SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: M. D. Kitson.
Second Prefect: M. N. Round.
Prefects:
I. Griffiths, M. E. Ridge, M. J. Sharman, R. J. Wrenn,
R. J. Bradshaw, J. L. H. Bailey, R. E. Oberman, T. M.
Gotch, P. R. Cox, D. Craddick, R. J. Kirk, I. G. Prior,

We welcome to the Staff this term six new Masters: Mr. A.
Bantoft, B.Sc., Manchester, to teach Chemistry; Mr. R.
Bentley, B.Sc., Birmingham, to teach Chemistry and Maths.;
Mr. S. W. Brown, B.A.,
Oxford, to teach English; Mr. P. Gillibrand, B.A., Oxford, to teach
Latin; Mr. R. Miles, Leeds, to teach Physics and Maths.; and Mr.
P. H. Templar, B.Sc., Bristol, to teach Chemistry and Biology.

Congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley on the birth
of a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Brown on the birth of a daughter, and to Mr.
and Mrs. Taylor on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. E. P. Butcher and Mr. G. B. Stanley are leaving us this term,
Mr. Butcher having been appointed Senior English Master at King
Edward VI School, Nuneaton, and Mr. Stanley Senior Music Master
at the Commonweal Grammar School, Swindon. We wish them every
success in their new posts.

At the Remembrance Day Service, the Roll of Honour was read
by Mr. D. G. Stratton, Vice-Chairman of the Old Grammarians’
Association.

It is hoped that the lighting in the School Hall will soon be
improved. Work on the re-wiring is already partly finished.

A party from the School has this term visited Stewarts & Lloyds,
Corby. Other parties have seen “The Marriage of Figaro” at Sadler’s
Wells and “School for Scandal” at Northampton Repertory Theatre.

G. J. Drage has been selected for the Northants. G.S. Rugger XV
(Over 15) and R. Ball, M. L. Abrahams, B. Exley, N. I. Palmer, R.
Parker, R. W. Mason, B. Bellamy, and P. Lindsell have been selected
for the corresponding Under 15 team. We congratulate these players
on their success.

The School Dramatic Society is this term presenting “Bird in
Hand”, a comedy by John Drinkwater. The producer is Mr. E. P.
Butcher, and four performances will be given.

The Editor acknowledges with gratitude the receipt of many
contemporary School Magazines.
We congratulate D. T. Stevens, an old boy of the School, on his selection for the final England Rugby Trial at Twickenham, on December 19th. Last season he gained his Blue at Oxford, and has this season appeared for East Midlands and Blackheath.

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G.C.E. ORDINARY LEVEL RESULTS — JULY, 1960

E.Lang.—English Language; E.Lit.—English Literature; L—Latin; F—French; S—Spanish; H—History; RK—Religious Knowledge; G—Geography; Mus.—Music; A—Art; M—Mathematics; P—Physics; C—Chemistry; B—Biology; C/P—Chemistry with Physics; TD—Technical Drawing; Rus.—Russian; Geo.—Geology.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

Captain : M. D. Kitson.
Vice-Captain : B. A. Tall.
Hon. Secretary : R. D. Summers.

1st XV

The side this year is a good one and in terms of results has done well, so far being defeated only once in an even game against Oundle which might have gone either way. All the other matches have resulted in a decisive win and it would seem that in our further School matches we can fairly anticipate few reverses.

The foundation of success has been the strength of the pack, the best for some years. Adequate in the set scrums in which Bradshaw has hooked effectively, it has been rarely beaten in the line-out, through the efforts of our specialist Drage and his accomplice Buchta, and has been at its best in the loose. Each forward knows his job and does it;
Each forward is a hard worker. They have fought, bustled, harried, rushed, heeled when checked and developed no little skill. It has been rewarding to see props and second row forwards backing up the three-quarters and handling with confidence.

At scrum half Gray, and latterly Billing, have performed well and sent out a good pass though both of them are apt to take rather too long to gather the ball prior to passing. Tomkins at fly half is a neat and intelligent player who has handled and kicked well, set his line in motion and made some good breaks. Of the wings, Bayes in particular is a strong and fast runner who is difficult to stop. Barden, at full back, has made a success of a position new to him. He has caught safely, kicked accurately and his positioning is rapidly improving.

We suffered the loss through injury of both our centres and consequently the thrust and guile promised early in the season have not been forthcoming, well though Gray and changing partners have risen to the occasion. Facts speak for themselves and to beat Stowe 17—0, for example, with four backs missing testifies to the competence and adaptability of the replacements. Nevertheless, the positional changes forced upon us have affected our tactics and we hope that when restored to full strength we shall be able to play more of the sort of Rugby we want to play.

The general level of ability is high. Tackling, falling, gathering, passing, are good and all have an intelligent appreciation of the game. The side has enjoyed its Rugby; it is young and enthusiastic and should go on improving. We look forward to the remainder of the season.


The following have also played: R. Frisby, P. J. Stevenson, J. Rawlins.

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2nd XV

The term has been a successful one for the Second XV, even though two of the four matches played have been lost.

The opening game of the season against Deacon's, Peterborough, was won by the determined efforts of the pack, with the backs finding the wet conditions most difficult. The pack also gave a good account of itself versus Old Northamptonians 'B', and was well supported by good kicking from the backs. The team was only mastered by superior strength and weight in the last five minutes when the North-
amponians scored two tries. Against Bedford Modern the team met a schoolboy side which was both heavy and fast. It was only by determined, even on occasion spectacular, tackling and vigorous forward play that the score was kept as low as it was. King's, Peterborough, were a more even match and the game was won because our forwards were more determined and the backs more opportunist. The handling of the halves and full backs under muddy conditions was highly praised by King's.

The team has varied during the term owing to the demands of the First XV for injury replacements, but the improvement in skill and spirit has been most encouraging. K. D. Billing, the captain, was almost immediately taken by the First XV, and since then the team has been ably led by I. S. Lauder and J. G. Allen.


Results
Oct. 8 v. Deacon's G.S., Peterborough, 2nd XV (A) Won 13—3
Oct. 15 v. Old Northamptonians' 'B' XV (A) Lost 15—6
Oct. 19 v. Bedford Modern 2nd XV (A) Lost 36—0
Oct. 22 v. King's G.S., Peterborough, 2nd XV (A) Won 13—3

UNDER 15 XV

The Under 15 XV has continued the successful story of previous seasons but has had to contend with the difficult task of playing opponents when seven or eight regular members of the team have been missing because of claims by the County Under 15 team. On one such occasion they met their first defeat at the hands of the Rushden S.M. School XV. Then, defeated 11—8 by heavier opponents, they were not disgraced.

The main basis of success has been the power play of the pack, who although sometimes inclined to rest on their laurels, usually establish a mastery over their opponents. Good scrummaging and fast breaking have led to many tries.

The chief weakness in the back division has been slow cumbersome passing but this is being gradually overcome. There has also been improvement in tackling but here again there is still room for more.


