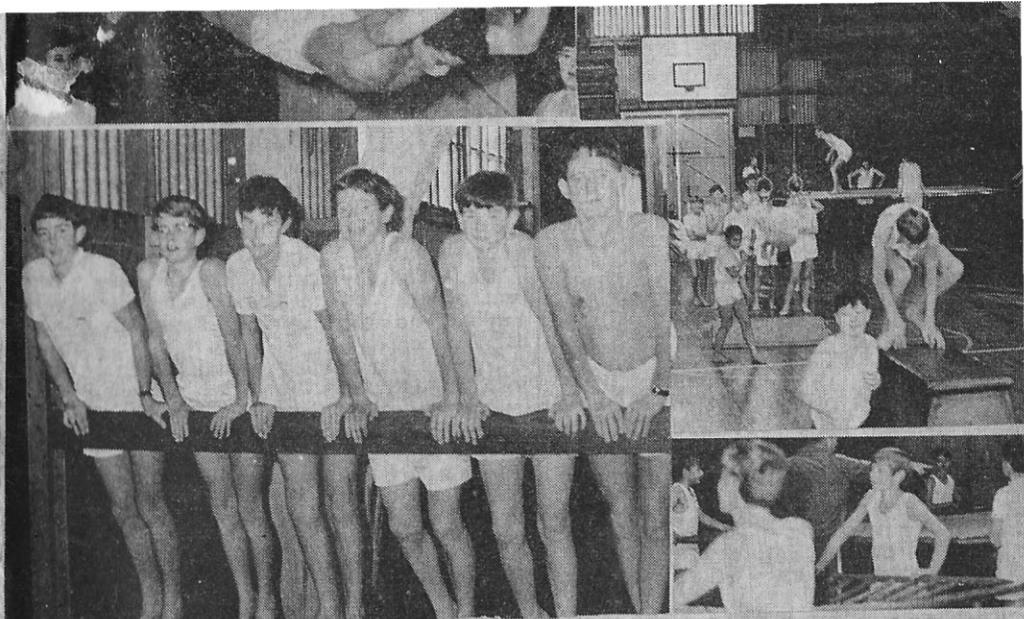
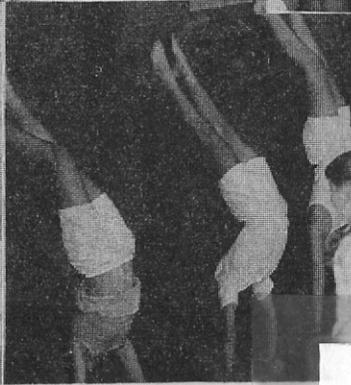
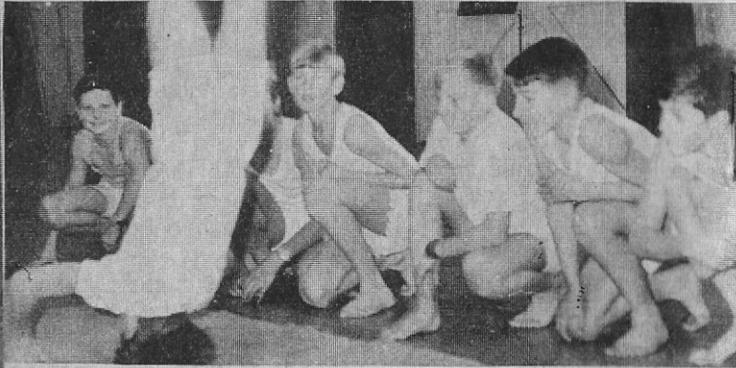
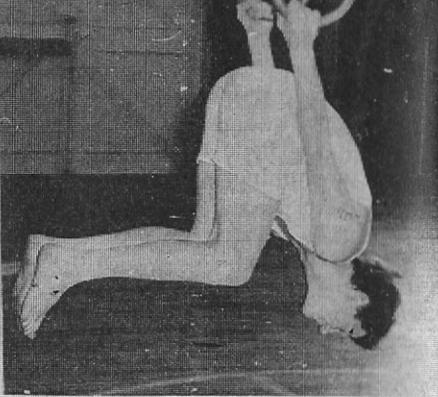
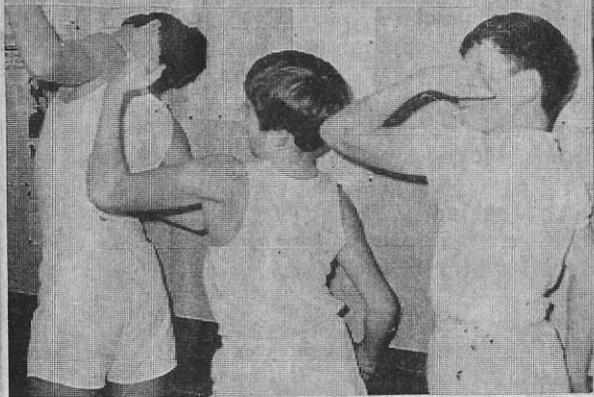
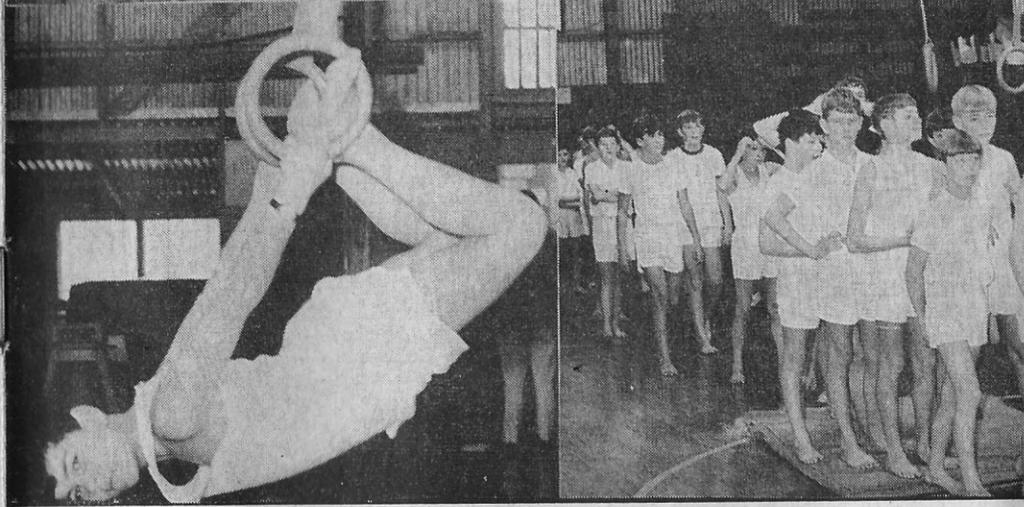


