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Mike — whose small size achieved high efficiency.
Geoff — who nearly got that photograph taken.
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EDITORIAL (by one of Hostel 1's cleaners)

Well, there was one of them editor lads asked us to write this editorial, like 'cos 'e were a bit bad after this Drag Disco (and keep them muddy boots off my nice clean stairs).

I'd just like to say that I've read it all, (put that bed-leg back) and it's not all that bad.

And stop dropping fag ash all over my nice clean floor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We'd like to thank everyone who's worked for and contributed to AGRIMAG this year.

Adam and Graham

DEAN'S REPORT

In more expansive days the Dean, when writing his report for Agrimag, had only to look around him to find ample material for comment in the shape of new laboratories, halls of residence, lecture rooms or even boiler-houses. Now, perhaps more than last year, I find a notable absence of even the prospect of new material resources as the axe of national economy continues to cut back all but the most vital developments. The continued freeze of new building schemes is doubly hard for us because the long-awaited Amenity Building is not only needed for its own sake but could release space for other purposes and help to relieve the more pressing needs of the academic departments and the Library. Indeed the most likely signs of expansion will probably take the form of a non-University development, although it will be closely allied to the research interests of our Environmental Studies section. This is a Microclimatology Group, to be established at Sutton Bonington by the Ministry of Overseas Development, and consisting initially of five research fellows and three support staff under the general guidance of Professor J.L. Monteith. A possible location is St. Michael's Close, formerly a professorial residence and more recently a furnished house for academic visitors to the Faculty from overseas.

At Faculty Board recently we were reminded of the biological principle that those who adapt to their environment survive; in the harsh economic conditions of today our Faculty intends to continue its evolutionary development on a frugal diet, at least in quality if not in quantity. For several years the Faculty has shown a commendable restraint in not tampering with what we believe is a fundamentally sound and effective degree course structure. The time now seems ripe, however, for a fresh look at this structure in the light of changing needs and active discussions have taken place during the current session. Three ideas have excited keen interest, if not undivided support: first the problem of combining

the economics and advantages of deferred choice conferred by our common-stem first year with the need to maintain the subject-orientated enthusiasm of those students who are already committed to particular specialisations; secondly the prospect of broadening the scope of honours and/or ordinary degrees by covering four subjects instead of the present three. Finally a departmental group has been planning the introduction of a new second-year course with the title of Environmental Biology, to be taken by all students in the Plant Science and Animal Science streams.

It is always with some regret that we record the departure of valued colleagues, either on retirement or on the appointment to other posts. That regret is nowadays mingled with anxiety for the only vacancies which can be re-filled are those which are deemed to be "inescapable replacements". Among long-serving colleagues who will leave us this year are Miss Nancy Rhodes (Librarian), Dr Mendel Stein (Lecturer in Food Science) and Mr R.B. Jones (Lecturer in Farm Management) who are retiring. In happier vein, we congratulate Mr J.M.V. Blanshard on promotion to Senior Lecturer.

Several members of staff are abroad as I write: Dr. Mike Unsworth in Canada, Dr. Don Grierson in America, Dr David Crawford in Nairobi and Dr. Bas Haynes in the United States.

Dr. Ron Bardsley has taken on the job of Press Publicity Officer and seeks to encourage his busy colleagues to divulge news of their research discoveries for exposure to the national and scientific media of publicity.

A notable link with the early days of the Faculty was strengthened by the establishment of an H.G. Robinson Memorial Lecture. The first lecture was given in December 1975 by a former student, Dr. Keith Dexter, who is now Head of the Agricultural Advisory Service, London. His subject was "More production from our own resources". The opportunity was taken to combine the Memorial Lecture with a one-day conference. Dr. H. Swan and Dr. J. Bingham spoke on future dairy and beef systems and the breeding of cereals and soundings were taken on the possible formation of a Midlands Agricultural Club.

This year we plan two Easter Schools: one organised by Dr. M. Woodbine on 'Antibiotics and Antibiosis in Agriculture (with special reference to synergic aspects)', and one by Dr. G. Norton on 'Plant Proteins'. In March we expect a visit from the Agriculture Sub-committee of the University Grants Committee - hopefully we can convince them of the needs for new developments, and in particular of our new Amenities Building.

D. Lewis.

INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly, I must extend my thanks, on behalf of all the readers of Agrimag, to the production team for collecting and editing all the articles which appear in this edition. Secondly, I must equally thank last year's Guild Committee and particularly those members who will be leaving S.B. at the end of the term and have contributed so much to the life of our Guild as have many third years. I hope next year's Guild Committee and all the Guild members will continue to strive for greater participation and activity in all clubs, societies and Guild meetings to that the work of those intrepid third years has not been in vain.

The "struggle for power" is about to commence hailed the start of the annual set of Guild elections. The posts have been filled and perhaps now is the opportunity to ask what power? The answer is simple - there is no absolute individual power. The decisions are made by you at each Guild Meeting and only by full participation at a Guild Meeting (and outside these meetings) can progress be made.

Every single student at S.B. is a member of the Guild and everyone is affected in some way or another by the decisions made at Guild Meetings. Thus next year let us make that little extra effort to attend meetings and express your views. It is pointless for you to come up to me after the meeting and say I disagreed with such and such a decision if you said nothing at the time. So please attend meetings and speak your mind. Some of the topics likely to be discussed in the forthcoming year are outlined below:-

Accommodation is likely to remain the most important area and demand a great deal of Guild time. Some progress has been made, but such issues of short term housing, subtenancy agreements, mortgage agreements all need investigating.

Extension of Guild facilities such as the taking over of the running of the Faculty shop, a possible branch of Dillon's Bookshop at S.B., expansion of the bar and vending machines, possible training lights for the sports fields and the setting up of a gymnasium fund, are all areas of possible discussion.

Items of catering, welfare, East Midlands Airport and the possibility of S.B. disaffiliating from NUS are more than likely to be discussed next session as are many other items which affect and interest YOU.

Thus it can be seen that events at Guild meetings next year will affect every student member at S.B. All I can do is to reiterate the words of last year's incoming Chairman's report by Paul Welters - "Attend meetings, take part in them, vote and help carry out their decisions".

The power lies with YOU. The Guild Committee is essentially only the administrative body of the Guild. Attend meetings and use your power - the vote.

Simon Jarvis.

RETIREMENTS

Mr R. Bennet Jones

Son of a Montgomeryshire farmer, Mr R.B. Jones graduated in the University of Wales (Aberystwyth) in 1937 with first class honours in Economics and Agricultural Economics and two years later he was awarded the degree of M.Sc. for a comparative study of dairying in Wales and Denmark. He held posts in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Leeds University and at Aberystwyth and for either years he worked in the Department of Agriculture for Scotland where he became Senior Agricultural Economist.

In October 1950 he joined the University of Nottingham as Senior Agricultural Economist (later to be termed Lecturer in Agricultural Economics). He has published very many reports on profitability of farming, the economics of milk and beef production, marketing and on numerous financial aspects of farming. On several occasions he took charge of the Department of Agricultural Economics for short periods and he served on the Faculty Board for many years.

During the 26 years spent at Sutton Bonington, Mr. R.B. Jones has seen several radical changes in the organisation of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management. Throughout he proved to be a most loyal and conscientious colleague. It is certain that the many students he has taught are grateful to him and they would wish to join with his colleagues on the academic staff in wishing both 'R.B.' and Mrs Jones a long and happy retirement.

J.D.I.

Dr M. Stein

The retirement of Dr Mendel Stein in September will end a continuous period of 22 years devoted service to the Faculty of Agricultural Science at Sutton Bonington.

Dr. Stein was born in Czechoslovakia in 1911 and followed a grammar school education in the classics. He then studied at the University of Prague, graduating as Doctor of Law in 1934. During the next five years he practised law in the business world. In 1939 he came to England which has since been his home.

He then commences an entirely new career, taking an Honours B.Sc. degree in Agricultural Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Leeds. Dr. Stein spent the next five years as a research chemist in the food industry, prior to accepting a post as Lecturer in Dairying at Sutton Bonington in 1954. The course in Dairying was subsequently replaced by one in Food Science, qualifying for the B.Sc. degree. Dr. Stein has been involved, therefore, in Food Science teaching at the University of Nottingham since its inception in 1962-63. His interests and expertise have been particularly concerned with food legislation (he has been a member of the IFST Technical Advisory Committee for some years) and the psychophysics of foods; and he has had responsibility for the whole field of fruit and vegetable commodities in undergraduate Food Science teaching. His research interests have been recognised by invitations to contribute papers at such gatherings as the Gordon Conference in USA : to spend sabbatical periods in the University of California and the Technion University in Israel; and to act as Co-Editor of the scientific journal "Qualitas Plantarum".

Before he was 20 he was responsible for organizing the cultural and social activities of a group of 2000 young people, and this evident affinity with the outlook and aspirations of this age group has been reflected in his sympathetic and patient approach to the problems of undergraduates and postgraduates - both in respect of their studies and non-academic matters. His kindness has always been matched by practical help and not by mere platitudes. Indeed this highly developed facet of his character, together with his unusually wide learning, has been equally valued by his colleagues on the staff. Such attributes are rare and Mendel Stein will be keenly missed from the Faculty.

In wishing him health and contentment when he retires, we cannot envisage any major curtailment of his enthusiasm or activities. We feel sure he will have ample opportunities to continue applying his many talents to a variety of interests.

We extend our good wishes also to his wife, Dr Doreen Stein, who lectured on Human Nutrition for several years until resigning to resume medical practice.

R.A.L.

Tom Buxton (Retired September 1975)

It is to Tom Buxton more than any other individual that we owe thanks for the aesthetic value of the grounds on the Campus. Over the years he has planted hundreds of trees, thousands of shrubs, a myriad of flowers and laid acres of lawns. Despite the vast increase in buildings Tom had that magical touch which has retained the intimate beauty of the place. He will leave a living monument by the work he has done. His final touch has been the setting out of the arboretum, which already catching the eye will greatly enhance the college environment in the years to come.

Generations of students have enjoyed the use of the well kept sports fields.

No academic, Tom, but a practical Gardener with a gentle touch who could be earthy when needs be but very helpful to the many who sought his advice.

Mr Tom Buxton, we have enjoyed the fruits of your labour over the years. Thank you very much. We wish you a happy and well deserved retirement.

G.M.

COMMITTEES 1975-76

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON : Margot Lee
Postgraduate : Isobel Horner
Third Year : Mike Steinbock
Second Year : Geoff Pearson
Second Year : Adrian Gray
First Year : Adam Greaves
First Year : Graham Watson

Due to the "rapturous" response to last years Agrimag we were keen to make Agrimag '76 even better. This task was largely placed on the shoulders of both Graham and Adam whose efficiency and enthusiasm is to be praised (otherwise they'll hit me) and also other members of the committee and students.

Letters and a few notable advertisements have appeared in Gongster thisyear but the potential of your sweetselves (and the Pub. Committee) knows no bounds and we hope you will be even more active in your contributions of articles, poems, photos and drawings for Gongster and Agrimag in the coming year. There are plans for a student S.B. news sheet next session and also collaboration with Art Soc.

Special thanks and Best Wishes go to Isobel and Mike who are leaving us this year (sob, sob — stop snivelling Adam).

We would also particularly like to thank Stan Cramer for his consistent hard work in the production of Agrimag.

Margot

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Chairman : Ken May
Vice-Chairman : John Lowe
General Manager : Pete Horsfield
Services Manager : Mike Chapman
Members : Graham Swingler, Mike Thompson, Graham Ward,
Nigel Shepperson, Steve Nicholas, Dave Ledsam,
John Scawin, Trevor Street.

This committee exists to provide technical services necessary for the successful running of social events, such as Film projection, stage lighting, operation of Discoteque and numerous other activities.

This year we have been running two complete discotheques with an increased range of special effects, and we have branched out into the world of taped discos.

The P.A. system has been extended by the addition of new cables which now enables us to use it in a wide variety of situations. Co-operation with JCR and Social Committee has continued, and there has been an improvement in liaison with the Technical Committee at the main campus.

Following a successful recruiting campaign in Week One, the Committee has increased in numbers although new members are always welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped during the past year, both members and non-members, including Nick, Ce, and anyone else I may have missed, and to wish next year's committee good luck.

Ken May.

DEBATES AND LECTURES

Chairman : Neil Catchpole
Committee : Penny Connell, Susan Tattersall, David Bull, A. Illius,
Nicola Shadbolt, Adam Greaves.

This obscure-sounding committee meets to organize 'Dining-In' events which are held every fortnight during the term. These attract varying sized audiences, despite good publicity.

We have had some enjoyable evenings, starting with the E.M.M.A. Theatre Company's plays. There has been a visit by Robin Hood and Maid Marian, and talks on the Farne Islands, old farmhouses, folk instruments, modern art and many other topics. We would like to claim a new college record - for two debates in one year; one about the E.E.C., and the second about the value of further education for women. There has also been a music recital by the main campus music department.

My thanks to all who have helped, especially Penny. Good luck to next year's Committee.

Neil C. Catchpole.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Chairman : Janie Reid
Assistant Secretaries : Winifred Crespin
Jane Moffit
Brenda Hamley
Carol Hickman
Treasurer: Linda Cubitt-Smith
Members : Mandy Banks, Margot Lee and Anne Copley.

This has been a very hectic year for International Student Exchange, with the arrival of four visiting students last summer - one each from Norway and Sweden and two from Hungary, four of last years members visiting their respective countries last August. This is a record number of exchanges for this committee and it is hoped to increase this to include Denmark and Finland this year with, hopefully a subsequent increase in grant.

Many thanks are due to Dave Bull and Ian Edwards for all their hard work in organising last year's successful and enjoyable exchange and to Mr and Mrs Crawford for providing accommodation.

Janie.

