strain of exams decided that to maintain his physical strength he should act like a Samson — hair is a major issue for some — the non-unionist house tutor, proving how best to freeze wages during the winter months, set an excellent example. While the devoted house-master tries to sustain the happy atmosphere with 'milk afterwards', his charmed hat and his specially edited copy of the little red book.

M.J.F.

THE APPEAL and DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

It is now widely known that Mill Hill School and Belmont are launching an Appeal for £160,000 and some words of explanation and introduction might not be out of place.

The independence of English Public Schools has always been floated on the generosity of their old boys and supporters. The ordinary running costs of these schools are covered by the annual fees, but the excellence of their academic facilities and the wealth of out-of-school opportunities which they offer have been made possible by a continuous flow of benefactions which have been inspired by deep personal loyalties of former and present members and friends.

Mill Hill is no exception. It has no endowments, and its influence and appeal have been due to a large extent to the innumerable bequests which have financed so many of its building and services. In 1907 just over 300 individuals gave £27,000 to the Centenary Appeal. The McClure Music School, the Science Block and the Buckland Pool, are just a few of the visible signs of generous benefactions during the next half century. In 1957, the 150th Anniversary Appeal raised nearly £70,000 for the Arts School, the Chapel organ, a filter for the Buckland Pool, a large contribution to the Biology Laboratories, and a major fund for scholarships to the School.

We now look forward to the 1970s and the greatest need concerns the VIth Form because it is at this point that the academic and social pressures of the coming decade are most evident — the academic pressures of rising competition for university places and the growing need for high qualifications for the professions, and the social pressures which induce socially mature adolescents to question the traditional formality of school life.

We believe that a VI Form Centre will help to meet both needs and to provide a bridge with university and adult life. The Centre will provide classrooms and tutorial rooms for Arts subjects, and the first floor will house a social centre-cum-auditorium which will be used for lectures, discussions, debates and society meetings, as well as for informal social occasions and the entertainment of friends and visitors. Provisions are also made for a Careers Room and for a room for the School Magazine.

The VI Form Centre will be supported by improved study facilities in all Houses, both for juniors and seniors. Much of this has already been done out of our own resources, and by Spring 1970 all Houses will have refurnished junior common rooms and study bedrooms for many of the senior boys. However, in the case of Collinson and Winterstoke, the two smaller houses, further extensions are envisaged.

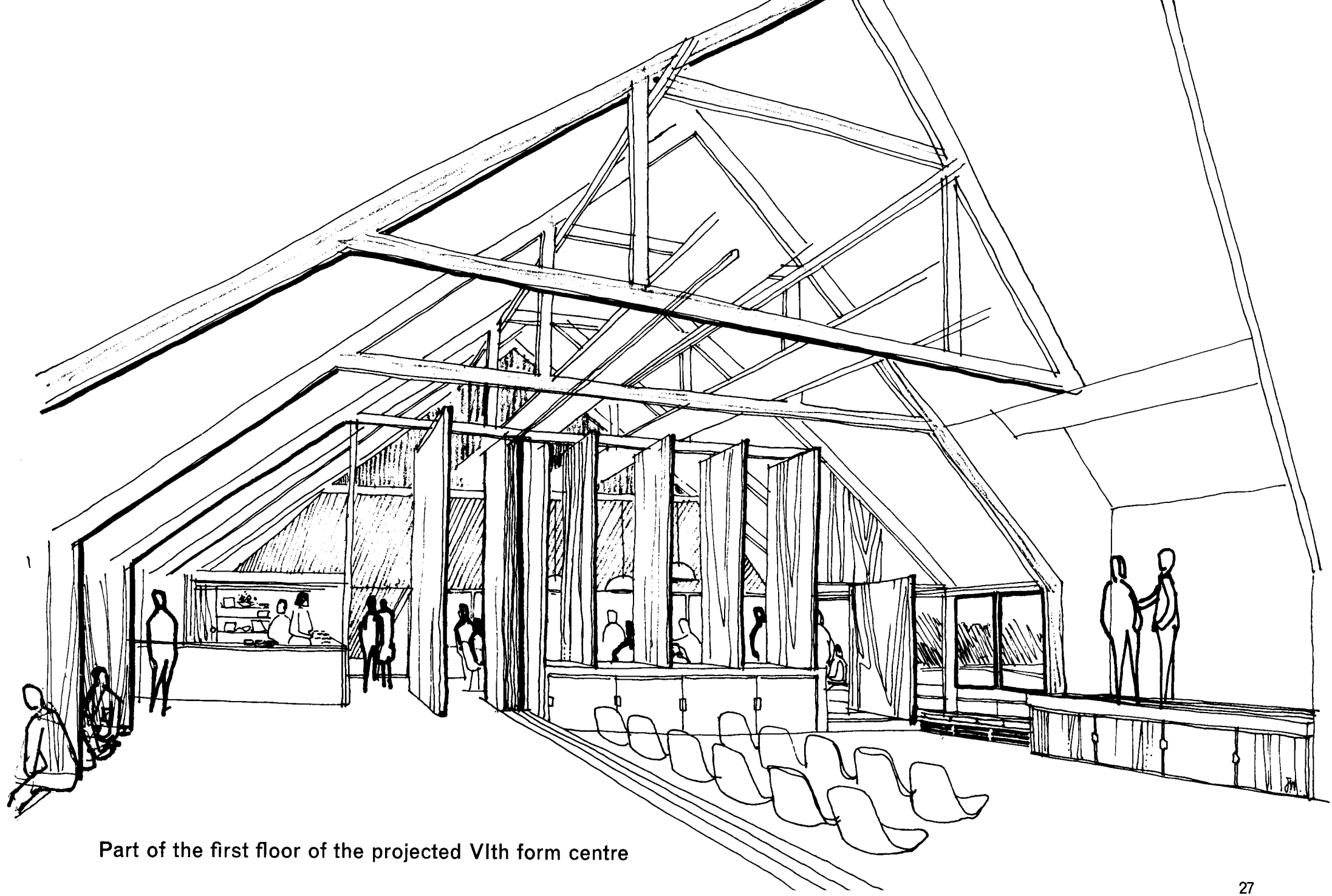
Secondly, the replacement of an old shooting range by a purpose built House for Day Boys must rank high among the School's priorities. This House would provide junior common rooms, studies for all its VI formers, a games room, a kitchen and studies for Housemaster and Tutor. By building the VI Form Centre and the new Murray House on the car park, with the Art Block and Library making the other two sides, a very pleasant quadrangle will be constructed which will improve the amenities and the appearance of the School.

As generations of Old Millhillians will attest, the changing facilities in the Indoor Swimming Pool area are quite inadequate especially for visitors. By converting the classrooms and providing proper lockers, it is hoped to civilise the whole area and provide better shower and washing facilities. For the games as a whole the great problem is the period from the end of November to the end of February when the grounds are very wet. The provision of an ALL-Weather Pitch would be a great asset to many sports, especially Hockey, and it could also be well used by Belmont.

There are, of course, many other ideas for the 1970s — extensive re-equipment for the Science Laboratories, the creation of Faculty Centres inside the Marnham Block, the creation of Music Scholarships, better equipment for the stage and for film projection, and many others. But some of these we shall be able to do out of ordinary revenue, and others have to wait on the completion of the major VI Form Centre and Murray House buildings.

Last but by no means least, come the needs of Belmont. Mill Hill could not survive without a flourishing Junior School and Belmont benefits from sharing facilities with the Senior School. Both have much to gain from even closer contacts. At Belmont the major need is the provision of a reasonable area for out of school activities, hobbies, junior common rooms and music practice rooms. This need will be provided by converting one area into a spacious library, and a number of common and music rooms, and by creating, at the same time, a new set of modern classrooms and project rooms.

To test the reactions to such a far reaching development programme for Mill Hill and Belmont, a professional fund raising company, Hooker Craigmyle, conducted a survey in the Summer of 1969. More than a hundred people were interviewed and the response was most encouraging both in offers of help and in approval of the objectives. If everyone does his best, the target should be reached.



Part of the first floor of the projected Vltava form centre

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SENIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY

President : J. A. Turnbull Esq.
Hon. Sec. : Max Trier
Hon. Treas. : Tim Spencer
3rd Member : Jon Riddell

This has been the most active term we have managed to fit in for several years. With a total of more than sixty members, we have had a slide show on "Water Purification," a film evening, a lecture on "Sea Farming," and a lecture on "Viruses." At the time of writing, we are looking forward to a Play Outing to see "Hadrian VII."

Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull for the hospitality which they extended to visiting speakers.

Max

JUNIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY

Patrons : Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brownlie
President : B. K. Flynn
Hon. Sec. : J. N. Weber
Treasurer : C. R. M. Bangham
4th Member : V. G. Ruben

After laying dormant for over 12 months, this society was revived just before half-term, with encouragement from Mr. Hart and the Senior Science Society Secretary. After a flood of potential members, attendance settled to a steady thirty. Meeting on Tuesday afternoons, we managed to fit in four films, two lectures, one by Mr. Jackson on memory, and another by Mr. Turnbull, on Nobel Prize winners in Chemistry, and an enlightening outing to the Medical Research Labs. in Hampstead.

There being three projects, Physics, Chemistry and Biology, almost any member can find something to do in which he is personally interested, a great asset to the society.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Jackson and Mr. Brownlie for their unfailing enthusiasm in getting the Society off the ground. We feel we have almost achieved what we set out to do.

J.N.W. B.K.F.

THE ELECTRONICS & COMPUTER GROUP

Patron : M. Slaffer Esq.
Keyholders : N. M. Trier, J. L. Fox, A. Pandit-Muzumdar

A burst of activity at the beginning of term, following the merger of the two old societies, resulted in the mechanical adding machine, the pride and joy of the former computer group, being decimated in the absence of its keepers, and stacked, rather ignominiously in a corner of our new premises. A picture from the wall of the old premises, proves conclusively that the first two way radio link between New Zealand and England took place in our new premises, way back in the 1920's, so we have high standards to live up to.

N.M.T.

THE MODELLING SOCIETY

Patron : H. W. Starkey, Esq.
President : G. F. Chase
Hon. Sec. : M. M. Franks
Treasurers : A. W. Jackson, V. A. Gallo

The results of the Foundation Day judging in which we won a major prize were very encouraging for the future.

This term a number of members have entered the Vauxhall Craftsman's Guild competition which entails designing and making from scratch a model car. (The winner of the competition will receive £500 plus a free trip to America to collect the prize!)

Attendance on week days has been poor owing to the pressure of rugby, but on Sundays the Society has been used to its full extent.

Graham Chase

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

President : A. Prosser-Harries, Esq.
Hon. Sec. : K. K. S. Tan
Hon. Treas. : R. J. Hoare

This term the society has thrived: we have thirty-three members as opposed to last year's thirty-one. Owing to the increase in the bus fare to Edgware, the committee has been forced to put up the subscription.

We have had three very interesting meetings this term; the first was an illustrated lecture on Sabah by the Hon. Sec., the second was a series of three films on South Africa, and the last one was another film entitled "Food and Famine". On the 9th Dec. the Society went to see "Gone With the Wind".

Our sincere thanks go to the President who has been so kind as to make sure that we all turn up to the meetings.

K.K.S.T.

CONCERT SOCIETY

Patron : M. P. Seagrim, Esq.
Committee : C. J. Wickenden

This term we have been to two concerts both at the Royal Festival Hall. The first of these was Bach's Mass in B minor performed by the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus with soloists including Janet Baker and Peter Pears. It was a very enjoyable concert and we were all pleased to find that there were no serious attacks of musical indigestion which have been known to occur after a plateful of Bach.

The second concert of the term was a sad occasion in that our patron was not able to be with us. We are however very grateful to Mr. Brownlie for filling the revered position of master in charge. Musically, the concert was another great success and its both encouraging to see that boys can appreciate classical music, such as the Haydn, Brahms and Stravinsky that we heard on this occasion, as well as the subtle, scintillating and sensual music of people like "Mooche", "Hard Meat" etc.

