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Step Of Building Plan Realized

Sports Center Opens

The Lenox School Winter Sports Center is, without a doubt, the most ambitious project this school has ever tackled. The original estimate was set at $900,000 (excluding the swimming pool), so it will also be the most expensive.

From the outside, the Sports Center looks like a monstrous jet hangar, 420 feet long. When it is completed, it will harbor two full-length basketball courts, both occupying the south wing of the building. There will be space for fencing, squash courts, the proposed swimming pool, and an intramural gym which will be used for everything from wrestling to handball. There will be rooms for the trainer, a referees' changing room, laundry, coaches rooms, storage space, a skate shop, and numerous locker rooms. At the north end of the Sports Center will be the new hockey rink, probably the most important aspect of the whole complex. I say "most important", because the time has long since gone when Lenox can even attempt to maintain the same amount of ice time on the outdoor rink in order to compete with schools having artificial ice. The land rink will certainly be kept up, and will be used by the varsity for practice at least once a week; but the hockey pond will be turned over to the weeds Gramps has been battling for the last few years. Needless to say, the traditional practice on the flexible ice at Rattlesnake Lake will continue as the yearly gamble it has always been.

However, some of the alumni feel that having the ice ready-made by machine will spoil the hockey players. They feel, and quite rightly so, that having to work for your ice makes you more proud to win on it and adds immeasurably to team spirit and morale. It has the effect of bringing the team together, just as working for any common goal does for every group. There is a flip side to this argument, however; in fact, there are several; one being that the present academic competition does not allow enough students to devote the time and care that the preservation of good natural ice requires.

One of the basic ideas incorporated in the plans for the Sports Center is that it will pay for its own operation and upkeep. This will hopefully be possible, by renting ice-time to various local skating programs, and by renting ice-time to surrounding schools, many of which have already requested the use of the skating rink. In addition to this, the Sports Center will serve to introduce many people into the school who previously did not know about it. Lenox School is also sponsoring a Pee Wee hockey league, which will be of increasing benefit to the surrounding communities as the program expands. The Pittsfield Senior "A" team, The Jerseys, will also play a number of their games there, either on Saturday nights or Sunday afternoons, still leaving ample time for general skating.

With fencing and intramural basketball playing in the unfinished upstairs section this winter, a considerable amount of strain will be taken off the Varsity and J.V. basketball teams with practice schedules. It is certainly expected, that even in the unfinished condition it is in, the new Sports Center will lend a new impetus to winter sports teams. It certainly will help to improve the condition of all the hockey squads, and I am sure that the records will show it.

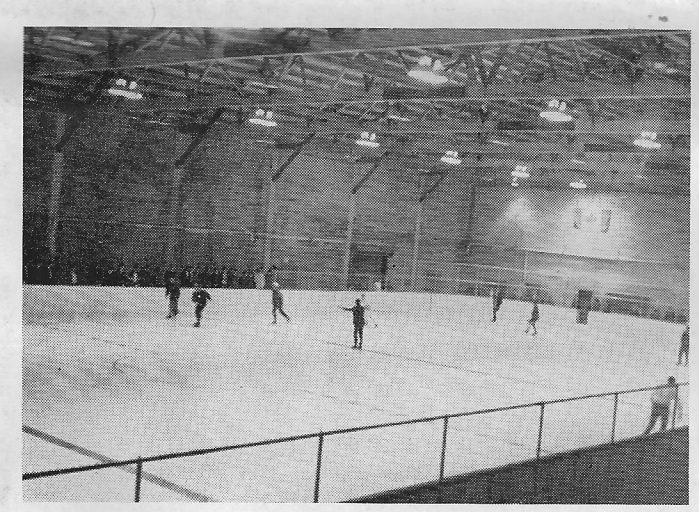
An important idea that has been built into the construction of this center is that of a large locker room that will hold both the varsity hockey and basketball teams. The purpose of this is to bring the teams closer together than they have been, and to make each more aware of the existence of the other.

With the completion of this facility, Lenox will be well on its way to becoming the athletic leader of New England, in a way that has shown itself capable of in recent years, and it is to be hoped that it will attract enough new prospects to guarantee the secure future of this school.

On the night of Saturday, November the 1st, 1968, the headmaster unofficially opened the sports center, by donning his silver skates (for the first time in many years), and stepping out to the rhythmic tunes piped through the center's P.A. system. This marked the christening of Lenox School's first artificial ice, and many of those who have spent long hours preparing ice for the land rink and the pond, breathed deep sighs of relief.

Hot upon his heels was a motley crowd, ranging from the speedy superstars to the bright-eyed dilettantes. Mr. Braim had ten-

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FIRST NIGHT

Lectures

CORREL

Saturday night, November 9th, Dr. Robert Correl from the Engineering School of the University of New Hampshire presented a lecture at Lenox entitled "Horizons of the Sea". Accompanying this interesting lecture on the sea were many fine color slides. Dr. Correl's presentation dealt chiefly with the Navy Sea Lab Experiments during the past few years. Dr. Correl explained that the sea had three major uses in the past: as a highway, as a battleground, and as a dump. He said that our land sources will be eventually depleted, and the major future use of the sea will be that of supporting life on land. The sea has a vast abundance of nearly all the materials that man needs to exist on land, including food and minerals with great quantities of oil and natural gas beneath the ocean floor. Dr. Correl concluded his fascinating story on oceanography with a question and answer period in which several members of the student body participated.