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COVER PHOTO:

3P1, 3CB pictured during their physical education period in the gym.

EDITORIAL

The success of the individual, the community and country in fact the whole world all pivots on one word and its meaning, i.e. "self-discipline."

One's ability to control one's thoughts and actions and to adapt them immediately to the demands of a particular situation.

For those in authority, they must first have confidence, in the control of their own personal motives, because the minors beneath them, enquire of their senior's conduct then as it were "Do in Rome as the Romans do." Secondly the leaders must have control over the mass, the manner in which they accomplish this, is usually by enforcing rules or laws. The leaders as a group must of course discipline themselves so as to set one standard and enforce it.

The majority, that is the mass group which includes all of us at sometime or another have the same personal duty and also must be capable of accepting the discipline impressed upon us by seniority. The whole system may at first seem artificial or unjust, but if you examine closely any aspect of day to day life of an established institution it becomes clear that you as an individual must learn to discipline yourself.

Learn we must, this important facet of living in a human community, and seeing that school is our focal contact point then it is obvious that all of us must apply self discipline here and now. Every pupil that has ever or will ever pass through this school has had or will have the ability to contribute to or undermines the school's development and its proud reputation merely on this aspect of discipline.

—Ed.

WHAT'S ON

- 17th July. Rugby—1st XV v. Wanganui Collegiate.
- 17th July. Hockey—1st XI v. Wanganui Collegiate.
- 19th July. Soccer—1st XI v. Wellington College (home).
- 26th July. Rugby—1st XV v. Te Aute College (away).
- 2nd August. Rugby—1st XV v. Hamilton B.H.S. (away).
- 3rd August. Tramping—Ski Trip.

Points to Ponder

"Self-discipline may be defined as doing the right thing when no one is looking."

LETTERS

Sir,

At this time of year there is a point about the St. Pat's game that I feel should be brought up.

I think the attendance of Day Boys who certainly consider themselves members of the school, was pitiful. Out of some seven hundred Day Boys only a few travelled to Hawera in the School Party. Admittedly some Day Boys travelled privately but these were not great in numbers. My class, for example, produced a brilliant representation of one Day Boy; he was playing! When asked why they didn't go excuses such as "I had to go to a wedding on that day," were brought forward. Well the churches and halls around New Plymouth must have really been packed on the afternoon of the St. Pats game. Some were more straightforward and said they didn't like doing the haka or wearing school uniform, but many just said "Why should I go to that?" or "I went last year so I'm staying home this year." Then when the first fifteen win they had the cheek to say "Oh yes WE won." as though they were there giving their enthusiastic support.

Don't forget Day Boys, this school is made up of Boarders and Day Boys so surely the Day Boys should give at least as much support as the Boarders, after all it is the school's first fifteen and everyone should be proud of being represented by such a good one. So at the rest of the first fifteen's games don't leave the supporting to somebody else, go yourselves!

I am, etc.,

Hopeful.

Dear Sir,

I wish to express strong exception to the Rugby letter of your last issue. The basic organisation in this school is the house system. It works well; let's keep it this way. And besides it is vital that good boys learn to tolerate the weaknesses of their peers and vice versa. House spirit and enthusiasm is vital to the nature of this school and to change this Rugby organisation would chop it off at the knees. My attitude is supported by many others.

I am etc.,

HOUSIE.

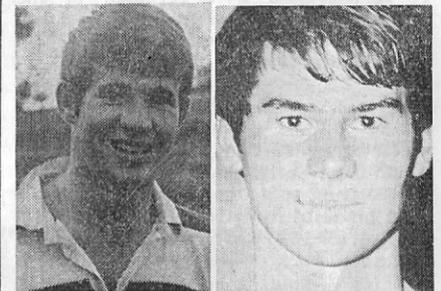
Dear Sir,

In recent weeks the question of corporal punishment has made the national scene. May it never be abolished. How could anyone seriously consider running any school, not just a boarding school, without it. It is effective if used with discrimination both as retribution to the offender; and as a deterrent to the prospective trouble maker, as most boys are very aware. The tragic permissiveness in the U.S.A. no doubt is partly to be blamed on lack of discipline at the right moment of an effective and definite nature. It is interesting to note that 19 American states in recent years have returned to its usage. The suggestions of physical recrimination for crimes of violent assault to other people should not be ignored also. It is not barbaric. The greatest barbarity to civilisation lies in tender mollie-coddling of an offender at the wrong time. If anything let's have a reformed and somewhat wider usage of what is a good deterrent, and a quick simple and efficient method of dealing with a petty nuisance.

