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Editorial

The last few days of school have brought the Spring weather, but we look back upon a term of mixed events:— high gales, sudden and widespread illness, the famous 'oil slick', and all the bustle of Mock G.C.E.

Sporting events are recorded and given their due elsewhere — but it is proper to mention here the selection of D. R. Boyman (School Hockey Captain) for the Welsh Trials, and D. J. Horgan, who has been under consideration for the England Trials.

Staff and boys disperse to spend the holidays in different ways: one School party to the joys of 'Paris in the Spring'; another (on official fieldwork) to Wales and the Gower Peninsula; yet a third to walk and climb in remote regions. Of the remainder, some have gone to ponder ruefully over their studies for next term's examinations, others to enjoy the freedom of holidays as yet unmenaced by the shadow of such things.

On the closing down of their printing shop, we take this opportunity to thank Messrs. Groom and Son for its long and excellent service to this School.

Headmaster's Notes

Weekly Confirmation Classes have been held throughout the term, under Canon Cecil Rhodes, and on Friday the 15th of March eight boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Dunwich in the Cathedral.

And in connection with that — so popular are the Family Communion Services that an Altar has been erected at the East end of the North Aisle, and those sitting in that part of the church are asked to present themselves there. This is particularly pleasing to us, giving, as it does, an even greater degree of intimacy, and an even greater feeling that the North Aisle is virtually the School Chapel.

Lord Wise, Comptroller of the Endowment Governors, is making steady progress after his recent illness. Although Lord Wise lives near East Dereham, in Norfolk, and was at school many many years ago, he has been a regular attender at the House of Lords, which has necessitated seven hundred and fifty miles of rail travel a week. He collapsed in the train in early February.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of R. T. Robins — Dick Robins — at the age of seventy five. Those of us who knew him well respected him for his warm humanity and his infectious enthusiasm for games, particularly cricket. During the first World War he was awarded the Military Cross and Bar. During the second he farmed on a more extensive scale than ever.

We also mourn the loss of a Governor of the School, the Venerable H. D. Barton, M.A., Archdeacon of Sudbury.

School Notes

In January we were honoured to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. M. Painter, to a Friday morning assembly to listen to the orchestra's playing.

There have been two recitals this term, the first being given by Antonio Baciero on the piano. It was well attended and much appreciated. The second recital was given by Dinah Demuth and Joyce Rathbone, playing respectively oboe and piano. The disappointing response of senior members of the school to this recital has put the future of School Recitals in doubt: although a boy may not happen to like the particular pieces to be played, he should realise that he must support in order to be able to hear a recital with a more appealing programme.

The sixth form attended a lecture on Nepal by Dr. Martin at the school. The lecture was illustrated with slides, and was much appreciated by all as an insight into this little-known part of Asia.

Hockey has been outstandingly successful, only three games being lost and 4 drawn of 39 played. The 1st XI remained unbeaten, winning all but 1 of its matches — St. John's College Cambridge, held it to a 2 - 2 draw. The match versus the Old Burians was particularly well-fought, captured in the last few seconds by one goal, giving a 3 - 2 win.

Rugby continues to grow in the school. A few inter-school games have been played and decisively won; there have also been some games amongst teams in the school.

The Inter-House Cross Country Races took place as usual this term. Most of those eligible ran, there being fewer evasions than of former years. School Cross Country has on the whole been moderately successful. R. J. Banham is to be congratulated in qualifying to run again in the All England Cross Country Championship.

On 23rd March, Old Burians Day, School beat Old Burians in all 3 hockey matches, and in Cross Country for the first time, avenging defeats of previous years. In the evening the annual Ladies Night Dinner Dance was held, the occasion being well-supported by Old Burians. It reminds us of the very active Old Burian Association: I hope those leaving in July will see that it is worth their while to join.

R. E. SIMMONS

1st XI Hockey

The 1st XI has enjoyed a very successful season and for this much of the praise must go to Mr. Little who has never faltered in his enthusiasm. Grateful thanks must also be expressed to Mr. Wyard for his regular preparation of the pitches and to Mr. Dart for kindly arranging the fixtures.

The School 1st XI was chosen from the following: D. R. Boyman Capt. (Full Colours), D. J. Horgan (Full Colours), R. E. Wright (Full Colours), R. S. Carter (Full Colours), M. E. W. Caban (Full Colours), M. G. Francis (Full Colours), B. Devine (Full Colours), D. J. Hopkinson (Full Colours), P. Rowlinson (Full Colours) and - with half colours - J. B. Burdus, C. Ronaldson.

The following also played: K. Jones, N. J. Slater and P. A. Harding. Goal Scorers: Boyman 11, Hopkinson 6, Ronaldson 5, Devine 3, Burdus and Jones 1.

Congratulations should go to Boyman, Horgan, Hopkinson, Francis, Rowlinson, Carter, on being chosen to represent Suffolk Schoolboys during Easter. And again to Boyman who played for the East of England at Christmas and has been chosen for the Welsh trials. Horgan has also been under consideration for the England trials and has played for Suffolk "A" - the mens team.

School v Culford (Jan. 25th) 4 - 0

This game, usually regarded as the highlight of the season, was approached seriously by all members of the team, resulting in the formidable victory of four goals to nil. The game began with a penalty flick which was not converted in our favour but the school spread the goals equally over both halves with the defence playing well to keep a clean sheet.

School v St. John's College, Cambridge (Feb. 1st) 2-2

This fixture against St. John's resulted in eighty minutes of tension and neither side was able to take full control of the play. St. John's midfield play and stick work were very good but they lacked finish. School, though, managed to take the lead with a well taken goal resulting from a short corner but this lead was soon cut back by the Cambridge side. St. John's took the lead in the second half and the school failed to equalise until the dying minutes after a session of persistent pressure.

School v Bury St. Edmunds Y.M.C.A. (Feb. 8th) 1 - 0

Against a strong Y.M.C.A. team the school produced their best team performance. The game ended with a most creditable 1 - 0 victory, the goal coming in the first five minutes. The ball was centred with the defence caught out of position, the centre forward sneaked through and calmly flicked the ball past the 'keeper. For the remainder of the game the school goal was under constant pressure with occasional breakaways by the forwards and the defence did very well to hold out. The result was a well earned victory due to skilful play and a persistence of hand work.

School v Northgate (Feb. 10th) 1 - 0

Although the score was only 1 - 0, this does very little to reflect the run of the game. The school was awarded three penalty flicks and without doubt the penalty flick record must have been broken there and then with all three being missed. After these setbacks the game became something of a struggle but the team held together and retained its goal lead.

School v Perse (Feb. 29th) 3 - 2

The game started rather unluckily for the school. The defence took some time to settle down, and from one of the resulting short corners a harmless shot was deflected accidentally into the goal. From then on the defence was very firm and steady increasing pressure brought an equaliser. The beginning of the second half saw another lucky goal for Perse, but the forwards, with a good supply of passes from the defence, fought back magnificently to score the two necessary goals, a triumph of team spirit.

School v Ipswich (March 2nd) 4 - 1

The school attacked right from the start and kept pressing the opposition with the occasional Ipswich breakaway. It was inevitable that the School must score and when a penalty flick was awarded in their favour the school took the lead. Following this goal came a second scored from a fine flick inside the circle. The second half saw a defensive error and Ipswich gained a consolation goal. This added new vigour to the School attack and another two goals were added.

School v Woodbridge (March 7th) 6 - 0

Before this match the school team had suffered two major setbacks, the loss of Boyman and Horgan through illness. After some readjustments in positions the School settled down to play some fluent hockey and excellent distributions from the defence were converted into a steady run of goals with the School running out 6 - 0 victors.

School v Friends, Saffron Walden (March 16th) 3 - 0

As usual the defence presented a solid barrier to the oncoming forwards, with only the occasional break throughs giving any chance

trouble. The forwards were not so energetic in this game, at times there was not enough determination, but three goals were scored to give us our seventh victory of the season.

School v Old Burians (March 23rd) 3 - 2

It was realised before the start that this would be a tense game and when two players were injured before the game started prospects looked grim. However, after persistent attacking the School surged ahead with a well taken goal which was quickly followed by another. Then in a somewhat strange fashion, if Old Burians will excuse me, they fought back with a short corner goal and a remarkable goal taken from a generous rebound off the post. The game seemed destined for a draw but in the dying minutes the School clinched a winner. It certainly was a fitting close to an enjoyable season.

