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COVER PHOTO:

The School watching and supporting the 1st XV in its victory over Wanganui Collegiate.

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EDITORIAL

BEHIND THE SCENES "69"

In any school, large or small, a large army of people work behind the scenes to keep the institution running efficiently. Teaching staff and pupils are the real business of a school, but in turn their role of teaching and learning is greatly assisted by all sorts of other activities and the personnel running these activities, often seen but seldom known, are a vital part of the school environment. In the next few years it is to be hoped that we may see all sorts of other new people in our High Schools as well. Markers, Lab technicians, counsellors, timetablers, and sports assistants could be examples in this field.

Here this week then, we are featuring some of the people who contribute to the efficiency and variety and the general quality of the school's atmosphere. In the same way as we find men who have devoted many years of their lives to the teaching staff of the school, so it often is with these people behind the scenes. Mr. Collin Campbell for example, in the Music Teaching Department, has been here for 35 years. Erica Lagore has been taking Saturday night dancing classes at the G.H.S. with the boarder boys for 23 years. In the past several groundsmen, gardeners and cooks have been on the staff for longer than 20 years. When we look briefly at the total number of people involved in this side of school affairs, the figure is a large one and the variety of jobs is considerable. Altogether, about 60 people are concerned with full time jobs, including: Matrons and matrons, school Chaplains, laundry and sewing room staff, gardeners and groundsmen, cooks, dining room domestic staff, house cleaners, librarian, Hospital staff, office staff, tuckshop manager, caretaker, special reading instructor, commercial cleaners, lab technician and part time music staff.

The school farm had a fulltime manager until the school took it over again about 6 years ago.

Besides these people who are here permanently, other itinerant visitors include: traffic officers, barbers, Army instructors, school inspectors, doctors, and transport people, including Hans Speck, the manager-driver of a bus company who does most of the main school trips.

Some are often seen, for example Les Nials skimming about, and Mrs. Williams' cheerie smile over the office desk each day. Some are rarely seen, for example Mrs. Curethurs the specialist reading instructor who comes for half the day and operates quietly in the boarders lounge; or Mr. Neil McDuirmid the new laboratory technician; not to mention Doug Bishop away in his quiet corner behind the laundry.

To all these people involved we say a sincere thank you and hope that they are inclined to remain with us, working quietly and efficiently in the wings of the stage for some time into the future.



MRS. CONNETT
Office Assistant
Secretary.



MRS. SHEAT
Assistant specialist
typist.



SID REVELL
Head Gardiner.



KAY BERESFORD
Kitchen Staff.



MRS. McCLAUGHLIN
Librarian.



MRS. WILLIAMS
Senior Office
Secretary.



MRS. BROOKING
Carrington Cleaner.



MRS. EARLE
Pridham Cleaner.



FRED BRATTLE
Laundry Man.



NURSE WESTON
Hospital Staff.



MRS. SCOTT
Kitchen Staff.

BEHIND THE SCENES PEOPLE '69

WHAT'S ON

Saturday, August 9th:

2nd XV v. Hamilton Boys' High 2nd XV.

1st XI v. Hamilton Boys' High 1st XI.

Under 15 and Under 16½ Rugby teams v. Wanganui Collegiate (at Wanganui).

Saturday, August 17th:

Debating (Inter-house).

Monday, August 18th to Friday, August 22nd:

Arts Festival.

Friday, August 22nd:

Second Term Ends.

Saturday, August 23rd:

1st XV v. Auckland Grammar (at N.P.).

Monday, August 25th:

Hockey Tournament.

LETTERS

Waukegan,
June, 1969.

Dear Masters and boys,

As you see my time is drawing to a close here, I leave Waukegan on June 28th for the start of the bus trip round America, then the flight home leaving from San Francisco. School graduation was on June 10th, quite a big affair this is here, with over 800 in the graduating class; we all wore gowns etc., you can imagine how long it took for us all to file up, shake hands with the head and receive the diploma. After there were plenty of parties to attend if one wanted to. Quite different from home eh?