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STUDENT EXCHANGE TO NORWAY 1975

It was my good fortune to be treasurer last year (not that I absconded with the money), but had first choice of the countries to be visited. In mid August I arrived at As at the one Agricultural University in Norway to the South of Oslo and spent a wonderful fortnight in the company of Norwegian, Hungarian, Swiss, Polish, Danish, Swedish and Finnish students. 6 days were spent on a tour, travelling by minibus and one day on the scenic inland waterway ferry, round the South and West of Norway. We visited all sorts of farms, Agricultural Colleges, the Fruit Research Station, a Power Station and Fish farms and a Bull testing centre, as well as a variety of museums, mountains, waterfalls and hotels - all providing excellent food in true Norwegian style of help yourself to as much as you want. We spent many evenings with a lager bottle in hand singing both Norwegian and English songs. The rest of the exchange was based from the University and we went to visit different organisations and farms in the agriculturally richer south-east area of Norway and the sights in Oslo. Recreation was spent playing darts or poker, watching English TV or going to parties. Altogether I had a marvellous holiday, we were warmly welcomed by all whom we visited, especially at farms, where occasionally, thinking we were starving, had laid on surprise teas but were really more like a banquet.

Linda.

OUR EXPERIENCES IN HUNGARY (BY TWO STUDENT EXCHANGE TRAVELLERS)

Having entertained George and Marie from Hungary in the last two weeks of June we were ourselves travelling to Budapest at the start of our two week exchange visit. Thoughts flash through our minds - are the visas in order, my passport photograph is eight years old plus a change of hair style, will they search the luggage for those Western magazines, spirits and tobacco? Relief, the papers were in order and the baggage was not searched! But have we entered the right country for I always believed that Hungary was a police state - I was to find out the truth later, first impressions can be deceiving.

Simon's first mark on Hungary and by no means his last was to dislodge a 40 watt light bulb from the roof of a tram. Later in the evening he disappeared down a hole in the pavement while walking to the local restaurant in Godollo, the local town where the Agricultural University of Budapest, accommodating 1,500 students is situated.

The following day the other participants started to arrive and included two Swiss, who were to be the 'singing like' of the town, four Danes, two Swedes, two Norwegians and finally three Finns. Now started the formal agricultural side of the tour - endless miles covered in one small overcrowded sweaty bus to arable, mixed and fruit farms plus nearby every other aspect associated with farming e.g. AI centre visit, food processing, research and breeding units and machinery visits.

Two facts struck one about Hungarian Agriculture. Firstly the immense size of the farms, all of which are either controlled directly by the state or indirectly as co-operatives, where the average acreage was 15,000 plus. Secondly the great potential which Hungary has to increase its agricultural output, without a great deal of effort.

If you were to ask whether Hungary was a Communist country in the strict sense I would answer no. Indeed the payment of bonuses, different wages for workers doing the same job, the ownership of two houses, large cars and private yachts is actively encouraged as they consider these to be incentives, for greater productivity.

Hungary is essentially a police state as can be illustrated when Simon was nearly thrown into prison for crossing a deserted road without using the zebra crossing, or when returning from the end of tour party in a slightly merry state was shouted at by a policeman to stop singing (have you heard Simon sing?) and subsequently followed. Luckily Simon evaded the long arm of the law.

Many a happy and amusing time was had by all those who went on the tour and we hope that those embarking on the forthcoming student exchange to Hungary will have an equally enjoyable and rewarding visit.

Simon and Dian.

KARNIVAL 1975

This year's Karnival appeal raised £1,500 more than its target of £30,000, nearly £400 of which came from S.B.

A fiendish kar treasure hunt (klues by Alex) brought an early start to out efforts. First years - as yet unaffected by long J.C.R. drinking nights no doubt - turned out in massive support of the Karnival krawl. A 42 mile sponsored walk between Sheffield and Nottingham with more than 30 starters from S.B. we were doing really well. Support and rescue by Paul, Adrian, Nog and George helped the walkers through a cold night and nasty early morning fog. By 2 p.m. on Sunday - 14 hours after the start, -14 S.B. walkers had finished the whole kourse, only two people being unakkounted for. Finally at 6 pm on Sunday, these two stalwarts arrived back at Main Campus - the last walkers of all having treated thewhole affair as a Sunday stroll. We'd particularly like to thank these people - they probably raised the greatest part of S.B.'s money.

S.B.'s raft race efforts in 1975 were a little disappointing due to a series of mishaps. We arrived late and the raft was destroyed when it fell off its transporter! Rapid rebuilding took place while Rob and Trev set off to akquire some paddles. A brilliant dekey by Rob interested some Derby Hall lads while Trev reduced the pile of paddles they were guarding. As we started the kourse, the losers were just finishing.

The S.B. high spot was definitely the 3-legged pub krawl around Kegworth. Five pubs hosted nearly 40 pairs of students as the men drank pints and the ladies halves. The krunch kame in getting back to the J.C.R. for the final pint (or several). First prize to John and George who presented a fine sight running along Station Road.

Rag mag sales were rather disappointing this year - a point which needs looking into. Karnival Klimax was a procession of floats through the city centre, as usual. Definitely the best sight was the 4 and 20 blackbirds on the S.B. float, even though we didn't win a prize.

It's a tiring task being a Karnival rep, and we wish Steve and Dave the best of luck for next year. Thanks to everyone for their help.

Adrian and Paul.



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SOCIETY REPORTS

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chairman : Penny Connell
Secretary : Debbie Inman
Treasurer : Pete Oldale

Once again, Ag Soc has had a successful and very enjoyable year with a great variety of talks and a trip to the one day U.K.I.A.S.A. conference at Reading on the subject "Should Britain feed itself?" as well as the usual visits to the Royal Show and Smithfield.

The Autumn term started off with the ever popular trip round the Milk Marketing Board's AI centre across the road. This was followed by three meetings during the term including a talk on "the Knaptoft Dairy Centre", "Big Farm Management" and "The Role of Prostaglandins in Animal Breeding".

1976 started with a very entertaining evening with Mr E. Kirkwood a farmer from East Yorkshire, who gave us an account of his farm. Mr Howie was our next speaker with his talk on "Stock Management and Intensive Grassland". We have still to look forward to a joint meeting with the Midlands Branch of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers, an Oil Seed Rape Production and Processing, and the summer term will bring Dr N. Pine to speak about "Leaf Protein and Juice extraction". And of course, the Annual Dinner at Yew Lodge on May 6th must not be forgotten! All are very welcome.

All that remains is for me to thank Debbie for all her hard work and the hundreds of letters she's written. She certainly deserves the Secretary of the Year award!!

Penny

ARTS SOCIETY REPORT

Chairman : Dave Reed
Secretary : Catherine Woollatt
Treasurer: Geoff Pearson

Arts' Society celebrated the New Year by holding an exhibition of paintings and drawings etc. by members of the Faculty. This appeared to be a great success - 27 Artists displayed their work (too many to mention here by name) and members of the Faculty visited in scores. Suffice to say thank you to Chris, Brenda, Dog and Gordon for helping put up the exhibits and also to thank Mr and Mrs Coult for organising drinks at their house for the exhibitors. Perhaps there will be someone who has the determination to organise an exhibition another year, it isn't as difficult as it may appear.

There is also an exhibition of photos planned for the summer which may provide amusement for some of the Guild.

Then there was the trip to visit the Roundhouse in London to see the IK, combined with a sight-seeing tour of London. This had been organised in conjunction with Dram. Soc. Thank you Sarah for getting the tickets and Julian for sharing the driving.

The main development this year has been the setting up of the silkscreen (which I hope you are all tired of hearing about). The aim is to print posters and T-shirts at prices lower than those obtainable outside. It has been estimated that we have saved J.C.R. and Social £27 by printing their dance posters. There is now a dedicated group of persons who are regularly printing posters. Thanks to Chris, Brenda, Dog, Clive, Winnie, Anne and Colin for their help.

It is only left to say that if you are hoping to have posters printed or would like T-shirts we would only be too pleased to do them for you. There is a wide choice of colours and designs, we will print your own designs, and there is no limit for the number printed.

Katie.

CHRISTIAN UNION

Chairman : David Wort
Secretary and Treasurer : Richard Smith
Prayer Sec : Sara Wilson

"Before anything else existed there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is Himself God. He created everything there is - nothing exists that He didn't make. Eternal life is in Him, and this life gives light to all mankind. His life is the light that shines through the darkness - and the darkness can never extinguish it."

That is the beginning of John's Gospel - have you ever read it through? If not we urge you do so now - because if what John says about Christ and you is true, then you can't afford to ignore it!

Frank Morison, a journalist, set out to write a book in which he intended to disprove the resurrection, and to that end he carefully studied the evidence - so carefully, that ultimately he was convinced of its truth; not of its fallacy. Instead he wrote "Who moved the stone?".

When we came to S.B. we didn't believe the truth about Christ either. He was an unimportant figure who made no impression on our lives. But now, this "unimportant figure" means so much to both of us, that for His sake we would like to tell you how we both came to the point where ignoring Jesus was impossible.

Whether or not you read John's Gospel, or Frank Morison's book, or believe what happened to us, the truth about God and Jesus remains the same, and you still can't afford to ignore it.

David Wort
Sara Wilson

DOSS SOC.

Undoubtedly one of the overwhelming successes of the year, dosssoc has continued to proliferate, gaining an overwhelming hold on the J.C.R. The term started well with the non-election of Chairperson, but overwhelmingly more interest in the position of bedperson.

Dosssoc has been called a collection of lazy apathites. This is NOT true: real apathy requires uncaring passive non-interest; whereas our membership is overwhelming. Reading of papers in the J.C.R. is an integral part of the society, and what better way than lying down?

Next term should be even more enjoyable - dosssoc is taking to the open. If anyone can wake up we're going to organize a picnic. To mark the completion of a successful year, an overwhelmingly good T-shirt is being forced on us by Artsoc.

I. Doss (Miss)
(Steph)

P.S. This overwhelmingly good article was accidental.

DRAMSOC REPORT

We have continued to take advantage of the excellent productions offered by the Nottingham Playhouse, and we also ran a trip to London. This was in collaboration with Art Soc. We saw Peter Brooke's production "The Ik" at the Roundhouse. The variety show at the end of the Christmas term was very enjoyable. The 1st year play will be at the beginning of the summer term due to various hold-ups and we hope the 2nd year will produce something at the end of the term.

I wish next years committee success and hope that some interest in Dramsoc will continue.

SF

VARIETY SHOW 1975

Producers : Rob Hale	Stage Manager : Graham Webster
Crispian Huggill	Lighting : Dave Ledsham
Geoff Pearson	Jon Scawin
Comperes : George Anderson	Sound : Geoff Pearson
John Dewhurst	Publicity : Anne Burks
	Alison Rowe

The show was organised to a much greater extent this year and I feel this was shown to be beneficial by the excellent reports received.

The organisers were very pleased to see that all years made contributions to this production and the postgraduate contribution, especially Fifi, was greatly appreciated by all.

The show got off to a rapturous start with the cleaner's sketch which set the scene for a great show.

The show went through with very few noticeable gaps, smoothed over efficiently by the very competent comperes, George and John. The most noticeable sketches were Noddy and Big Ears; the introduction of a living duck on Ilkley Moor; the beautiful Fifi; the Miss World 1975, in fact all the sketches need mentioning for each one had different types of entertainment and all were very well performed.

Hopefully we can have an even better Show next year for even though it may seem difficult, I feel that we have the potential here for a great show in 1976.

Geoff Pearson

(Photograph by Nigel Poole in centre insert)

FILM SOCIETY

The film society aims to show films of cultured and artistic merit and during the present session we hope this has been achieved. Membership is now very high with two-thirds of the Faculty belonging to the society and attendances have been encouraging. Films shown include Polanski's "Macbeth", Ian Russels "Savage Messiah" and "Deliverance" directed by John Boorman. We hope we have fulfilled the aims of Film Soc and wish future Committees every success.

SN

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chairman : Crispian Huggill

One Sunny Week in June the 1975 Hortic. Tour descended on the horticultural delights of Somerset. While based at Cannington Agricultural College we had a chance to see many interesting establishments including Long Ashton Research Station, Strawberry Growers at Cheddar, Twyford Laboratories (tissue culture propagation of orchids) and cider apple orchards - yes they still make Zunnerset Zider; not bad stuff either)

There has been a wide variety of talks this session. We were very fortunate in having the Chief Horticultural Adviser at ADAS, London, Mr R. Gardiner, to speak on the State of the Horticultural Industry. In January we entered into a joint production with the Food Science Society on a debate on food preservation - The Case For Fresh Food (subtitle - the fight against the can!). Other talks have been on Tissue Culture, Advances in Plant Breeding and Crop Production, and the Safe use of Pesticides.

Visits to Boots Research Station and C.K. Foods Mushroom Farm at Buxton were much enjoyed; certainly the weather at Buxton may be one of the things that won't be forgotten for some time.

This years Hortic. Tour takes a look at the horticultural world around Cambridge and the nearby pubs.

Lastly a word to everyone who is not so singularly obsessed with plants as the dedicated hortics - come along to some of the Society's Events and broaden your mind; you don't know what you're missing!

J.C.H.

IMPACT - SOCIETY REPORT 1975-76

Chairman : Graham Dalrymple
Secretary : Clair Bulmer

Impact is about conservation and our interests extend over a fairly wide area. We have carried out a number of practical projects over the year. During a trip to Dovedale in the Peak District a large number of cans were cleared out of the river. Since then we have dug out a new pond on a nature reserve and taken part in canal clearing. Two working weekends have been spent at the National centre for alternative technology at Macynlleth in Wales.

Speakers at S.B. have come from the Nottinghamshire Trust for Nature Conservancy and the World Wildlife Fund. Eric Robinson gave us an enlightening talk on the future of transport policies in this country. A lot of people enjoyed the films from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Lectures about the environment at main campus have also been well attended.

We continue to collect paper for recycling, and to plant trees in the area of Sutton Bonington.

C.B.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Chairman : Jaswant R. Kaushal (India)
Vice Chairman : Joel O. Ogot (Kenya)
Secretary & Treasurer : Michael S. Igben (Nigeria)
Liaison Officer : Mohamman N. Alam (Bangladesh)

The overriding aim of the Society is to see that its members enjoy and benefit from their stay at the School of Agriculture. This is achieved by encouraging understanding and a sense of community between different nationalities and promoting good relations between undergraduates, post-graduates and staff. The Society arranges tours of the locality, and, when finance permits, tours of distant places of interest. Visits to families living locally are occasionally organised with the help of the Christian Union. During such visits members learn more about the way of life of the British. The Society also organises parties to welcome new members and to enable members to meet and to get to know one another. The "welcome" and "Christmas" parties are the most interesting, important and well attended.