I think that it should be drawn to people's attention, that out of the school's upper sixth form which comprises about 80 boys, in the last four concerts 40 have asked to come along.

A large portion of the credit for this must lie with our patron, who we are all very sorry to hear is leaving, for his continual enthusiasm and involvement in all the society's activities.

C.J.W.

PRINTING SOCIETY

Patron : E. P. Stanham Esq.
Chairman : T. Jones
Hon. Sec. : H. C. Williams
Hon. Treas. : A. F. P. Lorimer
4th Member : P. S. Argheban

We arrived back at the beginning of term to find all the type faces sorted out by Mr. Stanham. For this I would like to thank him and for all his valuable time and assistance that he gives us. I would also like to thank A. Lorimer for the numerous orders he has printed and for keeping the society on its feet during my absence. At the time of writing the School Play programme is being printed and it seems that at last the traditional white paper has gone! I would like to thank Mr. Baker for producing the block.

If any O.M. would like any printing done, please contact a member of the committee.

T.J.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

Patron : M. P. Seagrim, Esq.
Hon. Sec. : Woody Thompson

The Ford Trust Annual Lecture to Youth for 1969 was attended by members of the society at the end of October. The lecture was on "The Role of the City" and was given by Sir Eric Roll, a Director of the Bank of England. A general society meeting preceded the outing.

On Dec. 3rd we are going to see "Play It Again, Sam" by way of relaxation.

Neil

WITAN

Patron : W. A. Phimester, Esq.
Prolocutor : Mark Tinker

Because of the frustrations of Oxbridge, only two meetings were held this term on related subjects. Rob Pusey gave a fascinating talk on Waterloo, putting forward the theory that, in spite of the views of other historians to the contrary, it was Napoleon's personal failure that was alone to blame for defeat, in that communications and understanding between him and his officers had broken down. Pete Moles in the second, switched from military to naval aspects of the Napoleonic wars to discuss Trafalgar and the recent controversies surrounding Nelson, the theory that he deliberately exposed himself to danger in order to end his life. The society is grateful, for all the effort necessary for these two papers, to Rob Pusey and Pete Moles, and to Mr. and Mrs. Phimester for continued hospitality. Incidentally we have now reverted to a tradition that we should ourselves provide the papers—it is this originality which will keep the society healthy and worthwhile.

P.M.R.T.

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Patrons : T. H. Jackson Esq., I. C. Brownlie Esq.
President : J. B. Woodhams
Hon. Sec. : T. R. Spencer
3rd Member : J. W. R. Martin

After a good start to the term, with a substantial increase in membership, our enthusiasm was damped by a lack of lectures. This was not due to any laziness on our part since we had written to several people, including Patrick Moore, asking them to give us a lecture. But they all declined, saying that they were too busy. Not only were we unable to procure a speaker, but the Jubber Lecture also trespassed on our field of activity very successfully.

However, the committee has not been idle and we have finally procured a catalogue of slides from the British Astronomical Association. It is hoped that next term society members will address the society. The telescope has been in use this term and we have taken advantage of some very clear nights to view the moon.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. Jackson for his helpful suggestions, and both him and Mr. Brownlie for giving us some of their time.

J.B.W.

INTERPRETES

Patron : J. A. Barsby, Esq.
Hegemon : S. P. MacRae
Scriba : J. B. Woodhams

We were very glad to welcome back Mr. Barsby from his year in Bristol at the beginning of term.

The society has had two meetings so far this term: the first was an outing to hear an elucidating lecture on Minoan and Mycenaean Wall Painting given by J. N. Coldstream Esq. at University College London. As none of us knew anything about the subject, we all came away much the wiser. The second meeting was in Church House, where we read Plautus' "Pseudolus". We succeeded in recapturing much of the original humour.

We have another meeting to come, when the Scriba is to give a slide-illustrated lecture on the ruins of Pompeii, which should be very entertaining.

It should perhaps be pointed out that in view of the small number of pure classicists we have been pleased to admit other Vllth formers with an interest in classical civilisation.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Barsby for their hospitality and their excellent refreshments.

J.B.W.

MUSIC CLUB

The Club has met on five occasions this term. The Opera Players paid yet another visit, and gave a splendid start to the season with their sparkling performance of 'The Barber of Seville'. Our next guest was Gerald Moore whose lecture recital 'The Accompanist Speaks' was one of the highlights of this, or any other, season. The profundity of his knowledge and his unsurpassed artistry left one groping for superlatives. Pauline Delmar and her trio (violin, cello, piano) performed at the third concert, and played Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Brahms. The Mendelssohn, in particular, fell gratefully upon the ear. Iris Loveridge visited us again. Her playing of Beethoven's "Les Adieux" Sonata was exquisite, and her playing of the four Dohnanyi Rhapsodies was not only unusual, but wholly authoritative. The last concert of this term was given by the St. Albans Chamber Choir, under the direction of Richard Stangroom, whose programme of madrigals and part songs was admirably "light" for the end of term. Four concerts have been arranged for next term including one by The Fidelio Quartet and Georgina Dobrée (clarinet) and by the Oriana Trio (flute, oboe, harpischord). One of the boys will be solo violinist during another concert, and the fourth will be devoted to music for wind instruments. It is a good and varied season.

S.J.B.

FELLOWS OF THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This term we have extended our membership to all members of the Medical Sixth. On October 14th Dr. W. C. Harris gave a lecture on "The History of Tuberculosis", and on November 27th Dr. S. Karran (O.M.) came and lectured on "The Future of British Medicine and its Career Prospects". We are very grateful to both of these speakers who so willingly gave up their free time to speak to us.

R.H.B.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Patron : E. W. Crook Esq.
President : P. J. Edmed
Secretary : T. R. Spencer

We began this term with an extremely interesting talk from a representative of Harrison and Sons. All those who came found this talk very intriguing, although numbers were unfortunately depleted owing to a film on the same night. Later in the term we went to the British Philatelic Exhibition. We are grateful to Mr. Crook for his continued help and support throughout the term.

P.J.E.

ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY

Presidents : Mark Tinker, Paul James

Apart from RIBA Lectures and Exhibitions, we have met once to hear Ernö Goldfinger, the architect, present a slide-illustrated view of architecture as he sees it and as he builds it. He gave a clear insight into the workings of often inscrutable architectural minds and showed architecture as a philosophy of life and a practical necessity. We hope also to have a suitably architectural theatre outing if time permits.

Thanks are due to Mr. Phimester for the loan of projector and room; and finally after two years I leave the society to the devices of Paul James.

P.M.R.T.

KOINONIA

Patron : The Rev. H. W. Starkey
Hon. Sec. : N. C. Andrew
Committee : J. B. Woodhams, C. H. F. Bishop, R. H. Belton, J. W. R. Martin, M. Johnson

The term might have got off to a very good start with a meeting in the first week, but unfortunately the speaker, who was to have given a talk on V.S.O. in Thailand, was taken ill at the last moment and was unable to come. However, halfway through the term we rectified this unfortunate start with a visit to the new Greenwich Theatre to see the play 'Martin Luther King' which was enjoyed by all. We still have one more meeting this term when we shall hear a talk on Jehovah's Witnesses.

This term will therefore have been quite successful — at least more successful than last term! I should like to thank the Rev. Starkey for his help and guidance throughout the term.

N.C.A.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President : J. Tyers Esq.
Secretary : Angus Kingon
Treasurer : Richard "Henry" Belton
3rd Members : Richard Hoare, Simon Townsend

Having given our new President a warm welcome by allowing him under 24 hours notice that he was taking a party to the Isle of Grain, we have continued to make life as easy and difficult as possible for him throughout the term. Henry and I failed trying to contact him for weeks until, having obtained the correct address, we found he had moved into St. Bees three weeks previously! The Isle of Grain is off the North Kent coast not far from Rochester. It is very flat and mainly agricultural apart from an unsightly oil refinery. It is a site to be remembered and our thanks go to Mr. Higgs, (O.M.), who provided a camping site and valuable transport.

A week later Simon Holloway kindly volunteered to control a party of first-years on the way to Brent Reservoir, where Mr. Husband, a friend of the school, introduced them to Ornithology.

The highlight of the term was the introduction of a VI form Biology weekend: we went down to Ewshot in Surrey and were given a garden and a tent put up by the Army. The site was ideal for fungi and freshwater life and was essentially woodland. Our sincerest thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Hoare and Richard for making the camp possible, and also the Army for erecting the tent.

We have had one film show consisting of three R.S.P.C.A. films and two lectures. The films were very good; one was on badgers, the second on oil pollution caused by the Torrey Canyon disaster, and the third about the work of the R.S.P.C.A. The first lecture was a talk illustrated with films on Animal Behaviour given by Mr. Leach. An O.M., Dr. Hunt, who came from the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, gave us a slide-illustrated lecture on plant collecting in Brazil. This was excellent and we are very grateful to him, as we are to Mr. Leach and the R.S.P.C.A.

Finally, we hope that the idea of a new constitution will get off the ground next term. If it does the society's results ought to be better than ever.

G.U.S.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Patron : J. A. Turnbull, Esq.
President : Laurence Bender
Hon. Sec. : Rohit Shah
Committee : Tony Hurden, Vipool Shah, Iain Harris

We started off the term with a slide show on Her Majesty's visit to the school in 1957. Mr. Turnbull gave a very entertaining commentary to accompany the slides. Our outing this term was to the Audio and Photocine Fair at Olympia and we thank Mr. Brownlie for taking us.

The dark-room has been painted and it has been in regular use, though unfortunately, only by a small nucleus of members. Lessons have been held for younger boys on how to develop and print.

We hope to increase our membership next term by organising outings to photographic places which is the real aim of our society that seems to have been neglected in the past year.

On behalf of the Society, the committee take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Turnbull for his interest and enthusiasm in the Society.

L.D.B.

INOMINATES

Patron : D. M. Hall Esq.
Hon. Sec. : S. F. Rudlin

We met twice this term at 5, Winterstoke Gardens. The first was a record evening and the second a slide lecture given by John Riddell on his American experiences. Once again we all thank Mr. and Mrs. Hall for their kind hospitality.

S.F.R.

Sportsweek Profile — Mike Corby, O.M.

MICHAEL W. CORBY was born in India in 1940 at Jubbulpore a town in the central province where his father worked at the Security Printing Press near Bombay.

Right from a very early age Corby followed the tradition of the Indian youngsters of having a sawn off hockey stick as soon as he could walk and consequently grew up in the atmosphere of sport encouraged by his father who was then Hon. Sports Secretary of the United Services Gymkhana, where hockey was played five evenings a week along with cricket, football and other sports.

In 1948 Corby's family returned to England where Michael in 1953 went to Mill Hill School for the next five years. The school, with its tremendous sports tradition, was a fine springboard for him to develop his natural skills.

He won First XI Colours for hockey and cricket as well as Colours for squash tennis, athletics and swimming. While at school, in his final year, 1958, he won the Under 19 Squash Racquets Championship — the Drysdale Cup — and was in the winning Mill Hill team at Wimbledon which won the Youll Cup.

From this time on Michael Corby's serious efforts in sport have been in the fields of squash and hockey although he still plays tennis and cricket during the summer as a form of relaxation.

Immediately on leaving school Michael Corby had the great fortune to play for Hounslow First XI. Hounslow, if not the best Hockey Club in London, must rank amongst the top four. He has given the Club loyal service and is still a very prominent member of their First XI.