STOCKDALE

On Saturday evening, October 12, Mr. William Stockdale returned to Lenox with his latest movie entitled, "Israel."

Mr. Stockdale shot this film during the summer of 1967, directly following the farcical June war. This was evident, for there

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Afro-American Society

Out of the societies or unions of the many surrounding private as well as public schools, the Afro-American Society of Lenox School proves to be unique and worthy of recognition.

This society of young black men at Lenox is open to all. It was developed for the purpose of unification and understanding between the Black and White members of the community.

This society serves as a foundation of knowledge, where these students of varied backgrounds, ideas, and experiences, learn from each other as well as from themselves.

The many new ideas and experiences found within this society provide the membership with an understanding of the present necessities, the conditions of a society in which they must live, and what they must contribute towards being tomorrow's leaders.



Mr. Stockdale meets the enemy.

ESU SPEAKS OUT

Gareth Lewis



"My reasons for coming to Lenox are threefold. I came to Lenox because I was undecided as to what I wanted to do in Britain, and I wanted an extra year to think about a career. When I applied for this scholarship, I thought this would be a good opportunity to pick up subjects which I had forgone at my last school. My third reason, and my main one, was to see the States. It still is. However, I was given no choice as to which American school I would attend.

I encountered two types of schools in G. B., and they were both financed by the taxpayers and run by the Somerset County Council. I spent two years in a Secondary Modern School, before Brymore Technical School, which I attended as a boarder for four years.

Comparing Lenox to these two schools, I would say that Lenox is very liberal, socially, educationally and in disciplinary matters. There is a more free society here.

At my last school, Brymore, punishment such as caning, was common. We even had to clean out cess-pits occasionally. I don't think that people here ought to complain about marks.

Believe it or not, there are very few things that I dislike about Lenox. I have found a lot of things to be strange and different; but I wouldn't say that I dislike them. I do feel that games are taken too seriously by the players, coaches, and staff. I feel that

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EDITORIALS

Foxy Ladies

I have been at Lenox for three years and have received what I think is a fine education. But Lenox could improve its system of education by adding just one more factor; girls. It would seem natural, in the advancement of education, for Lenox to become united with Foxhollow. A step toward coeducation would improve Lenox greatly.

The purpose of Lenox School is to give the student a "total learning experience". He experiences the academic environment, sports, religion, and culture of the world he lives in. But one thing is lacking at Lenox at present. We are not truly prepared socially for the outside world. If the opposite sex was introduced to the Lenox community both the boys and the girls would benefit greatly. The students at Lenox are under extreme pressure every day of the year. Having girls on the campus could relieve some of these pressures and probably make Lenox more enjoyable for everyone.

If Lenox united with Foxhollow it could also improve the school academically and financially. We could benefit by their faculty. I'm sure it would be refreshing to have a few women on the staff. Their opinions and ideas would throw new light on many problems. A coeducational school would also attract more applicants which would boost the school's financial status.

Taking this step towards a coeducational environment can only improve the experiences that one receives from Lenox School.

mcg

To The Future

Today is November 22, 1968. Five years ago today, John Kennedy, president of the United States, was shot and killed in Dallas, Texas. Two hundred and fourteen days ago, Martin Luther King, prime bastion of the civil rights movement, was shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee. One hundred and fifty three days ago Robert Kennedy, candidate for president of the United States, was shot and killed in Los Angeles, California. There is a vicious and brutal war in Southeast Asia. Throughout the year there have been bloody riots in American cities. Richard Nixon was elected president of the United States in the closest election in history. Lenox School has an enrollment of two hundred and fifteen. It has just completed the construction of a sports center at the cost of over one million dollars.

At some point in December, the sports center will be dedicated. A time capsule will be placed in the cornerstone, to be opened at some point in the years to come. A copy of this paper will be included in the time capsule and it seems appropriate that a vision of the world of 1968 through the eyes of a Lenox student be inserted somewhere. This is directed to the people of today as well as to those who open the time capsule; that they will realize what is happening around them; that they will realize the obvious.

The world of today is progressing toward something. There will come a point where all the paths we are following—pollution, violence, degradation of man—all the paths will meet. The result of this junction is not a very pleasant thought. Man, God's creature of rational intelligence shall not rot and riot himself off the face of the earth. It seems that this event is inevitable unless Earth's population unglues itself from the television, takes off the tinted glass from its windows, and throws down its multitudes of matching attache cases. The problems now confronting the world cannot be solved by living in air-conditioned suburban homes sipping gin and tonics. There are people in the world; people, God's intelligent beings, who are living in a hell of oblivion and eating food that further rots what bodies they have at every swallow.

These, much as one is loathe to admit it, seem to be the conditions of 1968 A.D. A few people in the world are devoting their lives to righting these wrongs. Those who attempt to do it politically seem to get murdered. Unless more people aim themselves toward the assistance of others, the future of the world is not altogether a bright one.

You people who open the cornerstone of the Lenox School Sports Center, this world has the opportunity to make the coming decades and centuries pleasant ones to live in. For your sakes, we had better realize it soon.

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Sports Center . . .