Like most organisations, the Society is not without its problems, the most serious of which is an unwillingness of members to stand for Society offices. Funds, also have proved insufficient for the successful operation of the society's services and activities. Members individual financial positions are likely

to worsen during the next academic year when tuition fees for foreign students research a peak of £420 as proposed.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Nottingham Area Council for Overseas students Affairs (NACOSA), International community centre, and especially local families for the help and co-operation shown to make members of the Society feel at home.

J.R. Kaushal

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CLUB AND TEAM REPORTS

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

1st XI

It was a rather mixed season, starting well with good results over the most renowned teams, although our side did not seem to function correctly against poorer teams. The season was highlighted with a win on Cirencester's home ground, and our best ever run in the cup, eventually falling 1-0 to Lenton in extra time of the semi-final, Lenton becoming champions.

During the whole season the back four were superb, after initial changes put the veterans Holme and Foscett into attack where they could do the least damage. Both Tony, Graham and Ted Casey (despite his knee) fitted in well as full backs, and skills never before seen in mid field came from Andy Thorley and Royd Brown. Alf Phillips and Graham Ward also gave valuable contributions near the end of the season.

I would like to thank Keith, Nigel and John for their work over the last three years, especially John, who has had a tremendous season (took criticism well) and helped me particularly in his role as vice captain.

P	W	D	L	F	A
29	10	6	13	66	51

M. Mortimer.

2nd XI

The climax to our footballing careers came on Wednesday, 12th October, when for the first time in living memory, the team won its second match in one season. We then went on from success to success, winning a total of six matches. Goalkeepers seemed unable to maintain the pace, and we ruined four players. Alex, training to replace Banks, has covered his "bruised" leg in plaster rather than wear the No 1 shirt again.

To Tony, one of the two experienced players in the side, Phil and the 34 others who have played, especially the regulars and hard men at the back - thanks!

P	W	D	L	F	A
23	6	3	14	25	76

Goal of the season awards to Phil and Dave Hewitt.

Dave Hinchcliffe.

ATHLETICS

Captains : J. Outhwaite, P. Oldale.

This year's intake of first years excelled as never before at S.B! Under enthusiastic leadership they were spurred on to an overwhelming victory on sports day, during which several new records were set, notably by the first year women's team which reduced by 4.7 seconds the record for the 4 x 110 yards relay to 57.3 seconds. Janet Hulbert increased the shot-put record to 24' $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Jackie Green broke the women's 880 yards by only 34 seconds, bringing the time down to 3 minutes 3.5 seconds. Stuart Marsden took the men's 100 yds trophy (when are we going metric?) and Jackie Green the women's trophy. The first year won the Robinson trophy for the highest year score.

Stuart also showed his talents ex.officio and came a convincing first in the 200 m of the County championships, representing Lincolnshire. Montreal here we come!

Talking of Montreal, I am pleased to say that Terry Leach has been selected for this year's Olympic squad on his velocipede. Well done and good luck. Finally, I would like to express my thanks to all those who took part and helped in athletics.

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

Victor Ludorum	G. Anderson
Vitrix Ludorum	J. Green
Robinson Trophy	First Year
Mile (men)	D. Maiden
Cross Country (men)	D. Maiden
Road Race (men)	D. Maiden
100 yards (men)	S. Marsden
100 yards (women)	S. Wilson
Relay (men)	First Year
Yard of ale (men)	W. Longthorpe

P. Oldale.

BADMINTON CLUB

Chairman : Geoff Pearson
Treasurer : Rob Hale
Secretary : Caroline Summerlin
Second Year Rep : Janet Hulbert
First Year Rep : Ian Waterman

From the beginning of this academic year there seemed to be a revival of interest in this club.

Initially we hired Kegworth Village Hall which was too small to accommodate all those interested in playing the game. This resulted in a drastic drop in numbers attending; and this resulted in the club running into financial difficulties. We have now acquired the use of Loughborough Sports Centre on each Friday night and renewed interest is being shown by many people here at S.B.

Hopefully next season we will enter a local league and competitive badminton can be introduced.

(Anyone wishing to play or learn to play the game, please see Geoff Pearson H5 Rm 21).

G.P.

BOAT CLUB

Captain : Julian Cardew
Secretary and Treasurer : Tim Smith
Canoeing : Tony Suckling

The past summer was probably one of the best in terms of the numbers participating. The canoeing department of the club took a paddle forward with the purchase of two new canoes at the beginning of the summer term, bringing the total to four. However, interest shown by the first year suggests that we might once again find ourselves short of boats by the summer.

The rowing side of the club also has had good support, although judging by the state of the hulls and bows, a great deal of rowing is carried out along the bank. The fine shell we obtained from main campus has proved very useful, both in providing a better boat for the more experienced, and also in providing a lot of laughs for the people watching. We were looking forward to an even better summer next year - good luck to next year's officials.

Tony Suckling

Achievement of the year goes to the sailing club, who claim to have shown that archimedes principle works at least 80 per cent of the time!

CAVING CLUB

Chairman : P. Oldale
Secretary : C. Iddon
Treasurer : R. Scragg
Tackle Officer : N. Atkinson

The year began with some keen first years in a very wet jackpot, who proceeded to defy all the rules of body heat loss. S.B. was put in the caving headlines by Carol Iddon who disappeared in the summer months to see what Turkey looked like from underground.

Transport proved to be a problem this year, Nigel Atkinson (Nog) has got through no less than two Triumph Herald's and Richard performed a complete engine strip down after some nasty noises in Wales which proved to be no more than his ashtray rattling. Nigel Ovary, Martin Hughes-Jones, Tim Ruddell, Taf and Henry Richardson are still keeping the O.K.A. side of the club going, and join us from time to time.

We look forward to renewed interest from next year's first year to help carry on the great S.B. caving tradition. Thanks to Nog, Carol, Richard and everyone else.

P. Oldale.

CLAY PIGEON CLUB

Captain : D. Hinchcliffe
Secretary and Treasurer : Ian Edwards

The club has spent an enjoyable year and taken part in seven matches. Notable successes have been coming third at U.K.I.A.S.A.; besting Harper Adams and winning an inter-university match which we staged (not, of course, fixed). Other highlights have been loud bangs followed by the appearance of holes in the ground, and the presence of parachutists over the shooting area.

Ian has at last achieved his ambition to score more than Tiny in a match, and my thanks to both of them for their support, especially Ian for the arrangement of all the matches, (even if the captain wasn't told about them). Thanks also to all the students conned into shooting for us: best wishes to them and the hardcore of modest but good shots for a happy future.

Dave Hinchcliffe.

CRICKET CLUB

The long hot summer is over; the cricket club hibernates and reflects on the past. Last season did not bring a great number of victories but was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Many scorching afternoons passed and we were refreshed by the gentle flow of ice cool beer and Henry's marmite sandwiches. The team performed brilliantly throughout the season and the abundance of talent available meant that no severe defeats were inflicted.

The tour, as always, was the climax of the season and was superbly organised, thanks to Crispian. We were blessed with brilliant sunshine, and the team recorded two victories by colossal margins. We'd like to thank Bas Haynes, our retiring President, and welcome to the position Dr Will Haresign. Thanks also to Dog for the "aseptic" cooking, Bill for his cheerful administration of first aid, and many tireless tea girls.

D.O., T.F.

CROQUET

Curators : Dave Lightburn
Pete Oldale

The greens(?) seem to have been used more than ever before this year. Perhaps that amounts for the incredible rate of depreciation on both balls and mallets. Or is it due to the fact that we are possibly the only green of such mammoth size?

Croquet has however been enjoyed by many during the summer term and we hope to arrange a knock out competition next term, to relieve those examination tensions on the lawns as one enters the gates of S.B.

Pete Oldale.

MENS' HOCKEY CLUB

As last year, Wednesday games have a much better record than the Saturday games. The best win of the season came against Egerton Park 2nd XI, whom we defeated 8-1. However, a severely weakened team in the return away match was beaten 1-4.

The annual carve-up against O.K.A. was a new water cooled rotary version of the game; the heavens providing the water and O.K.A. the scoring rota! Although the team defeated Harper Adams 4-0 early in the season, on their home ground they beat us 3-2, with some unluckily missed chances, - at the windows behind the goal - Nigel's and George's attempts being worthy of note.

The season was enjoyed by all those who played. Special thanks to the tea ladies, Gail, Karen and Carole. Here's to next season, and more players staying for weekend matches, and a few more wins, 'cos its NICE.

Mike.

LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB

Captain: Sara Wilson
Treasurer : Rachel Turner
Fixtures Secretary : Lynne Mitchell

P	W	D	L
10	5	1	4

For S.B. this has been a pretty successful season. The team settled down quickly to playing well together, and we soon felt the effect of the first year, particularly in the forward line. One of the matches we won was against Newark Tech. mixed hockey - a surprise for both teams, - indeed our biggest problem was one of having too many players to choose from.

Next year we miss Cath Woollatt and Angie Briggs from midfield. I'd like to thank them both for all they have done for us on and off the field. I'd also like to thank everyone who has supported the hockey club, including Lynne and Mal who umpired our home matches.

Sara Wilson

MIXED HOCKEY CLUB

Captain : Crispian Huggill
Vice captain : Jenny Gaskill
Fixtures Secretary : Anna Righton

Once again mixed hockey took to the scene - and the effect has been shattering. The enthusiasm shown has been quite overwhelming, with the first year being particularly interested; think they enjoyed the hockey too.

It was this burning spirit that lead to the convincing 6-0 victory over Plessey. In total, we won 5 matches, drew one, and as for the other 5, well, everyone has bad days. This astonishing record was achieved by concerted efforts by all eleven players, and the umpires who can also be very useful. Thanks to the dazzling skills of tireless inside left A. Righton Esq (-sorry, didn't notice), the remarkable footwork by Chris Knight, hard tackles by Katie, and astounding gymnastics of Malcolm in goal. Also worthy of note : the amazing stick work of George Perrot, consistency of

Nigel Patrick, midfield domination by Mike Thompson, solid defence by Dave Keene. Appreciating these, you can understand why mixed hockey is going places at S.B.

Rumour has it that there are plans to build a stand for the fan club next year. All enquiries to Katie - special life membership also available at the bargain price of £25 (N.B. Katie does not accept bribes - hard luck chaps!)

J.C.H.

MOTOR CLUB

Chairman : P. Smith
Treasurer : N Atkinson
Secretary : P. Oldale

The club is now somewhat better equipped, and has settled into a new home at the Eviton House garage, which is let out on a loan basis.

Mike Chapman and Julian Cardew have been rallying most convincingly this year. They now have a newer Escort, and Julian a mini, and were mainly responsible for the running of this year's very successful N.U.M.C. Shipside's rally. A visit was arranged to the Earls Court Motor Show, which proved very popular, as did a visit to the R.A.C. rally in Clipston Forest, for those who could face getting up at 5 am.

Our sincere condolences go to the families and friends of Steve Broomfield and Graham Guest, who were tragically killed in a main campus 12 car rally event.

We are now looking for methods of improving our garage facilities and hope to make it more water tight in the near future! My thanks to Nog, Paul, Julian, Mike and Tim Smith, and Adrian Gray who have helped in establishing it.

Pete Oldale.

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Chairman : Keith Davies
Secretary/Treasurer : Stuart Brown
Equipment Officer : John Clark
Climbers' Rep : Adrian Gray
Walkers' Rep : Llyn Mitchell
1stYear Rep : Keith Turnbull

Despite Mr Armitage's prophecy (see Agrimag 1975) here is another Mountaineering Club report. The club has maintained its popularity being particularly well supported by the enthusiastic

and outward-bound 1st Year. It has certainly been refreshing to see others enjoying their escape into the hills. The majority of the 3rd Year has suffered from an acute case of work and unfortunately their participation in club activities has dwindled. This state of affairs is inevitable but a shame nevertheless.

The first meet of this session was held at the Longdales with the Old Dungeon Ghyll being especially conducive towards an alcoholic evening. Memories of problematic, drunken women and climbing the hang-overs at Raven's Crag tend to stand out. Not to mention Bruce's contribution to the Sunday mornings entertainment.

The Yorkshire meet followed in a similar fashion with the Hill Inn being the venue. Several people completed the Three Peaks Walk on the Saturday and dragged their weary bodies plus numerous beginners up the crags on the following day. Other week-end meets so far have included two in the Snowdon area and one to Borrowdale.

Day climbing trips were well supported last Autumn due to the emergence of a fairly active nucleus of climbers. I hope this trend continues in the summer term and that more beginners are given the opportunity to try their hand at the noble art of 'cragging'. This responsibility must now rest upon the shoulders of the 'new' 3rd Year.

Once again, thanks must go to John Clark for continuing as equipment officer and for carrying out his duties in such a conscientious manner. Also thanks to Jon and Anne for organising the catering.

Anyway, here's to a successful dinner meet (to be held at Beddgelert) and good luck to the incoming Committee.

K.L.D.

NETBALL CLUB

Captain : Anne Roe
Secretary : Marie O'Connell
Treasurer : Jill Earl

Although netball is the only strictly female sport played at S.B., last season wasn't very successful. This was mainly due to lack of transport to main campus and lack of practice of any description.

The team varied from week to week but there was always a good team spirit and excellent co-operation between members, and on the whole, it was a really good laugh. In spite of everything we did very well - even winning one game, and not far from winning some others. With consistent effort and co-operation we may even win the cup next season! Here's hoping.

Marie.

PLOUGHING CLUB

Captain : Richard Haycock
Secretary : Jean Bass

The Sunday morning ploughing was well attended at the start of the year, so much so that our old plough was refurbished and put into use.

This year the Inter University Match was held at S.B. also for the first time ladies teams were allowed to plough. Once again S.B. ploughed to victory and the Massey Ferguson cup was retained for the second year in succession. The match had other attractions, horse ploughing, pace the chain, guess the pigs weight, fling the welly, and this was all followed by a barn dance.