No doubt you'll have read of the wave of violence here in Chicago, with 22 persons killed since the first of the year, there were 132 shootings with 4 Chicago killed and 8 wounded. Police have called on every individual to help stop this new wave of wanton shootings and assaults here. Wouldn't have their job on for the world.

I have got to meet a student from every country in Europe except Finland and Iceland, as well as the South American countries except Uruguay and Bolivia. A funny thing here is that every month the local P.T.A. gets together and everybody assures each other that there is no drug problem in their high school, however their illusions were rudely shattered last week when the Police raided the East Campus (seniors) and caught a load of "pushers" most of whom came from the school. This activity is confined to a few freak-outs though, I think.

Last month we had the last of the big does on the school social calendar, the Prom. The School gave me free tickets \$12.50, but I paid for flowers and the tux \$20; These prices kind of make you stutter eh?

My middle American brother has accepted a job in San Diego with General Electric at \$830 a month, guess it pays to be an engineer.

College education over here is very costly to say the least, to go to a college in the same state that you have been to high school in costs only \$1,000 for tuition, but to attend one out of state can cost from between \$2,800 to \$5,000, with board on top of that. Of

course wages are a lot higher, a Policeman starts at \$10,001, a bachelor degree earns \$10,000 except if you teach. Student holidays jobs are also highly paid, a labourer can get \$4.50 an hour, a life-guard \$2 an hour. I am continually amazed at how mobile students are here, I personally know of 50 who are going to Florida and California this summer, 8 went out of state at Easter and 10 Jewish kids are going to Israel to work for nothing, even paying their own fares over there.

The coverage of Apollo 10 has been just amazing on TV. Met our N.Z. Teen Princess when she was in Chicago, and thought her a very able representative too; the whole group visited a Naval Hospital near here, then had dinner with the Mayor, who invited me along as he is a friend. Ended up getting four free tickets to the Coronation at the Conrad Hilton, one of the largest hotels in U.S.A. A friend's father shouted the four of us to dinner before the show, another example of this amazing American hospitality.

My sincere regards to all at the N.P.B.H.S.

Yours,

Peter.

Dear Sir,

I think that there should be a phone or phone-box located in or around the school for the boarders' convenience. The closest phone-box is the one at the Coronation Ave. shops. Not having a phone is an inconvenience both to the boys and the Housemasters. First of all the boys have to get permission to use the phone (which is not always granted). Secondly, if a call comes for a boy the Housemaster has to send for the boy and the Housemaster is continually answering the phone. I might add that he is woken up at some ungodly hours in the morning. It would be most convenient to have a special phone close to the school, then boys wouldn't be breaking the leave rules to go to the phone-boxes.

The only thing against this is that senior boys will be on the phone talking to the G.H.S. and junior boys will want the phone for more urgent matters.

I am etc.,

SPORT

FIRST XV v. WANGANUI COLLEGIATE

This was the second college game of the season for the First XV, being played on the Gully. School kicked off on a near perfect day and immediately the School eight won two quick rucks resulting in a try to A. Keenan. School again scored from a Fleming break who fed Boyd, who scored the try. Hickey scored after Collegiate had gathered from loose play to make the score 9-3 at half-time. School piled on the points in the second half with tries coming from Johnson, Smith, Hickey and Perrott, who did a Maori side-step to score the final try. F. Hill converted three and kicked a penalty goal, while R. Cox scored his second try for Collegiate, making the final score 30-6.

All the forwards went together as a pack with no individuals really showing out. O'Neil and Johnson both excelled in all phases of play, especially on the loose ball. D. Evans, until replaced by Gav. White, had a fine match, showing his leadership characteristics by making some fine saves. Geck and Martin both jumped well in the line-outs with Martin in particular getting some fine two-handed takes, while Geck was strong in the tight. The front row of A. Perrott, R. Bluck and S. Morris formed a strong core to the pack, each toiling hard in the tight.

