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Term began on the 6th September with 599 boys, since when three have left. The Sixth form numbered 189.

This term we welcome to the Staff four new Masters. Mr. E. C. Harding (Geography), Mr. W. J. Walker (Geography), Mr. A. P. G. Macdonald (History), and Mr. P. J. Warren (Physics).

S. W. Grant, D. Toseland, W. Drew, R. J. Benoist, and B. Waite have been selected to play for the Northamptonshire Schools' Senior XV against Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire over Christmas.

The School heard with deep regret of the death, on November 18th, of Mrs. F. C. Lay, the wife of the first headmaster of the school. Mr. J. H. Butler and Miss N. Bavin represented the school at the funeral which took place at St. Andrew's Church, Oxford.

In public examinations the Ordinary Level results were good, ninety-seven boys out of one hundred and three obtained certificates, the average being five passes per head. At Advanced Level seventy-four out of seventy-seven candidates were successful. Sixty-five qualified for County Major Awards to the Universities which is a School record.

We congratulate R. R. Marsden on his award of a Kitchener Scholarship tenable at Balliol College, Oxford.

The party of sixty-three to Paris and Montreux had a very successful trip. Next year a school party of seventy will visit the Heidelberg area of Germany.

The Science Sixth are attending the Royal Institute lectures in London and the members of the Arts Sixth attended the performance of "Le Marriage de Figaro" at the Palace Theatre.

Mr. C. A. Pine held a barn dance at School, in the Mountbatten Hall on 20th October and will hold another on 20th December.

The School Play, "Not in the Book", by Arthur Watkyn, will take place at 7-15 p.m., December 6th-9th inclusive. The concert of Christmas music will take place at 7-15 p.m. on Monday, 19th December.

Prize-giving will be on Thursday, 18th May, when the chief guest will be Group Captain Douglas Bader, C.B.E., D.F.C., D.S.O.
IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. F. C. LAY—who died on November 18th, 1966.
P. W. RICHIE—after a long illness, on August 8th, 1966.
F. SATTERTHWAITE—who died on October 11th, 1966.
P. D. S. WHITE (Domus Scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford)—killed in
a motoring accident on October 2nd, 1966. His research work will
be published by the University as a memorial.

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E(Merit), S. H(Dist.), Br.Con., Econ. G., H(Merit)
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- M. J. BLAGBURN
- S. W. BRAWN
- K. P. EDMUNDS
- P. GALLAGHER
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- R. J. SCOTT

**HOUSE NOTES**

**DRAGONS**


Head of House: D. Toseland.

House Secretary: P. J. Smith.

House Rugby: D. Toseland.

Vice-Captain: K. Shurville.

House Drama: M. J. Richards.

House Music: R. J. Benoist.

We welcome all the new first formers to what is and always will be "the" House. We note with pride yet another win in the P.E. Competition, which somewhat makes up for last term's disastrous showing in the Athletics.

Rugby prospects look bright with Toseland, Drew and Benoist in the senior County XV and at least eight Dragons in the 1st XV. We look forward hopefully to the Music and Drama competitions hoping to emulate our performance in the latter and better, for once, the last position in the music.

**GRYPHONS**


Head of House: S. W. Grant.

House Secretary: T. W. Jones.

This term has been uneventful regarding House activities and only the House Meeting has to be recorded. Mr. Tussler presided, Mr. Dunning having retired. Mr. Lane was welcomed as our new House Master. Last term's activities were outlined—Gryphons came third in the House P.E., failed dismally in what cricket took place and shone by winning the Warwick Hurdles Cup.

Grant was elected Captain of Rugby, and Barley as Captain of Music.
LIONS

House Masters: Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. J. P. Hyde, Mr. J. Butler.
Head of House: P. Marriage.
House Secretary: S. J. Nesbitt.

Since the main part of inter-house activity is not due to take place until after Christmas, there is little to record this term, except that preparations for the coming rugby competition have gradually been put into effect. B. Waite, who has gained a place in the County XV this season, will, perhaps, direct operations next term with greater success than we have had in the past. Finally, however, the Lions extend a welcome to their new members, from whom, it is hoped, a flow of badly-needed talent will emerge to restore the recent dwindling fortunes of the House.

STAGS

House Masters: Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. T. D. Norman.

House Prefects:
D. G. Litchfield, P. J. Cave, M. A. Cox, R. Howard, P. Harris, C. J. Francis.

A warm welcome is extended to all new Stags. Last year was quite successful, with Thacker leading Stags to victory in the Music Competition, the Athletics and the Relays. In the Rugby we managed second position, although we sank to last position in the Drama Competition. However, it is to be hoped that Stags will not now just sit back and reminisce on past glories, but that the “new blood” in the House will help to restore it to its rightful position. This we occupied a few years ago, as many seniors no doubt remember, “when we used to win all the cups,” and so Stags look forward to even greater successes.

At the Autumn Term meeting, the following appointments were made: Captain of Rugby, T. M. McIlroy; Junior Captain of Rugby, N. Clark; House Drama, J. B. Stranger; House Music, R. A. Harris.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

1st XV

Captain: S. W. Grant. Vice-Captain: D. Toseland.
Hon. Secretary: W. Drew.

The 1st XV played badly in its first match, owing to the inadequacy of the half-backs in particular and to an uncharacteristic laxity in general. The introduction of Hill and Warburton solved our only problem of selection. They soon became an effective pair and at once the side realised its full potential.

We have been fortunate in having a talented fifteen with no weak links. Our marked success this season has been based on hard, direct running by strong and fast backs supplied with good possession by a powerful pack, who in addition to doing their basic job with efficiency, have run and handled with notable skill. Very seldom have we needed to depart from the orthodox, but the talent for improvisation has always been there. We have aimed at, and played, attractive, open Rugby and if there have been occasional dull patches, they have been lit by well-conceived and brilliantly executed movements.
Only in the match against the Old Grammarians have we had to undergo severe pressure and then the quality of our defence and morale was abundantly proved. For the rest, we have proved stronger than other sides so far encountered and have had things very much our own way.

This is a very good, versatile, well-knit side, thoroughly deserving of its success, which has trained hard and played with verve, flair and keen enjoyment.

E. R. NEVETT (Full Back).
Steady and safe. A short kick but usually accurate. Has withstood inactivity on the field with typical equanimity, but has dealt competently with what pressure has been put upon him.

R. J. BENIOIST (Left Wing).
A hard runner and an opportunist for whom things work out magically well. Defensive covering good. Enterprising and constructive.

D. TOSELAND (Centre).
A very gifted player. The side has owed him a lot for his creation of openings, well-timed passing, rugged defence and for his strategic control.

K. L. ALLEN (Centre).
Has played up to his ability this year. Strong, fast, possessed of all the attributes, he has scored many tries and defended stoutly.

P. TOOMBS (Right Wing).
Played himself into the side half-way through the term. A strong, determined runner with a nice change of pace. Tackles well.