The following have also played: R. L. Banks, P. J. Barclay, R. Williams, R. H. Tite, M. Allen, R. D. Walden, R. F. Jones.
Results

Oct. 8 v. Deacon’s G.S., Peterborough (H) Won 41—0
Oct. 12 v. Bedford Harpur (A) Won 11—8
Oct. 15 v. Kettering G.S. (A) Won 22—0
Oct. 19 v. Bedford Modern (A) Won 16—0
Oct. 22 v. King’s G.S. Peterborough (H) Won 6—5
Oct. 29 v. Bective S.M. (A) Won 55—0
Nov. 12 v. Rushden S.M. (A) Lost 11—8
Nov. 19 v. Oundle (H) Won 37—3

UNDER 14 XV

Greater self-confidence and higher morale have enabled the Under 14 XV to have a successful season. So far only one match has been lost. Several wins in sticky conditions may be attributed to the relatively heavier pack the team has fielded this year. Tanner, Rawlins and Elliott have all played well in the loose, but heeling from the set scrum has too often been slow. In the back division Henson has distinguished himself by fine, elusive running; good kicking by Cox also deserves tribute.

The impressive list of wins, however, conceals weaknesses. In some matches the forwards have been lethargic and unco-ordinated. The backs have been guilty of poor tackling and uncertain handling. When these basic failings are remedied, this intelligent team can anticipate further successes.


The following have also played: K. R. Peake, B. M. Dangerfield, R. T. S. Williams, P. G. Allen, B. J. Silsby.

Results

Oct. 8 v. Deacon’s G.S., Peterborough (H) Won 20—0
Oct. 15 v. Kettering G.S. (A) Won 20—13
Oct. 19 v. Bedford Modern School (H) Lost 6—8
Oct. 22 v. King’s School, Peterborough (H) Won 14—6
Oct. 29 v. Bective Modern School (A) Won 6—3
Nov. 2 v. John Lea Secondary Modern School (H) Won 14—11
Nov. 15 v. Oundle Berrystead (A) Won 32—6

UNDER 13 XV

The Under 13 XV has already shown that it is capable of playing good open Rugby. The forwards have generally combined well and given the backs sufficient opportunities, and strong and elusive running in the centre, by Toseland and Stokes, and by Pine at stand-off half, has brought most of our points. It has been particularly pleasing to see the forwards, well led by Grant, combining with the backs in
passing movements. Though capable of good open Rugby, even in bad conditions, the team is still easily put out of its stride by the “kick-and-rush” tactics adopted by some of its opponents. Under such pressure the defence has generally held firm, Hillier at full back being outstanding in both tackling and kicking, but there is still room for considerable improvement in the tackling generally. If this can be improved, if the forwards can always play with the energy and determination they have often shown, and if the wing three-quarters can handle the ball as well as the centres, the team shows every sign of enjoying a successful season.


The following have also played: S. A. Sanders, M. J. Felstead, S. Leeson.

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

**CRICKET**

**1st XI**

The latter half of the season did not see the fulfilment of earlier expectations. The External Examinations disrupted team-building and affected form. The batsmen failed to score enough runs, and the performances of the better players were disappointing. Wet pitches may have been a factor in this. We take the opportunity to thank Mr. Bryan for all his hard work in the preparation of good wickets for our matches.

**1st XI v. Headmaster’s XI**

The School won the toss and chose to bat on an excellent wicket. M. Y. Palmer dominated the Masters’ bowling and after a hesitant start scored freely off the loose ball, before being caught and bowled by Mr. Halliwell. Mr. Hyde was on form behind the stumps and claimed three wickets off Mr. Butcher’s leg-break bowling. In reply to a total of 155 for 8 declared, the Masters’ batting was uncertain with the exception of Mr. Tompkins who scored a free 68 not out. The score was 93 for 9 when Mr. Halliwell came in, but all efforts of the School XI to take the vital wicket were frustrated, a vital catch being missed off Perkins, who flighted the ball well.
Results

30th June v. Wellingborough Thursday C.C. Drawn.
W.G.S. 103 for 9 (Leeson 24, Kitson 24 not out).

9th July v. Deacon’s School, Peterborough. Drawn.
Deacon’s 120 for 7 dec. (K. D. Billing 3 for 36).
W.G.S. 114 for 8 (Barden 48).

12th July v. Lawrence Sheriff School. Rain stopped play.
W.G.S. 19 for 2.

16th July v. Old Cytringanians. Lost by 5 wickets.
W.G.S. 102 (N. Y. Palmer 34).
Old Cytringanians 106 for 5.

21st July v. Headmaster’s XI. Drawn.
W.G.S. 155 for 8 dec. (M. Y. Palmer 70, P. G. Tomkins 27).
Headmaster’s XI 116 for 9 (Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins 68 not out, Perkins 4 for 41).

Playing Record


Full Colours were re-awarded to:
Kitson, Leeson, P. G. Tomkins, James.

Full Colours were awarded to:
Barden, P. E. Jackson.

Fielding Cap:
Frisby, P. A. Tompkins, Bradshaw, Perkins.

The following played in the team:
M. D. Kitson (Capt.), M. Y. Palmer (Vice-Capt.), Bradshaw (Hon. Sec.), Barden, Leeson, P. G. Tomkins, Frisby, P. E. Jackson, P. A. Tompkins, D. N. James, Perkins, M. Green, Stevenson, K. D. Billing.

2nd XI

After the series of defeats and close draws recorded in the last magazine, the 2nd XI won two of the last three matches and lost the last one, with only one ball remaining.

Against King’s School, Peterborough, Green hit a rousing 38 not out to give us an easy victory well before time, and against Deacon’s School, Peterborough, Sauntson and D. S. Wilson both bowled very intelligently to give our batsmen an easy task, but the last match against Lawrence Sheriff G.S., Rugby, was much closer. After 5 wickets had fallen for 11 runs, Leslie and Gibson batted very sensibly to give us a chance of victory. P. A. Tompkins bowled with great hostility on a helpful wicket but a chancy innings by the opposition’s opening bat brought them victory by 3 wickets. Considering the appalling conditions, this last game proved most exciting with some exceptional catches being held despite cold fingers and bad light.

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Results

July 2nd v. King's School 2nd XI.
King's School 85 (Billing 4 for 21).
W.G.S. 87 for 5 (Green 38 not out).

July 9th v. Deacon's School, Peterborough, 2nd XI.
Deacon's 53 (Sauntson 4 for 17, D. S. Wilson 4 for 13).
W.G.S. 54 for 3 (Wrenn 17).

July 12th v. Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby, 2nd XI.
W.G.S. 67 (Gibson 23, Leslie 19).
Lawrence Sheriff 69 for 7 (P. A. Tompkins 5 for 26).

Playing Record

Colours were re-awarded to:

Colours were awarded to:
Tilley, Stevenson, Gray.

Fielding Cap:
Leslie, D. M. Munns.

The following played in the team:
Wrenn (Capt.), Stevenson, D. S. Wilson, M. Coles, Sauntson, K. D.
Billing, D. M. Munns, Northen, Gray, Burrell, Newman, M.
Green, P. A. Tompkins, Tilley, Maher, Griffiths, Leslie, Chapman,
Burton.