L. Dean gave his backs good service from half-back, combining well with A. Keenan. The centres Fleming and Boyd made several mid-field breaks. The wings, P. Hickey and B. Smith, both enjoyed sound games, getting in amongst the tries. F. Hill also had an enterprising game with sound kicking and tackling.

The referee was Ian Lobb.



Attention lineout.

AROUND THE GRADES

By "DIVEPASS"

From the Gully we saw:

- School completely clean out Collegiate by 30-6.
- The School pack dominated possession, winning ample ball from rucks,

scrum and lineouts, with which the backs provided some sparkling movements.

—Inside back combination of Fleming and Keenan thrilling the crowd with some enterprising breaks.

—Dean very fast from the base of the scrum.

—Loose trio of Evans, O'Neil and Johnson leading the forwards particularly well, with Evans covering with skill.

—Allan Martin jumping to great heights in the lineouts.

—Frank Geck and Stephen Morris both had good debuts, each toiling hard in the tight.

—The Second XV had a lively game against Waitara on Saturday, winning 24-15.

—Marurau played solidly on the side of the scrum.

—Shark Clarke had a fine game on the wing, scoring three tries.

—Van Praagh feed his backs skillfully from halfback.

—Les Grant featuring with two tries for the 4th A's against Spotswood Old Boys.

—Walter Morgan running with determination at centre.

—Des Whiteside adding punch at 2nd five eight.

—Bill Gibson playing with drive and determination in the forwards.

—Tony Mace turning in an excellent game for Black against Gold.

—L. Scrivener kicked a brilliant penalty goal under the adverse conditions to give Black its 3-0 win.

—G. Putt was the tactician behind the Black backline.

—J. Williams toiled hard in the beaten Gold pack.

—R. Kana hooked well, also playing well off the front of the lineout.

—J. Glover at fullback, R. Robson at centre were the pick of the Gold backs, each having reasonable games.



Moyes Juniors Practice.

SKI-ING

Although ski-ing is not officially a School sport, many boys in the School, including several boarders, spend much time on the ski slopes. In addition to this, the School Tramping Club runs about three trips a year to the Manganui ski fields for any boys who are interested in trying the sport.

The tramping club trips cater for about 60 boys per trip, from beginners upwards. The trips are largely made possible by reductions in the price of equipment hire and the use of ski tows, and this factor helps the many boys who now go up quite regularly.

Every year from the number of boys who manage to ski fairly regularly, has been selected a team to compete in the various team races that take place on Mt. Egmont. First organised in 1966, the

team has gained fourth place every year it has competed since then in the Hennessy Cup, an event in which most of the top ski clubs in the North Island take part. In 1968, the Taranaki secondary schools teams race was run for the first time and was won by the School team in competition against teams from as far afield as Taumarunui. The School "B" team came fourth against a total field of six teams.

Skiers from the School have also done well as individuals in the various races. In 1967 Brian Morris won a cup for the best schoolboy skier in the province. Last year, S. Mace, J. Mace and P. Manning came 7th, 8th and 9th respectively in the North Island championships against a field of forty. In 1965 Stuart Mace won the Taranaki intermediate championships, as did Peter Manning in 1968. This year Jim Mace came first equal in the Taranaki intermediate champs. P. Manning and S. Mace have both won the Mackenzie Scholarship, a scholarship for boys under 17 and which entitles the winners to up to ten days free ski-ing and racing instruction at Mt. Ruapehu.

This year the ski team to compete in the Taranaki schools' teams race on the 26th of July consists of J. Mace, S. Mace, J. Woods and S. Mackenzie.



Jim Mace competes in the Inter-schools giant Downhill Slalom.

TARANAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAMS RACE

The day of the race was misty, with a light rain that stopped at about 10 o'clock. The snow was firm, and a bit thin in places. The giant slalom course was tight and easily rutted. School was fairly narrowly beaten by Hawera, with the Hawera B team taking third place. The School B team was unable to race. J. Mace and S. Mace took the 2nd and 3rd fastest times respectively, with J. Woods making a fairly fast time in the second run.