I am,

TWO SWIFT STROKES.

PERSONALITIES



D. EVANS

G. MANNING

R.D.O. EVANS, Captain 1st XV 1969.

Dai started playing football at a young age and slowly progressed through the grades in the areas around Wai-pawa and Hastings. In 1958-59 he played for the Central Hawke's Bay reps. Moving from the country district of Elsthorpe he played for Heretaunga Intermediate's first team for 2 years. Leaving "Magpie" country he came to Secondary School at N.P.B.H.S. where he has been playing football since 1964. First year here he played fullback for Mr. Halliburton's central 7th grade.

During the next three seasons he played for Nigel Coddington's 7th grade Pridham, Mr. Nalder's fifth grade yellow and the Intersec B team under Mr. Nixon.

Since then Dai has been playing for the First XV squad in every forward position except hooker, and has also been a reserve member of the Taranaki Colts side as well as being selected for the Centurion Colts earlier this season. The two greatest joys he has obtained from football are the captaincy of a 1st XV with such a reputation as N.P.B.H.S. and scoring the last minute try which gave Pridham house the Senior House Football championship in 1968.

G. B. MANNING

Grant, a school prefect, has been the captain of the School A Indoor Basketball team for the last two years. He started playing three years ago and has since represented New Plymouth as the captain of the Colts team and has also been a member of the New Plymouth B team.

A keen swimmer, Grant was the Junior 50yd Freestyle Champion while in the fourth form. In his fifth form year he joined the Fitzroy Surf Club and that year as a member of the junior team travelled to Dunedin to compete in the National Surf Life-Saving Championships. At the championships the junior team won the three national titles. These successes were repeated at the following championships in 1968 and 1969. During the 1967 and 1968 seasons he was selected to represent Taranaki as a member of the junior life-saving team. During this period he was captain of the school swimming team which competed both years at the North Island Inter-Secondary School Swimming Sports with some success.

In his third form year Grant was Captain of the fourth grade soccer team and a member of the under 13½ Taranaki rep team. The following year, however, a bad hip injury stopped any more play. Following this he took up indoor basketball. He would like to see some boarders able to play indoor basketball as it is becoming a nationally significant sport.

ROBERT (BOB) HORROCKS

Bob is also a senior prefect in Carrington who has taken to the air. He started soon after Bluck, doing most of his training in Cessnas. He passed both of his examinations before the end of the first term having completed 50 hours in the air. He started after doing some painting at home and other vari-

ous farm jobs, now he has his sights set on a flying career, the same as Bob has. His longest non-stop flight to date was from New Plymouth to Auckland, when he flew some masters up to the final Rugby test, All Blacks versus Wales.

"Getting thrills from the unexpected in a relatively new and exciting form of transport" is what makes Bob's hobby so compelling.

He's a "cracker jack" was the master's comments who flew with him to Auckland(despite a 35 foot bounce on the main Mangere tarmac.



R. BLUCK

R. HORROCKS

ROBERT (BOB) BLUCK

Bob started flying halfway through last year after working in a timber yard and saving his pay. Trained in Victors, which are light, low winged aircraft, by Aero Club instructors, Bob after approximately 50 hours flying experience sat both the practical and theory examinations, passing both earlier this year, and gaining his private pilots licence. Now after some 65 hours in the air he has had experience in most of the aircraft which the New Plymouth Aero Club have, including the vintage Tiger Moth. At the moment most of his flying is done during weekends but he eventually hopes to make a career of his present hobby.

Asked what his most frightening moments were he jokingly replied "A toss up between narrowly missing Horrocks, and bumping into a fluffy cloud."



"MASCOT"

SPORT

RUGBY

1st XV v. ST. PATS

School won the toss and played into the wind and after having the better of the territorial advantage the score was still 0-0 at half-time. St. Pats held School out with some very solid defence and it was not until 9 minutes into the second spell that points were scored. These came when No. 8 D. Evans moved quickly on the blind side, receiving good service from Dean, to barge over in the tackles of two St. Pats defenders. Hill later kicked a penalty and the game was sealed when G. Mouri, playing a good game, perfectly judged a high in-field kick and scored to the right of the posts. Hill converted making the final score N.P.B.H.S. 11 v. St. Pats 0.

School backs looked dangerous all day and made good use of the ball they received. W. Fleming and F. Hill made some nice slices and were ably backed by the centre three-quarters Boyd, Smith and Hickey who ran with speed and determination on many occasions. Keenan and Dean after a shaky start combined well and looked much better than their opposites. In the forwards the loose trio of Evans, O'Neil and Johnson all had good games, getting very quickly to the loose ball as well as featuring in many strong attacking runs. Martin and Mouri were very mobile around the field and even though they had an uphill road to climb in the lineouts, they won a fair amount of ball. In the front row Perrott and Smith worked hard while hooker Bluck picked up the only tighthead of the game.