Unfortunately, due to lack of support we were not able to send a team to the Newcastle Ploughing Match. Therefore missing out on perhaps another cup, and Ploughmans Stomp.

Practices are held on Sunday mornings on the University Farm. So any first years who are interested, do come along, experience is not necessary (instructions are given freely by all) and help us keep the cup for a 3rd year.

J.B.

RIFLE CLUB

Captain : David Brown
Secretary : Neil Catchpole

The rifle club has had a very successful year, with record breaking membership of 50. We meet almost every Monday and Friday evening at 6.30, shooting rifle and pistol, and have had a lot of interest shown by new members, including budding officers from the O.T.C., and a very hopeful member aiming for a Duke of Edinburgh award. She has yet to show us her full potential, I am sure (Let's hope she hits the wall next year - it's a step nearer the target). New faces are always welcome at the range, whether or not they have ever done any shooting. Thanks to all

who have helped, especially with instructing new members.

Neil C. Catchpole.

RUGBY CLUB

Acting President : G. Foxcroft
Captain : J.D. Anderson
Vice Captain : R.G. Ake
Hon. Secretary : R. Stock

The pre-season planning brought out the belief that this could well be our year. Unfortunately, the influx of new players yielded more forwards than backs and, in addition, we were small up front. This took its toll against the heavier club sides. The consequence of all this was a pretty demoralising record. However, the results only tell half the tale. Most of the games were hard fought and the difference in score was always minimal. This was made possible by the relatively small loyal band of enthusiasts who turned out constantly to give their all. Perhaps more training or more beer would have made a difference? Maybe I was as much to blame by the way I went about training, but we should now get down and think seriously about next season.

Thanks to the wonderful shirt ladies, tea ladies, John Fawcett (for everything he has done with the pitch, in the bar or in the fountain at Trafalgar Square) and anyone else who has anything to do with the running of the club. Congratulations to the 7-a-side squad on their performance.

J.D.A.

G.R.A.

P.S. How about some heavy postgrads turning up next year?

SNOOKER CLUB

The snooker club is one of the larger clubs at S.B., with membership available to all, whether or not they have played before. The standard of play varies from "sharks" to those who play for relaxation, so anyone can fit into the spectrum. If you're interested look out for the club stall during Week One.

Andy Clayton

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SQUASH CLUB

Captain : Nigel Poole
Secretary : Kev Lindsay
Treasurer : Stuart Marsden

The club may justly claim to be one of the largest on campus and has a wide ability range in both sexes from incompetent to a little better. The club's equipment is in constant demand as are the courts, and booking is difficult on occasions.

75-76 is the first year that S.B. has been represented in the Inter Hall Leagues and considering the match inexperience of most of the players performances were very creditable. It was sometimes a struggle to form a team from a limited squad and both ladies and men lost matches by default. The ladies performed extremely well winning easily every match that they played, and the men began in a similar fashion but slipped up later through lack of practice, and on occasions being fairly beaten.

We would welcome additions of dedicated players to the squad, who are promised a rapid increase in ability thanks to regular coaching by Pete Heath from the Elms. Thanks are also due to John Dale for his help, encouragement and patience!

Nigel Poole

SUICIDE SOCIETY

This year has been a disgusting year, with the new bunch of first years being revoltingly happy. However, the boiler house chimney, we are assured, will soon meet its clientele for a good season due mainly to a depression over the 2nd year (Qualifying Exams) the continuing saga of alpha-keto-glutaric-acid in first year Biochemistry: and hoary visages in the distance for first and third years of Summer tests.

Vile rumours of a splinter group "Frustrato soc" of getting its members to pass away whilst sleeping, or actually suggesting a painless poison were started by their president.

The present first year do worry me a little. I actually overheard one character tell a clean joke and others laughed at it! Though my teeth were gritted, I managed to lean over the table, my jugulars palpitating and distorted, just long enough to say "For Gods Sake, Grow Up and be Miserable like the rest of us".

Remember the motto "Satisfied guaranteed or your body back".

Harley Quinn
(Adam)

LADIES TABLE TENNIS

S.B. ladies have made a good start - I say start because it's quite a while since table tennis was played here! There is still one match to play but out of the previous six we won three and lost three, with a total of 20 points for and only 16 against. Every indication of the potential improvement hoped for next year!

Thanks go to everyone who played in the matches and hope you enjoyed playing as much as I did.

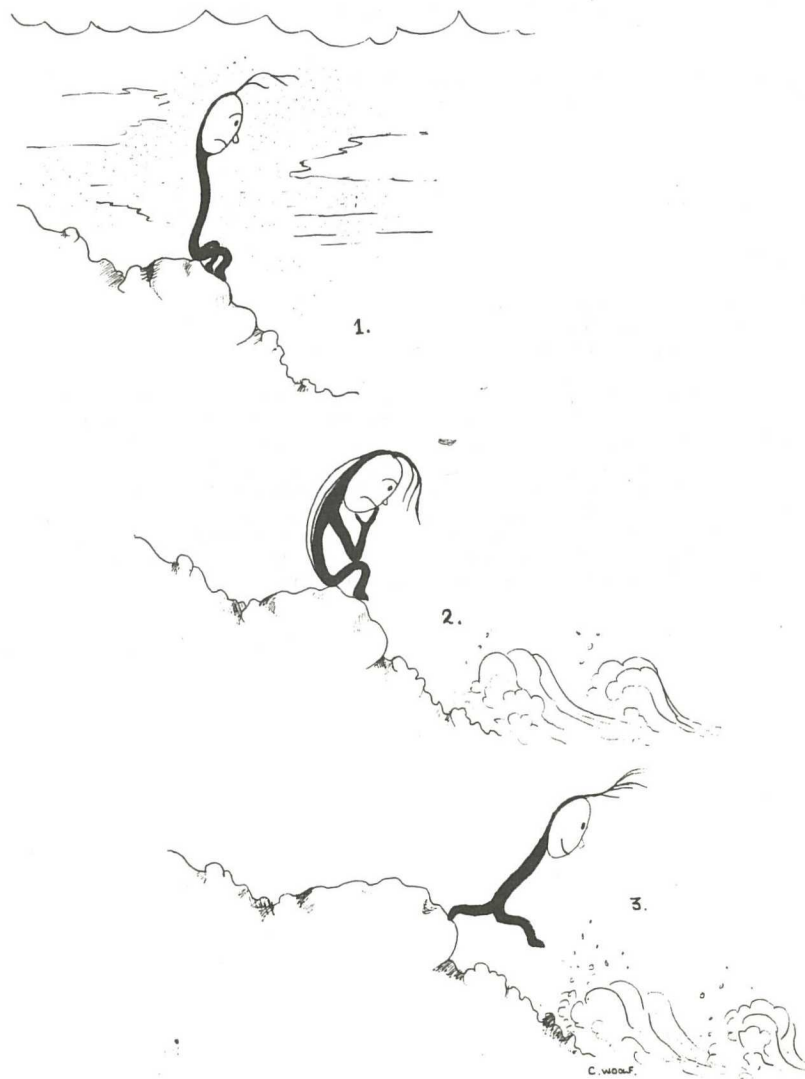
R.J. Biggin (Captain)

TENNIS CLUB

Captain : Jenny Cloke
Secretary : Cath Wollatt
Jackie Green

The season started well at Cirencester with the U.K.I.A.S.A. Sports Day when we won the knock-out tennis tournament. However, problems with fixtures arose as tennis does not appear to be very popular with colleges and universities in this locality so that few matches could be arranged. In addition the usual problems of raising a team around exam time occurred. Nevertheless the 1976 season looks promising with a newly revived mens section and several mixed matches arranged. We also hope to include some of the local village teams on our fixture list.

CONTRIBUTED ITEMS:



CHRONICLES OF A BARNACLE

'How slowly rock this space of life
Timeless and grey
In semi solid mass of slimy, suctioned way
To slide, the infinite fractions
Along the endless hours
Of human day.
No vision, sound, taste, smell, impress
But motion - ever motion
A ruling of the lunar main
To numb the nerve
Retard the brain
And so expel the hint of egotistic notion

You are as yet unborn,
Wreaking an existence before your time
Within that lonely shell
Of prison grey.
And when emerging stray
Upon some human hell
Experience then, a strange desire
To throw off free
The weight of mastership above,
And have that yearning rending for the sea.

G.R

ALTERNATIVE S.B. - OR HOW TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

For all those who find themselves without the convenience of hostel accommodation, here is a definitive guide culled from years of experience on the art of living off campus.

First you must forget your scruples. Capital outlay is minimal if you take the right attitude, a torch, and soft shoes for night work. Evening strolls around the experimental farm provide ample opportunity for stocking the larder. Maize - but remember this is not sweet corn, it needs cooking for thirty minutes without salt - provides an excellent hors d'oeuvre. The fish course is limited to supplies of goldfish from the pond (try 'goldfish au gratin'), but the possibilities for the main course are endless. A variety of other vegetables can be picked from Field Twelve, this also provides significant differences for Horticulture field trials. A supplement to the normal diet can be found in the mushrooms growing on Hostel 6 lawn, but competition is fierce so be up early. Truffles can be found under the pavilion with the assistance of the resident Jack Russel Truffle Hound.

The abattoir is an obvious source of animal protein along with S.P.F. rodent houses, experimental laboratories and the occasional dead sheep or pheasant scraped off the road. For those of a vegetarian bent, T.V.P. is freely available in the Food Science laboratories. This is delicious and versatile; we suggest try it with milk for breakfast or lightly casseroled with wine and herbs.

For dessert try the good range of apple varieties available in the orchards behind the South Laboratory or, out of season, raid the Kit-Kat machine.

Food is not the only physical comfort of the off campus dweller. Ethinyloestradiol and Norethisterone acetate are available from the physiology laboratories, dosage 0.02 mg. and 1 mg. per day respectively. Otherwise a sharp tap on the top of the dispenser in Hostel 1 will suffice.

Hygiene is not a factor which can be neglected when living out so make full use of the facilities. Baby soft toilet tissue in pastel shades can be obtained from most hostels along with brooms, mops and scouring powder. In the winter months newspaper, firewood and coal dust can be picked up around the campus for heating purposes.

When the rent man comes there is no substitute for money. A large volume of empty returnable bottles accumulates at the back of the bar at the end of each week. If these are returned the deposit may be reclaimed (be discrete). In our experience this is also a source of empty barrels which can be used as tables and chairs if you like the Bier Keller image.

Living out is a fulfilling and enriching experience and the benefits should be enjoyed to the full. The community spirit and social awareness gained are an asset in later life.

We hope you have gained something from this brief guide and will use it as a basis for your own off campus activities. Remember it should all be taken with a pinch of salt which you will find on the third shelf up on the right in the biochemistry stores.

M.L.P.A.



THE PRODIGAL SON

The following article can be perfectly understood by anyone from Geordieland (North-east, torn reet at Hadrians Waal). The editors regret that most of our Suthners wi 'ya galluses an' byeuts'll norrundastand a word! It comes from the book of "The Prodigal Son"

-Thow wez this rich bookie an' 'e 'ad a son; by 'e wez a bad 'un! Aalways gannin' roond the clubs - 'e'd even bin hoyed oot the "Dulce Vita" an' 'e wez barred from Bower's restaurant. So 'e ups an' leaves huem an' tyeks a flat in Osborne Road. Wasn't lang afore 'e gets hoyed oot 'o there fer disturbin' the students by wild parties thro' the day an' the squad wez awez efter 'im for tekin' trips on Capstan full strength. What a worry ticket 'e wez! Finally 'e faals on bad times an' gets reet doon on 'e's beam ends

workin in the ministry at Bent'n.

One day 'e's fethors hevin' a gill wi' th' lads ower in the Gossie Park Hotel when in staggers the poor prodigal lad. The doorman 'ad let 'im in thinkin' 'e wez an eccentric millionaire. There 'e stud, poor lad, thin as a rake wi'out a byeut to 'e's fut an 'e's britches backside hingin' out. 'E's fethor torned aroond an' when 'e saw 'e's poor prodigal lad, what d'ye think 'e did? 'E caaled the doorman an' 'ad 'im hoyed oot!

This pitiful tale, bristling with morals, is a prime example of many S.B. students.

G.N.W.

ODE TO AN EARLY FINISH

Illegible notes of experiments past,
Small scraps of paper : are they safe, at last?
Graphs and tables; "How many more?" I cry,
I must write up soon, else I shall die

Samples in tubes, labelled one, two and three,
I've smudged the numbers! - they won't do, you see -
Haemolysed, lost, insufficient, I cry,
Must find my specimens, else I shall die.

Look at this cow, she's de-endocrinated,
Too much potassium, or dehydrated.
Don't get that ram out, he's vicious, I cry
Please feed them at weekends, else they will die.

One of four postgrads has been in today
"What of the others" Did I hear you say?
Tired, underpaid, disillusioned I cry
One keen supervisor else I shall die.

Lucy and Linus Van Pelt

QUOTES 1975/76

1. "Looking down at his fly, he noticed ..." Genetics.
2. "Most lambs that are born are either male or female"
Animal Production.
3. "Place in the incubator, at room temp - on reflection I
don't see the point of that" Invertebrate Zoology.
4. "DDT is the main cause of irreversible death"
4. "And with increasing age, that is, getting older"
Human Nutrition.
6. "This happens whenever a spring follows winter" Horticulture.
7. "If one leaves small apples on trees, they, ummm, become
bigger apples" Horticulture.
8. "Good God!!" (1st year) Maths.
9. "Not enough temperature ..." Biochemistry.
10. "The plan is working well, we've raised all the prices"
Animal Production.
11. "My next approach will be much more physical" Plant Science.

FOUR MEN MET IN THE J.C.R.

1. Dr Gregson is a mathemetician
2. The demonstrator ordered Lemonade
3. The Dean has a grey suit
4. The man in the football shirt ordered Newky Brown
5. Mr Watson lives in Newcastle
6. Mr Vernon wears a lab coat
7. The man in the grey suit has lived in London
8. The mathematician comes from Yorkshire
9. The editor has a football shirt
10. The man in the anorak ordered D.D.
11. The name of one of the men is the same as his occupation.