P. W. WARBURTON (Fly Half).
Has rapidly become an effective player. Sets his line moving well, has a very good break and is deceptively quick. With more experience will be very good indeed.

D. J. HILL (Scrum Half).
Has given a steady, accurate service, fallen and tackled with courage. His return to School Rugby after years in the wilderness has proved providential for us.

P. M. LAYTON (Prop).
A strong, robust forward who scrummages well and works mightily in the loose, where he has become increasingly constructive.

K. D. SHURVILLE (Hooker).
He hooks proficiently and is of immense value in the loose, where this year his increased speed and strength have been noticeable. Adept with the ball in his hands.

W. DREW (Prop).
A tower of strength, immensely powerful and a past master in the art of wrenching the ball from mauls and feeding it back.

T. M. McILROY (Lock).
A tough, wholehearted player who does his job extremely well and without standing on ceremony. Another who has increased in constructive skill since last year.

J. E. COOPER (Lock).
Brought in for his line-out play, but has also performed very well all round. Gives of his best at all times. We shall be sorry to lose him.

J. A. HALL (Blind Side).
Young and light in weight, but he has worked vigorously and continuously. Covers a lot of ground in defence, has a good positional sense.
S. W. GRANT (No. 8).
A firm yet unobtrusive leader who has set a fine example. Covers tirelessly and is skilled in every department. Outstanding in loose play. Has not spared himself.

B. WAITE (Open Side).
Has made his mark on every match. A destructive tackler and forager who has been prominent in every phase of the game. Great constructive ability and flair.

A.E.S.

RESULTS

September
Wednesday, 21st v. Northampton G.S. 1st XV (H) Lost 0—22
Saturday, 24th v. Bedford Athletic Colts 1st XV (A) Won 43—0
Wednesday, 26th v. Northampton T.H.S. 1st XV (A) Won 31—8

October
Wednesday, 5th v. Towcester G.S. 1st XV (A) Won 19—0
Saturday, 8th v. Deacon's G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 37—0
Wednesday, 12th v. Wyggeston G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 14—0
Saturday, 15th v. Kettering G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 27—6
Thursday, 27th v. Oundle School 2nd XV (H) Won 40—0

November
Saturday, 5th v. King's G.S. 1st XV (A) Won 12—3
Saturday, 12th v. Corby G.S. 1st XV (H) Won 26—0
Tuesday, 15th v. Stowe School 2nd XV (H) Won 30—0
Saturday, 19th v. Dunsmore School 1st XV (H) Won 19—0
Saturday, 26th v. Old Grammarians' 1st XV (A) Won 6—3

2nd XV

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This year's 2nd XV has proved to be a most useful side. We were fortunate in that most of last season's 1st XV returned this year, so the 2nd XV has a larger nucleus of older, more experienced players than is normal. We have lost our most forceful centre, Toombs, to the 1st XV and Howard has also been called upon from time to time; but we have gained Betts and Elliot in return.

The side has improved steadily and is now playing fast, open, interesting football. It has been noticeable that the sides we have played have been younger and less experienced—though not always smaller in size—than we are. Our policy has been to play open and constructive rugby and we have achieved considerable success by playing in this way in all conditions. We began the season on a high note, beating Northampton G.S. 78—0, and Deacon's 62—0. Our only defeat this term was against Wyggeston. They were a compact and vigorous side and won the game simply because they gained quality possession from the tight and loose. Since this blow to our ego, we have improved the quality of our possession especially in the mauls and rucks, and no other side has looked like beating us.

The attack has depended heavily on our skill behind the scrum. P. R. Betts has moulded himself into a very useful scrum-half. His tactical knowledge of the game, and his personal ability to make a clean break and hand on a good pass, has been put to good use. Francis at fly-half.
has impressed everyone with his ability to take the ball at any angle. He also has a neat break and runs strongly. In the centre Toombs proved so useful that he was appropriated by the 1st XV; and Gayton (now back and in commanding form) was injured and could not play for six weeks. In spite of these setbacks (or perhaps because of them) Wilson and Phillips have played well and improved considerably since last season. On the wing we have seen little of the really strong running that scores tries—although Elliot's appearance on the scene has seemed to improve this weakness. Much credit for our attacking type of game must go to the forwards. We lost our best line-out expert to the 1st XV but Smart has since proved himself in this position and with the solid assistance of Wyman, Huddart and Howard we now achieve a large proportion of the possession. In the loose, all the forwards work hard, and generally, as a unit. Crossley and Molcher are becoming adept at opening play from the mauls, and if only we can gain possession earlier we shall certainly score more frequently. Ekins is improving his hooking and loose play and the gaining of more than our fair share of the ball from the set scrums is due to him. At full back Betts has only occasionally fumbled, and one never has doubts about his courage and reliability. One must not forget to mention Porter—the contented perpetual reserve. He deserves a game, for not only is he a useful player, he turns up for training and acts as touch-judge regularly.

The 2nd XV is one of the best the school has had, and it will provide a dynamic nucleus for next season’s 1st XV.

Team: (from) P. R. Betts, Ager, Davies, Elliot, Wilson, Gayton, Francis, Betts, Wyman, Ekins, Crossley, Huddart, Smart, Howard, Anker, Eldridge, Molcher, Phillips, Sullivan.

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3rd XV

Despite losing a number of players to the 2nd XV after early matches the 3rd XV has managed to maintain not only an unbeaten record but an enjoyable style of play. Forwards and backs have been willing to run, pass and back up.

The forwards played quite well in set pieces but excelled in obtaining the ball from broken play and switching the direction of attacks. Behind them Jessop and Phillips have maintained the momentum of these attacks admirably and provided centres and wings with many opportunities.

Mid-field weakness in defence, due to “scragging” rather than hard low tackling, have generally been covered by the fearless play of Howes at full back, an example to all.
RESULTS

September
  Thursday, 29th v. Rushden Secondary School 1st XV  Won 49—0

October
  Wednesday, 5th v. Towcester G.S. 2nd XV  Won 19—6
  Wednesday, 26th v. John Lea 1st XV  Won 16—13

November
  Wednesday, 9th v. Cherry Orchard 1st XV  Won 22—16
  Wednesday, 30th v. Rushden Secondary School 1st XV  Won 35—0

UNDER 15 XV

This term has been a very full one with twelve matches. Honours are about even with five matches won, one drawn and six lost.

Some may feel that this is not a brilliant record, but compared with last season as Under 14, when only one win had been recorded by Christmas, this is a vast improvement.

The forwards have had two players out with broken collar-bones which left the captain, P. York, the large task of trying to knit a somewhat ragged pack into a well-drilled, working unit; but all too often the selfish individuality of some players destroyed the effectiveness of the unit. In one or two games we saw the undoubted capabilities of the forwards as a unit, but this has degenerated once again into the attitude that "it's everybody's job bar mine." We hope next term will see a difference. Good hooking by Griffin has produced enough good ball to win matches but all too often the advantage has been lost through poor use of it. The line-out work did improve, but is again back to the stage which produces negative good ball when opposing forwards break through. Clean catching is what is needed. Coombs, Haggar and Smith are forwards well worthy of mention.

