SCHOOL NOTES

Head Prefect: J. M. Clarke.
Second Prefect: D. J. Cooper.
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B. R. Clayton, B. H. Whitney, A. E. Bean, D. P. Frost, R. Miles,
G. Rose, D. M. Wilson, S. C. Norsworthy, S. H. Fox, R. Cook,
D. N. Hall, J. F. Murdin.

The School has welcomed to the Staff this term Mr. J. R. Hollister
(B.Sc. London) to teach Physics and Mathematics and Mr. J. A.
Stratfold (B.A. Manchester) to teach Modern Languages. We hope
their stay with us will be congenial.

Congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Butcher on
the birth of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Temple on the birth of a
second daughter.

Congratulations are also offered to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hollister
on their recent marriage, and we wish them all future happiness and
prosperity.

Visits have been made to Stewarts & Lloyds, Corby, and to the
Royal Aircraft Establishment, Bedford, by members of the VIth Form
this term.

A School party has visited Stratford-on-Avon to see a performance
of "Othello".

A play written by the Headmaster was broadcast on November
29th on the B.B.C. Midland Home Service. Entitled "Mr. Travers' Nightmare",
a murder mystery, it was Mr. Wrenn's first play, though
of course he has previously published several novels.

It is with regret that we heard of the resignation of Mrs. L. F.
Norman, of Rushden, from the Board of Governors. We welcome
Mrs. G. Marriott and Mrs. A. Perkins, of Rushden, as new Governors.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of numerous contem-
porary magazines.

On October 25th, a party of 14 boys was invited, by the Mid-
Northants. Water Board, to attend the opening ceremony of the new
Reservoir at Pitsford. Her Majesty the Queen Mother declared the
works open and a fine view of the whole proceedings was had by our
party.
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B. K. RIGBY
G. ROSE

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Royal Dental Board Scholarship.

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C. J. DAVIS National College of Rubber Technology.
R. M. HALL Chelsea School of Pharmacy.
A. B. HOLMES Guy's Hospital Dental School.
J. L. McARDLE Manchester College of Technology.
J. F. PARSONS Westminster Medical School.
R. ROBERTSHAW King's College Hospital, London.
R. SHERWOOD Sheffield.
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G. R. WEST Nottingham.

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ph—Physics, ch—Chemistry, bio—Biology,
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N. J. BUTLER a m ph ch
B. A. CLARKE s g
J. COLES s h m
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RUGBY FOOTBALL

Captain: A. E. Bean
Vice-Captain: B. H. Whitney
Hon. Secretary: S. C. Norsworthy

The 1st XV. began the season by suffering two heavy defeats at the hands of bigger, stronger and faster sides in Bedford School and Northampton. Even so, they gave ample evidence of their ability to defend courageously and to move well in their very limited opportunities to attack. In these games, too, there developed an excellent team spirit which has been maintained throughout, on and off the field. Since then, only one game has been lost. This particular game against King's, Peterborough, well illustrates the strength and weakness of the side. With our three-quarters clearly superior, and scoring two good tries through our two wings, we lost because our forwards would not obtain an equal share of the ball and could not contain the strength of the opposing pack which was responsible for the three tries scored against us, including a ‘pushover’ try. The forwards have been severely handicapped by lack of weight, though their tenacity in the loose has overcome this to some extent. The realisation that forwards must play as one unit rather than as individuals attempting to shine independently, the notion of discipline, has taken some little time to come. It has, however, been the foundation of some good performances, notably against Stowe, when the efforts of the forwards against superior odds gave us, in the first half, enough scoring chances to be sure of winning. With all our three-quarters remaining from last year we have been fortunate, since they have moved smoothly and passed well, being used to playing together. We have had a strong and skilful pair as halves and from them have come most of the openings, together with a great deal of opportunities and resourceful defence. The centres, if not as penetrative as might be desired, are neat and speedy players who have run straight and served well two wings whose increasingly determined thrust has proved dangerous. A measure of the defence of the backs and the good covering of the forwards is that after the first two games, only one try, and that when we were depleted by injury, has been scored by opposing three-quarters. At full back, scarcely a mistake has been made and resolute tackling has been of great value. The level of performance has varied, errors have been made, but the side has played good, open Rugby and shown itself to be above average. We congratulate A. E. Bean, who has led the side very well, on his selection for the Northamptonshire Grammar Schools’ XV., and B. Tunney and R. R. Attley on being chosen as reserves.

A.E.S.

RESULTS

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Nov. 3 v. Stowe School 2nd XV. (H) Won 12—0
Nov. 7 v. King's, Peterborough, 1st XV. (A) Lost 14—6
Nov. 10 v. Bedford Modern 2nd XV. (A) Won 21—3
Nov. 17 v. Oundle School 3rd XV. (H) Won 9—6
Nov. 22 v. Towcester G.S. 1st XV. (A) Won 32—0
Nov. 28 v. Northants. Police (A) Won 17—6


2nd XV.

Despite a rather disastrous start to the season the 2nd XV. have settled down and their record has improved considerably.

Despite many changes due to injury and calls by the 1st XV. an incredibly high level of team spirit has been maintained. Their “never say die” attitude saved the games against King’s School, Peterborough, and Kettering G.S. when all seemed lost.

With the forwards outweighted, the backs have seen little of the ball and the pattern of play has generally been to defend and make the most of opponents' mistakes. When in possession backs and forwards have, on occasions, combined quite delightfully and shown that with more chances the team could play good Rugby.

The tackling has varied from hard and low to neck grabbing, i.e. from good to quite pathetic. For a team which to date has relied upon defence and opportunism this is not good enough. Tackling must be consistently determined and low.

The backs have tried hard with few chances, but must remember that an orthodox passing movement from a set scrum must be carried out at top speed. The forwards have, as already stated, generally been outweighted in set scrums and have suffered from lack of inches in line-outs. In order to nullify at least partially the advantages of their opponents they must be more mobile and obtain a better share of the ball from loose scrums than they have so far managed.

If these failings can be rectified then the rest of the season promises well. J.P.H.

UNDER-15 XV.

The Under-15 XV. has played six matches so far this season, winning two and losing four—though in each match the scores have been relatively even.

The loss of Palmer, with a broken collar-bone, before our fixtures started, threw the team into some confusion. Hill has since proved a capable and courageous substitute at scrum half, but the halves have failed to establish a satisfactory understanding, with the result that the three-quarter line has only rarely moved smoothly and effectively. Consequently, much good work by the forwards has been wasted.