SCENE (by "Periscope")

We congratulate Mr. Gibbs on passing his music theory examination with Trinity College of Music.

Mr. Whelan and his fellows hit the news last week during the lunar mission, when they were able to photograph particular craters on the moon's surface. Then after a telephone call to the U.S.A. the

astronauts were able to observe the particulars seen by Mr. Whelan.

During the excitement of the lunar landing it was noted that school work virtually came to a standstill as many classes listened in to the proceedings.

Webster field was used for the first time during the visit by the Wanganui Collegiate hockey team. This field looks quite a sight when being played on, and will obviously be of great assistance to the School and sport in the future.

Roger Feather, ex First XV, will get his first provincial match in the King Country v. Taranaki fixture.

"HISTORICUS"

THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The boarding establishment, now a dominant force in the School, had its beginnings in 1910 with four boarders, rising to thirty-three in 1913, necessitating the lease of Niger House in 1914. In 1916 a "new" boarding house (now Carrington) was completed—run with School house until 1937. The boarding establishment was fast getting about itself a sense of tradition. By 1920 there were 190 boarders, and a new wing constructed on to "New House" barely accommodated them.

School House was rebuilt in 1930, the same year Carrington House achieved full house status—(named after Carrington, the original surveyor of New Plymouth). Already the foundations for house rivalry had been laid.

The history of Pridham House (named after Mr. Ernest Pridham—the first headmaster) began in 1927 when a wooden block of two dormitories connected by a central ablutions section was erected to take some of the increase in boarders. It was scarcely completed however, when depression reduced the boarding roll so that it was not used until 1937 when it was redecorated and given full house status. An extra storey was added in 1939 and by 1941 it accommodated 70 boarders. Later expansion included two flats and a locker room.

In 1939 a day boy house system was established. The city was divided into three areas; approximately equal, and after much discussion regarding suitable names the simple terms Central, East and West were chosen as being the most descriptive. It was hoped that inter-house rivalry would be thus increased and with it day boy participation in games and interest in the school.

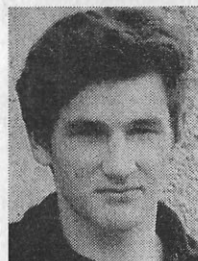
In 1944 Niger House was purchased by the Board, having been leased at several times earlier to accommodate the overflow: and 29 boys, the boarding section of the Preparatory School, were accommodated there. In 1946 School House was renamed "Moyes" House to perpetuate the memory of the late headmaster.

The last of the School's present seven houses achieved full house status in 1955. With the abolition of the Preparatory Department, Niger House became available for ordinary boarders. After extensive renovations it began with 40 boys as the most luxurious boarding house in the School.

Thus, from a division in 1912 into boarders and day boys, to two boarding houses in 1931, three in 1938, day boy houses in 1939 and Niger in 1955, the School house system became complete.

Since 1957 further changes have taken place. Country house, a fourth day boys house drawing boarders from far flung country areas, was abolished in 1959 and Niger was limited to third formers—giving us the present number of six houses. Day house boundaries have been adjusted from time to time owing to the establishment first of Francis Douglas College and then of Spotswood College. At present Central House boundaries are Carrington Street to the west and the Te Henui river to the east. All boys west of that area are in West House and those east of it in East House. Country boys from the south and west belong to West House and those from elsewhere to East.

PERSONALITIES



P. Manning.



S. Mace.

JIM MACE

Jim lives at the Mountain House on Mt. Egmont, where he came after living for a short time at Mt. Cook and then at Wellington. Has been skiing for about 8 seasons and racing for about seven. Came 2nd in Taranaki Junior champs in 1964, 3rd in 1966 and 1967, and was second in the Junior and Intermediate champs last year. 1st equal in the Intermediate slalom this year. Came 8th in North Island champs in 1968. Has been a member of the School ski team since 1966, its first year. Also plays Rugby for the Intersec C's, and is captain of the Tramping Club.