Jessop, last year's Under 15 XV scrum-half, joined the pack at blind flank forward and has played with great enthusiasm. His extra year of experience has recently been seen at scrum-half and is providing the vital link between forwards and backs.

The three-quarters this year look more effective and, considering the number of wet balls, have handled remarkably well. The moving of Angel to the wing with Webb as outside centre has produced a very fast combination. Lawson, the other wing, plays competently and covers ground in defence with gay abandon. Cowley, cut with a broken finger, has been replaced by Partridge who plays with good ball skill as does Warburton at fly-half. These latter two must next term play with more tenacity in defence to improve their game to the benefit of the team.

Rawlins, last year's reserve forward, has now laid firm claim to the position of full back. He has overcome his initial hesitancy and next term we hope to see him moving up in line with the backs to attack instead of being a completely defensive player.

The team as a whole has improved but next term they must realise that the opposing team, for the length of a game, are their bitterest enemies. They must dictate the game, they must tackle hard round the legs, not the neck, and above all as individuals they are involved in the game to produce drilled teamwork, not personal glory.

Colours have been awarded to: C. Rawlins, B. Webb, D. Angel, T. Lawson, P. Haggar, P. York, T. Coombs, S. Robinson.

RESULTS

September
24th v. Northampton G.S. (A) Lost 27—3

October
8th v. Deacon’s G.S. (A) Lost 18—3
15th v. Kettering G.S. (A) Lost 28—5
19th v. Bedford Modern (A) Won 11—10
22nd v. Rushden Secondary School (H) Won 24—0
27th v. Oundle Junior Colts (H) Lost 25—5
29th v. Northampton T.H.S. (A) Won 10—3

November
5th v. King’s School (H) Lost 27—0
12th v. Corby G.S. (A) Drew 9—9
19th v. Dunsmore School (H) Lost 16—5
26th v. Rushden Secondary School (A) Won 21—3

Points: For 107. Against 175.

UNDER 14 XV

The team made rather a poor start with four of the first five games being lost. The main reason for this was a great reluctance to tackle, a fault much in evidence last season, too.

After winning at Rushden at half term, the team has taken a new lease of life with a great improvement in team spirit, and is now playing much better, particularly in the forwards. However, there is still much to be learned about the basic arts (e.g. giving and taking a pass) by the backs and the forwards.

Colours have been awarded to P. Stokes, R. M. Smart, G. Lees, and C. F. Owen.


RESULTS

v. Northampton G.S. Lost 3—27
v. Northampton T.H.S. Won 9—0
v. Deacon’s G.S. Lost 0—30
v. Kettering G.S. Lost 9—20
v. Bedford Modern Lost 0—26
v. Rushden Secondary School Won 18—0
v. Oundle School Lost 0—6
v. King’s School Won 26—3
v. Corby G.S. Won 19—3
v. Dunsmore School Lost 3—9
v. Daventry G.S. Won 3—0
UNDER 13 XV

The season began badly with an away defeat at Kettering G.S. That game was remarkable for our side's lack of backbone. Had it not been for the indefatigable Tivey, a tireless tackler and strong-running winger, a more disastrous score could have been recorded. This defeat seemed to inject needed mettle and a much livelier and improved team beat Bedford Modern more comfortably than the score suggests. An easy victory over Rushden made Cherry Orchard's success against a listless, dispirited side difficult to understand. Once again Tivey showed that tackling is the answer to bigger outsiders who run with the ball.

The game with Cherry Orchard made clear that our greatest weakness lies outside a scrum benefiting from such stalwarts as Mankiewicz and Wilson. The answer must lie in experimenting with the combinations at our disposal. The key position is at fly-half. Should such experiments prove successful, with Groome playing well at full back, and Tivey and Farrar commanding the wing positions, there is every hope of success in next term's games.

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CRICKET

Two games were played after last term's magazine went to press.

W.G.S. 1st XI 39. Deacon's 41 for 2.

The School batsmen showed little resistance to a keen Peterborough attack and we were speedily dismissed for only thirty-nine runs. Deacon's experienced little trouble in scoring the necessary runs for a comfortable eight wickets' win.

The Common Room XII 159 for 4 dec. W.G.S. XII 87.

The School were soon on top in this "needle" match when three wickets fell for only eleven runs. However, experience got the better of youth and the Masters went in to tea with a solid score behind them. When it was their turn to bat the School found the combination of speed at one end and continuous change at the other too much for them and they succumbed ten minutes before the end. For the second year running six members of Staff were amongst the wickets.

WARWICK HURDLES BOWL

1st Year— 1. Groome (S); 2. Leggett (S); 3. Hlusko (G).
2nd Year— 1. Robinson (G); 2. Norman (G); 3. Dormer (G).
3rd Year— 1. Rogers (G); 2. Keech (S); A. Whitney (S).
4th Year— 1. Ogden (D); 2. Britton (L); 3. Phillips (G).
5th Year— 1. Sheehan (G); 2. Pearce, L. (L); 3. Davies, E. (D).
6th Year— 1. Benoist (D); T, Betts (G); 3. Ager, F. (D).

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The Summer Concert

Rehearsal time for this term's concert, held on Thursday, 7th July, was even more limited than usual, taking place as it did a full two weeks earlier than in previous years. However, lack of time in preparation had no effect on the length of the programme, which in some ways was over full.

The Junior Choir's contribution included a spirited performance of Herbert Chappell's "The Daniel Jazz", described by the composer as "an end-of-term romp." The audience seemed to catch the spirit of this far-from-dignified setting of the story from the Book of Daniel, and Gilbert's buoyant accompaniment added much to the success of the piece.

We heard some first-class playing from J. Joyce in Norman Fulton's "Scottish Suite" for Treble Recorder, but the length of the piece was not in its favour, and it did not have the impact which it deserved.

The reverse is true of R. Lines' folk song with guitar accompaniment, "The water is wide". This was done very well indeed and was much appreciated.

Although the number of boys playing brass and woodwind instruments in the school has risen this year, many of them are beginners, and the Wind Ensemble's item owed not a little to the help of a number of Old Boys, parents and friends. The two movements of Holst's "Suite in F" were an ambitious choice for the instrumentation available and the effect was pleasing on the whole. Our thanks are due to those who helped us on this occasion.

P. J. Gilbert was the very competent soloist in Alec Rowley's "Miniature Concerto for Piano and Orchestra", which opened the second half of the programme. The main difficulty here was a lack of strings; but we were helped by Miss Thomas and a number of girls from the County High School. We look forward to future collaboration with them in the orchestral field. This performance seemed to open up considerable possibilities, and it is to be hoped they may be followed up.