- a) Which man lives near S.B.?
- b) Which ordered whisky?
- c) What prat wrote this?



THE MEASURED MILE

This evening evanescent,
Mugs and dry rapport,
Floorless and carpeted,
Flawless, perfected, bored.

Turn to thoughts of distance
Damp dawn grass, dancing clicks,
Of clogs on cobbles, dark streets
Twist, flow, fall : my love and I.

Would the world could understand
Hollow breast, lungs of dusty breath,
The quest completion; elixir:
Years long, lost : from nothing less.

Intent in search; time breathless
Eyes for eyes of compromise,
Deep and knowing eyes, to quench
When restless I reject.

I endured her, confronted conceit
Talked of past, her 'lovers' passed
Tho' virgin still : in summer
The bud is dead, putresced within.

Stillborn pause, I rise to go,
Ever smoke and faces faceless:
How could I be here; Nowhere,
Scared within the abstract?

'Goodbye' falls unanswered,
Bitterness bites, but no -
I wish your ignorance were mine,
To hide within the measured mile.

Wind, shadows and cold outside,
This living, it's lonely.

A.J.G

THE UNACCEPTABLE FACE OF "AGRIMAG"

At the time of writing in March, one wonders whether the embryonic "Agrimag" has taken on the appearance of the British Rail sandwich - two hard covers but nothing of substance in between. Why else would the editors solicit contributions from such unlikely sources? Normally, of course, only a churl would presume to hound past and present undergraduates into their homes and harangue them yet again from the pages of their favourite light-reading. Have they not suffered enough? However, as a fellow editor of obscure S.B. journalistic enterprises (in my case the immensely forgettable "Newsletter") one feels obliged to help out - but on what

conceivable topic?

The above named newsletter has carried learned dissertations on "The postgraduate patella as art". "Special K the crispy computer" and "The laevo-rotatory properties of Dr Norton"- all highly academic but hardly the stuff of which Agrimag are made. If only this were a live show, then my celebrated impression of Mr George Anderson (Year II) could be trotted out. Sadly, it seems that the lectures themselves remain our sole common experience: (perhaps that could be better phrased).

Let your mind, instead, wander back to July of last year. The class of '75 had disappeared with celerity over the horizon, the sun beat down on S.B. and environs, and the farm, having had the foresight to water its potatoes, rubbed its eager palms until the fingerless gloves fairly steamed. The teaching staff quickly divided into three distinct classes; those who disappeared until October; those who stepped-up their work-rate, and those who formed a multidisciplinary panel of experts meeting in the post-graduate common room to hurl abuse at the Australian fast bowlers, and also to organise remarkable "summer seminars" in the S.C.R. where this talent for invective could be regularly exercised on an interdepartmental basis.

But all too soon those halcyon days drew to their close and already the first waves of new undergraduates emerged from their parental Volvos, a true metamorphosis from grubby school kids to fully-fledged students. All, the freshness of youth working its unfailing magic on the occupants of the S.C.R. like an extract of monkey glands! Within days, staff numbers quadrupled; now we were eight; now lectures, our raison d'être could begin! Years of careful study and diligent practice had enabled us to perfect that knockabout routine with the switchboard which sets the blinds, lights and slides all oscillating in near-random sequences of ever increasing complexity! There is no short cut to achieving the mastery demonstrated in taking perfectly ordinary well-known words and phrases and transmuting them into purest gobble de gook. Skilfully we steered the autumn term between the scylla of open revolt and the charybdis of complete disbelief.

O.K.A weekend came and went in a monsoon, the Christmas festivities took six weeks and the New Year blew itself in with unprecedented gales which miraculously left the campus more or less unscathed. The returning inmates cheered spontaneously to find their beloved buildings intact, and we once again embarked upon our dubious course (again, hardly the most suitable metaphor).

Potential customers from the sixth form perused the campus in awe, milling around the refectory and J.C.R. like the inhabitants of some latter day "inferno". Rumour had it that we were aiming for two hundred intake next year (false, it turned out) and that, illogically, widespread staff redundancy was being planned. Many panicked at the prospect of being three years behind

in handing back practical scripts, but those of us who normally operate in this way were able to reassure them. Dr Scott reported that excellent job opportunities apparently existed on the Landcroft Lane resurfacing scheme, run by the local County Council in a manner reminiscent of that employed in painting the Forth Bridge, and with similar security of tenure, many were tempted 'though few fell.

But, cautiously, at first and then with slowly increasing conviction we began to sense that we had somehow muddled through the term yet again, and as the sun shone, the first years began pairing off in age-old fashion, despite an unequal sex ratio, and the chaunt of roundelays was heard on corridor and stair.

It is always an emotional moment in the near-empty north laboratories as the last practical class of the term draws to a close, and the last students can be heard smashing glass-ware in the twilight. Touched beyond measure and unable to restrain their burgeoning emotions the staff; your teachers, mentors- yeah, even friends- have been known to fall upon each others shoulders and sob unashamedly - "Thirty more bloody years of this! - Landcroft Lane, who loves ya!"

R.B.

THE BALLAD OF PINBALL JOE

Joeseeph Cuthbert Ramsdaggings of Bagshott Surrey fame
Chose for him an agric's life, and to our campus came.
The universal freedom, the small and friendly place;
Give him just a term here and he'd know every face.
He liked the look of the hostels, for they'd shown him hostel five
And told him naught of Higgy-meals, on which he must survive:
And so one late September when autumn was begun
He came to live here with us in a hovel called hostel one.

As he sat in solitude in his room with the door ajar
Some strangers spoke his monograph, the letters J.C.R.
On hearing his initials his ears pricked into life
And gave to him the courage to master all his strife:
So up he jumped and spoke aloud, enquiring reasons why
They'd mentioned his initials as they were passing by.
They told him of a mighty room of women wine and song.
They offered to show him the way, and so he went along.



Sports Day 1975

High jump in progress

Tony Faulkner's jump.

[Photograph by Geoff Pearson]



The staff race

with many spectators,
won by Mr. W. Haresign.

[Photograph by Geoff. Pearson]



A normal lunchtime outside the J.C.R.

[Photograph by Geoff Pearson]



One mountaineering trip to Wales

[Photograph by James Marchington]

When Joe at last arrived there, the mighty J.C.R.
 He found it just another room, with tables and a bar.
 He didn't drink and didn't smoke and didn't socialize.
 He wandered round, just feeling lost, and tears came to his eyes.
 Then all at once he heard a noise he'd never heard before
 Coming from a strange machine. He stopped and looked in awe.
 With flashing lights and clicking numbers, man it had it all,
 Like bagatelle, but much more grand, yes this was real Pinball.

Two strangers stood there in control and Joe felt joy at last.
 A thrilling new spectator sport; exciting, grand and fast.
 To hope and laugh and curse and shout at all the exhibitions
 Of pinball skill, Joe knew at once he'd lost his inhibitions.
 Console, encourage, try and guess just who would win the day.
 If this was just spectator sport, what was it like to play?
 So Joe took out a ten P piece and waited for his go
 And from that very momenton his name was 'Pinball' Joe.

Now fate had played a nasty trick when life was scarce begun
 Real Pinball addicts, they are few but Pinball Joe was one.
 He'd even steal to play the ball, it conquered wrong and right.
 He missed his lectures, food and sleep to play it day and night.
 On friends' advice, as he grew ill and thin as any rake,
 He took to women wine and song to keep himself awake.
 But not too much of vices, then he would always call
 For the sound and the thrill and curse again. 'Once more unto
 Pinball'

On rare occasions when he slumbered, if he dreamt at all
 Then all he ever dreamt of was a gleaming great pinball,
 And how to play a few more balls. He never needed Freud
 To interpret all his fantasies of things that he enjoyed.
 For pinball was his very life; his mind and strength and all
 A thing so high in his esteem it wouldn't ever fall.
 And if the great machine should go, he knew deep down inside
 There would be only one way out, and that was suicide.

Now one weekend a dance was on for all the O.K.A.
 And with no thought to Pinball Joe the game was put away.
 It seemed to Joe his world was gone. He felt a deep despair.
 For a life without his pinball games he really didn't care.
 He slung a millstone 'round his neck and took a mighty dive.
 He killed himself by drowning in the pond by hostel five.
 So, if you ever play the ball, or in the pond you go
 Then laugh, or curse, it could be worse.
 Your name's not Pinball Joe.

Rob



The Guild Executive Committee

From left to right: Neil Robertson, Alison Harker,
 Simon Jarvis (Chairman), Penny Connell, Robert Hale.

[Photograph by Geoff Pearson]



Variety Show '75

[Photograph by Nigel Poole]



The main building with croquet being played on the lawn



The Mixed hockey club



REFLECTIONS

In an empty bowl,
I look at seeds;
Dry seeds, black seeds, dead seeds,
Unown seeds.
Of promise.
Withered thoughtless seeds
I see,
Reflections in a bowl
I see;
Reflections of me.

A.J.G.

THE ACTOR

A man, a man alone,
Two in himself, but himself only one,
And that one demands another,
As a heart its blood,
To watch, admire and applaud,
Even to call encore.

The call is out,
The scene restarts,
A move-captivated audience,
So wrapped up that reality is lost.

SORRY

When the soft smiles were on your face,
I smiled with you, for saving grace,
When the soft words were spoken
of promises unbroken
I could not foresee such as these days.

When the sounds of laughter rose so high,
I laughed but I should have cried,
You asked humbly, without shame,
Unquestioning I came,
But I could not foresee such as these days.

BRUCE

LAZYNESS WITH AN 'i'

And now for something completely different, we've heard that before somewhere, anyway someone asked me to talk about laziness, to which I replied that I was too lazy to reply ... well now, I am here (where? another coldroom in S.B. - effects of education cuts again). I think I should be putting pen to biochemical paper, ugh, what a thought. Then again lets put it off and drift over to the evercrowded JCR, have a fag (its always a "FAG") and waste much needed florins on a game of pinball.

So its to bed and notwaking up for breakfast the next day (too lazy) so spend a dreary morning digesting lectures till coffee : aah, coffee, all those ripped off biscuits and congenial chit chat.

ONCE UPON A TIME

This is a sad poem
Of no more brief intent
Than to remind you
Of what true love once meant
No promiscuity, abortions;
Just you and me
And me and you.

PARTY WAYS

Where is the wine we drank last night?
There wasn't any shame in the early light.
I want to know
Because it never shows
What do you think?

How are we ever going to tell?
Too deep and how much we fell.
I want to know
It might never grow
What do you think?

Did we eat the cake to far apart?
From being and living just one heart.
I want to know
Being so low
What do you think?

We didn't have any neighbours to complain
About laughing in their rain
I want to know
Is it real what I feel?
What do you think?

ANIMAL PRODUCTION EXAM

QUESTION

Outline the differences between the following terms:

- a) Outbreeding.
- b) Inbreeding.
- c) Line breeding.
- d) Natural selection

ANSWER

Outbreeding:- This involves random mating of many cows on the open range.

Inbreeding:- This involves the mating of cattle in a cow shed.

Line breeding:- This is the mating of cows in a cow shed, in quick succession, by one bull.

Natural selection:- This is the mating of the slowest cow with the fastest bull.

POLITICS FOR FARMERS

SOCIALISM:- If you have two cows you give one to your neighbour.

COMMUNISM:- If you have two cows you give them to the state, then the state gives you some milk.

FASCISM:- If you have two cows you keep the cows, give the milk to the state and then the state gives you some milk.

NAZISM:- If you have two cows the state shoots you and keeps the cows.

CAPITALISM:- If you have two cows you sell one and buy a bull!

A STRAY REPORT

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- b) a pair of Chris (The Treasurers) Knights spectacles, and his holey socks.
- c) a Katie "match" garter
- d) a night out with Anna or Jenny (if you can catch them)

PLUS a signed photo of the team standing behind a wall.

FILL IN THE COUPON AND TOGETHER WITH AN OPEN CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO KATIE SEND TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Miss 'X' BOX 382438
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NAME SIZE OF SHOE

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Last years report drew attention to "the potential problems of an over-successful (!) Reunion and the effects of inflation on Agrimag" and this year the Committee has taken decisions and made recommendations on these and related matters.

We expected that 500 members would wish to attend Reunion '75 (and our expectations were slightly exceeded). We knew that fire regulations limit the number allowed into the Main Hall - Junior Common Room complex to 424, including staff and band. The eventual solution was an occasional licence for "music, singing and dancing" in the Refectory with a separate fire limit of 200 people, and the installation there of a fully stocked bar along with a jazz-band and a disco. This was so successful that it now seems the obvious solution, and it is hard to believe that a year ago it was not at the top of the list of possibilities (six in all) which the Committee had in mind.

The Reunion Supper was brought forward to 6.30 pm (so as to release the Refectory for dancing) and this may have contributed to the decline in the number attending the supper. Next year we may revert to the original intention of the supper - to provide a simple cheap meal on campus - by arranging for the normal student cafeteria service to be kept open somewhat later and made available to O.K.A. members.

Our practice has been to send out a preliminary Reunion notice with Agrimag and then to circulate final details to all our members shortly before the event. We have been sending out 600 fruitless notices each year, and the Committee has now decided to limit the circulation of the second Reunion notice to those members who left within the last ten years and to any other members who request this information from the Secretary.

Our share of the cost of agrimag 1974 was £73.61, but our share of Agrimag 1975 cost us £226.55. Postage is additional, and is obviously a further reason for limiting the size of the magazine. It is difficult to see how any further economies in production costs can be made, and our efforts to increase advertising revenue have met a disappointing response. Hence the necessity to review the terms of membership, which was done by George Foxcroft, whose proposals were carried substantially unchanged by the A.G.M., as reported on a later page.

The Rules of the Association have been amended on many occasions since it was founded in 1921, and the Committee is now considering them again in the light of the discussion which is mentioned in the draft minutes of the A.G.M. Hopefully, any proposals which they wish to make regarding further changes will have been formulated by the time this is in print and will be contained in the same envelope as this Agrimag - which will certainly be well in advance of the next A.G.M!