First XI

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
9	8	1	0	27	7



R. Carter *Wright* *Calton*
Boyan *Horgan*

Second XI Notes

The Second Eleven had another very successful season this year playing nine games, winning eight and losing only one.

The season began with a six-nil win over Sudbury, followed by four good wins in a row, against Culford, Framlingham, St. John's College (Cambridge) and the Royal Anglian Regiment Depot, Bury. The next match against Northgate was cancelled owing to water-logged pitches, and there then followed a three-week period without a game. This led unfortunately to a lack of decisiveness in the next game against Perse, who were able to withstand great pressure during the first half and part of the second, and were fortunate in being able to score two quick goals in the last two minutes when the home team were reduced to ten men, J. A. Slater having been carried off mid-way through the second half with an injured ankle. However, the next three matches were well won, the team as a whole returning to its earlier form against Ipswich, Woodbridge and finishing the season with a hard-fought match against the Old Burians.

The supporting role of the second eleven was maintained well, no fewer than seven of the seventeen players picked for the seconds being selected to play for the first team, and three of these members of our original eleven being made regular first team players.

The regular team members were:— Soames, Jenkins, Cobbold, Jones Faiers, Morling, Halls, Slater J., Slater N., Harding.

Those who also played were Ronaldson, Carter, Wilkinson, Wright, Banham and Wootton.

R. F. Dorling

Second XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
9	8	0	1	29	7

- v. Sudbury G.S. (H) Won 6 - 0
- v. Culford (H) Won 4 - 1
- v. Framlingham (H) Won 2 - 1
- v. St. John's Cambridge (A) Won 4 - 1
- v. East Anglian Regiment (A) Won 3 - 1
- v. Northgate (A) Cancelled
- v. Perse School (H) Lost 0 - 2
- v. Ipswich (H) Won 3 - 0
- v. Woodbridge (A) Won 4 - 1
- v. Old Burians (H) Won 3 - 1

Third XI Notes

Although calling upon a wide selection of players this term, the team has had a successful season, winning four matches, drawing one and losing one.

The defence was on the whole sound, except for some momentary lapses against the Perse School. Howlett and Edwards proved a dependable full back pair, with Parton and Wilkinson providing a resourceful mid-field link. Rutter, Green and Barber were the most consistent forwards, but unfortunately even these suffered from the malady of being unable to convert the many chances they created.

The most usual team was, Golding R.P., Howlett, Edwards, Parton, Allen, Golding D.S., Barber, Footer, Rutter, Wilkinson, Green. But all who played showed great enthusiasm.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Peacock and Mr. Wyard for their help.

D. S. G.

Third XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
6	4	1	1	20	8

- v. Culford (A) Won 3 - 1
- v. Framlingham (H) Lost 0 - 3
- v. Northgate (H) Won 7 - 0
- v. Perse School (A) Drew 2 - 2
- v. Woodbridge (H) Won 5 - 0
- v. Old Burians (H) Won 3 - 2

Under 15 Hockey Report

The under 15s had a very successful season, maintaining their unbeaten run enjoyed as Under 14s.

The strength of the defence is indicated by the small number of goals conceded - only two in seven matches. Aldous rarely had much to do as goalkeeper. When called to save he usually did so competently. However he must learn even when bored through lack of activity to refrain from mad rushes towards the corner flags.

Rutter and Bartram played at their best earliest in the season when they covered the middle admirably. It is true to say that against Framlingham, Rutter never made a mistake. Both should prove very useful backs in the future.

The halfbacks, Edgar, Burdge and Day were always very sound. The two latter played very well in the hardest match of the season against Woodbridge, which was drawn. But for their determination this excellent match would have been lost.

The forwards once again did not show the same expertise as the defence. Both wingers, Dobbyn and Wheeler played fairly well. Dobbyn had an excellent game against Culford, whereas Wheeler proved a penetrating runner against Woodbridge.

Of the Inside trio, Brown improved towards the end of the season, when he began striking the ball crisply and working hard. Dow unfortunately never maintained his early promise. Both Macdonald and Spouge filled the other inside forward positions - the latter in the end establishing his place on the basis of better distribution. Overall, the forward line lacked thrust in the middle and really good control in mid-field.

The team need to take one or two lessons to heart. They should try to distribute the ball much more quickly, to run off the ball and to keep a firm two-handed grip on their sticks.

Day is to be congratulated on leading the side well.

Under 15 XI Record

P	W	D	L	F	A
7	6	1	0	32	2

- v. Ixworth (H) Won 17 - 0
- v. Harwich (A) cancelled
- v. Culford (A) Won 3 - 1
- v. Framlingham (H) Won 2 - 0
- v. Perse School (H) Won 3 - 0
- v. Ipswich (H) Won 5 - 0
- v. Woodbridge (A) Drawn 1 - 1
- v. Friends School (H) Won 1 - 0

Under 14 Hockey

The Under 14 team played its part in contributing to the overall success of the School's hockey teams this season, by winning six of its seven matches, and scoring 29 goals while conceding only 5.

17 of these goals were scored in two matches, 11 past the Sudbury goalkeeper, and 6 against Silver Jubilee. Indeed, only against Culford and Framlingham did the forwards fail to score more than one goal, and they proved an effective combination throughout the season. Framlingham lowered the team's colours in the third match – deservedly so, although the team was weakened by last-minute changes – but after this, Silver Jubilee, Perse, Ipswich and Woodbridge all fell victim to the team's combination of striking power and defensive strength.

The opening matches saw a degree of experimenting, until the best combination was evolved. In defence, Boughton, Martin and Grimley all proved competent keepers; Hill was a powerful, if somewhat ponderous, left back, while Blackburn, Brown, Edwards and Jones all had spells at right back, without any making the position his own. Hitchcock proved the lynch-pin of the defence, tackling and clearing powerfully, while R. Bennett and Tuffs both showed themselves to be tenacious wing halves.

Of the forwards, the speed and shooting ability of Lewis were outstanding, and G. Bennett acted as a most thrustful centre-forward, with 12 goals to his credit. Darkens proved a useful link-man, while Cullen's speed and persistence made many chances for the other forwards. On the left wing, D. Palmer ran well, but tended to hold the ball too long, so getting himself into difficulties which could have been avoided by speedier crossing of the ball.

Edwards acted as an efficient captain, although he has still to develop a sufficiently forceful approach to the task of spurring on the team. However, he can be more than pleased with their performance and results, and no doubt he will only regret that revenge could not be taken against Framlingham for that one defeat!

Under 14 XI Record

P	W	D	L	F	A
7	6	0	1	29	4

- v. Sudbury G.S. (H) Won 11 - 0
- v. Culford (A) Won 1 - 0
- v. Framlingham (A) Lost 0 - 1
- v. Silver Jubilee (H) Won 6 - 0
- v. Perse School (H) Won 3 - 1
- v. Ipswich (A) Won 4 - 1
- v. Woodbridge (H) Won 3 - 1

Under 13 XI Record

The team played only one game this term, this was a 1 - 1 draw with Friends School, Saffron Waldon.

P. S. C.

CROSS-COUNTRY

It would be easy in reviewing the 1968 season to be despondent. Our seniors were well beaten by Northgate (twice), Holbrook, Ipswich and Newport; the captain, R. J. Banham, would wait perhaps a minute and a half or longer on completion of a course before our second man reached home, and, Banham apart, not even half colours were awarded. consistency itself, responding superbly to the demands imposed on the captain of a team of doubtful strength, and showing tremendous will-power in winning the West Suffolk Schools race by a convincing margin and indeed in race after race failing by so little to be the first man in. This was great-hearted running, and to represent Suffolk Schools for the second year, this time at Stoke-on-Trent, where he was the second of his team to finish, was richly deserved.