The Senior Choir's contribution to the programme was Purcell's cantata "Come, ye sons of art", from which comes the famous duet "Sound the trumpet". The soloists were J. and L. Joyce (sopranos) and S. W. Grant (baritone), with instrumental obbligatos provided by Peter Baxter and C. J. Legg (flutes), and continuo by Mr. D. Baker ('cello) and P. J. Gilbert (piano). This item probably suffered most from under-rehearsal and we had some very uncertain starts here and there, but there was also some very good singing, particularly from the soloists, and the piece was well received.

Thanks are due to Mr. Cox for his help in the preparation of the programme, and for his continued efforts with the Recorder Club. (A report of their activities appears elsewhere.)
PROGRAMME

1. JUNIOR CHOIR:
   (a) A Tragic Story - - - - - - - Britten
   (b) Trottin' to the Fair - - - - - - - Stanford
   (c) Hark! the echoing air - - - - - - - Purcell

2. RECORDER TRIO AND PIANO:
   (a) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - arr. E. Hunt
   (b) Begaune - - - - - - - Bonsor

3. VOCAL SOLO:
   (a) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - - - trad.
   (b) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - - - Purcell
   (c) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - - - Bonsor
   (d) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - - - Bonsor

4. RECORDER SOLO:
   (a) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - - - Purcell
   (b) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - - - Purcell
   (c) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - - - Purcell
   (d) Six Airs from the Beggar's Opera - - - - - - - Purcell

5. WIND ENSEMBLE:
   Two movements from a Suite in F major - - - Hoist
   (a) Song without words: I'll love my love.
   (b) March.

6. JUNIOR CHOIR:
   (a) The Daniel Jazz - - - - - Herbert Chappell
   (b) Come ye Sons of Art - - - - - Purcell
   (c) Come ye Sons of Art - - - - - Purcell
   (d) Come ye Sons of Art - - - - - Purcell
   (e) Come ye Sons of Art - - - - - Purcell
   (f) Come ye Sons of Art - - - - - Purcell
   (g) Come ye Sons of Art - - - - - Purcell

INTERVAL

7. ORCHESTRA:
   (a) Miniature Concerto for Piano and Orchestra - - - - - Rowley
     (b) Andante—Allegro, Menuetto, Rondo, Rondo.
     (c) (Solo Piano—P. J. Gilbert)

8. FLUTE SOLO:
   (a) Sonata in D minor for Flute and Piano - - - - - Hasse
     (b) Un poco vivace, Allegro, Arioso, Vivace.
     (c) Peter Baxter accompanied by Mr. A. Chesters

9. EUPHONIUM SOLO:
   (a) Fantasie - - - - - - Pierre-Petit
     (b) (P. J. Gilbert)

10. SENIOR CHOIR:
    (a) Cantata: Come ye Sons of Art - - - - - Purcell
    (b) Chorus—Come ye Sons of Art.
    (c) Solo with Flute—Strike the Viol.
    (d) Bass Solo with Chorus—The day that such a blessing gave.
    (e) Solo with Flute—Bid the Virtues, bid the Graces.
    (f) Bass Solo—These, these are the sacred charms.
    (g) Duet with Chorus—See Nature, rejoicing, has shown us the way.
        Soloists—J. and L. Joyce (sopranos), S. Grant (bass).
        Flutes—Peter Baxter and C. J. Legg.
        'Cello continuo—Mr. D. Baker.
        Piano—P. J. Gilbert.

LIBRARY

Thanks to the generous block grant, the Reference Library already appears healthier and seems a popular place. My thanks to the boys who have worked so hard to get the new books prepared, catalogued and shelved; also for keeping the lending department going.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Miss Rowlatt, Mr. and Mrs. Attewell, and Mr. and Mrs. Cole have made gifts to the library, for which we are most grateful.

C.H.S.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE ARTS CLUB

This term The Arts Club has continued to thrive, and has now acquired a hard-core of faithful members, as well as it's more fickle floating attendants.

The majority of these members, however, are unfortunately from the Arts Sixth and so far all attempts to lure members from the Science Sixth have failed, save for a few "traitors" and the ever-present Mr. Bantoft.

Nonetheless, this term has produced several well attended, and extremely informative meetings.
We opened the term with a talk on Censorship, given by Mr. Sturman. This underlined the ridiculous situation which exists in both the theatre and in literature today, where Victorian codes of decency are often still upheld to ridiculous proportions. Our next meeting, a debate, was on a far more controversial issue. The motion was: In the event of War, this House would fight for Queen and Country. Here, B. Liddington (for) and A. Holloway (against) hotly fought a verbal battle, and after a very close division, the former triumphed, and the motion was declared successful.

Our next meeting was in a much lighter vein, and was extremely well attended—and no wonder, with such personalities as Prince Charles, Batman, Jesus and Genghis Khan fighting across the Library table, for a place in a hypothetical sinking balloon, in trouble over the Atlantic. Each one delivered a speech worthy of his own character, and then waited for the audience to decide upon his fate. Eventually all were ejected except Batman, who lives (as always), to fight another day.

Mr. Bantoft addressed our next meeting and began with a knowledgeable discussion on American Literature. Leading contributors were Mr. Sturman and P. J. Smith, who seemed to know more about the subject than the rest of us!

Finally this term, we welcomed Mr. John Leatham, ex prospective Conservative candidate for Wellingborough, in our best attended meeting. Mr. Leatham spoke to us on several aspects of Conservative policy today, and then led us into a lively discussion.

The Arts Club has at last established a firm basis for its meetings and this set has enjoyed an extremely successful term.

JUNIOR NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY AND R.S.P.C.A.

President: R. F. Palfrey, 4b. Secretary and Treasurer: A. Wyman, 4b.

This society has grown out of the Junior Branch of the R.S.P.C.A., known as the “Animal Defenders” to which many boys already belonged. The society has already held five meetings at which talks were given on Rabbits, Foxes and Badgers, Budgerigars, Bees, and a film on insects, plants and birds. The club is very successful and has 25–30 members. First, second and third formers are now welcomed at these meetings.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

This term two of the older members have given lectures: Novak, 5a, “Project Apollo”; W. E. Jones, 5b, “The Constellations”; both of which were well supported.

Two observing nights, when the telescope was assembled on the field, have been held. Several double stars, the planet Saturn and the Moon have been viewed. Also the balloon satellite Echo II has been seen.

Meetings are held nearly every Tuesday, in Room 14 at 4-00 p.m., and new members are always welcome.

H. SHAW, Secretary.
BADMINTON CLUB


The senior club has prospered again this term, using its own shuttles instead of other people’s cast-offs. There have been many new members and the club has been able to produce a quite reasonable team. The extension of the fixture list has produced some enjoyable games and K. Merrick is thanked for the use of his Bentley for away games. Unfortunately, the junior club has had its activities curtailed due to the use of the Gym. for training.

Senior matches:
- v. Redcliffe School, Wolverton Lost 4—5
- v. Wellingborough Youth Club Won 5—4
- v. The Masters Lost 4—5

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This term’s meetings (Room 6 every Wednesday during second dinner) have been varied and extremely interesting. A large influx of Lower 6th Arts of all beliefs has enlivened discussion and all topics have tended to be practical (little theology has been debated). The feelings of the group in general are more radical than one would expect in a Christian Group but we have all tried honestly to work out the best way of life.