At the same time as joining Hounslow he was invited to join the Hornets Hockey Club, the famous Sunday side, and is still a member of that side. Probably this is where he had the greatest experience playing alongside the greatest inside forward England have had, John V. Conroy, whose experience was a great asset to Michael Corby. Also the Scottish International Freddie Scott who has played for Hounslow for a number of years gave a great deal of assistance to him in his early years. In 1959 Michael Corby was selected for Middlesex in both squash and hockey at the age of only 19 years. In 1961 the England selectors realised his potential, though only 21, and awarded him his first International Cap, since when he has played 22 times for England. In 1962 he was awarded his first International Squash Cap now holding 14 and playing as England's Number One player.

As a player I have had the fortune to play with Michael and he was always an individualist who has the ability and flair to win a game off his own back and at the same time fitting in well with the whole forward line. As an individualist and one with a tremendous ability he is feared by all international opposition.

His progress on the hockey field continues and shortly after being awarded his first England Cap he was selected for the Great Britain squad in preparation for the Tokyo Olympics.

He toured with Great Britain in Lyon at the Pre-Olympic Tournament in 1963 proving himself to be capable of taking on most international defences. He was then selected to tour India in 1964 and was then selected as one of the

18 players to represent Great Britain at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

Taking his whole hockey career up to that point it is true to say that he was rather less successful in the Olympics than had been hoped, though he was not played regularly in one position which is always upsetting for any International player.

After the Tokyo Olympics the selectors failed to pick him for the England or Great Britain sides for some considerable time but he has again proved that he is the best inside forward in England and was recently seen at Edgbaston against the Pakistanis, the Olympic Champions.

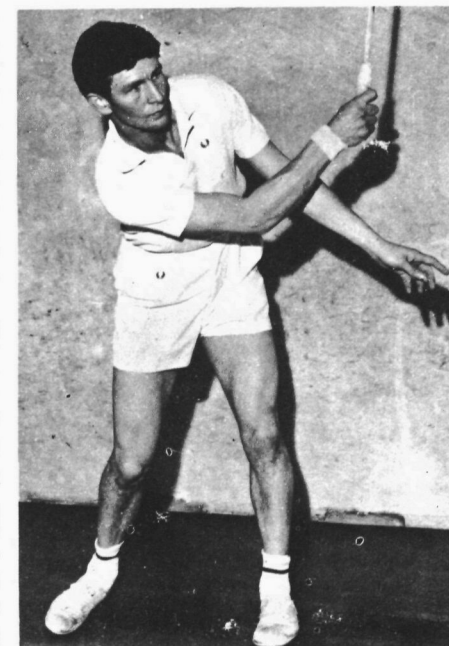
International double

Michael Corby is only the second man to achieve the particular International double representing both Great Britain and England at squash and hockey. The other to share this honour is Norman Borrett, now a Master at Framlingham College and a prominent member amongst the International Selectors in this country.

As Corby's squash career has developed he found, until recently, a very tough opponent in Jonah Barrington and for some considerable time played second string to him in the Great Britain side although now that Barrington has turned professional he finds himself in the position of number one for Great Britain and England.

Representing Great Britain he toured Australia in 1967 and represented them in this country this year. He was winner of the Dutch Open Championship twice, the Welsh Open, the South of England and West of England Tournaments and was a member of the winning Middlesex team in the Inter-Counties Squash Tournament in 1967 and 1968 and was runner up in the Amateur Championship of England in 1967 and 1968.

This year he had the honour of playing squash in Zambia, Kenya and South Africa. He has been described by Rex Bellamy of "The Times" very aptly as "the Squash Buccaneer". This might well be applicable also to his hockey career. He has always been an individual and a deep thinker of both sports — which he loves. Some officials consider him difficult to control but he has always given of his absolute best whatever the sport may be.



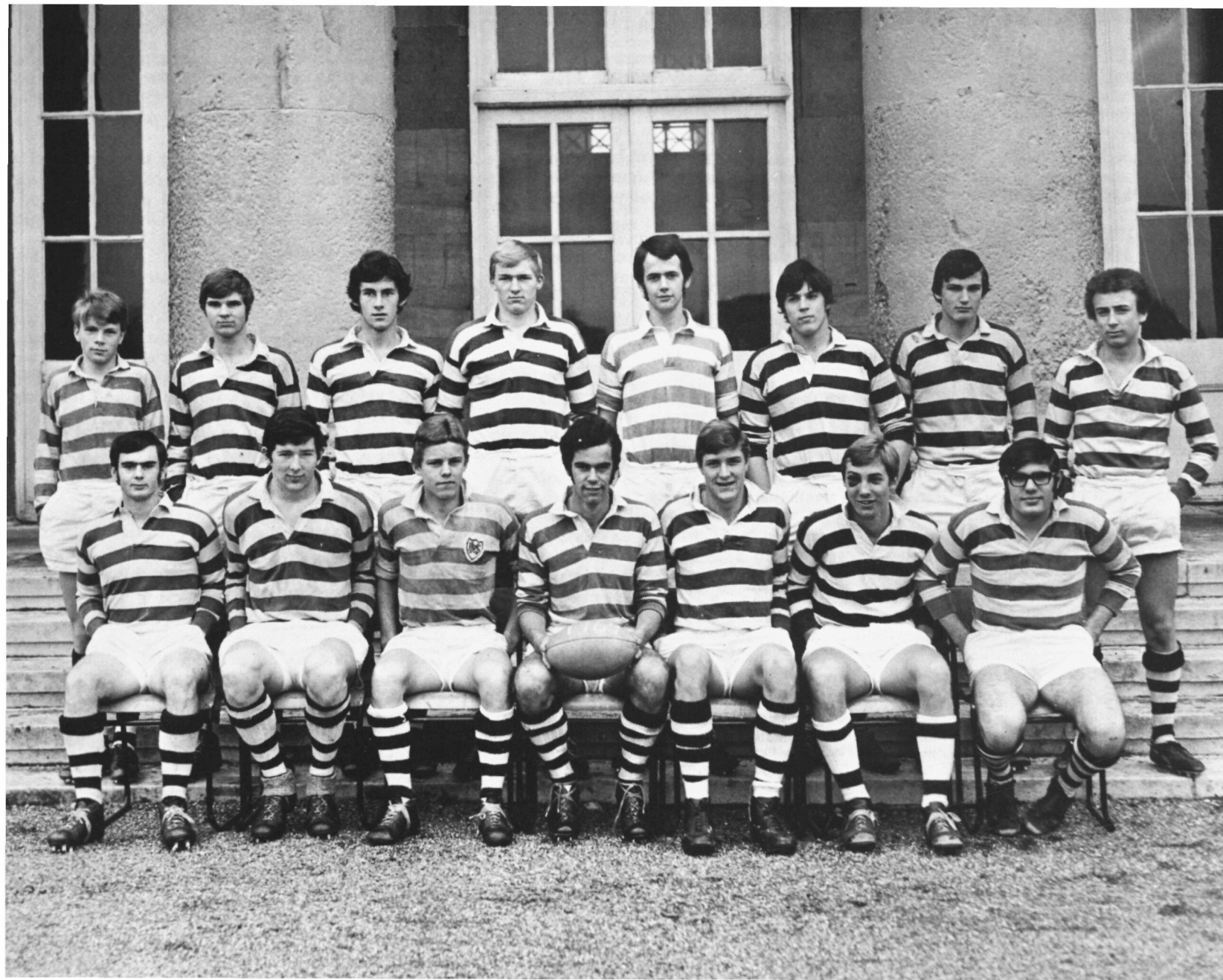
SPORT

Front Row:-

P. R. Clark
J. W. R. Martin
L. G. G. Taylor (Secretary)
G. H. Roberts (Captain)
M. R. Phillips
D. A. R. Harrison
M. J. Freeth

Back row:-

P. J. Palmer
M. D. Stuart
M. E. Shaw
K. Bush
R. J. W. Thompson
P. I. Kino
R. A. Leach
P. J. Lange



RUGBY RETROSPECT

Five victories, four defeats and a draw in school games; ninety-three points for and ninety-four against represents by recent standards a moderate season. It could so easily have made much better reading, but in many games we allowed our opponents to come back at us when we ought really to have had an unassailable lead at half time.

Our forward play was good (if a bit pedestrian), and we were much better when the ball was played in front of the pack or fed back to it. In the set pieces we were really very good and obtained a major share of the ball in all our school games. The scrummage was better than the line out, which was often untidy, with too much tapping as opposed to clean catching. The front row was strong in the best Mill Hill tradition. Thompson and Kino propped well and Clark again hooked outstandingly. Bush and Martin formed a very big and strong pair of locks, though Martin was not as mobile as he had been last season. We were unfortunate to lose Freeth, our open side, with a broken nose in the first match of the term but Stuart was a fine replacement. At number eight Philipps was a good pack leader and his play improved tremendously as the season progressed. Roberts, the captain, played on the blind side very shrewdly and in close rugby was superb, but he was less effective in the open spaces.

Taylor played scrum half in all our games and scored 71 of our overall total of 134 points. At his best he was outstanding and his passing was quite exceptional, but I hope the three penalties scored against us by St. Paul's will haunt him for the rest of his rugby career. Stand off was our biggest problem. Three players filled the position until we finally settled for Shaw, but lack of certainty here cost us dearly.

On the wings Riddell and Lange scored five tries each, and in contrasting ways were very effective. Harrison, a wing by inclination, lacked the finesse to be a really good centre. Nevertheless his hard running and tackling served us well. The other centre, Leach, was promoted from the Colts and looked a really promising player. At full back, Palmer, who started his season in the 4th XV improved with every game, but was unlucky to break his leg in the game against Berkhamsted. It would be unfair not to mention S. A. Clarke who played in ten games at either centre or stand off, and played with great determination, but whose handling, at times, let him down.

The term started with a Memorial Match for John Hume, and a team of his contemporaries proved just too strong for us. Haileybury also proved too good for us and we lost by 23 points. The only part of our game that compared with theirs was our set scrummaging and the remainder was a poor display of lethargic running and hesitant tackling.

Two defeats was not the best build-up for our game with Cranleigh and only a fine try by Harrison, in injury time, scrambled a draw for us. At Brighton the first half was extremely one sided, but we had only 11 points to show for it. Some good running by their three quarters in the second half made our win much narrower than it at one time promised to be.

Our defeat at the Leys was the result of a very poor display. Firstly we allowed ourselves to be upset by unfamiliar interpretation by the referee, and then went to pieces when the Leys scored first. We had so many scoring chances that failed, not by dint of good defence, but by sheer incompetence of the attack, that it was embarrassing. The Leys seized on their good fortune and ran up a score of 16 points before we realized what was needed and scored 13 points in the last eight minutes.

Our run of successes against Felsted has been a long one, and pre-match form suggested it might end this year. Our forwards played very well and never allowed the opposition to display their known ability. This must have been one of our better games if comparative records are anything to go by.

The Centenary Match is mentioned elsewhere. It was followed by our annual outing against the Old Millhillians "A" who, in spite of their gamesmanship, had to take second place; but it was a close thing.

The game with St. Paul's was a scrappy one ruined, to some extent, by the high wind. Either side could have won. That we did not was the result of four penalty kicks, (three under our own posts) which were gratefully accepted. We lost to Merchant Taylors in a game that closely followed the pattern of the one against the Leys, — a lot of early pressure, good moves, but only one try to show for it. Two scrambled tries and a penalty goal all late in the second half were enough to beat us in a game that took place mostly in our opponents' half, and for long spells in their twenty-five.

We beat U.C.S. 20-3 in a game in which we showed more purpose and vigour. For the second consecutive year, the Harrow match was cancelled, this time owing to snow. Our visit to Berkhamsted gave us a 11-8 win. In the first half hour of the game we played our best rugby of the term, but in the second half we lost first Riddell, then Palmer who broke a leg. We did well to win with a fine rearguard action. At the end of term we played Brentwood College from Vancouver, Canada and with a very depleted team had to work hard before winning by two penalty goals to a try.