The mediocrity of the School's senior team did not spring from any lack of harmony among the runners, but quite simply from the fact that the best available runners were not good enough. Probably no schoolboy trained sufficiently, but G. J. Aldous (who had run little until this year), P. Devereux and P. H. Lay were no sluggards in this respect, and B. Devine and A. Rutter of the hockey players found time for *some* training runs: these five, if they could have achieved just a little more in the races, might all have won half colours, and were certainly not wanting in loyalty. Perhaps there should be a *Proxime Accesserunt* tie: or will these five point scornfully to their West Suffolk Colours and remind us of how they overwhelmed the Framlingham and Soham teams, and indeed beat Culford comfortably? Devereux and Rutter will doubtless try again next year, as we hope will A. Veal, who also reached the West Suffolk team, and J. Gray.

At Beyton we won not only the senior race – in which the competition is never fierce – but the Intermediate too. Two cups on one day for the first time! The latter victory was very pleasing, being the result of a well-balanced team and achieved in spite of our having no-one in the first fourteen. R. H. Bartram was the outstanding runner in the Middle School and finished the term with two firsts, for the Under 15 team at Soham and, significantly, (and in the absence of Banham at Stoke), for the Seniors against the Old Burians. Bartram and P. Rutter were awarded Junior Colours, while N. A. MacDonald in his one race suggested that we might hear more of him, K. J. Parker improved to a quite remarkable extent during the term, and 13 year old G. Bradford more than once proved a stronger runner than boys a year older.

If Mr. Smart, whose mileage for the term must have reached three figures, will preach what he practices (he nobly helped to swell the ranks of the Old Burians in their hour of need), and if one or two strong-running boys who were reluctant to take part in this year's races, can overcome their apathy, there is the talent to bring considerable success to the School in 1969.

P. F. J. D.

RESULTS

January 20th, at Bury:

Senior Race: 1st Northgate G.S. 14; 2nd K.E.S. 23
Under 15 Race: 1st Northgate G.S. 14; 2nd K.E.S. 25

January 27th, at Framlingham:

Senior Race: 1st K.E.S. 27; 2nd Framlingham College 59

January 30th, West Suffolk Schools Championships, at Beyton

Senior Race: 1st K.E.S. 41; 2nd Culford 82; 3rd Silver Jubilee 95; 4th Newmarket G.S. 124
Intermediate Race: 1st K.E.S. 113; 2nd Newmarket M.S. 116; 3rd Silver Jubilee 154; 12 other teams.
Junior Race: 1st. Mildenhall 127; 2nd Hadleigh 146; 3rd. Beyton 152; 4th K.E.S. 171; 10 other teams.

February 10th, at Ipswich:

Senior Race: 1st. Northgate G.S. 28; 2nd Royal Hospital School 69; 3rd K.E.S. 84.
Under 14 Race: 1st. K.E.S. 56; 2nd Royal Hospital School 57; 3rd. Northgate G.S. 61

February 17th, Suffolk Schools Championships, at Ipswich:

Senior Race: 5th. R. J. Banham; 23rd G. C. Aldous; 24th A. G. Veal; 25th. B. Devine; 26th P. H. Lay; 27th. P. E. Devereux.
Intermediate Race: 36th. P. Rutter

February 24th, Suffolk A.A.A. Championships, at Holbrook:

Youths' Race: 1st. Royal Hospital School 23; 2nd Ipswich School 30; 3rd K.E.S. 53.
Boys' Race: 1st. Eye M.S. 67; 2nd H.M.S. Ganges 92; 3rd. Ipswich School 139; 4th Royal Hospital School 226; 5th K.E.S. 228; 2 other teams.

March 13th, at Soham:

Senior Race: 1st. Newport G.S. 25; 2nd K.E.S. 53; 3rd. Soham 111.
Under 15 Race: 1st. Newport G.S. 39; 2nd K.E.S. 52; 3rd Soham 88.

March 23rd, at Bury:

K.E.S. beat Old Burians 16 - 20 points

HOUSE COMPETITION

Senior Race:

1st. R. J. Banham; 2nd. D. R. Boyman; 3rd. A. Rutter; 4th. B. D. Parton; 5th. M. D. Jenkins; 6th. G. C. Aldous.
Houses: School 20 pts., Tudor 16, Lancastrian 12, Yorkist 8, Stuart 4, Windsor 0.

Under 15 Race:

1st P. J. Dobbyn; 2nd P. Rutter; 3rd C. Boughton; 4th P. Woodruff; 5th D. J. Hitchcock; 6th R. Janes.
Houses: Lancastrian 20 pts., Windsor 16, Tudor 12, Stuart 8, Yorkist 4.

Under 13 Race:

1st. G. Bradford; 2nd T. Banthorpe; 3rd S. P. Southgate; 4th K. Gaught; 5th H. Kostecki; 6th D. Wootton.
Houses: Lancastrian 10 pts., Stuart 8, Windsor 6, Yorkist 4, Tudor 2.

November Senior Race:

1st R. J. Banham; 2nd R. H. Bartram; 3rd B. D. Parton; 4th A. Rutter; 5th D. R. Boyman; 6th B. Devine.
Houses: School 10 pts., Yorkist 8, Tudor 6, Lancastrian 4, Windsor 2, Stuart 0.

The term started with the snow and ice on the school grounds not permitting any constructive rugby because of the possibility of injury. Rugger commenced three or four weeks into the term when the weather changed for the better. From that time to the end of term rugger has flourished and progressed into new realms.

Besides three school fixtures, two of an U15 category and one senior, many enjoyable Thursday afternoons have been spent in this exhilarating sport.

The first U.15 match was played against Ixworth Sec. Mod. school. No high hopes were held for the school team, its potential largely unknown. However all pessimism was dispelled in the fine game that resulted. Bennett, Daw, Day and Howlett commandeered the game into a well deserved win for the school by twenty points to nil.

Encouraged by this success, another U.15 game was arranged against Haverhill one week later. Due to hockey commitments, the school was unable to raise such a strong team and lost the game to an older and superior side 12 points to 6. All credit must go to the fine play and captaincy of White.

The climax of the school's rugby was the defeat of a strong, previously undefeated Silver Jubilee team by 21 points to 9. The success of the school team largely resulted from fine team work. Howlett further forged a strong half back link with Hopkinson and the backs, especially Boyman, provided a large upset for the opposition. Tries were scored by Boyman (2), Box and Wilkinson and Allen must be congratulated for his conversion and penalty kicking.

A day boys versus borders match that took place near to the end of term finished in the expected win by the older and stronger borders. In this match credit must go to the lower school members of the day boys team, especially Hitchcock and Bishop, for their spirited showing.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Peacock and Mr. Whysall for the enthusiasm that they have brought to the sport, and the Bury St. Edmunds Rugby Club for the use of their ground.

T.R.L.

Lancastrian junior Cross-Country this term was highly successful. The U.13's came first in the Inter-House Race due to the excellent performances of Bradford and Banthorpe, and to the lack of enthusiasm of some of the other Houses, which reduced the number of qualifying runners. In fact 3 of the first 4 places were taken by Lancastrians.

Through a good team effort the U.15's also succeeded in winning their Inter-House Race, and are to be congratulated.

The Seniors ran without their injured captain, and gained 3rd place. Again, there was a good effort, there being a lack of talent rather than spirit in the team. 5 senior members of the House ran for School teams at one time or another, Devereux, Jenkins and G. Aldous achieving considerable success.

Next term athletics will be with us. Although the House has few outstanding athletes, it is to be hoped that all members of the House will try to earn standard points to make up for brilliance on Sports Day.

The Seniors had a disappointing season this year in hockey, only scoring 3 goals, and having 24 scored against them. The best game was against Tudors, when with 2 good goals from Snazell and Footer, we led at half-time, although Tudors finally won 3 - 2. These two goals and one goal from Fuller-Rowell against Windsors, saved us from the ignominy of being bottom of the table. Jenkins served well in mid-field and in attack. Aldous was fairly successful in goal and stood up quite well to many shots, especially in the game against School with players such as Boyman attacking the goal.

The Juniors played well throughout the term, losing only one of their four matches, to Windsors. They soon regained their confidence after this defeat, beating Yorkists 5 - 0. However, their best game was against Tudors, with whom they drew 1 - 1. The main strength of the side lay in the half backs, Hitchcock, Cullen and Bean. Miles was the most menacing of the forwards. Of the younger members of the team, Wootton deserves a special mention.