The undoubted highlight was the meeting when we joined with the High School and where Mr. Macdonald spoke as the Devil’s Advocate—the subject being “The Church Today”. The speech and discussion were outrageous to some, hilarious to some, and logically right to others. A good time was had by all.

The largest attendance was for the Rev. Woodland who spoke extremely interestingly on his experiences of faith healing. Other discussions were on: “Sex” (few unfortunately said what they really thought); “Why I am an Atheist” (Jones, however, turned out to be an agnostic); “Why I don’t drink”; “What is prayer—and why should we pray?”; and “Being a Christian on the factory floor”. Mr. Warren spoke on his work in Africa and later showed a film. Other masters attending were Mr. Phillips (who was nearly sent into orbit on more than one occasion by radical statements), and Mr. Wilson who is noted for keeping very quiet and then coming out with a valuable comment.

In the last two weeks we are going to put our theory into practice and visit some old or sick folk in the area, and take them Christmas gifts.

Next term should be interesting. People of all beliefs are welcome. Please come.

C. R. MISSELBROOK, Secretary.

CYCLE CLUB

We are pleased to report a considerable increase in members this term and we have been active in Time Trials, Cycle Maintenance and Road Safety. We are also in the process of rebuilding an old cycle which we optimistically hope to sell to cover the expense of paint and new parts.
The annual check of school cycles proved its worth once again when seven cycles were found to have either one brake not working or loose handlebars. One cycle had no front brake, no rear brake, and handlebars that had no turning effect whatsoever on the front wheel. We presume the boy concerned cycled with a black cloth over his eyes and with teeth gritted to face the inevitable final blow.

We should point out that all these cycles have now been repaired. We cannot stress too strongly the very great risks in riding an inefficient cycle and point out that any boy may bring his cycle to be serviced free of charge on any Monday evening.

During the next two terms we shall be continuing with maintenance and Time Trials, and also hope to get sufficient support for several one-day tours.

C.J.C.

FENCING CLUB

The recent acquisition of jackets as a result of the generosity of the Parents has enabled the activities of the Fencing Club to enter a new and much more interesting phase. Instead of merely hitting the instructor's plastron (and, inadvertently, his arms, legs and head), the club's more advanced members now face each other, and, if not yet quite up to the standard of Messieurs Athos, Porthos and Aramis, are at least capable of giving the Cardinal's guards a run for their money. Free practice (or "loose play", as fencers call it) is a pleasure to be approached with caution, since bad habits picked up and uncorrected in the early stages can lead to a stunting of a fencer's potential ability; so our fights are punctuated with cries of, "What about a riposte there?", "Try a parry of octave instead of low quarte!" and "Bent arm attack! You'll be stop-hit!"

But gradually the instructor is perceiving more and more talent showing through, and has distinct hopes of some of his pupils. He hopes to arrange a match before long with a team of comparable ability from Northampton Fencing Club.

The club is small in numbers, as it must be if each member is to get the individual attention he needs; but those who stick out the exacting initiation period are beginning to find the great pleasure and satisfaction that this sport can give.

D.F.S.

JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CLUB

Weekly meetings have been held during the term and owing to the large number wishing to attend it was found necessary to restrict membership to twenty, and anyone else wishing to join has had their name placed on a waiting list to await a vacancy.

Once again the experiments performed have been many and varied including preparation of soap and attempts at electroplating.

R.J.L.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President: R. C. Rawlings. Secretary: P. M. Layton.

The Society, as usual, started the term with a flourish of activity. The momentum soon, unfortunately, died down. This was probably due to the Secretary who was conspicuous by his absence at the early meeting.

Looking to the future, new members are welcomed for the forthcoming activities which include a project in ciné photography.
RECORDER CLUB

As usual at this time of the year we plead for more members. We are now but five—but regularly every Wednesday evening, Room Twelve has rung to the sound of the pipe and we are, as ever, optimistic that new members will be found.

We are labouring mightily at several pieces for the concert this term and hope to perform a Suite for Descant and Piano, by Antony Hopkins; Pastoral for Treble and Piano, by Robin Milford; and Suite for Recorder Trio, by Eric Robinson. We shall also be joining the orchestra and choir in two works. C.J.C.

SCOUTS

The 1966 summer camp took place at Youlbury Scout Camp, Boar’s Hill, Oxford. We were careful to book early and select what in earlier years had proved an ideal site, known as “the small lawn”. The trouble was that, in the event, it was too small—to contain both ourselves and the moles, that is. Of the moles we saw nothing—no doubt it was too wet for them; but of the havoc which their hills, combining cloyingly with an almost constant downpour, wrought all over the place we saw enough to ensure that next time we choose another site.

One is always tempted to sum it up with the superlative phrase—“Never have we had it so wet.” Ancient history records that once, in the august days of Mr. Dunning, the troop had hurriedly to evacuate the disaster-zone of Blackthorn while the water was only up to their knees (soon to be a thing of the past for Scouts). No such extremities as abandoning ship this year, admittedly, but in places on the camp-site the water was literally up to the ankles. Camping was therefore, like a curate’s egg, good in parts. It was indeed cold, damp, if not blinking wet, miserable, and enjoyed in spite of the elements. It is lucky that there is always something about camping which is purely enjoyable for the politikon zoon (homo urbanus to the profane) in spite of almost everything. (I seem to be running out of different ways of expressing this somewhat trite remark—I wonder if the troop agree anyway?)

We were all glad to see Hugh Nicholas and Robert Pine at camp again, seasoning our camping with a little of their reputable salt, although the weather restricted activities, especially of the rigorous, pioneer type that Pine loves everyone to indulge in, to a minimum.

There is a swimming pool at Youlbury. The G.S.M. was seen in it once or twice—probably once. Some hardies indulged more often, savouring the glory of their hardihood as much as their swimming. Jessop and J. Huddart stayed in long enough to pass their Swimming badge.

Camp transport underwent a novel change in the person of a hired minibus, which, with even greater novelty, changed identity from brown to red. very early in its career, owing to the original’s capacity for filling itself with fumes noxious even to our troop-members. The bus provided a useful way of moving kit and some passengers to and from camp; the rest of the passengers were very kindly conveyed by Mr. Huddart in his own super-minibus.

This term Mr. A. P. G. Macdonald took over as Scoutmaster with the troop and the winter programme has proceeded apace under his jurisdiction and legislation, ably abetted by J. R. Parkinson as Troop Leader.
S. R. Huddart has become Senior Patrol Leader. Parkinson and Huddart have obtained the Queen’s Scout Award and received their badges at a presentation by the District Commissioner, Mr. Rhind, on the 25th of November. Three new Seniors have been proceeding with their Ambulance Badge training.

