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EDITORIAL

We are entering a period of dramatic change at Wymondham College. You will read in the Warden's account of proposals for the school that we will become comprehensive in the foreseeable future and that we will diminish radically in size. On a more mundane level, our steamed mince roll will soon be prepared and stored by a new, modern method. Several of the events of the past year perhaps indicate that there is a need for such change — the storm of early January pointed out to us all once again that our environment is, in fact, a fragile one, in dire need of modification. More profoundly, however, changes in our very thinking seem also to be called for — an article on the rugby injuries of the autumn term brings into question an issue whose implications could be far-reaching: what will be the role of so much that we have always taken for granted in the new environment we are promised? What, for instance, will be the function of the school magazine in the future?

The subject has long been controversial. Some have seen the magazine as primarily a record of achievements on the sports field or in the academic sphere; to others it is an outlet for the creative impulses of the school; then again, to some it is a channel of communication — between the P.S.A. and the pupils, for instance — which offers a rare opportunity for the dissemination of ideas and attitudes. The editorial committee this year has tried to tread the delicate line between these viewpoints; but above all we have tried to attune ourselves to the spirit of anticipation and change which is prevalent. Our policy has been to provide a dispassionate voice for all the developing interests and attitudes of the school. The traditional, whose place cannot be questioned, is here; but so too is the new.

AROUND THE HOUSES

1: CAVELL

2: FRY

The beginning of the year welcomed many new faces to Cavell. Miss Hurrell and Mr Garton have joined the residential staff, whilst Miss Johnson has escaped to the peaceful resort of a chalet. Mr Woodrow, after much secrecy, has announced his betrothal to Miss Beslee – we wish them both happiness in their new life together. We also congratulate Mr Taylor on the recent arrival of his baby daughter. Mr. Moss has retreated to a world of books, having been seconded to the U.E.A.

A special mention must go to Mrs Hoare whose 'Cordon Bleu' cookery has often been enjoyed – and to Jonathan who has recently relinquished his position on the staff table in preference for the food of Morley Primary School.

Although no outstanding performance can be claimed on the sportsfield, the girls pulled together and in true Cavell tradition gained well deserved victories in winning all three hockey cups. The boys, refusing to be outshone, were rewarded for their enduring efforts when they brought home the swimming cups.

Unfortunately it has been a disappointing year as far as the inter-house quizzes and the Mair Cup are concerned. Nevertheless, credit is due to the house music captains, Susan Evans and Tim Eaton, who sacrificed a lot of free time in providing a programme of colour and variety.

Academically, however, Cavell has had great successes in producing one third of the total 'O' and 'A' level passes in last year's G.C.E. examinations. Our congratulations go to Ian Rippon, who secured a place at Cambridge, and, for their achievements at hockey and basketball respectively, to Pat Kirk and Chris Watts who were awarded Lions.

Despite successive disappointment Cavell has managed to face each new task with a sense of determination and spirit, so ensuring peace and smoothness in the general activity of the house.

*GILL SPENCER
CHRIS WATTS*

*JOY REEVE
PAUL BUTCHER*

The beginning of the year brought the arrival of four new, boarding members of staff to the house, due to the departure of most of our resident staff last year. Miss Moran was not new to the College so she easily settled in to the Fry Hall way of life. Miss Riggs, however, was a newcomer as were Mr Wales and Mr Coutts, and they have all joined forces in an unsuccessful attempt to keep Mr Wheeldon's sense of humour under control.

We would also like to welcome Mr and Mrs Davidson to the house. Our congratulations go to Mrs Jenner, who gave birth to a healthy son, Nicholas, at the close of the Christmas term. Finally to be included in the staff news are Mrs Grainger and Mr Timmins who joined our ranks on the non-resident side.

This year the house managed to achieve a few more victories and to improve its general standard a little on the sports field. During the Rugby season our hopes were high of achieving respectable results, and a third place was secured in the senior Rugby sevens competition. In addition, after a closely fought battle with New Hall in the semi-final the boys won through to the senior Rugby final, but unfortunately, luck ran out and they got second place. At volleyball and table-tennis the juniors successfully secured two trophies for the house, certainly showing promise for more victories in the future.

The whole house proved admirably able, co-operative and enthusiastic in effort by winning the girls' and the boys' swimming standards competitions, commendably led by Amanda Ayee and Richard Ross. A most encouraging effort has been made by the day pupils in both this competition and in the galas, where unfortunately the same success was not achieved.

During the soccer season the second years, showing keen spirit, and a high degree of skill, won the second year football trophy, ably captained by Williamson. Other successes were achieved by the seniors who, although they only managed a fifth place in the Saturday six-a-side, achieved a notable double with victories in

the Wednesday League and in the Senior Knock Out Cup final; two well-taken goals by Sewell, and one each from Starling and Pettit, gave us a fine 4 - 3 win over last year's victors, Peal. Lions have been awarded to T. Mace for athletics, football and Rugby, and to S. Starling for cricket. Last, but not least, for the second year running, the senior badminton team secured first place, although this year it was shared with Lincoln.

Still on the subject of competitions, in the inter-house quizzes both the junior and senior teams triumphed over Peel. Overall, the junior team (C. Goldie, S. Robinson and J. Harvey) came second, and the senior team (R. Ross, N. Hughes, M. Stone and M. Johnson) came third.

In the Mair Cup the house did not prove very successful, but this was certainly not due to lack of effort, especially on the parts of Lauren Clifton and Nicholas Hughes, as the music captains, and of Nicholas Harding, the compere.

The February 'flu epidemic struck Fry Hall severely, staff and pupils alike. At the highest count only 47 were left standing, out of whom 19 were sturdy sixth and seventh years, well immune to all Wymondham College diseases.

One of the main events of the year, was the retirement of Miss Dolan, matron of Hut 16, East House, Salisbury House, and Fry Hall, stretching over a period of nearly 25 years of service highly appreciated by both staff and boys. We would like to wish her again, a very happy, peaceful and well-earned retirement.

HEATHER SKEA MAXINE KEELEY
STEPHEN PETTIT ANDREW WARMAN

3: KETT

The beginning of the year saw the arrival of a number of new staff in Kett Hall. On the boarding side Miss High was welcomed as girls' matron and Miss Blogg and Mr Ronayne joined the residential members of staff.

Once again the house has proved itself to be more than successful in many of the College's varied activities. On the cultural side we maintained our fine tradition by supplying no fewer than eight of the cast of the well-received production of 'The Crucible' in the autumn term. In the Spring term the house 'Masterminds', ably led by Paul Schofield, succeeded in coming equal first in the inter-house quiz, an achievement which surpassed even the most optimistic expectations.

On the sports field Kett has shown consistently that they are second to none. In the autumn the seniors pulled off the double by winning the rugby sevens tournament and the 15-a-side knockout competition. Much of the credit for these fine wins must go to Dean Bostock and Andy Bryan, both of whom were subsequently selected for the county U19 team, with Andy going on to play for the Eastern Counties side.

The spring term saw a continuation of this 'winning form', with the seniors winning the house football league and the third form winning the final of their knockout competition. The girls also got into the act by gaining a very creditable victory in the inter-house swimming gala — Vanessa Grant, Tracey Warnes and Louise Ball provided notable performances. In the inter-house cross-country Vignaux and Horrex gained individual wins in their respective year races and the house finished with three seconds in the team events.

During the course of the year Lions were awarded to Steven Betts, Dean Bostock, Mark Jones, Andy Bryan, Paul Webb and Gillian Brown (who was also captain of the first hockey XI).

On the social side the house has formed an internal Parents/Staff Association which held a very successful wine and cheese evening in the autumn term. Another innovation was the formation of a social committee within the house which was responsible for suggesting and organizing social activities. Under the guidance of Mr Norton the resulting activities have generated much interest within the house, and have ranged from a film evening to a talent show. It is hoped that this idea can be further exploited in future years.

Finally, on behalf of the house we would like to thank the staff for all the effort they have put into keeping things running smoothly throughout the year, with special thanks to Mr and Mrs Norton for the help and guidance which they have continually given.

STEVEN BETTS PAUL LEATHERDALE
GILLIAN BROWN DEBORAH WOLSEY

4: LINCOLN

The past year has been both busy and successful for Lincolnians and also for their parents. This year saw the foundation of the house-based Parents — Staff Association, in which the equality of the sexes was underlined by the appointment of Mrs Sheilagh Kaye as the P.S.A.'s first chair-woman, or chair-person! The action began with an excellent film show by Dr. and Mrs Miller, who braved the elements in travelling to share with us their experiences from all corners of the globe. After this firm foundation later ventures included a Christmas Dance with parents, staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed, and various other functions from the profits of which a juke-box was purchased and donated to the house by the P.S.A. This is a very welcome addition to house facilities.

In sport a strong team spirit secured a good record of victories for Lincoln. The athletics, netball, cross-country, badminton and first year football have been won so far by our hardworking sportsmen and women. At basketball the seniors were defeated in the deciding match, and the juniors won their league.

Peter Kett was chosen for the Norfolk under 13's gymnastics team and he, along with Nicholas Bacon, is among the College hopefuls for the future. Other Norfolk representatives were Tommy Howe for rugby and Ann Cleverly for the county hockey team. Cycling has become very popular among lincolnians of both sexes. We hope that their enthusiasm will continue throughout the coming year.

Our talents have not been limited to the sporting. We are proud to say that Richard Symes and Iain Smith also play for Norfolk, but on the chessboard rather than on the pitches.

John Pearson and Wendy Love put a tremendous amount of work into the inter-house music competition and were well rewarded in receiving the Mair Cup for their efforts. The large choir and orchestra were well supported by the day members of the house despite transport difficulties.

Clive Smith and Tommy Howe were our representatives on the stage this year. They both gave fine performances in 'The Crucible'. However, the show could not have gone on without Philippa Unwin as assistant stage manager, aided by Erica Pigdon.

The final items in this catalogue of successes are Lincoln's victory in the Bridge Tournament, where we took first and second places, and Virginia Abbey's winning of the Wymondham area round of the National Youth Award Scheme for Social Services. An interest in the social services is shared by many members of Lincoln. Between twenty and thirty people help with some branch or another of community service, and Virginia Abbey and Philippa Unwin run the Hellesdon Hospital visits.

Dr. Hill, Mr Morgan, Mr Davidson, Dr Robinson, Miss Fisher, Miss Schofield and Mrs du Parcq joined us this year. We wish them a belated welcome, which we also extend to our long-awaited matron — Miss Edwards. We wish Mr Davidson every success in his recent appointment as Assistant house-warden of Fry Hall. Our congratulations go to Miss Butts on the announcement of her engagement to Mr. Sunley. We hope that they will be very happy together.

To conclude we would like to wish next year's house captains every success and hope that Lincoln will continue to do well.

CLIVE SMITH LESLEY GREEN
VIRGINIA ABBEY MANDY MORGAN

5: NEW

After saying good-bye to several staff last year we welcomed new faces with Mrs Porter and Miss Bastow, Mr Chedghey and his family, and Miss Wills rejoining us as Mrs Foley with her husband on the residential side. Mrs MacIlwraith soon settled in to tend to the needs of the sick, lame and lazy. Finally we welcomed Mr Ellison and Mrs Howard as day members of staff.

At the end of last summer term the boys' squash team proved Kett's confidence to be unworthy, as we won the competition! This year's results also show successes. The cricket season, too, ended on a high note, with New Hall seniors winning their competition. The third year team was victorious too, after beating the favourites by 9 wickets in the semi-final. As usual, the mixed tennis was an enjoyable competition; New Hall finishing a respectable second (again!)

Parents played their part in the social activities of the house. Functions included a Parents/Staff versus the boys cricket match and a similar tennis match, with refreshments enjoyed by all participants. The most successful social event of the year was probably the Parent and Pupil Christmas Dance, and Mr Graham's contribution added a certain punch to the occasion! This was followed up (in time, though by no means in merit) by the sixth form 'Cabaret'! This starred Diana Rose and the Surprises, the girls of the Romper Room, and the boys in black and white (singers!)

In the inter-house rugby tournament success eluded us, despite the fact that we had six men in the First XV. However, the third years won their tournament with meritorious performances from Cant and Clough. The second years had similar success with Simmonds and Southwood.

The girls, as always, were keen to do well, and, although they did not win, this fact does not detract from the enthusiasm they showed throughout, and the enjoyment that they gained. Nevertheless the senior 'B' team (Yes, the 'B's!') won all their games in the netball. Sadly the 'A' team was not on form.

In the swimming S. Legg and Julie Maurer were largely responsible for the respectable placings in the galas, despite a lack of natural talent (although the class of Legg and Goldsworthy did not go unnoticed).

There were some worthy performances in the inter-house basketball, with the junior team finishing second in its group and the senior team (Dane, Perkin, Loose, James and Warren) striding easily to overall victory once more, and winning all their matches with confidence.

A. A. Machine Hines was rewarded for his personal efforts when he won the senior cross-country race in fine style, well supported by a very strong, enthusiastic team. This trophy came to New Hall yet again. Lower down the school, the second years won their event with fine runs from Goldsworthy, Simmonds and Southwood. The seven-a-side rugby and six-a-side football tournaments went well for the house, and we came second in both.

Indoor sports facilities and house funds have benefited greatly since the arrival of the Bar Billiards table, and once again we would like to thank Mr Chedghey for his efforts, and hope he enjoys his odd free game!

After winning the Mair Cup last year we finished second this year; Lincoln's fine performance gave them unquestionable victory. However, we can close on a congratulatory note. Well done Simon Unwin, ever enthusiastic cyclist, for winning the cup for best novice cyclist this year. Congratulations to Zac Barratt who gained entry to Cambridge with an exceptional four A's at 'A' Level, and to Mr Sunley, who is to marry Miss Butts. Finally, congratulations to an ex-member of the New Hall men's staff flat, who is now the father of a daughter.

JO BLYTON GWEN HOLMES
TIM PERKIN PETER MARTIN

6: PEEL

At the end of last year Peel unfortunately had to say good-bye to Mrs Davies, Miss Bound, and Mr Woollestone. Consequently we started off the year with several new additions to the house. We welcomed Mr Bramhall as our deputy house-warden. His ready wit and musical talent have been a great asset to the house. Miss Edgar came as the new girls' matron and, along with Mrs Warren, has helped brighten the hall with many beautiful flower arrangements. We were also very pleased to be joined by Mr Ellis, Mrs Walleth and Mr Edwards.

Yet again Peel has had to be content with many secondary places in the sports competitions – the fourth year boys' cross country, the girls' swimming gala (in which the first and second year girls excelled themselves with all first and second positions), the girls' hockey and senior boys' football. We did, however, reach the peak of success with the fourth year rugby, the senior six-a-side and the house Barbarians who once again continued the tradition of being undisputed champions. Special mention must be made of Bridget Elliot, who was appointed school athletics captain, Dave Griffiths, the school football captain and Kevin Sparks, the school basketball captain, who tried to lead us to sporting victories. We never realised we had so much talent in the house.

This Christmas the Peel Hall carol singers set out to break their former record collection of £12. In fine voice and with the aid of their campanologists they sang their way around the College. It may have been the quality of the voices or just the Christmas spirit, but Peel managed to collect £18. This money went towards the purchase of various items for Besthorpe Home for the Mentally Handicapped and the Attleborough Home.

This year the house carol service and entertainments evening was a tremendous success. After putting our fine voices to the singing of carols Mr Glasby and Mr Ward ably led everyone in the singing of more rowdy songs and we all let our hair down. The appearance of the Peel Hall Presleyites in concert (i.e. Mr Brand, Mr Ward, Mr Jenner, Mr Ellis and Mr Poolman) led to mass hysteria. The evening's entertainments also included our very own answer to Mike Yarwood – in the form of Guinea and his impersonations. A mention must also be made of Miss Rimmington who did an excellent portrayal of 'Little Weed'.

As usual, the House put on a highly polished performance for the Mair Cup. Despite a mishap during the performance and the loss of several 'star' – performers, due to the 'flu epidemic, Peel still managed a very respectable third place.

This year the House P.S.A. functions were again a tremendous success – undoubtedly due to the expert organisation of Miss Beslee. The most successful of our functions was the Autumn Barbeque, which was attended by over two hundred and fifty people. Michael Taylor played 'Come to the Cookhouse Door' on his

trumpet to start the occasion. The Chef's Choice and Desert Island Discs were also well attended and highly successful. Our thanks must go to all the parents who have supported the Hall in these functions and to Mr Crail for ably chairing the interviews in Desert Island Discs.

Finally Peel Hall wishes to congratulate Miss Belsee and Mr Woodrow on their recent engagement and we wish them every happiness in the future.

**MITCHELL BROOKES ADRIAN GLEADHILL
CAROL CLARKSON JEREMY MILLS**

Autumn

Autumn colours, reds and golds,
Autumn sunsets, bright and bold.
Crispy leaves and glossy apples,
Woodland floor with sunlight dapples.
Raindrops like the diamonds glitter,
The last of the butterflies sadly flutter.

Juicy blackberries wet with dew,
On prickly brambles out of view.
The autumn house is bright and gay,
While in the corners the spiders play.
The vase of flowers, a pretty picture,
All autumn colours, a pleasant mixture.

The blackberry jam is bubbling thickly,
The farmer's wife must work so quickly.
The fruit in the garden will soon be gone,
I'm told by a robin in his cheerful song.
So quickly now, children, go gather the plums
Before the cold wind and bitter frost comes.

But soon all her handiwork is finally done,
So she goes for a walk in the morning sun.
Although there is not a cloud in the sky,
She knows she will need her scarf by and by.
The hedges are covered with silvery threads
And the dead leaves crunch wherever she treads.

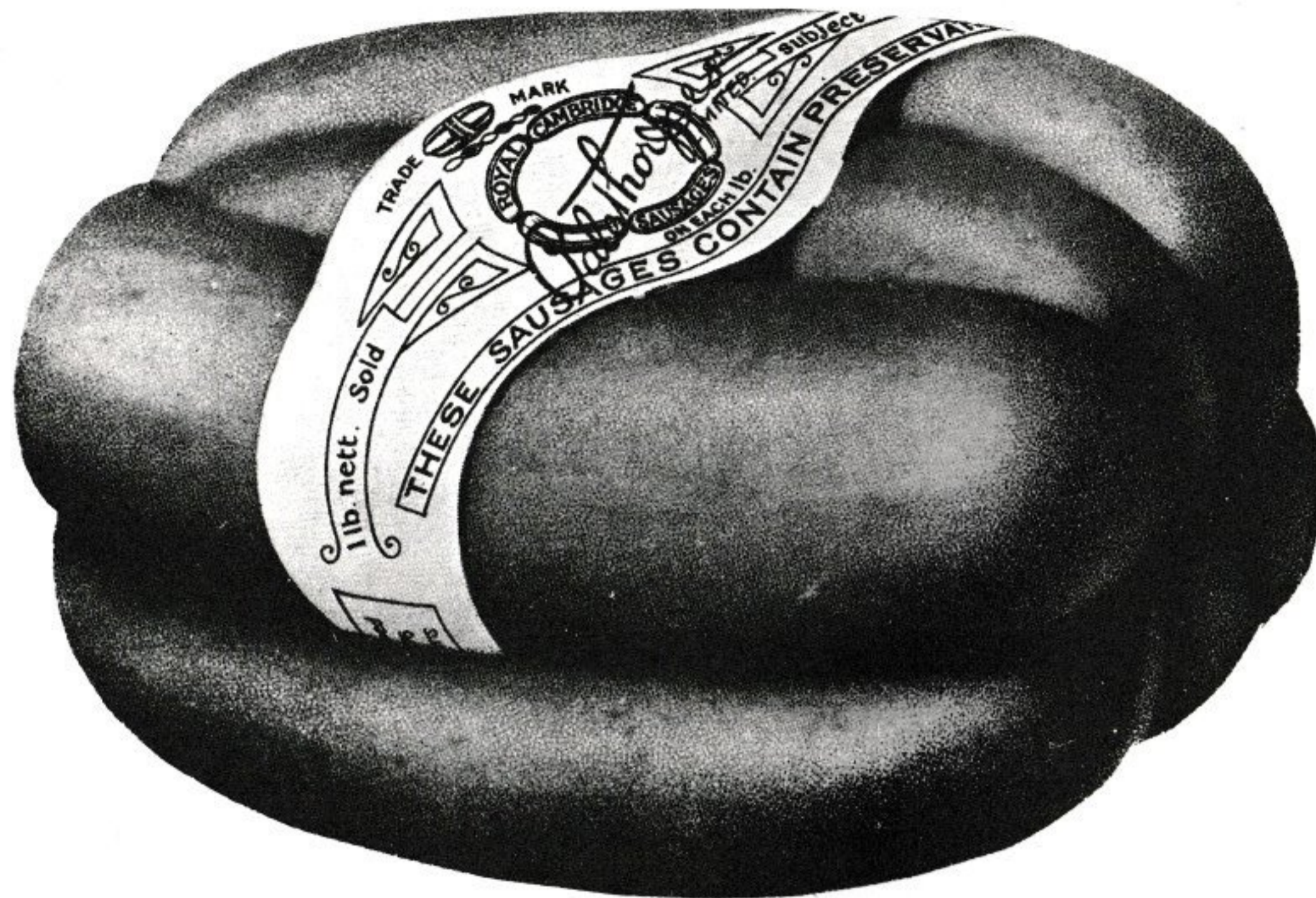
Elizabeth Lerner (Year 2)

Night

An artist clothed in velvet black,
With tools inside a blackened sack
Carving trees from coal black stone,
Granite grey, or whitened bone,
An artist without paint or ink
Charcoal sky, chalk stars that blink,
Chalk the roof ridge, chalk the shed,
Chalk the roe deer's lifted head
But charcoal for the shadows deep
Charcoal for the beasts asleep.
And watching all, that silver maiden,
A silver sphere with white fire laden
The melancholy mistress of the night
Guardian of stars that shy from light,
Who, when the artist's work is done,
Stays till dawn, and then is gone.