R.E.S. and J.A.S.

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

This has been a very successful term for the house, winning the Hockey and the Cross-Country.

In the hockey, as expected, the house team had an easy victory, winning all four of the matches played with a goal aggregate of 35 for and 1 against. I say "as expected" because the house did have 6 members of the successful 1st XI and a generous contingent of the other teams. Everybody who played, played well, and there were many others who would have earned a place in any of the other house teams. The enthusiasm for hockey in the boarding house is at a very high level.

The cross-country was won by a very good team effort in which everybody tried their hardest. Good positions were obtained by "the recognised runners" — Boyman 2nd, Parton 4th, and Devine 7th, and they were splendidly supported by those who one doesn't usually regard as cross-country runners, providing packing in the early twenties which assured victory.

The Athletics are already upon us, and it seems as if success in the senior group will be ours, although in the other age groups we are handicapped by lack of numbers. In the events already decided, Boyman and Hopkinson have achieved 1st place in the Senior 220 yards and Javelin respectively, and others have done well to be placed or reach the final on Sports Day. Parton is the Athletics captain, and I hope to see everybody rallying round him to obtain standard points which will play an important part in obtaining victory this year as in the past — the house has yet to be beaten at athletics. Let this be a challenge to the other houses!

The senior house cricket competition has been disbanded in favour of six-a-side and single wicket competitions, and since we have no Junior team, we will be unconcerned with the house cricket matches, but expect to contribute freely to the School teams.

P.R.

STUART HOUSE NOTES

The hockey season has been disappointing for Stuart Senior House once again. After a heavy defeat by School House, the team's confidence and determination was low, and this showed in the game against Tudor House, for after leading 1 - 0, the house then went on to lose 6 - 1. But in the following game the team played very well, and was unlucky to lose 1 - 0, after a very close game. On the last House match much depended, as it would finalise the house positions. In this game the team gave an excellent performance, with effort this time accompanied by skill, but again we were doomed to lose by one goal. Yet, although we

were defeated in each match, the team must be congratulated for their determination and effort. Carter played magnificently in each game, and must be congratulated on being picked to play for Suffolk.

The juniors enjoyed a comparatively successful season, and there are several promising players amongst them. The defence played well, as did the attack, but the attack lacked finishing power. As they can only improve in their game, we expect more from them in the future.

I would also like to thank Mr. Mills for his constant support and encouragement throughout the season.

This term has shown that with a little more effort the house need not finish last as we unfortunately managed to do in last term's race. In fact we obtained a very respectable 5th place, and were unlucky not to take 4th position. I must congratulate every member of the team that ran for an excellent effort.

S.R.H. & R.J.B.

TUDOR HOUSE NOTES

The hockey season this year has been a most successful one; the games have been closely contested, and all ours were well won, with one notable exception. The eventual position in the competition was third-one lower than expected as, in a cancelled round, our rivals missed their most exacting game.

The game against School House was, I think, most creditable, and only owing to lack of stamina, and not through want of spirit, did we collapse, giving away three quick goals at the end. However, the attackers may take pride in the fact that they were the only ones to penetrate the School House defence to score against the unconquered.

The team was made up of a few experienced players, notably Ronaldson, who played with vigour to spearhead the attack. The rest of the team was composed of less experienced, but very promising players. The Rutter brothers both show great promise, and should do well in the School teams next year. After various goalkeepers had been tried, we eventually found, in Wootton, a very strong goalkeeper who played well. Barber tended rather to rove about, but was very good at taking his chances, and scored quite a few goals from rebounds.

The Junior team also enjoyed success this year, losing none of their games, and gaining second place. Darkens led the team effectively, and with Bennett in defence, and Martin in goal, few attackers got through. Bennett at centre-forward played a thrustful role.

Thus Tudors have fared very well at hockey this season, and I should like to thank all House members for their support and readiness to play.

N.J.S.

The Tudor House Cross-Country team did quite well on the whole, but more effort was required. The Juniors did not have any really outstanding runners, and therefore gained only fifth place. The Intermediate and Senior teams did much better, coming second and third respectively.

A.R.

WINDSOR HOUSE NOTES

The hockey season for Windsor House has been very successful, with the Juniors winning their competition and the Seniors managing a less satisfactory fourth.

The senior team returned an excellent goal average, scoring seven and having five scored against them. This shows that a great deal of strain was on the defence, with a special mention to Spouge, Griggs, Harding, Francis, Soames and Horgan, who kept goal and also scored six of our seven goals. The forward line was, however, less efficient, and scored six goals against Lancastrians and only one against an under-estimated Stuart House.

Horgan and Francis are to be congratulated on being selected to play for the Suffolk Schoolboys hockey team, and also the first eleven. Soames and Harding played for the second eleven, while Spouge and Edgar both represented the under 15 eleven. Congratulations to all.

The Junior team won all their matches apart from one which was drawn. This was made possible by excellent team work and under the captaincy of Brown.

The Cross-Country results this term were a slight improvement over last year's positions. The seniors came 6th, which was not entirely unexpected; however, in the U.15 and U.13 races we achieved 2nd and 3rd places respectively. These results are particularly meritorious in that we have no outstanding runners in Windsor this year, and were only achieved by concerted team efforts.

Next term we look forward to more success in the cricket and athletics. This will be made possible by obtaining the maximum number of standard points which means effort from every member of Windsor House.

YORKIST HOUSE NOTES

The season started rather unfortunately for Yorkist Senior Hockey team when two games were postponed and one was cancelled because of bad weather. This prevented those picked for the team from working up any real co-ordination and team work for the first match against Tudors. The lack of co-ordination was shown by an inability to score even when great pressure was applied to the Tudor net throughout the first half and much of the second, and Tudors were fortunate in being able to muddle in a goal towards the end of the game.

However, the team as a whole played much better in the next three matches, and it was only the skill of the first eleven goalkeeper which prevented us from accumulating a large score against Windsors. The match was finally decided by a well-placed first-time goal by Howlett. The game against Lancastrian was well won with two skilful goals being scored by Faiers and an opportunist goal from Stewart.

A lack of penetration showed in the match against Stuarts, but continual pressure paid dividends, in the form of the deciding goal by Caban, scored from a short corner.

This gave the team a total of six points from a possible eight, and the fact that only one goal was conceded by the hard-tackling and efficient defence meant that the House took a gratifying second place overall, beating Tudors on goal average.

The Juniors, however, give cause for concern, coming bottom in their table. Their failure could probably be attributed to a lack of support from team members and a deficiency in team spirit. All the same we feel that individual players showed great promise and with a real will to win the team should do much better in the future.

Congratulations to Caban on being picked for the 1st XI, Faiers for the 2nd XI, Edwards, Downing, Stewart, Howlett and Fuller-Rowell for the 3rd XI, and Burdge and Bartram for the under 15 XI.

This term the Cross-Country results have been exceptionally disappointing. The results of the Under 13, Under 15 and Senior races were 4th, 5th and 4th respectively. These low placings were not so much the result of a lack of talent but of apathy on the part of many runners. However, the few who did their best must be congratulated on their efforts.

R.F.D. and M.J.O.

HOUSE HOCKEY

SENIOR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
1. School	4	4	0	0	34	1	8
2. Yorks	4	3	0	1	5	1	6
3. Tudor	4	3	0	1	11	9	6
4. Windsor	4	2	0	2	7	4	4
5. Lancs	4	0	0	4	3	24	0
6. Stuart	4	0	0	4	1	22	0

JUNIOR

1. Windsor	4	3	1	0	11	1	7
2. Tudor	4	1	3	0	7	4	5
3. Lancs	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
4. Stuart	4	1	0	3	3	7	2
5. Yorks	4	0	1	3	1	11	1

CAREERS REPORT

Over the eight years in which I have been a careers master, there have been marked changes in the careers which boys have been taking up and in the methods by which they have arrived at their positions. It is difficult to give statistics about individual careers which are meaningful for in every year there is a "popular choice" possibly resulting from current newspaper publicity or, more likely, from discussions amongst friends. How else could one explain five hotel and catering enthusiasts in 1967 or four policemen in the previous year?