UNDER 15 XI

In two of the last three matches of the season there was a most
uncharacteristic performance from our batting. Against Bedford
School, having dismissed our opponents for the reasonable total of 82,
owing to some excellent and sustained bowling by Metcalfe, and having
scored 60 for the loss of three wickets, the last seven wickets fell for
eight runs and included two disastrous run outs. We surprisingly and
undeservedly lost. Complete failure of the batting against Kettering
gave us no chance, but in the last game the side reverted to its usual
form, scoring freely and bowling accurately to record its eighth win
of a very successful season.

Results

30th June v. Bedford School.
Bedford 82 (Metcalfe 7 for 31).
W.G.S. 68 (Gibson 27).

8th July v. Kettering G.S.
W.G.S. 30.
Kettering G.S. 33 for 1.

9th July v. Deacon's School, Peterborough.
W.G.S. 158 for 5 dec. (J. J. Smith 51 n.o., Bellamy 28 n.o.).
Deacon's School 24 (J. J. Smith 5 for 17, Metcalfe 4 for 7).
Playing Record


Colours were awarded to:
  P. R. Martin, Metcalfe, Gibson, Bonham, Mason, J. J. Smith, Southward.

Fielding Cap:
  Lindsell, Bellamy, Turnell, Mawson, N. I. Palmer.

The following played in the team:

UNDER 14 XI

After defeat in the opening match v. Northampton G.S. the Under 14 showed they had learned their lesson and proceeded to win the remaining eight matches of the season. In their opening game the batsmen, worried by early losses, threw their wickets away in panic. Thereafter whatever score was needed, either for victory or to give the bowlers a useful background, the batsmen remained calm and equal to all demands.

Generally a very successful season with all members of the team contributing their share to such success.

Results

30th June v. Bedford School.       Won by 8 wickets.
  Bedford 52 (Cox 6 for 16).
  W.G.S. 53 for 2 (Henson 19, Cox 18 not out).

2nd July v. King’s School, Peterborough.  Won by 2 wickets.
  King’s 76 (Cox 4 for 13, Gillitt 3 for 13).
  W.G.S. 80 for 8 (Henson 45).

7th July v. Kettering G.S.       Won by 7 wickets.
  Kettering G.S. 33 (Cox 4 for 16).
  W.G.S. 34 for 3.

9th July v. Deacon’s School, Peterborough.  Won by 38 runs.
  W.G.S. 73 (Dangerfield 15).
  Deacon’s 35 (Gillitt 5 for 13, Cox 4 for 16).

Playing Record


Colours were awarded to:
  Henson, Cox (re-awarded), A. R. Hill, Dangerfield, Gillitt, Hoddle, Garley.

Fielding Cap:
  Hillson, P. Allen, James, Squance.

The following played in the team:
  Henson (Capt.), Cox, A. R. Hill, Dangerfield, Gillitt, Hoddle, Hilson, Garley, Allen, Robinson, Gibson, James, Squance, Freestone, Shortland, Bellamy.
HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION

Results
1. Stags . . . . 36 points
2. Gryphons . . . . 26 points
3. Dragons . . . . 18 points
4. Lions . . . . 14 points

ATHLETICS

Our boys competed in the Northants. Schools' Athletic Association Championships, held at Northampton, on June 25th, with the following results:— Age 15–17: 880 yds., 3rd Reading. Under 15: 220 yds., 2nd N. I. Palmer; 880 yds., 1st Lindsell, 2nd Bonham.

A. A. Bayes secured third place in the Long Jump Youth at the Midland Counties A.A.A. Championships, held at Wolverhampton, on June 25th. His leap of 19' 10½" made him eligible for a Grade I standard and also membership of the Kangaroos Club (a specialist club for Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump).

Mason completed in the One Mile at the Midland Counties A.A.A. Junior Championships, at Northampton, on July 2nd, and secured a Grade III standard with a time of 4 mins. 32.5 secs.

The following successes were obtained in the Open Handicap Meeting, at Finedon, on July 9th:— 100 yds. and 220 yds. (12–14), 1st N. I. Palmer. 100 yds. and 220 yds. (15–18), 1st Mitchell. 220 yds. (15–18), 3rd A. A. Bayes. 880 yds. (15–18), 1st Reading. One Mile (15–18), 2nd Mason.

A. A. Bayes and N. I. Palmer represented the County in the Long Jump and 220 Yards respectively at the Schools' Inter-County Championships, held at Shrewsbury, on 22nd—23rd July.

The Hurdles competition was held over a distance of 80 yards with the following results:—

Senior.

Middle.
1. Lindsell. 2. Coley. 3. Henson.

Junior.

Colours were awarded to:
Senior: A. A. Bayes, Mason.
Middle: Bonham, Lindsell, N. I. Palmer.
SWIMMING SPORTS — JULY, 1960

The preliminary points for distance swimming put the Lions’ House in the lead. This was indeed a good effort as so many of their members come from Finedon where there are no facilities for swimming. As the sports proceeded the Dragons soon went ahead and eventually finished as easy winners.

The best event was the Under 16 Freestyle race, narrowly won by Newman, of Dragons.

**Final Positions**

1. Dragons ..... 288 points
2. Stags ..... 242 points
3. Gryphons ..... 236 points
4. Lions ..... 226 points

**Results**

Under 13 Backstroke 25 yards:
1. Pine (D) 2. Cleaton (S) 3. Bing (G) 21.2 secs.

Under 14 Backstroke 25 yards:
1. Parsons (S) 2. Hoddle (D) 3. Martin (L) 25.4 secs.

Under 15 Backstroke 25 yards:
1. Exley (D) 2. Mason (S) 3. Reynolds (L) 4. Ingyon (G) 19.0 secs.

Under 16 Backstroke 25 yards:

Open Backstroke 25 yards:
1. Tye (S) 2. Rawlins (L) 3. Simons (G) 4. Linnit (D) 19.6 secs.

Under 14 Diving:
1. Grant (G) 2. Desborough (D) 3. Aveyard (S) 4. Houghton (L)

Under 13 Breaststroke 25 yards:
1. Wills (S) 2. Houghton (L) 3. Hale (D) 4. Allen (G) 26.0 secs.

Under 14 Breaststroke 25 yards:
1. Bird (D) 2. Ablett (S) 3. James (G) 4. McIntyre (L) 22.4 secs.

Under 15 Breaststroke 50 yards:
1. Bonham (L), Harris (S) 3. Neville (D) 4. Whittaker (G) 49.4 secs.

Under 16 Breaststroke 50 yards:
1. Parker (D) 2. Perritt (S) 3. Gardiner (L) 4. Gotch (G) 40.2 secs.

Open Breaststroke 100 yards:
1. Palmer (D) 2. Roche (G) 3. Wittering (L) 4. Bradshaw (S) 91.2 secs.

Open Diving:
1. Marlow (S) 2. Leslie (D) 3. Taylor (G) 4. Dicks (L)
Under 13 Freestyle 25 yards:
1. Grant (G) 2. Fennelow (L) 3. Major (D) 4. Iliffe (S)
19.0 secs.

Under 14 Freestyle 25 yards:
1. Gillitt (S) 2. Wookey (D) 3. Allen (G) 4. Williams (L)
19.0 secs.