Gillian Munn (Year 3)





THE ENCHANTED SAUSAGE – A Modern Fairy-story(?)

In the days when knights in shining armour thundered about the countryside rescuing damsels in distress, there lived a man called Old Jake who was governor of a lunatic asylum in Blackburn. Old Jake had a son whose name was Desmond. One day Desmond was watching his father chasing the inmates out of the kitchen when one of them crept up on him and shouted, 'Boo!' Desmond gave a shudder, looked round and saw a strange man about 5' 13" tall, with ginger hair, a glass eye and a wooden leg.

'Hello there!' he grinned.

'Hello,' said Desmond.

'Would you like to be a prince?' asked the weird man.

'Oh, yes!' agreed Desmond.

'Well, if you go to the one-armed, Indian, rubberband salesman on the edge of Castle Street something will happen to your advantage. That is,' he winked, 'if you say the magic words.'

'What are the magic words?' asked Desmond.

'You raise your eyebrow, cross your eyes and say, "Ying tong iddle I po!"'

Just then Desmond's father ran over and grabbed the man. 'Come on Felix,' he said. 'Time to go to bed.'

Castle Street was full of the King's guards wearing their chain-mail breast-plates and the insignia 'Horace Rex' (Horace was the King and Rex was his dog). Desmond saw the Indian selling rubber-bands so he ran up to him, raised his eyebrow, crossed his eyes and said, 'Ying tong iddle I po!'

The Indian raised his rubber bands and blew some green smoke in Desmond's face. Suddenly there was a tremendous explosion.

Desmond woke up in a bed full of cushions scented with warm fragrances (so different from the plank and the blanket he'd been used to back at the asylum). He looked up at the mirrored ceiling and saw not the young boy of twelve he had expected, but a young man dressed in fine gowns. Then some men came in, did a funny dance and sang two verses of 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

'Prince Arnold,' said one of the men, 'come down and see the King. He's got a job for you! Desmond was hurried down some stairs and was shown into a large hall. At the end of it was a throne, upon which was seated a man with a crown.

'Prince Arnold,' said the man, 'all the bravest knights in the kingdom have tried, and all have failed. You are the only nobleman not to have tried.'

'To have tried what, your Majesty?'

'To have tried to pull the enchanted sausage out of the mashed potato, of course, and win the hand of my daughter, the beautiful Princess Jasmine, and my little dog, Rex.'

So Desmond walked over to where the sausage lay in the pile of mashed potatoes. There was a drum roll and he clasped the greasy, pink body and pulled. Then with one hand the prince raised aloft the enchanted sausage to the gaze of the astonished courtiers, and with the other he claimed the hand of the beautiful princess.

STEVEN GARNER (Year 1)



COLLEGE NEWS



NEWS OF STAFF AND OLD PUPILS

During the academic year 1975 – 1976 we said goodbye to the following staff: Mrs J. M. Davies who left to teach French in Harlow, Essex. Mrs I. Howard (nee Hermannse) who left to teach P.E. elsewhere in Norfolk, and to whom we offer our congratulations on her marriage. Mrs J. H. Hopkinson who left in order to accompany her husband to a new job in Africa. Mrs D. Norster who taught with us for two terms in the Creative Design Department. Mr C. G. H. Worrall who retired at the end of the Easter term after 13 years of devoted service to Wymondham College. During his time here Mr Worrall was active in many areas of College life – as editor of this magazine, as house warden of Durham house for many years, and, of course, as a teacher of English. The contribution that Mr. Worrall made to the life of the school will be long remembered and much missed.

At the end of the summer term we will be sad to say goodbye also to: Mr. K. R. Anderson who is off to teach Physics in The Isle of Wight. Miss D. J. Butts who will be marrying Mr C. I. Sunley. Mrs J. A. M. Grainger, leaving to follow her husband to a new job in Bath. Mr R. C. Jenner who will be taking up a post of responsibility in Cambridgeshire. Miss L. C. Johnson who has accepted a teaching post in Algeria. Mr D. Pugh who will be Head of a Department of English elsewhere in Norfolk. Mr C. I. Sunley who is leaving to take up a position of responsibility in Frome, Somersetshire. Mr A. E. Timmins, leaving to take up a senior post elsewhere in Norfolk.

We wish all of them every success in the future and hope that their new lives will prove rewarding and happy. On a sunnier note it gives us great pleasure to congratulate Mr. Sunley and Miss Butts on their engagement, and Mr Woodrow and Miss Beslee on theirs. Mr and Mrs Brand achieved a magnificent 'first' for Wymondham College when their daughter, Katherine Anne, (triumph at last!) was born in the spring term. This was the first baby girl to have been born to staff living on the site. Mr and Mrs Taylor continued the new trend when their daughter, Melanie, was born in the summer term. Our best wishes go to all of them.

The following news of old pupils of the College has been received: Stephen J. Booty was awarded a Second in Mechanical Engineering by the University of London. Colin S. Cooper was awarded a First in Biochemistry at the University of Warwick and is now working for his Ph.D in the Department of Biochemistry at Birmingham University. Richard W. Gilyead obtained a Third in Mathematical Physics from Sussex University. Iain G. King was awarded a Second in Social Sciences by the University of London. H. T. Knight gained a Third in Biochemistry at the University of Kent. Marjorie H. Langley was awarded a Second in Ophthalmic Optics by the University of London. David M Lown obtained a Second in Civil Engineering at the University of London. Deborah M. Pigott has just completed a degree in Science at the University of London. Frances M. Rathborn was awarded a Second in Sociology by the University of Sussex.

RETIREMENT OF MISS GLADYS DOLAN (Senior Matron)

Nobody has served Wymondham College better than Miss Gladys Dolan who came here in September 1951 and who is retiring after 24 years devoted service as Matron.

Miss Dolan was first house matron for 30 girls in Hut 16. From there she moved to East House to become Matron of 50 boys. Here she worked with three housemasters, Messrs Norton, Powell and Terry. On completion of Kett Hall, she moved to Salisbury House and worked with three Housemasters, Messrs. Thornley, Worley and Brand. Her final move took place in September 1971 to Fry Hall where she worked with Mr Brand and Mr Lockwood.

During all these years Miss Dolan has devoted herself to the service of the pupils of these houses. On the evening of Tuesday, 6th April a party was held in her honour in Fry Hall. During the evening tributes were paid to her by pupils, staff and parents and she was presented with a Ladies' chair, wrist watch, table lamp and an onyx cigarette box.

All of us at Wymondham College wish her a long, happy and well deserved retirement.

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE PARENT-STAFF ASSOCIATION

The officers of the Association acted upon the resolution of last years A.G.M., on the 10th June 1975. Letters were sent to individual members of the County Council, Local Education Committee, all Norfolk M.Ps', and the Department of Education & Science; together with negotiations with the elected representatives of the County Council, Local Education Committee, and their Chief Officers: As a result the Association has been successful in obtaining an allocation of £250,000 to be spent on urgently needed classrooms etc., at the College.

This is no mean achievement when it is realised that this sum is in addition to the £20m of the 1976/77 Building Allocation set aside for Schools re-organisation schemes by the D.E.S., for the whole country.

Although very much more money is needed for permanent buildings, this is an encouraging start.

The House-based activities are flourishing. A varied programme of social activities has been organised by staff and parents of the respective Houses. Attendance figures have exceeded 200 at several of the events; which proves the popularity and success of the activities arranged.

In addition, last year's programme included the following:—

- (i) 'Pate and Plonk' evening, on 16th October 1975.
- (ii) 'Computer Evening', on 11th November 1975.
- (iii) 'Summer Fayre', on 5th July 1975.
- and (iv) 'Annual Supper & Dance', on 21st February 1976.

The nett proceeds from the above events totalled £1,025.22. Donations to College funds and Societies last year amounted to £1,625.00.

Membership continues to rise.

In all a very satisfactory year.

P.H.T.K.

OBITUARY : MR. F. J. D. BETTY, RESIDENT ENGINEER

Mr F. J. D. Betty, Resident Engineer, began his association with the College in 1947. In February 1951 he became Resident Engineer, holding this position until his untimely death on Monday 12 April last.

There are many evidences throughout the College of the enterprise and foresight of our former colleague. He was central to the early planning and development of the permanent College buildings and worked long and thoughtfully in providing for the continuing re-construction work within our temporary buildings, as events and increases in student numbers have required over the years.

Mr Betty died, as he lived, working; still enthusiastic for the opportunity to build toward the future and the permanent establishment of Wymondham College. His many friends will remember him for a long time to come.

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE LIBRARY, REPORT

Since last May, we have added 927 new books to the library, bringing our total stock to almost 13,000. Unfortunately, the price of books and periodicals continues to escalate, and it now seems unlikely that we shall be able to maintain a steady rate of growth. Increasingly, we are forced into buying paperbacks with all their concomitant disadvantages. However, we were pleased this year to receive a number of expensive reference books given as part of the prize for the best essay on Europe by Barclays Bank to Messrs. S. J. Betts, D. I. Richardson and Miss T. J. Wright.

We issued 9000 books this year, representing a borrowing of 6 per pupil. How this compares with previous years, or even with establishments of a similar size it is hard to tell as this is the first year for which we have any comprehensive statistics. The County Library Schools Service has generously extended its inter-library loan facilities to us, to enable us to cope with the specialised material needed by 'A' level pupils engaged in projects, so that our range is very much more extended. This is a trend we can expect to see increase.

Library usage for private study varies enormously, depending on the time of year — Autumn term being the heaviest. However, this year we had 5496 individual library visits of 35 minutes or more during school hours, 1509 evening visits and we catered for 125 organised class visits apart from Library Induction Courses for 1st and 6th Forms which are now fully under way, and are tending to become an on-going process, rather than one period at the beginning of the year.

At library stocktaking last June, we were rather alarmed at the number of (new) books which had disappeared from the shelves. It is no incentive to go some way towards satisfying pupils' requests to buy popular works of fiction if they are promptly stolen. Inevitably security has been tightened, but we would hope that pupils would acquire a sense of social responsibility and not selfishly deprive other people of books that they require.

The credit side. Mr Morley donated an exhibition case to us last summer and since then we have had regular exhibitions of art, pottery, boat-building etc. It is gratifying to see the response to this, and hopefully, more pupils will become involved in mounting exhibitions. As to the progress of our major work in hand — the Subject Catalogue, we are more than halfway through, but it will not be completed by July as initially planned but will certainly be available by the end of the year. We are also some way towards a centralised catalogue of filmstrips, tapes and other non-book materials located in departments. This will be a great step forward in the finding of relevant information, the avoidance of duplication and the first move towards the Resource Centre which is planned.

Finally, I should like to thank our library helpers, and especially Gary Billing of Course 58 who is always on hand when needed.

A.J.

THE COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Department, having been situated in Blocks 23, 17 and 15, has continued on its itinerant way as "strolling players"; however it has finally come to rest in Block 25, the former C.C.F. Block, and is now affiliated to the Creative Design Department. The Block has been completely redesigned internally to give two class rooms, 9 teaching/practice rooms and ample storage space for music and instruments, so that all music teaching is carried out under the one roof.

The piano teaching for Boarders has improved by 100%, Mrs Jackson giving tuition on two days per week, while Mrs Dorling (strings), Mr Wright (cello), Capt. Watkins (woodwind), Mr Richards and Mr Sutton (brass) continue as instrumental tutors.

Last September Mr D. Bramhall from Rannoch School, Perthshire, joined the Staff as Assistant Music Master. He has reformed the Junior Choir and directs the Boarders' Chapel Choir.

After many years of service, the one manual Chapel organ proved so unreliable and so expensive to keep in repair, it had to be discarded. It has been replaced by a superior electronic two manual and pedal instrument built by a Norfolk organ company and called The Sprowston Organ.

The Chapel Choir has improved greatly this year and has performed a number of attractive anthems with confidence and style. We can look forward to even more ambitious music being undertaken in the future. The valuable support and encouragement given to the Choir by Mr Leonard is hereby gratefully given to the Choir by Mr Leonard is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

The Spring Concert On Sunday 4th April at 2.30 p.m. in the Sports Hall was well attended by parents and friends. The main item, taking up the whole of the first part of the programme was Faure's Requiem, a sophisticated piece and a vocally taxing one for the singers. Notwithstanding, the Senior Choir, augmented by members of staff and three friends from Norwich Cathedral gave a polished performance which included good enunciation of the Latin text, warmth of tone and blend, and an effective range of dynamics. Mr Leonard was the soloist and John Pearson the accompanist. The second part of the programme contained the following items:—

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| Junior Choir & Instrumental Ensemble | 5 Negro Spirituals arr. D. Bramhall |
| Recorder Group (L) | Fiesta. Bonsor |
| Folk Group (N) | Leaving on a jet plane |
| Senior Orchestra | Belle of the Ball arr. & conducted: J. Pearson |
| Junior Choir (K) | Sounds of Silence |
| Trumpet/Piano (N) | Prince of Denmark's March |
| House Choir/Handbells (P) | The Streets of Loredo |
| Piano/Double Bass (C) | Maple Leaf Rag |
| House Choir/Orchestra (L) | Getting to know you |
| Senior Orchestra | Overture: Light Cavalry |

PAST PUPILS' SUCCESSES:

Kevin Hathway, who left in 1972, gaining a Music Scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, London, has recently been appointed Principal Percussionist with the B.B.C. Northern Symphony Orchestra.

Russell Stone, who left in 1965, reached No. 4 in the "Top Twenty" together with his wife, as R. & J. Stone.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC.

| JULY 1975 | GRADE | INSTRUMENT |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Peter Marston | 6 | Theory |
| Rosemary Mundy | 5 | Theory |
| Ian Smith | 3 M | Flute |
| Joanne Britton | 3 M | Flute |
| Alison Taylor | 3 | Violin |
| Lorinda Elmer | 3 | Violin |
| Andrew Taylor | 3 M | Piano |
| Andrea Pett | 1 M | Piano |
| Sally Anne Wright | 2 | Violin |
| Peter Hooper | 2 | Violin |
| Angela Singh | 2 | Violin |
| Gillian Emanuel | 2 | Violin |
| Christine Dowe | 1 | Violin |
| Toby Lee | 1 M | Violin |

| DECEMBER 1975 | GRADE | INSTRUMENT |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Jonathan Cooke | 6 | Theory |
| James Witton | 5 | Theory |
| Louise Woodhouse | 5 | Clarinet |
| Catherine Britton | 5 | Clarinet |
| Lesley Benstead | 3 | Clarinet |
| Coral Vincent | 3 | Clarinet |
| Claire Hancy | 3 | Clarinet |
| Isobel Johnstone | 3 D | Bassoon |
| Amanda Nock | 3 | Theory |
| Wendy Love | 3 | Flute |
| Matherine Masters | 3 | Flute |
| Joanna Piesse | 3 | Flute |
| Stephen Grafton | 3 | Piano |
| Wilma Shepherd | 3 | Violin |
| Catherine Utting | 3 D | Cello |
| Cheryl Bond | 2 | Viola |
| Carol Lusher | 2 | Piano |
| Michelle Moules | 2 | Accordion |
| Alison Taylor | 2 | Piano |
| Helen Hayes | 1 | Violin |
| Ann Stowers | 1 | Violin |

| MARCH 1976 | GRADE | INSTRUMENT |
|-----------------|-------|------------|
| Rosemary Mundy | 6 M | Oboe |
| Peter Marston | 5 | Piano |
| Lauren Clifton | 4 | Violin |
| Lorinda Elmer | 4 | Piano |
| Joanne Britton | 4 | Flute |
| Richard Jones | 3 | Trumpet |
| Richard Bramham | 3 | Trumpet |
| Andrew Taylor | 3 | Theory |
| Andrea Pett | 2 | Piano |
| Timothy Howes | 2 | Piano |

M = MERIT. D = DISTINCTION

B.M. McBEATH

THE MAIR CUP, 1976

If anyone has ever tried to organize thirty rebellious, would-be singers into a choir to equal the Vienna Boys', then he will know how the twelve house music captains felt as the Mair cup loomed closer. After the gale and the 'flu epidemic it was surprising that there was anyone left to be organized, let alone to do the organizing; still, we struggled on!

The new marking system, though greeted by mumbled comments like 'New Faces' and 'bring on Tony Hatch', proved popular. The panel of judges must have felt a weight was lying on their shoulders, or rather, pressing on their ears. Competition between the houses was close, and tempers became frayed as Thursday March 18 approached. But there was no need to worry, as the standard was, as usual, very high. However, there is only room for mention of a few of the more outstanding items here.

The evening was undoubtedly dominated by Lincoln's modestly introduced 'contribution to the Mair Cup', under the excellent direction of 'Maestro' John Pearson and Wendy Love. Their choral arrangements were performed with style and Lincoln easily deserved their victory and their forty point lead over the second house. Their 'piece de resistance' was 'Getting to Know You' which incorporated all the possible musical resources available in the house. The only other item to rival Lincoln's best was James Witton's trumpet solo, which was almost faultless and gained many valuable marks for New Hall, who were finally placed second.

Peel came a close third. 'Who Will Buy?' was performed charmingly, and it was unfortunate that their soloist 'bit the dust' with belated 'flu the evening before the concert.

A competent performance on the drums by Nigel Chalk of Fry Hall added vigour to a Beatles song, 'When I'm Sixty-four'. Fry's overall position was fourth. In fifth position came Cavell. Of the many Scott Joplin arrangements submitted Cavell's 'Maple Leaf Rag' for piano (Sue Evans) and double bass (Lloyd Cross) far surpassed them all. A touch of humour was added to the evening by Kett senior boys' rendition of 'Dan O'Rafferty's Motor Car', enlivened by synchronised movements. Kett Hall were placed sixth, but should feel themselves only unlucky in the face of such fierce competition.

The evening was highly entertaining and clearly revealed the weeks of hard preparation which had preceded it. We owe a special thanks to the judges who adjudicated with scrupulous fairness and careful consideration, to the scorer, and, above all, to Mr McBeath who organized and compered the entire competition.