The biggest change is undoubtedly the increased number staying in the sixth forms. At Bury, this reaches 70% continuing in the sixth form but in some southern town grammar schools, this has reached almost 100%. Increased national prosperity (?) is usually given as the reason for this, while it is now much easier for grants to be available for almost all further educational courses although it is surprising how many parents do not realise the extent of these grants. More specifically, many professional bodies (lawyers, architects and surveyors) now require two "A" levels, others virtually require at least one "A" level (colleges of education) and some give improved promotion prospects to those with "A" levels (bankers and accountants) without actually specifying this standard. For the boy with two "A" levels (even if these are bare passes), the range of careers is enormously widened and in West Suffolk, the possibilities of an 18 year old moving away seem to be attractive.

With the increase in sixth form size, the number of university entrants has risen rapidly until at Bury this now numbers about two dozen — over a third of the original yearly intake. In some ways the School is not typical for we have been sending about a third of the entrants into the engineering profession and the applied sciences. Entry standards tend to be rather easier than in other subjects, while the attraction of a year in industry is helpful in maturing — one can learn far more about other people in this way than by exotic travelling. A steady number of medicals and pure scientists indicate that the traditional subjects are still attractive here but on the "Arts Side" there has been a swing away from the traditional academic subjects in favour of economics, sociology and politics. The overwhelming numbers wishing to study these subjects has resulted in very high entry requirements and it is doubtful if the struggle is always worth it. For the types of job which an arts graduate usually considers, the university education itself outweighs the subject studied — traditional studies may be more worthwhile.

For the boy who does not decide to go to a university or college, there have been many changes. The traditional positions in banking, accountancy and insurance still are major employers as is the civil service. However legal positions and the armed forces are very definitely out of favour – instead of the latter, the police and the merchant navy are more popular. Although there are some boys who still try engineering apprenticeships, many now think in terms of commercial apprenticeships. General business studies can lead to many opportunities in the commercial world and most of the non-scientists think in these terms.

For any school leavers, there is a very comprehensive library of careers and university literature at the School, two careers masters to advise both boys and parents and good liaison with the Youth Employment Service. There should be no need for any boy to lack help.

D.L.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

G. J. Miller, who is doing a year of voluntary work overseas, in Malawi, spent his Christmas holidays touring Rhodesia, with a few days in Beira. He found no blue in the Indian Ocean, merely a dull grey. Salisbury proved most attractive, a well-laid-out city where sanctions seemed to be having little effect. Thence, via Bulawayo, he visited the Zimbalewe Ruins near Fort Victoria – the remains of an advanced civilisation. No hitch was forthcoming to take him to the Victoria Falls, and so he returned to Salisbury for Christmas – most of Christmas Day was spent sunbathing. His return to Mzuru in Malawi was by bus, a journey of 430 miles.

Barry Turner has had a spell working as a news commentator with BBC 1 and doing some freelance writing. He hopes to have his own twice monthly education programme. (I happened to see him on one programme on the look-out for flying saucers in pouring rain, and on another seeking to probe the minds of the flower-folk). He has also had two months of conference work in Oregon, visiting the Pacific coast, Los Angeles, Denver, and the Colorado mountains.

We are most grateful to W. D. Carr for presenting a splendid volume to the Geography section of the Library.

W. D. Deeks has given up Accountancy and is doing a responsible job with a Data Processing Machine at Barber Greene's after two months of training with the parent company in the United States.

Congratulations to I. D. Fish, recently married.

Congratulations to L. V. Pearson on his BSc (2nd) in Electrical Engineering, a C.N.A.A. Honours Degree, taken at the Rugby College of Engineering Technology.

We were pleased to meet K. E. Barker on his return from twenty-one years in Rhodesia. Nothing but the education of his five children was behind his return.

R. C. Whittington has made application for a teaching appointment in Zambia.

Congratulations to D. H. Taylor on his recent marriage. He is now a BBC television outside broadcast engineer.

THE OLD BOYS' DINNER

This annual function was held again this year after the Old Boys' Hockey matches, on Saturday, March 23rd. As usual, the Old Boys had allowed the School to win some of the matches. About ninety-three Old Boys attended the function, including several members of the staff. After a pleasing meal, the Chairman of the Society expressed his disappointment at the inability of the Headmaster to attend, owing to illness. A speech was then made by Mr. Steel, leading up to a toast to the School. This was followed by a speech in honour of the Ladies, by the Head Boy of the School – R. E. Simmons – after which the evening was enjoyably spent in dancing, reminiscing, and renewing acquaintances.

IMPRESSIONS

Hardly had I set foot on the platform of the station than a nasty and cold drizzle started. I was by no means surprised by such a welcome: on many an occasion I had been warned against the "climat anglais". It is a well-established fact on the Continent that Britain is not a place to go on holiday.

But I was not on holiday. My task was manifold: I had to represent France and to teach French to English boys as much and as well as possible. (In both I do not yet know if I have succeeded).

I had also to learn British culture – tradition and the modern way of living. I dare say that in seven months I have learned much of the English character, about which, like the English weather, I have lost all the prejudices I had received. How different the English are from what we are taught at school! I could not find a single "Englishman, haughty and cool", but everywhere a warm and kindly welcome. The doors of many houses were quite soon wide open to me, and quickly hands of friendship were bound with a great number of people.

No doubt this kindness and this cordial atmosphere which I found in Bury and particularly at school, have some relation with my decision to spend one more year in this most likeable 'lycee'.

A. Vesse.

DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group has grown in stature this term, and the members have been honoured by the regular attendance of several members of staff, two of whom have introduced subjects for debate. Discussion has ranged from the lofty subject of the "Human Spirit" to the lowly question of "Professionalism and Amateurism in Sport".

"The disestablishment of the church" by P. Christie was the first topic. The general feeling was that the church should be disestablished and the buildings either demolished or handed over to the Ministry of Works. It was felt that as the clergy were a non-productive sector of the community serving only a small minority of the population, the ministry itself should be abolished. The influence of the church over national and personal affairs was now so slight that the existence of any form of 'established' church should be abolished.

In the discussion on "Professionalism and Amateurism in Sport" by M. Davies, all were agreed that the two distinctions existed only in the minds of the governing bodies of sport, and not in reality. It was felt, however, that the distinction should continue, as amateurism is a trait inherent in the British character.

Mr. Smeltzer introduced the subject of "Organised Charities". Most were agreed that charities should either be supported from public funds or not at all. It was not the responsibility of the general public to finance an essential service such as lifeboats, and the state should care for the less fortunate members of society, such as the blind, who should not be expected to rely on the kindness of the public. By continuing to contribute to charity the individual is encouraging the State to take no action.

"The Human Spirit" was introduced by Mr. Hey. Most of the group were agreed that the State had no spirit or feeling, and is only concerned with its own aggrandizement and survival. What was important was the way in which one individual acted towards another. Only on this level can the spirit appear in its finest form and give life and meaning to the most lowly of actions. This action at a personal level is a thing which it was felt should be cultivated in the hope of creating a utopia.

The discussion introduced by J. Boden on "Factory Farming" saw the group equally divided. Most agreed that the system was a necessary evil. One opinion was that today too many shoddy goods were being produced; and unknown harm might be caused to human beings from meat so produced. Another opinion was that every process of agriculture changed the natural condition and state of things, and that factory farming should be viewed in this light.

Not surprisingly R. Bugg's topic for discussion, "Blood Sports", resulted in complete agreement against 'sports' of this kind. It was felt that blood sports were both cruel and barbaric, although it was granted that they did provide an outlet for the fundamental urge for emotional stress and excitement.

C. R. Paine

SIXTH FORM ARTS SOCIETY NOTES

During the Spring Term there were two meetings of the Arts Society; on both occasions several members of the Sixth Form were present. The first meeting was held in mid-January, when the discussion was centred around poetry and artistic compositions.

The poems provoked no discussion at all, and there was a general lack of interest in the subject of poetry; is this typical of the advance of our technological society, that there is little attraction now in the literary arts? The second half of the meeting was, however, devoted to a discussion based on two artistic creations by P. Lay. Much more interest was evoked by this subject-matter, and after the artist had explained what he was trying to do with the compositions, he was obliged to answer a battery of questions fired at him, both favourably and antagonistically inclined towards the creations. The two works were of considerable interest: one, entitled "Breakfast", consisted principally of a broken breakfast bowl; the other, without a title, was a surrealist painting depicting various aspects of man's existence — life, death, love and hope.