STUART MACE

Stuart has also skied for about nine seasons. Won Taranaki Junior and Intermediate champs in 1965. Came 7th in North Island Champs in 1968. He has been a member of the School ski team since his third form. This year has won the Mackenzie skiing scholarship. He also plays football for the Moyes sixth grade.

PETER MANNING

Pete has been skiing for about five seasons. Last year he won the Taranaki Junior and Intermediate champs, came 9th in the North Island champs, and won the Mackenzie scholarship. He has also been in the School ski team since 1966, but this year is out of action due to a broken ankle.

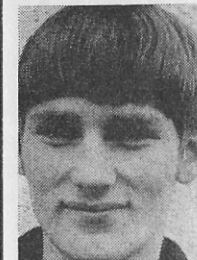
Pete was a schoolboy rep at Rugby while at Intermediate school, and played in the lower grades here at School, but gave up football to go skiing. He was a member of the Y.M.C.A. for 13 years, where he learnt gymnastics. He won the School 3rd and 5th form champs, and also won the 3rd and 4th form diving champs.

JOHN WOODS

John is the third member of the ski team this year. A boarder, he comes from Waiouru. He has skied for 3 years. Last year he was in the School C team, and also won the Aorangi ski club's Junior championships. John plays for the 4th grade A's, where he is leader of the forwards, and is also co-leader of the School haka party. His other responsibilities include secretary of the tramping club, and the stationery room staff.

STUART MACKENZIE

Stuart has also skied for 3 years. Last year he was in the School B team, but this year has come up to the A team. He is also in the first rowing eight, and has rowed for four years. Last year he was in the 2nd basketball squad, but has had to give it up, although he still retains a keen interest in it.



S. McKenzie.



J. Woods.



J. Mace.

BELL TOWER

This week the Bell Tower unfortunately collapsed.

Points to Ponder

"He who discommendeth others obliquely commendeth himself."

Natural Gas

—Monty Barak, 1916-21 1st XV, shooting teams, Dux and National University Scholarship 1921. School's first Rhodes Scholar 1925 after B.Sc. at Canterbury. Now the Scientific Advisor to the Chloride Group of Coys. in the U.K. Lives at Burgess Hill, Sussex, and has two sons. Could possibly visit the school this year.

—John R. Wood, Head Boy, Captain 1st

XV and 1st XI, Taranaki Scholarship 1956. Represented Manawatu (Rugby) while at Massey, and Waikato till 1967. Now runs a farm in the Pat-aruru area.

—Manners for Every Man—Never shake hands with a glove on. —Never offer your hand to a woman to be shaken.

Wait for her to offer her hand.

—A gentleman never wears the collar of his coat turned up.

BAND

The School Band will be setting off for Palmerston North by bus at 3.15 p.m. on Thursday. Our first stop after leaving New Plymouth will be Hawera, where we will play a few numbers in the main street and then we will proceed to Palmerston North, where we should arrive about 7 p.m.

While down there we will have four engagements. On Friday we will play at the P.N.B.H.S. and P.N.G.H.S., while in the evening we will give a performance at the Display Centre. On Saturday morning our final performance will be at the Esplanade and the rest of the day will be taken up with travelling around Palmerston, while that night all boys will attend a dance.

Our repertoire consists of nine items, a classical piece, Concerto for Trumpet, light music, Edelweis, Blue Tango, Whispering Brass and three marches: Wairoa, Home Again and Victoria, while a quartet will play the 1st movement to Eine Kleine Nacht. The band will return to New Plymouth on Sunday morning.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Last week was one of considerable interest in astronomy, especially the Apollo 11 moon shot. A week of close moon watching was undertaken by the club to check for Transient Lunar Phenomena. Successful sightings in two craters Aristarcus and Maskelyne were made, both at Tikorangi Observatory and at School using two 6-inch telescopes and the 10-inch telescope. These results were sent to the Smithsonian Institute in America by cable for checking out of sighting by the astronauts.