For the past 11 years the Committee has functioned under the inspired and inspiring Chairmanship of David Wheatcroft whose quick reactions combined with his tact and judgement ensured that Committee meetings made maximum progress in minimum time. He has earned a respite from his services to the Association, but we are hoping he will be content with a short one!

Stuart Senior

REUNION REPORT : 1975

Even though the weather was not conducive to travel and sport the Reunion once again proved to be an extremely popular event. Strong teams were fielded by O.K.A. in Rugby, Soccer, Hockey, Squash and Clay Pigeon Shooting.

The O.K.A. hockey team won convincingly by 8 goals to 3 indicating the brilliance of former players. Conclusive wins were also gained in the Squash and Clay Pigeon Shooting, winning 2-1 and 68 clays to 67 respectively. Unfortunately the O.K.A. Rugby team lost narrowly by 12 points to nil and the Soccer team improved on the previous year by losing only 4-2.

The Reunion Supper was not as well supported as in the previous year even though there was the prospect of an excellent meal and the added attraction of our guest speaker Dr Keith Scott who again revealed the brilliance of his oratory. In view of the reduced support for the supper, generally attributed to the adverse economic climate, some changes in feeding arrangements may be made next year.

After the large attendance at the 1974 Reunion dance further facilities were provided to accommodate the expected increase in numbers. Therefore we had enough space to accommodate 600 people in comfort and anyone who stayed away because of the possibility of not getting in or because of the memory of some overcrowding in 1974, will hopefully turn up at the 1976 Reunion.

Music for the dance was provided by a group, dance band and a disco in the Main Hall, also a jazz band and disco in the refectory. There was also greater availability of liquid refreshment with three fully stocked bars, one in the J.C.R., one in the T.V. room and a third in the refectory. There was once again self-service coffee available in the S.C.R. for those needing more refined pleasures.

It is hoped that all these facilities will be available next year, therefore we hope to see you all once again at next years reunion.

Bob Webb

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. The forty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Old Kingstonian Association was held in the Senior Common Room of the School of Agriculture at 5.00 pm on Saturday, 15th November 1975.
2. Present were eleven members of the Committee and three other members of the Association.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Professor J.P. Hudson, Mr J. Hunt, Mr S.F. Martin and Dr G. Norton.
4. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.
5. Matters arising: Investments, to be covered in the Treasurer's report.
6. Secretary's report: There was little to add to the Committee report which appeared in Agrimag 1975, except that a full committee meeting was held in May 1975 in order to discuss:-
 - (i) arrangements for Reunion 1975
 - (ii) the rising cost of Agrimag
 - (iii) a proposal to offer term membership instead of life membership for those joining in future years.

The Secretary pointed out that the affairs of the Association had been running smoothly because of the efficiency of its other officers. The report was adopted.

7. Treasurer's Report: The balance sheet and accounts for the year ending 31st December 1974 had been published in Agrimag 1975. The financial results of the current year seemed likely to be much less favourable, due mainly to the increased cost of Agrimag and of postage. The total membership was 1006, and in the course of the year to date fifty two new life members joined the Association, forty of whom were 1975 leavers. In accordance with the decision of the previous A.G.M. the holding of 7% British Savings Bonds had been cashed and £741 had been invested in the purchase of £800 (nominal) G.L.C. 7½% Loan Stock 1977. Mr W.S. Senior had replaced Mr R.B. Shaw as one of the Association's trustees. The report was adopted.

8. Terms of Membership: Dr Foxcroft introduced his proposals for changes in the terms of Membership of the Association which had been posted to all members prior to the meeting. In the course of discussion minor amendments were suggested and the proposals were then put to the meeting in the following form:

(i) That section 3 of the rules of O.K.A. should be deleted and replaced as follows.

"Membership. Past students of the Midland Agricultural College and of the University of Nottingham School of Agriculture, and former and present staff, are eligible for Term Membership after payment of the relevant subscription. A one year Graduand Membership shall be available to the current year leavers".

(ii) That section 4. of the rules of O.K.A. should be deleted and replaced as follows.

"Subscriptions and terms of membership. Subscriptions, whether for Term or Graduand Membership, shall be such amounts respectively as have been approved at a General Meeting; as will the duration of Term Membership. Subscriptions shall be payable before October 1st of the year in question. Should a member's subscription be unpaid at November 1st, he shall no longer be entitled to the privileges of membership until a further subscription is paid. Term Membership may be renewed by payment of the Term Membership subscription in effect at the time of renewal of membership.

(iii) That all current annual members should have the option of accepting Life Membership on the terms applicable at the time of this meeting. Such changes of membership should be completed before October 1st 1976.

(iv) That the current Life Members shall continue to enjoy the benefits of membership in force at the time of their joining the Association.

(v) That the duration of Term Membership should be 6 years with a subscription of £3.00.

(vi) That Graduand Membership should be 50p.

The proposals were carried nem con.

9. Agrimag 1976: Mr Cramer outlined the prospects regarding cost of production and of postage and stressed the need to restrict the magazine to 100 pages. After some discussion of possible economies it was agreed that the list of O.K.A. members and addresses be omitted from Agrimag 1976 and that a list of additions and amendments be included as a separate insert. It was also agreed that the minutes of the A.G.M. be published in Agrimag.

10. Election of Officers: There was some discussion of the roles of President, Vice-Presidents and Chairman, and it was pointed out that although the Rules of the Association refer to an executive committee in recent years no such committee has been appointed. It was agreed that the Committee should consider whether they wish to propose changes in the Rules to meet the Association's current needs.

Officers were elected as follows:-

President: Dr Elizabeth Marston

Vice-Presidents: Mrs H.G. Robinson, Miss A.C. Nowill, Prof. J.P. Hudson, S.F. Martin Esq., R.O. Wood Esq., Dr D.W. Pickard, Dr G.R. Foxcroft, Dr G. Banks, D.G.A. Wheatcroft Esq.

Chairman of Committee: W.S. Senior Esq.

Secretary: Dr G.R. Foxcroft.

Treasurer: Miss A.C. Nowill

Auditor: R.O. Wood Esq.

Representative to the Standing Committee of Convocation: Dr G. Norton.

Committee: Miss Y. Turner, Miss I. Horner, Messrs. J. Hunt, G. Shepherd, M. Cockerill, L. Ward, J. Watkins, W. Haresign, S. Cramer, S. Wilcockson, R. Webb, K. Stickney, H. Richardson, C. Tilston, J. Wanless and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Student Guild.

David Wheatcroft's resignation as Chairman had been finally but reluctantly accepted, after many years of service during which the Association had made very considerable progress. A vote of thanks to David was proposed, seconded and carried with acclamation.

11. The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

TWENTY YEARS ON

by Doug Gunary (1951-54)

'I wonder what we will be like in twenty years time and what will we all be doing?' I'm sure that, over the years, many generations of students have sat around in the "loose box" musing over questions of this type. How many have actually been able to obtain the answer? I'm happy to report that at least one generation has.

Thanks to the enterprise of one member of the 1951 student intake, 27th September last found some 45 ex inhabitants of the "loose box" voluntarily "re-stabled" for a day. To be in the happy position to look back together over the twenty or more years, was at the same time a chastening and rejuvenating experience!!

It was of course, a nostalgic affair but there were far fewer "you remembers" than "what have you been doing?". The years had of course taken their toll. Hair had changed colour, length and position! Faces and waists had become fuller, a few lines had appeared and more of us were using regular visual aids! Although the name labels which were thoughtfully provided were in some cases really needed, the people we knew of old, soon became recognisable through the less familiar framework. The same old voices, the same old gestures, the same old personality, the same old sense of humour, the same old friends. A few minutes and twenty years were bridged.

Helen Sykes (nee Semple) was the enthusiastic organiser who had painstakingly gathered addresses and written personally to most of the year's old students. In collaboration with Dr G. Norton - Gren to us - an afternoon programme was arranged which followed assembly in the "loose box" and a splendid lunch in a very much unchanged dining hall. After a talk by Professor Ivins outlining the major changes which had taken place in courses and facilities, we had the chance to look round buildings, to hear about changes on the farm and to see something of the horticultural department. Magnificent new facilities have sprung up; well-furnished new hostels, new laboratories and new lecture theatres. The once familiar 'main hall' - the site of festivities, of student debates, of variety shows and of the annual battle with examiners - was found to be already overfull with an 'upstairs' extension of the old library. The modern student is certainly well provided for.

It was not long before the future of British Agriculture was being hotly discussed in an informal seminar ably led in a familiar style by Professor Ivins. The presence of Professor Ivins, Dr D.V. Crawford, Dr E.R. Ling, Dr M. Woodbine, Dr A. Seaman, Dr R. Whittington, Miss N. Rhodes, Dr M.E. Marston, Dr Dullforce, Mr R.O. Wood and Mr S. Senior was very much appreciated. The occasion ended with an all too short chin-wag over a cup of tea in the Senior Common Room.

I wondered whether the staff could see their influence in the varied career patterns of the 1951 vintage. Looking round, one got the impression that they could not have done such a bad job and their presence provided a fitting environment for a very happy and well conceived occasion. Of those who had not been able to attend, a number had written to Helen and their news letters and 'photos imaginatively displayed, were read and peered at with great interest. News from as far away as Rhodesia and Canada made most intriguing reading.

Thank you Helen!

What shall we all be like 'forty years on'?

The sum of £12 was donated to the Arboretum and has been used to purchase the following species:

Abies grandis
Acer davidii
Calocedrus decurrens
Clethra delavayi
Fagus sylvatica tortuosa.

The occasion was attended by the following old students:

Dick Gray, 30 Tanner's Way, Hunsdon, Hertfordshire.
Doug Gunary, 4 Augusta Close, Grimsby, South Humberside.
Gordon Limb, The Old Inn, Llong, Mold, Clywd.
John and Pat (Unwin) Montague, 146 Church Road, Wembury, Plymouth.
Malcolm Race, Shawlands, Hursley, Winchester, Hants.
John Roddan, 253 Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey.
Harold Saxon, Bowers House Farm, Hillam, South Milford, Leeds.
Helen (Semple) Sykes, 13 Dale Lane, Delph, Oldham.
Sheila (Stranding) Jefferis, Knighton Wood Farm, Broadchalke, Salisbury, Wilts.
Des and Rachel Sutton, Acorns, Mill Piece, Nacton, Ipswich.
Valerie (Tuck) and Bill Broster, Corbieston, Chapel Lane, Beech Hill, Nr. Mortimer, Berks.
Denis and Mary (Brown) Woodhouse, Brookbank, Low Burswell, Hexham.
Laurie and Jennifer (Herbert) Blanshard, Townside Farm East Halton, Grimsby.
Mike Fort, Highfield, Caistor Road, Laceby, Grimsby.
Bob Jones, Heydour Lodge Farm, Bridge End Road, Grantham, Lincs.
Ted Culling, 4 Lackham Park, Lacock, Chippenham, Wilts.
Len Gurnett, Trawscoed Experimental Husbandry Farm, Trawscoed, Aberystwyth.
Brian Jukes, The Gables Farm, Barnby, Newark.
Trevor Lewis, 41 Tennyson Road, Harpenden, Herts.
Gren and Pat (Womersley) Norton, 33 Nanpantan Road, Loughborough, Leics.
Mike Shaw, 1 Lane Head, Binn, Marsden, Huddersfield.
Roger Taylor, Glebe Farm, Great Carlton, Louth, Lincolnshire.

Neil and Jean Gasser, Newtown Villa, Baschurch, Shrewsbury.
 Jim West, Calvert's House, Westhorpe, Southwell, Notts.
 Shirley (Hoyland) Temple, The Cottages, Kingston-on-Soar, Nottingham.
 Leslie (Carlier) Cross, 115 Broadway, Duffield, Derbyshire.
 Elaine (Marshall) Gunn-Russell, The Chestnuts, Eaton-upon-Tern,
 Market Drayton, Shropshire.
 Eddie Topping, Wits End, Japps Avenue, Barton, Preston, Lancs.
 Roger Savage, East Lincs Growers Ltd., The Firs, Kirton, Boston.
 Bob Exley, Scottish Horticultural Research Institute, Invergowrie,
 Dundee, Scotland.
 Pat (Aldersley) Miller, 3 Home Park, Stoke, Plymouth, Devon.
 John and Joan (Freeman) Love, 75 Meadway, Barnet, Herts.
 Tony Barber, 19 Yewlands Drive, Garstang, Preston, Lancs.
 Pam (Dunn) Watson, 4 Knighton Rise, Leicester.
 Eileen (Catterall) Dunn, Dower House, Eccle Riggs Lane,
 Broughton in Furness, Cumbria.
 Margaret (Thompson) Hillier, 35 The Ridings, Ockbrook, Derby.
 Freda (Davies) Roberts, Leandref, Stoneybrough Lane, Thirsk,
 Yorkshire.
 Mike Nichols, Willow Farm, Harby, Melton Mowbray, Leics.

Current addresses of those who replied but did not attend the Reunion:-

Lilla (Circuit) Wall, Rackleigh Farm, East Worlington, Crediton,
 Devon.
 Anna (Leake) Farago, 36, Lansdowne Road, Stanmore, Middlesex.
 Bob Bowler, Holmsdale, 8 Kingsway, Nettleham, Lincoln.
 Alan Coast, Westlands Farm, P.O. Box 129, Karoi, Rhodesia.
 Wilf Donaldson, Grassland Research Institute, Hurley, Maidenhead.
 Bill Foster-Thornton, Manor House Farm, Burringham, Scunthorpe.
 Margaret (Gale) Kidwell, 43 Weymouth Street, Providence R.I. 02906,
 U.S.A.
 Steve Leadley, Box HG 300, Highlands, Salisbury, Rhodesia.
 Duncan Perry, Kingsley Carr Farm, Kinsley, Nr Pontefract, Yorks.
 Alan White, Ellerholme Farm, Finningley, Doncaster, Yorks.
 Paul Wix, 249 Bedford Road, Rushden, Northants.
 Dick Dickinson 'Cruachan', Ludborough Road, North Thoresby, Grimsby.
 Arthur and Ruth (Bullivant) Loughton, Horticultural Experiment Station
 Box 587, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, N3Y 4N5.
 Ron Green, The Upper Foreign, Bargate Street, Brewood, Stafford.
 Brian Self, Hillside Cottage, Boxley, Maidstone, Kent.
 Ella (Basker) Skene, 307 Queen's Road, Maidstone, Kent.
 Pat (Insley) Bornemissza, 486 Sibeliuss Street, Lukastand, Pretoria,
 S. Africa.
 John Goodridge, 26 Forest Gate, Blackpool.
 Arthur Brown, 5 High Street, Oakley, Bedford.
 Barrie Machin, 62 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, Littlehampton,
 Sussex.
 Joy (Pugh) Mesdeg, 45 Whirlow Court Road, Sheffield S11 9NS.
 Derek Sadler, Standford Bridge Farm, Newport, Shropshire.
 Judy Wright, Kerk Nurseries, Sicklebrough Lane, Nr Cold Aston,
 Sheffield.
 Malcolm Baker, North Wootton Farm, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
 Ron Leadenham, 30 Marlingford Way, Easton, Norwich.
 John Turner, ADAS Norfolk.