The second meeting, held in early February, had as its *raison d'être* an illustrated lecture by C. R. Paine entitled "Suffolk Churches". The lecture was of a high quality; it is not for nothing that our lecturer has since been dubbed "Mr. Betjeman" by a member of the staff. The colour slides used were of very good quality, and perhaps the only fault that can be attributed to the lecture was that occasionally hearing was difficult due to the whirring of the projector. This excepted, the meeting was undoubtedly the most interesting we have had so far, and we can hold out high hopes as to the future of the Society.

S.T.P.N.

On the 14th March a party of sixth-formers were invited to attend a lecture given at the County Girls' School. The subject was 'Voluntary Service Overseas'; there was one main speaker and two former volunteers.

The pay of about £1 a week hardly complemented the qualifications needed, two or three A-levels. Living quarters were supplied free and varied from palatial bungalows to a cupboard-size hut.

Volunteers are minutely questioned and vetted in order to send only those best qualified. Passages are paid by the organisation and volunteers only travel to those countries requesting help. These include many of the new African states as well as those of S.E. Asia, exotic places such as Hong Kong and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands are also visited.

The talk was coupled with slides of a few of the projects undertaken; these included well-boring, water-purifying, teaching and hospital work. The difficulties of the service were stressed although its good points were also brought out.

It is a pity there was no time left for questions but even without these, the talk was very informative.

I must thank the headmaster for arranging the visit, and hope for more of this type of lecture.

P.C.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

After an unusually slow start, the Dramatic Society Committee eventually burst into activity during the Lent Term over the issue of Mr. George Baker's scheme to create closer links between local schools and the Theatre Royal. Mr. Baker's scheme has been reported, with varying degrees of inaccuracy, by the local newspapers. His intention was that a council totalling some forty representatives, two being nominated by each local secondary school, would read eight plays chosen by him, with a view to discussing them and whittling them down to three. These three plays would then be thrown open to a wider cross-section of the pupils at each of the schools concerned, and be subjected to a vote, on the basis of which will be made the choice of a production at the theatre, next autumn, by the Candida Plays Company.

The Committee decided that it would co-operate with Mr. Baker's scheme and that Roger Soames and John Froud would be the representatives of the School in his council. Mr. Soames was co-opted onto the Committee for the duration of his membership of the council. When the list of eight plays has been reduced to three, they will be read by all the non-staff members of the Committee whose votes will be delivered as representative of the whole school.

The choice of plays to be performed by the School Dramatic Society is not made by the Committee; in the Rationalisation of Duties manuscript of the Autumn Term, it was laid down that the choice would be the responsibility of the producer. Unlike Mr. Baker, Mr. Tapster did not open himself blindly to the whimsical fancies of the Committee! However he did seek its advice, and listened patiently to thoughts on Shakespeare and other 'ancients', more recent or 'traditional' writers, and modern writers. Sadly small was the number to clamour for Shakespeare. The Committee heard during the lent term Mr. Tapster's choice of production for both next summer and next autumn. These were respectively "Semi-Detached", a comedy for which the co-operation of the County School has been solicited, and "Amahl and the Night Visitors", an opera by Menotti.

The Committee was swollen during the term to a total of seventeen members; it was decided that persons to take over when present officers leave the school should sit on the Committee in order to 'learn the ropes' before they take over completely. These new faces are Messrs. Cooper, Jackson and Stewart. In addition, Mr. Watts is now a member as co-producer for Amahl.

Although the Lent Term usually means a rest for the Dramatic Society, this is rarely the case with the committee. The Lent Term was no less busy than the Autumn Term. However, it is hoped that the Committee's co-operation with Mr. Baker proves to be useful to him, and that the choice of the School's own production proves to be popular.

J.T.F.

VISIT TO LONDON

March 16 saw a bus-load of Burians merging into the grey amorphous mass that represents our ancient capital. The majority of them invaded the various art galleries, armed with a typescript of what to see and where to see it, whilst the remaining thirteen, all from the sixth form, were conducted by Mr. Tapster about the sights of London, ostensibly for the furtherance of their architectural studies.

The first port of call was Inigo Jones' Banqueting Hall of Whitehall: here seventeenth century classicism was viewed at its least painful aided not a little by its recent cleaning. A short walk brought the company to Westminster Abbey, where we joined the ranks of tourism to *poke* and gaze bewildered upon the work of craftsmen ranging from the thirteenth century to the present day. Unfortunately Evensong meant that no-one was able to permeate through to the Henry VII chapel; consequently this significant part of architectural evolution could be viewed only from outside, and then only through the accumulated soot of one and a half centuries.

From Westminster Abbey the party plunged far into the depths of neo-gothicism; in order to reach the fifteenth century Westminster Hall, we had to sink into the mental abyss necessary to endure an hour and a half of the Houses of Parliament. After the initial shock we were able to gaze enraptured upon acres of featureless decoration, and to join without flinching the expanse of American tourists – undoubtedly the manifestation of modern pretentious bourgeoisism – to be conducted by a knowledgeable tape-recorder, concealed inconspicuously within a guide, around the building. Several competing guides within earshot were only a slight disadvantage.

Although Westminster Hall was probably worth half the time spent reaching it, and at least three times the amount spent within it (it being a fine and unusually wide secular medieval hall spanned by a single hammer beam roof, which feature was the chief purpose of the visit), the climax of the tour undoubtedly came when Victoria was espied, posed *couchant* in one of her interminable statues, dominating the entrance to the House of Lords: 'sedet aeternunquē sedebit'¹

"I guess 'twas frightful there to see
A lady so richly clad as she
Beautiful exceedingly"²

Frightful it certainly was, suddenly to be confronted with an element of contrast in a sea of thick gaudiness; her untumultuous silvery ecstasy awakened those members of the party dozing under the influence of tarnished gilt and varnish-entrenched pine. If the outing did nothing else it convinced at least one of its members that the chasteness inherent in the Banqueting Hall could well have been adopted by Parliament.

Having endured the whole of Parliament; having observed it in its superfluity of superogatory wretchedness; having digested even Black Rod's puny entrenchment upon the Commons' door; and having so degenerated into the realms of common tourism that had it not been for an approaching cold front we may even have begun eating ice-cream, we were allowed to split up and visit buildings shown on a duplicated map as we saw fit, including the Temple Church, St. Paul's Cathedral, and any other building (from St. Bride's to the King's Head) that took our separate fancies.

Mr. Tapster is to be thanked for the time he devotes, and the trouble he takes, to organise outings of this sort, for despite neo-gothicism and nauseating bourgeois' tourism, a pleasant afternoon and evening were enjoyed by all.

J.T.F.

1. Virgil, 'Aeneid', via Peacock. "Sits, and will sit for ever"!
2. Coleridge, "Christabel".

MUSIC NOTES

Activities continue many and various. At the end of last term a section of the choir sang evensong at All Saints Church, Chevington. This term several members joined Culford School Choir in a performance of Haydn's "Nelson" Mass in the town; W.T.G. Bond played his bassoon in the orchestra for this.

The Madrigal Group, formed by Mr. Watts some time ago, met for a number of practices early in the term. It is hoped that these will be continued next term.

Several members of the School Orchestra are to attend rehearsals and present a concert over the Easter holidays with the Suffolk Youth Orchestra at Framlingham. These are K. S. Cook, R. E. Wright, G. J. Cass and W. T. G. Bond.

Later in the year the School Choir and orchestra will join forces with the Dramatic Society in order to present an opera by Menotti.

PIANO RECITAL

On February 2nd some members of the school, along with girls of the County School, had the pleasure of listening to Antonio Baciero playing a programme of works by those two masters of piano composition, Mozart and Beethoven.

Unfortunately Antonio Baciero was unable to tell us about the works but a charming young lady opened the recital with a dissertation on an analysis of each work.

Our soloist successfully resisted the temptation to over-dramatise Beethoven yet his phrasing lacked clarity on occasion and sometimes his playing was unconvincing.

THE ASTRONOMY CLUB

This club is now at that desirable position where there is just an ideal number of members and where everybody fulfils an active part.