Under 15 Freestyle 25 yards:
1. Taylor (G) 2. Freestone (S) 3. Alderson (D) 4. Lindsell (L)
16.8 secs.

Under 15 Freestyle 50 yards:
1. Tite (G) 2. Desborough (D) 3. Marlow (S) 4. Seaman (L)
38.6 secs.

Under 16 Freestyle 50 yards:
1. Newman (D) 2. Lauder (S) 3. Roche (G) 4. Cullip (L)
31.8 secs.

Open Freestyle 50 yards:
1. Drage (D) 2. Allen (G) 3. Kirk (L) 4. Harris (S)
37.6 secs.

Open Freestyle 100 yards:
1. Tall (D) 2. Talbot (G) 3. Clarke (L) 4. Lomas (S)
78.6 secs.

Junior Relay:

Middle Relay:

Senior Relay:
1. Dragons 2. Gryphons 3. Lions 1 min. 55.6 secs.

**P.E. COMPETITION**

With the weather threatening to halt proceedings at any time the P.E. Competition proved to be a fairly easy win for the Stags. Early results placed them in the lead and they were never seriously challenged.

The weather eventually did break and with rain falling the competition ended with the following result:

1. Stags .......... 31 points
2. Lions .......... 27½ points
3. Gryphons ....... 26 points
4. Dragons ....... 25½ points

**SCHOOL JOURNEY TO PARIS AND INTERLAKEN, 1960**

More than seventy applications to join this year's party provided our first problem, to be solved before last Christmas by the organisation of two carefully dovetailed parties to extend together for a full month, right up to the day before the Autumn Term. Our original intention to carry out the same programme for each party had to be considerably modified chiefly because of the weather, but we were lucky to be going to centres we had visited before and luckier still to be able to carry
through our full sightseeing with both parties, so that, looking back on a month of so many contrasts, it seems advisable to write a single account for both tours.

The outward journey to Paris was comfortable enough for both parties—a very good coach driver got us from Rushden to Victoria Station in well under 2 hours, thanks to the M.1—and we were in Paris before 5 p.m. Of course, the first time there was the slight snag—about 45 minutes—that our coach was at the Gare St. Lazare while we were at the Gare du Nord! Sightseeing in Paris, despite the weather which was usually cool and often rainy, was pleasantly simple from our centrally situated hotel (different indeed from former occasions at a school in the suburbs!) and, after busy days, the cafés of the Boulevard St. Michel were a great attraction. Café-life brought its stories—among them the request (from a Spanish student, of course) for several ‘glasses’ or is it ‘glaces’ to share a large bottle!—and Craddock, Cox and Newman successfully operating in the ‘giant-size’ Coca-Cola business, 14 bottles bought and transferred to Interlaken with a good profit there on the empties! Bratby returned from a café visit rather less comfortably; locked out of his room he had to be content with a hard night on the floor! Two brushes with authority enlivened visits to Versailles—to the Lines brothers and Barford, draped round a well-shaped statue for a photo: “The statues, Monsieur!... are to look at... only!”—and to Southward, who had fallen into the lake as at least one boy always does and was lightly clad with clothes drying; from an indignant gendarme: “Monsieur must not be ‘dressed’ so!”

All too soon we had to leave the comfortable Hotel Central with its ever-cheerful and so-willing proprietor—Palmer and Sewell overslept and were nearly left behind—and from the Gare de Lyon began our fast run to Switzerland. What a contrast the two journeys provided—the first in brilliant sun through the attractive scenery of the frontier to the snow-clad peaks of the Bernese Oberland to the comforts and good food of the Park Hotel—the second through lowering clouds to the pouring rain of Switzerland where only full heating would satisfy the Swiss train crew, with never a peak in sight, to a dripping Interlaken and the chilly welcome of our hotel!

For the first party, the full sightseeing programme was carried out in brilliant sun from arrival on Sunday until a thunderstorm on Saturday afternoon: Meiringen and the Aar Gorge, Schynige Platte, Thun and the Niesen, the Jungfrau, Kandersteg and the Blue Lake and the Rothorn—lakes and waterfalls, peaks and glaciers, we explored them all in ideal conditions with the aid of our Season Tickets giving us unlimited access to boats and mountain railways over a large area. These season tickets proved a liability to Astle, Brown and Sewell, all of whom either left them in the hotel, lost them and got them back or lost them for good like Sewell whose ticket just blew out of the window! Protecting these unfortunates from the very frequent visits of ticket-collectors provided a particular interest on a number of journeys! But what an asset these tickets were to the second party as we
coped fairly successfully with cloud almost to ground level and pouring rain from Sunday to Wednesday evening! Improvisation and modification of our programme at a moment’s notice were possible with the willing co-operation of Swiss Railways (they actually reserved accommodation for us by phone after the first leg of a journey had been started) and by getting out of Interlaken every day we found some breaks in the rain although a second visit to a peak in six inches of snow was an unwelcome contrast to the hot sun of a fortnight ago. The excursion to the top of the Jungfrau, already booked, seemed certain to be washed out, but without warning and against forecasts, Thursday was brilliant and by lunch-time we were viewing what seemed to be the whole of Switzerland from the snows of the Jungfrau at 11,333 ft. The second party then enjoyed continuous sunshine until their departure after the less-welcome distinction of the first snowballing of the season!

Those who were with the second party in such adverse conditions will have no difficulty in ascribing solely to the weather the following: 84 persons on a single-decker bus, a trip to Spiez to a café at 9.45 p.m., a visit to the fair and the ‘dodgems’ and the fact that the second party, taking a little more pocket money (luckily) brought back almost none. On the second party, too, we heard of the enviable distinction enjoyed by the first, of having been in Interlaken on the only fine week of the summer, a summer said to be the worst for eighty years!

Leaving Interlaken, the first party looked back with pleasure on their week spent at the Park, comfortable rooms with hot water at all times (as Hammond will vouch for), good food, second and third helpings and plenty of chips. Nobes expressed the feelings of all of us with a bouquet for the cook.

The second party had less happy memories. Perhaps we thought the frequent emphasis that the proprietor was only waiting for our departure to close the hotel a little unfortunate. But for both parties one can say with certainty that a real welcome, even if it is twenty minutes from the station, is preferable to a minimum of courtesy, even if it is much nearer.

On the return journey, Newell, of the first party, fell asleep after a bout of seasickness and having been searched for and roused, achieved the distinction of being the last passenger off the ship. Fourteen others were just seasick on this very rough crossing.

Looking back on the tour, we should select for special mention from the first party Barford, who led a most energetic existence, always having walked and usually breakfasted before the rest of us were up, a firm believer in language lessons from the native, the Lines brothers, who were ‘permanently tired’ always ‘just resting’ and yet missed nothing, Mitchell, who spread and dried his clothes after falling in at Kandersteg and from an unknown eye-witness, a policeman who grabbed a runaway cow by the tail!
From the diary of the second party we mention Williams who sat through a train window at 18/-, Southward, stung on the ear by a wasp at £3, and Wood, our only eye-witness of a destructive meeting between a lake steamer and the Interlaken quayside!