EIGHT YEARS IN CANADA - AND NO REGRETS

(Unable to attend the reunion of the 1951 'freshers' Arthur and Ruth sent abundant information via Helen Sykes).

Arthur, B.Sc. (Hort.) 1954; M.Sc. 1960) married on 6 Aug. 1955
 Ruth (nee Bullivant), Dip. Hort. 1953)
 Two sons : Martin (16) and Graham (12)

Emigrated to Canada in June 1967 after living 13 years near York,
 and working at Stockbridge House Experimental Horticulture Station
 Cawood, Selby, Yorkshire.

Present address: R.R.I. Vittoria
 Ontario
 Canada
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Arthur's experiences since 1967

Joined the research staff of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture
 and Food's Horticultural Research Institute of Ontario, Vineland
 Station as research scientist in charge of vegetable research.
 Responsible for programs with asparagus, Brassicas, rhubarb,
 greenhouse, tomatoes and cucumbers, mushrooms. The Ontario H.R.I.
 was established in 1906 and is 60 m. from Toronto and 25 m. from
 Niagara Falls. In 1968 started to work on the long cucumber,
 trying to popularise it as a new greenhouse crop for Canada.
 Before that time it was unknown in North America. It has been
 an exciting project to work on and the crop has become popular
 all over the continent. I have developed something of a reputation
 as an instant expert on this crop and have spoken at greenhouse
 conferences in places as far apart as Calgary (Alberta), Fresno
 (California), San Antonio (Texas), Cleveland (Ohio). Also established
 the only research unit in the whole of Canada to work on cultivated
 mushrooms and began a new program on this crop in 1971.
 In Sept 1971, attended the 8th. Inter-National Mushroom Convention
 held at Imperial College, London and that's the only time we've
 been back to U.K. since we left in 1967. In November 1974
 attended the 9th International Scientific Convention on the
 Cultivation of Edible Fungi same thing, different name
 held in Tokyo, Japan and Taiwan. Gave a paper on mercury contamination
 in cultivated mushrooms. My first trip to the Orient a very
 fascinating experience ... must go back there sometime because there's
 so much to see, in a society which is so different from the Western
 civilisations. General impressions: wall to wall people in Tokyo,
 the Japanese rate of inflation is even greater than the British,
 a cup of coffee 90¢ (40p), very dignified and courteous people,
 agriculture almost peasant-type, with enormous dependance on manual
 labour but with an extremely high output per acre, the Bullet Train
 from Tokyo to Kyoto is super-efficient ... and very fast!, the
 beautiful old capital city of Kyoto stacked full of wonderful
 Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples ... but, oh! the tourists....
 worse than Niagara Falls; much poverty evident in Taiwan but a very
 proud people determined and anxious to be recognised by the

world as independent, physically a country with magnificent scenery but the worst road surfaces I have ever travelled over. On 1 April 1975 I became Director of the Horticultural Experiment Station at Simcoe, still part of the Ontario Min. of Ag. and Food. This H.E.S. is 60 miles from Vineland Station which puts us a little further away from Toronto (about 90 miles). We are only four miles from the shore of Lake Erie, whereas Vineland Station was right on the edge of Lake Ontario and that Lake is the same size as Wales! I have four research scientists including two Irishmen ... one from the North, one from the South but an Englishman can easily keep these two under control. The one from the North has just completed a six-months leave of absence at Long Ashton with Prof. J.P. Hudson. Our research program at Simcoe is 25% fruit, mainly apples with some peaches, grapes and strawberries, 75% vegetables, mainly for processing - field tomatoes, pickling cucumbers, sweet-corn, potatoes (they are classified horticultural here), peppers, asparagus, Brassicas but no greenhouse cucumbers anymore nor rhubarb, nor mushrooms. The station has nearly 200 acres much of which is a coarse sand typical of the large tobacco growing area in this district.

Ruth's experiences in Canada since 1967

To me falls the difficult task of describing domestic life in Canada. It was a jolt to us all when Arthur was offered this job and we decided to move. Hundreds of decisions to make : what furniture would we take, and what would we sell, what clothes should we buy and what would we need that was different for the changed climate. Should we take or leave our various pictures, trinkets and gardening tools? It seemed as if we had always to make decisions before our minds were quite ready to do so. Finally we decided to take all our antique furniture and most of the ornaments and pictures which I think turned out to be the right decision. As wardrobes are all built-in in Canadian homes, we left all those behind. At that stage the boys were 8 and 4, and full of the adventure of flying.

So, we came to Canada in a heatwave early in June: temp. 90 plus, with very high humidity. We were lucky in that a house on the Institute grounds went with the job at a very nominal rent, so that we settled into a community attached to the Institute. Many of the families had small children and came from places like Suffolk (Eng), Iran, Ceylon, USA, Germany.... and even Canada. Our house was in an acre of lawn and garden, and only about 300 yards from the shore of Lake Ontario.

Two years later we bought ½ acre of land in the old village of Jordan (old meaning about 1812!) and built a modern 4-level split level house on the Niagara Escarpment over which the famous Niagara River Falls about 20 miles from Jordan. In the rural areas the children are all bussed to school, large yellow buses stopping at the door with four bright red lights flashing an offence to pass when lights flash. We had become accustomed to driving on the wrong side of the road by now and also to being overtaken on both sides a rather hazardous experience at the start. We had got used to petrol being gas, the road being

the pavement, and the pavement being the sidewalk, a flat being a puncture and not an apartment! I had got involved in local politics, the school board and the local museum together with some work for our neighbouring grape farmer, plus working a day a week with retarded children in the nearby city of St. Catharines. Arthur played a lot of cricket yes, even in Canada there is a big league in the district made up of expatriate Commonwealth citizens. The children got a team together too and we all had cucumber sandwiches for tea at 4.30 pm made by the wives.

Since then the boys have both taken up baseball wearing those freakish outfits and playing in a local league which is the social centre of their summers. We were very much involved in the community life of the Jordan/Vineland area when Arthur was appointed Director of the H.E.S. at Simcoe this spring. This meant leaving our recently installed swimming pool and a garden which was just showing some return for 5 years of hard work on heavy clay soil, that as long as you could get the seeds to germinate and plants to root, things grew at a fantastic rate I really think Dr Marston and Miss Dullforce would have been proud of me!

So we moved to a 12-year old ranch-style house in an area near VITTORIA near Lake Erie. Actually, I never bothered much about N. American geography at school because I never expected to go there so I have had to learn since I arrived. The house is on just better than an acre of sand-land lucky enough to have a 40 ft. x 20 ft. pool already in the boys were very relieved about that ... with a row of espalier Golden Delicious apples, various other fruit trees and a vegetable garden. It appears to have a wealth of shrubs and roses but we will have to wait till the spring to really judge these. So nice not to have to slog away on the clay anymore but I spent all summer dragging miles of hose-pipe around the place fortunately we have an excellent well!

Schooling is rather different. The children stay in public school (i.e. primary) until they have done 8 grades then move to High School which offers many courses to all students. As well as the regular core subjects Martin has also done typing, accountancy, draughting, computer science, Canadian law and politics, and so on. Sometimes we think the choice is too wide but they amass an enormous variety of knowledge and talents by the end of grade 13. No schools have uniforms.... unless you call the universal blue jeans such!

Winters are cold and snowy (fairly) but snow removal equipment is excellent and after even the heaviest blizzard the roads are rarely shut for more than a few hours. We became Canadian citizens last year and now have to keep our eye on Trudeau and Stanfield as well as Wilson and Mrs Thatcher. In fact we have got used to living here that it is hard for us to remember what is different in our everyday lives from what it would have been had we remained in U.K. Most people work very hard, and that's the key to the country's successful economy and our high standard of living. They also play hard, really enjoy life, are friendly

Old Kingstonian Association
Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st December 1975

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
(73.71) Agrimag	226.55	(18.50)	Subscriptions 1975 7.50
(288.36) November reunion	123.90	(59.79)	Life Membership Fund 64.30
(99.63) Postage	155.20	(275.31)	November Reunion Dinner 133.85
(14.78) Stationery	11.83	(86.50)	Dance 61.50
(-) Brokers Commission	4.62	171.65	Interest on Investments 135.51
(16.90) Posters		(-)	Donations 2.20
(34.93) Corporation Tax	41.66	(206.35)	Ties
(181.81) Ties		(50.00)	Tree Appeal
(50.00) Tree Appeal			
(72.87)	Surplus	-	(-) Deficit 158.90
<u>(832.99)</u>	<u>£563.76</u>	<u>(832.99)</u>	<u>£563.76</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
(-) Sundry Creditors	6.88	(1508.76)	Investments at cost 1734.76
(2059.05) Life Membership Fund	2171.75	(-)	Sundry Debtors 87.31
(327.12) Accumulated Fund	399.99	(11.13)	Cash in hand 30.79
(Add 72.87) Less Deficit for year	158.90	241.09	Cash at bank Current 412.71
(1.00) Subscriptions in Advance		(505.42)	Deposit 137.95
		(40.50)	Ties 16.20
<u>(2460.04)</u>	<u>£2419.72</u>	<u>(2460.04)</u>	<u>£2419.72</u>

Figures for the previous year are shown in brackets for comparison.

Anne C. Nowill
Hon. Treasurer

R.O. Wood
Hon. Auditor

and out-going to new-comers such as ourselves and it is not difficult to become involved in community activities in a very short time. We always think of England as the land of our birth with affection and of course miss so many of our family and friends. Arthur's father at 89 is still farming at Wisbech and my parents have just moved from the big stone house just outside Hawkshead in the Lake District to Little Knowle in Devon. We have been fortunate in being visited by many friends and relatives, including such S.B.-ites as Peter Salter, Roger Savage, Margaret (nee Gravill) and Harold Saxon, and only yesterday Dr. Tom Nicholson (former Plant Path Lecturer) and his 2 children on their way to a sabbatical leave in Florida. We have also seen various other researchers, etc. from U.K. who were working over here at different times.

Arthur's community activities, outside his work which entails a good deal of lecturing at growers' conferences in the winter, has mostly centred around the Lions Club, a very strong service organisation in Canada and the USA. For the last three years in Jordan he was the club's secretary, quite a busy job. Their club has 70 members and their greatest achievement was to spear-head the construction of a new indoor ice arena in Jordan, opened last October. The total cost was about \$375,000 and the Lions found almost \$100,000 of that ..no mean feat in a small community of about 1000 people. They managed to extract all sorts of grants from the Federal and Provincial Govts. so that it did not make too much of a burden on the local rate-payers in the end. The Lions big money-raising event of the year is a Winter Carnival with snowmobile races, dog-sleds, hill-climb events with cars and motor-bikes, and a pancake breakfast on the Sunday morning, plus stacks of various foods to feed the cold and hungry crowds. It is a whole week-end affair in January and in a good year they could make \$11,000 profit. There is a Lions Club in Vittoria and he has joined that since we moved.

For our holidays, we seem to have had a major journey every other year: 1969 we went to the Maritime Provinces (Nova Scotia and New Brunswick via Quebec), 1971 we were back in England, 1973 we drove cross-country to the Pacific Coast via the northern US returning through the Canadian Rockies and the Prairies total mileage 7099 (like driving from London to Stalingrad and back!) The Rockies are magnificent, in fact even more spectacular than the pictures show them. So we have been right across Canada from East to West, something which few native Canadians have done we find and of course our conclusion in that this is an enormous country with only 21 million people and masses of untapped potential. When we see the millions and millions of acres of land on this continent either badly farmed or not even cropped at all but potentially valuable, we cannot help being sceptical about the claims of the gloom and doom merchants that we can no longer feed the world's population. Two years ago our Prairie farmers were paid NOT to grow wheat must be something wrong somewhere.

So, we really have no regrets about our decision of 8 years ago. Of course there are things we miss, especially our families and friends. But we have made some wonderful friends out here. Canada has been good to us and, by working hard we like to think we have been

good to Canada. We are extremely happy here and could not possibly give up this good life to come back to work in U.K. Why don't you come and see for yourselves?

ENGAGEMENTS

B.R. Holloway (1969-72) to Joan
Eileen Shepherd (1971-74) to Dave
Mike Varley (P.G. 1972-75) to Caroline Yardley (1971-74)
Bob Webb (1970-76) to Jeanette Caddick (staff)
Avril E. Woodford (1971-74) to W. Haresign (1968)

MARRIAGES

D. Cameron (1971-74) to Maggie Wilson (1971-74)
G.F. Johnson (1972-75) to Phyllida

BIRTHS

Alan (P.G. 1972-74) and Katherine Taylor, a daughter, Sarah.
Alan (P.G. 1971-73) and Jill Younger a second daughter, Helen.

DEATHS

Jackie Horsley (nee Eldridge) (1967-70) died 16 August 1975
aged 27.

TIMPERLEY, Mrs R.M. (nee Randles) Cert Dairy 1934-35.

ERRATA

We apologise to Janet Taylor (nee Robson 1969-72) for
an error in Agrimag 1974 - she married S. Taylor, 1973.

STOP PRESS

Marriage

Kathy H. Bowmer (1963-69) to F. Skinner (in December 1975 but
sometimes news travels slowly from Australia!)