Not, then, one of our best seasons, but nevertheless an interesting one. Fourteen tries scored by the wings and centres points to open rugby, and indeed we did generally try to run the ball. This at times worked against us as we never proved very good at winning the ball from the loose, and our backing up could certainly have been better. We were at our weakest when under pressure and any side moving the ball quickly had us in trouble. Fortunately, apart from Haileybury, no team was really able to play like this against us for any length of time, which does at least reflect the amount of possession we denied our opponents and the strength of our pack.

In this season of dry grassy pitches none of our teams have done really well. Mill Hill rugby and mud have become synonymous — certainly to our visitors from November onwards — but this year we have been absolutely mud-free.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped with this season's rugby. There are too many to mention individually, but each has made a valuable contribution.
D.M.F.

MATCH RESULTS

	date	opponents	ground	for	against	result
	Sept. 23	J. R. HUME MEMORIAL MATCH Try (1): G. Roberts Conversion (1); Penalty (1): L. G. Taylor	H	8	11	Lost
	27	HAILEYBURY	A	0	23	Lost
	Oct. 4	CRANLEIGH Try (1): D. Harrison Conversion (1); Penalties (2): L. G. Taylor	H	11	11	Drawn
	7	ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL Tries (2): Riddell, L. G. Taylor Conversion (1); Penalty (1): L. G. Taylor	H	11	17	Lost
	11	BRIGHTON COLLEGE Tries (4): P. Lange, L. G. Taylor, R. Horton, pushover Conversion (1): L. G. Taylor	A	14	9	Won
	18	THE LEYS Tries (3): D. Harrison, J. Martin, G. Roberts Conversions (2): L. G. Taylor	A	13	16	Lost
	23	FELSTED Try (1): L. G. Taylor Penalty (1): L. G. Taylor	H	6	0	Won
	28	W. C. RAMSAY'S CENTENARY XV Tries (3): J. Riddell, D. Harrison, M. Stuart. Conversion (1); Penalty (1): L. G. Taylor	H	14	27	Lost
	Nov. 1	OLD MILLHILLIANS' "A" Tries (2): P. Lange, D. Harrison Penalties (2); Conversion (1): L. G. Taylor	H	14	11	Won

date	opponents	ground	for	against	result
8	ST. PAUL'S Try: Riddell Penalties (2): L. G. Taylor	H	9	12	Lost
15	MERCHANT TAYLORS' Try (1): P. Lange Penalties (2): L. G. Taylor	H	3	9	Lost
22	U.C.S. Tries (4): J. Riddell, G. Roberts, P. Lange (2). Penalties (2); Conversion (1): L. G. Taylor	H	20	3	Won
29	HARROW	Cancelled			
Dec. 6	BERKHAMSTED Tries (2): J. Riddell, L. G. Taylor Penalty (1); Conversion (1): L. G. Taylor	A	11	8	Won
13	BRENTWOOD COLLEGE, VANCOUVER Penalties (2): L. G. Taylor	H	6	3	Won

APPEARANCES

- 13 G. Roberts, J. D. Riddell, D. Harrison, L. G. Taylor, P. King, P. Clark, J. D. Martin, M. R. Phillipps.
12 M. E. Shaw, P. Lange.
11 R. J. W. Thompson, K. Bush.
10 S. A. Clarke.
7 M. Stuart.
6 R. Leach, T. J. King.
5 R. Horton.
4 P. Palmer.
2 M. Freeth, M. Constable.
1 F. Passmore, G. Lilwall, H. E. Shaw, F. R. J. Dawson, D. Watts.

CENTENARY OF RUGBY FOOTBALL AT MILL HILL

This season we celebrated the Centenary of Rugby Football at Mill Hill. With the re-establishment of the School in the Autumn of 1869 the game, which had previously been played on a very casual basis, was properly organized, the laws were observed and fixtures arranged.

The major event of our celebration was a match between the 1st XV and a team raised by W. C. Ramsay. His team contained two ex England captains, three other capped players and a fair sprinkling of Harlequins and Old Millhillians. They were captained by V. G. Roberts of Harlequins and England, the father of this year's 1st XV captain. There was a great crowd on Top Field for the occasion including many Rugby administrators, people connected with school rugby and a great many ex 1st XV captains.

The game was a very good one and the School played their best rugby of the season not being in the slightest overawed by the opposition. It was well refereed by Mr. G. W. Ferns and the result was in doubt until well into the second half of the game when some fine running by J. D. Gibbs, in the centre for the visitors, won the day.



JOHN MARTIN GAINS POSSESSION IN A LINE-OUT IN THE CENTENARY MATCH.



VIC ROBERTS, CAPTAIN OF THE CENTENARY XV, TACKLES GRAHAM TAYLOR. THE MILL HILL SCRUM HALF.

The Centenary was commemorated by the Old Millhillians R.U.F.C. who presented a teak bench to the school and this now stands on the Terrace overlooking Top Field. The game was well reported in the National Press and particularly in the Daily Telegraph where Rupert Cherry, himself an Old Millhillian, gave us a fine write up.

In the evening the Head Master gave a reception in the Library for the teams and the guests and many old acquaintances were renewed. We were pleased to see Col. Oscar Viney who played in the XV of 1902 and other Mill Hill personalities Wilf Sobey, Roger Spong, Jim Roberts and Alan Bush who came over from Belfast for the occasion.

D.M.F.

TEAMS

CENTENARY XV

J. S. M. Scott (England, Harlequin, Oxford); C. T. B. Micklen (Old Millhillians); M. Mann (Old Millhillians); J. D. Gibbs (Harlequins, Cambridge); J. R. C. Young (England, Harlequin, Oxford); C. S. Hogg (Harlequin, Onslow N.Z.); M. L. Farrow (Old Millhillians); P. E. Judd (England, Coventry); J. McAllister (Old Millhillians); C. R. Jacobs (England, Northampton); A. Toulson (Old Millhillians); M. J. Christie (Old Merchant Taylors); G. Watt (Auckland N.Z.); G. R. Orr (Old Millhillians); V. G. Roberts (England, Harlequins); (Captain).

MILL HILL

M. E. Shaw, P. J. Lange, D. A. R. Harrison, R. A. Leach, J. D. Riddell, S. A. Clarke, L. G. Taylor, P. Kino, P. R. Clark, R. J. Thompson, K. Bush, J. W. R. Martin, M. R. Philipps, M. Stuart, G. H. Roberts (Captain).

SECOND FIFTEEN

The second XV had a very curious season, when they had possession they were very good indeed as against the Leys — Berkhamsted but without the ball they were dreadful, especially at tackling and falling. For this reason there were few even games and there we were more likely to just lose rather than just win.

The pitch was heavy and, apart from the first choice back row, slow. They did well in the set pieces with a solid front and massive second row, but badly in the loose and it was here that we lost to Haileybury, St. Pauls and Felsted. The outsiders looked good on a winning side and when they got plenty of the ball played very well as at the Leys but without the ball no one gave much for their chances. Dawson and Constable went hard all the time. Passmore made a good elder statesman in the outsiders and the rest were good in patches.

A.P.H.					
date	opponents	ground	for	against	result
Sept. 27	Haileybury	A	0	18	Lost
Oct. 4	Cranleigh	H	3	13	Lost
11	Brighton	A	26	0	Won
18	The Leys	A	25	5	Won
23	Felsted	A	3	14	Lost
Nov. 1	Old Millhillians	H	0	8	Lost
8	St. Paul's	A	3	24	Lost
15	Merchant Taylors'	H	3	5	Lost
22	University College School	A	23	0	Won
Dec. 6	Berkhamsted	A	26	0	Won
13	Dulwich	A	5	5	Drawn

THIRD FIFTEEN

The 3rd XV had a successful season without ever achieving the form they were capable of. When they played well, they looked a good side, but two matches were lost which should really have been won and there was seldom any real pattern to their play. The forwards generally provided enough ball for the backs to make good use of, but poor handling and a lack of confidence were common failings behind the scrum. Much trouble was caused by the selector's indecision over the scrum-half position — Becker was always dangerous but could not satisfy many referees and was playing well in the centre at the end of the season. Shaw and Riley were the other backs who regularly impressed. Of the forwards Witten, the captain, was well to the fore, as were James, Galloway and Wurr.

TEAM

Shaw C. J., Rudlin/Ko, Dungay, Becker, Mann, Riley, Duggan, Moles, Witten, Farrow/Hogarth, James, Galloway, Macrae, Shaw H. P. S., Wurr.

COLOURS

Witten, Shaw C. J., Rudlin, Dungay, Becker, Mann, Ko, Riley, Duggan, Moles, Farrow, Hogarth, James, Galloway, Macrae, Shaw H. P. S., Wurr, Lilwall.
G.R.O.

opponents	for	against	result
St. Albans	5	11	Lost
Bishops Stortford	21	0	Won
Haberdashers' Aske's	14	6	Won
The Leys	9	8	Won
Felsted	11	8	Won
Old Millhillians	3	25	Lost
St. Paul's	5	5	Drawn
Merchant Taylors'	0	18	Lost
U.C.S.	36	3	Won
Harrow	Cancelled		
Berkhamsted	Cancelled		
Dulwich	3	29	Lost

FOURTH FIFTEEN

After a runaway victory in the first match the Fourth XV over-generously handed over their next opponents to the 5th XV. Thereafter they did not win again. Five of the losses were quite close, only two were heavy; but there was never quite enough drive in the forwards nor decisiveness in defence or attack among the outsiders.

date	opponents	ground	for	against	result
Oct. 1	St. Albans Tries: Riley 3, Duggan 2, H. C. Williams 2, Binder, Studd. Conversions: Riley 7	H	41	0	Won
18	The Leys Try: Binder	H	3	10	Lost
23	Felsted Try: Souray	H	3	9	Lost
Nov. 1	Old Millhillians Try: W. J. Reid Conversion: Fox	H	5	32	Lost
	St. Paul's	A	0	31	Lost
15	Merchant Taylors'	A	0	16	Lost
Dec. 6	Berkhamsted Try: H. C. Williams	H	3	6	Lost
13	Dulwich Try: W. J. Reid Conversion: D. M. H. Grey	H	5	12	Lost

FIFTH FIFTEEN

A season in which the fifths win two matches and overall score more points than they allow their opponents to score, is, by our standards, a good season.

The season started before half-term, for the first time, when the fourth fifteen offered the fifths their Haberdashers' Aske's fixture. This was gratefully accepted and we had a good win 21-0, with Jones running in three tries, including one from a very long 'torpedo' pass from Bruss. The O.M.'s could only produce ten players and their team had to be completed with boys. However, a good game ensued, as was the St. Paul's match although both were narrowly lost. The Merchant Taylor's game successfully rounded off an enjoyable and enthusiastic season.

opponents	ground	for	against	S.M.J.P.
Haberdashers' Aske's	H	21	0	Won
Old Millhillians	H	0	6	Lost
St. Paul's	H	0	9	Lost
Merchant Taylors'	H	14	0	Won
Harrow	A	Cancelled		

Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 0; Points: For 35, Against 15.

The following played for the fifth fifteen:

- 4 Haggis (captain), M. V. Edwards, Green, Macglone, D. W. Reavell.
- 3 Bruss, Creffield, P. Edwards, Hurden, Lupi, Tan, Tomlin.
- 2 Allen, Boothroyd, Crook, Grey, 'Studd.
- 1 Addison, Belton, Edmed, Jones, Lidwell, Souray, Stubbing, Trewin, Winter.

COLTS 1969

This has been a fairly successful season especially when one takes into account the fact that not one of the forwards in the side was over 11 stone in weight or 6 feet in height, this put the side at a distinct disadvantage in the set pieces of forward play. These deficiencies became very obvious when playing against Schools with a larger Colts age group.

The forwards were able to excel in the loose where greater speed and mobility were required. Here, the back row of Morter, George, Hodge and Bantin (only three at any one time, of course) gave the backs an ample supply of 'second phase' possession, thus enabling them to score the majority of the tries.

Outstanding amongst the three-quarters were Atchley, Greenfield and Arghebant who settled into their new positions quickly and efficiently.