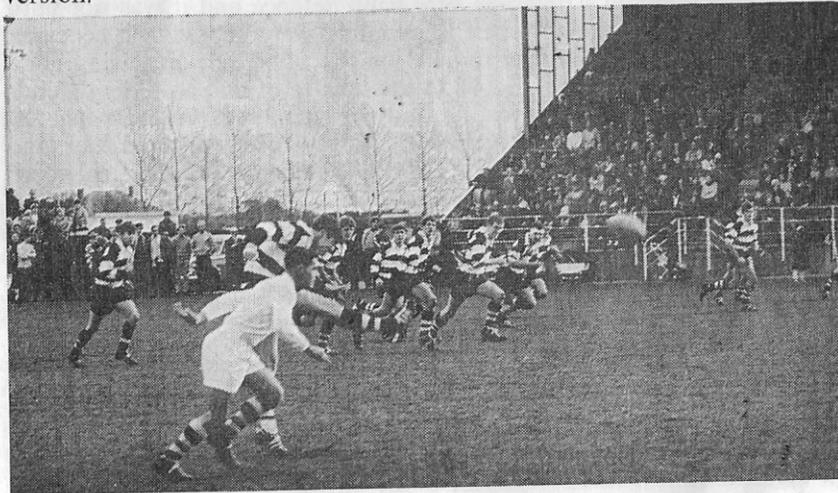
v. Tukapa. This game was played at Rugby Park in front of a fairly large crowd, as it was the game from which the leader of the Senior B competition for the second round, would emerge. School kicked off into the wind but were soon 3 points down after a lineout infringement. At the end of the first spell school were in front 6-3. School poured on the pressure in the second half and with the wind behind them began to dominate play. The 1st XV backs were running with much



Half-time—Hawera

more determination and confidence than in previous games, mainly because of the good amount of ball obtained by the forwards with some fine, tight lineout techniques. Tony Keenan left the field and was replaced by Gav. White who went into the forwards, putting Mark Johnson on the wing. It was in this position that Mark scored a spectacular try in the corner.

Points for School: Tries by B. Smith, L. Dean, P. Smith and Mark Johnson. B. Boyd, 1 drop goal and F. Hill 2 penalties and 1 conversion.



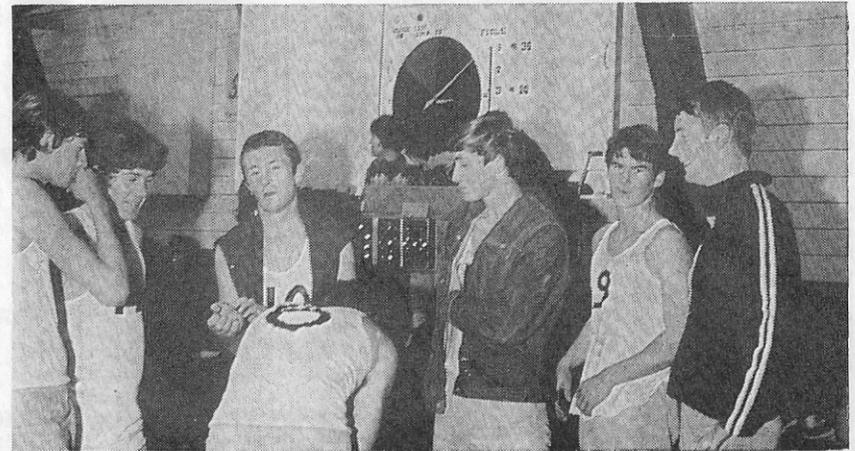
v. St. Pat's at Hawera.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

P. C. Selby (15)
 S. M. Tuita (14) R. D. Cox (12) I. R. F. McKelvie (13)
 P. D. Hodgson (11) R. P. Hunter (10)
 T. H. Mackie (9)
 R. A. Cameron (8)
 E. T. W. Nesbit (7) R. H. Garland (4)
 R. H. Bradley (6) J. T. Baines (5) (Capt.)
 I. G. I. McGregor (3) S. J. B. Palmer (2) C. W. Andrews (1)
 Reserves: A. C. R. Jefferd, R. W. Bryden; H. P. Foy, W. F. W. Leckie.
 Referee: Mr. I. Lobb.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

F. Hill (15)
 A. B. Smith (14) B. J. Boyd (12) V/capt. P. J. Hickey (13)
 W. A. Fleming (11) A. F. Keenan (10)
 L. Dean (9)
 M. S. Johnson (8)
 G. O. Mouri (7) F. J. Geck (6) A. K. Martin (5) L. J. O'Neill (4)
 A. C. Perrott (3) R. J. Bluck (2) R. D. O. Evans (1) (capt.)
 Reserves: R. M. Hammerton (16), A. J. Rutherford (17) G. A. White (18), R. M. Horrocks (19).



Basketball "A"—Time out.

SOCCER

School v. Wellington College at Wellington.

In good conditions for soccer, School met Wellington College in their first college match of the season, at the Basin Reserve, Wellington, on June 28th. School was unfortunate to have their captain, Dave Boddy, and right half Ian Clement, on the sideline with injuries. However the inclusion of Louis Borok strengthened the side greatly. The team was: C. Rodrigues, R. Mackay, C. Thame, P. Whitwell, K. Iveson (Capt.), D. Hannan, A. Vernon, M. Tareti, L. Borok, C. Vernon and N. Collie.