The "new deal for Scouting" announced this year will begin to take effect in 1967. This affects the senior scouts more radically than the juniors. It rather remains to be seen exactly what changes will have to be made in this district to cater for Venture Scouts (as the seniors are to be called), and this leaves the senior section a little in the air. We shall have to organise a senior programme for the new year, bearing in mind that we may have to keep adapting it to accord with any changes which may take place as the year progresses.

Finally, but by no means least, we would like to thank those mothers who helped with the Jumble Sale, and without whose help it would not have been once again a success.

P.G.

**SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY**

**President**: The Headmaster.

**Chairmen**: C. M. Abbott, I. J. Partridge.

**Committee**: Mr. Bantoft, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich.

Up to the time of writing fourteen lectures and a special lecture have been given. Attendances have averaged twenty-four per lecture, but more support would be welcome especially from the fifth and lower sixth forms.

The first lecture this term was a special lecture when the school welcomed Dr. James from the Biochemistry Department of Unilever Ltd., who lectured on Careers in Biology. The other lectures given so far this term were:

1. The Advance of Computers since 1939, by R. A. Harris. Mr. Harris gave a general outline of the advances in the construction and action of computers.
2. Nitrogen, by C. J. Francis. The uses of nitrogen in the modern world and of liquid nitrogen were explained.
3. Electromagnetic Induction, by N. B. Wheatley. Mr. Wheatley explained how a current is induced and the action of the motor car ignition system.
4. Fungi, by T. M. McIlroy. The different types of fungi and their development were described by the lecturer.
5. Acoustics, by S. W. Grant. Mr. Grant explained the acoustics of the School Hall and the modification of rooms to give better acoustics.
6. The Art of Bee-keeping, by J. R. Parkinson. Mr. Parkinson brought a bee-hive to the meeting and showed the processes which take place.
7. Speed Arithmetic, by K. P. Barley. The lecturer gave examples in the use of speed arithmetic in mathematical problems.
8. The Diesel Engine, by J. E. Sheehan. The general principles and the differences between the 4-stroke and 2-stroke were explained.
9. Evolution, by S. R. Huddart. Mr. Huddart gave a long lecture on the
different aspects of evolution and the development of certain animals
and parts of a human body.

10. Radiation Chemistry, by R. Highman. Equations and diagrams were
used by the lecturer to describe the processes in radiation chemistry.

11. The Domestic Hot Water System, by R. J. Paragreen. Mr. Paragreen
described the several hot water systems in use and the different
thermostats used.

12. Veal Husbandry, by G. H. B. Harris. The process of producing white
meat for veal and the housing of the calves was explained.

13. The Binary System, by N. J. Haycox. Mr. Haycox gave a concise
account of the uses of the binary system.

14. Geiger Counters, by P. J. Dobney. Both the radiation detectors and
the radiation counters were described.

The society must thank Mr. Huddart for securing seats at three
lectures by Sir Lawrence Bragg at the Royal Institution, although the first
party of the two never arrived in London.

R. A. HARRIS.

STAMP CLUB

There has been an encouraging increase in membership this term.
We now have a wide range of collectors, including single-country and
thematic specialists.

Any collector, however much a beginner, is sure to find a lot to
interest him at the regular Monday meetings in Room T.

TOC H

Most of the group's energy this term was spent in organising a
jumble sale, which might have been more successful had it been better
timed. We would here like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Walker who in this, as in
most of our other enterprises, rendered invaluable service. There is still
an ominous lack of new blood which is the greater tragedy as in the last
year or so Toc H has shown greater zest and initiative than perhaps any
other school society. We can recommend ourselves here therefore to
any fifth or sixth former with aspirations to help others less fortunate than
himself through our hospital services and visiting old people, or by making
use of their ideas and organising ability (dances, jumble sales, etc.), or
merely of making new friends and hearing interesting speakers.

WHY ANTIQUES ARE WORTH PRESERVING

[Reflections on the crime of shunting desks]—an imposition.

Some antiques are worth preserving if only for their value. If one
goes to a large museum, such as the British Museum, where they probably
have the largest collection of antiques in the world, one could look for
days and never come across a pre-war, standard, Wellingborough Gram-
mar School desk in very good condition, or even in very poor condition.

There are two possible explanations for this: Perhaps they are
extremely rare and valuable. So priceless in fact, that the greatest museum
in the country cannot afford to buy one of these treasures even in the
worst possible condition.
This reason is very unlikely as there are at least one hundred and fifty in this school, being used at this moment. Surely The National Trust would want to preserve them in their natural state—not let stupid little schoolboys do their maths on them. Or, maybe, they are of no value as antiques.

I have heard of only one famous desk and that is the one that Sir Winston Churchill scratched his name on before the turn of the century.

I have been to many museums, and to many antique shops but I would be very surprised if I saw one of these desks with a price tag.

I know that these desks are becoming rarer every year. Today the only rooms that are furnished with these beautifully made desks which have been used by genuine Grammar School boys for over thirty years are rooms 1, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 21—though there may be some stowed away in the little hut on the school field, to prevent the ever-hungry antique dealers from taking every one of these almost pre-historic works of art.

I am writing this essay because I pushed five of these priceless treasures about six inches nearer to the door in room 12 on Friday. But as every collector of antiques knows—his relics should be exercised regularly.

The numismatist will take his coins from their holders once in a while to let the air get at them. A collector of Chippendale chairs will occasionally sit on one of his best specimens to give it exercise. All that I was doing was giving the desks exercise by pushing them backwards and forwards. Just giving them the treatment that they have come to expect and love.

I suppose many masters are wondering why these once numerous heirlooms have become nearly extinct. I am certain it is not the boys wearing them out. It is much more likely to be a Scottish agent sending them to secret Scottish museums!

[Donations for the Society to Preserve School Desks should be sent to: The Treasurer, S.P.S.D., Room M, Wellingborough Grammar School, Northants. Mint or Used Desks will be valued free of charge at “Davids” during usual working hours.]

D. L. REDDEN, 4 beta.

CORN LAWS
(with apologies to Sellar and Yeatman)

In the 18th century, cars hadn’t been invented, so people had to walk. Walking brought on a new plague—the plague of corns. This was brought up in Parliament, and it was decided that some laws for the cure of corns were needed.

John Peel enacted that: (a) all corns should be repealed and not pickled; (b) all the corns of one village should be put together and one tithe of them given to the parson.

Soon, people protested about large bunions, resulting from peeled corns, and thus large groups called “anti-corn law leagues” were formed. League division one consisted of all major towns and cities—starting from the most corns to the least. The cobblers were bottom of Division IV as they had good boots and therefore no corns.

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Landlords were exempt from the league as they had horses. Because of this they were accused of trotting in the way of industrial progress. It was argued that our export trade was affected because we would not accept French corns in England. Dr. Scholl suddenly invented corn pads, and so bread was cheaper as the corn was able to grow more readily, because they were less painful.