*JOSEPHINE HILL and
LYNN WHYTE*

THE FLU EPIDEMIC

The first signs of the 'flu epidemic appeared on Monday 2 February, and by the end of that week there were over 500 cases. Many of the badly affected pupils were sent home, after sick-bay's resources had been exhausted. This meant that sick pupils who could not travel home had to suffer in their dormitories. The situation had eased off slightly by Monday 16 but numbers were not back to anything like normal until March 1, and even after this date odd cases could be found right up to the end of term.

The epidemic affected day pupils as badly as boarders and few staff survived without even a mild attack. However, they bravely soldiered on. It was generally the newer staff who seemed to fall victim to the stronger ills — as the senior members had undergone many years of hardening and immunization. This pattern was repeated amongst the pupils — the younger ones being generally affected worse than the older ones.

Although the whole school was affected, Cavell seemed to escape with fewer cases than the other five houses. Some of the 'flu-ridden pupils who had travelled home 'to recover', returned too soon without fully doing so and consequently suffered a stronger repercussion and had to go home yet again. The drastic situation made the evening papers on Saturday 7 February and the E.D.P. the following Monday.

The epidemic was not the first one which has hit the College, but if numbers are anything to go by it was certainly the worst. It came to such a point that some forms became so depleted that a number of second year courses had to be amalgamated. The 'flu bug affected different people in different ways — some luckily escaped with a twenty-four hour attack while others had to endure a two week dose. All were glad when things had returned to normal and the morning cries of 'Dead Sir' from survivors, in response to the names of the unfortunate afflicted during registration time had become less frequent.

STEPHEN PEGG



SIX FORM LECTURES Aspects of Liberty

We improverish ourselves, said John Milton, if we kill truth, and, he said, 'reason is but choosing'. How is it that 'those who soar unhampered over the peaks of freedom suddenly lose the taste of freedom'? asked the Russian Solzhenitsyn. This year's sixth form lecture series was thus in accord both with a long tradition of the U.K., and with current television debate.

Of the eight lecturers, one was from among our own staff, three were from the University of East Anglia, and four originated elsewhere. Mr. Hoare was the first speaker. He emphasized the lonely task Britain faced in 1940. Standing by herself as the sole active defender of liberty, the British put to the supreme test the historical and governmental traditions of the country. British liberty is a chicken whose neck is not easily wrung. The importance (for survival) of a knowledge of history was demonstrated by Mr. Hoare's talk.

Mr. Hallet of I.T.A. held that television was free to report only that which was acceptable to society; that even if there were evil, or good, that should be reported, it could only be reported if it were generally acceptable. He did not answer the question of whether 'what is socially acceptable' is not another way of saying 'what mass media people find acceptable'. Mr. Hallett's data on the impact and cost of advertising, especially at peak periods, was really quite impressive. Mr. Hallett left us with the feeling of having enjoyed an exceedingly worthwhile three hours.

Mr. McKenna, A.U.E.W., was the speaker who drew the most interest. The Wymondham College six form is very interested in unions! Mr. McKenna argued that the unions were democratic; denied that the unions were responsible in any way for Britain's low productivity; denied that the Communists had any hope of seizing Britain through or by the T.U.C. ('the British like their freedom too well — they won't have Communism'); and avoided the issue of unions creating an artificially comfortable position for themselves by keeping pre-sixteen-year-olds, and post-fifty-year-olds off the labour market. Mr McKenna was a most welcome speaker.

Three speakers from the University of East Anglia gave us clear-headed and, as one would expect, well-reasoned talks. Mr. Cherry created very lively discussion by his presentation of the way mindless increase in population reduces everyone's liberty. Dr. Turner took the position that the scientist must be free to do 'pure' as well as 'applied' science; that, like an artist, he has to have freedom within which to create. His was a useful corrective to the current mania for relevance. Professor Hill gave us a lucid hour on the E.E.C., and made the point that we were gaining greater freedom to accomplish our goals by entering the E.E.C.

Mr. Douglas Harding, author of *Religions of the World*, presented us with a variety of ideas not easily summarized. His rich experience of life here and in India added a dimension to our lives which we would otherwise have lacked.

For each of the speakers we had two or three sixth form hosts and hostesses.

About twenty-one sixth formers have, in the course of the year, been involved in hosting, and they have done superbly well at it. The Wilkinson Court Seminar Room discussions after the talks would have lacked a great deal without their hands, and some of them even found out what it's like when a speaker fails to show up.

The guest speakers were touching not only upon a traditional feature of the best of British culture, but were also speaking about liberty at exactly a time when B.B.C. officials called for schools to do what they could "to preserve and justify the concept of freedom". We are grateful to those speakers who, unfunded and unpraised, spoke to us on behalf of liberty. We look forward seeing everyone of them again, and as often as they can come.

John Daeley
May 20, 1976

"COURSE, THE TRULY AMAZING THING ABOUT THE
LIBERTY LECTURES IS THAT THEY'RE
COMPULSORY!"





"YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH!"

During the inter-house sevens rugby games in October 1975 Liam Dark played for Lincoln. He was not feeling as fit as usual, but was well enough to play. In the first game, against Fry, a knee in the stomach winded him. In the third he received a head injury and, concussed, came off with a gut filled with three pints of blood (according to a doctor at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital). He was quickly taken to sick-bay.

Liam Dark's injury had been more the result of his glandular fever before going onto the field, than of the knocks he received. He spent two weeks in hospital, and a further three weeks at home. His spleen had been removed, his kidneys and liver slightly bruised.

'I had many cards from people at the school', he told me. 'The boys in the house gave me a £5 book token, and there were constant inquiries from everyone. They were very kind.'

Despite the fact that Liam's injuries have given him slight eye damage and ruled out a possible career in the marines, he remains enthusiastic in his defence of the game. 'It brings people together in a team, maybe more than either cricket or football. Everyone is involved in every movement of the game.'

Tim Perkin, New Hall house captain and captain of the First XV echoed the view of Liam: 'There is a unique team spirit in rugby. You can't beat sitting in the back of a bus with fifteen mates after a long eighty minutes. There's a sense of pride, a great feeling of satisfaction after a good, exhausting game!' He told me of some injuries this season — Marcus Dunn severely bruised an ankle, Simon Barrett broke his hand, and Tommy Howe was prevented from playing for six weeks because of a broken wrist. 'But,' he said, 'you can't get enough, and everybody needs a physical outlet. It has been an unusual year as far as injuries are concerned.'

I asked Mr. Foley, first team coach and organizer of the season's fixtures, what might be done to avoid a new spate of injuries in 1976. Firstly he pointed out that injuries had occurred in the house sevens games and not in the fixtures.

'There are a number of things to be avoided next year. The players need to be more careful, and educated to play that much better. Also, some players were inadequately dressed. There are six matches in an afternoon, with a thirty minute break between each. The tiredness combined with the cold could easily lead to pulled muscles. Another disadvantage is the smaller scrum. This means there is no set formation and everyone dives in.' There are obviously changes that can be made, then, to avoid so many injuries in the future, though some are inevitable in any sport. The majority of games, it was stressed, are fair, exhausting, but not rough. There is a danger of exaggerating the so-called 'brutality' of the sport.

On the other hand there was much justified concern expressed at the time of the injuries, and it was suggested by some that a disparity existed in the school between the attitudes to physical and mental culture and that a disproportionate amount of time was spent on the former. Should the game be extra-curricular and therefore regarded more as recreational only and so become an optional activity?

'To accommodate the fixtures a set afternoon of sport is absolutely necessary. As it is, in the coming season, only five matches will involve the loss of academic time, compared with seven in 1975.' Every effort is made to avoid disruption of the timetable, but some is inevitable.

It is obvious that this is a subject of some controversy at the moment, but it is also clear that as long as there continues to be such strong support for the game it will flourish at Wymondham College. However, the events of the autumn term raise some extremely serious issues that cannot be side-stepped, and if rugby continues to flourish the debate as to its position in the school will continue as well.

BRYN HAWORTH

THE SUMMER ISLES ADVENTURE CENTRE

In August 1975 a party of sixteen third, fourth and fifth formers from the College were accompanied to the Summer Isles Adventure Centre on the island of Tanera Mhor — one of the Inner Hebrides — by Mr and Mrs Foley and Mr Ward.

The centre was set up a few years ago to provide the facilities for outdoor activities such as sailing, canoeing, mountaineering, hill-walking, swimming and, for the more adventurous, water-skiing. In the evenings there was a series of films and discussions on the relevance of Christianity to life in the '70's. These sessions were entirely optional and the evenings were otherwise left open for exploration of the island and its four lochs, volleyball, football and sleep, for those unable to stand the pace!

Two expeditions were mounted from the island. The first involved climbing Stac Polly (2009') and a ten mile cross-country hike. The second was a two day trip undertaken by canoe and long-boat to another of the summer isles. This included camping overnight (some memorable cooking — e.g. making up powdered potato with orange squash!) and an exploration of the caves and cliffs of Tanera Beag.

The trip was a complete success and all those who participated would like to thank the staff who helped make it so, and the staff of the centre for making our stay so enjoyable.

CHRIS CHENERY

GYMNASTIC AND TRAMPOLINE DISPLAY

The gymnastic and trampoline display held in March and organised by Mr Roberts, Mr Belmont and Miss Rimmington in aid of the 'Save the Children Fund' was well attended and from the Friday night performance alone it raised £27.

The trampolinists began the display, building up from simple tuck-jumps to somersaults. Mr Roberts then led his team of twenty-eight gymnasts (boys and girls) from all years through a continuous stream of floor exercises. The trampette was used to perform forward rolls and backward somersaults.

Those who have never attempted any trampoline or gymnastic work may find it hard to understand the amount of work and determination that went into this display. Many long weeks of hard practice were the background to a display that, though it may have been limited in the number and variety of gymnastic movements and sequences that we were shown, was impressive for its technical precision and physical control. All the gymnasts showed a highly disciplined and self-confident approach to their exercises.

JOY HOOI

SO! WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT FOREIGN EXCHANGES ANYWAY? JUST READ ON . . .

Nowadays all the politicians seem to talk about is the state of the country and the Common Market.

'And what's that got to do with foreign exchanges!' you may well ask.

In fact, quite a lot! — Now that Britain has joined the Common Market in an effort to do something about the state it's got itself into, more and more emphasis is being placed on languages generally. Those of you who hate French and German with all your might, barely existing through these periods of agony between one Maths or Chemistry lesson and the next, may find yourselves out on a limb when it comes to finding the kind of job you want if you have no linguistic ability whatsoever. Or so the story goes . . .

One of the best methods of improving your French or German is the foreign exchange. School visits in large groups are a good laugh, but you sometimes find that you do more laughing than speaking the language you are meant to be practising. Although the thought of being 'dumped' among the 'Frogs' for three weeks and not seeing another Englishman may be somewhat disconcerting, you'll find that meeting lots of new people is an enjoyable and exciting challenge, and that your French will improve greatly.

Of course, a lot depends on your opposite number. I was extremely lucky in finding that my French partner and I had a lot in common — we even discovered a mutual hatred of swimming! I think I'll remember my visits to France as long as I live — dunking crispy French bread and marmalade into my cafe au lait, getting tipsy on beautiful red Boujolais, sampling at least a hundred cheeses, and speaking more French than I'd ever done my life. And I shall always picture the beautiful French coastline at Easter, windswept and lashed with frothy waves. I felt as though I'd been accepted as a member of the family, and made many life-long friends.

Chris, my French friend, seemed enthusiastic after her visit to our crisis-ridden country — partly, perhaps, because she could spend pounds and pounds on goods at prices which were ridiculously low compared with those back home. The thing she probably enjoyed most was being subjected to a week of College routine — this may seem like sadism on my part! — but fortunately she enjoyed herself immensely and was able to hear how the young speak English. Although she was at first baffled by our strange sense of humour, she soon caught on, and even if she couldn't always laugh with us, she was certainly able to laugh at us!

ROSEMARY WHITING



THE BLAST FREEZE COMPLEX

Rumours surround any new building at Wymondham College, but rarely has a development been such a mystery to the mass of people as the new freezer complex. The reason for the mystery is certainly not a curtain of official secrecy. I was pleased to find the foreman, Mr. Freeman, very amiable and willing to tell me about the new building.

Started on 1 October 1975 the large complex, costing £130,000, is expected to be finished by the end of August, in time for the new school year. By supplying 3,000 meals the building will provide for Wymondham College in the future as a huge refrigerator. The plan is to transport food to the school which can then be cooked, portioned and stored in a frozen state to be distributed when needed. The blast freezer can freeze food for storage in only 90 minutes. In addition to the frozen food, there will be a dry store for flour, tinned food and so on, and a cold store for butter and other dairy products. About twenty people will staff the complex. Pupils will have little reason to enter the building, so perhaps this would be a good place to describe the interior. As well as the storage and portionings sections already mentioned, there will also be even more storage space provided by a suspended ceiling, under the flat, metal ceiling-proper.

The advantages of the system are obvious. Wastage will be cut down immensely; firstly by the provision of more varied menus (offering a wide choice), and also by the refreezing of unused food. A possible problem could be the perfection of the regeneration technique to ensure that food is thoroughly thawed out before consumption, but this should not be difficult to overcome, and it will then only remain for a few sceptics to accustom themselves to eating frozen food! In the event of a power cut the food would take some time to thaw out completely and be lost.

An interesting technical problem to be overcome in any large-scale freezing scheme is that the penetration of the freezer into the ground (in the winter) could produce a huge ice-block under the building, endangering the water supply and the foundations. This will be avoided by laying 3" of spun glass insulation under the 3" ground floor, and placing in a 2" layer of cement beneath this electrically heated wires to provide further insulation.

Building is also being done in the houses and the rec. room which will, says Mr. Freeman, improve the cooking facilities of the school in general. The whole job is expected to be complete in May – June 1977.

BRYN HAWORTH

STORM DAMAGE!

At about 7.00 p.m. on Friday 2 January of this year the B.B.C. Weather Forecasting office predicted 'a night of fairly high winds with perhaps a little light rain' for East Anglia. Mercifully we were spared the rain, but as the evening wore on it became apparent that the prediction of wind had been somewhat optimistic, since by about 11.00 p.m. the gale had risen in strength to such an extent that it could shatter a large pane of glass on the first floor of New Hall and create inside one of the corner dormitories a whirlwind of tiny glass fragments potentially so dangerous that the room could not be safely approached till the morning. Still later in the evening loud clanking and banging sounds could be heard from outside, mingled with the howling of the wind, and presaging the destruction that was to greet us when we got up the next day.

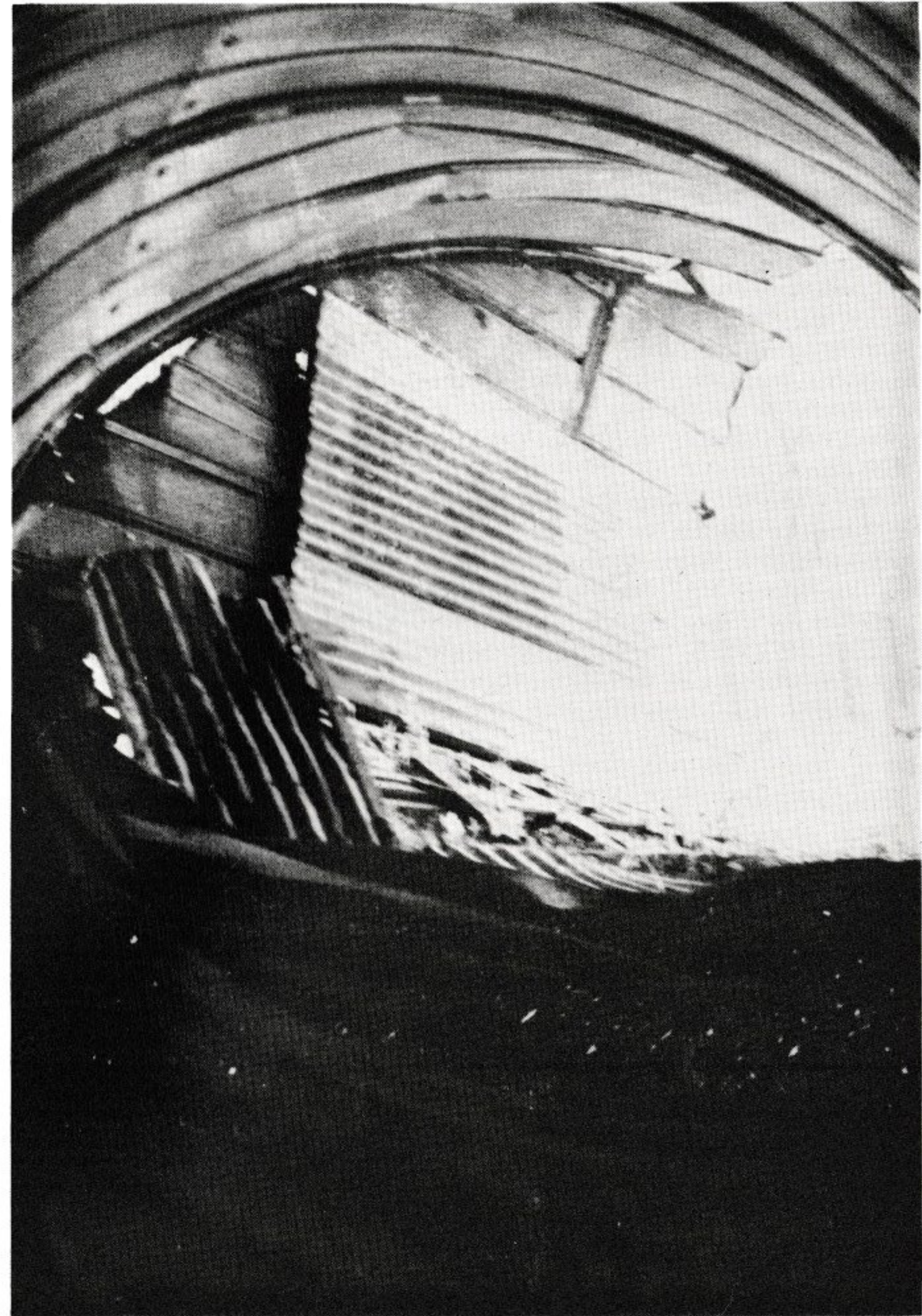
On the Saturday morning the devastation on the site had to be seen to be believed. Trees in the woods, and around the Warden's house, many of which had been marked as dangerous for years and were destined to be felled, were finally brought down, and with them a number of healthy trees. Many condemned ones are still standing, however. A nissen hut garage behind the sports block had been raised vertically above the caravans it housed, and turned 90° through the air before being returned to the ground. Some of the wooden huts which had been erected by the workmen on the blast-freeze kitchen site had been blown over and one of these, the foreman's, had had its contents (including many of the building plans for the kitchen itself) scattered over a wide area. There was a staff chalet with its roof blown off, and many other examples of minor destruction – bales of hay had been blown across Golf Links Lane into the College grounds, sheets of corrugated iron had been torn from nissen huts.

However, the principal damage was the destruction of an electricity transformer on the site, so it was soon clear that the school could not open the next day as planned. A problem immediately presented itself – how were 1600 pupils (many living abroad) and the staff to be warned not to return?

The Warden, the Bursar and some clerical staff arranged to contact all but a handful of staff and pupils through the media, and thanks must go to the BBC, ITV and the local press for their immediate co-operation. Fortunately, New Hall was unaffected by the electricity failure and became the refugee centre for resident staff and the few pupils who had not heard the news that the start of term had been delayed for a week.

The storm focused attention once again on the delicate state of our buildings and resources and again a considerable amount of money had to be spent to repair the damage. The delay to the start of term meant that the term ended a week late and it was clear at the start of the summer term that all staff and pupils were not fully ready for work after the abbreviated holiday.

W.M.G.



SOME EUROPEAN VIEWS ON WYMONDHAM COLLEGE

A la francaise

I have the habit of meeting the French assistants in Norwich every Tuesday night. But it is not, as one might think, because I feel home-sick and hope to find again, among them, the delicate scent of fresh baguettes and camembert. No! It is simply to hear the tales of how my heroic fellow countrymen daily face the hordes of shrieking vampires and miniature Al Capones which seem to have invaded Norwich schools. The poor victims of the French – English cultural exchange don't even have the ultimate resort of sending them out of the class for they don't have any classrooms of their own.