Run of Play: School kicked off and immediately went on attack. A good pass from D. Hannan found C. Vernon who moved the ball to N. Collie on the wing. To everyone's surprise the goal-keeper failed to hold a feeble shot and after 3 minutes School led 1-0. School continued to attack, but the forwards were not making full use of the possession they had, and the Wellington goal-keeper was not under any great pressure.

Wellington soon came back into the game and Wellington Colts representative H. Nauta scored an opportunist goal. Wellington were now attacking and school's defence looked suspect. L. Bartlet put Wellington ahead with a good shot after a goal-mouth skirmish.

The halftime score was Wellington 2, School 1.

The play in the second half was very even, although School tested the Wellington goal-keeper on several occasions. However Nauta proved what a dangerous forward he was when he netted Wellington's third goal after a defensive blunder by School.

Just when School needed some encouragement, D. Hannan passed to L. Borok who turned and hit a hard shot into the back of the net. M. Tareti levelled the score 5 minutes from the end with a good shot from 15 yards out.

The final score was School 3, Wellington 3.

All of School's players played well with K. Iveson, D. Hannan and P. Whitwell outstanding.

HOCKEY 69

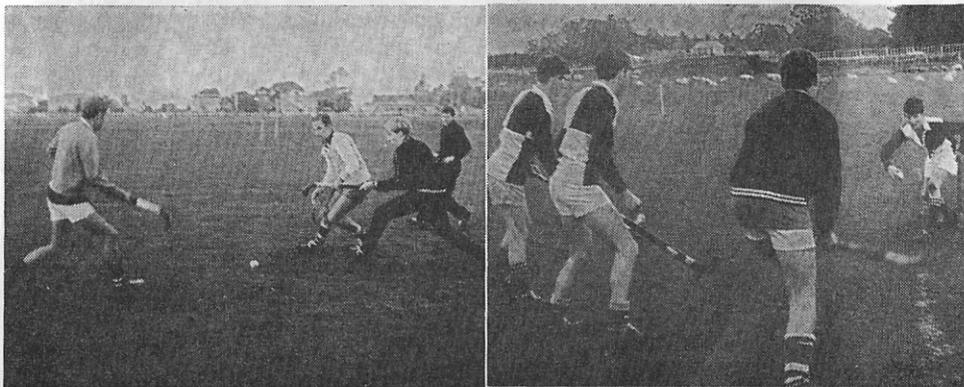
Hockey in the school is dominated somewhat by Rugby and the standard is not what it could be. However things will soon change (we hope) with the use of the Webster Fields and the increasing interest shown in hockey in the primary and intermediate schools.

The school has managed to produce several representative players each year despite its retardedness. We have at least one Taranaki Colt and three or four Secondary Schools reps. The most outstanding player to pass through the school was Maurice Betts, who captained the New Zealand Colts in 1966 when they toured Australia.

The 1st XI plays three college games a year: Wanganui Boys' College, Wanganui Collegiate and Hamilton Boys' High. School has yet to defeat Collegiate but our hopes are high this year. The game against Hamilton Boys' High was made an annual fixture in 1967 and we have had a loss and a draw. The Wanganui Boys' High fixture is usually evenly matched and school at present leads in the series. In the August holidays the 1st XI travels to Wellington to play in a Secondary Schools Tournament.



First Hockey XI.



Hockey Practice.

COLLEGIATE HOCKEY TEAM TO PLAY N.P.B.H.S.

J. C. Bebarfold		M. O. Bunny	
I. Stewart	G. Scoullar	B. A. Maclain	T. Thompson
J. Will	R. H. Harrison	R. H. Duncan	
J. Dodgshun		L. Kneesch (Goalie)	

Reserves: N. Toogood, M. Barclay.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM

B. Simmonds	C. Valentine	B. Plummer	G. Sykes
	S. Underwood	G. Dyer	
I. Armstrong	B. Clement	A. Kirk	
R. Graeme		P. Hodder	

Reserves: M. Broomfield, K. Jordon.

1st HOCKEY SQUAD 1969

Pen Portraits.

BRUCE SIMMONDS (Pridham) 17yrs. Left Wing. 2nd year in squad. Bruce is playing well on this wing and shows ability in the circle. Selected for the Taranaki Secondary Schools team.

CLIFFORD VALENTINE (East) 17 years. Left Inner. 1st year in squad. Shows promise as an attacking forward.

BRIAN PLUMMER (Central) 17 years. Right Inner. 1st year in squad. Proving to be a consistent goal scorer and an able attacking forward.

GRAEME SYKES (Central) 18 years. Right Wing. 2nd year in squad and is also in the Taranaki Secondary Schools team. Graeme is playing well this year and has the ability to penetrate defence.

STEPHEN UNDERWOOD (Pridham) 16 years. Left Link. 3rd year in squad. "Undress" is very fast around the field and has good tickwork. His speed and good all-round ability has gained him a place in the Taranaki Colts.

GEOFFREY DYER (East) 17 years. Right Link. 3rd year in squad and is captain this year. Geoff is a very nimble player with good ball control and hitting accuracy. His versatility has gained him a place in the Taranaki Secondary Schools team.

IAN ARMSTRONG (Central) 16 years. Left half. 1st year in squad. Plays a good game and shows promise.

BILL CLEMENT (West) 17 years. Centre Half. 3rd year in squad. Butch is reliable back and has gained a well-earned place in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Team.