In conclusion, particularly in view of the very adverse weather conditions encountered, the very high standard of behaviour should be mentioned which was a noticeable feature of both parties. The second party deserve high praise for the way in which they tackled the terrible Swiss weather with continual cheerfulness and a complete absence of grumbling. Despite everything all appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

**HOUSE NOTES**

**DRAGONS**

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

*House Captain:* M. N. Round.

*Captain of Senior Rugby:* B. A. Tall.

*Vice-Captain:* P. G. Tomkins.

*Captain of Junior Rugby:* A. Hill.

*Vice-Captain:* A. J. Robinson.

*School Prefects:*

*House Prefects:* B. A. Tall, R. J. Buchta, P. G. Tomkins.

*House Secretary:* R. C. Scott.

The beginning of the Autumn Term is the time for remembering past glories and defeats and for preparing for a new year. Dragons, last year, retained the Swimming Cup and so continued their unbroken monopoly, but the fight seems to become harder each year. The House also took first position in Athletics on that wet Sports Day.

In Rugby we carried off the Ferguson Trophy and won the Music Competition after so many years of struggling by D. Tall. The juniors failed in the House Rugby and the P.T. Competition where we came second, as we did in the House Drama.

This year the Rugby contest should be very open indeed, with all the senior House teams equally balanced. The rain still holds up the first round.

The election for House Music Captain went to M. Britton and that of House Drama to R. Scott. Britton will be pleased to hear from any musicians willing to perform and Scott is disturbed by the shortage of actors.

The House extends a welcome to all its new members.
GRYPHONS

House Masters: Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. B. J. P. Tompkins.
Head of House: M. D. Kitson.
School Prefects: M. D. Kitson, R. J. Wrenn, T. M. Gotch.

House Prefects:
R. J. Wrenn, M. D. Kitson, T. M. Gotch, A. A. Bayes, B. Mason,
R. A. Bailey, P. D. S. White.
Secretary: R. B. Wilkinson.

Since the last magazine was published, three competitions have
been decided. Our best hope of success was in the Cricket Competition,
in which we gained second place. Our results in the Swimming and P.E.
Competitions were disappointing, our final positions in both of them
being third. In the Swimming Competition the juniors put up a brave
show, special credit going to S. W. Grant and K. L. Allen.

At the time of writing, the first round of the Inter-House Rugby
match has been postponed owing to the ground being unfit for play.
we have two enterprising Rugby Captains in M. D. Kitson of the
Senior XV and in P. A. Elliott of the Junior XV, and hope they will
lead us to success.

R. B. Wilkinson has been elected to captain the House Music in
the coming year.

Congratulations are extended to M. D. Kitson on being appointed
Head of the House and School, and to all those boys who gained their
House Colours at the end of last term.

We welcome all the 24 newcomers to the House. Every Gryphon
is reminded that if we are to win more cups, much depends on him.

In conclusion, we wish all Gryphons a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

LIONS

House Masters: Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. J. P. Hyde,
Head of the House: M. E. Ridge.
School Prefects: M. E. Ridge, R. E. Oberman (Secretary), R. J. Kirk.
House Prefects: As above, and R. Summers, K. D. Billing.

With the start of a new School Year we have the pleasant task of
welcoming new boys to the House. We hope they will quickly settle
down and enter into the spirit of competition, taking a pride, and an
active part in the achievements of the House. The more aged gentlemen
in our midst would perhaps do well to follow the trend of keenness and
energy so obvious in our younger generation!

Since the last magazine was published three competitions have
taken place, in which our success has been, to say the least, limited.
Following orthodox tactics, we were placed fourth in the Cricket
Competition, and this result has led to suggestions that we should
indulge in an orgy of “throwing” next year. The Swimming Competition provided a shock, if only a temporary one, for the rest of the School, when the House topped the table of standards before the Sports. On the day, however, we were content to rest on our precarious laurels, and at Wilby we sank into the green waters of oblivion rather than the clear ones of the pool, and were placed last. Our hopes were raised in the P.T. Competition, and after a very hard fought battle we were narrowly placed second.

At the time of writing the first round of the Rugby Cup has not yet been played. This year we have a strong team in both Seniors and Juniors, and we hope to consolidate the successes of the past two years by winning “our” cup for the third time.

Finally, we wish all Lions a very happy Christmas, at the same time hoping the result of the festive season will not be a jaded performance in the many competitions of the Spring Term.

STAGS

House Masters: Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. E. P. Butcher.
Head of House: R. J. Bradshaw.
School Prefects:
R. J. Bradshaw, P. R. Cox, D. Craddick (Secretary), I. G. Prior, N. J. Palmer.


Dr. Jackson extended a welcome to a large number of new boys at the House meeting held at the beginning of term.

A review of last term’s achievements was given by R. J. Bradshaw. The Stags were victorious in Cricket, thanks to some fine play by Sauntson, Barden and Jackson. We were also victorious in the P.T. Cup mainly because of the efforts of the Middles and Juniors. We had to be content with second place in the Swimming Competition, following the Dragons closely all the way. This creditable result was due to the hard work put in by J. Tye and M. A. Harris.

The major contest of this term is, of course, the Rugger Cup, in which we were placed third last year, but we hope to do better this year since we have several members of the 1st and 2nd XV’s playing for us.

Appointments made for the year were: R. J. Bradshaw, Head of the House, and J. Tye, House Prefect. Tye was elected to Captain the Senior Rugby team with C. O. Gill as Vice-Captain. Cox and Gillitt are Captain and Vice-Captain of the Junior team.

R. J. Bradshaw was elected to lead the House in the Music Competition with the aid of A. S. Northen. The producer of the House Play will be J. F. Bayes.

House Colours have been awarded this term to: I. G. Prior, G. G. Hodgkins, J. Tye, P. E. Jackson, and N. J. Palmer.

Finally, we extend our sympathy to Stags taking the G.C.E. examinations this Christmas, and we wish all Stags, past and present, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

At the end of last term our Patrol under S. Allen won the Gilbey Cup in the Camping Competition at Castle Ashby.

The Summer Camp at Drum Hill, near Derby, was one of our best ever. The site was excellent and the weather kind all the time until the last morning, when it rained hard and packing wet tents was not fun. We were too far away from home to have many visitors—but the local cows did their best to keep us company. We were glad our new Scouter, Mr. Gillibrand, was able to join us for a few days. During the holidays, our Scouts were far and near, Palmer on a 30 mile hike—Williams on his 8 mile hike and two boys did First Class Journey. In the Seniors, Talbot and Dobney have completed the Venturer Badge and most of the Hiker Badge—and David Holden became our fifth Queen’s Scout.

This term started as usual with Jumble collection—and the sale was rather spoilt by a very wet night and we raised only £15. It would surely have been hard to get a dry night this term! New Patrol Leaders are Fish, Williams and Bird, and Webb, Smart and Dalby have joined us. The usual indoor activities—now directed by Mr. Gillibrand are in full swing and the Seniors are having lectures on Public Health. We look forward to the Christmas Party with mixed feeling—for then we say a reluctant 'good-bye' to Mr. Stanley.