How they envy me when I tell them about my dear pupils and my 28S! Yes, I know what my Mona Lisa conceals behind her enigmatic smile; a leprous, peeling wall: I know the room is cold, but being the teacher, I, at least, have the privilege of standing near the pipes, and when eight people have managed to squeeze into it, it soon warms up.

When I wander between the iron sausages scattered about the site, I remember the prison-like schools we Parisians grew up in. To me the Nissen huts are just another English eccentricity, and I find there is something romantic, bucolic about them (the neighbouring cows and sheep, maybe?)

Back in my dreary, smoggy suburb I'll think back with emotion to my 28S, to groups 74, 67, 69, 59, 55, 52, 51 and their eighty set questions. I'll hear the peewits and the seagulls. I'll hear the ducks, and clear voices calling, 'Morning Miss'!

Sadly chewing my stale bequettes, I'll dream of school custard . . .

MICHELLE CALLARD

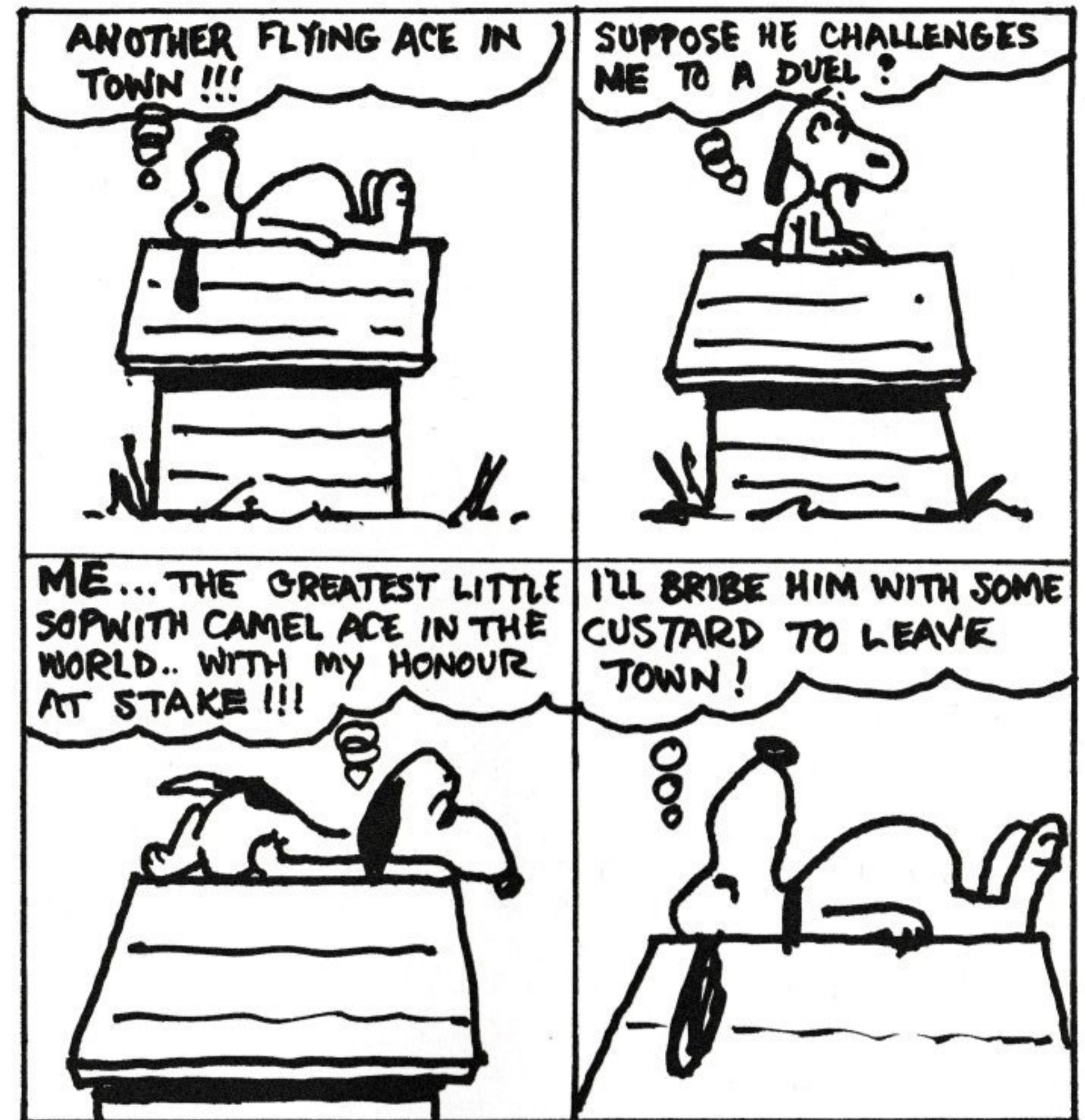
. . . . und auf Deutsch

If you, especially on week-ends, see a man walking around in a flying suit and a leather flying helmet of the first world war, don't expect it to be Baron von Richthofen visiting the site! – It's the German Assistant Teacher!

Well, gliding is one of my hobbies here, apart from playing and teaching the drums, repairing radios and washing machines, baby-sitting and collecting 'odd English phrases', of course.

But, what is more important, I have come here from Plon, a small town situated in the lovely lake district of northern Germany, 30 kilometers south-east of the university town of Kiel on the Baltic, to teach German pronunciation and essay writing. German conversation and preparing language laboratory drills, too, take a lot of my time.

Many people have asked me what I did before coming to England. I have finished my studies in theology, psychology and philosophy and English literature and linguistics will be completed when I take my final examination in Autumn. My thesis is about 'Representation and Criticism in Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*'. After my exams I will take up a post teaching in a German grammar school.



If you visit my teaching room you will see the colourful badge of the 'Kieler Wingolf' our student fraternity. Our principle is 'Christianity' and on official occasions we wear a sash coloured red, white and gold, and a red cap. If you are ever studying in Germany and need help finding accommodation, contact us and we may be able to help.

I have enjoyed my time in England and have found many friends who have helped me to settle down. My thanks go especially to Mr Wolsey, Mr. Belmont, Mr Garrard, Mr. Chedgey, and indeed to all of you. Only the fact that I must leave at the end of the year saddens me. When I am back in Germany you can imagine I will definitely feel homesick about our good Wymondham College.

RASK KRUGER

THE CRUCIBLE

Mr David Pugh and Mr David Chedghey chose 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller for the 1975 school play. On the face of it a risky choice. It is a demanding play: profound, never 'entertaining'; a strange, remote setting in Puritanical Massachusetts, the quaintly stilted language of 1692, children possessed by the devil, much of the dramatic action simply reported, a high tension.

The play demands a high degree of intellectual and emotional dedication from the actors. There must have been a point in the preparatory work when the spirit of the thing took hold of all concerned, because, by the time it was staged, there was an intensity and integrity about it that was bound to react upon the audience and produce a curiously positive response of surprised acceptance or uneasy rejection – rejection of the play, that is, not of the performance, which was admirable.

The play communicates on several levels. Uppermost, there is a concern with witchcraft, superstition and witch-hunting, occult matters that are having a sadly significant vogue in our own time. This aspect came across well, although it was at this lurid, hocus-pocus level that the spell might easily have been broken. We shall long remember that frightening crescendo when the wilful Abigail, interpreted with intelligent timing and force by Deborah Wolsey, sees the devilish 'bird' in the rafters of the Meeting House and leads the 'bewitched' girls, played by Judith Best, Caroline Young and Lindsay Macrae, in a shrill chorus that annihilates sanity and reason. Miller is more concerned with where superstition takes his characters than with its immediate origins, but his tragic conclusion is preceded by a kind of 'flash-back' reminding us of the crazy Sarah Good and the negress, Tituba, acted by Alison Meldrum and Deborah Howard, whose silly prattle had been the start of the disastrously mounting hysteria.

Then there is a second level at which we are concerned with the psychology of an inward-looking community. The author writes in his introduction to the play of the pent-up aggressions, frustrations and guilt-complexes of Puritan Salem. We saw its representatives, bad and good, well differentiated in this production. Clive Smith was a convincing enough Reverend Parris, in dire need of a cause through which to assert himself more effectively in the eyes of his parishioners. Dean Bostock, as

Thomas Putnam, contrived to typify the vindictive, grasping villager. These were well supported by Andrea Young, as Putnam's wife, Jonathon Wright as Marshal Herrick and Michael Carroll as Ezekiel Cheever. Together they had to demonstrate how fair judgment, discrimination and responsibility may be dispersed by a contagious, collective excitement that is a cloak for self-interest.

There were contrasting characters, of course. Adrian Gleadhill found a discreet measure of Norfolk rusticity appropriate to the tragi-comic Giles Corey. Old Coray, together with Rebecca and Francis Nurse (Julie Maurer and Alasdair Symonds) represented a simple goodness, persecuted by corrupt neighbours, but maintaining to the end courage and human dignity.

We are shown in the play what can happen when collective irresponsibility receives the endorsement of 'authority' and 'intellectual' leadership. The stages of alienation are clearly marked. Paul Schofield might perhaps have lent the Reverend Hale, the witch-catcher from Beverly, more intellectual verve, but he sustained the necessary edge of fanaticism. Thomas Howe's Judge Hawthorn was remorseless and alarmingly obtuse, an automaton in comparison with the highest representative of established justice that cannot know defeat, Deputy-Governor Danforth, a 'hanging-judge' and proud of his reputation. A difficult part, this. We are now concerned with the play as a parable showing the equation of moral right with official policy, of opposition with treason. It is as well to remind ourselves that Arthur Miller, writing in the fifties when the Cold War was a good deal chillier than at present, was thinking of political extremism and an up-to-date system of witch-hunting for Reds under America's extremely comfortable beds. Accordingly, Danforth has to impose himself massively upon our intellectual awareness when he appears. Timothy Eaton was well cast to do this. True, there were moments of near melodrama, when we might have been excused for hissing the villain, but his portrayal of quick, anxious, bossy astuteness carried him through and he did much to establish the pace for the Court House sequence in the third act.

We are left with three characters who have a quite particular strength of humanity. Here, too, the producers had done some skilful casting; these key figures were portrayed with notable sensitivity. For a while the wretched Mary Warren occupies a pivotal position in the play. Too weak after all to hold out against malevolence and the wiles of the domineering Abigail, she has to be played as a well-meaning but easily misled child, terrified out of her mind by the pressures that are brought to bear upon her. Lynn Powell managed this very persuasively, never relinquishing an essential, taut nervousness of manner. The hero's wife, Elizabeth Proctor, is twice forced into a position where she may determine the whole course of events. Ruth Green, in this role, had a strong stage presence. The restraint, humility and self-denial of her unsentimentalised interpretation deserve to be described as moving. Lastly, John Proctor, the powerful figure at the centre of 'The Crucible' is a truly tragic creation. Steven Betts played this part with great feeling, sustaining the complex characterization well, never losing track, amid all the emotion, of the precious self-respect of this tormented man. This was especially true at the climactic point – where the play reaches its deepest philosophical level – when Proctor

experiences the Sartrean realization that a man is essentially the sum of all his acts and cannot bring himself to place his name upon his dishonest 'confession'. It is at this moment that the nerve of tragedy is touched: we grieve at the fall of man but rejoice at the ultimate vindication of his spirit.

'The Crucible' was performed on a functional, black, cubistic ramp of telling plainness. Simple lighting effects heightened the physical presence of a few bold, homely objects, furniture and chattels. The first scene was dominated by the tall four-poster bed on which the child lay in a trance. When the stage was filled with costumes, the sober hues of Puritanism, the result had some of the well-delineated charm of a De Hooch interior, in nice contrast with the violence of the sentiments. The scene in the Meeting House was almost painfully austere, much black upon black, as though to symbolise the sinister trend of the human machinations, expressed in flexible groupings made possible by an essentially practical stage-set, in which Mr. Chedghey's dual role was apparent.

An outstanding modern play, but demanding uncompromisingly high standards in production. Producers, actors and helpers worked to fulfil this very condition. A stimulating, disturbing play. After the first night there was a flutter of uncertainty as to the appropriateness of this strong, alarming stuff on a school stage, and, no doubt, several grannies went home upset. But by the end of the run there was a frank and general recognition that this school play had a power all of its own and the obvious, almost embarrassing involvement of those who had tried to communicate this involvement was itself a salutary achievement in Wymondham College, where we all need more such opportunities to allow an enthusiasm to flower and be seen to flower.

J.M.

On and on . . .

Quietly the day drags on,
creeping on padded feet –
crawling sometimes,
if it gets hot,
or nimbly jumping, leaping
through the cold.
Dark shadows lay themselves
at my feet, pulling their wierdness
in front of me when I move.
So quietly,
without complaint,
it all happens,
running smoothly
on to the end.

Jo Mills (Year 4)

Harvest

A floating, heavy fragrance
lingers calmly in the
clear morning air,
dulling all senses, refreshing
the brain with beautiful memories.
But even now in the midst of
yesterday we are still buckled
with blistering reminders of the
mechanical world.
The background is lost of the
dreamy days of scythe and
gathering, and all is dominated
by combine and roaring
drying mechanism.
Only one thing remains constant:
Man and Crop.

G. Larrington (Year 3)

Influenza

The room, so dull,
Faded, decrepit,
Prominent then smudged together,
Prominent then smudged together,
Is all in time with the aching mallet
Beating incessant strokes upon
My skull.
My eyes, it seems, the devil has
Exchanged for red – hot pokers.
At the window a face stares
Down, so terrible I cannot look
At it directly;
Must be a god,
Gloating over my pain.

G. Larrington (Year 3)

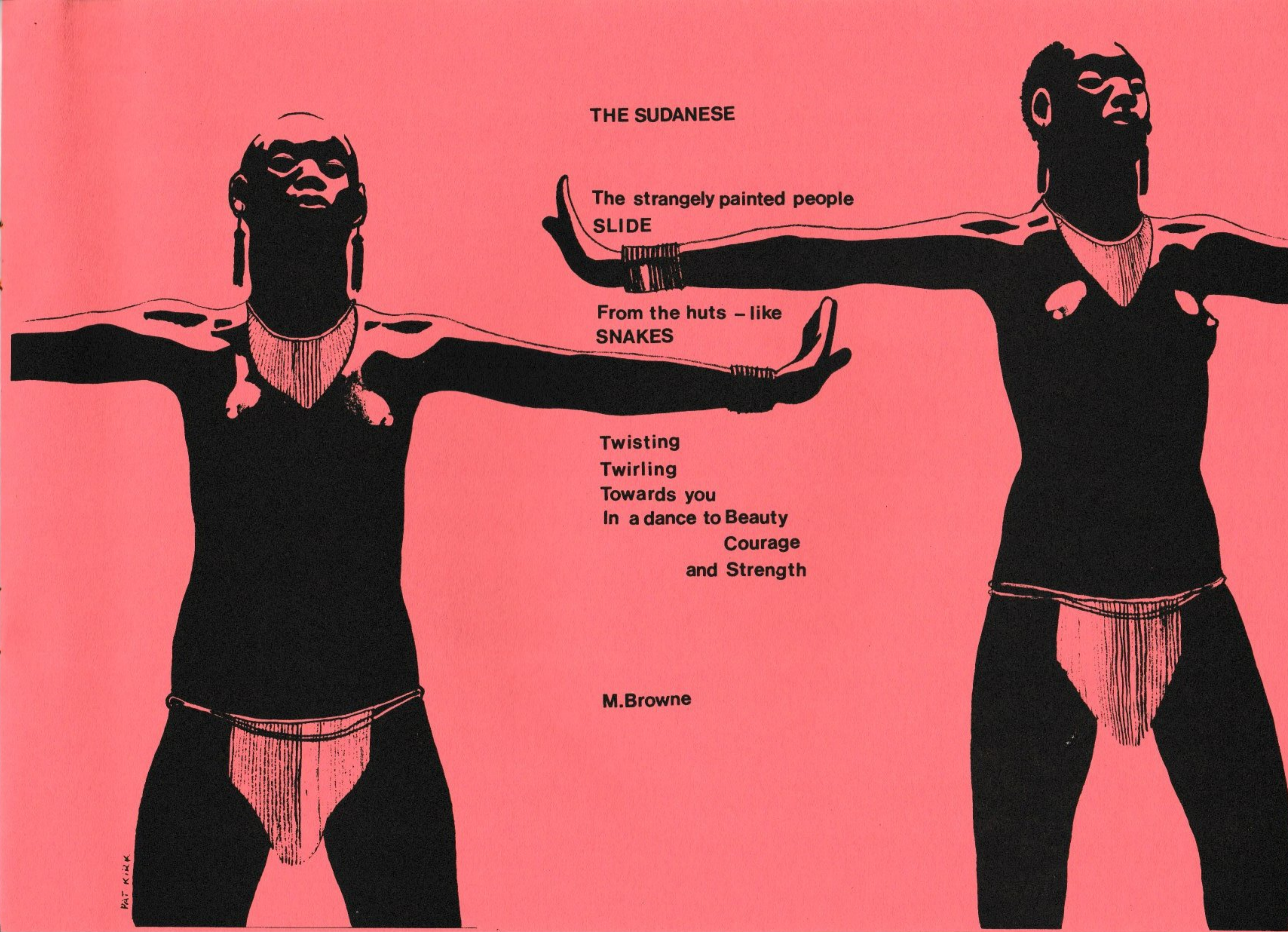
THE SUDANESE

The strangely painted people
SLIDE

From the huts – like
SNAKES

Twisting
Twirling
Towards you
In a dance to Beauty
Courage
and Strength

M. Browne



THE END . . .

Val lay on her back on the floor. The afternoon sun penetrated the closed curtains only at the sides. The floor was an ocean of paper; the words dead and dry, like crumpled leaves; the coffee lay cold in a chipped mug. A cassette machine whirred in the corner, the music floating to oblivion. In her mind Val turned over possibilities for the beginning of a song, but found nothing suitable. Beside her lay an old guitar, and a bottle of ink. Both were still, collecting dust as they collected seconds.

A clock chimed four and Val sat up suddenly. The tear in her jeans advanced precariously up her leg, and her hand caught the mug of coffee, tipping it slowly on its side. The black stain spread like a shadow over the pale blue of the carpet. On reaching the paper it dissolved the words as effectively as any acid, killing the fruits of the afternoon in one fell swoop, like a child knocking over the soldiers it has so carefully set in place.

Val straightened up, her hand at her back, kneading the spot where a monotonous ache had taken up residence. Slowly she gathered together her papers, working as if in a trance, and placed them in a loose-leaf file, a remnant of the happy days at school. Walking to the cabinet she placed them inside, and turned to watch the coffee stain growing, like an oil slick, on the pale blue ocean of the floor. Her hand rose to her mouth as she realized what she had done. Forcing her legs forward, she ran to the kitchen, returning seconds later with a cloth.