In the tight scrums, the forwards have packed and pushed well, but line-out play has been ragged and loose scrumming has been very slack at times. A quick heel from the loose is vital if the three-quarters are to have any opportunities at all. A further disturbing fault, and one which has ruined many good rushes, has been an inability to perceive that, when stopped near the opponents' line, the ball should be hooked back to the three-quarters and not kicked on for the defence to touch down.

It has been heartening to see, however, during the past few weeks when injuries and the calls of the County XV. have weakened the side, how substitutes have played hard and made up in determination for what they lacked in skill.

Congratulations are extended to the five boys who have played in the County Under-15 team this term:— R. L. Gotch, M. Hirons, M. W. J. Green, M. J. Holyoak, M. Y. Palmer.


Also played: D. R. Carrington, D. W. Mumford, J. Clarke, H. Jones, N. Kirby.

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We started the season with high hopes which were soon dashed, with three defeats in the first four games. The weakness was in lack of cohesion and tackling by the backs. Individually, not bad, as a unit of attack, the back division was non-existent.

However, in recent games, the backs have shown great improvement and what looked like being a very poor season has now become more successful and certainly more promising for the future.

Through the season the forwards have played quite well and must now be pleased to see the backs using the opportunities they provide.

Points to remember:

1. Tackling must be low and hard;
2. Running must be straight and fast;
3. Three-quarters must position themselves quickly and always be prepared to back up;
4. Dribbles are best stopped by falling on the ball, NOT Fly-kicking;
5. Forwards should do everything at the double.

R.V.S.W.


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UNDER-13 XV.

The Under-13 team has made a most encouraging start. The enthusiasm of all players, and their eagerness to improve their game, have been particularly pleasing. If this spirit is maintained, we shall produce some excellent footballers, for there is much talent in the side.

We have enjoyed some excellent, hard-fought games this term, and, at the time of writing, have had four victories in the first six matches. Perhaps the most exciting struggle was that against Northampton Grammar School, when a last-minute try won us the game.

The handling has been excellent, even when the ball has been wet and conditions difficult, though there has been a tendency to delay the final pass too long. The centres, though deserving praise for their
penetration, must not allow themselves to be tackled in possession so often, and must see to it that they feed the wingers early, so that they have room to move.

The forwards are gradually welding themselves into an efficient pack, and are beginning to realise that the essence of good forward play is discipline and team work rather than individual showiness. Tackling has, on the whole, been quite sound, and most players have by now grasped the fact that the half-hearted attempt to clutch an opponent's neck does not pay.

We must, in conclusion, thank those 2nd Form boys who have turned out regularly to support us, and those who have so willingly helped with refreshments on Saturday mornings. E.P.B.

RESULTS

Oct. 18 v. Deacon's, Peterborough U-13 XV. (H) Won 18—3
Oct. 20 v. Kettering G.S. U-13 XV. (H) Won 15—0
Oct. 27 v. Rushden Tennyson Road (A) Lost 20—3
Nov. 3 v. Rushden Tennyson Road (H) Lost 15—0
Nov. 10 v. Bedford Modern U-13 XV. (H) Won 18—9
Nov. 21 v. Bedford Lower School (H) Lost 19—5


Thanks are expressed to all those Masters and boys who have helped in the organisation of School Rugby.

CRICKET

1st XI.

Though the record of the 1st XI. was not as good as the previous season, there were some very well contested games between late June and the end of the season. Due to the intelligent bowling of Bean and Hodson on a fast but lively wicket, Northampton were struggling for runs most of the time. Wilson and Attley both played commendable innings which enabled the School to win in the dying minutes of the game. The match against the Thursday C.C. provided some convivial cricket. The batting of Frost, Bean and Sharman made up for the desultory start of our innings but only Bean's bowling proved sufficiently penetrating on a true wicket.

Two of the later matches were decisively lost. Against Bedford School a depleted School side made a reasonable score thanks to the batting of Sharman and Horne, who showed that vigorous batting need not be unorthodox batting. The ease with which our opponents won was in part due to fielding which became slacker as the score mounted.
On the whole, both the bowling and fielding were quite good. Hodson, in particular, improved. However, the side's weakness again lay in its batting, technically and in approach. Individual performances were uneven and several who promised well did not find their form until later in the season. Unfortunately those in form earlier in the season proved unable to repeat their success.

Nevertheless, next season the side ought to score more runs, for the majority of the team will be here for 1957 and their experience should be valuable. In particular one would like to see batsmen less tied to their crease. The only occasion when our batsmen seriously tried to use their feet with some success to slow bowling was in the Masters' Match. Rigby, a consistently reliable wicket-keeper, proved a competent captain, who was not averse to trying something tactically new and it is due largely to him that the team proved to be a harmonious combination.

### Playing Record

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### Results

26th June v. Bedford School 2nd XI. Lost by 9 wickets. 
   Bedford 133 for 1. 
   W.G.S. 131 (Sharman 53, Horne 21).

30th June v. Northampton G.S. Won by 2 wickets. 
   Northampton 106 (Bean 6 for 9, Hodson 3 for 26). 
   W.G.S. 107 for 8 (Wilson 30, Attley 25 not out).

7th July v. Kettering G.S. Lost by 9 wickets. 
   Kettering 73 for 1. 
   W.G.S. 71 (Rigby 21).

12th July v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Lost by 4 wickets. 
   Thursday C.C. 131 for 6 (Bean 4 for 52). 
   W.G.S. 129 for 8 dec. (Frost 45, Bean 24, Sharman 22).

14th July v. Kettering G.S. Drawn—rain stopped play. 
   Kettering 16 for 0. 
   W.G.S. 96 (Barclay 24, Tunney 24).

19th July v. Deacon's School. Drawn. 
   Deacon's 78 (Hodson 6 for 17, Bean 3 for 26). 
   W.G.S. 39 for 9 (Clayton 19 not out).

21st July v. Old Grammarians. Won by 2 runs. 
   O.G.'s 96 (Hodson 6 for 22). 
   W.G.S. 98 for 9 dec. (Frost 20, Rigby 24).