Photographs have been taken of these phenomena, but results are not yet known.

PHILATELY CLUB

Regular weekly meetings resumed after the May holidays with good attendances every Wednesday lunchtime in Room 28. Collectors have been meeting to buy, sell and exchange stamps and First Day covers, and individuals have benefited in furthering their knowledge of this absorbing hobby.

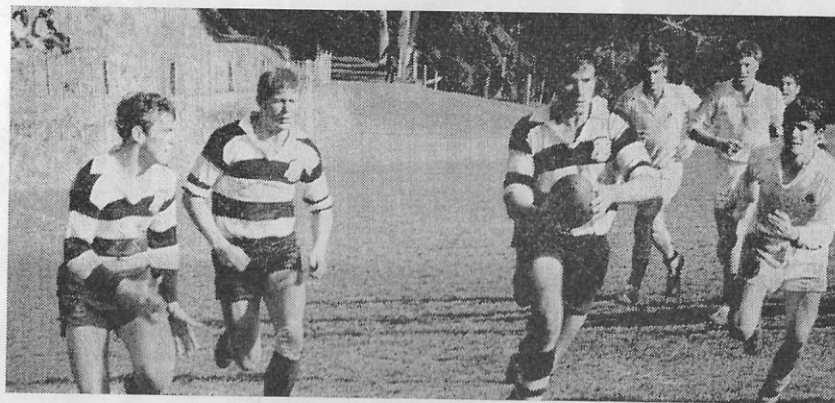
The club regularly purchases "The New Zealand Stamp Monthly," which Mr. Watson, the master-in-charge, makes available to members, along with catalogues for hire and in the near future the club hopes to purchase a New Zealand Specialist Catalogue, for the benefit of members.

This year the club is again organising the distribution of Health Stamps in the School.

This year is a busy one philatelically-wise, as there are several pending New Zealand issues. The 1969 Health Set to appear in August will be followed later in the month by a set of two stamps commemorating the sesqui-centenary of the founding of the first European settlement in New Zealand still in use. Four stamps and a special miniature sheet will appear in October to honour the bi-centenary of Captain Cook's voyages. In conjunction with this there will be a National Stamp Exhibition, named "Tarapex," held October 5th-11th in the Agricultural Hall, New Plymouth. At least one collection from a School club member will be exhibited and it is hoped to arrange a School party to visit the exhibition.

New members are always welcome at Room 28 in the lunch hour every Wednesday.

HOUSE NOTES



Fast Break.

WEST

Congratulations to the First XV on a very good win over Wanganui Collegiate. Tony Keenan played a very good game.

Belated congratulations to "Butch" Clement, who is in the First Hockey XI for the third season.

In the lower grade Rugby West had two good wins in sixth and seventh grade.

Sixth grade beat Moyes 15-0.

Seventh grade beat Spotswood College 11-0.