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derly made the ice with his beloved Zamboni. The first casualty in the history of the rink was Marc Bauman, spilling his blood on the nice, new ice - to Mr. Braim's intense dismay and horror.

On December 1st, the Sports Center will be officially opened. This is the day of the Alumni-Varsity hockey game. On that same day, a time capsule will be placed in the cornerstone of the Lenox School Winter Sports Center. The capsule will contain various artifacts and momentos reminiscent of the schools advancement; including this issue of the Pen & Scroll. This is a very solemn occasion, and we would all do well to remember that we are making, every day, the history of Lenox School.

Stockdale . . .

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were many pictures of abandoned tanks, barbed wire, and other derelict materials of war which struck discords with otherwise tranquil locales. Shots of gun emplacements near Israel's borders belied the lingering Arab-Israeli hostility.

This war was not the main theme of Mr. Stockdale's film. He had not anticipated a war when he decided to produce his film. So, putting aside the political developments which affected it, the film was largely concerned with the contrast between the old and the new in Israel. Israel has great and modern cities, Tel Aviv being one example. It is a city which has become a modern metropolis virtually in twenty years. This is approximately the same life history of every major city in Israel today. On the other hand, the Bedouins who live in the southern deserts are still a nomadic people who dwell in tents. Their ways of life are the same as they were when Christ lived. Israel appears to be a profoundly dynamic country, for it is building many cities from scratch with the aid of its vibrant people.

There is a great undercurrent of religion in Israel. It is unique. Synagogues, mosques, and churches are found almost side by side. The settings of Old Testament history can be depicted in this tiny strip of land. There too are the Holy Lands where Christ was born, where he taught, and where he was crucified. Mr. Stockdale recorded these sites on film, and they are the focal points of two of the world's major faiths.

Along with the movie, Mr. Stockdale delivered an explanatory monologue combined with a liberal portion of his own infamous brand of humor. The film provoked the thought that perhaps Israel is truly a promised land.

Probably not many people in the school know the interesting fact that Mr. Stockdale's claim to fame was a walk. He and his wife walked across the continental United States after he was graduated from Yale University. He received nationwide television and newspaper publicity throughout his adventurous trek.

A Play For All Seasons

The fall term play, which is scheduled for December 6th, will be Robert Bolt's "A Man for All Seasons". Mr. David Wood, taking time off from his literary moonlighting, will direct the play. His former productions have excelled, thus making the Lenox School Theater one of the finest at the secondary school level in Western Massachusetts.

The setting of this drama is in sixteenth-century England, when Henry VIII (Tim Robinson) divorces Queen Catherine of Spain, and establishes himself as the head of the Church. The play centers around Sir Thomas More (Paul Blatz), whose scruples inhibit him to accept King Henry as his spiritual leader. Other characters who support the web of emotions in this play are portrayed by Floyd Ballesteros, Bill Blount, Dennis Gillanders, Rick Nicholaev, George Cleveland, Jeff Lewis, Terry Cummings, Edington Griggs, and Kim Sanders.

Gareth Lewis . . .

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they are to be enjoyed, and of course, winning is a lot better.

Dislike is a harsh word, and I certainly dislike stealing, which seems to be a common thing here. I certainly don't approve of the plagarism of "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

I like going to dances; I thought the MacDuffie dance was very good. I was also impressed very favourably with Simon's Rock. I think that we are very lucky in this respect.

I also like the teaching method here. The teachers are very good and very helpful; and I like the idea of graduation as opposed to G.C.E.

Integration is a really good thing. I didn't think it could work in the U. S., but personal experience is a lot better than reading books and newspapers. It certainly does work here. I've never known an American Indian, a Thai, or a Chinese before.

I think that the food here is very good, and the room set-up is certainly a lot better than the dormitories with twelve to a room as I was accustomed to. We are also lucky, here, to have such a wide range of sports, although they could include rugger and cricket!

There was very little *legal* social activity at Brymore; we even got six wacks for smoking. I think students will always complain, to try and get more privileges. We tried to get shorts abolished at Brymore, and here everyone wants more freedom in just about everything. But believe me, we are well off here!

What were my observations on the past presidential election? I thoroughly enjoyed the whole show, right down to the last political broadcast when Humphrey walked in bare feet across the sand. I seemed to remember Robert Kennedy doing the same thing. However, the methods of campaigning seemed strange and unfair, but a good man always comes out. I think you've chosen a good man this time although Humphrey would have been better.

I'm afraid I know very little about the E.S.U. (English-Speaking Union). I do know that they send about thirty-five boys and girls over here for an American Experience, and about the same to Great Britain. Fortunately, there are no academic qualifications.

The U.S.A. is Britain's biggest customer for our exports. We rely on exporting to survive, and export 13½ million pounds sterling a day. So, where possible, "Buy British" and "Back Britain".

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

One of the main questions the student body is asking is "Why must I be forced to go to a chapel service which I don't believe in?" Although I feel manditory chapel can be a good factor in school life, I do feel that it must be properly executed to fulfill its purpose in school life.

I think that having these services is a good idea as learning is a process which involves not only classroom, but also exposure to many things. Sports, dramatics, glee club, choir, student council; these are all activities in which we are all involved. I feel religion can make as important a contribution to learning.