MUSIC NOTES

Our Summer Concert this year was a great success. Both Junior and Senior Choirs did very well indeed, the Juniors singing a variety of songs, and the Seniors performing T. F. Dunhill’s “Tubal Cain”. The individual instrumental items, R. Williams (clarinet), D. O. Tall (viola) and P. F. Baxter (flute) were also good. The Orchestra, if sounding a little more like the traditional idea of a 'school orchestra' than last year, nevertheless gave a creditable performance of part of Haydn’s “Military Symphony”.

This term a party of 35 boys and Masters has been to see Mozart’s “Marriage of Figaro” at Sadler’s Wells Theatre, London, and another visit to Bedford for Bach’s “Christmas Oratorio”, conducted by David Willcocks, is planned.

Choral activities this term have been concentrated on preparing for the end of term Recital of Christmas Music.

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The future of the Christian Fellowship seemed uncertain at the end of last term; in fact, it has been greatly strengthened by an influx
of members from the new Vth Form and this term's meetings have been quite successful. Attendance by VIth Form boys has fluctuated considerably, yet the Fellowship would be enriched by the regular support of those boys who profess a Christian allegiance.

The theme this term—"Men of Faith in Action"—has enabled boys to describe how prominent Christians first found their faith and were then called to particular spheres of social and missionary action. Such a theme has naturally evoked many questions for discussion and contributions have often been lively and uninhibited.

The men considered this term have included: William Wilberforce, Archbishop Temple, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Sadu Sundah Singh, General Booth, John Hunt of Fiji, Father Trevor Huddleston and Rev. David Sheppard.

THE FIELD - SURVEY SOCIETY

This Society was formed at the beginning of term under the supervision of Messrs. Tussler, Knight, Templar and Leftwich. The basic idea and aim of the Society is to reduce the gulf between Science and Arts, with particular reference to the Sixth Form. Primarily, the activities are of the outdoor variety, with land surveys and maps produced by the Geographers being utilised by the Biologists for their ecological surveys.

The initial outdoor excursion took members to a disused section of the iron ore quarry at Irchester. Despite competition from the elements, a map of part of the quarry was obtained, and this was used to complete a study of the earthworm population in that section. As well as outdoor meetings, a series of indoor meetings is being held, in which, besides discussing and planning excursions, members give short lectures on subjects of interest to the Society. Demonstrations of the various methods of study and survey, together with the apparatus employed, have been included in these meetings. Ultimately, the range will be extended and plans are already at an advanced stage for a group to perform a survey in Scotland during the forthcoming Easter holidays.

The Society is in an embryo stage at the present time and members of the Sixth Form interested, are particularly welcome.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster.
Committee:
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Knight, Mr. Leftwich, and Officers.

Since the last report was published, ten meetings have been held, covering many varied topics. The attendances on the whole have been exceptional, even remarkable, though strange fluctuations occurred during the term.
1. “Termo-electricity”, by M. J. Billing. In this lecture, the production of currents by the action of heat was explained to us.

2. “The Greek Mathematicians”, by J. Rawlins. This lecture provided an outline of early Greek mathematics, and also enlarged on the enthralling race between Achilles and a certain fleet-footed tortoise.

3. “The Physics of Rain-making”, by A. S. Northen. The lecturer, while giving an interesting account of the production of rain, was unfortunately at a loss when asked how it could be stopped.

4. “Artificial Satellites”, by A. G. Bryan. The various problems of putting a satellite into orbit were discussed in detail.

5. “The Conflict between Science and the Arts”, by D. Sims. This unusual and enlightening discussion dealt with the growth of a barrier between two cultures, and what could be done to break it down.

6. “Dental Diseases”, by M. J. Britton. This refreshing lecture proved that we must not believe all we read in toothpaste advertisements.

7. “The Structural Formation of the Earth”, by W. T. Aldwincle. A detailed exposition of the various rocks and layers in the earth’s crust was given.

8. “Colour Photography”, by C. R. S. Talbot. The layman’s art explained from a practical as well as scientific point of view.


10. “Hormones”, by I. H. Nicholas. An absorbing subject was dealt with in a competent manner.

**RAILWAY CLUB**

Several well-attended meetings took place at the beginning of this term and considerable progress in track-laying was made. Weekly meetings will be resumed next term when it is hoped that, with good support, the layout will be taken in the Hall at least monthly.

Excursions have been discussed, in particular a trip to the Manchester area. This will not be possible until next half-term and an announcement will be made before the end of this term. Meanwhile, members should consider what they would like to do next term and in the Summer Term. There is a possibility, which is now being investigated, of a trip to Scotland at Easter of three or four days’ duration. Details of this will be given early next term.

The Treasurer reminds members and intending members that paid-up members have priority on all excursions.

**PUPPET CLUB**

For the first time in six years we are producing our own version of a pantomime, “Cinderella”, and this has presented several difficulties. Along with the pantomime there are to be other smaller acts produced mainly by our keen Juniors. We have now acquired, thanks to the Parents’ Committee, a new record-player which is proving a great asset.
to the Club. The stage is in constant need of repair but we are expect-
ing to construct a new one in the near future. Altogether we are hoping
for one more interesting and successful season.

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Meetings have been held regularly on Thursdays this term, and
several new members have been welcomed. We are pleased that one of
our members has also become a full member of Broadway’s Branch.

We have continued the Library service to the Cottage and Highfield
Hospitals, and have started distributing parcels to the old and needy
people in the town. Christmas parcels have also been sent to homeless
Borstal boys.

A jumble sale is being planned for next term, to raise money for
charitable purposes.

We had a most enjoyable visit to Rushden Branch this term, and
look forward to the annual beanfeast with Broadway’s Branch at the
end of term.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

After a slow start at the beginning of term owing to the loss of
both Mr. Delmon and Mr. McCall in swift succession, our Club soon
regained its tempo, thanks to the hard work of Mr. Templar and Mr.
Bentley.

Using the generous grant from the Parents’ Committee, for which
we are most grateful, we have bought a new enlarger, on which the
junior boys have been shown the principles of enlarging. Under the
tuition of Mr. Templar, more advanced work has been studied, includ-
ing, among other things, a demonstration of the use of a camera for
copying prints.

We must also give our thanks to Mr. Anker for the kind donation
of a cabinet in which to dry roll films.

CHESS CLUB

The Junior members are again very keen and some of the First
Form boys seem to spend much of their free time playing chess. We
can also boast of a number of Senior members. The standard of play
is showing a steady improvement.

At the time of writing several matches are pending and we hope
to do better in these than we did last season.

We welcome Mr. Pritchard who has kindly offered to help us out,
so enabling us to hold two meetings a week—on Wednesday and
Thursday evenings. Attendances average 25 per meeting but new
members can still be accommodated and will be welcomed.
THE GOLF FOUNDATION CLASS

An enthusiastic class remains behind after school every Monday afternoon to be instructed in the skills of the game by the Northamptonshire professional, Mr. Lovelady. Progress is very satisfactory, and we hope to be sending a team, some fifteen strong, to the 1961 County Junior Championships, which will be held at the Kettering Road Golf Club, Northampton, early next April. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Tussler, who has very kindly agreed to stay behind on several evenings towards the end of the term to show some films, including an exciting documentary on the recent Ryder Cup match. Any interested boy, whether he has played golf before or not, will always be welcome, and should contact Paling, L VI Science.