Dusk was falling as Val's car sped towards the distant lights of Hollywood's centre. Her mind was working overtime now, as she tried hard to remember the words of the songs they would ask her to sing. Her guitar was sitting beside her, the metal of its strings glinting in the twilight. Her mind ran through the chords as her lips formed the words:

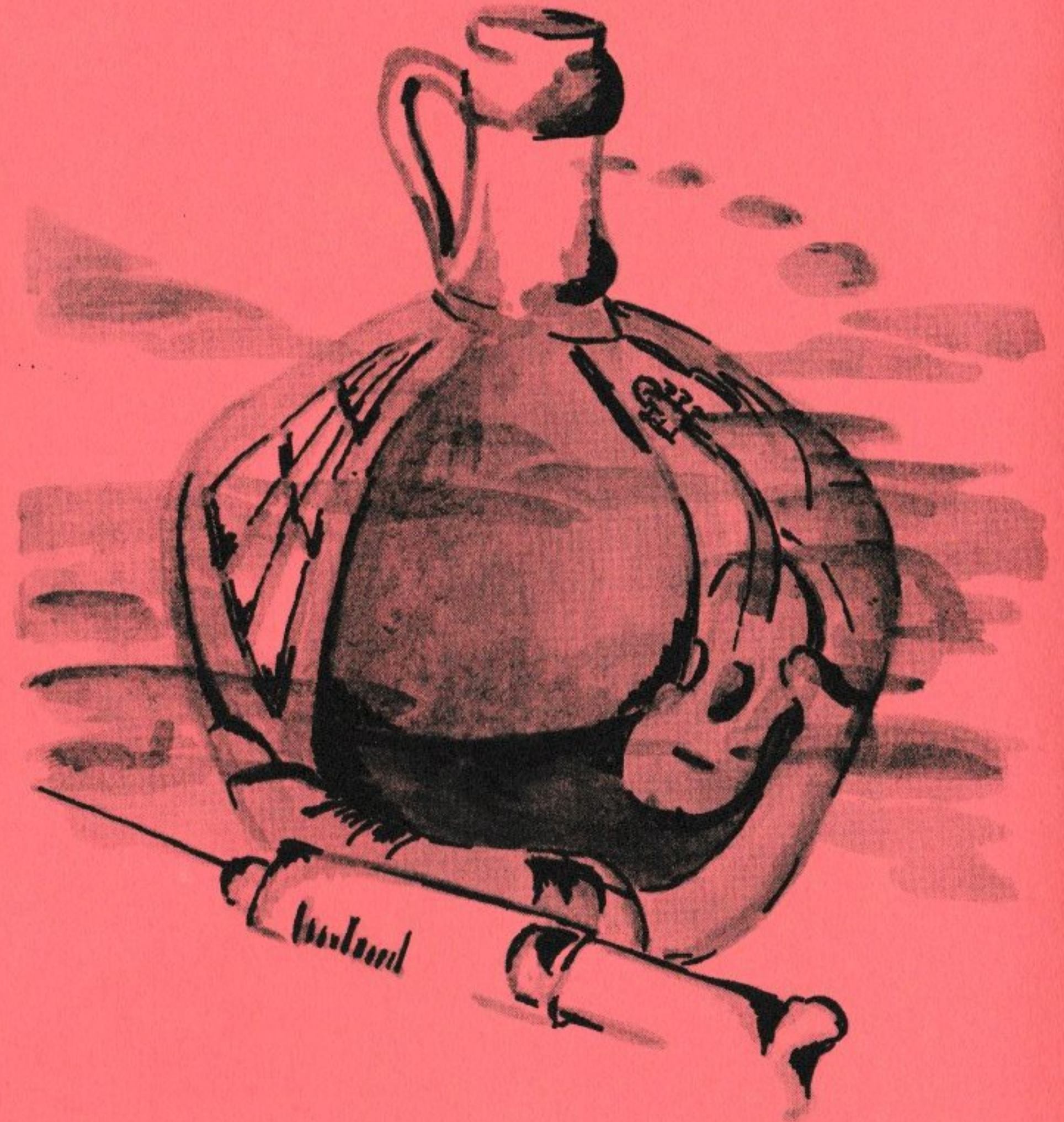
'And when the moon is in the sky,
I know that I must go, or die,
But dreams are clouds that block the sun
And disappear when day is done. . . .'

The hall was filled with smoke, and people cheering and clapping. Val drank deeply from a bottle of Tequila which someone had passed up from the seething void of the audience. Empty beer cans littered the floor, the stage, the seats. People whom Val had never seen were singing the words she only wrote a day ago . . . or was it a year? The lights painted her face in the massed colours of an artist's palette, and her plain black clothes were red and yellow, and green and brown, and every time she moved they changed their colour. Only one thing remained the same — the audience, the deep black hole, full of nameless faces and faceless names, was a void, a void from which sound jumped like an electric storm and all for the solitary lady on the stage.

After the show the people filed out, leaving behind them a jungle of tin cans and glass bottles; the occasional ripped seat. The light in their eyes was saddening — to have placed so much faith in one girl, and valued her above all else.

Val drove her car home through the neon centre of the city and out into the cold, blank suburbs. When she reached home she took out a small wooden box, and placed it on the floor, sitting down beside it with an abstract air of innocence. Then, taking a hypodermic syringe from the box, she shot a dose of almost pure heroin into her scarred, marked arm, hoping to end her life for at least the rest of the night. How was she to know that this time the curtains would stay closed?

PAMELA BOXALL (Year 5)



Patient Killer of the Marshes

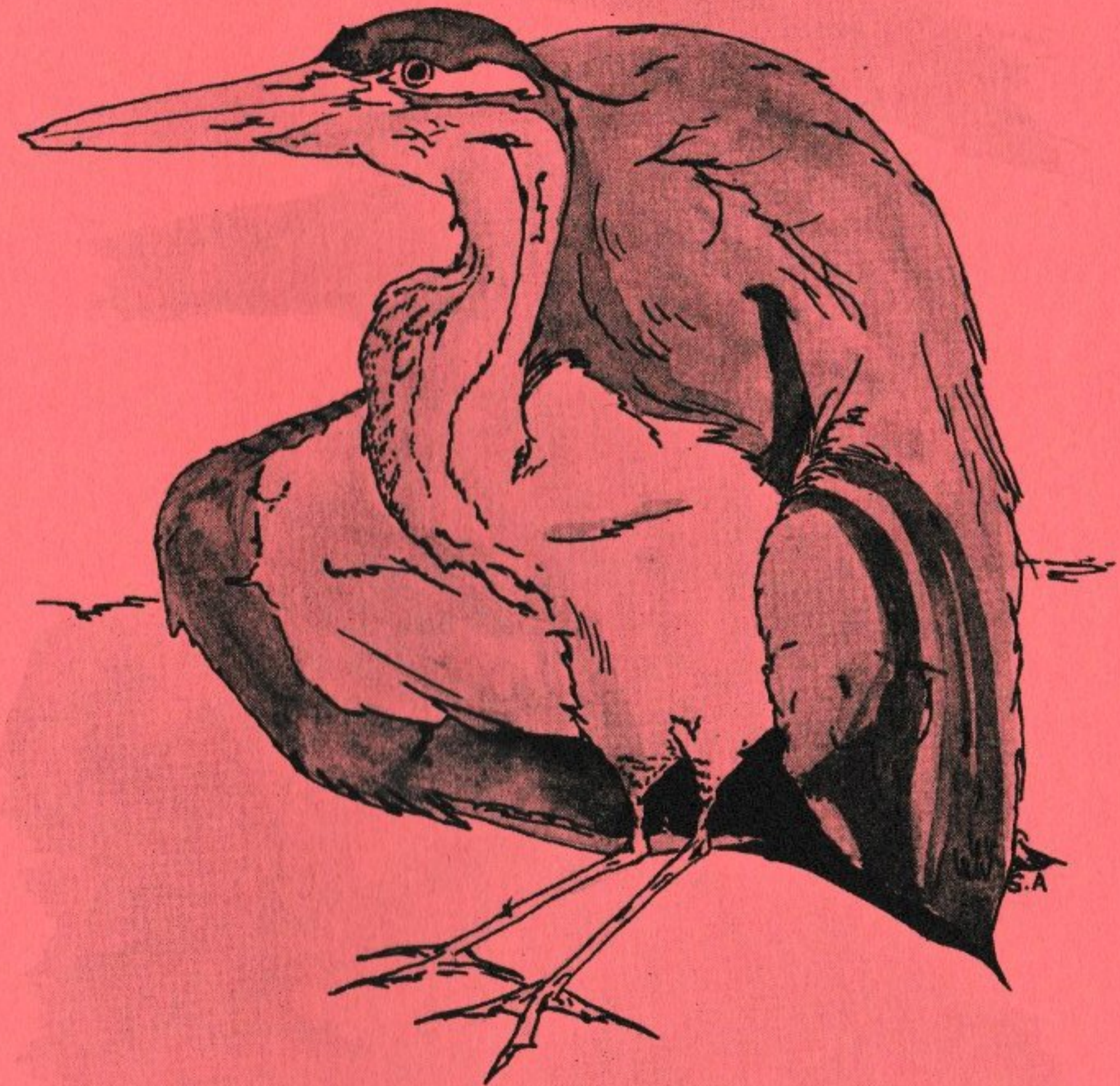
The Heron stands still,
One-legged,
Like some story-book pirate of old
Clothed in a shawl
Hanging, straggling, down his back.

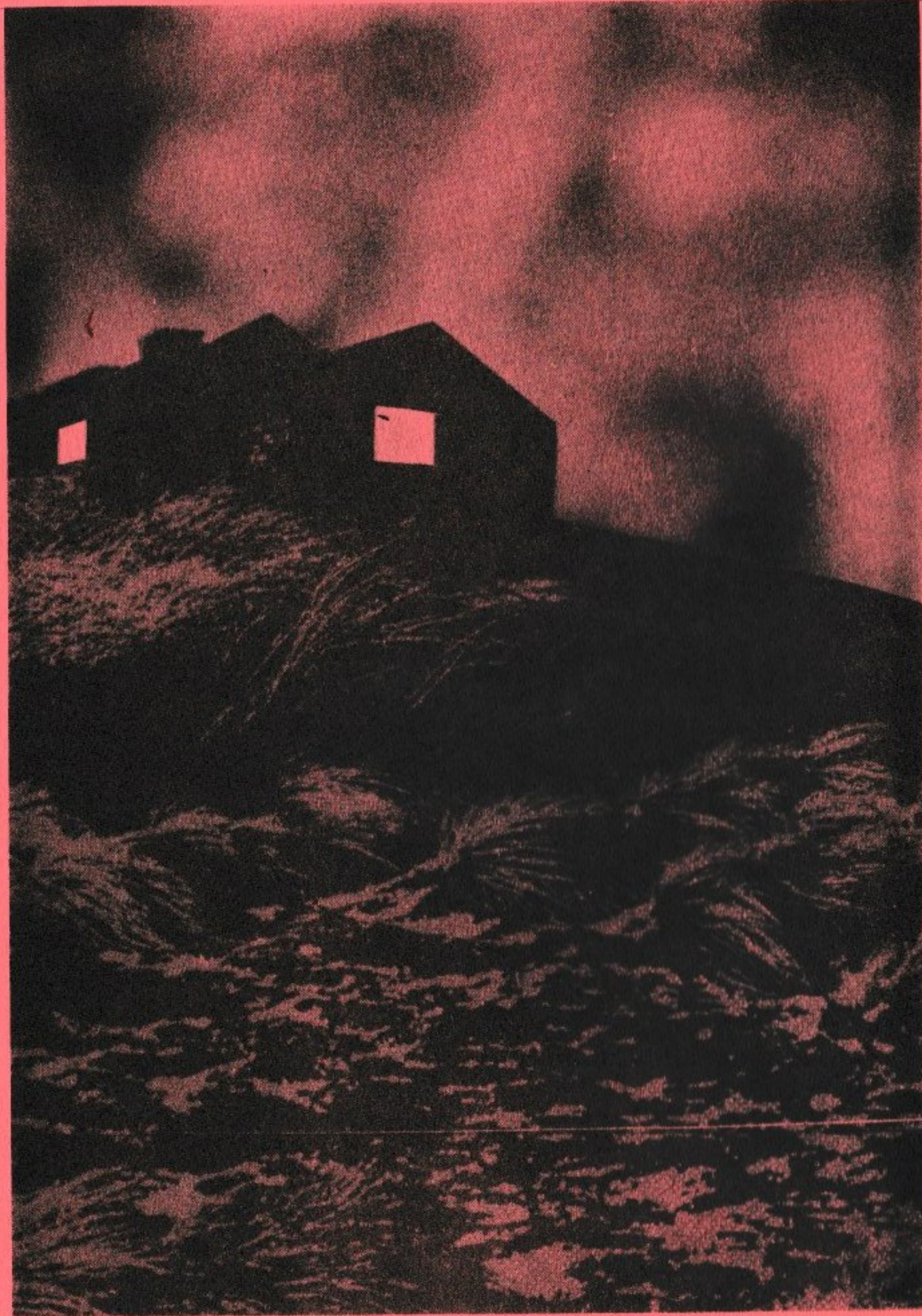
The head rests low
Between hunched shoulders,
Hands behind his back
Like a crotchety schoolmaster
Standing over some wretched child.

He seems asleep,
Head held low,
Like a drowsy magistrate
Listening to some droning lawyer . . .

A ripple of water —
A sudden movement!
No longer a pirate,
Nor teacher,
Nor judge,
But killer with razor-sharp weapon —
The patient Killer of the marshes!

John Tubby (Year 3)





THE STORM

The rain beat its tiny fists
Upon the suffering pane,
And gloomy, evil
Towers of dark
Cast shadows on the road.

The west wind howled in fury,
Bronzed tree leaves floated down,
As message-bearing
Poles of oak
Came crashing to their knees.

A flashing light struck from the sky
Darting serpent-like, its tongue
The poisoned charge —
A barkless tree —
The snake had been, and stung.

Philip Isbill (Year 3)

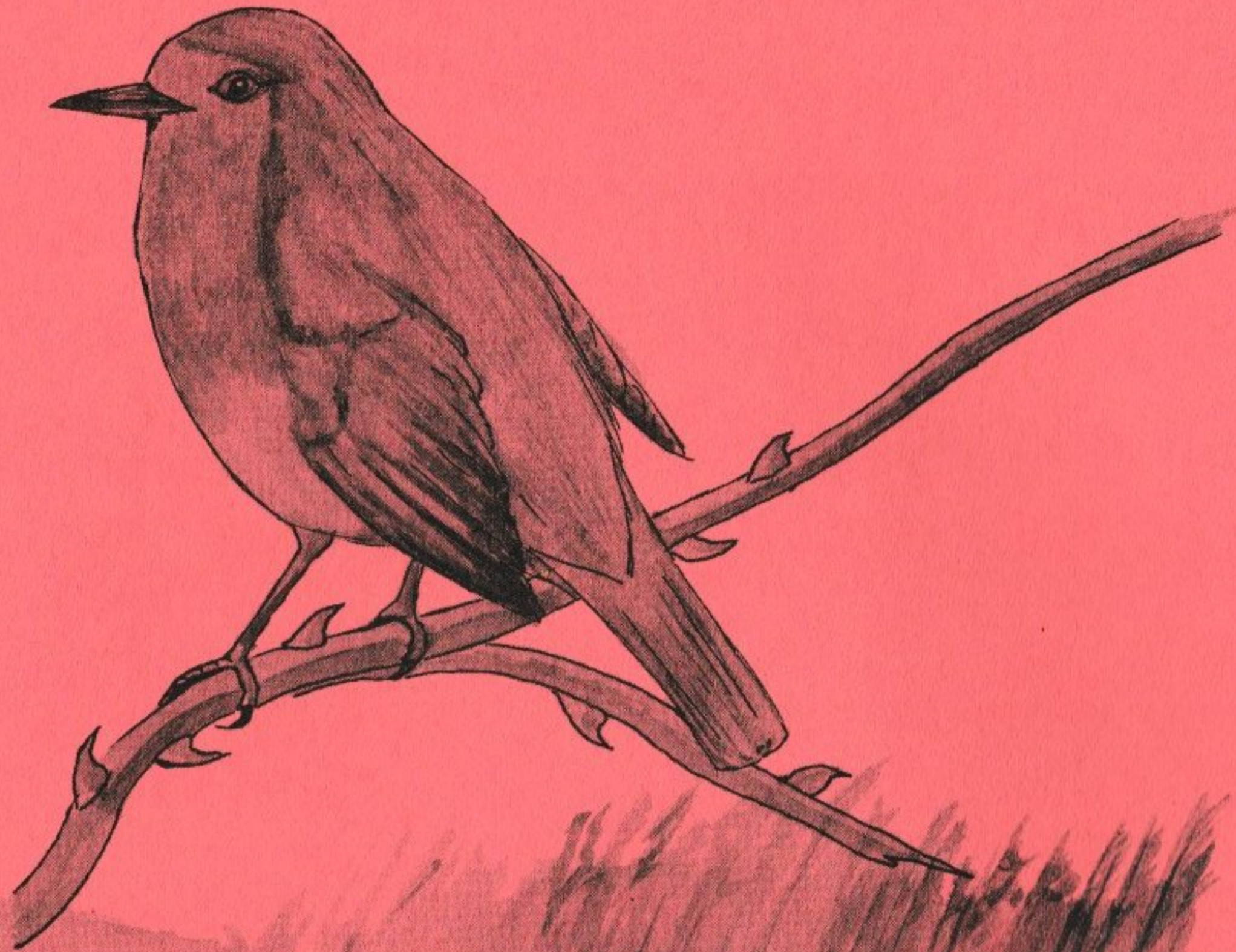


Robin

The sun smiles down upon
The lush grasses dancing to
The soft sweet music as
The soothing, smoothing breeze
Plays amongst bullrushes at the
Side of the river, distorting
Reflection, meddling at
Water's edge.

Here, or somewhere near,
A robin lies; the mark of
Cupid's arrow on his breast,
Displays his chest, proud
To show the mark of a god.
Perhaps he is divine —
A voice so singular,
A note that waltzes on the breeze,
A sound so gay and floating —
Holding the world in awe.

G Larrington





Abertay Sands

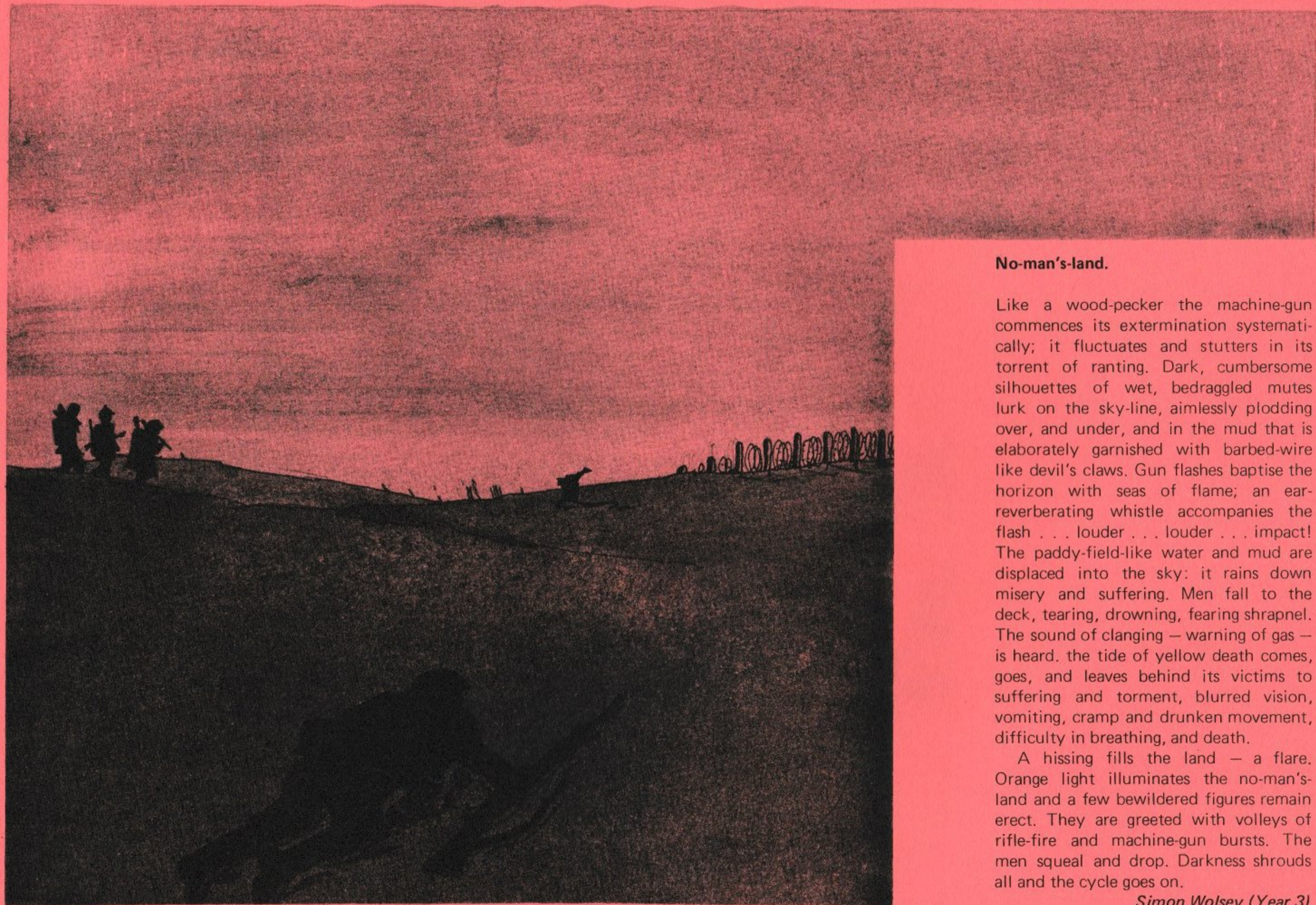
We took ourselves down
To the sands at Abertay
And there we floated postcards out to sea
Neither of us spoke.
A gull emerged, all smeared in black,
Dived down to our heads and pecked our hair.
Waves lapped up and covered us a while, then slid away.
People on the promenade stared out, across us.
Into distant lights.