Do not misunderstand me. I am not saying that opposition to mandatory chapel is unjustified. It is true that many students are not Episcopalian or even Christian for that matter. Therefore, I feel the church services should be designed to inform the students what there is in religion for them in their daily lives.

How is this to be done? As I look at the Church today, I see the real meaning of the church, and its purpose to reveal the word of God is too often hindered by the psalms and prayers which have become too important in many peoples' interpretation of what it is to be a Christian. Too many people feel that if they visit a church every Sunday and methodically ramble off a few prayers and pslams they have fulfilled their obligations as a Christian for a week. These means of worshipping God have gained too much influence in the Church today.

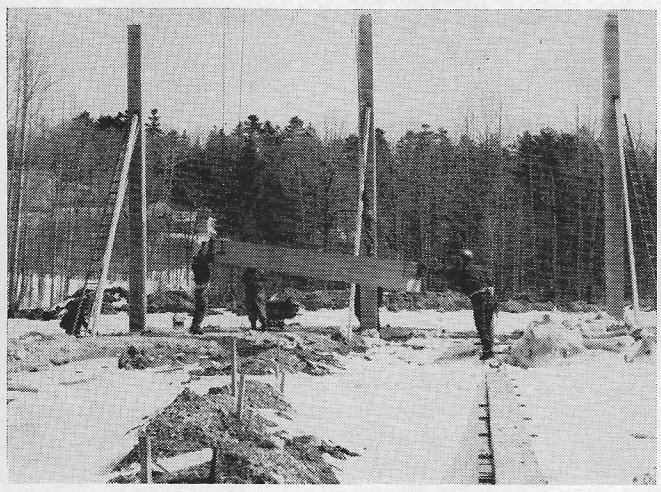
I also feel the means of worship have become too sober and sad. When I go to Church I intend to praise God joyfully and praise his greatness. As soon as I enter the church, however, I lose all my spirit, and thanks for God is lost through the dark atmosphere and sober surroundings. I once went to a modern church and enjoyed one of the most joyful services I have ever attended. There were a great number of skylights along the roof and the entire church was lighted. I had never been in a church like this before and it was a great experience. Two years ago the Lenox Choir used drums in the service. There was no opposition to this practice and it did a great deal to liven up the service. I see absolutely no blasphemy in any practice which may aid in alleviating the sobriety which the church has recently assumed. Why not, then, whistling?