25th July v. Masters' XI. Won by 1 wicket. 
   Masters' XI. 147 for 6 dec. (B. J. P. Tompkins 57, T. B. J. Mar- 
   dell 38, A. E. Sparrow 19 not out, H. A. Wrenn 17). 
   W.G.S. 148 for 9 (Frost 41, Clayton 34, Attley 20, Bean 19 not 
   out, Powell 17). (E. P. Butcher 7 for 75).

The team was selected from: Rigby (Capt.), Bean, Rose, Frost, Hodson, Wilson, Sharman, Barclay, Attley, Young, Clayton, Powell, Smith, R. E., Robinson, M. E., Horne, Tunney, Tear, Carvell, A. J., Tomlin, Green, Tye, R.
1st XI. Colours have been awarded as follows:

*Full* Bean, Sharman, Hodson, Barclay.


**House Matches: Result of Competition.**

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**1st XI. v. The Masters.**

The annual fixture provided the best cricket for some years, with the honours divided despite the fact that the 1st XI. was victorious. Batting first, the Masters made an excellent start, the Headmaster and Mr. Mardell adding 36 for the first wicket. Another wicket fell at 55, bringing in Mr. Tompkins who hit a six and five fours in a sound innings of 57, scored in 70 minutes. Eventually the Masters were able to declare at the tea interval with 147 for the loss of 6 wickets, leaving the 1st XI. to score at the rate of 70 an hour to win. They lost 3 wickets for 23 to the spin bowling of Mr. Butcher, before Frost (41), Attley (20), Clayton (34), and Powell (17) paved the way for Bean and Smith to reach the target with three minutes and one wicket to spare. Mr. Butcher took the individual bowling honours with figures of 7 for 75.

**2nd XI.**

The 2nd XI. had a disappointing season, only just managing to win two matches. Only one batsman, Horne, achieved a certain degree of reliability, but not even this can be said of the bowlers. As a result there were many changes in players. The team, therefore, never settled down and did not display the team spirit of former years.

**Results**

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UNDER-15 XI.

Of the remaining matches last season, not one was won. Only against Bedford School was there a possibility of winning, thanks to some sensible and courageous batting by Maddock. The missing of no fewer than eight chances in the field dispelled all hope of victory, however. For the rest, there remains only to be told the sad story of some quite adequate bowling let down by timid, ineffective and un-sound batting which was responsible for what can only be described as an unsuccessful season. It is to be hoped that those of the team who have cricketing ability and who are keen on the game, will, next season, seriously apply themselves in their batting to the study and observance of the elementary principles which are a means to an end, the scoring of runs without throwing away one's wicket.

RESULTS

30th June v. Northampton G.S. Lost by 57 runs.
Northampton G.S. 101 (Jones, T.F. 4 for 42).
W.G.S. 44.

Bedford 84 for 7 (Millwood 3 for 19).
W.G.S. 83 (Maddock 24).

Blackfriars' 67 (Green 5 for 2).
W.G.S. 47 for 9.

19th July v. Kettering G.S. Drawn.
Kettering G.S. 102 for 8 (Green 3 for 17, Jones, T.F. 3 for 43).
W.G.S. 26 for 9.

PLAYING RECORD


The following played during the term: : Jones, T. F. (Capt.), Carvell, B. T., Bailey, J., Palmer, Millwood, Green, Leslie, Long, James, Knight, R., Brown, A. V., Coles, M., Maddock, Gotch, R. L., Richardson, P.

Colours were awarded to: Jones, T. F., Green, M., Millwood.

UNDER-14 XI.

The team played extremely well and maintained their unbeaten record to the end of the season. This was achieved by good team work rather than by outstanding efforts on the part of one or two players.

RESULTS

Bedford 77 for 7 (Dunkley 3 for 27, Partridge 3 for 28).
W.G.S. 46 for 8 (Maher 22 not out).

7th July v. Blackfriars' School. Won by 8 wickets.
Blackfriars' 33 (Partridge 5 for 14, Billing 3 for 5).
W.G.S. 35 for 2 (Bradshaw 20 not out).

21st July v. Kettering G.S. Won by 31 runs.
Kettering 35 (Partridge 7 for 15).
W.G.S. 66 (Goosey 19, Partridge 14).
PLAYING RECORD


The following played during the term: Partridge, R. J. (Capt.), Billing, Goosey, Kirk, Kitson, Saunston, Nunley, Walton, Maher, Dunkley, Underwood, Tomkins, P. G., Bradshaw, Leeson.

Colours were awarded to: Partridge (Capt.), Underwood, Bradshaw, Goosey, Billing, K., Maher, Dunkley, Kitson.

ATHLETICS

The annual Triangular Match against Northampton and Kettering Grammar Schools was held at Northampton, on July 13th. Once again a keen struggle developed and the final result was in doubt until the last event. This proved to be a tie between Northampton and the School, each scoring 150 points, while Kettering scored 81 points. Our boys performed well, and, in particular, mention must be made of Miles, who won both the Senior 220 yards and 440 yards; Busby for his victories in the Junior 100 yards and 220 yards; and B. A. Tall for a new Junior High Jump record of 4 ft. 6½ ins.

The Open Handicap Meeting at Finedon on July 14th was unfortunately held in appalling weather conditions, but some boys braved the elements to record the following successes:—100 yards Under-14: 1st Sharman, M. J., 2nd Busby, 3rd Barden; 220 yards Under-14: 1st Sharman, M. J.; One Mile 15-18: 2nd Cook.

The Hurdles held at the end of last term resulted as follows.

80 yards Hurdles, Senior:
Time: 11.2 secs. (Record).

80 yards Hurdles, Middle:
Time 11.1 secs. (Record).

80 yards Hurdles, Junior: (Record: 12.8 secs., Sharman, M. J., 1955)
Time: 13.5 secs.

Colours were awarded to:—

SENIOR: Miles; Sharman, J. T.; Rigby; Nice; Tye, M.; Norsworthy.
MIDDLE: Stewart.

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

Tuesday, 17th July, 1956

Under-13 25 yards Backstoke:
Time: 21.8 secs.

Under-14 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Penness, J. W. (S) 2. Linnitt, J. (D)
Time: 23.7 secs.
Under-15 25 yards Backstroke:
1. James, D. N. (G) 2. Brown (S) 3. Clarke (L) 4. McVarish (D)
Time: 20.8 secs.

Under-16 25 yards Backstroke:
Time: 19.0 secs.

Open 25 yards Backstroke:
1. Wilson, W. J. (S) 2. Tye, R. (L) 3. Pendered, J. (D)
Time: 16.9 secs.