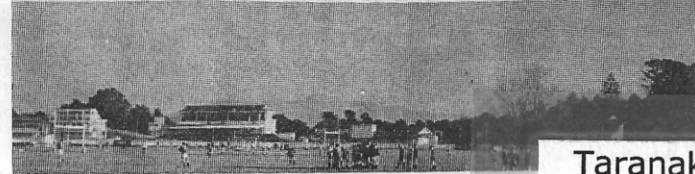
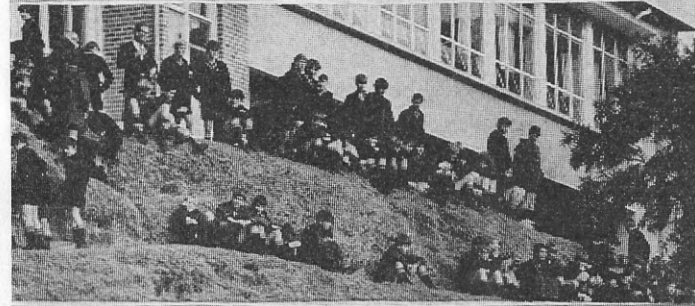
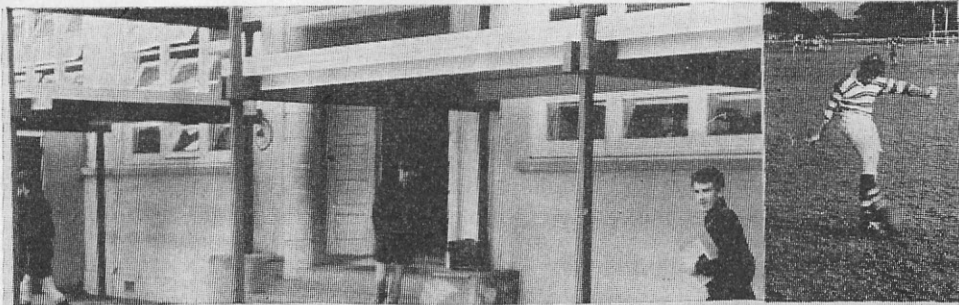
Congratulations to Dave Boddy and Peter Whitwell on their selection in the Taranaki Under 16 soccer team. Dave is also captain of the team.

Paul Lister is playing well in the Second XV.

Ronnie Jackson did well at a recent boxing meet held at Oakura.

Junior players in the lower grade soccer teams are doing well.

Good luck to the First XV and First XI in their coming matches against Hamilton Boys' High.



GALLERY 69

- (1) New wet weather covers
- (2) Spot-o-matic.
- (3) Glamorous spectators.
- (4) Downhill run.
- (5) Pre-talk.
- (6) Assembly out.
- (7) Capacity crowd.
- (8) Siberia.
- (9) Blue "Tango".



CENTRAL

The School's fourth grade team is on top of the competition at present. Bruce McAllum is a valuable utility team member, having played at No. 8, first five, second five, centre and prop. His normal position on the back of the scrum has seen him putting in some sound games. At prop Denis Burkhart is having a good season.

With Hugh Caughley and Malcolm Daisley contributing greatly to the forward pack's efficiency, the Intersec. B team has won all its games thus far this season. Keep it up.

Tony Walker in the Second Soccer XI is having some good games while Michael McKay in the third grade team has been selected for the Under 14 rep team.

With end of term not too far away Chas. Rodrigues is selecting a debating team to represent the House in the competition during "Arts Week," the final week of the term.

The First Hockey XI came close to defeating Collegiate but the game ended in a draw. Sykes, Ian Armstrong and Plummer all had a sound game. (Apologies Brian Plummer on my failing to mention you as part of the XI earlier). In the goal mouth for the Second XI David Simes is making some good saves.

Well Collegiate, we gave you a fair warning in the last issue. The Firsts certainly had a brilliant game. Fanny Hill kicked nine points and Lee Perrott scored a magnificent try after Hill had fed the ball back into the forwards. Gav. White came on for about ten minutes near the end of the game to replace Dai, who retired with an injured back.

EAST

First Soccer XI had a draw with Wellington College with East House well represented by R. Mackay, C. Thame, A. Vernon and C. Vernon.

Several of our junior House members are playing well for the ninth grade, namely R. Kinera, K. Johns, L. Valentine and D. Jans.

There are three hockey players from East in the Second Hockey XI. They are A. Nickoll (captain), G. Gordon and I. Buxton. The team has had a couple of wins this season.

Congratulations . . .

To G. Dyer for his selection in the Taranaki Secondary Schools Hockey team.

G. Philp and D. Knapman for their selection in the New Plymouth Colt Indoor Basketball team.

D. Jans for gaining selection in the North Taranaki ninth grade Rugby reps.

MOYES

The sixth grade on Saturday lost 12-0 to West in a hard game. Players of mention were P. Brooky at half-back and MacDonal.

The seventh grade after a hard game also lost 15-14 to Clifton. Notable players were Tamata and Barnard.