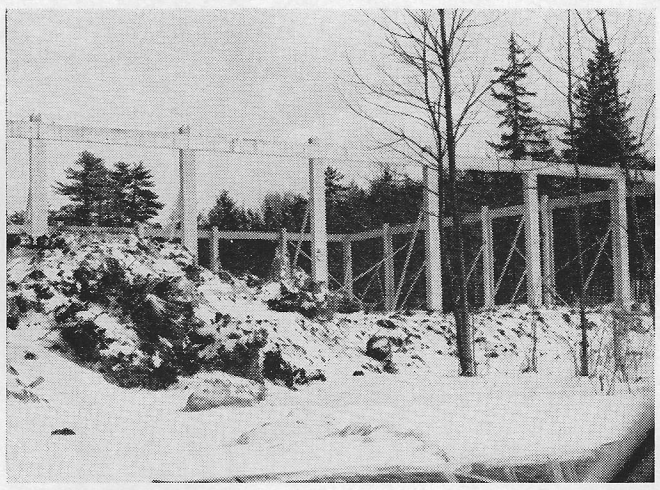
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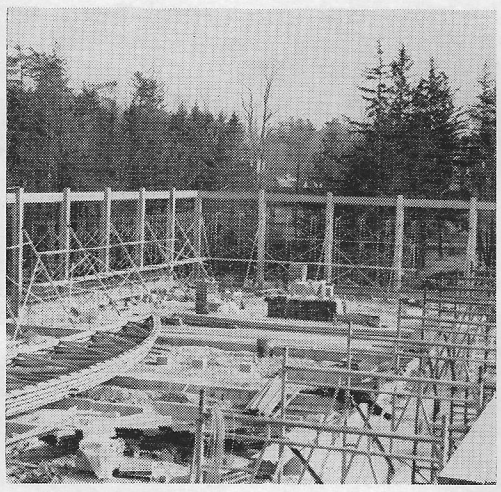
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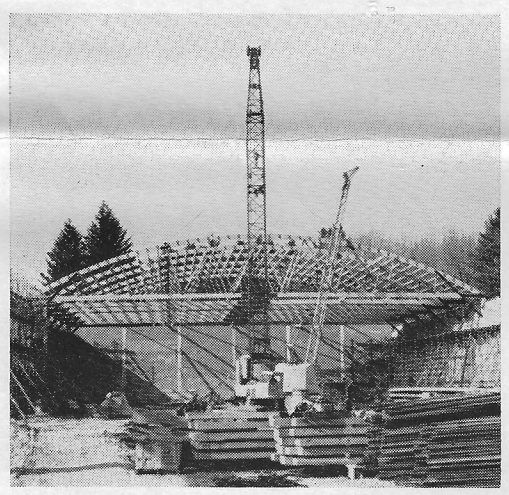
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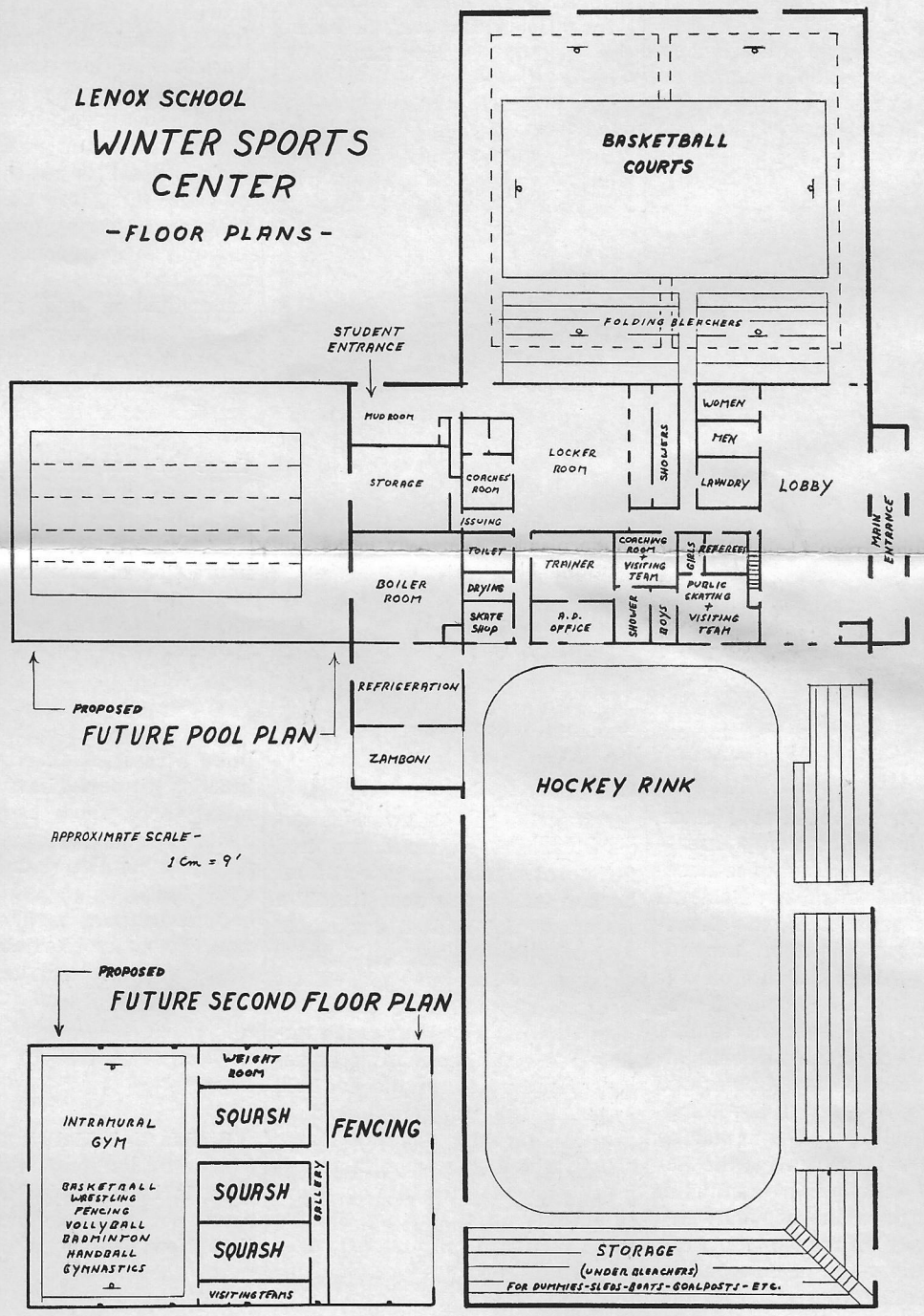




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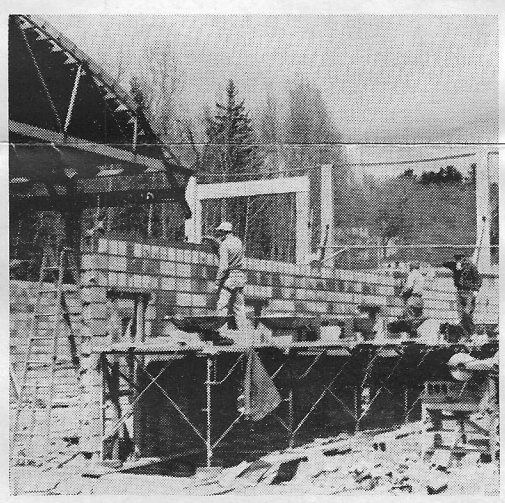
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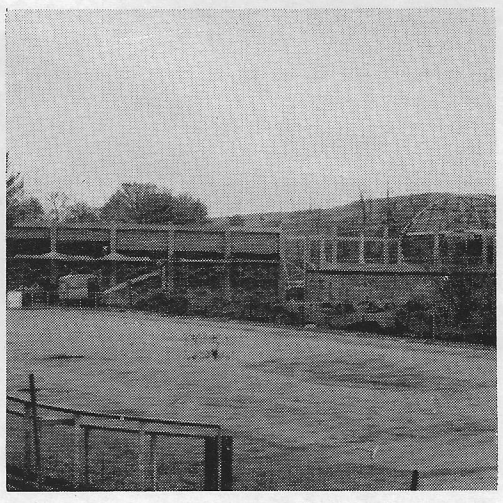