Under-14 Diving:

Under-13 25 yards Breaststroke:
1. Roche, C. (G) 2. Stanton (D) 3. King Underwood (S).
Time: 22.2 secs.

Under-14 50 yards Breaststroke:
Time: 47.2 secs.

Under-15 50 yards Breaststroke:
1. Green (D) 2. Seckington (L) 3. Cockings (S).
Time: 45.7 secs.

Under-16 50 yards Breaststroke:
Time: 40.3 secs.

Open 100 yards Breaststroke:
Time: 1 min. 31.5 secs.

Open Diving:
1. Desborough, A. (D) 2. Parker, R. (G) 3. Sparkes (S)

Under-13 25 yards Freestyle:
Time: 18.0 secs.

Under-14 25 yards Freestyle:
1. Penness (S) 2. Simpson (D) 3. Jolley (G) 4. Oberman (L).
Time: 18.6 secs.

Under-15 25 yards Freestyle:
Time: 18.9 secs.

Under-15 50 yards Freestyle:
1. Tomlin (S) 2. Cairns (D) 3. Lymn (G) 4. Favell (L).
Time: 39.5 secs.

Under-16 50 yards Freestyle:
1. Greenhalf, J. (D) 2. Ward (L) and Frost (S) tied.
Time: 28.5 secs.

Open 50 yards Freestyle:
1. Murton, T. (D) 2. Wilson, D. (S) 3. Barber (G)
Time: 32.3 secs.

Open 100 yards Freestyle:
Time: 1 min. 11.2 secs.
Under-13 4 x 1 length Relay:
1. Dragons 2. Gryphons 3. Stags

Under-15 4 x 1 length Relay:

Open 4 x 1 length Relay:

Time: 2 mins. 24.7 secs.

Time: 2 mins. 19.8 secs.

Time: 1 min. 46.4 secs.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

On Tuesday, July 17th, the inter-House Swimming Sports took place at Wilby Lido. The Dragons commanded a considerable lead in the “Distance swimming” points, and continued to increase this throughout the sports. This is the seventh year in succession that they have won. Their senior relay team was outstanding. Individual successes worthy of mention are W. J. Wilson’s 25 yards backstroke, Murray’s Under-13 Freestyle, Greenhalf’s Under-16 Freestyle and R. Tye’s Open 100 yards Freestyle.

HOUSE P.T. COMPETITION—July 16th.

The four houses competed in eleven different “Minor Games”. 300 boys took part and 11 masters acted as referees. The games were chosen to test speed, agility, stamina, and skill with a ball. In such a competition it is impossible to estimate the chances of a house, even part-way through, so the main excitement occurs while the scoreboard is rapidly changing.

1st DRAGONS 33 points. 2nd STAGS 31 points.
3rd GRYPHONS 28 points. 4th LIONS 18 points.

THE SCHOOL PLAY.

The School Dramatic Society, under the guidance of Dr. Jackson, this year performed Agatha Christie’s “ALIBI” on the four evenings from Nov. 20th to Nov. 23rd.

This is a thriller in which it is particularly necessary that the suspense should be established immediately and maintained to the end of the play. Consequently its demand upon the actors—and upon the producer, during rehearsals—are very searching, for it is by innuendo, by reaction to unexpected revelations, and by a series of dramatic crises that the tension is increased to the high drama of the final
denouncement. Dr. Jackson is to be congratulated on having trained his cast so thoroughly that the suspense was achieved naturally as the play progressed, without over-acting or artificiality.

"Alibi" depends for its movement upon the central character, Hercule Poirot. D. J. Cooper, who played this part, made no attempt to imitate the physical appearance of the fat little Belgian of the novels, but by voice, gesture and a fine sense of timing, conveyed the essential qualities of a Poirot who was no less the Poirot because he was tall and slim rather than short and fat. In the second act most noticeably, and also throughout the final act, he commanded the stage with that odd mixture of humility and conceit, earnestness and self-dramatisation which is peculiarly Poirot's. B. H. Whitney's Dr. Sheppard provided an admirable contrast. He was so worthy and respectable, and met the awkward situations which confronted him with such guileless composure that many people in the audience were genuinely surprised when Poirot's stabbing "It was you, M. le Docteur!" eventually revealed him as the blackmailer and murderer.

D. P. Frost was convincing as the unfortunate Sir Roger Ackroyd and stoutly upheld the stage tradition he has by now well established of appearing in a beard and departing in a hearse. D. Roberts and B. R. Clayton dealt capably with the lengthy but relatively unrewarding parts of the Secretary and Major Blunt, patiently withdrawing themselves from undue attention but taking their chances as suspicion fell upon each of them in turn, while P. A. Tear's dogged Police Inspector effectively underlined, by contrast, the intuitive brilliance of Poirot. B. A. Clarke, side-whiskered in the best butlering fashion, was accepted as Parker, without question.

The women of the play deserve special praise. J. Wilson's performance as the elderly Mrs. Ackroyd was pleasing in its quiet control and restrained suggestion of genteel dignity. As the young Flora Ackroyd, R. F. Allen achieved a remarkably high standard, both in acting and appearance and is to be commended on overcoming the considerable difficulty of this part. M. A. Spriggs and G. G. Martin also tackled their female rôles with conviction.

In supporting parts, D. O. Tall, M. Wyman and D. Bolton performed capably.

The play was pleasantly staged by Mr. Goodman and Mr. Stratfold; both interior scenes providing the effect of realism so important in a modern thriller, and the carefully designed exits effectively disguised the smallness of the stage itself. The lighting effects, too, were produced with the efficiency we have come to expect from Mr. Hud-dart.

SCHOOL JOURNEY—FLORENCE AND VENICE

Bound for the south where real summer warmth and sunshine might be expected, we left Wellingborough rather gloomy at 6 a.m. From London we faced our longest journey so far—1,020 miles—and after a smooth crossing to Ostend, the party, acclimatised by almost
two hours on foreign soil, welcomed with enthusiasm and memories of hard wood the second-class accommodation. We settled down for 870 miles and 23 hours without changing and the night passed... comfortably for most, even some junior boys who slept by groups changing over at 3.30 a.m.!

The 35 minutes lost during the night disturbed the staff, for 60 packed lunches had to be collected during a much-shortened stop at Basel—boys fortunately knew nothing of this—but Mr. and Mrs. Ward, despite some opposition from frontier officials, broke all records by rushing from France to Switzerland at the station and, festooned with lunch bags, caught the train by running right across the tracks!