Many ideas have been suggested, discussed and put into practice, examples being a small planetarium, a model of the moon's surface and a model showing an eclipse of the sun. The telescope has been used at nights although conditions have not always been favourable. It has a magnification of 400 which gives good sharp images of the stars and planets and even the rings of Saturn may be quite easily seen.

It has been suggested that the Astronomy Club should become part of a general science club. Mr. Woodhouse must be thanked as he has been very busy this term running not only this activity but also the Camera Club. We can only hope that one day his undivided attention may be given to this activity.

D.C.

SIXTH FORM DEBATE

On Monday, March 25th, members of the first year Sixth met in the library to debate the motion: "That this House deplors the recent student actions".

The meeting followed directly after the students riots in Grosvenor Square, and consequently most of the debate was devoted to student actions involving violence. Longland was chairman for the occasion.

Christie and Cooper, proposing the motion, argued chiefly that violence does not improve the situation (namely the Vietnam War) about which the students had been demonstrating, and may even resolve public opinion against them.

The opposers, Boden and Downing tried to show that no other course of publicising their views was left to the students other than by means of a demonstration, and that inevitably, violence was the result on some occasions. Members of the House were reminded that they too would be students themselves within the next few years.

The interest of the House was keenly aroused by the subject and the speakers, and many valid points were raised.

Despite a very moving and well delivered speech by Downing, the motion was eventually carried by twenty votes to thirteen, with a number of abstentions;

D.W.L.

The Lion

*The lion is pacing up and down,
Never a smile but always a frown.
When he is hungry he makes such a din,
But as you can see, he seldom is thin
For at times he has a royal feast,
Of Zebra, Springbok or some poor beast.*

M. Sturgeon. 1F

A Pleasant Pastime

I first began collecting books at the age of eight. My elder sister and I are both diligent book readers and under her guidance I was introduced to the children's classics. After four years, I have a collection of thirteen different sets of books besides many others including incomplete sets and individual "gems". I also possess a selection of everyday reading. As well as being an instructive pastime, it gives a great deal of pleasure and one need never be bored.

D. Ferguson 1F

A Library

*People should be quiet in a library
Because other people are reading;
Even if you cut yourself
You will have to die of bleeding.*

S. Wheeler 2S

A Summer's Day

*These are my two drops of rain
Waiting on the window pane.
I am waiting here to see
Which the winning one will be.
Both of them have names you see,
Both of them were named by me.
John has started on his way
Jim has got a lot to say.
Jim has started off at last,
John is going very fast.
John is talking to a fly,
Jim has just gone running by.
Jim has won! Jim has won!
I told you so. Ssh. here's the sun.*

C. S. Mayhew 2M

Chemistry as a Hobby

Chemistry, to my mind is one of the most fascinating hobbies anyone could want. Gasses are the most interesting substances I have yet found and although many are invisible, they are tremendously important. The apparatus I use is really quite expensive, especially if one is careless and does not look after it properly. For example, once I burnt some sulphur in a test-tube to form the bleaching gas sulphur dioxide, but unfortunately forgot to clean out the remains; the result was a terribly dirty test-tube, with which I could do nothing. This is a tip to any beginner always to be clean and tidy.

The bending of glass tubing can also interest the beginner; in fact it is really essential to know how to do the job properly, as the perfect angle desired is very difficult to obtain from the chemist's shop. I myself am getting a little better at the job, but every now and then I become a little impatient and try and force the glass to bend, but this only results as a kink and a wasted tube.

S. J. Rolfe 2S

The Hunt

Amidst the humdrum of baying hounds and the clattering of horses' hooves, a poor wretch of a fox flees in senseless terror, from the seething pack of hounds. The hounds, mad with the scent and hungry for blood, run along tirelessly in front of their masters. Miles pass under the terrified fox before it falls, nearly dead with exhaustion, to the ground, but it cannot stay there, for it will find no mercy on this wretched earth. It's too late; the hounds pounce with eager lust, and within a few minutes it is all over. The blood-spattered hounds retreat, to the sadistic smiles of their fraudulently triumphant masters. How long can we allow this savagery to exist!

P. Grimley 3S

The Raft Builders

One day in September, I thought of a, what seemed impossible task, of building a raft. I discussed the idea with Mr. Loose our Scoutmaster, who, surprisingly, agreed.

Work began the following Thursday. Nine five-gallon oil drums were found. Bently of 3S, Moss, Morgan, Marsh, myself and J. Plummer, of 3F volunteered to work on the project. It was soon found that more three-quarter-inch rope was needed, as we only had 150 feet of it, and 200 feet more had to be bought. It was very difficult to acquire the rope, but we were finally successful in buying some.

About a week later the raft was finished. It weighed about two hundred-weight and seemed unlikely that it would float.

Thursday was chosen to launch it, and about twelve people were selected to carry the raft down to the River Lark. It was launched without ceremony, and, in fact, nearly ended in tragedy. Many people thought it would enter the water upside-down, but with no little effort it floated the right-way up.

With caution, I boarded the raft, but there was no cause for concern, for the raft was still high out of the water and very stable. Parker of 3S decided that he would come on too. This, however, was the limit of people the raft could hold. It was towed up and down the river for a further hour of the afternoon, and then taken back to the position where it was built and kept.

A further two cans were added and a small rudder. These were tried out the next Thursday, and the raft could now hold three people, although the rudder proved inadequate.

The raft was taken to bits a week later. It is now being built again with the addition of a sail.

B. P. Jarvis 3F

Feet

*Feet on the bottom of your legs
Are funny things you know,
When, if you walk for miles and miles,
You wish your feet would go.*

*So when you go to bed at night
With feet so cold and bare,
Don't be surprised if in the morn,
Your feet just are not there.*

*Wear thick socks when going to bed,
— it is for your health,
Because good feet are rare to-day
The foothold to all wealth.*

*My friend took none of my advice
And one night it did snow,
And when he awoke his feet fell off
He's two feet shorter now.*

R. Breach 4M

"Our Father, Which Art ..."

*The work shy student was sitting,
Wondering whether or not to say
To his father, he was leaving the college
And starting a job the next day.*

*"Oh no", said the father bluntly,
"Oh for heaven's sake can't you see,
Its your duty to carry on working,
And one day, to be better than me".*

*This answer set the son thinking,
And pretty soon he had thought
As he looked at his ignorant father,
At what price could his freedom be bought?*

*He soon summoned up all his courage,
And answered with a nod,
"How many generations on, father,
Will we take the place of God?"*

N. Burdge 4M

Tawny Owl

One Friday morning in late winter our workman found a tawny owl by the roadside and brought it home for me to look after. The bird did not appear to be hurt in any way but it was unable to fly. We decided that it had flown into telephone wires and had been stunned.

That night, I shot two sparrows and gave to the owl, both of which he had eaten by the next morning. On Saturday I took him out of his shed to see if he could fly. His feeble efforts carried him only a yard at a time. I found this puzzling because both of his wings appeared to be functioning correctly, but he was unable to fly. I returned him to his shed and gave him a pigeon.

On Sunday morning I took him out again, and this time his attempts were very encouraging. I held him on my outstretched hand at shoulder height and allowed him to fly off. He flew for at least fifteen yards before landing. I repeated this several times in the hope of increasing his strength.

That night, and several following, we heard the call of another tawny owl, presumably my captive's mate.

It was Tuesday evening when I took him out again. He flew quite well but he could not gain any height.

The next night I went into his shed where he was sitting on a high ledge opposite the door. I could see that he was looking through the doorway and suspected that he was thinking of making an escape. I stepped out of his way and out he flew. I last saw him by the light of the porch as he disappeared into the night.

C. G. Coe 4M

Is there a Sea Serpent?

We often see references to sea-snakes and sea-serpents from irresponsible sources, whose originators do not seem familiar with even those common objects of marine biology they try to identify. There are true sea-snakes that are recognised by science, however, but these are quite different from the oceanic "monsters" so often described – the results in most cases of imagination.