The highlight of the season was the win, early in the season, against the Leys, when they were able to reverse a deficit of 8 pts. — 35 of the previous year to a win of 35 pts. to 8.

opponents	ground	for	against	A.P.H.
Leys	H	35	8	Won
Bishop Stortford	H	8	5	Won
Berkhamsted	A	8	13	Lost
Felsted	A	5	15	Lost
St. Paul's	H	0	14	Lost
Merchant Taylors	A	6	5	Won
U.C.S.	A	0	3	Lost
Dulwich	H	14	3	Won

TEAM

Atchley, Wilkins, Noorani, Arghebant, Chase, Manton, Greenfield, Trier, Blair, Griffiths, Sykes, Pidgeon, Parker, Morter (Capt.), George, Hodge, Bantin.

JUNIOR COLTS 1969

The team enjoyed an average season remarkably free from injury when one remembers that the hard grounds continued until the end of October. At their best they played good rugby and all members of the team have a good knowledge of the basic skills but against bigger and livelier teams at Felsted and St. Paul's they could not find the answer and were beaten handsomely.

Kalms led the team with some fine displays of loose-forward play and was well supported by all the pack. The backs never quite realised their full potential but Sleath was a very adequate general at outside-half and Belshaw made some penetrating runs in the centre.

opponents	ground	for	against	result
The Leys	H	23	5	Won
Bishop's Stortford	H	43	0	Won
Berkhamsted	H	16	9	Won
Felsted	A	3	20	Lost
St. Paul's	A	0	18	Lost
Merchant Taylor's	A	3	13	Lost
U.C.S.	H	45	0	Won
Harrow	H	Cancelled		
Dulwich	A	0	15	Lost

TEAM

Clark, Ockendon, Dean, Belshaw, Whitmill, Sleath, Holley, Brown, Chapman, Wilson, Davies, Flynn, Foster, Adams, Kalms (Capt).

Also played: Turnbull, Galloway, Harris, Fisk, Meurig-Jones.

YEARLINGS RUGBY 1969

The Yearlings finished the season on the debit side. They had their moments, and, paradoxically, often played quite good rugby while being defeated. There was more talent available than usual among the backs, whose running and passing was generally good; the forwards were on the small side and lacking in mobility, but in the tight they more than once proved superior to heavier opponents. The two main faults, as often at this level, were indecisive tackling and a lack of real hunger for the loose ball; but if these can be remedied, the side has every promise of developing into a good one as it passes up the school.

date	opponents	ground	for	against	result
Oct. 7	Bishop's Stortford	A	3	19	Lost
14	Berkhamsted	H	28	0	Won
18	The Leys	H	14	9	Won
23	Felsted	A	6	25	Lost
Nov. 8	St. Paul's	H	6	3	Won
15	Merchant Taylors'	H	0	24	Lost
22	U.C.S.	A	3	29	Lost
Dec. 13	Dulwich	A	5	43	Lost

TEAM

Williams, D. A. P., Hastilow, Farrar, Springall, Hibberd, Sutton (cpt.), Rosenkranz, Coakley, Robinson, Simmons, Pontin, Sofaer, Attarzadeh, Bush, Brodie. Also played: Adams, Becker, Belshaw, Haw, Maile, Pailot, Wright.

J.A.B.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The Senior House Competition was shared by Collinson and Weymouth. This was because we had to replay two of the first round matches, another round was postponed because of snow and there was no time left for the final.

Weymouth won the Junior Competition and Burton Bank again won the Senior League.

SQUASH

SENIORS

M. D. Stuart (capt.)
A. M. Kingon (hon. sec.)
P. H. Witten
C. A. L. Weber
N. G. Richardson
also played
C. J. Shaw
L. Cheney
P. J. Palmer
L. G. G. Taylor

JUNIORS

C. J. S. Belshaw
G. Dawson
M. P. Manton
S. D. Williams
R. B. Arscott
also played
R. J. Holley
A. A. Turnbull
S. N. Warren-Thomas
J. Bush

RESULTS

1st. V	v	Forest	A	Lost	2 - 3	Colts V	Won 3-2
1st. V	v	Eton	H	Lost	0 - 5	Colts III	Lost 1-2
1st. V	v	The Leys	H	Won	4 - 1	Colts V	Lost 2-3
1st. V	v	S.R.A.	H	Lost	0 - 5		
1st. V	v	Felsted	H	Lost	2 - 3	Colts III	Lost 1-2
1st. V	v	Lancing	H	Lost	0 - 5		
1st. V	v	Wellington	A	Won	3 - 2	Colts V	Won 3-2
1st. V	v	Harrow	A	Lost	0 - 5	Colts V	Lost 2-3
'A' V	v	U.C.S.	H	Won	4 - 1		
1st. VII	v	C. Dean's VII	H	Lost	2 - 5		
		Westminster	A			Colts V	Lost 2-3
1st. V	v	Highgate	H	Won	5 - 0		

The term's results show a slight improvement over last year, including the first two 'genuine' victories over school sides for some years. In school matches both senior and colts V's won two and lost five.

In many ways the highlight of the term was the visit of the S.R.A., under the efficient management of M. W. Corby; the exhibition matches between D. Davies, R. Chalmers and J. Richardson were terrific, and their coaching most valuable.

The younger members of the side, show distinct promise but perhaps the most pleasing feature of the term has been the advance made by two of the more senior players, who after a couple of seasons on the receiving end began to give as good as they got. If the current colts can make a comparable improvement, preferably sooner, we should do well next year.

Ridgeway won the Senior House competition, by beating Collinson 5-0 in the final. Does anyone know where the cup is?

Finally, our thanks to all O.M.'s who have played against members of the side in the evenings; we hope their efforts will improve our performance in the Bath Club inter schools competition, the Junior Evans Cup, and the Middlesex under nineteen championship during the holidays.

C.D.

FIVES

What promised to be a very good term turned out to be extremely disappointing finally for three reasons. Firstly, since November it has been difficult to get on the courts because of the wet walls and floor: in fact B court seems to be in imminent danger of collapsing down the hill. Secondly the cancellation of the Harrow match meant a large gap between matches and was particularly regrettable from every point of view. Thirdly the first team did not progress as well as had been hoped, although there are a few players of very high potential.

Of the four matches played, the Old Citizens sent two very good pairs who beat us in straight sets, which were, however, closely and well contested. The Aldenham match was something of a disaster: lack of practice led to the seniors playing well below their best, and the experienced Aldenham pairs were able to go to an early tea, having been very lightly exercised indeed. Two matches were played against an Old Millhillian team, brought together by Jonathan Shellim, and these were particularly enjoyable both because of the company and the fact that we won.

It would be a great pity if enthusiasm for Fives waned: undoubtedly there are difficulties at the moment because of the state of the courts, but there are nevertheless plenty of opportunities for juniors to use the courts in good weather, especially for those who are not very involved in major sports.

T. J. King captained the team and played well, as did M. R. Phillipps. It looks as if Sunday matches may be arranged in the future. The only real difficulty here is getting the captain out of bed in time to greet the opposition.

R.W.V.

FENCING

We have had three matches this term and only in the last one did the team show its true worth.

In the first match against Brentwood and Brooke School the sabre team went unprepared and came second. The second match also a triangular, was against Brentwood and Westminster when we came a disappointing third.

However, despite the poor beginnings the team's fencing improved to give a good win over St. Dunstons in our last match of the term.

The juniors showed promise throughout the term and there are high hopes for their achievements next year.

It is worth noting that John Stanbury (O.M.) came second in the Under 20 Foil Championship of Great Britain and has been selected to represent Great Britain in the World Youth Championship next Easter.

Once again, our thanks go to Mr. Martin for his help and encouragement.

S.R.T.

JUDO

This term we started Judo at Mill Hill and some forty boys have been having weekly lessons from Mr. Bent who for some years has been coaching at Belmont. At the end of term twenty boys were successful in passing the first Grading to be held and most of them qualified to wear the White or Yellow belt of the 5th and 6th Dan.

Judo seems to fill the gap that has existed in our activities since Boxing was discontinued some years ago. Judging from the shouts and grunts that echo around the Gymnasium it is one of our more energetic pastimes but I am assured that anyone can join in and compete irrespective of age, height or weight. There might possibly be a vacancy or two at the beginning of next term if anyone is interested.

GYM

This term has been mainly devoted to training the juniors for the matches next term. They have much talent as the matches will no doubt show.

The junior house competition took place this term, and the team trophy was won by Collinson. Sleath in Ridgeway won the individual award.

Next term, the major gym term, should see even greater enthusiasm and standards of gym than this one.

J.B.

RIFLE CLUB

Hon. Sec. : F. R. R. Francis

1st VIII : F. R. R. Francis, J. A. Galloway, V. A. Gallo, W. J. M. Taylor,
N. J. L. Lowe, P. D. Revel, P. S. Harris, J. Meyer

Reserves : J. P. Crook, K. N. Milburn, A. Marsella, J. Old, C. J. Swannell

The team returned to school eager to get behind a rifle after a very successful end of term visit to Bisley but much to their disappointment they found the range unusable. It stood idle for 4 weeks due to the electricians' habit of laying the job on others' shoulders while nothing was completed. At last it was operational and shooting began. With only 1½ weeks to our first match we practised every day and managed to shoot a score only 12 short of the school record. But due to magnificent shooting by J. Meyer we have now reached our goal but have unfortunately not bettered it.

Next on the agenda came the Junior House Competition, won, unexpectedly, by Weymouth. Winterstoke, the holders and favourites came second, a bare 4 points separating the first two houses. As expected J. A. Galloway won the individual trophy after an extremely close battle.

Our thanks go to Mr. Brownlie, whose new system has improved many scores, Mr. Crook and Mr. Peskett who have all made shooting possible by suffering many a cold and damp afternoon in the range. Our thanks also go to Sergeant Major S. S. I. Maloney whose patience never faltered as we repeatedly bothered him for the range keys.

F.R.R.F.

CHESS CLUB

Patron : A. H. Vine
Captain : A. Pandit-Muzumdar
Secretary : M. J. Futter
Asst. Secretary: R. E. Higginson

This past term has been rather uneventful due to the fact that we have only had three chess matches. The senior team was nevertheless unbeaten, and although the juniors were not as successful as the seniors, they contributed towards the strength and working of the chess club, which functions regularly on Sunday Mornings. Lately it has been thriving on great enthusiasm from its junior members: the record attendance was eighteen.

SENIOR TEAM

1. A. Pandit-Muzumdar
2. A. M. Kingon
3. M. J. Futter
4. C. J. Ransom
5. R. E. Higginson
6. I. Fraser

SENIOR MATCHES

v South Hampstead
Won 6-0
v Felsted
Drew 3-3
v Hendon County
Won 5½-½

JUNIOR TEAM

1. R. Kalms
2. J. Becker
3. C. Prior
4. C. Zitser

JUNIOR MATCHES

v Hendon County
Lost ½-3½

A.P.-M.

HOLIDAY SPORT (RUGBY)

J. W. R. Martin represented London Counties against S.W. Counties, and has been offered an England Schoolboys trial.

P. R. Clarke represented English Schoolboys against the Scottish Schoolboys.

The following represented Middlesex Schoolboys:—

John Martin, Mike Phillips, Malcolm Freeth, Graeme Roberts, and Greig Taylor.

OLD MILLHILLIANS' SECTION

OLD MILLHILLIANS' COLUMN

Items for insertion in the Old Millhillians' Column should be addressed to The Editor, Old Millhillians' Column, Old Millhillians Club, 1, Whitehall Place, London S.W.1., and will be acknowledged. The Editor would particularly welcome any brief contribution which describes an out of the ordinary event or experience enjoyed by an O.M.

BIRTHS

ROBERTS On 3rd June 1969 to Lorette, wife of William O. W. Roberts (1955-61) a daughter Amelia Kate.