ANDREW KIRK (East) 17 years. Right half. 1st year in squad. Andy is playing very well this season and his very reliable trapping and stickwork was unlucky not to gain selection for a rep team.

ROSS GRAEME (Moyes) 15 years. Sweeper. This is Ross' first year of hockey at school having played for Moyes 6th grade last year. He is a very promising and reliable player.

PAUL HODDER (Carrington) 18 years. Goalie. This is Paul's second year in the squad and he is playing well.

Kevin Jordon (East) 17 years. Reserve back. 1st year in squad. Kevin has played a few games at left half and shows promise.

Murray Broomfield (East) 17 years. Reserve forward. 1st year in squad, having played in the 2nd XI for the last 3 years. Although his ——?? is a minor handicap Murray is playing well.

SCENE (by "Periscope")

A start has been made on a small classroom block behind the present woodwork rooms.

On St. Pats day, seven City Transport buses covered in streamers took approximately four hundred supporters down to Hawera. The only incident was when one bus had a blow out only a mile or so from Hicks park. The majority of the fairly large crowd was apparently Old Boys of either school.

Now that it is well on into winter it is essential that the duckboards are used in the entrances to the racecourse. Please remember also that these must be removed after practices every night.

The Stationery Room has had a new face-lift, the old door being replaced by a two piece door for serving.

Natural Gas

This is a new column where we hope to feature manners for men, elementary rules of a game, where are they now from the honours board and perhaps suggest a good film, book or magazine.

—Ronald Syme, dux 1919-20, is now Professor of Ancient History at Oxford University, London, one of the highest academic posts in the world.

—Martin Donnelly, captain of cricket XI 1935-36 is now in Sydney, Australia, where he is sales manager of Cocertalds Ltd., which are manufacturers of synthetic materials.

Both Mr. Syme and Mr. Donnelly have visited the school in recent years. —We suggest "1984" by George Orwell, as good reading for senior boys. This book is a satire which looks both at the past and into the future.

—Regarding manners, which every boy should keep in mind:—Any hat or cap should be taken off before entering any building, especially a home, or here at school the cap should be taken off before entering the school as a sign of respect.

When talking to a woman or senior person you should definitely not have your hands in your pockets.

Please and Thank You are believed to be two of the first words you learn, its common courtesy to use them all your life.

"Manners make'th the man."
—The July edition of "Sports Digest" has an article on school rowing, and in particular the Maadi Cup. The school eight which came second this year is photographed.

RULES OF SNOOKER

1. The maximum number of players playing singles is 4. There can be eight players playing in pairs also.
2. If the white is hit off the table, it is 4 points to opponent.
3. If the white is sunk, it is 4 points to opponent.

4. When the white has been sunk the next player may place the ball anywhere in the half circle at the end of table for his next shot.
5. If there are any red balls left on table, a player must sink one of these before attempting to sink a coloured ball.
6. When no red balls are left on the table, coloured balls must be sunk in right order each one worth so many points.
Yellow 2, green 3 brown 4, blue 5, pink 6, black 7.
7. If a colour is hit while a player is attempting to sink a red ball, opponent gets the number of points the ball is worth. But if it is worth less than 4 points the opponent gets four points.
8. One foot must be on ground while all shots are being attempted.

BELL TOWER

Does the advent of gowns mean that the masters are now earning more than their daily crust? Or is it that 6A English masters are now reduced to begging?

Would you believe that love makes the carbon cycle go round?

Certain lower sixth chemistry students were treated with the following comments on their answers to an exam question on washing a burette:

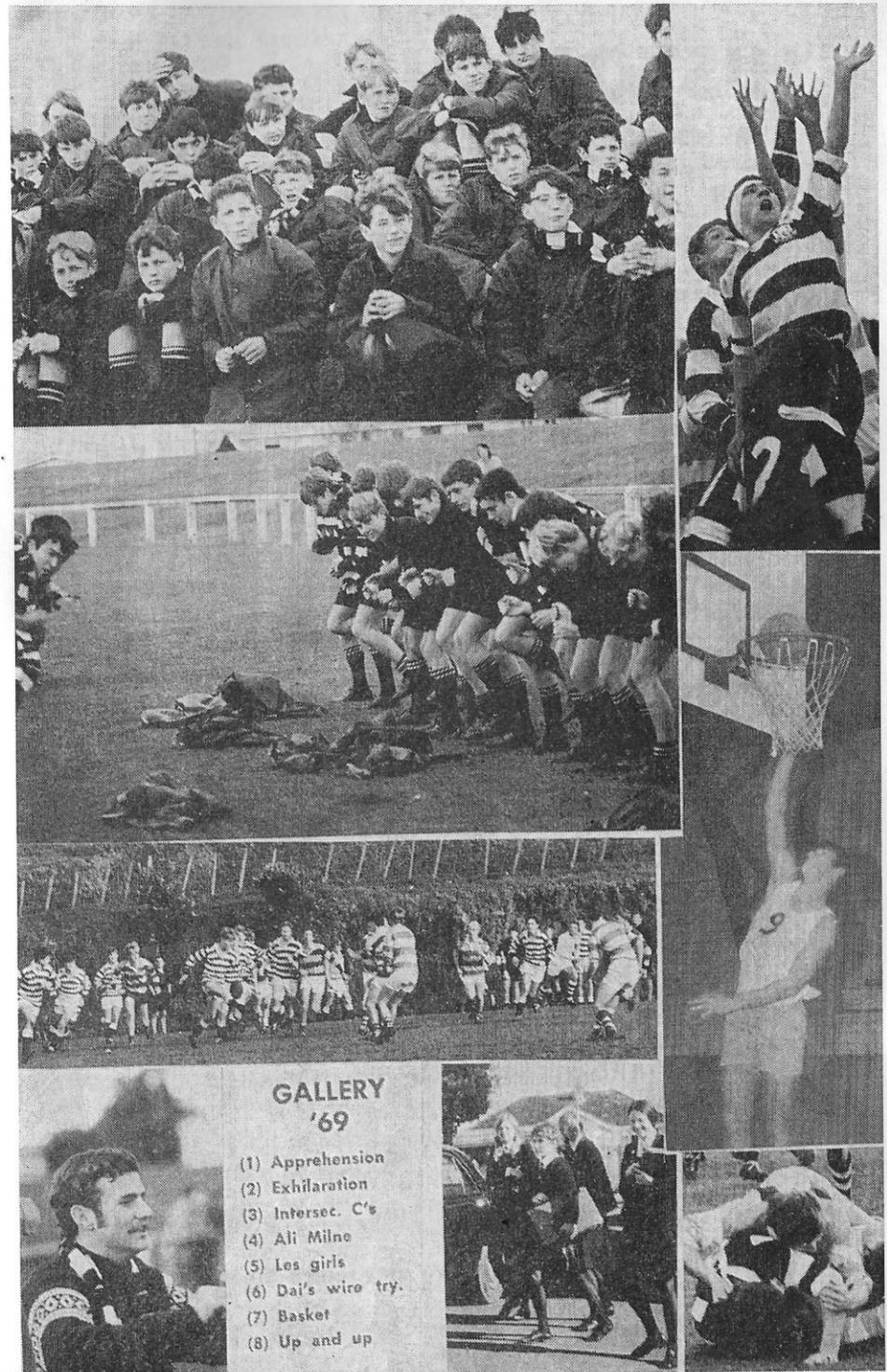
- i How will and hygienic
- ii Trying to titivate much are we?
- iii Mud pies would be just about your level.

Several old-boys were seen in high spirits at Hicks Park. Drunk on victory?

According to the custodian of one of the St. Pat's buses the "secret of singing smutty songs is to leave out the smutty parts."

Do the prefects really need bigger badges to hide behind?

Finally we congratulated Mr. H. on his discovery of the missing links.



GALLERY '69

- (1) Apprehension
- (2) Exhilaration
- (3) Intersec. C's
- (4) Ali Milno
- (5) Les girls
- (6) Dai's wire try.
- (7) Basket
- (8) Up and up

"HISTORICUS"

THE PREP SCHOOL

The Prep School was an institution which was for many years attached to the school, but one that is now forgotten, having been closed in 1954.

When the school was founded in 1882, it was decided to include boys in classes who would today be classed as primary school pupils. For the first few years the Prep department remained a vague organisation with junior boys being given no special instruction or even formed into a class of their own until 1912.

The Prep School received full standing for the first time in 1913. This was due to a change in the Education Department's regulations which stated that boys must now pass standard five before they could enter a secondary school. The Prep School would give the advantage of a secondary school training in other ways—sport and other school activity.

The Prep School opened in 1913 with a roll of 26. During the second year this roll increased to 48. A Prep library and museum were among the assets and to make room for expansion the old gym was taken over.

By 1918 three teachers were on the Prep staff and by 1920 the roll had reached 102. From 1920 onwards there was a steady drop in the roll until in 1926 there were only 50 boys. The depression of the early 1930s affected the roll considerably and by 1931 it stood at only 20. The roll decreased in the next five years there having been only eight pupils in 1935 and 1936. In 1937 there was a sharp increase in attendance but the Prep school never reached the size it had achieved in the early '20s. In 1943 the Board purchased Nigger House and the boards of the Prep took it over until the department was formed.

From 1943 until 1954, the roll remained around 30. This number however was insufficient to ensure that it was financially self-supporting and when it was learned that an intermediate school was to be built, it was decided that the department should close. The Prep School was finally closed in 1954.

AROUND THE GRADES

By "DIVEPASS"

Seen from the bank at Hicks Park:

—School gaining a good win over St. Pats with some strong forward play and enterprising back play.

—B. Smith some strong running on the wing. Looks quite an accomplished winger.

—T. Keenan after rather a shaky start settled down to play quite an enterprising game.

—D. Evans at No. 8 led the team by example covering well and featuring in some strong barging runs.

—L. O'Neil excellent game at Flanker being quick on to the loose ball.

—G. Mouri scoring a grand try and very fast round the paddock.

—The Second XV just went down to competition leaders Inglewood 9-3 on Saturday. The forwards generally outplayed the Inglewood pack but the backs failed to capitalise on good ball gained for them.

—Paul Lister impressed with some fine lineout jumping, gathering in many two handed takes.

—G. Eversfield covered well from No. 8.

—The front row of P. Dow, P. Hodges and S. Morris impressing with some real strong work up front.

—Black is co-competition leader with School Gold.

—Knowles is hard working man in the tight.

—Taylor leads the loose forwards by example, always close to the loose ball.

HOUSE NOTES

CENTRAL:

F. Hill and A. Perrott (G. White reserve) were Central's contribution to the First's victory over St. Pat's, a great introduction to the college season for the team and the school. Good work. Watch out Collegiate!