THE MOUNTAIN STAIRS

In the mist grey hills, by the drear damp caverns
At the hill height's drop, between torrent and shore,
Beetling with boughs, like a climbing cloister,
The lane meanders above the far floor.

By the precipice sheer, it falters a moment,
Beneath it the craglines are sea-swept with spray,
Bold it swings skyward, above the harsh talus,
Up to the mountains of morning and day.

Lone in the evening, when day-burst is dying,
When gold has alighted on mountain peak's head,
When night storms upreeding are outlined in burning,
The leaflets fall golden, and flame dyed with red.

Beyond the rock's rending, and into the ocean,
Gold tinted shadows fly failing alone,
Upon the dark, heaving, they toss in the tempest,
Then sink in a sighing of fury and foam.

So in our failing we float, like the leaflets,
So is our glory as transient as they;
Down-driven, drifting, beneath the commotion,
We rest in a rending of rain-riven spray.

G. KEARSLEY (VI Upper Arts).

PARENTS' COMMITTEE

At the Annual Meeting of the Parents' Committee, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting for Parents in the Easter Term in 1961, instead of this Autumn Term. This will give the Masters more time to get to know the new boys before meeting their parents. The meeting will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday, 14th March.
The Annual Bazaar and Presentation of Winning Plays in the Dramatic Competition will be on Monday, 27th March, when gifts for the Bazaar will be welcomed, and we hope to have a successful evening.

During the last year, grants have been made to the Scout Troop, the Chess Club, and the Photographic Club. Grants to the Railway Club and the Photographic Club were approved at the Annual Meeting.

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the Annual Dinner in October, our Guest of Honour was Jeff Butterfield. His speech, naturally, was mainly concerned with Rugger, and he paid tribute to the School's fine record in producing many outstanding players. At the A.G.M. which preceded the dinner, two more young members were elected to the Committee. A more active interest by the younger Old Boys is very desirable.

We are most heartened to learn of the School's continued response to the "Pay as you Learn" method of paying subscriptions, whilst still at School. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Ridge for stimulating interest in our Association, and producing such good results.

This season we are fielding three Rugger teams—the Colts providing the opportunity for a number of boys at school to join in the Association's activities. The Cricket team enjoyed a good season, finishing as Runners-up up the Town League. Next year they will be meeting stiffer opposition in Division 2 of the County League, and are hoping some of the school leavers will join them.

On behalf of the Association, I wish you all, both Staff and boys, the Season's Greetings.

K. J. HOLMES.

RUGBY CLUB REPORT

The results of the Rugby Club up to and including 12th November, 1960, were as follows:

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The 1st XV results are not outstanding to date but many enjoyable games have been played. The forwards have been welded into a powerful pack but the backs have not made full use of their opportunities. The team is led for the second season by Frank Fair who is playing as prop forward.
The 'A' XV has surpassed itself this season. After a lean spell last season it has produced a notable run of victories. The first six games of the season were all won. It has a powerful nucleus of experienced players captained by Ken Bond.

The Club is particularly proud of the Colts' XV. Undefeated so far, they have a fixture list of sixteen games arranged for this season. A judicious blend of the younger Old Boys and schoolboys, it is a great success. Their most notable victory to date was a 17 points to 10 points defeat of the crack Northampton Saints' Colts side. One of the Club Colts, David Stanton, has fulfilled his promise by achieving selection for the East Midlands Colts on the wing.

The Club this season for the first time, is going on Easter Tour. We have been accepted for the Lowestoft Festival and look forward to an enjoyable week-end. It is hoped to make the Easter Tour a regular event every second season.

The Club Committee welcome all school-leavers to a game each Saturday. With three teams and our own ground the facilities offered are good. We hope to see many of you in our ranks.

D. G. STRATTON (Hon. Secretary)
108 The Pyghtle, Wellingborough.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

CAMBRIDGE

Five out of the six Old Grammarians who are now in Cambridge are situated conspicuously near to one or other of the ladies' establishments, Girton, Newnham, Homerton, and New Hall. This may register a trend in extra-curricular activities.

D. E. BILLING, now in his first year in Selwyn, Natural Scientist, is under the restraining influence of Congregational Society, and the less restraining one of the "Untied" (sic.) Nations Association. He carries on research in toast-making, and has amassed a not inconsiderable collection of manhole-covers.

D. P. FROST is a GREAT NAME; has, indeed, been for some time now. After extensive literary and dramatic fame, and an extended acquaintance with the business end of a T.V. camera (NOT for the B.B.C.), rumour has it that he will be closely concerned in the production of the Methodist Society Party, at the end of this term, a great honour.

C. GARLEY, late of the Borough, is a member of Fitzwilliam House. As a Linguist he has naturally swelled the ranks of the Spanish Society.
R. J. HAWKINS, to extend the tale, lives close to Girton, under the policy of Fitzwilliam House. He owns to a vague connection with some of the less usual Scientific Societies. He enjoys Sport.

B. J. HOLSER, now in his second year is most fortunate, with a room overlooking NEW HALL, and acquaintances among the other institutions. Plans hatched with T. PAINTER (of revered memory) to establish a hereditary post for ex W.G.S. on the committee of the Spanish Society appear to have gone adrift for the time being, owing to lack of funds.

ROGER MILES, last year’s dark horse, has now appeared. There must be danger in winning a Scholarship in Natural Science, for it is whispered among certain tutors that this man indulges in ALCHEMY (which doesn’t seem so different from the Science I learned). He is seldom in his own room.

OXFORD

First Year

This time we have a cool set of new faces, but all sufficiently odd or eccentric to pass as ‘students’. Consider for instance...

P. C. NEWELL (St. Peter’s Hall). Some may believe him to be a quiet lad, but we have doubts. He has been socializing very much, and has successfully managed not to join the Rugger or boat clubs—and so is typical of the people here originating south of Wellingborough.

D. O. TALL (Wadham) is an all round accomplished man. His most remarkable experience was being sprayed with boiling soap suds from a kettle; it turned out that he had knocked in a bar of soap when filling with water in the dark. He is a member of the Orchestra and plays Rugger for his College.

J. ELLAM (St. Peter’s Hall) is his usual calm and confident self. All the town is under his control, but he appears to do little except play squash and look smooth.

G. G. MARTIN (Hertford) is very quiet and takes life seriously. He is sampling Oxford life warily, and attends O.I.C.C.U. meetings (Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union). He has not mixed a great deal with ex W.G.S. people, but no one blames him for that.

Second Year

E. J. WOOD (The Queen’s) is having rat trouble in his seventeenth century lath-and-plaster edifice. He has acquired a fervent nationalism from somewhere, and advocates home rule for Northamptonshire. His fierce bearded countenance startles those of the new folk who have seen him.
A. J. DOYLE (St. Edmund Hall) is all right, thank you. He is pursuing his judo and is now instructor to the ladies' section of the club (the thought of throwing women about doubtless appeals to his masculine instinct). He had trouble with his landlady who objected to two motor-bikes in the backyard. With . . .