The weather of a rather depressing dawn gradually improved as from the Breakfast Car we viewed with great cheerfulness some of the finest of Swiss scenery. Past lakes and mountains we wound our spiral way up to the summit of the 9½ mile St. Gotthard Tunnel. Italy brought the sun and a general casting of clothing. At Milan adventurous members of the party having left the train found that not only do continental trains arrive at one platform and leave from another but they don’t even look like the same train! South, the real speed of electric travel showed itself and in spite of the steep gradients to the Appennines we passed through the 12 mile tunnel at 80 m.p.h. to reach Florence right on time!

Although part of our quarters in Florence was over 600 years old, in essentials it had been well brought up-to-date and we settled in ready for dinner. At the meal we met Valentino who, as we were to learn, in addition to waiting on us most efficiently, worked from dawn until he let the last of us in at midnight for less than £4 a week!

Recovering rapidly after our journey, we set out to explore the city immediately after dinner and, in spite of the fact that the tramtracks on which we had expected to do much of our travel were being torn up, boys found their way all over the city and back! Sightseeing the next morning took us among many of the finest art treasures of the world and we finished our visit to the Palazzo Vecchio by stepping on the Piazza della Signoria where statues erected about 1500 A.D. stand today, played round and over by the local children!

Fortunately we just got the party into a 60-seater! coach for our journey to Pisa and although the Autostrada still requires much repair it took us directly and quite rapidly through the Arno Valley with its hills covered with olive and cypress to a first stop at Lucca. By this time Jolley had been taken ill, but even he was impressed by the distant view of the famous Leaning Tower as we came down the succession of hairpin bends which would not have disgraced the Alps. With time all too short and much photographing we visited the Cathedral and Baptistery before tackling the tower, which, up the dark staircase, seems to lean much more than expected. But we left it, still leaning, having been able to restrain those boys who were sorely tempted to ring the bells! On to Viareggio where unfortunately the
sea in spite of the brilliant weather was very rough. Everyone, however, was very impressed by the resort with its trim palm-lined avenues, complete absence of litter and most obvious presence of large numbers of attractive beauties!

Other visits in Florence took us to the little hill-town of Fiesole where among olives and cypresses the party explored the town and the fine Roman theatre and to more sightseeing in the city to the Medici Palace, Tombs and the Uffizi Art Gallery. The brilliant summer weather now made every day more enjoyable. In the evenings, most boys spent their time exploring the city but some seemed to prefer "Joe's Place". Heated bargaining by parties of boys defeated the drivers of rather decrepit landaus and many boys were drawn home by the ancient horses.

Thoroughly experienced travellers, we set out for Venice. Unfortunately, our arrival was disturbed by the loss of Walker's camera, the partial loss of Mitchell's, and the apprehension of all as to the fate of our luggage perched on gondolas while we walked! Once again, settled in before dinner, we set out to explore in the evening—but what a difference from well-lit Florence! Led through narrow, dark alley, now right, now left, we wound our way for 40 minutes to the well-lit haven of St. Mark's Square. Here an hour to look round and back again, each realising how easy it is to get lost in this maze of little streets and twisting canals. But to rest? The Venetians love bells—midnight, 3 a.m., 6 a.m.—and they work early, as the crash of house demolition just opposite showed.

Sightseeing by daylight improved our sense of direction and as we made our way once more to St. Mark's the gloomy alleys and dark canals of the night before looked much improved in the sun. The magnificence of the Doges' Palace and St. Mark's Cathedral were followed by a visit to a glass factory, and the rush for souvenirs began. In the afternoon we made use of the fine system of water buses to visit the real Lido. We made a whole-day boat trip to the islands of the lagoons; Torcello with a cathedral and a population of about 251, its grapes ripening under a blistering sun, Burano, poverty-stricken with the decline of lace, and Murano, struggling to keep alive its manufacture of glass. Notable from here was the return across the open lagoon of seven boys by gondola—3 miles at about 2/6 each! The last day the whole party made a gondola excursion round the city, but, from what one heard, this normally expensive means of travel was to many boys now a common experience!

Too soon came the depressing, almost impossible, job of packing—presents, too many, glass as well, clothing impossible to wear to begin the journey—our cases bulged as once more we entrusted them to a gondola. The journey home would be easy, if depressing—straight through to Ostend. But we had the comfort of all meals in the Restaurant Car which provided welcome breaks on the long journey. But the weather! Rain before Milan and all the way home! But what of punctuality this time? Later . . . later . . . until, given up by all, we arrived at Ostend 2½ hours late! A last continental meal
on the boat compensated a little for the cold and rain . . . Dover, still raining. London . . . no coaches . . . finally . . . 2.30 a.m. . . . home!

For mention this year? First of all—Italy—for providing sun and 95 degrees at that! Who? Professor Messeri for treating Jolley without fee and Jolley for recovering so quickly, Bilsborough and York for a rescue, Drage for 400 miles on his own, Clarke for his first-aid. Mason and Stratton for first getting service at Florian's, Cairns for his expensive forgetfulness! and, he, who seen reading passing through Switzerland and asked why he was not looking at the scenery replied, "I've looked."

BARCELONA AND MAJORCA, 1957

This tour was already over-booked by the closing date—14th November—but we have been lucky in securing more seats from Spanish Airlines and are able to offer three more places on the party. Any boy interested must make very early application.

HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

House Masters:
Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. H. Ward, Mr. A. E. Sparrow,
Mr. A. W. Leftwich.

Head of House: B. R. Clayton.

School Prefects:
D. J. Cooper, B. R. Clayton, J. Murdin (Secretary), D. N. Hall.


The end of the Summer Term saw the "Dragons' Annual", the Swimming Cup once again in safe hands. Success was, however, more elusive in the Cricket and P.T. Competitions and all that remains to be said is that a better result is desired next year. The not inconsiderable latent talent amongst the Dragons should be used.

In this term’s House Matches to date, a surprisingly virile team spirit was revealed. Success, however, was not forthcoming and both the Seniors, under Clayton's able leadership, and the Juniors, were narrowly defeated by the Lions.

Next term, the Music and Drama Competitions will be held. In the former, we can get no lower—and in both, triumph will only result if unselfish co-operation is readily available from all those requested to assist.