The true sea-snakes inhabit the coastal waters of India, North Australia, and other tropical countries. They range from the Persian Gulf to New Guinea and are strictly air-breathing reptiles that come ashore to lay their eggs. They are highly venomous and are dreaded by the pearl-divers and by the fishermen in whose nets they may be caught. Their tails are flattened and oar-like, to aid their swimming. Some are viviparous – that is to say, they produce living young – and many are brilliantly coloured. They feed on fish and other creatures they can capture, and have been seen hunting the shoals in the Bay of Bengal.

R. H. Bartram 4S

After William Blake

*Tyger, Tyger, burning bright
In the forest of the night;
Dread Tyger, consider how
William Blake would see you now.*

*Would he feel some deep regret?
The Tyger (people soon forget
The Lamb) object of his art,
Has died – for those without a heart.*

*One cannot tell what he did mean
Of that Tyger he had seen;
We know his fears, but now too late –
The Bomb, not Tyger, spells man's fate.*

*Tyger, Tyger, burning bright,
In the forests of the night;
What dread mystic hand or eye
Dare that fearful might deny?*

S. W. Howlett 5F

Poem

*Dead grass floating on a muddy stream
Drifts before me as if a dream.
Trees that cry and star that whisper
with swallows that fly midst hollow laughter,
People that seem universally blind,
To the beauty in nature ... and in mankind.*

J.R. McKenzie 4F

Dead Light

*I've just walked out to gaze at the clouds
To see the moving grey and static white
Where bare black trees diffuse the rays
of cloudlight.
And where, beside a hill beyond some fields
The sun and I are gone for ever
in half-light*

J.R. McKenzie 4F

Roy Lichtenstein 1968

*"I want my painting to look as if it had been programmed.
I want it to hide the record of my hand".*

Several members of the Sixth Form Art Group visited the Roy Lichtenstein Exhibition in the Tate Gallery, London.

Lichtenstein - an American painter and sculptor - is, in my opinion, probably one of the wealthiest confidence tricksters of this age. His most well-known and most controversial paintings come in the form of enlarged comic-strip cartoons.

Lichtenstein confronts himself with an illustration of George Washington, of a Greek temple, or a cartoon bearing the caption "Good morning, darling" - and draws a small simplified representation of it which he then projects on to his canvas.

"I don't draw a picture in order to reproduce it - I do it in order to recompose it"

This projected image he pencils in, "and then I play around with the drawing until it satisfies me".

Stencilled dots - imitation of the printed cartoon technique - play a large part in his works, and these he introduces first.

"Then I start with the lightest colours and work my way down it to the black line." He is fond of oil paint and Magra colour, applied with no surface texture.

Lichtenstein's work is impressive. It has emotional impact which forces itself upon the observer. The simplicity of colour (blue, yellow, green, red, black and white) and composition, size of canvas and sheer technical skill, offer a stimulation that is only felt when one is standing in front of the original. Reproductions in colour magazines etc., return his work to little above their original status of comic strips - often the point of inspiration - with which everyone is over-familiar.

Lichtenstein's work raises important questions concerning the position of Art today. I confess that I was a little disturbed at the answers to these questions, since it appears that Art is degenerating into a mere fashion, which, if no longer liked, dies. Lichtenstein himself admits that his work is ephemeral, since it is attuned to the tastes of an ever-changing society. At the moment he is at the height of his popularity, since his work is currently in fashion. When the fashion changes, so will the work of Lichtenstein, unless he wishes to lose a cherished position.

Are we ever to return to artists whose ultimate aim is to produce art that surpasses society tastes, and thus outlives them? The American School of painters, centred in New York — a large school — thinks not. Lichtenstein, now in the eye of society, is the symbol of this opinion. Next year will it be another American?

Lichtenstein is content, at the moment, to adopt pre-conceived ideas — a work by Picasso, a cartoon strip etc., — and alter them a little, simplifying colours and rhythms. Fundamentally, he is adding nothing to Art History, and he appears to be abusing, amongst others, Matisse, who proclaimed:

“Simple colours can act upon the inner feeling with all the more force because they are simple.”

Lichtenstein confesses to being “anti-experimental, anti-contemplative, anti-nuance, anti-getting-away-from-the-tyranny-of-the-rectangle, anti-movement and light, anti-mystery, anti-paint-quality, anti-zen, and anti all those brilliant ideas of preceding movements which everyone understands so thoroughly. Thus he has little justification in laying claim to the appellation artist; certainly he has to American, since he has become another of those machines he appears to admire.

In fact, there is, in my opinion, little behind the work of Lichtenstein other than the exploitation of those who forever wish to be “with it”. His work has not the profundity to make it last. It is shallow, easy to understand, and easy to tire of. It has an initial impact which soon runs dry — similar to the effect of the latest pop-tune, certainly its visual equivalent.

His work succeeds in two things:— in adding ammunition to the protagonists against modern art, and in the acquisition of wealth for the artist himself. Fortunately, work in this idiom is not the only side of contemporary Art, and the voice with which it acclaims itself must not be allowed to drown the quieter acclamations of greater art.

M. Vincent 6 II

The Significance of the Film “Bonnie and Clyde”

To me the film of “Bonnie and Clyde” was repulsive but it posed interesting social questions. This film is basically “sick” and yet it has gained the admiration and following of thousands. Why is this? Do we live in a society obsessed by this form of violence and bloodshed? It would appear so and yet if we look at society from a different point of view then this assumption would appear unjustified. I refer here to the stand taken by thousands over the question of the Vietnam War. We are always hearing of demonstrations against this war and of concern for the suffering which it is causing.

It would appear then that although there is a widespread clamouring for artificial violence such as is shown in “Bonnie and Clyde”, people are too squeamish to gain their satisfaction from a real, live, blood-thirsty war. What then is this desire for violence in the arts and why is it present? In part of course there must be a certain amount of association of character. By this I mean that people like to imagine themselves in the place of one of these murdering gangsters. This element is common to society, and children have been subject to it for years, but now we have a situation where this hero-worship has taken hold of people. They clamour after violence in the arts as a means of expressing or releasing their own pent up violent emotions. But this state is exploited by the mass-media arts to such a degree that the society we live in is choked by violence on television, the cinema and in books and it is gradually becoming sick.

The conclusion which I draw from this is that the remedy of this state of affairs lies in the hands of the television producers, film directors, authors, publishers, playwrights and so on. By all means provide the public with violence to a certain degree, after all it is to a point a necessary commodity, but don't push an excessive amount on to people. Satisfy the appetite but do not over-feed it and make it inevitably sick.

A. Downing 6I

No Man's Land

A recent play at the Theatre Royal by John Wilson

Ostensibly a play about the ethics of warfare as experienced in the first World War, taking as its example the case of a semi-illiterate private who is court-martialled and condemned to death for desertion. The point of emphasis is that the man has not deserted through normal cowardice, but because of the intense mental pressure that he has had to endure.

This is in itself, if not trivial, a rather well-worn theme, and one, which as it stands would certainly not maintain the interest of a modern sophisticated audience. The intention of the play first begins to come to light when one realises that there is no specific mention made of the formal enemy - the Germans. The nearest one gets to the supposed enemy is the insidious drone of anonymous gunfire in the background.

Suddenly the title "No Man's Land" takes on a new meaning. It is not, as we were led to believe, by the quotation from "A Subaltern's War" in the programme, a strip of land which is green and empty since no one had occasion to bombard it. It is rather the schism of understanding between one man and his mortal judges. For this reason the play was not about war as such, but about individual human existence.

For existentialists, the traditional concepts of philosophy were concerned with a theoretical non-existent man, and the man in question here is certainly not susceptible of any such classification. The question being asked would therefore seem to be whether a man must recognize that he is responsible for the meaning of his life and assume an authentic existence, or whether he should be allowed to lapse into a state of inauthentic existence, the nature of which is automatic and impersonal, and in which a man is just one small member of an amorphous agglomeration of flesh.

In effect, this man's action in deserting was an attempt to escape into the comfortable security of everyday life, and by so doing he renounced his liberty and his personality, for which reason the only condition he deserved was death.

The only remaining question left unanswered is whether a play dealing with the existence of individuals, as did this one, might not have been better expressed, as it is in a modern play, with a contemporary context such as the war in Vietnam. The point here, surely, is that the event which caused existentialist ways of thinking to gain wider acceptance was the first World War - its shock and aftermath.

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