SKINNER On 28th August 1969 to Margaret, wife of William Skinner (1949-55) a second son Andrew David, a brother for Campbell James.

WOLLERTON On 5th May 1969 at Banbury, Oxfordshire, to Jennifer and Michael Wollerton (1954-59) a son, Christopher Roy.

OGDEN On 25th August 1969 to Wendy (née Field) and Robert Ogden (1939-43) a daughter, Tessa Gillian.

MARRIAGES

CUMING—GRAHAM On 20th September 1969 Michael J. Cuming (1951-56) to Laraine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham of Moreton, Derbyshire. Ray Dunsbier (1952-56) attended.

BUTCHER—GRAVES On 20 September 1969 at St. Michaels and All Angels Church, Mill Hill, Richard John Butcher (1959-62) eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. N. F. H. Butcher of Uphill Road, Mill Hill, to Elizabeth Patricia, daughter of Mrs. J. Graves and the late Mr. D. Graves of Gibbs Green, Edgeware. The Best Man was C. N. Butcher (1961-67) and the Ushers included A. J. Butcher (1960-66) and P. G. Carpenter (1958-62) Present Address: Boo Cottage, Kingston St. Mary, Taunton, Somerset.

WALKER—LOCKWOOD On 27th September 1969 Humphrey D. Walker (1956-61) to Carolyn Anne Lockwood at Chalfont St. Peter Parish Church.

THOMAS—HALL On 20th September 1969 at the Parish Church of St. Mylor, Cornwall, Royston Edward Thomas (1949-53) son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Thomas of Stanmore, Middlesex, to Diana Elizabeth Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hall of Falmouth, Cornwall. The Best Man was R. G. A. Haynes (1948-53), and the Ushers included G. H. Andrews (1951-55) and R. F. Dunsbier (1952-56). New Address: Appletree Cottage, Berghers Hill, Wooburn Common, Buckinghamshire.

ENGAGEMENTS

CULVER—DEAN The engagement is announced between Robert Culver (1960-64) and Anthea Elizabeth Dean, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dean of Langton Long, Blandford Forum, Dorset.

DOWLEN—SMITH The engagement is announced between Timothy P. W. Dowlen (1960-64), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dowlen of Oakfield Road, Harpenden and Eleanor Anne Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Smith of Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex.

DEATHS

BARNES On 28th September 1969, Harry Barnes, O.B.E., V.R.D., J.P. (1918-22) at his home 14, St. Anthony's Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool 23.

HARRIS On 5th September 1969, G. H. Harris (1898-01) at his home, Brynawelon, Oulton Heath, Stone, Staffs.

HINTON On 9th August 1969, John Hinton (1932-37) of Upsall Lodge, Ninthorpe, Middlesbrough, Yorks.

KNIGHT On 30th July 1969, at Salisbury, Rhodesia, Judge Reginald Knight, B.A., Q.C., (1918-22).

POCHIN On 16th August 1969, A. D. Pochin (1918-20) of 95 Broadway Road, Leicester.

SOLTAN On 21st October 1969, in New York, Malcolm Brighton Sharp Soltan (1920-24).

WALKER On 9th April 1969, E. L. Walker (1896-98) of Crow Lees, Crow Lee Road, Mirfield, Yorks.

OBITUARIES

MALCOLM BRIGHTON SHARP SOLTAN (1920-24)

Malcolm Soltan, who changed his name after leaving the school to John Malcolm, died in New York on the 21st October, 1969. He had a distinguished career as an actor appearing often on Broadway, the last time in a "Time for Singing". He was in "The Love Duel", "Scarlet Sister Mary" and appeared as a juvenile with Ethel Barrymore in "Kingdom of God". Other Broadway credits included "Payment Deferred" with Charles Laughton, "Come of Age" with Judith Anderson, "Witness for the Prosecution" with Sullivan and "Jane Eyre" with Eric Portman among others. There was a long tour in "A Majority of One" in which he played his own part, but also sometimes went on for Sir Cedric Hardwicke. He also did a lot of work for Cinema, Television and Radio. During the Second World War John Malcolm served with the United States Airforce and operated a radio station near the Burma border.

JUDGE REGINALD KNIGHT (1918-22)

The death occurred in Salisbury, Rhodesia, in August 1969 of Judge Reginald Knight. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1930 and became a Q.C. in 1951. Knight was formerly Deputy Speaker of Parliament in Southern Rhodesia and was a member of Sir Edgar Whitehead's Cabinet. In 1958 he was appointed Minister of Justice and Internal Affairs.

PERSONALIA

J. H. CRANWELL (1948-53) has been appointed Commercial Manager of Portec (UK) Ltd., for their new factory in North Wales. His new address is "Ainsdale" 56, Rhosnesni Lane, Wrexham, Denbighshire. Having already represented Denbighshire at Hockey he has been asked to do some coaching for the North Wales Hockey Association. He will be pleased to hear from any Old Millhillians in the area.

COL. W. E. CUNNINGTON, M.B.E., M.A., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E. (1926-31) has retired from the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and has assumed the appointment of Technical Officer to the Road Haulage Association.

M. W. FARMER (1949-55) has left English Electric and is now an area sales engineer with A.S.E.A. the giant Swedish electrical concern. As a consequence he has moved from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Worcestershire where his address is: 50, Kidderminster Road, West Hagley.

J. B. S. GABRIEL, M.A., A.M.I. Mech.E. (1902-07) has resigned as Director of Charles Churchill & Co. Ltd., the well-known machine tool manufacturers with which members of the family have had a long connection.

RALPH GABRIEL (1936-39) a Director of Tube Investments Ltd., and Managing Director of T.I.'s Machine Tool Division has resigned in order to take up residence in Guernsey.

KEN HAVILAND (1934-36) of Charlottesville, Virginia, only survivor of seven Americans who served in the Royal Air Force as fighter pilots in the Battle of Britain in 1940, was presented with a commemorative plaque at the London Hilton on the 21st October, 1969.

I. F. LUCKIN (1922-25) has been re-elected Chairman of the London Accident Prevention Council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents under the Presidency of Lord Beeching. He has also been appointed Chairman of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Committee of the Corporation of London.

PETER C. MCKINTOSH (1929-34) has been invited by the Minister of Sport to serve on the U.K. Sports Council for a further three years and to be Chairman of the Facilities Planning Committee of the Council.

H. W. OGG (1919-22) will shortly be leaving Sao Paulo, Brazil after 42 years residence in that country to retire in Europe. He expects to be in London in April.

SIR GRAHAM ROWLANDSON, M.B.E., J.P., F.C.A., G.L.C. (1918-26) who has been Chairman of the Establishment Committee of the Greater London Council since April 1967 has resigned from that Chairmanship on his election as Chairman of the Finance and Supplies Committee of that Council.

E. P. SHANKS, M.A., Q.C. (1924-30) lately Solicitor General to the States of Guernsey was sworn in, in French, as Attorney General of the same Island on Friday, 12th December, 1969.

R. G. SOOTHILL (1914-17) who retired as Chairman of Turner & Newall Ltd., some time ago, resigned his directorship of Tube Investments Ltd in December 1968.

BRIAN TAYLOR, B.Tech., Ph.D., (1955-60) is now in Honiara, British Solomon Islands Protectorate where he has taken up a post of Entomologist with the Malaria Eradication programme in the Islands for at least two years.

B. C. G. WEBB (1935-39) is sitting as Deputy Recorder of Brighton.

NEWS FROM IRELAND

John Bolton the Overseas Area Secretary of the O.M.'s Club reported from that country:-

"Despite the political situation in this country, it took an Englishman to come over in order to have an Old Millhillians Reunion. Never-the-less the re-union was held in true Irish fashion due to the kind generosity of the Irish Secretary, Nigel Kinnear (1919-25). Those in attendance included John Bolton (1936-40), Edward Newmark (1963-66) and Phillip Newmark (1964-66). Unfortunately Noel Drury was unable to attend. John Bolton met H. Gilston (1937-39) in the plane from London to Dublin who was also unable to attend.

It is hoped to hold an Irish weekend in October or November 1970, details of this will follow in the next issue, however we look forward to seeing as many Old Millhillians as possible in Ireland on this occasion."

NEWS FROM NORTH AMERICA

Brian Livsay the North American Secretary writes from Connecticut with the following news:-

"Robin Mill (1957-62) has now graduated from Cornell, is married and living at 115 Fennimore Road, Apt. B., Mamaroneck, New York.

Brian Buckingham (1953-56) is Captain of the Manhattan Rugby Club, which has just returned from a very successful tour of the Caribbean.

We have lost track of one of our members, John Longdon (1923-29) formerly of Salt Lake City, and would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows his present address.

Next year's Dinner is planned for Saturday, 17th October, 1970 in New York City.

Bill Davies and his wife recently were hosts to Joe and Barbara Fox, my wife and I at a very pleasant dinner party in Stamford, Connecticut.

Rick Rickards (1938-42) recently met with Squadron Leader John Hoile (1946-51) at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. D. A. Rickards new address is 18001, Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 4412."

KENNETH ARTHUR NYMAN, B.Sc.

N. L. Millard who met his sister in Mallorca writes:-

"In September, 1920, Kenneth Arthur Nyman was appointed House Tutor at Collinson shortly after he had graduated at London University. His stay at Mill Hill was short as he left in 1922, and possibly Collinsonians of that era and others of his pupils may have wondered what subsequently became of him.

During a visit to Mallorca in 1969, N. L. Millard (1920-24) met his sister, Mrs. S. M. Lacey. It appears that Nyman married into a firm of cinema proprietors and entered the film industry, later becoming Vice Chairman and later Chairman of the Cinematograph Exhibitors Association of Great Britain. In 1938 he was installed as President of the Association.

Nyman was a very popular man who was held in high regard by all who knew him, but unfortunately ill-health overtook him at an early age and he died in November 1955 after a prolonged illness bravely borne aged 56."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EDINBURGH COCKTAIL PARTY will be held on Saturday 21st March 1970, at the George Hotel, Edinburgh, from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m.

MIDLAND DINNER will be held on Friday 17th April 1970 at the Leicestershire Golf Club, Evington Lane, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE DINNER will be held on Friday 24th April 1970, at Mansion House, Roundhay Park, Leeds 8.

LAWYERS DINNER will be held on Friday 1st May 1970, at Gray's Inn.

FUNCTIONS SINCE LAST ISSUE

LONDON ANNUAL DINNER

The 84th Annual Dinner was held at Grosvenor House on Friday, 31st October, 1969.

The President, J. L. Anderson, B.A., presided and proposed the health of the new President, coupled with that of the Club.

The new President, T. D. Walker, M.B.E., was inducted and subsequently proposed the health of the School, to which the Headmaster, Michael Hart, M.A., replied.

One Hundred and Thirty Old Boys attended, considerably less than in previous years. The Club are most anxious to arouse more interest in this, one of the major events of the Club's activities in London. To this effect ways have to be found to re-create interest in the Annual Dinner in the future.

NORTH AMERICAN DINNER

The following report has been received from Brian Livsey (1942-45) Honorary Secretary of the North American Association:-

"The Dinner of the North American Association took place in Toronto on Saturday, 18th October, at the Sutton Hotel, five Old Millhillians were present:-

From Canada:

Michael Bell
Frank Saksena

From the United States:

Bill Davies (in the chair)
Brian Livsey
Rick Rickards

We had an Old Etonian guest, Rupert Field Marsham

A telegram was read from the President and Council of the O.M. Club, and a very interesting letter from Michael Hart. Bill Davies gave us details of the Appeal for the School, and we understand we are to receive further details in due course.

THE OLD MILLHILLIANS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Thirteen members and guests attended the Eighth Annual Dinner in Melbourne held at the Hotel Australia on Saturday, 4th October, 1969. Two new members, Roy Hanson (1950-54) and Richard Rossington (1944-51) attended their first Annual Dinner.