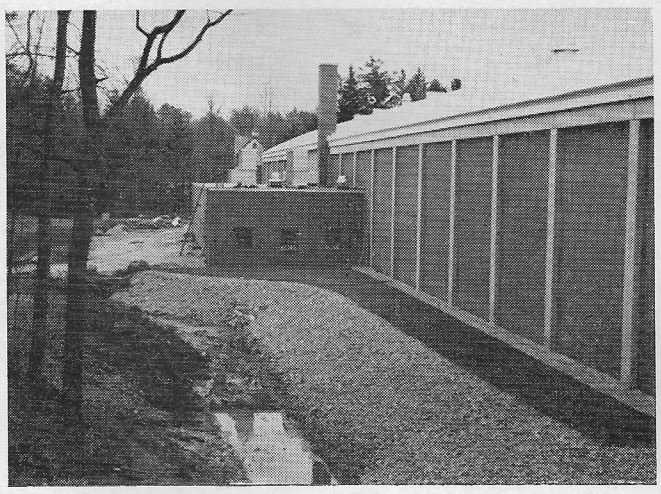
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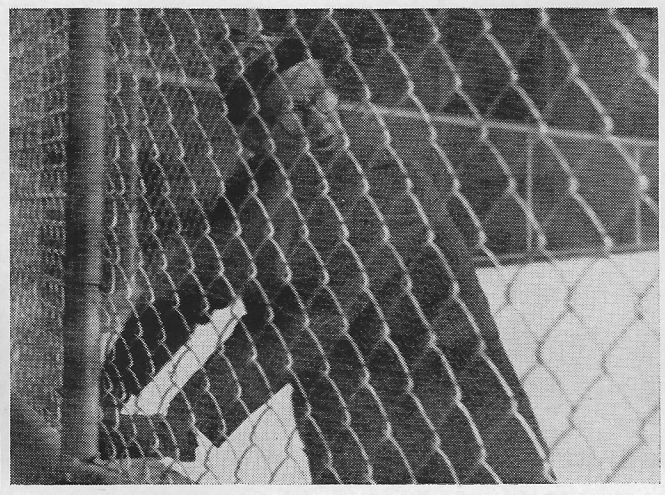
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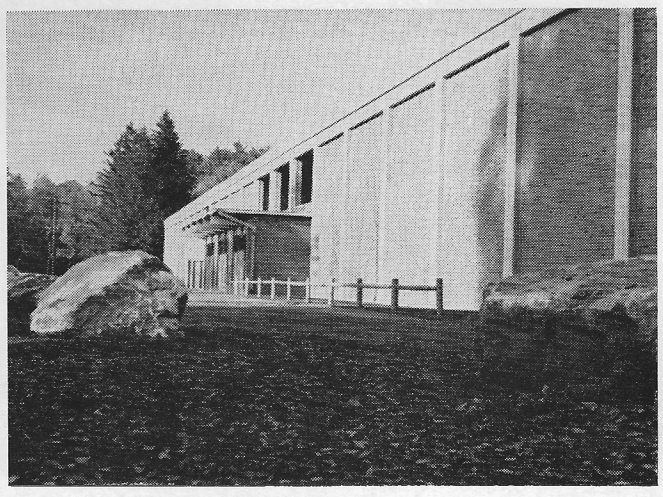
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40th Anniversary Issue

This is the 40th Anniversary Issue of the *Pen and Scroll*. We present, here, a few articles of interest from the first *Pen and Scrolls* ever written. Many of these articles are still pertinent to the problems and the issues that face the Lenox Community of 1968.

Can you guess what the dates are of each article? (Answers on the last page.)

Editorial

4.

How many times a day does one hear the cry, "Who took my book?" Or it may be a compass, a towel or whatever an individual may own. There is nothing which so readily causes the blood to boil than to discover the loss of some book or more often some assignment that one has carefully written out. But in spite of all the boiling blood in the school, we continue to exist in the school in an atmosphere of "uninvited borrowing". What is to be done? Only one thing. Namely to create an atmosphere of contempt for the person who continually "borrows". We wonder if "borrowing" doesn't hold for, most people, the same meaning as "have" and "keep". Let those who have read this far not simply agree with the above but take it to heart and don't merely laugh weakly when you see someone "borrowing" without permission, but let it be known that, with you, such an act is analogous with theft.

Political Rally

8.

Several weeks before the election, signs of political ferment in the school were making themselves quite evident by scores of party buttons, propaganda on the bulletin board, impromptu parades and the efforts of the individual party followers. Speeches were heard by gentlemen from outside the school, and the climax came on the eve of election day when the school was released from evening study hall at 8 o'clock for a rally in Thayer Hall.

Action began immediately when a battle royal was started between the buildings over a certain large and prized Landon banner which the Republicans managed to retain. All hope of an orderly session was abandoned as soon as all parties entered the dining room, and the rioting, assuming threatening proportions, had to be forcefully stopped. With Mr. Noble as master of ceremonies, the Democrats first took the floor. A microphone had been set up on the stage, but at full volume it was just another noise in the tumult. The members of the audience alternately booed the speakers and each other. As a result, the Democrats felt quite justified in making a general walkout, leaving the Republicans with only a handful of Socialists to shout at, and with much to say on the subject. After more speeches and demonstration, the political enthusiasts returned to their dormitories and to bed.