May all new Dragons strive to increase the prestige of the House; it is hoped that these and all the older members of the House enjoy a happy Christmastide.
GRYPHONS

*House Masters:*
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. D. J. Riach, Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins.

*Head of House: B. H. Whitney.*

*School Prefects:*

*House Prefects: The above, and J. T. Sharman.*

*House Secretary: G. G. Martin.*

Since the magazine was last published our House results have been a little disappointing. Our best achievement was in the House Drama Competition, where we gained second place, and our special thanks are due to our very capable producer, B. H. Whitney. He will again be producing our House Play next year and we wish him the very best of good luck. We also hope that things will go well for R. I. S. White, who is in charge of House Music for the first time.

We only managed third place in the Cricket and P.T. Competitions. In Swimming we seemed to be doing reasonably well, holding the second highest number of swimming standards, but by the end of the Swimming Sports we had dropped to third place. It was a pity, because we seemed to try harder than in previous years.

On the Rugger field our Senior XV., although showing much individual effort, especially from Whitney, Cook, Sharman, Walker and Norsworthy, did not work well together as a team and were defeated by the Stags. It was unfortunate that Bean was unable to play owing to injuries. Our Junior XV., however, fared no better, also losing to the Stags. Better luck next time Gryphons! The following members of the House also play for the 1st XV.: Whitney, Bean, Norsworthy, Walker and Sharman.

It was a bitter disappointment losing the Ferguson Trophy after holding it for so long.

Finally we welcome all new Gryphons and wish all members of the House the compliments of the coming season.

LIONS

*House Masters:*
Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. J. P. Hyde.

*Head of House: D. Roberts.*

*House Prefects:*
B. Tunney, A. J. Carvell, B. J. Holser (Secretary).

In the House meetings this term, the appointments made were: Captain of House Rugby—B. Tunney; Vice-Captain—A. J. Carvell, and Junior Captain—Galloway. For next term's activities the Music Conductor is Nickerson; Drama Producer, Holser; and Athletics Captain, N. J. Butler.
This term, any semblance of an upper crust on the House appears to have been well and truly skimmed off, with the total (and, we hope), temporary disappearance of all School Prefects. But this must not be interpreted as a sign that we are now to throw in the towel and quietly subside; there are still enough Seniors, and very able ones at that, who can carry us through and consolidate our successes of the past year. Flaggers are now unwanted in the House.

We have only one House-member acting in the School Play this year, but Roberts' experience must surely prove invaluable next term, when there are great expectations that we will pull the dramatic chestnut out of the fire, with a victorious rise from our average position of third.

We naturally count upon a little more than one hundred per cent. support from all boys for the organisers of House activities, reminding them of our successes in the first round of the Rugby Cup, which is at present in our hands, but let us not count our chickens...

In our bloody but unbowed state, we humbly invoke the shades of all dead and departed Lions for their moral support throughout the coming year. To these and all others we wish a merry Christmas and a merrier New Year.

STAGS

*House Masters:*
Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. G. W. Cooksey.

*Head of House: J. M. Clarke.*

*School Prefects:*
J. M. Clarke, D. P. Frost (Secretary), P. A. Tear, G. Rose, R. Miles, D. M. Wilson, S. H. Fox.

*House Prefect: P. R. R. Attley.*

Rigby ended his House career in a blaze of glory last year by leading the House to what may well rank as its most outstanding year ever. In no contest did we drop below second place, our final haul being 7 firsts and 8 seconds (trophy, not dividends).

Miles and Samples displayed their customary skill in leading our successful march to the Athletics Cup, while W. J. Wilson worked hard to bring about our second position at Wilby, and the P.T. Cup eluded us by only the odd point.

The Juniors won 2 of their 3 games, but it was the Seniors who really “won” the Cricket Cup. With five 1st XI men, the batting seemed extremely strong, but at the outset some apprehension was felt about our few bowlers. However, Tear and Wilson, backed by fine fielding, and bearing the whole brunt of the attack, excelled themselves, and our opponents could only muster an average of 40 apiece.

The Winter Term has seen a slackening in House warfare, although we have fired a good first salvo in our attempt to regain the
Rugby Cup by gaining a double victory over the Gryphons. Miles is skippering the Senior House Rugby XV., with Attley as Vice-Captain, with R. J. Partridge and R. F. Underwood holding similar positions among the Juniors. Further appointments made at the beginning of the term were: J. M. Clarke, Head of House; D. P. Frost, Deputy Head and Secretary; P. R. R. Attley, House Prefect. D. M. Wilson and S. H. Fox have been awarded House Colours.

We congratulate all successful Stag examination candidates, and welcome all newcomers to the House. We also remind every Stag that many of the trophies depend on each member of the House pulling his weight, and that if this occurs, there is no reason why our record of last year should not be bettered in 1956-7.

In conclusion we wish all Stags, past and present, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DEBATING SOCIETY

During this term it was found necessary to make drastic revisions in the constitution of the Society, as a result of which it is hoped to organise proceedings more effectively.

The success of the debates held this term has been varied, one or two having to be called off owing to insufficient numbers of responsible members. Altogether some of the younger members of the Sixth Form have shown a deplorable lack of manners and contributed little or nothing to the proceedings. In future the committee has decided to deal summarily with any who persist in making themselves a nuisance. The main difficulty is the reluctance of members to speak from the floor and consequently the debates have often degenerated into a discussion between a handful of senior members. We would welcome more definite proof of the talent which we feel sure exists among these younger members.

Probably the best debate of this term was the one on "Rock 'n' Roll", which attracted a large attendance and at which the speeches were of a higher standard than usual.

Altogether the debates this term have been moderately successful and we look forward to a distinct improvement next term when the effects of the new constitution, drawn up by our Secretary, B. J. Holser, will, we hope, begin to show.

MUSIC NOTES

The Summer Concert, given by the Senior and Junior Choirs, the joint High School and Grammar School Orchestra and Madrigal Group, was well attended. The Madrigal group seemed to enjoy Brahms' "Liebeslieder Waltzes" rather more than did the audience. The Senior Choir performed several Glee's by 18th century composers. The Orchestra reached new heights in its renderings of "Nine Pieces
from ‘For Children’” by Bela Bartok, and the Minuet and Trio from Haydn’s 97th Symphony. All of the orchestra’s pieces were arranged by Mr. G. B. Stanley.