In the eighth grade however we were pleased to see a victory

3-0 against West. Kjestrup and Dobson played well. Thanks to Mr. Morton for his regular coaching during the week for these grades.

Congratulations to P. Hickey and L. Dean on their play this season.

A new tradition has been created in the House—The Dorm 6 Roll of Honour. It is hoped in future years that boys will add their names to the list.

The new drying room is functioning as planned and is a valuable improvement to the House.

Congratulations to R. Graham for his selection for the First XI to play Wanganui—well done.

The “Rules of Snooker” in the last edition have proved very valuable to certain members of the House.

In the fourth A’s B. Gibson and J. Woods have performed well throughout the season.

Congratulations to the “Moyes House” ski team consisting of J. Woods, S. Mace, J. Mace and S. Mackenzie for their selection to represent the School on Saturday.

CARRINGTON

Congratulations to the First XV on their win over Wanganui Collegiate. M. Johnson, B. Boyd, R. Bluck, L. O’Neill, B. Smith and F. Geck played from Carrington. Mark Johnson and Barry Boyd both scored tries.

After a good start in the first half and with a half-time score of 6-0 in our favour the sixth grade lost their game against East 12-6. Sooner scored a good try and Warbrook and King played their best. The forwards are playing a loose and scrappy game. The game against Pridham was the second win of the season. The team played together and were able to beat Pridham 20-3. Ashworth, Warbrook, Simones, Spooner and King scored tries and Cameron kicked a penalty and a conversion.

The sevenths played a good game when they beat Moyes 10-6. We are still in second place and only two competition points away from F.D.C. Red. Another good game against Pridham. We were



Half-time refreshments.



B. Boyd clears.

lucky to win and this was only clinched when Roddy Bott kicked a field goal.

M. Donaldson and G. Turner have gained the eighth grade trials. Good work.

Myles Herdman gained a place in the North Taranaki ninth grade rep. team.

Boys around the House are beginning to realise that it does not pay to cause any damage to House property. Repairs are slow and only come when one gets down on one’s knees. Could this be remedied by pricking someone hard!!?

The fruit order system is now running smoothly, thanks to the efficiency of Unreliable and Associates.

Heard during a 6A history period: Was the downfall of Oliver Cromwell due to the fact that he was a Carrington House Prefect.

Is it true that Sad Sack is treated like a Carrington Prefect. (Thumbs down.)

PRIDHAM

Lower grade Rugby in the House is having its ups and downs this season—the Pridham eighth grade team with two losses appearing to have the best record. Players standing out in this team are Strawbridge, Gulliver and in particular Gilmer at half-back.

The seventh grade team after convincingly beating Okato 16-6 (Worth two tries and two conversions and a try each to Gunderson and Bayly) went down narrowly to Carrington 8-5; Nitschke scoring a try converted by Worth. B. Paul at lock and flanker Hollard are playing well in this grade.

Pridham sixth grade is badly in need of support after losing its last two games, being beaten 14-nil by a combined West-Central team and 20-3 by Carrington. Piglet is showing some fire from the front of the line, other notable players being Hargreaves and third former A. Williams, who is improving steadily. We want to see more senior boys on the sideline this Saturday!

Top personality in the House at present is S. T. Morris after his last-minute selection for the Collegiate game. Congratulations Mora—Wanganui representative 1970?

A few eyebrows have been raised this week following the discovery of a certain “cuddly” member of the senior dorm.

The bug has struck the Common Room with all the prefects in various stages of buckling. For those who wish to avoid being struck down follow these simple precautions devised by the Taumarunui-Benneydale Bush Pharmacy:

1. Tuck your singlet firmly into your underpants.
2. Remove all bug carriers.
3. To prevent unpleasant draughts plug it with Baby Soft.
4. Have at least one cold shower daily.
5. Don’t wash hair at night.
6. Take a break!

Finally, we have it from reliable sources that P.R.D. is (again?) two timing.