A straw vote held the next day yielded the following results: Republican, 57; Democrat, 23; Socialist, 13; Communist, 2; Union, and last but not least, Prohibitionist, 1 apiece.

Varsity Hockey Needs Ice



VARSITY HOCKEY

9.

It was too bad that various circumstances over which we had little control inspired to make our hockey season this year hardly a season at all. We had a squad of enthusiastic players with above average ability but our efforts were cut short at every turn.

In the first place our much anticipated rink, like many schemes conceived in a hurry, did not hold water. Hence we were forced to practice on the flooded tennis courts, which even when there was ice thick enough to skate on, proved entirely unsatisfactory. Far too small and with only ragged edges it gave us poor preparation for the first of our three games.

The game was played with Hoosac on their full-sized rink. In spite of our handicaps the score stood at two all after two over time periods. In further over time they succeeded in scoring on a long shot to beat us three-two.

7.

The Pen & Scroll regrets that it is unable to print in this issue the long-promised book report on "Little Women". Early last year, Mr. Eberth made a bet with John Little; the loser promising to review his favorite book. Needless to say, Mr. Eberth lost, and while we know his favorite book, the review of "Little Women" has not yet reached our editorial hands. We are confident, however, of having this treat in an early issue.

Headmaster's Column

6.

For some years, a number of school boys from England have come to America and spent one year in an American school under the auspices of the International Schoolboy Fellowship. This year, Lenox has been honored by an invitation to join this group, a generous friend has undertaken to provide the necessary scholarship funds, and if not next year, at least in the near future, we can look forward to having an English guest student with us at Lenox.

The value and importance of such contact is so obvious that it calls for little comment. In these days of bitter national rivalries and national competitions, the more that can be done of positive understanding and goodwill between individuals of different lands, the greater the chance for purposeful and cooperative action on the parts of their nations. Whatever may be the value of those of another country who, through American schools, and through understanding friendship with American boys, can form an impression of America more adequate than that obtained through movies, our chance to gain through the association is if anything, even wider.

The small world of a boarding school, somewhat narrow and isolated at best, is made richer and broader through having in our midst those whose background is different from our own. For, after all, it is just through friendship with individuals that fellowship between nations is likely to survive the many inevitable chilling storms and eventually to burst into flower.

3.

St. Martin's Hall is to be! The title, "new building", inevitable at first, is hardly suitable for long wear, not withstanding the fact that New College is one of the most ancient of Oxford institutions! In perpetuating the name of the patron saint of the school, there is a great deal of appropriate significance.

He seems in his life to have portrayed many of those characteristics which we hope will exemplify Lenox. In his life, religion was a first concern, coloring all the rest. He was a scholar, yet at the same time a hard working practical man. His best known episode of sharing the cloak with the beggar is easily symbolic of the sharing we hope is at the heart of Lenox. Such have been the gifts made in the past for the advancement of the school, and recently towards the erection of the new building. But even beyond the material angle, Lenox is dedicated to exemplifying a sharing of knowledge, skill, energy, and enthusiasm directed toward the common good by boys and staff alike. I hope that through the years, St. Martin's will serve as a gentle yet pointed reminder of the underlying ideals of the school. (Rev. G. G. Monks)

New Dining Hall

5.

The main contract on work of converting the barn in to a dining hall building was let during the Easter holidays to the Casper Ranger Construction Company of Holyoke, Mass. work started just before the boys returned and at this time, the interior of the barn, including all the old partitions, has been ripped out, the foundation for the kitchen wing is in place, and the framework is being rapidly completed. Completion of the work has been promised in ample time to get everything ready for the opening of School in September. The dining room will face the West, and will comprise most of the main floor. On the same floor will be the kitchen, store closets, pantries, etc., etc., as well as the entrance hall leading to the rooms above; these rooms will probably be used by the Sixth Form.

Thanksgiving

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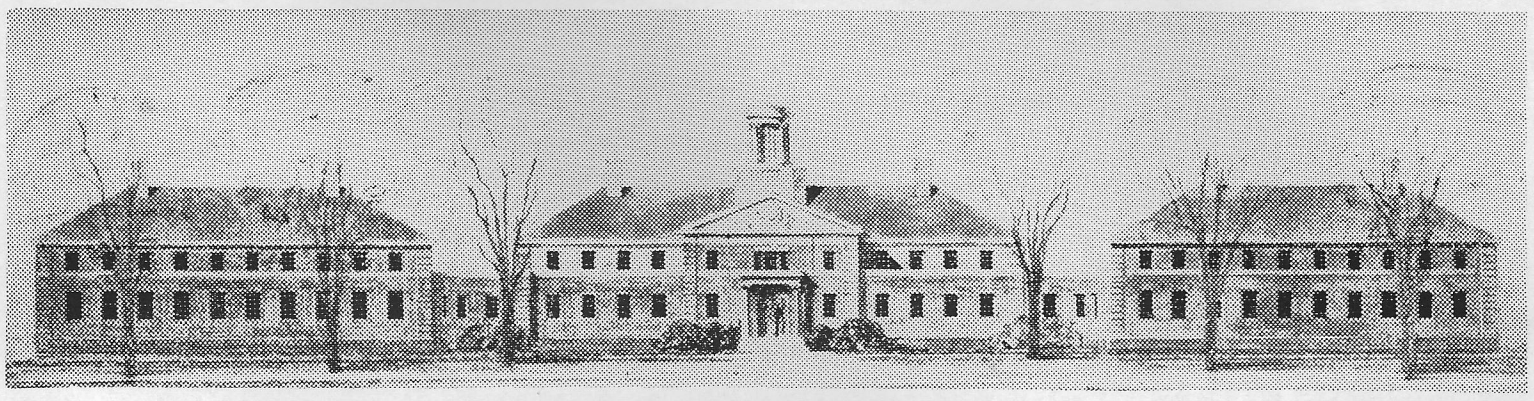
On Thanksgiving Day those living within a radius of fifty miles were permitted a leave of absence to the extent of one day.