John Bright, son of a Yorkshire tramp, saw that railways had suddenly revolutionised transport, and so the corny corn laws were repealed.

P. W. HAGGAR, IV B.

A SIMPLE MAN'S GUIDE TO EDUCATION

For the benefit of those masters and boys who have begun school in the past few months, and also for those who, having passed through the school, are somewhat baffled by the overall significance of all they have experienced, a survey has been commissioned to comment on and correlate the individual facets of a system which, after all, exists for the benefit of the pupil. For the purposes of expediency pastimes are divided into two categories.

(a) Non-scholastic:

1. Exams. The pupil who graduates from the humble First Form to the lofty eminence of the Upper Sixth Arts cannot do so without undertaking approximately forty-seven exams. An exam is a process by which a figure known as a "result", is obtained. This "result" is an evaluation of several factors: (i) the mental attitude of the person setting the paper; (ii) the mental attitude of the person marking the paper; (iii) the ingenuity of the candidate; (iv) the health of the candidate. A factor which occasionally has a bearing on the results, rendering them useless, is the standard of knowledge reached by the candidate. However, fortunately this rarely manifests itself.

2. Tests. An exam on a smaller scale. Prizes are sometimes awarded, taking the form of crisps or bottles of pop. Questions vary from "Guess the date of this penny" to "Guess the date of this half-crown."

3. Library. This is the depository of World Sports, the Autocar, etc. Its décor consists of shelves of books, and any attempts to remove these are justly censured. The Library is a valuable institution. However, the décor could be improved and the problem of vanishing books solved, by burning all the books and decorating the walls with travel posters and library notices.

4. School Societies. There has grown up a tendency to deride certain societies and to regard them as not entirely respectable. However, what is not generally realised is that they give a great deal of pleasure to a certain type of boy. Of the Societies the Arts Club, whose activities consist of appealing for new members, is by far the most significant.

5. Metalwork Room. This is a very valuable source of toffee hammers, tyre levers, noise, and extraneous vibrations. It has a pungent odour of cod liver oil, and has proved a valuable source of raw material, spare metal, unwanted lathes, redundant power drills, etc., for all forms.

6. Modern Languages Room. This and the other play-rooms have a distinct value in that they instil into the infant mind a profound fear of
science and foreign languages. Occasionally experiences such as “jammed spools”, “snapped tape”, “erasure”, “total power failure” occur.

7. Science. Science, restricted as it is to the top corridor and the basement, is an amalgam of extremes. Apparently Chemistry is now Physics, Physics is now Atomic Physics, and Biology is still Biology, while Zoology exists, inasmuch as anything on a world consisting of space interspersed with electricity, can be said to exist.

Such trivia having been dismissed, it is possible to devote the remainder of the report to matters of more immediate importance.

(b) The Cobblers.

The purpose of education is in fact the propagation of conversation concerning the last Cobblers' match, selection of a team for the impending match and debate over the weather conditions relative to football. Thus the School ensures the production of an end product capable of holding its own in a modern world. Another subsidiary facet of education is whist, which sharpens invective and the ability to convey essential information to the partner by means of subtle inflections of the voice or motions of the hand.

This report surely refutes all allegation that the syllabus of some schools is totally unrelated to modern life.

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Our activities during the year, which enable us to make grants to School societies and clubs, include the annual Bazaar and the Sherry Party for parents and friends. We also organise refreshments for parents' meetings and for Speech Day. We found it necessary to discontinue Whist Drives as the numbers attending were very small.

This year we were pleased to welcome many new parents to the Committee. This is especially good for the Association—new members, new ideas. “Thank you” to all who have helped in our efforts.

Mrs. F. E. GRANT.

At their meeting of 27th September the Committee approved the following grants:

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Association has tended to stagnate during the past few months as far as tangible progress is concerned. The Headquarters, our main concern, which I am sure is still on everyone's mind, is still hanging fire. The plans are finished for the building and I am hopeful of seeing this completed in 1967.

With our main activities still centred on sporting events, the plans for our new field are progressing well. The main work has been completed and the pavilion will be erected and opened in time for use by the Cricket Club in the 1967 season. The pavilion will be capable of expansion and we intend eventually to have changing facilities available on the ground. The present field will be vacated by 1st May, 1967, and the Cricket Club will play their next year's fixtures on the new field.

Besides our cricket and rugby activities we have a very active Table Tennis section and also a Badminton Club. We are pleased to welcome any boy to our activities and I can assure you that you will be warmly received.

Finally, I must congratulate the School on beating the Old Boys' 1st XV this season in what was an excellent game to watch, and I can assure you that we will be out for revenge next season.

WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS' R.F.C.

Season 1966/67

Results to 26th November, 1966:

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The season started off on a wonderful winning streak, and for the first three weeks all teams won their games. This was obviously due in the main to the fact that the playing strength of the club was very strong because of the late return of students and the availability of schoolboys. With the advent of October came a period of stronger fixtures and defeats began to occur. However, although the results of late show a decline, the spirit of the club is as high as ever. One result must be recorded here, and this is the one in which the School 1st XV beat the Old Boys' 1st XV in the annual fixture. This game, as usual, was keenly contested and the best side won—"Well done, the School."

The social side of the club still flourishes—an enjoyable evening was held at Redwell in October when 30-40 members attended. On New Year's Eve we are holding a Social Evening at Swanspool Pavilion, to be organised by the younger members of the club especially for the "Young in Heart"—cost 2/- per head, and we look forward to having a strong contingent from the school with us on this evening.
Finally, as always on Boxing Day morning, the annual Round Table Charity Cup match takes place at 10:30 a.m. on the Old Grammarians' Sports Ground, London Road, and we ask you to come along and give us your support.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members at school a very happy Christmas. And remember, any boy desiring a game of rugby is always welcome.

DON BURTON,
159 Gold Street, Wellingborough.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES

R. F. BLUNT 1st Hon. Physics, Balliol College, Oxford.
J. R. TAYLOR II. 1. Agriculture, Durham.
A. C. P. WALTON II. Hon. Associateship Diploma Hotel Management, City University.
M. W. STEVENSON Diploma (Distinction) Town Planning, Nottingham College of Art.
R. ROBERTSHAW Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons.
J. A. MABBUTT Professor of Geography, Sydney University, Australia.
B. J. LEGG Balliol College, Oxford, is the V.S.O. selection for Wellingborough and District.
R. E. OBERMAN Jesus College, Oxford, is the Rotary Foundation Scholar 1967 for District 104.
D. E. BILLING Ph.D. Chemistry (Cantab) Research Fellowship, University of Essex.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

DAVID LAW, an Old Boy of Wellingborough Grammar School is going to South Africa in the New Year to start up a new Terylene Plant at Belleville, near Cape Town.

He is at present Manager at the I.C.I. Terylene Plant at Kilroot, Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, and he has been seconded by I.C.I. to South African Nylon Spinners for nine months in order to set up the new plant.