An honourable 3-all draw in the First XI's match against Wellington College gave Chas. Rodrigues, Karl Jveson, Doug Hannan and Lou Borok a chance to win recognition for themselves and the House. Ian Clement, recovering from a recent spell in hospital as a result of injury, was reserve.

"Zig" Saunders is the House rep. in the A. basketball team which is beginning to come right under their captain Grant Manning—congratulations on your appointment. Best of luck for your coming games.

The House appears to have at least one person in most of the winter sports teams. Graeme Sykes has done well to be one of four boys selected to play for the Taranaki Secondary School's Hockey team.

Peter Manning, one of Central's (and the school's) hopes for the Henessey Cup (skiing) team, has unfortunately broken his ankle and will be out of action for the remainder of the season. Hard luck Pete.

With Fifth grade Black first equal in the competition Tony Mace, Bruce Knowles, Ray Belzacki stand out as useful team members while Rodney Dey, Keith Holswich and Peter Sellars have helped to put white in third place.

Ninth grade, the lowest grade in the school, has seen some good games by loose forwards Neville Harvey and Bob Russell and backs David Roberts and Robin Stokell. On the back of the scrum Greg Abraham is turning out to be a lively forward and good captain of the A team.

Showing good form in junior soccer is Michael McKoy in the third grade and Neil Evetts and Tony Rodrigues (Big Brother in 1st XI) in fourth grade.

CARRINGTON

Congratulations:

M. Johnston, B. Smith and B. Bluck on gaining your Tigers.
Mr. Gordon on your appointment to Waikato Training College.
N. Phillips on your captaining of the "C's" to their second win.

The 7th grade had their first loss when they were defeated by F.D.C. Red 9-6. Had a good start to the second round when they soundly beat Clifton 27-0.

The 6th grade had a win when they beat F.D.C. Blue 14-3 and another loss when they were beaten 16-6 by Spotswood College.

The Carrington 8th have not as yet recorded a win but have played well, keeping defeat margins down.

N.B.—Dead thirds tell no tales.

EAST

With the first round of most grades completed, East House Rugby teams hold good positions in their respective competitions.

Both East sixths and East-Central sevenths are high in their competition with K. Sole, D. Williams, A. Wells, J. B. Smith, P. Prentice and G. Woodham playing good Rugby for their team.

Fifth grade black, in which we have two members, R. Sullivan and J. Taylor, are first equal with Gold. N. Johnson is playing exceptionally well for fifth white which are third in the competition.

The 2nd XV have had moderate success this season with East members "Buzz" Florence, Terry Fields and Bob Waddell proving valuable players. Also good to see Neil Sole back on the field.

Congratulations Alan Rutherford and Peter Smith on their St. Pats win and best of luck to them and the hockey XI in the coming Wanganui Collegiate matches.

We apologise to all house members for the absence of house notes in the last issue.



Paul Lister takes a good two-handed catch for Second XV.

MOYES

Peter Hickey playing his first match for the 1st XV showed ability and agility as a winger. Congratulations on being selected in the Taranaki under 23 side.

Grahame Mouri, a former "bisexual school" student, showed outstanding form against St. Pats. "Mobile and robust" was rewarded with a brilliant try—an event to remember.

John Woods in school 4th grade providing the forward pack with good sound leadership—an inspiration!

David Taumata in 6th grade Moyes an all rounder—athletics, swimming, cricket and Rugby.

Mwea Tareti our "soccer man" making his debut for the 1st Soccer XI. Valuable asset to the team—over 6 goals so far for the season.

Promising future for some of the Moyes House prefects as "salesmen" quite obviously.

Due to some mishaps, the house urgently requires a new reporter. Applications will be gratefully received and considered. Send application to "Common Room"—Moyes House.

PRIDHAM

We congratulate the 1st XV on their victory over St. Pats and wish them luck in today's Collegiate match.

Lower grade Rugby in the house had a disappointing weekend. Although last weekend's matches were both away games we feel more support could be shown by the senior house.

6th Grade v. Clifton, Went down convincingly at Waitara by 14 points to 6, our points coming from two field goals by B. Isaac. A lack of fitness was noticeable.

7th Grade v. Francis Douglas. In a close game Pridham lost 3-nil to competition leaders F.D. College, as a result of a stupid penalty given away in front of their own posts. Gunderson at centre and lock Paul both played well.

Some original country verse was heard from a jubilant senior bus-load returning from Hawera. We believe "Brains" has a great future in song-writing.

WEST HOUSE

Congratulations to the 1st XV on a good win over St. Pats, Silverstream. We wish them all the best against Wanganui Collegiate on Thursday, 17th.

We wish the 1st Hockey XI all the best against Wanganui Collegiate on Thursday 17th also.

The 1st Soccer XI managed to salvage a draw against Wellington College but were completely outplayed by Mt. Albert last Saturday. However it was good to see Dave Dobby back on the field again.

West House seems to be doing well in all the Rugby grades. We hope this trend continues.

Brett and Jeff Gilbert and Murray Monaghan are also doing well in the harriers.

Evan Cottam has been having success with his cycling. We wish him all the best in future competitions.

Hair can be deceiving—recently, after a soccer match one boy was heard to say to another, "Was Mrs. — here?" "No," replied the other boy. "But there she is in the front of that car." But she turned out to be a boy.