Bill Priestley (1929-34) who was this year's Chairman, welcomed the guests, commenting that both his father, and the father of his guest, Tom Priestley, were at School under Mill Hill's most famous Head Master, Sir John McClure, one of whose grandsons, John Ousey, was attending the Dinner. This led the Chairman, himself a third generation Old Millhillian, to tell some stories handed down by his father and great uncles.

The Chairman then introduced the Guest of Honour, Major General T. S. Taylor, who is now the Registrar of LaTrobe University, and was the first soldier of U.K. training to reach General rank in the Australian army. "Tim" Taylor started with some amusing references to his time at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. The main point of his speech, however, was to draw comparisons and contrasts between types and attitudes encountered in military and academic life, striking a nice balance of humour and seriousness.

After John Ousey (1941-44) had proposed the vote of thanks to Major General Taylor, Roy Hanson proposed the toast to the School.

Bill Priestley then read the telegram from the President of the Parent Club and conveyed the best wishes of the Head Master for the Dinner. Robin Tillyard reported on the Head Master's message to the Association. The Chairman conveyed the apologies of Bob Bennett and Phil Walker, who were overseas, and of interstate members John Fereday, Geoff Foster, Jim Gill and George Weyland.

Next year's Chairman will be Ivan Girling (1918-24) and the 1970 Annual Dinner will take place in Sydney.

SEPTEMBER, 1929 — REUNION DINNER

This was held at the Devereux on 28th November, 1969. Present were 25 O.M.'s of this entry, six Masters who were at the School in 1929, T. D. Walker, President of the Club and the present Headmaster, Mr. Michael Hart.

P. C. McIntosh spoke of the School — past — and A. K. Clark of the School — present. The reply was given by the Headmaster.

This was the second re-union dinner, the first taking place in November, 1959. Both occasions were highly successful and most enjoyable. All those present on either occasion must feel grateful to A. K. Clark for his enthusiasm and originality in organising such functions. He has promised another such gathering in 1974.

CRICKET CLUB

The full results for the 1969 season are as follows:—

First Eleven

Saturday, May 3rd	U.C.S. Old Boys	Scratched
Saturday, May 10th	Old Lyonians	Scratched
Wednesday, May 14th	Harrow Town	Lost
Saturday, May 17th	Northwood	Abandoned
Saturday, May 24th	Old Haberdashers	Drawn

Sunday, May 25th	Bradfield Waifs	Won
Monday, May 26th	Swifts	Lost
Saturday, May 31st	Old Cholmeleians	Drawn
Sunday, June 1st	Old Owens	Lost
Saturday, June 7th	Rickmansworth	Won
Saturday, June 14th	Harrow St. Mary	Won
Saturday, June 21st	Chorleywood	Lost
Sunday, June 22nd	Dragonflies	Lost
Saturday, June 28th	Totteridge	Lost
Sunday, June 29th	Old Tauntonians	Won
Saturday, July 5th	Mill Hill Village	Drawn
Sunday, July 6th	Stowe Templars	Scratched
Saturday, July 12th	Mill Hill School	Won
Sunday, July 13th	O.M.T.	Lost
Saturday, July 19th	Kew	Lost
Sunday, July 20th	Millers	Drawn
Saturday, July 26th	The Park	Drawn
Sunday, July 27th	Mayfair	Won
Saturday, August 2nd	Old Fincunians	Lost
Monday, August 4th	Bognor	Drawn
Tuesday, August 5th	Middleton	Won
Wednesday, August 6th	Storrington	Won
Thursday, August 7th	Steyning	Won
Friday, August 8th	Worthing	Drawn
Saturday, August 9th	Linfields	Drawn
Saturday, August 16th	Hornsey	Drawn
Sunday, August 17th	Mandarins	Drawn
Saturday, August 23rd	Old Paulines	Drawn
Saturday, August 30th	Bushey	Lost
Sunday, August 31st	Enigmas	Scratched
Saturday, September 6th	Old Citizens	Drawn
Sunday, September 7th	Hampstead	Lost
Saturday, September 20th	Hornsey	Scratched

Second Eleven

Saturday, April 6th	A.M.H.S. XI	Scratched
Saturday, May 10th	Old Lyonians	Scratched
Saturday, May 17th	Northwood	Drawn
Saturday, May 24th	Old Haberdashers	Scratched
Saturday, May 31st	Old Cholmeleians	Drawn
Saturday, June 7th	Rickmansworth	Drawn
Saturday, June 14th	Harrow St. Mary	Won
Saturday, June 21st	Chorleywood	Drawn
Saturday, June 28th	Totteridge	Lost
Saturday, July 5th	Mill Hill Village	Drawn
Saturday, July 12th	Mill Hill School	Won
Saturday, July 19th	Kew	Drawn
Saturday, July 26th	The Park	Drawn
Saturday, August 2nd	Old Fincunians	Drawn
Saturday, August 23rd	Old Paulines	Drawn

FENCING CLUB

With an influx of new members this term it has been a little disappointing that several possible matches have had to be postponed through difficulties in assembling a team at any one time. This seems mainly to have been through the alternative fencing commitments of our members, but nevertheless the idea that fencing should be promoted amongst O.M.'s still survives strongly.

Our highlight of the term was our entry into the Witney Cup "Old Boys" Competition. Although we couldn't raise as many teams as we should have liked, we still had a most enjoyable competition and came 9th, losing to a strong Leicester City team.

Apart from team events, members still record some very promising results in individual competitions, and it is gratifying to know that could all our strongest fencers be mustered together at the same time we would be quite a force to be reckoned with.

Because of the difficulties of organising a London based Club from first Leeds, and now Birmingham, Jeremy Thorn has relinquished his position of Hon. Secretary to Jonothan Stanbury, Gable End, Beechway, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey.

The A.G.M. will be held next term, preceded by a match against the School, at Mill Hill.

GOLFING SOCIETY

The second half of our season contained two all day matches against the O.M.T.'s at Moor Park, won 5½-2½, and against O. Cholmeleians at New Zealand, lost 3-5.

We returned to Hendon G.C. for an evening match against O. Leysians, which was drawn 2-2.

The Mellin Trophy for our senior team at West Hill resulted in a 1-2 defeat by Downside in the first round, our point being gained by the Captain and Donald Reid. In the plate competition we beat Felsted 2-1, Jim Davidson and Dick Makin winning 5 and 4 and John Gibbings and Raymond Steele by 4 and 3. We lost ½-2½ to Lancing, the Plate winners in the semi-final.

The Autumn Meeting was held as usual at Deal in late September, we introduced two innovations this year to arrest declining numbers in recent years; a reduced green fee to younger members attending and cheaper accommodation at a simple pub specifically for younger players. The result was our best attendance for some years including several of our bright young things, who appeared to have a good party at the King's Head. The serious business of the week-end took place on the golf course, which was in good order with a moderate breeze to test us. Raymond Steele showed his continued liking for Deal by winning the Captain's Prize, in the afternoon Christopher Pilbrow won the Scratch Prize, beating Geoffrey Vero, the holder by one shot. Geoffrey had his moment when he successfully defended the Members of Parliament Cup for foursomes with the Captain, Alastair Kingsley Brown. Alastair was awarded the Beart Tankard for this performance combined with a good round on Saturday morning. Ian Turnbull won the singles Society Prize at his first meeting, to add to the School Trophy presented by the Society last term.

Having qualified for the Grafton Morrish match play finals at Hunstanton and Brancaster in October, we took a young side led in the style of the Duke of Plaza Toro by that wizened old veteran, the Secretary.

We met Bloxham in the first round at Brancaster, they came in as leading non-qualifiers in their group so we were reasonably hopeful, though a little disconcerted by the appearance of two Warwickshire County players in their side.

Derek Sigley and Christopher Pilbrow won the top match in efficient style by 6/5. Paul Robinson and Roger Steele had their noses in front going out, but the inward half into the wind searched out some right wing tendencies and they lost a good game by 2/1. Geoffrey Vero and Gordon Hawes in the rear had a very close match, squared for the first time on the 13th, one up on the 14th and won 2 and 1 on the seventeenth. So we transferred to Hunstanton to play Solihull in the 2nd round. They sported 4 county badges on the first tee, since Geoffrey had carelessly left his Warwickshire Colts pullover at home we had to admit this left us love-fifteen down on the preliminaries. In the event we lost both first and second matches and had to be content with a last hole win by the third pair to give our 1-2 margin a measure of respectability.

The revived match play championship reached its final at Moor Park in October when Donald Reid beat Robert Clancey by 2 and 1 after a close match. Donald thereby became the first holder of a handsome salver presented to the Society by the Captain to mark our Jubilee season.

HOCKEY

At the time of writing this report the Hockey Club has played two matches and won them both. The score against Reigate was 3-1 and that against Old Merchant Taylor's was 2-1. Unfortunately the match against Old Cranleighans had to be cancelled because of rain.

For the rest of the season, after Christmas the Club has a further five matches, all on Sunday. In addition the Club has a fixture against the School on Tuesday, 17th March, 1970, and it is hoped to field both a 1st XI and a 2nd XI on this day.

The Hon. Team Secretary is Michael Allen and any O.M. interested in playing for the Club is invited to contact him at: 9, Old Lodge Way, Stanmore, Middlesex (Telephone:- 01-954 3838).

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

This has not been the easiest of seasons for the 1st XV who have lacked the services of several of last years teams. John McAllister has tackled his task as Captain enthusiastically and at the time of writing has been rewarded with a good win against Sutton. In this game Nigel Olsen and John Parker made their debuts and, as so often has been the case, did commendably.

We have at present a shortage of seasoned players; we do have a good number of younger players, a situation not unknown to us, but rather at odds with the experience of most other Old Boys' Clubs. Thanks no doubt to the work of our Team Secretary, Ian Carrie, the overall playing strength of the Club has been fully maintained, as the record of the junior side suggests.

Francis Mann and Barney Micklem have been engaged in County Rugby for Middlesex and Hertfordshire respectively.

The Rugby Dinner was held at the Hyde Park Hotel on December 3rd with the President of the R.F.U. as principal guest. As always the evening was well enjoyed.

Also much enjoyed have been the facilities at Headstone Lane, Ted Carfrae, experiencing better weather than last year, has been able to prepare a fine playing surface and, by virtue of the lights presented by Kin Coombe, we are able for the first time to train there throughout the season.

RECORD

					Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against
1st XV	...	...	...	...	14	4	1	9	164	238
A XV	...	...	...	...	10	5	0	5	108	175
B XV	...	...	...	...	11	5	1	5	118	95
Ex B XV	...	...	...	...	11	5	1	5	132	78
C XV	...	...	...	...	11	7	0	4	445	79

STOP PRESS NOTICE

At a special Committee Meeting held on January 14th, Alan Toulson was appointed Secretary of the Rugger Club. His address is 66-68, Gloucester Avenue, N.W.1.

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YACHT CLUB

The Major happening of the year came after the close of the season with the reluctant decision of the Club to sell "Winnie". Parting with a lady of such character, the catalyst around which the Club was originally formed, did not come easily. A large number of Old Millhillians were introduced to sailing on board her and many more Old Millhillians and their friends enjoyed many happy days of sailing on her. Fortunately she is assured of a good home as she is to be bought by Old Millhillians and kept in the family.

To explain the reasons for this drastic move needs a brief survey of the season. This was frankly disappointing, despite the efforts of the berthing secretary there were a number of week-ends on which neither "Winnie" or "Martlett" left their moorings. Sometimes in the former case because no skipper could be found to take her out

although a crew was available. In the case of "Martlett" she sailed two or three times without a single O.M. on board. Again the experiment of offering "Winnie" for charter on a Gosport to Gosport basis, and not arranging the usual Club Cruise, was not a success as there were only two charterers. The overall result in financial terms will be a considerable deficit for the year.