The highlights of the concert was without doubt the performance of the Junior Choir. Their contribution to the programme was repeated in October as part of the concert given by the School in aid of the National Children’s Home. Also taking part in this latter concert were J. Betts (trombone), M. Spriggs and D. Tall (violas), J. Murdin (piano), and Mr. Butler (clarinet).

Both Junior and Senior Choirs are at present preparing for the Carol Service to be given at School on December 18th.


PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At the general meeting at the beginning of the term, the resignation of our Chairman, R. Adkins, and our Secretary, R. F. Miles, were regretfully accepted. R. Ablett was elected as our new Chairman and M. J. Newell as Secretary.

Our activities this term have been quite varied. Much time has been devoted to developing, printing and enlarging. Some members have endeavoured to prepare their own printing paper and the results of their experiments have been quite encouraging. A very entertaining lecture on the “Principles and Practice of Tinting” was given by R. Adkins and two film-strips, kindly supplied by Messrs. Kodak, Ltd., have been shown.

We have welcomed several new members this term and we extend a cordial invitation to all boys interested in photography.
THE PUPPET CLUB

Our last season's show, a combination of old and new acts, centring on the circus, proved a good success. Contrary to our normal practice we gave a performance out of season at the beginning of the Autumn Term and in spite of the long rest, every act went well. This season we want to produce an entirely new show, but how far this will be possible remains to be seen. We have some good puppets, some experienced puppeteers and some keen youngsters—and the show must go on!

RAILWAY CLUB

A new committee has been elected, representing all Forms from which boys regularly attend meetings. The duties of Secretary and Treasurer are now shared by D. Craddick and D. R. Jones, both of whom are doing well in maintaining a 'fully paid-up' membership.

At weekly meetings this term, which have been quite well attended, we have concentrated on improving much of the oldest part of our layout and on the completion of complicated trackwork on the main line. We still have vacancies for keen workers, particularly on Saturdays.

Several members have recently assisted in the making of what will be a very permanent item of stage equipment for the play "Alibi".

Future activities will include an excursion at Easter and it is hoped that the proposed excursion to Glasgow on 16th July will receive sufficient support. We require at least 45 paying members and have at present 40. Those taking part in this excursion will be able to visit Motive Power Depôts in Glasgow or, if the long journey is sufficient for their interest in railways, they may spend their time in sightseeing. Any boy interested should ask for further details.

6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

The Summer Camp was begun on Friday, 27th July, and after a storm lasting twelve hours, followed by a gale, we gave up trying to cope with mud and water, and broke camp on Saturday, 28th July. The following week was the wettest of the summer!

Next summer we are to camp at Shenstone, near Lichfield—only three miles from the Jamboree in Sutton Park. G. C. Willey is representing the troop in the Northamptonshire contingent at the Jamboree.

This year we have five Senior Scouts, S. Fox; D. Wignell; G. Willey; R. M. Smith; M. Drage. The new Patrol Leaders are J. R. Taylor, R. More, and A. O'Key. Mr. Stanley has now taken over the Scouts. We have five First Class Scouts and eight Second Class. Palmer and Warr have joined the Troop.

The Jumble Sale produced great enthusiasm, a hectic sale and £17 for Troop funds. The Halloween meeting saw some unusual faces—fortunately they did not share in the 'Bob-apples'.

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We are looking forward to the Christmas Party, but Nicholas and Holder only need 'cooking' for Second Class—so perhaps we aren't looking forward to the Christmas Party.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.
Secretary: P. R. Smeathers.
Committee:
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich, J. W. Pendered, B. E. Gage, P. R. Smeathers.

Eight meetings have been held this term, in which the lectures delivered dealt with a variety of subjects. Throughout the term attendance has been fairly good, although it has not always risen to expectations.

Lectures given this term were:
1. "The liquefaction of gases and production of low temperatures", by M. D. Clark. The modern methods and equipment used to produce very low temperatures were explained to us.
2. "The Development of Aircraft", by B. E. Gage. In this interesting lecture the principles of flight and the construction of aircraft with advancing technique were discussed.
3. "Comets and Meteors", by I. Richardson. The orbits and composition of comets were discussed, together with an account of the formation of meteorites in the limitless blue.
4. "Electronic Brains", by P. R. Smeathers. A full account of the development of modern electronic computers and their fantastic capabilities was given to us.
5. "The Pulmonary artery and Blue Babies", by P. J. Allen. The lecturer vividly described an operation for pulmonary embolism, and also one designed to bring a new life to afflicted babies.
6. "Allergy", by E. J. Wood. The causes of this complaint, with its diverse effects were ably elucidated to an unusually attentive audience.
7. "Helicopters", by R. Sturgess. An interesting account of the mechanical miracles from the first steam-powered version to the modern hoverplane.
8. "Bicycle Gears", by K. F. Allen. A detailed exposition of the operation of the complex mechanism was explained to us.

THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

This term the Club has attracted many new members and we now have sufficient equipment—thanks to the Parents' Committee for supplying a new table and new trestles for the old one.

The match against the Masters was held this term, the Masters winning by a narrow margin. We now meet regularly and are allowed to remain, on Friday evenings, until ejected by Mr. Cheale when the "other club" finishes for the night.
TOC H REPORT

Meetings are being held regularly every Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Library, and a full programme has been arranged. We have had interesting speakers who have enlightened us on several subjects.

At the beginning of this term, the following officers were elected: J. Langley (Chairman), M. Spriggs (Treasurer), S. H. Fox (Jobmaster), G. G. Martin (Secretary).

Other branches in the neighbourhood have shown a keen interest in our activities. Several of us have attended meetings at Broadway’s Branch.

The reason for our existence is a desire to serve—and we are trying to do just that.

So far this term we have acquired only two new members. Any members of the 5th and 6th Forms willing to give voluntary service, and interested in Toc H and its aims, are invited to attend a meeting.

PARENTS’ COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents’ Committee was held on 25th September, when it was arranged to hold a Meeting for Parents on 18th October and Whist Drives on 23rd October, 27th November, 1956, and 12th February, 1957.

After the Parents’ Meeting we received the names of 15 new members whom we shall have pleasure in welcoming at our next Committee Meeting.

A Grant of £5 has been made to the Photographic Society, £15 to the Dramatic Society, and £20 to the Railway Club.

The Bazaar and House Plays will be held on 8th April, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.