K. BAILEY (St. Catherine's Society) he set off for Austria in the summer, but only reached London, because the boat-train had left twelve hours earlier. Mr. Bailey owns a car, which is used for suspicious journeys to and from the county. A decidedly elusive character is . . .

P. A. BIRD (Wadham). It is said that he is a member of the Opera Club. He avoids Wadham for personal reasons (!?).

J. J. L. KNIGHTON (Balliol, by Jove!). Aloof, impeccable, and cosmopolitan, he wishes the School to be informed that he went to Canada during the Long Vacation, and is an ardent player of Mahjong. Anyone requiring tuition should see him at Ruzdin Ritz.

Third Year

D. N. HALL (St. Peter's Hall), does not seem worried about the final reckoning. We suspect that the apparent calm is not due to confidence, but absent-mindedness; he is completely absorbed in local achæological discoveries dating back to the first century B.C.

J. WYKES (Christ Church), never bothers about anything. He spent the summer driving about Scotland.

P. R. SMEATHERS (Merton) is another affluent gentleman who went to Austria, where he was 'alped' around by a new-found 'friende'. He is getting nervous about Finals, and is feverishly studying all the things he never learnt.

Fourth Year

Alas! some names are missing here.

D. BROWN (St. Catherine's Society) claims he did not 'whip' the brick which the Queen dropped. Now married, he has settled down comfortably at Cowley, and is doing research in organic chemistry.

LONDON

King's College

J. O. GREENHALF continues to work hard, most of his time being devoted to 'practical anatomy'. He takes nd M.B. exams. next term.

K. F. ALLEN (Part II Mechanical Engineering) was somewhat dismayed at the beginning of term to discover that he couldn't gain a place as reserve for the sixth of King's six Rugger XV's. Eventually, however, he won fame, in helping the 3rd XV to their first victory, scoring a try by sitting on the ball.
Queen Mary College

M. D. CLARKE (Part III Mechanical Engineering) was seen at the beginning of term wandering aimlessly around with various 'accessories' removed from his scooter, muttering oaths. Since then, however, he has had a 'revolution', and is concentrating on 'whirling shafts'.

B. E. GAGE (Part II Aeronautical Engineering) seems to spend half his time in building tape recorders, and half in motor cycling. We can only assume that the remainder of his time is devoted to study.

D. G. POWELL is, as ever, most reticent about his activities.

M. J. BRUNDELL is the only Fresher from W.G.S. at Queen Mary College, and is here to read Geography.

LEEDS

COWLEY—His friends say they see him only occasionally. He is just another example of the mysterious people in laboratories. Nobody understands the 'Chemists' at Leeds.

JAMES—Since settling in he has been resting, thinking that this, together with vegetating, are pleasant features of University life.

SPRIGGS—Has been seen working in the Library on several occasions. He has taken up fencing, and thinks it an exciting sport—until he is hit by a sabre.

WILSON—Since the Freshers' dinner, when he appeared in a clerical collar and no trousers, he has been known as 'Vicar'. Apart from this, work has taken a major part in his life.

BLAND—Finds that "Housewives' Choice" makes a good start to the day. He has decided to dedicate his life to a cause, and is spending the term searching for it.

VINCENT—Though still misunderstood by the natives, and hardly recovered from the shock of passing first year exams., Vincent is now wrestling seriously with the problem of turning France into a tea-drinking nation, during the Summer Term. He still clings firmly to his dictum—"Work not, want not".

WHITE—As he is now only a few minutes' walk from the University, he has found that the money and time saved in travelling can be profitably spent in the coffee lounge of the Union.

WAKELIN—After taking a well-earned rest from the labours of his M.A. thesis, he seems undecided as to whether or not to remain in Leeds, or to favour the University of Ontario with his presence for a year.
WOODALL—The triumph of Finals behind him, he has discovered that the trainee-teacher’s life is not always a happy one. Perhaps it is because the lads in West Riding schools are tougher than he used to be.

PETTIFER—Is one of those people who can be counted on to pay at least two or three visits to the coffee lounge at regular times during the day. He has the air of a graduate about him, which probably means that he is working.

SHEFFIELD

COATES and LEE are both looking forward (?) to Finals. Coates’ favourite words are still ‘hind’ and ‘dragon’, whilst Lee relaxes with an occasional game of snooker. When cornered, both proclaim that work is “going nicely, thank you”.

BERMINGHAM is through to the Inter-Faculty Debating Competition finals. Claims to have retired from social life to a world of books, but is not prepared to state which books.

PEARSON’S activities seem to alternate between Change-Ringing and Field Courses in Architecture. Last seen preparing to give his chin a warm winter.

POYNER’S mysterious failure to appear on the Union horizon has been attributed to the fact that the winter is upon us, and he has probably gone into hibernation in some quiet, warm corner of the Medical Library.

WILSON became Chairman of the Union’s Film Unit last term. Since then the Sheffield Watch Committee has paid an extraordinarily large number of visits to the Union. Wilson steadfastly maintains that this is pure coincidence.

BEDELLS claims 100% attendance at his Physics lectures, yet modestly declares that he has yet to distinguish himself. Considers Sheffield ‘passing fair’. Stauch supporter of Wilson’s Film Shows.

JOYCE has not yet been run to ground. Is understood to be somewhere deep in the deepest depths of the Engineering Building (Civil).

SHERWOOD has left the University and is now teaching, but can still be seen popping in and out of the Varsity Library in an attempt to get his foot even further into the door of knowledge.

MANCHESTER

Is there no call to the bright lights of THE city of the North? In the largest provincial University the Old Boys’ community is getting ever-smaller, so how about it, Sixth Form?

ALLEN—‘Chas.’ has been preparing for the arduous task of Finals and all the personal sacrifice involved: so much so that he has bought himself a car!
CLARKE’S beard is said to be the warmest thing in Manchester this winter. He had the doubtful pleasure of meeting Bland in Leeds but was denied the hospitality of Joshua Tetley.

LEICESTER

J. F. MURDIN.—Now spending a post-graduate year at Leicester after gaining a degree at Liverpool. Appears difficult to trace and is known to be doing very little work. At week-ends it is easier to find him at Wollaston than anywhere near the University.

S. N. CRAMPTON.—This is his first year at University and he appears to have quickly got into his stride as far as work is concerned. Found almost at every hour seated in the Library over mathematical problems which can never seem to be solved.

R. CRICKMER.—Having passed his first year exams., he has moved into the upper class coffee bar set. Never seen working but surrounded by empty coffee cups and full ash trays.

D. M. WILSON.—Work at the present time seems to be of minor importance compared with the affairs of the Rugby Club. It has been said that he is so busy he does not have time to work.

BIRMINGHAM

NORSWORTHY has, apparently, been doing very little since the closing of the Aston Hippodrome.

REID, having been awarded a travel bursary, spent three weeks in Macedonia, during the Long Vacation, and is expecting to visit Russia this term. He will be at the University of Moscow, under the auspices of the Soviet Council.