The big factor has been the Club membership which has remained static. We particularly have missed the steady influx of younger new members which over the past two years has dried up to a trickle. As for the existing members they have been sailing less for two reasons. A number of the older and more enthusiastic are now the proud owners of boats of their own, sailing under the Club burgee, and naturally they therefore sail only occasionally on the Club boats. A number who joined the Club as carefree bachelors have now progressed to the status of proud fathers of young families who can therefore only steal the odd week-end from domestic responsibilities. Increasingly we have come to depend of the support of friends who have no connection with the School. The only alternative, in the absence of adequate support from Old Boys, which would have brought in enough members to keep the Club viable with "Winnie", would have been to make the Club open and actively canvass for non Old Millhillians members. This was considered and rejected as it would have changed the whole character of the Club.

One other factor needs to be mentioned. The cost of fitting out "Winnie" each season is considerable, she is wooden hulled with heavy gear and not in her first youth. The cost has been kept to a minimum by the expedient of the Club members doing a large part of the work themselves. A series of working parties has always been organised each winter and early spring. Again the static membership and lack of new blood has meant that it has been extremely difficult to find volunteers for this essential work. Increasingly the burden has been on the Commodore and the Secretary and their families who in all conscience now reckon that this burden should be passed on to others. No one else is however prepared to undertake the very considerable amount of work involved. The only possible solution would be to put all the work in the hands of a boat yard increasing the annual outgoings by four or five hundred pounds.

To end on a more cheerful note the sale of "Winnie" does not mean the end of the Yacht Club, "Martlett" will be kept in commission. With the Club's financial burdens reduced the subscriptions and perhaps the capitation fees can be reduced thus encouraging the younger and more penurious O.M. to join and sail. It is also envisaged that the berthing secretary will act as a clearing house and provide crew for those members who own their own Yachts, an activity discouraged in the past as it tended to reduce the numbers sailing in the Club's own boats. Again this will give members a chance of a variety of sailing experience. In the long term we hope that if the membership starts growing again a new fibre glass yacht, rather larger than "Martlett", will be bought as a second Club boat.

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These hours are more than compensated for by time spent in the company, say, of a supervisor at the Western District sorting office, the banqueting manager behind the scenes at the Dorchester or a Canberra navigator in a hanger on an R.A.F. station, where boys and careers master can see what the working environment is like, where men's loyalties lie, and in what aspects of the work, men take a pride.

Mill Hill is fortunate in possessing many Old Boys who are prepared to devote an hour or so to boys and/or myself or even to take them into an office for a day or a week, to show them round a factory or office complex, hopefully not selling a career but either preaching to the converted, setting them along a sensible path to success, or showing the undecided the advantages and disadvantages of life as say studio manager with the B.B.C. I know of many such O.M.'s but there must be many more of whom I do not know, and from whom I would be delighted to hear.

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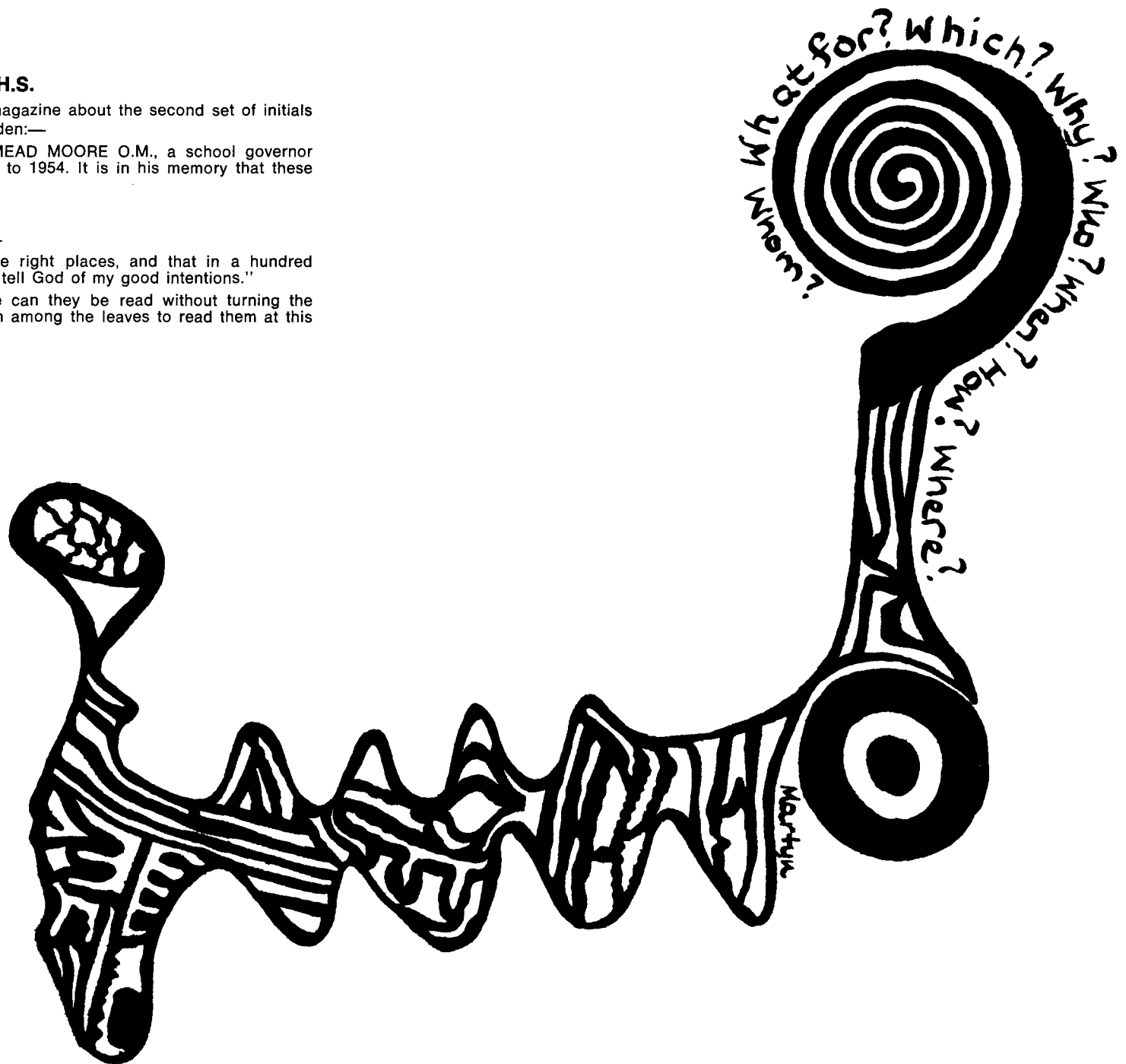
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A distinguished O.M. wrote in his diary: —

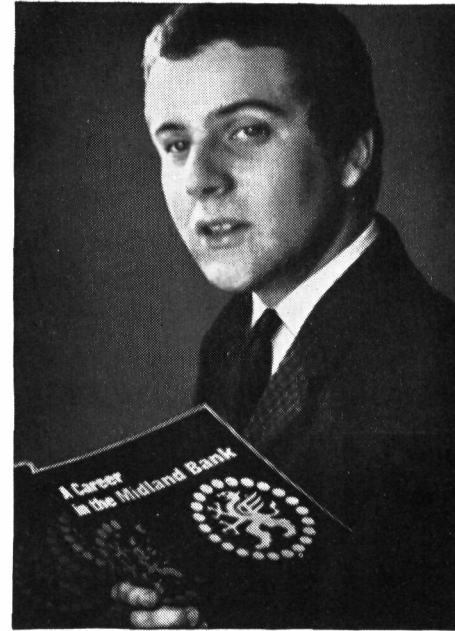
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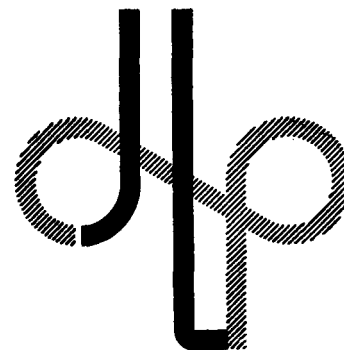
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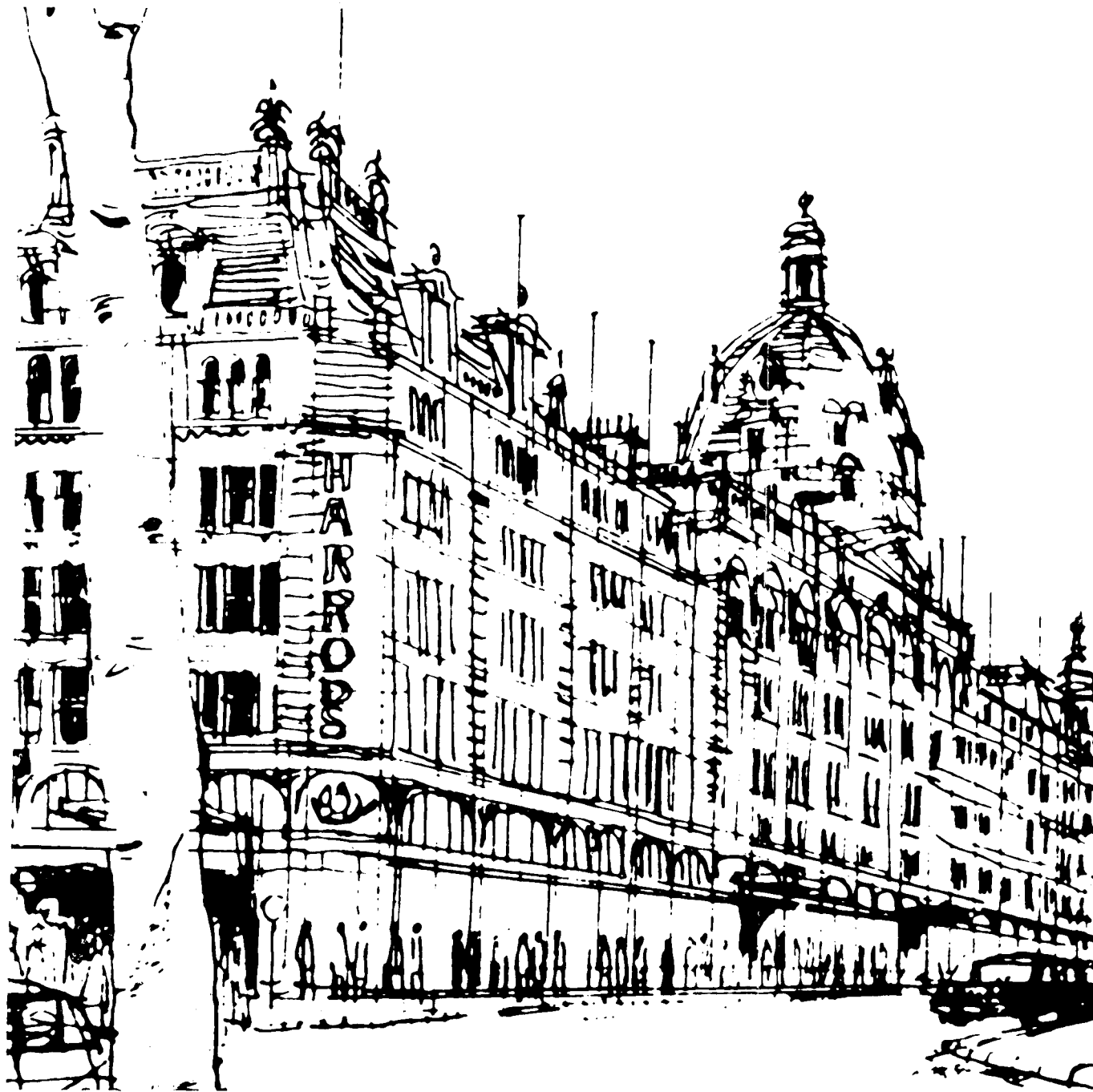
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