OLD BOYS’ REPORT

The brightening prospects of the Association reported last year continue. We have a few new faces on the committee, and an especially welcome one is Mr. Peter Groome, an ‘older’ Old Boy, well known in farming circles, who will be of valuable assistance in our Memorial Sports Field negotiations.

It is now more than just a rosy dream that we shall sometime own our own sports field with pavilion, rugger and cricket pitches, etc.

This prospect will, of course, be most interesting to you, our future members, and we hope that such facilities when realised will create a strong bond within the Association.

It was a great honour to be with you on the occasion of the Old Boys’ Remembrance Service and it is hoped that the Association will now be regularly represented at School functions.
For those of you who will be soon leaving School, I would urge that you join the Association, which, apart from its material advantages, enables Old Boys, through the Association's activities, to help the School in various ways. This is an opportunity not to be missed, because when one has left a school, one realises that a great deal is owed to that school.

It remains for me to wish you, Staff and boys, very sincerely, a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year and to thank you all for your support this term.

M. C. C. KNOWLES

(Chairman).

OLD GRAMMARIANS RUGBY CLUB

The Club is enjoying one of its most successful seasons for many years. A careful blending of the experience that the older players can give and the youthful vigour of the younger members has produced a good playing record.

The results to date are:

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Led by Alan Partridge, the 1st XV. this season has played attacking rugby. Several younger members have been given their places in the team with marked success. The pack of forwards, while light, is extremely mobile and fit. This no doubt is the result of regular training each Wednesday evening in the School Hall.

The ‘A’ XV. is in a high scoring mood. Their highest points spree was in the first fixture of the season when they gave the opposition a 51—0 hiding. Their "veteran" skipper Jim Shortland is still playing at an age when many others would have retired.

The Club is delighted that several recent School leavers are turning out for both teams and can assure any schoolboy of a warm welcome when he leaves School.

Off the field the social side of the Club is flourishing. A raffle is being organised and the annual Sausage and Mash Supper is to be held. Two of four dances arranged at the Gloucester Hall have taken place.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

This term saw the second of the annual Dinners for Cambridge and Oxford undergraduates from W.G.S. An Association has now been formed, and membership will be extended to all Old Boys eligible since the end of the war. The purpose of the Association will
be to hold an annual Reunion Dinner alternately at Cambridge and Oxford during term-time, probably during the Michaelmas Term. The project is so ambitious that a tie is being designed specially ... and rumour has it (in Cambridge) that it will be light blue on the front and dark blue on the back! There will be a negligible subscription to help the Secretary each year with postal charges.

M. WELLS (Queen's) is now in his 4th year, and doing research after obtaining 1st Class Honours in the final part of his Tripos in June of this year. As work must now take pride of place, he has less to do with the boat club than in previous years.

B. J. TYLER (Christ's), unlike most people, works hard and consistently; but he takes time off for an occasional game of squash. He has relinquished his post as Treasurer of the C.U.T.W.C. to enable him to hold parties in his rooms ... 

L. CLIPSTONE (Queen's) is fast becoming an authority on contemporary music, modern jazz, walnuts, and the social behaviour of the Chinese ... He insists that the high-pitched squeaks emanating from his locked room are made by a musical instrument.

P. J. FROGLEY (Caius) has emerged this term as an authority on Sherry (as well as cactus plants): in fact, he has actually been studying a French text on the history of champagne ... though of course he claims it is all part of his Geographical Tripos. Small wonder that he finds work a little "dry" ...!

J. P. EDWARDS (Caius), the well-known bridge player, is seen infrequently by those who don't know him. He is believed to spend an occasional week-end at Cambridge. He plays soccer for the college.

J. W. FURNELL (St. Catherine's) and P. F. JONES (Trinity Hall) both tell me they are having "financial difficulties". They can both be seen regularly on the sports field, if there are any spectators. Paul plays soccer for St. Catherine's 1st team, and Peter plays rugger for Trinity Hall 1st XV.

G. T. RIDGE (Caius) has shown us all that he has a capacity for most things ... He tells me that he occupies the key position in the Caius' 1st XI. at soccer. He also plays rugger for the college, and is now Treasurer of the C.U.T.W.C.

D. R. MORETON (Caius) has been the subject of concern this term, and not least to his doctor. Although he has been advised to take early morning runs and to play squash for exercise, most of us feel that this remedy will be of little effect. The holidays should see him a little more rubicund ...
M. HORNSEY (St. Catherine’s) is now living in the college, which is a subsidiary of Queen’s, according to some. He has the happy knack of simulating work whenever called on, which creates a good impression.

J. M. WARWICK (Fitzwilliam House) continues to display a devastating sense of humour, and burns ‘crumpets’ to perfection . . . to a ‘T’, in fact! As he is reading English, he shows a keen interest in the works of contemporary Northamptonshire authors.

OXFORD LETTER

There are only 6 Old Boys up at Oxford this year. D. Law, A. B. Crawford and P. T. Eden went down last term and we have seen no freshmen.

D. W. BARBER (Merton), who is a third year chemist, has been running cross-country for the University 1st team. He has been chosen to run at Roehampton in the Varsity match against Cambridge and has been awarded a half-blue.

S. W. BROWN (St. Peter’s Hall) seems to be enjoying his second year up at Oxford. He is playing Rugger for his college and will be rowing next term.

M. G. HORNE (St. Peter’s Hall) has passed Finals and is now doing research for his Chemistry Part 2. He is also rowing this term.

N. R. RICH (St. Catherine’s) is trying to enjoy himself before Finals and to work at the same time. Among other things he plays hockey and rows for St. Catherine’s.

P. J. RICHARDSON (Wadham) is also trying to make the best use of Finals year. He plays a lot of squash among several time-absorbing pursuits.

R. WESTCOTT (Christchurch) seems to lose himself in the vast quads of the House. He has now taken up squash and hopes to have a good time playing this ‘killing’ game.

These are the presentable activities of the W.G.S. Old Boys at Oxford, but probably by no means a full account.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY NOTES

G. R. WEST is the only fresher this year, reading Chemistry. He has joined the Rhythm and Ballroom Dancing Society.
J. A. NORRIS is Captain of Fencing, Manager of the Stationery Shop, and Executive member for Pure Science, as well as a member of the Education Department which little lot appears to keep him busy.

A. M. JESSOP has a separate room in a new research building and works on steadily to the day when he faces the wide world outside.