Trouser legs rolled up and pressing heavy round our thighs
We paddled, heedlessly, amongst the shallows
Careful not to step on broken glass
Bursting dark brown lumps of air in seaweed
Carried their white corpses home in jars
Only to be told our crabs were dead.

This time there was no one there to rescue —
No one took us home in time for tea.
When the morning came we lay, quite cold.
Sand and gravel, nudged along by waves,
Struggled to conceal us in the earth
That is all it ever used to be — it hasn't changed
Hide and seek with nowhere left to hide.

Bryn Haworth (Year 6)

Bryn Haworth 1976 800



No-man's-land.

Like a wood-pecker the machine-gun commences its extermination systematically; it fluctuates and stutters in its torrent of ranting. Dark, cumbersome silhouettes of wet, bedraggled mutes lurk on the sky-line, aimlessly plodding over, and under, and in the mud that is elaborately garnished with barbed-wire like devil's claws. Gun flashes baptise the horizon with seas of flame; an ear-reverberating whistle accompanies the flash . . . louder . . . louder . . . impact! The paddy-field-like water and mud are displaced into the sky: it rains down misery and suffering. Men fall to the deck, tearing, drowning, fearing shrapnel. The sound of clanging — warning of gas — is heard. the tide of yellow death comes, goes, and leaves behind its victims to suffering and torment, blurred vision, vomiting, cramp and drunken movement, difficulty in breathing, and death.

A hissing fills the land — a flare. Orange light illuminates the no-man's-land and a few bewildered figures remain erect. They are greeted with volleys of rifle-fire and machine-gun bursts. The men squeal and drop. Darkness shrouds all and the cycle goes on.

Simon Wolsey (Year 3)

BRYN HAWORTH

My Dream (The Unknown)

As the Devil told God's father,
'This green is pink'
My narrow minded brain
Questioned and said,
'Green is green and
pink is pink not green.'
Time went on . . .

Out of an orange peel
(Or perhaps that orange was blue?)
Appeared a Loch Ness monster
Wearing a flying saucer hat.
And I thought of the past that had been
(But why had the past been?
Couldn't it be coming?)
Then the door of the coffin slammed open
And a moon came out.
We paddled in the mid-Pacific
While unknown depths
Swirled above us.
We walked on a Martian beach.
But where was the sand?
And why did the yellow sea
Taste of vinegar?

Jo Mills (Year 4)



SOCIETIES

Once again the Staff have provided a full range of activities to cater for most needs. In making a statement of this kind you will realise that the programme will reflect the dedication and energy of the Staff. If their spirits are high they will give freely of their time. The fact that once again there have been more than 90 clubs and societies means that they have done just this. Whether or not pupils have responded with quite the same enthusiasm is open to some doubt. It may be necessary to remind our pupil readers that they should, if boarders, be taking part in at least two clubs and activities while there are ample opportunities for day pupils to take part in at least one activity.

It would of course be impossible here to summarise the work of all activities, but just to mention some new clubs that have started during the year. The Science Club has been one of the most interesting, catering for small numbers, but therefore able to investigate such topics as Bronze Casting with Dr Joyner, the design of Optical Instruments with Mr Timmins. Electronics with Mr Shuter and Chemistry experiments with Mrs du Parc.

The Table Tennis Club has emerged in a new format, having the use of Tomlinson Hall for all except the examination periods. This has meant an opportunity for more practice on three tables (four next year) and the improvements in playing standards have been startling. The U14 and U16 teams finished in the middle of the Norfolk School League and the U14 team led by Thorogood of Kett were responsible for the upset of the season, beating a very strong Attleborough side 5-3. The Handicap Tournament proved a great success and was eventually won rather easily by Cooke of Cavell a Norwich League player with a generous handicap allowance, which I can assure him will be reduced next year.

Many other clubs have stimulated interest and thought. Mr Paxton reports there have been regular weekly meetings of the Junior Debating Society right up to Easter. He also reports that two other societies have met every week throughout the school year up to the time of printing. In the case of the Astronomical Society, where individual members shoulder a lot of the burden for talks and discussion, Van Eden, Andrew Allen, Andrew Clough, Richard Martin, Stephen Dougdale, Martin Young and Billy Barlow all deserve special mention; the interest and support also given to them by another member of staff, Mr Leonard, has been greatly appreciated.

In regard to the Classical Society, special thanks go not only to our large number of able and willing supporters from the 2nd Year, but also to our principal readers and preparers of questions from the 3rd Year: Belinda Barker, Cheryl Warton and Adina Watkins. The enthusiasm, time and energy put in by pupils to these societies has been most heart-warming and worthwhile.

A small number of dedicated girls have enjoyed their Woodwork with Mr English while as always the Boys Cookery Club led by Mrs Norton and Miss Butts have cooked some magnificent fare. (I wonder why Mr Brand likes to visit this club about 5.15 p.m.?)

The Saturday evening programme has met with varying success, but it is clear that the 6th and 7th Years now have little need for social activities in College. Juniors and Intermediates have supported the activities with their usual enthusiasm.

A final thought. In a recent survey held by the Times, 90% of the people questioned gave their spare time occupation as Television. There are some good programmes on the T.V., particularly the childrens' programmes, but too many of us are guilty of sitting down and watching whatever is on and then with a feeling of guilt we realise what trash we have been watching.

Be selective in your use of your leisure time. Make use of some of the activities provided for your age group. Learn to play Squash, Bridge, Volleyball, Chess, to go canoeing, or any other activities provided. Do something new. Don't be like the first year boy who when asked what he did in his spare time said, "Watch television" and when asked what club he went to said "T.V. Club".

*A. G. SEELEY
Warden of Societies*

THE BRIDGE CLUB REPORT

The Bridge Club was formed at the beginning of this school year by Mr Garton and like most ventures had a few teething problems. The attendance of the first half-term varied from 1 to 12. However, the club has now settled down and has meetings for experienced players on Wednesdays, and for beginners on Thursday in M5.

The highlight of the year was the Bridge tournament on Sunday 14 March, which despite a little confusion at the start went well. Lincoln Hall took all the prizes - £4 to be shared between the first two pairs. First were L. Dark and N. Fletcher with 54 points, second were K. Bradley and A. Abbey with 53 points, and the runners-up were S. Turner and S. Mortimore with 47 points.

Overall it has been a good year and we look forward to many more 'grand slams'.

ALISTAIR HOOPER

BUSINESS GAMES

Seven College teams took part in various national competitions this year, while two internal games kept a large number of sixth-formers busy with their slide-rules, calculators and the financial pages of their newspapers.

The Chartered Accountants' Game proved particularly exciting this year with the College team reaching the quarter finals. In this round of the competition the team had to run a business under conditions of inflation, government controls and industrial disputes. The two million pounds profit that they made were imaginary, but the nail-biting tension of waiting for the twice-weekly computer print-out threatened to produce some genuine board-room ulcers.

The internal game of 'Inflation Proofer' required contestants to speculate in Stock Exchange securities to try to beat the rise in the cost of living over the year. At the time of going to press the leaders in this game are the syndicate composed of A. Brannen, A. Hooper, S. Pegg and K. Rutterford.

Although most of the participants in this year's games have come from those who are studying economics the Business Games Society is open to all sixth-formers. It is hoped that more non-economists will find their way to the society's meetings next year.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Thursday Group

It was thought that some account should appear in print to expose and enlarge upon the activities of the Thursday section of the Photographic Society. The group has focused on developing basic techniques such as developing, printing and enlarging black and white films. Members have used the facilities provided by the society to process their own material. Flashes of inspiration have not affected the tone of the weekly meetings although some new ideas have filtered through. Members have taken a positive view towards their work even in situations which have not been black and white and there is no evidence that we can expect a reversal of this trend.

Friday Group

The Friday group of the Photographic Society has tried its hand at a wide range of subjects and techniques. The subjects have included portraiture, pets, and practically anything else that would stay in the viewfinder long enough to be photographed. The techniques have included toning of prints, lith film copying, pseudo-solarisation, bas relief and various other methods of picture distortion. Members were able to be of assistance to the art department by some copying work and Hauschild's action packed photograph of the Young Liberals Tiddly-winks Race in London Street, Norwich was featured on the front page of the Eastern Daily Press and the Wymondham and Attleborough Express no less. The group has ambitious plans for the near future which they are reluctant to divulge in case nothing works properly, in which case they will pretend to be doing something else.

CHESS CLUB

After good attendances early in the Autumn term the number of people attending chess club dropped sharply. After Christmas there were often less than 6 at a meeting. The lack of regular support made it difficult to plan special activities and also made it difficult to select the best junior team. Nine different players were used before the team became more or less settled.

There are far more pupils in the school playing chess than are ever seen at the chess club. I am sure that some of them must be better players than several of those who have played for the teams. I only wish they would declare themselves. Can it be that the lack of any obvious recognition, such as a lion, for even the best players discourages some of them from showing any interest in playing for the school team?

It is obvious from the results below that both teams have finished well down the league. However recent junior results and the performances of certain individuals suggests that, with the help of some of the hidden talent mentioned above, we can regain the high standard of previous years.

The Norfolk Schools' Congress was attended by six players. Although no prizes were won, unless you count Sketcher's wooden spoon, all six learned from the experience.

Despite the poor senior team results we again provided two players for the county under 19 team. These were Smith (4 times) and Symes (twice).

The house competition was again won by Fry who beat Lincoln 4-2 in the final.

Finally I would like to thank the Societies fund (provided by the P.S.A.) for making the Framlingham match possible and Mr Poulton and Mr Wheeldon for organising the matches.

RICHARD SYMES

Results:

Sunday Times v Hewett 3-3 (won on handicap),
v Framlingham College ½-5½

| League | Opponents | Senior result | Junior result |
|--------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Sprowston | 3-2 | 1-4 |
| | Norwich | 0-5 | 2-3 |
| | Thorpe | 1-4 | 1-4 |
| | Hellesdon | - | 3-2 |
| | Norfolk College | 2½-2½ | - |
| | Fakenham | 2½-2½ | 3½-1½ |
| | St. Andrews | - | 2½-2½ |
| | Eaton | 1½-3½ | 2-3 |
| | Cromer | - | 2½-2½ |
| | Thetford | 2-3 | - |
| | Hewett | - | 3-2 |

Those who played were:

Seniors: R. Symes, I Smith, S. Higginbottom, M. Carrington, S. Mortimore, K. Sketcher, G. Wilson.

Juniors: P. Churcher, M. Johnson, G. Garrett, S. McDonnell, K. Sketcher, T. Chettleburgh, R. Ogle, S. Cunningham, F. Moll.

THE HISTORY SOCIETY

CANOE CLUB FOR BEGINNERS, years 1 and 2

Each House gets six weeks of instruction, one afternoon each week, during which time individuals should pick up basic skills, though it must be emphasised that taking a canoe on a river is a much more serious undertaking — the pool has no currents or tides!

Capsize practice, usually approached nervously at first, pays dividends later on. Some individuals seemed to spend more time in the water than in their canoe; it is rumoured that Joanne Marsh (Peel) has webbed feet!

While boys showed a little more bravado at first, it was interesting to note the degree of control and skill that the girls displayed during the sixth session. Most found that paddling forwards in a straight line was the greatest problem. Sketcher (Lincoln) was a good example of perseverance to overcome this; others must follow his lead.

For those in the second year who did not get a chance in 1975/76, the club will operate on a House basis again next term.

BASKETBALL CLUB FOR BEGINNERS, years 1 and 2

Playing to much simplified rules within the confines of the gymnasium about 20 boys have belonged to the club for at least a term. Clearly those 'tall for their age' were at an advantage, but it was encouraging to watch the progress of some of the smaller individuals. Russell (New) developed considerable skill and an ability to 'read the game', while even the 'diminutive duo' of Jonathan Cordle and Andrew Lane (Kett) threatened the basket! Gregory Simonds (New) will be a very useful addition to the 3rd and 4th year team next year.

One match with Eaton (CNS) was arranged, and lost. Their height was the deciding factor. So, tall first years, please!

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Ouch! Heated philosophical argument at times resembles a wrestling match. Ah-ha! Now we have our opponent in the grip of a very nasty Ignoratio Elenchi. Now we've floored him with a violent antinomy. Look, he's down! Quick! Go and fetch Oakham's razor . . . Hey, that's not really fair — not in a wrestling match! All right, then. We'll have mercy this time. Revive him with a quick Categorical Imperative and help him to his feet with some supporting Ontological Arguments. Now, Sir, how do you feel? Still a little bit groggy? Well, look. Consider an ideal cow munching some metaphysical grass in a field of empirical dilemmas . . . Oh . . . I see . . . you've had enough food for thought? It's all in the mind anyway. "What is?" No matter! "What is the matter?" Oh, never mind! "Hmm, I've heard that before somewhere." Well, according to Plato, we have all known everything before, and our lives are a process of recollection. "But, what have we forgotten?" That is the ideal we are all trying to remember. "Aaggh . . .! I can't stand it!" Well, please take a seat then. We clearly have much to discuss . . . there is so little time, you know. "But what is time really?" Ah, at last we are beginning to make progress!

J.P.

This year the History Society has flourished and has carried out a substantial programme. We started off with this year's "Historical Mastermind" competition which, with forty competitors involved, proved a great success. Large audiences supported each round, and a hard-fought final brought the ultimate victory of Neil McGregor who astounded us by his encyclopaedic knowledge of World War II.

Having got off to a spectacular start, the society sat back to absorb the erudition of Doctor Daeley in his lecture on "Reformation Personalities" which proved to be of great value to students of that period. This event was followed by a debate organized by the Sixth Year entitled "Only strong government can solve the problems of democracy". The motion was narrowly defeated and democracy was thus preserved. Later in the term, Sixth Form history students were able to meet the staff at a coffee evening (courtesy of Mrs Hoare) to talk about the course in an informal way which proved conducive to a fruitful and enjoyable discussion. The evening was rounded off by a sound-filmstrip on the reformation which enlightened us on many aspects of this complex subject.

The coming of the Easter term saw the society again active. Soon after the term began, the Fourth Year organized a debate with the motion "History shows that women are unfitted for power and responsibility". The motion was heavily defeated-despite the heroic efforts of the two male speakers proposing it — and equality for the sexes won another victory. Soon after this debate, Professor Ashton of the University of East Anglia, came to the College to deliver a lecture to the History Sixth entitled "Court and Country in early Stuart England". Professor Ashton is a leading authority on the early Stuart period and has written several books and articles on the subject. His lecture was extremely informative and we are very grateful to him for giving up his time in this manner. Groups of students have also been to the University of East Anglia and the Norwich Library Lecture Theatre to hear lectures on the theme of Revolutions: the "Puritan Revolutions: the "Puritan Revolution", the American Revolution, the 1848 Revolution and the Russian Revolution.

I would like to end this report by thanking Mr. Hoare for his organizational feats without which the society would not long survive in its present state. His labours are, I think, rewarded by the fact that the society is expanding in scope and is gaining fresh support each term. I can only hope it will wax even greater in years to come.

T. EATON

ENGINEERING SOCIETY REPORT

Although it started the year enthusiastically the Engineering Society, one of the College's largest societies and one which actually shows a profit, was stricken this year by an air of apathy.

Our first lecture was given by Autowrappers and, although the lecture was somewhat disappointing, it was well attended. The second was far better as a lecture, but already apathy was beginning to descend – only 30 people attended the interesting and well-presented talk and film show from Mr Day and Mr Porter. Thanks go to Graeme for organising much of this lecture. The final lecture was something of an embarrassment for the ten-or-so dedicated members who came to listen to the excellent talk from Mr. Gibson, an engineer from Boulton and Paul. Despite the weak turn out the lecture was well worthwhile. Other lectures from Honda Motorcycles and Wing Commander Wallis (Autogyros) were cancelled due to lack of interest.

In February, at the request of Mr. Hoskins, President of the Norwich Engineering Society, which has given the College much support in the past, the society was presented by the Gasboard with a colossal model of a gas reforming plant which cost £10,000. The model is now on display in T1.

The profit made by the society was used to buy a silver-plated tray and a set of glasses for Mr. Moore, retiring secretary of the Norwich Engineering Society. As an individual Mr. Moore has probably done more to strengthen links between the College and professional engineers than anyone else. Members of the sixth form regularly take advantage of these links, attending the Norwich Engineering Society lectures and other functions like the annual dinner.

Finally, we thank Stephen Hyde and Stephen Pettitt for their assistance, and Mr. Goman and Mr. Edwards for their support.

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE FOLK CLUB

1975/76 witnessed five meetings of the club, guests being Ken Okines, Alex Atterson, Peasants All, Derek Brimstone and Martin Simpson. A total of ten performers (soloists or groups) supported these occasions, plus the justly well-received renderings from Dave Chedgey. 'Up My Family Tree' is now firmly established as a 'standard'!

As the year progressed a much greater willingness to participate in choruses greatly enhanced the evenings, as performers commented upon, and it was hoped that a group of perhaps four 'lads and lassies' would come forward to form a plain-song act (it's not as difficult as it sounds, folks!) Next year??

A lot of hard work was put in during the year by Ann, Julie, Sandra and Ros of Lincoln, arranging refreshments, and 'fixing' the raffle so shady characters such as Perkin, Sadd and Mr Morgan could win records of the performers!!! Many thanks to them.

There was a pupil who said that she didn't go to the Folk Club because she didn't know what folk music was. Feminine logic! Let's see you all in September – illogically if necessary!

N. V.

VOLLEYBALL CLUB FOR BEGINNERS, years 1 and 2

'Digs', 'sets' and 'spikes' should become the everyday language of those who have joined the volleyball club. After about two sessions at the club a marked improvement in play can be seen, and as the game caters for sixteen players quite comfortably a pool of ability is soon established.

A number of serves tended to bounce off those 'low clouds' in the sports hall, and the statuesque pose adopted under the net by some characters caused a few frustrated comments! However, it is hoped that continuing interest will increase skill, and the perhaps some inter-school matches could be played.

I.S.C.F. GROUP

What, you may wonder, is the ISCF group? What do I.S.C. and F all stand for? Perhaps the Irish Schools Chess Federation? No, ISCF stands for Inter Schools Christian Fellowship. In spite of what you may be led to think by a title like that, our weekly gatherings are not spent in halo polishing, or smug complacency as we contemplate the shortcomings of our post-Christian society. Nor are we, we hope, a holy huddle too concerned with our own problems to be in the slightest bothered with what goes on around us. However we do spend our meetings considering the relevance of a living Christian faith to life – especially life at school – in the 1970's.

Over the past year we have had discussions, talks, Bible studies, filmstrips, quizzes, barbeques, Any Questions sessions, and illustrated talks on Christian folk music, and modern Christian records. In June we hope to have a visit from Inspector P. Barnes of Norwich City Police to talk on the theme "My faith and my work", and earlier in the summer term we heard Miss L. Goulding, a local midwife, on the same theme.