A previous Head Boy of Wellingborough Grammar School, in 1950 he won an Open Exhibition in Chemistry to Merton College, Oxford. He was also Captain of Rugby at the Grammar School and later played full back for Northampton R.F.C.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Law, 41 Doddington Road, Wellingborough.
UNIVERSITIES' NEWS

BIRMINGHAM

P. A. CLARKE (Economics, Politics and Sociology) is back—just! He is privileged to have a wash-basin in his room in Hall, which conveys any sound from the adjoining rooms straight up the plug-hole and he has spent much of the term pondering the possibility of exploiting this commercially as a "bugging" device. Work? "Well, I haven't got any exams till next year—have I?"

P. COLEMAN (Spanish) claims it is just as difficult to be an "out" person as to be "in" and is trying to prove it. He eats at all the best restaurants and drinks in the best pubs and has a collection of trophies to prove it; he has graduated from beer-mats to trays and ashtrays. On one occasion which is best forgotten he was seen going into "The Sound of Music"—well, it's better than all that violence.

R. J. ILIFFE (Spanish) sports a W.G.S. scarf because, as he assures us, it is cheaper and the University colours clash with his socks. He finds himself somewhat perplexed at being one of the only males in 1st year Spanish—but he is working on it! He was last seen disappearing down a bowling lane, firmly attached to the ball—what a way to go!

J. JACK (Law) leaves clocks in the most peculiar places, but looks extremely debonair, not to say, suave in his gown with a copy of the "Daily Mirror" under his arm. Our correspondent has seen little of him, from which he deduces that he either works prolifically or drinks prodigious amounts of coffee following the esoteric pleasures of lawyers. After all, it's all practice for the practice.

B. P. JOYCE (Min. Eng.) returned from Greece with suitably tanned feet, a cloth cap and a six-inch growth of hair on his face. He now rejoices in a brand new, award-winning building and as a consequence keeps losing his way—at least it stops him working so much.

P. NEVILLE (Economics, Politics, Sociology) persists in the Student Image: faded jeans, holed pullovers, split shoes, long hair and P.V.C. jackets. He spends most of the night at parties and most of the day asleep as well as doing the odd essay to justify his existence here. He can be found most weekends at Higham Ferrers or under a table in the Union bar.

D. H. WILLIAMS (Birmingham College of Education) still seems bewildered by city life especially with all the Christmas lights which dazzle him somewhat so that he keeps bumping into things, including our correspondent, who is also rather put out by it all. Nevertheless, our semi-trained teacher expounds the virtues of Woolworths as a haven of delight—anyway, it warms you up on cold days.

OXFORD

Since the publication of the last magazine two O.G.'s have gone down—D. O. TALL has taken up a lectureship at Sussex and B. J. LEGG has gone on graduate V.S.O. We congratulate them both on their excellent results and wish them all the best for the future.
We should like to express our sympathy to those bereaved at the beginning of term. The tragic death of P.D.S. WHITE shook us all.

K. D. BINGHAM and K. BAILEY have not been seen since last term—but for the rest...

R. BALL (Balliol) 3rd year Physics. Keeps fit by walking from his digs to College. Is still doing a fair bit of running and still complains bitterly about the College meals and the University in general—the ultimate cynic!

P. LINDSELL (Wadham) 3rd year Engineering. Has been seen pedalling furiously in the direction of the engineering labs. Perhaps he is working for the day of judgement and is but a short way off.

J. E. PACK (Hertford) 3rd year Geography. Jim hasn’t been seen this term.

N. S. F. WILLS (Magdalen) 3rd year History. When not at the Film Society, Nick can be found at “The Griffin” in the ancient borough of Higham Ferrers. Does he really live at Stanwick?

R. WILLIAMS (St. Peter’s) 3rd year Physics. Refutes the charge that ‘Potters’ is a ‘dim’ college and has bought a car of unknown vintage. He is President of the Mountaineering Club. Was last seen looking apologetically at two halves of a ‘U’-tube on which he had spent two hours of hard work. His comments we consored.

(Mr.) R. E. OBERMAN (Jesus) Final year English. Is still collecting degrees and now hopes to go to Colorado to pick up an M.A. before settling down. Bemoans the fact that Jesus’ Rugger Club have now dropped to Division III. Was seen entering the National Provincial Bank armed with a pair of rugger boots. Is he that hard up?

I. RAWLINS (Pembroke) 2nd year Mathematics. Is now Chairman of Toc H. Was seen running round a few weeks ago looking for a pianist for a Christmas party. Hope he is not still running!

N. M. SINCLAIR (Pembroke) 2nd year Chemistry. Lives in digs somewhere down the Botley Road. Looks cool and collected as ever. Seems to be doing the usual amount of hard work that all chemists seem to get through. Still, the proof of the pudding......

G. G. WALDEN (St. Catherine’s) 2nd year Mathematics. Has taken up darts. His trouble—mistaking the 1 for the 20. Claims it helps his statistics, predicting whether the dart will hit the board.

B. K. TANNER (Balliol) 2nd year Physics. Is still basking in the glory of playing two league matches for Balliol as outside centre. Those who remember his outstanding turn of speed will find it hard to understand how Balliol are now in Division IV or why he has been returned to the pack. Has a room at the top of Balliol to discourage ‘occasional’ visitors.

R. MARSDEN (Balliol) 1st year Physics. The only O.G. fresher seems to be settling in very well. Can be seen in the J.C.R. ruminating over a cup of coffee most evenings. How many more physicists before Balliol realise the mistakes?
READING

S. J. WARREN (1st year Physics). Supports Reading Reserves at every available opportunity. Divides the rest of his time equally between physics lab and the railway station. Has worked on two distinct occasions this term, once when the television broke down, and once when fog held the trains up.

A. J. DORNEY (1st year Chemistry). Although fully occupied, seems to find time for academic studies. Otherwise, is quite content to strum the guitar and sleep.

P. THACKER (1st year Biochemistry). His image is undergoing radical re-arrangement. Refuses to walk anywhere, and so bought a bike for 10/-, and has suffered the consequences ever since. Has hung his rugby boots up, saying that it's now too muddy for his style of play. Is in the throes of buying an umbrella for next term to combat the relentless Reading rain.

SHEFFIELD

R. COLE (1st year Metallurgy). We welcome Robin to Sheffield and hope he enjoys University life. He appears to have found a niche in the Mountaineering Club. On Rag Day he intended to sail a telegraph pole down the River Don—not seen since!

S. G. BIRD (2nd year Economics/Geography). Steve still runs a car and looks affluent—on borrowed money. He has been elected on to the Economics Society Committee—the fourth Old Grammarian in 4 years.

A. RANDALL (2nd year Sociology). Alan has just learnt to jive—about six years too late. He still shares 'digs' with Steve—poor landlady.

R. C. LOMAS (3rd year Accountancy). Dick also climbs, but not in the Mountaineering Club. He is now Hall Secretary and a member of the Students' Council. Also the proud owner of a mini-traveller. He goes for nocturnal runs to keep fit (so he claims).