NEWS OF OLD STUDENTS

Happily our Horticultural staff continue to maintain close links
with their old students, despite the fact that our President
Dr M.E. Marston retired last year. The reunion (or 'family party')
held in her honour was an excellent occasion which doubtless
helped to strengthen those links - and certainly provided much
of the news of old students which is set out below. Dr Marston
is growing lots of things in her new glasshouse (presented to
her at the reunion) and would welcome visits from any of her old
students and other friends who feel like dropping in at 84 Ashby Road,
Kegworth.

Philip Allington (B.Sc. 1951) heads the ADAS South Coast Advisory
Unit for greenhouses and protected crops and gave an inspiring
talk to the Horticultural Society.

O. Atanda (B.Sc. 1964) is Acting Head of Division in the
National Cereals Research Institute of Nigeria.

Peter Atkins holds a senior post at the Levington Research Station
John Aynsley multiplies plants a thousand fold by tissue culture
for Twyford Laboratories and was largely responsible for the
display which won them their award at the British Growers
Look Ahead Show at Harrogate in 1976.

Kathy Bamford is enjoying teaching at Oaklands, the Hertfordshire
College of Agriculture.

A.J. Bedding is National specialist in glasshouse and protected
crops stationed at the Glasshouse Crops Research Institute,
Littlehampton.

Pat Bornemissza (Pat Insley, 1953) has classified lots of Ethiopian
insects but hopes to return soon with her husband, a fellow
entomologist, to Australia where he holds an CSIRO post.

Malcolm Bradley has moved from Stockbridge House and is now ADAS
Horticultural Advisory Officer in West, South and
North Yorkshire.

Ann Braithwaite is a horticultural technician in the Plant Biology
department of the University of Hull, in charge of the teaching
and research in glasshouses.

Les Bufton is working on seed drills at the NIAE.

David Butler is at a Cocoa Research Station in Brazil.

Mike Carr has left the Maize Research Unit at Wye and taken up
an appointment in the soil and water section of the
National College of Agricultural Engineering, Silsoe.

Arthur Carter is the ADAS national specialist in nursery stock and is
stationed at Reading.

S.R. Chaffey is at the ADAS headquarters in London.

John Church has returned with his family from Zambia where he was
breeding cotton and is now the agronomist of Smedley-HP,
stationed at their Wisbech centre.

Hugh Collip (1964) is horticultural physiologist with Lindsey and
Kesteven Fertilisers, largely working on J. Arthur Bower
seed and potting medium.

J.A. Crofts, still horticultural ADAS officer for Nottinghamshire,
is now the East Midlands Branch Secretary of the Horticultural
Education Association.

Bob Crowder has been on a year's sabbatical leave from Lincoln, New Zealand, lecturing at Bath but also came to talk to our students.

A.G.C. Davies is the Divisional Horticultural Advisory Officer, ADAS, Exeter.

Michael Day is at the Fairfield Experimental Horticulture Station.

J.G. Davidson continues to flourish as Head of the Horticulture Section of the Weed Research Organisation.

Bob Exley is the information officer of the Scottish Horticultural Research Institute.

J. Finney is senior ADAS officer in Norfolk.

Jim Gage visited us when on leave from his post as agronomic Advisory Officer in Western Australia.

Joe Green has gone abroad again on an MOD project on irrigation reseafch in Lesotho, Africa.

Roger Green is at the Grassland Research Institute, Hurley.

Roy Gunton heads the Horticultural Department of Oaklands, the Hertfordshire College of Agriculture.

Julian Harrison is at the Scottish Horticultural Research Institute, and continues to publish papers in the Annals of Applied Biology.

Gerry Hayman has moved from Cornwall to take up a senior ADAS post as Glasshouse Specialist at Hoddesdon.

Tony Hepton is still pineapple physiologist in Hawaii.

Adeyemi Joshua (Ph.D., 1973) is now project Co-Manager of the FAO-UNDP National Seed Improvement Project of Nigeria.

John Kay is at the Miln Marsters Plant Breeding Station at Chester.

R.E.G. Kendall is Senior Horticultural Advisory Officer of the ADAS in Bedfordshire.

T. Kingsley is now ADAS Horticultural Advisory Officer for Avon.

Pat Lockett (nee Feast) is continuing her work at the Weed section of the National Vegetable Research Station.

Arthur Loughton is Director of the Horticultural Experiment Station, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada. Congratulations!

Olly Lucas enjoys his work (and his promotion) with the Forestry Commission in Wales. His wife Elizabeth (Kirkwood) is on the staff of a local hospital.

T.T. Lye is Agricultural district officer in Malaysia.

Barry Machin is running the chrysanthemum propagating unit of Perifleur.

Glendon March has joined the staff of the Nottingham Parks Department.

Barry Maxim is one of our strong horticultural team at the Essex College of Agriculture, Writtle.

Malcolm Millar is officer at the ADAS Experimental Horticulture Station, Kirton.

A. Moore is one of six national ADAS bulb specialists.

Mike Nell grows bulbs at Spalding and is a Committee member of the Horticultural Education Association, East Midlands Branch.

P. Nowell continues to enjoy his work at Framptons.

John Overvoorde is helping to manage his family holding and breeds Hippeastrums in his spare time.

David O'Connor is now ADAS Horticultural Adviser for the Holland division of Lincolnshire.

Jim Phimister paid us a visit on leave from Rhodesia where he is Horticulture Adviser specialising on apples and peaches.

Richard Pickering has returned from the Gambia with his family and is at present taking a course in plant protection at Harper Adams College and working on the biological control of the glasshouse white fly.

Paul Rochford has started a tree and shrub branch of the House of Rochford.

D.J. Rowell is an ADAS Horticultural Adviser in Norfolk.

Peter Salter is deputy head of the Plant Physiology section of the National Vegetable Research Station at Wellesbourne.

Lance Sanderson has been appointed Head of the Horticultural Department of the Writtle Agricultural College, Chelmsford, Essex. Hearty congratulations.

Jeremy Sayers is not only a prominent glasshouse grower in Devon but also represents the National Farmers Union at the European Economic Community.

Ian Shirly belongs to the Humberside group of glasshouse growers.

Margaret Scott is one of the ADAS officers at the Efford Experimental Horticulture Station.

Henry Wainwright is enjoying his job of lecturer in Horticultural Management, fruit growing, weed control, you name it, at the Essex College of Agriculture, Writtle.

Caroline Walker is happy as ADAS officer at the Experimental Horticulture Station, Stockbridge House, Cawood, Selby, Yorkshire.

David Whalley is continuing with his work on woody nursery stock propagation at the GCRI. He is hale and hearty, having survived a journey into the back of a lorry.

Julia Williams (Glover) is Plant Varieties Rights Officer at the National Food Trials, Brogdale, Faversham and married to a fellow horticulturist.

Angus Wilson is at the Cotton Research Unit, CSIRO, New South Wales.

Roger Worraker is technical adviser to the Checkers Fruit Growers' Co-operation and has been a member of a brains trust at East Mallings.

Michael Wright is teaching at the Elmwood Agricultural College, Cupar, Fife, Scotland.

W.J. Wright is at the ADAS Eastern region headquarters, responsible for vegetables.

Martin Ager (1964-67) now married to Pauline (nee Husk 1965-68) is living in Holland fairly close to GRAHAM AND MAGGIE (nee FELLOWS) FERRIS. Martin and Pauline have a daughter Laura Carolyn born 3/9/74.

John Brewitt, (1919-20) still living in Natal but called at S.B. recently on his way to Canada and was surprised to see how the 'campus' had grown.

Dick Broadwith is now President of Broadwith, Hughes and Associates Ltd, P.O. Box 983, Guelph, Ontario - an agricultural management and consulting service company which is no doubt keeping him busy.

Peter Brooks (1964-72) is now Head of the Department of Agriculture at Seale-Hayne Agricultural College.

Alan Coast (1950-53) emigrated to Rhodesia in 1953 and worked as Soil Conservation officer, then supervisor of tobacco growing, and in 1964 bought a farm of 1,500 acres in the north of Rhodesia. He grows tobacco, maize and flowers for seed, and has a herd of 270 head of Hereford-type cattle. Married in 1955 he has a son 16 and daughters aged 18, 14, 11 and 10.

Rosemary Cotter (nee Cutler 1965-68) spent four years in Bangor after leaving S.B., and married in 1972. She lived in Australia since 1972, and her husband works with the Victorian Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. on marine pollution. Her first work in Australia was in a tissue culture laboratory studying human cancer cells, but since 1974 she has worked in the library of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, concurrently studying for the Graduate Diploma in Librarianship. Recent vacation trips include a five week stay in Thailand and Burma, where she was impressed by the culture and way of life as well as their friendliness and hospitality.

R.F. Dickinson (1952-54) is in charge of Wheat and Barley Breeding Programmes for Rothwell Plant Breeders (Nickerson Group). He has seen it grow from small beginnings to become one of the largest plant breeding organisations in Europe.

Wilfrid Donaldson (1951-53) is Head of Information and Liaison Department at the Grassland Research Institute, Hurley - married with a son of 18 and a daughter of 16.

English, Stephen D. (1969-72) has almost completed his Ph.D. at the University of New England and is currently a Research Fellow working on problems associated with the development of the sunflower crop in Australia. He lives in one of the University colleges and enjoys the social life associated with it. At a recent conference met KATHY SKINNER (nee BOWMER), ROBIN JESSOP and TIM REEVES. Stephen expects to be back in U.K. just in time for OKA Reunion 1976.

Anna Farago (nee Leak, 1951-53) was unable to attend the reunion of her contemporaries because she lost her voice in September and did not get it back until December! She has two daughters, Jane b. 1960 and Susan b. 1965, and now they are at the local (Stanmore, Middlesex) direct grant school she has gone there herself - to teach full-time in the Preparatory Department. Regularly visits LILLA and MICHAEL WALL in Devon.

Noreen Fewster (nee Nutt 1946-48) has again put in a plea for "a residential reunion week-end preferably early September, or a garden party in the summer!" Perhaps one of the '1946 freshers should organise a reunion, on the lines pioneered by Helen Sykes (nee Semple)?

Howard Gabe is reported by Doug Gunary to have "recently started a soya bean breeding operation in Brazil.

Neil Garser (1950-53) is now Senior Lecturer in Farm Management at the Shropshire Farm Institute, and married (1957) with two children - Christopher 14 and Louise 9.

R.M. Gray (1951-52) is now Sales Manager, Agrochemicals Division of Pan Britannica Industries Ltd., living in Herts with three daughters 17, 14 and 10.

Doug Gunary (1951-54 and 1960-61) is Technical Manager of the Nickerson Seed Co. - "a fascinating job which involves a lot of international travel".

Elaine Gunn-Russell (nee Marshall 1951-53) is married to an agricultural contractor and living in Market Drayton with sons 18 and 9 and a daughter 16.

Gutteridge, John S. (1958-62) is a Senior Pig Industry Officer for the Department of Agriculture in Victoria (Australia). Since his arrival in 1970 the Pig Branch has expanded from two extension officers to eleven extension officers and three research officers. Most of his leisure time is taken up with his family but he enjoys a regular game of squash and follows the rugby scene in Melbourne when time permits.

Hall, R.L. (1956-63) works at the Cunningham Laboratory of the CSIRO Division of Tropical Agronomy in Brisbane on pasture ecology with particular emphasis on competition between pasture species.

Fred Harper (1965-70) is now lecturer in Crop Production at the Edinburgh School of Agriculture.

Margaret Kidwell (nee Gale) is now doing full-time research in genetics at Brown University Providence, Rhode Island and has two daughters aged 13 and 11.

Steve Leadley emigrated to Rhodesia in 1955. Initially Land Development Officer (1951-1968) he worked from Salisbury running the milk-recording scheme. Between 1968 and 1974 he worked as marketing economist and is now managing a farm (fattening 1,800 beef cattle off 7,000 acres grassland, and with a 350,000 bird broiler unit).

S.F. "Bob" Martin (1933-35) missed last years A.G.M. and reunion because he was in South Africa and will miss the 1976 reunion as he will be in Canada!

Felicity Proctor (1965-68) works at the Tropical Products Institute and recently visited the Agers in Holland.

Rothschild, George and Jenny (nee Jarman) (1956-59) live on and work a small 200 acre beef cattle property, as a leisure pursuit near Canberra. George works for the CSIRO Division of Entomology studying non-insecticidal methods of pest control in various orchard and field crops. Jenny works part-time in the Research School of Chemistry at the Australian National University. They have four children and two are at high school.

Mike Shaw (1953-56) is now Chairman of the family firm of shoe-retailers but lives with his wife and four children 1000 ft up in the Pennines where with milking goats, hens, ducks and vegetables they are well on the way to self-sufficiency.

Robin Shorthose (1954-60) is with the CSIRO at the Meat Research Laboratory in Brisbane researching the effects of preslaughter stress on the properties of beef and sheep meats.

Helen Sykes (see Semple (1951-54) is now rearing three boys, ages 7, 6 and 4, having spent the bulk of the previous era teaching Biology in schools. Helen's initiative and hard work in arranging the reunion of her contemporaries reported elsewhere in this Agrimag are largely responsible for a high proportion of these news items on old students.

James Syme (1961-63) is concerned with wheat breeding and wheat physiology at the Queensland Wheat Research Institute in Toowoomba. He has four children aged five to thirteen and has an interest in pottery.

Mark Temple (1969-72) is in good health after his illness, and is completing his M.Sc. course at Manchester University this summer.

Bill Weston (1949-51) is still with ADAS, living in Cheltenham but doing a spell of detached duty at London H.Q. where he has special responsibilities for socio-economic advice in the new Special Projects Division.

C.G. Winfield (1960-63) is a Livestock Research Officer with the Victorian Department of Agriculture. He has two children aged six and five and he has interests in conservation and preservation of native flora and in fishing.

Pat Worrall (nee Bedford 1949-51) has two children, John b. 1959 and Jane b. 1952 and is now teaching Rural Studies in a comprehensive school.

Val Worth (nee Ballantyne 1955-57) is married to an accountant who works in London but she grows roses, fuschias and African violets for local exhibition in Essex.

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