On a bleak Saturday afternoon last winter several intrepid members of the group underwent a sponsored three-legged walk around the College, and raised £38.50 for Cancer Research and charities working in the Third World.

Our numbers over the year have steadily grown from 3 or 4 to a fairly regular 10 or 11, and we would like to thank Mr and Mrs Gooday, and Mr and Mrs Foley, who have respectively opened their homes to the Day pupils and Boarders, for their hospitality. We've still room for more however, and anyone is welcome to our meetings, full details of which can be found in the Societies Calender, and on the Societies noticeboard. Why not come along and see for yourselves what we do? We don't bite, and who knows, you might even enjoy it!

APW and ACH

FENCING REPORT

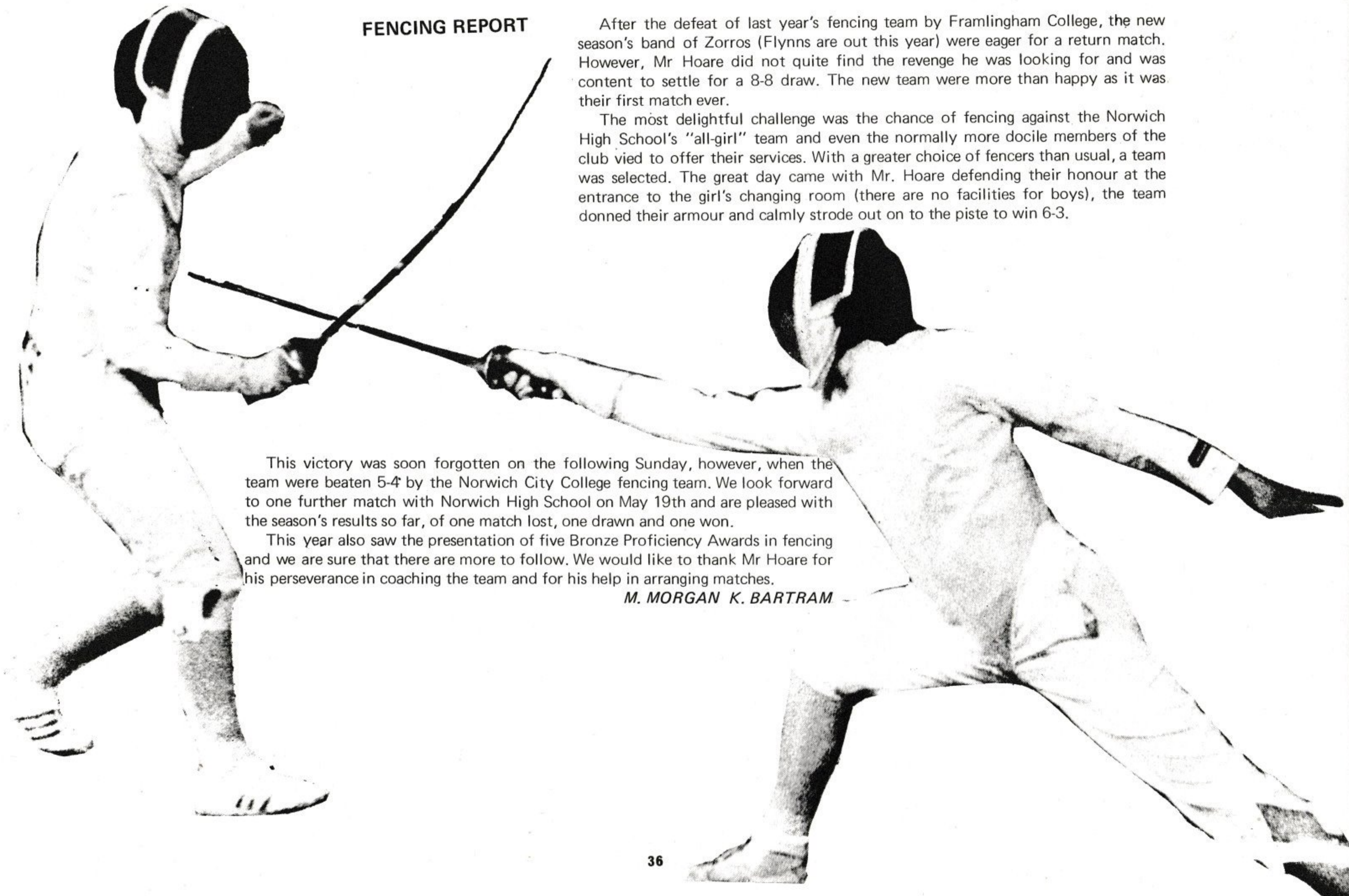
After the defeat of last year's fencing team by Framlingham College, the new season's band of Zorros (Flynn's are out this year) were eager for a return match. However, Mr Hoare did not quite find the revenge he was looking for and was content to settle for a 8-8 draw. The new team were more than happy as it was their first match ever.

The most delightful challenge was the chance of fencing against the Norwich High School's "all-girl" team and even the normally more docile members of the club vied to offer their services. With a greater choice of fencers than usual, a team was selected. The great day came with Mr. Hoare defending their honour at the entrance to the girl's changing room (there are no facilities for boys), the team donned their armour and calmly strode out on to the piste to win 6-3.

This victory was soon forgotten on the following Sunday, however, when the team were beaten 5-4 by the Norwich City College fencing team. We look forward to one further match with Norwich High School on May 19th and are pleased with the season's results so far, of one match lost, one drawn and one won.

This year also saw the presentation of five Bronze Proficiency Awards in fencing and we are sure that there are more to follow. We would like to thank Mr Hoare for his perseverance in coaching the team and for his help in arranging matches.

M. MORGAN K. BARTRAM



THE PET CLUB

A year of changes. Briefly, we have had to give up all but our winter-hardy pets (rabbits and guinea-pigs) because of the difficulty of keeping them warm and dry during the winter terms. Also we have moved out of the old pig-sties in the woods, which were becoming infested with rats, and into more pleasant and central quarters in the school garden. (Our thanks, incidentally, to Mr Seeley and his helpers for building us new rat-proof hutches.) We have had to cope with cases of mange and other animal illnesses, and altogether have learned a lot about the responsibilities, as well as the pleasures, of keeping pets. But, to end on a happier note, our membership has swelled to over fifty, and our furry families, especially the females, have also productively swelled.

L. F-S. & K. C.

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C.C.F. (ARMY SECTION) REPORT

This year we had many new recruits in the Army section, some of whom came from the disbanded Royal Naval section to form the Army (RN). We now number 62 all told. As usual many cadets have attended various week-end camps throughout the year, including a canoeing/shooting week-end at Santon Downham and a week-end at Stanford in the autumn term. With the return of good weather (?) several cadets gained part of their proficiency with a hike to Garveston and, later in the term, a trip to Pakefield. So far this term we have attended a warm week-end camp at Weybread, and we anticipate a trip to Worcester later in the year. Last year's annual camp was held in Germany and 21 cadets attended. Our sincere thanks go to 2 Div. H.Q. and Sig. Reg't for their help.

This year saw new enthusiasm for shooting amongst the cadets. Sgt. Coe scored 79/80 in the 0.22 classification. There are now seven Marksmen in all, and many cadets who fell just short of this mark. Four teams attended the annual .303 shooting contest at Colchester Garrison and finished fairly well up. Six cadets have now reached Marksman standard at .303 and 23 cadets have a classification. Our congratulations go to Sgt. Barrett on being a double Marksman.

This year two cadets have been away on courses. Sgt. Barrett passed his Cert. T in signals, and L/Cpl. Randall went on the U.K.L.F. leadership course. We thank Major Stavely and Capt. Moss for their continuing support, and also our new training officer, 2nd Lt. Coutts.

S/Sgts. CLAYDON AND LOYD

I would like to thank the N.C.O.'s for their assistance throughout the year, and especially S/SGts. Claydon and Lloyd for running the stores. This year we lose S/Sgt. Howe and wish him all the best in his new career. I am sure that the section will go from strength to strength in the future, especially in shooting where 2nd Lt. Coutts has been a great asset, and new recruits Lynn, Strong and Aldiss show great potential. I must also thank W.O.I. Clatworthy for his help throughout the year, and wish him well for his retirement.

D. MOSS (CAPT.)

C.C.F. (R.A.F. SECTION) REPORT

The beginning of the year saw a large influx of new cadets into the section, and the N.C.O.'s were kept busy keeping them busy. The W.R.A.F. section had decreased drastically due to a large number of school leavers last year, but new recruits soon made up for the numbers again. The R.A.F. decided in March to make female sections in the C.C.F. 'official' so the average number of girls attending was

about 48. The R.A.F. then gave consent for the long-awaited primary glider. At the time of writing the base for the hangar is about to be laid. We hope to have the glider in action early next year.

Five cadets in the section attended a gliding course at Henlow during the summer last year and all passed. Sgt Holland, who is now no longer with us, suffered a winch failure on his first flight and with great skill managed to get the 'plane down, though he had very little height to play with. Also during the summer, Sgt. Scott was loaned to the Army section for their summer camp in Germany. He led a winning section on the camp, beating the Army N.C.O.-led sections.

In October F/Sgt. Hands attended O.A.S.C. Biggin Hill, but although he completed the course he was not awarded the R.A.F. scholarship. Out of a large number of entrants only 30 are awarded this each year.

The section has had one canoeing camp this year (in October). Unfortunately others were cancelled due to the ban on water activities by the services.

Air Experience Flying at Cambridge this year, although limited, was enjoyed by those who attended. A large number of the new recruits got airborne, aided, as always, by a sick bag, which, fortunately, none needed. There was also a chance for some of the Army section to get airborne.

Five R.A.F. N.C.O.'s went on the sailing course at Easter, which, as usual, provided a lot of laughs and hair-raising experiences. Sgt. Scott at one point found himself (through no fault of his own) helming in a gale-force wind with no reefs in the sails. The boat was travelling faster than the permitted speed limit with the bow dipping under the water. We needed two people at the helm, but the boat still could not be slowed and finally, because it could not be turned round a corner, its momentum carried it up the bank with all the crew hanging on for dear life. With great presence of mind Sgt. Roebuck leapt ashore and anchored the boat so that three reefs could be put in before continuing.

In conclusion I would like to thank Flt/Lt. Shuter and Miss Blogg (who stepped in immediately at annual camp last year without any previous experience) for their help during the year. The P.E. staff have helped greatly by letting us use the P.E. Block (sometimes at their inconvenience) and we thank them (particularly Miss Littlewood who gave up several of her survival swimming sessions to let us use the pool). Finally we thank the rest of the R.A.F. N.C.O.'s without whose help much would not be possible.

STEVEN HANDS (F/SGT.)

C.C.F. ADVENTURE TRAINING ON THE BROADS

The C.C.F.'s yearly excursion to the Broad's took place during the last week of the Easter holidays. For a change the week started off under clear skies and a warm sun. Unfortunately, however, wind and warmth rarely come together, so the first day or two were spent lazily sub-bathing whilst holding slack mainsheets and watching drooping burgees. One adventurous crew did manage to make it to Acle bridge on the first day, but thereafter lost favour with the elements and were un-



able to get to the first night's mooring venue at Thurn until late in the evening. As the dust crept in the exhausted crew were able to home in on the moorings by listening out for the rumbling stomachs of S/Sgts. Claydon and Loyd, whose food they had on board at the time.

The second day saw the seven crews quanting, gondolier fashion, to Ludham because of the lack of wind and mooring for the night at Ludham Bridge, the daunting prospect of a similar journey to Barton Broad the next day prompting an early 'turn in'.

From that day the wind rose steadily throughout the week to reach gale force by Friday (as those who braved the crossing of Hickling Broad with three reefs in will confirm). After Ludham Bridge, however, we had a tortuous tack up to Sutton Broad by way of a narrow channel; a task to which only three of the crews were equal. The third night was spent at Neatishead Staithe. A lot of water was covered on the fourth day owing to strong winds, and the crews were able to cross Barton Broad, negotiate Ludham Bridge — or shoot it, in the case of one crew — and carry on up to Wroxham Broad, returning to Horning for the night.

Wednesday was spent on a brisk run down to Potter Heigham amusement arcade, an annual event now, although there are other reasons why the crew will remember Potter Heigham.

An unfortunate incident befell one crew the next day when their gaff boom was broken during some extremely high winds, but it was quickly repaired and after the last night, spent at Hickling, the crews returned to Womack Water to return the boats.

In all 22 cadets took part with, at various times, Major Stavely, Capt. Moss, Flt/Lt. Shuter and, for the first time, 2nd Lt. Coutts.

S/Sgts. HOWE, LOYD AND CLAYDON

SPORTS REPORTS



ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL REPORT

After an indifferent season last year this year's young and inexperienced 1st XI was viewed with much uncertainty when the season began. With only three players remaining from last year's team, but several from the highly successful Under 15's of 1975, high hopes were held for a good start when the first match was played in January against Diss. A good all round team performance resulted in a 3 - 0 victory for the school and they travelled to Hewett school for the next match full of confidence. Here Mace was to have his finest game of the season and completely demoralised the home side by scoring 4 goals in the 7 - 2 win. He in fact ended the season as the team's leading scorer with 16 goals at the end of the season.

Unfortunately after a fine 5-3 win over the U.E.A. under floodlights, the team went through an indifferent patch in which, apart from two expected wins against Thetford and Royal Hospital School, they lost to Keswick College, C.N.S. Eaton and Netherhall. After the latter defeats, there was a tightening of the defence and this helped bring about wins over The Old Boys, The Staff and Hewett and ultimately the final match proved to be the best result of all. The match, against C.N.S. Eaton, one of the strongest sides in the county and to whom the school had already lost 4 - 0 ended in a 4 - 1 victory in our favour. This was brought about by a terrific effort by every member of the team who gave 100% in fight, determination and effort. The goals included a memorable 20 yard shot by Mace and a fine goal by Bryan after a brilliant build up from the mid-field players.

After an extremely successful season in which 9 out of 14 games were won the following players deserve mention; Woodward, for his strong, well timed defensive tackling. Griffiths for his cool, dominating play, Sparks and Irving for their ball-winning power and control in midfield, and Jones for his tenacity, power and unselfish running off the ball as a central striker.

Other players who played their part well throughout the season in the successful 1st XI were Dane, in goal, Watts, Hogg, Lund, Coe, Sewell, Bryan and Bennett.

The captain, Griffiths, and striker, Jones, were both selected for the Norfolk Under 19 County side that travelled to the English Senior Schools Soccer Festival at Skegness for a week in the Easter Holidays. Here, five matches were played against other counties throughout the country.

The 2nd XI, as usual the proving ground for potential 1st XI players, turned out to be the most successful team in the school by remaining unbeaten throughout the term, winning 6 matches and drawing three. Howe as captain, played consistently well, and Watts improved with nearly every game, culminating in his selection late in the season for the first XI.

The 3rd XI, although not always winning, enjoyed more matches than ever before and contributed much to an enjoyable season.

Both the under 15 and under 14 XI's started badly. However as the season went on, both sides achieved some good results, particularly the U14s, not necessarily due to individualism but more to good performances in working together as teams.

The U14s followed up their unbeaten season last year with another highly successful term losing only to the powerful Hewett School. Their best wins were 11 - 0 against Thorpe Grammar and two victories over C.N.S. Eaton, the County champions of that age group. Although the victories were based on good all round team performances, special mention should be made of Williamson, the captain, Squires and Thomas, newcomers to the side this year and the goalkeeping of Wheeler.

The U12 XI, in spite of only having six matches, showed much promise for the future in winning 4 and drawing 2 of their matches. The striking force of Andrew was always a great asset and the prompting and generalship of Garner in midfield showed signs of absolute class.

Overall the school won 36 matches, drew 11 and lost 22 which was vastly improved upon last year's results.

Finally, sincere thanks to all members of staff who gave willingly of their free time to coach teams and help the school have such a successful season.

L.J.P.

BASKETBALL REPORT

This season, five teams represented the College at basketball. As well as the established under 19's and Under 16's, it was pleasing to see replenished interest in the juniors, with the formation of Under 15, 14, 13 teams. The number of teams playing and the interest shown in the house matches during the Spring Term, shows how much basketball is becoming a major playing and spectating sport within the school.

For the Under 19 team it was one of the most successful seasons ever with five of last year's team returning. Thus the experience of Perkin, (last year's capt.) Dane and Watts clearly showed. Only one of the senior team's fixtures was lost out of seven in all and that was a closely fought game against C.N.S. Eaton, the College finally losing by 48 pts. to 34, with Dane scoring over half of our points.

The most notable victory of the season came when the College met Norwich City College at home. The whole team played exceptionally well, winning 75 pts. to 28 with Dane and Watts scoring 24 and 26 points respectively. Perkin and Dane's prolific shooting, coupled with the excellent defensive play of Watts, Cairns and Jones, without doubt facilitated a successful season. In all 360 points were scored of which Dane scored 140 and Watts 96.

The Under 16 side had excellent victories over Wymondham Secondary and Thorpe Grammar. It was pleasing to note the improvement of Spencer and Brown throughout the season, both in shooting and defensive play, and hopefully these along with the rest of the team will be contesting places in the senior squad next year.

The Under 15, 14, 13's unfortunately could only manage one victory between them, but all of the games were hard fought, and they all show much promise for the future. Those boys worthy of mention are Abbey and Clarke for the Under 15's, Mather, Cant and Fincham from the Under 14s, and Simonds and Carter from

the Under 13s.

I would like to say that I am indebted to Margaret Hedley for scoring the games and finally thank the staff, Mr Morgan, Mr Varnon and especially Mr Poolman, for all the time and hard work they have devoted to the sport in the school.

TEAMS: UNDER 19

Kevin Sparks (captain), Tim Perkin, Steve Dane, Chris Watts, Dave Bird, Mark Jones, Ian Cairns and Jeremy Spencer.

Played 7, Won 6, Lost 1.

UNDER 16

Mark Jones (captain), Dave Bird, Jeremy Spencer, Richard Lund, Steve Home-wood, Gordon James, Martin Warren and Alan Loose.

Played 5, Won 4, Lost 1.

K. SPARKS

HOCKEY REPORT

Despite the numerous cancellations of matches due to the weather, and later on due to the outbreak of 'flu, Wymondham has had a relatively successful season. At the beginning of the season the first XI had to be completely reformed due to many of its members having left the school. However, we were fortunate in being invited to take part in the Norwich Union Hockey Tournament which took place before many of our major matches and provided a very useful practice in which we were able to try out our new formation, showing those areas of play on which we needed to concentrate. Despite being the only school team and also the youngest, Wymondham played very well.

As the season progressed there was a marked improvement in our play. Perhaps our greatest victory was the much-desired win against Diss Grammar School by 2 - 0. This was the first time for several years that the first XI had beaten Diss. Matches were not limited to school teams. Many were played against clubs, again providing excellent experience of a considerably faster and more tactical game. Unfortunately the second XI did not have many matches due to lack of opponents. Despite this they played well and only lost two of their matches.

The U15 and U14 XI's suffered a similar fate in that they did not have many matches, but in those that they did have they showed a good standard of play and proved to be promising material for the future. When invited to play in an U16 tournament, because of exams, Wymondham had to put forward an U15 team. Despite the age gap we did well and came third. In the U18 county trial M. Hedley was selected for the first team, B. Elliot for the second team, and A. Cleverly for the reserves.

We would like to thank Miss Littlewood and Miss Fisher for their help which enabled a high standard of play to be reached - Thank you!

GILL BROWN

NETBALL REPORT

For all teams fixtures have been greatly reduced in number due to cancellations, but good use has been made of the practices and the games which were played for the furthering of ideas.

The junior teams, U13 and U14 have enjoyed a reasonably successful season as standards have been high. However, if the teams are ever to reach their full potential, far more dedication will be required. The senior team had more opportunities to better its game by choosing new and varied opposition. Of 14 matches 7 were won.

In comparison with other schools the first VII proved to be more mature and advanced in play, so improvement depended upon the careful choice of challenging opposition. Consequently the first VII challenged several ladies' clubs and, although they did not win, much valuable experience was gained. Towards the end of the season the senior team played well, combining knowledge of basic skills with more adventurous ideas. However, when we tackled the boys' senior basketball team at their own game, poise and skill could not compete with strength and speed.

The following girls represented the College in the first VI this year: Susan Ritchie, Susannah Bignold, Erica Pigdon, Zoe Burrell, Wendy Love, Jackie Harte, Cheryl Few (captain), Sally Jago, Lauren Clifton (reserve).

We would like to thank Mrs Lockwood and Miss Rimmington for their help and support throughout the year.

CHERYL FEW

SQUASH REPORT

There is such a boom in the popularity of the game of squash throughout the world that it is not surprising that more and more of the College are showing greater and greater interest. It is a game which seems ideally suited to the pace of modern life. Only one opponent has to be found, and hard and fast exercise is to be had in a relatively short period of playing time.

The standard is not yet generally very high although Alison Rix is outstanding and is currently playing No 1 for the junior county team. We hope to have an inter-house competition next season and progress to matches against other schools in the area, many of which are, like us at the moment, more enthusiastic than skilful.

J.M.H.

SWIMMING REPORT : GIRLS

Our attention this year has turned to improvements within the school because of our continuing struggle against the cut-backs in expenditure available for transport. All the boarding girls are now able to swim, whilst the number of day girls unable to swim is steadily dropping. The class held for disabled children from the neighbouring districts is flourishing with the help of Kathleen Davies and Lauren

Clifton. So Miss Littlewood is succeeding in her struggle against the odds and is transforming humans into frogs – 5 third years have passed their gold personal survival tests.

There have been only three major outside swimming engagements so far this year. The first was against Loddon and Long Stratton in the preliminary round of the winter league, which Wymondham College won, taking us through to the final. The second gala was against Runton Hill, and was also won by Wymondham. The third was against Norwich High School and the Notre Dame School, where Norwich High managed to beat our previously unbeaten record.

The girls' inter-house swimming gala was again ably supported by the seniors who managed to turn the excitement of the younger girls into such an enthusiasm that it brought many to tears. All the girls put up an admirable show of determination. In the gala Kett were first with 184 points, Peel came in second with 167, New Hall third, with 136, Fry fourth, with 134, Lincoln fifth, with 125, and Cavell sixth with 93 points.

The juniors also are achieving high standards and the junior Saturday league is proving popular with both competitors and spectators. In the standards competition Fry came first with 800 points, Peel second, with 635, Cavell third, with 518, New Hall fourth, with 471, Kett fifth, with 439, and Lincoln sixth, with 261.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs Lockwood and Mr Sheppard for their help and encouragement throughout the season.

JANET DAVEY

RUGBY REPORT

The new rugby season at Wymondham was once again heralded by the steady trickle of reluctant players turning up for lunch at the Main Dining Hall on the Friday before term started. They were reluctant for three reasons;

they were giving up two days of their sunny, summer holidays;

the pitches were baked hard;

and as I've already said, it WAS the Main Dining Hall.

Of course everyone's main cause for concern was the state of the pitches. One of the illogicalities of rugby football is that ground made that hard by frost would unquestionably be pronounced unplayable but this was September. Some fanatics start training in July so what possible grounds (!) could we have for complaining? I think it is a tribute not only to those 40 players but to players throughout the school that they ignored the additional bruises and grass burns caused by the conditions and got on with the job of preparing for the early season fixtures.

With only five of last season's successful XV remaining, the outlook may not have seemed bright, but, as always, competition between experienced 2nd. XVers and talented colts was intense. Hopes were, in fact, justifiably high and hung mainly on a strong and settled back division spearheaded by Mace, Sparks and Barratt.

Dunn's belligerent runs and Herron's sheer strength won them the right to prop up their captain and hooker, Perkin, whilst old lion Rippon dropped back to the flank. Both Nichols and Hogg partnered him there before Betts finally took over, supplying much needed cover and support. Possession was still proving to be a problem however. Well as Perkin hooked we were nearly always pushed back in the scrums and although Cairns jumped well in the lines out he was often dispossessed. Only in the loose did the pack always achieve superiority and here Perkin's ability to set up really solid mauls and Bostock's to work the ball free were vital. Younger players learnt a great deal from these two with the result that in this phase of the game at least we did win a steady supply of good ball.

In the first three games the team played consistently well with the backs (and James) running in some excellent tries. St. Joseph's were defeated 30-6 and playing good hard rugby we earned an honourable draw against Norwich Lions. The 19-6 defeat of an unbalanced Old Boys' side could well have been more but even as it was we set off for the Haberdashers match in London quietly confident that this could be our year.

Wymondham dominated the first 20 minutes but fatally allowed the chances of two penalties and a dropped goal to go adrift. In addition we failed to contain Haberdashers' England flanker, Otto Chan, who made a number of isolated but telling breaks so that, against the run of play, they moved into a 10-4 lead at half-time. Wymondham recovered 3 points but Haberdashers finally added a try and a penalty to win by a flattering 17-7.

At this stage in the season the backs had to spend a lot of time on their passing and alignment. In the centre Wainwright and Howe limited their games almost entirely to tackling and passing and at last Barratt and Sparks began to receive the ball in space. They responded by scoring 5 tries against Colchester and Netherhall and with the pressure thus taken off them the other backs were able to add a further 6. The front row union were not to be outdone, however. Dunn had a surging breakaway try against Colchester and made the initial break for Perkin to score against Netherhall so that with try-a-match Betts making his debut the total for the two games was 15.

Unfortunately it did not last. At Holbrook the forwards played well but the backs seemed to have some sort of reaction, dropping countless passes and missing many overlaps. The team won 28-3 but it was an unsatisfying victory, especially as two of Holbrook's players were badly injured. One of them had to have his spleen removed and the same fate befell poor Liam Dark two days later in the House Seven-a-side Tournament, which at times looked more like a scene from the Battle of Waterloo. One of the other casualties was Tommy Howe who over three seasons has made an important contribution to school rugby. But there were three other backs and two forwards unavailable for the next match against touring High Wycombe. In the circumstances the 12-7 victory was a good performance with which to end the first half-term.

After the break we made hard work of beating an unfancied Norwich team and this was followed by the Framlingham match. Dreadful conditions and a heavy

clay pitch seemed to be conspiring to make it a miserable day for us. We started well and indeed spent virtually the entire match encamped in the Framlingham half but at the end all we had to show for our efforts were two tries by Mace and a penalty by Bryan. Against that Framlingham had scored two soft tries and converted both so they won 12-11. It was a prime example of the fact that territorial advantage is of no value if it cannot be turned into a points advantage.

Morale was certainly at a low ebb but perhaps the team had had it coming. They had been playing within themselves and winning. Now, with Gresham's and Woolverstone still to play, they began to realise again just how much effort and concentration would be required. Victory over a Norfolk Colts' XV helped to restore confidence but it was these last two games that proved to be the most keenly contested of the season.

At Gresham's it was imperative to run off the journey quickly and after surviving the first 20 minutes Wymondham came more into the game. Shearman had an excellent match, turning out to be an impenetrable last line of defence and Bryan capped a fine season with two important penalties in the first half and the conversion of Betts' try in the second. If anything more was needed, Mace provided it by accelerating through a melee of players to score a sensational try almost untouched.

Last year's programme was now reversed. Then we had beaten Woolverstone before facing a renowned Gresham's XV. This year Gresham's provided the springboard for our attack on the formidable Woolverstone side. As it happened they were too much for us to handle but in an extremely bruising and at times unpleasant match, limiting their score to 12 points, was a notable achievement.

Woolverstone had previously proved to be the only thorn in the side of the 2nd XV. A very painful thorn it was to prove too; defeat by a single point in an otherwise totally successful season. Highlights of the term for this spirited team were the defeats of Haberdashers, Framlingham and Gresham's all way from home. Haberdashers are never easy to beat and this was a great victory early in the term. Fourteen men sufficed for most of the match at Framlingham and the season ended with a nail-biting performance against Gresham's. The lead changed hands four or five times and the posts proved to be allies more than once in the 17-14 win.

Barry Nichols was probably the season's most improved player and as a leader by example he played a vital role in the 2nd XV's success. It was first and foremost a team effort but others to deserve special mention were Sadd, Hyde, Griffiths, Tillbrook, Pettitt, Hogg and Symes.

The 3rd and 4th XV's met with mixed success with some big wins and heavy losses. As always lack of continuity was a problem here but there was much individual talent and honest endeavour. Young players like Woodward often spend a useful year at this level before emerging as major forces in school rugby while others are simply pleased to have the opportunity of representing the College.

Horrex looked a mature player in a rather undistinguished U15 side. They looked well drilled enough early on but found it difficult to put everything together on match days. Although they lost to Woolverstone this was probably their



best performance. Besides Horrex, Robinson played consistently well, Young was always dangerous on the wing and Abbey provided power and pace in midfield though he has still a lot to learn.

After losing their two opening matches, the U14's did well to win five of the remaining seven including a rousing 34-14 win over Gresham's. Once again Cant and Fincham ran in most of the tries but Hargreaves made an important contribution and perhaps the most complete player of all was Read.

At U13 level, new entries increased the strength of last year's already powerful U12 team with Thomas in particular providing an important link between forwards and backs. Of the old hands, Hardingham, Carter and Youngman stood out whilst Barker had developed into such a strong runner that he was always a threat on the wing.

Once again Fridays produced the nearest thing yet to perpetual motion with hordes of first years vying with each other for places in the school and house teams. The extent to which the school team picked up the game was clearly demonstrated in the narrowest of defeats by Gresham's, 6-7, and a huge 46-8 win over Norwich in which Andrew scored six tries. Another like Andrew to use speed and size to great effect was Harrison who could run through most people in practice but never the diminutive winger Blake. Last but not least, skipper Wedderburn deserves credit for his all round ability. If he continues to improve steadily he may well achieve his ambition to represent his country Scotland.

| Team | Played | Won | Results | |
|--------|--------|-----|---------|------|
| | | | Drawn | Lost |
| 1st XV | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| 2nd XV | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| 3rd XV | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| U15 XV | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| U14 XV | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| U13 XV | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 |
| U12 XV | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 |

The following have represented Norfolk Schools' 1st XV;

U19: Barratt, Wainwright, Howe, Mace, Rutherford, Bryan, Perkin, Dunn, James, Cairns, Bostock.

U16: Golding, Boothby, Sasada, Hogg, Herron.

Perkin captained the County side and both he and Bryan were selected for the Eastern Counties.

A.F.

TENNIS REPORT

Last year the stormy weather put a thorough damper on the spirits of the tennis team at the beginning of the season; but this year, having braved buffeting winds in practices, we were uplifted when we played our first match in brilliant sunshine at All Hallows School, Ditchingham. Everyone enjoyed playing and getting brown at the same time, and we won the match by six sets to three.

The Young's Cup team, optimistic as to their chance to excel, proved their point by beating Fakenham Secondary School by nine sets to love.

Our second match, at home, proved something of a contrast to the first. When both boys and girls came from Kings Lynn Tech. the weather was not kind — in fact it was pouring with rain. The games, therefore, were played in a crowded sports hall, and I think we all felt how nerve-racking it must be for top players at Wimbledon, in front of hordes of critical spectators! Despite the tension we won the match by four sets to love. We hope that our success will continue this year, even though the season is particularly short.

Our thanks must go to Miss Rimmington for her stringent practices; her cry of 'attack' and 'volley' is producing much more attacking play, and a much more interesting game to watch.

JO BLYTON (CAPT.)

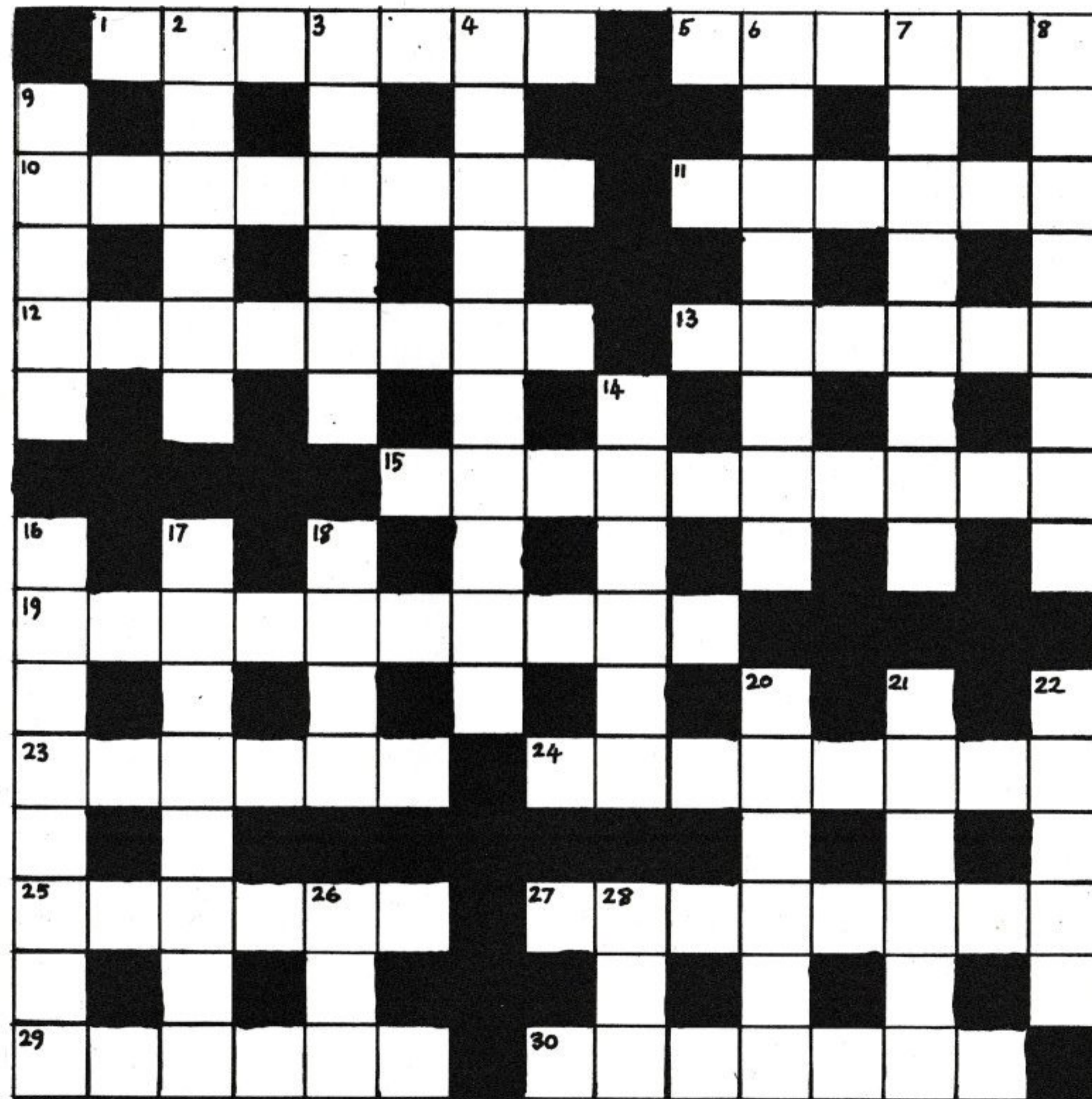
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ACROSS

- 1,5 Lorry Lingo's alter ego (4-3, 6)
 10 (see 4 down)
 11,24 The result of wrecking a car (1,5, 5-3)
 12 A sponge has it
 13 Hidden in its elfin glade
 15 Ancient seats of learning? (6,4)
 19 They get their money from bones
 23 Pearl-maker hides in old boys territory
 24 (see 11)
 25 The wrestler's plea
 27 It's wonderful - right across the U.K. (5,3)
 29 Without warning
 30 Mixed up S.S. Noser finds bugging devices

DOWN

- 2 Infuriates
 3 VIP secreted in her nest
 4&10 A current mechanic
 6 The whole world's doing it
 7 Without 12, A pot is usually this
 8 Sounds like a mean order to a quayside trader (4,4)
 14 That's life girl!
 15 A big man in Rhodes
 17 Prototype bunk in the workshops? (1, 4-3)
 18 When old, its easy to get money for it
 20 Prepares for action
 21 Blush - but blue in one too
 22 Frequent
 26,28 Ancient cold spell



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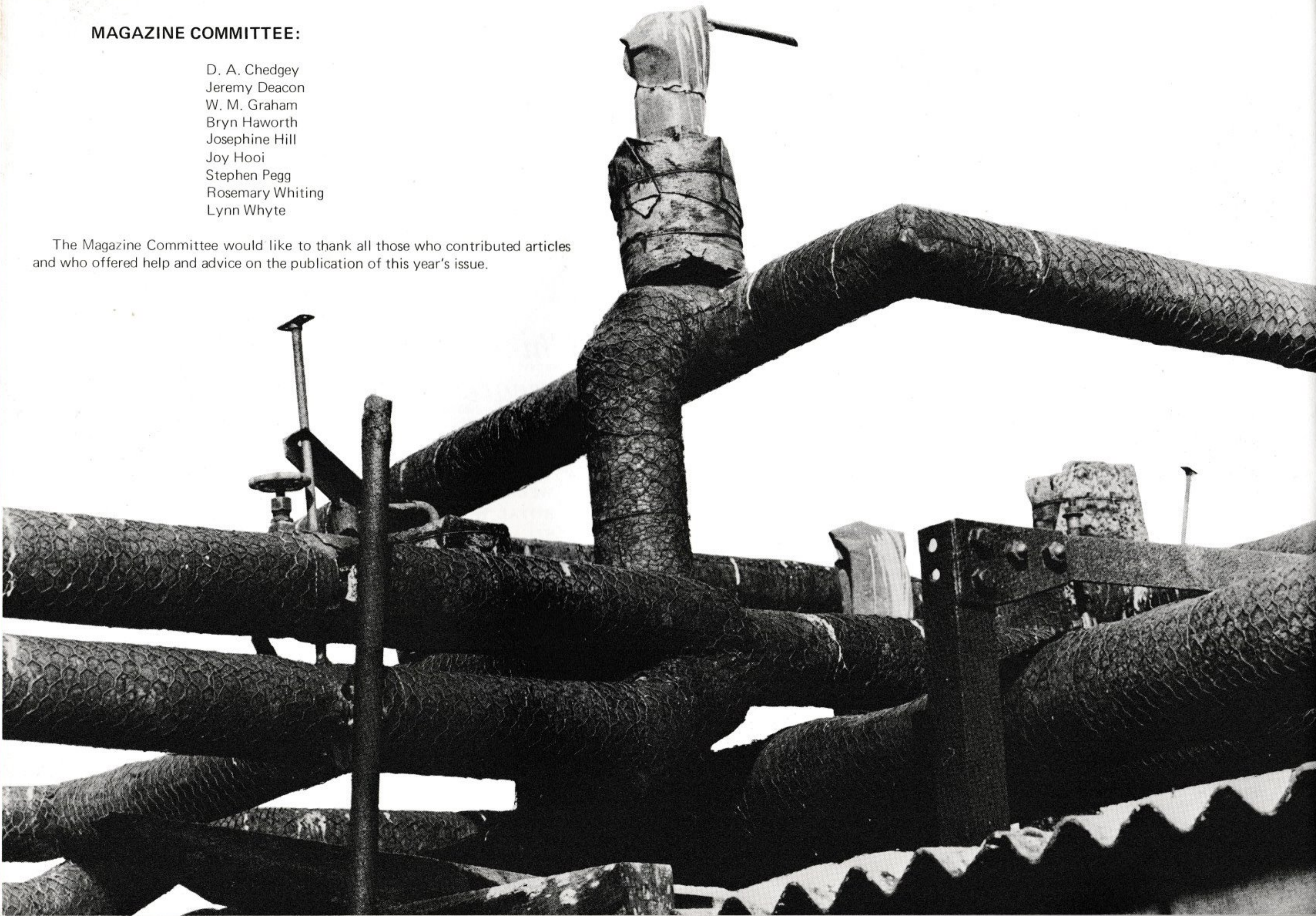
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