Tuition Cost

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The charges for the first year will be $700. There will be scholarships, not to exceed ten in number, of $200 each for deserving boys. A fee of $10 will be charged when the formal application is accepted. This sum, however, will be credited on the amount charged for tuition, when the boy enters School.

(Those were the days . . .)



PLAN OF THE CENTER BUILDING OF THE NEW SCHOOL UNIT — courtesy of the Berkshire Eagle

Editorials . . .

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Love, Hate, Grass, Reality

It seems fairly evident that many people, both within and without Lenox, have become very outspoken about the very broad subject of drugs in general. The taboo of all drugs has become widespread as a general assumption, based on reports from many sources. Though some of these sources are bonafide experts, most speak from behind a shield of oblivion, not having experienced any aspect of the drug scene.

This editorial concerns marijuana, grass, pot, or whatever one chooses to call it. It is a compilation of experience. These are facts, all of which are highly personal, from the individual, from the Lenox School student. The interviews are not clinical observations made by men in white suits.

Following is the basic outline which the students followed throughout the interviews:

1) How were you initiated to marijuana, and how long ago?
2) Would you take it again, had you the chance?
3) How often do you use it (or did use it prior to school)?
4) Do current laws encourage or prevent you from using marijuana (i.e. do you smoke just because it is illegal?)
5) Do you think it will be legalized, and if it is, do you believe that smoking will be as popular?
6) It was stated recently that grass was an "escape from reality". Do you agree with this?

Five seniors who have had grass speak out below. Because some of the conversations are liable to incriminate the speaker, all will remain anonymous.

A) "I was over at my friend's house, and he took out some grass and started rolling a joint. He asked me if I smoked, to which I replied, "Yeah!". I then had my first joint.

I would take it again definitely—any chance I can get.

During the summer, I had it about three or four times a week for a period of about six weeks straight. Laws don't prevent me from using it, but they definitely make me "paranoid" because of the penalties. I don't think that grass will be legalized for at least twenty-five years, and it will definitely become more popular. Every day there are more and more people turning on.

As far as "an escape from reality" goes, I'd say no, because actually, it widens your reality, and proves to be a stimulus."

B) "It was on July first, 1967. I had been wanting to turn on for about a month. There were going to be fireworks that night, and I wanted to see them while I was turned on. I made the buy from a dealer, which was about a half ounce.

(In reply to question No. 2) OH WOW!

I use it as often as I can use it. If I have a good supply, I usually smoke about once every two days or so. I don't smoke just because of the laws, but the fact that it is illegal does inject an element of thrill into it. I think grass will be legal definitely within ten years. It will become more popular with this.

Reality. Well, when you think about it, everything is reality, and when one is having a grass experience, it is actually a different plane of reality. It is as if there were different shades of reality."

C) "Two summers ago, I had my first joint. I was a little apprehensive as to what was going to happen to me. Many things ran through my mind. The only reason I could see for not trying it was that it was against the law.

I would definitely take marijuana again. My first experience was quite interesting, to say the least, and I would smoke again, not for escape, but for curiosity.

The current laws do not prevent me from using marijuana, as I have already tried it, but I still don't like the idea of breaking the law. I would like this law to be changed. The use of marijuana is something very personal. Prohibition didn't work, because no matter what the law said, people continued drinking; they felt it was their personal right. The use of pot can be paralleled to the use of alcohol. If it is used properly, no harm can come of it, but if it is improperly used, just as alcohol, it can harm a person. Without a law against alcohol, drinking has become a social event for most people. I think the same could happen with marijuana. It all depends on the person's strength of character. There are drunks and there are addicts. If smoking became a legalized event, most people would take it just as they take drinking.

The fact that grass is an "escape from reality" is not completely true. It can be if a person becomes completely dependent on it. But then who is to say what "reality" really is. That again is one's personal opinion."

D) "I was initiated to grass one dark and dreary night, when I was walking home from a party early in the morning. I saw two guys—about twenty or so, and they were sitting under a light passing, what looked to me like a cigarette. The people in the area I lived in at the time are always very friendly, so I stopped for a while and spoke to them. Then, they just offered me this "cigarette", and after a while, I realized why they had been acting so strange and yet seemed so happy. This was about four years ago. when I was twelve.

Yes, I would happily take it again, had I the chance, and would be even happier to turn somebody else on. I smoke it as often as I can get it.

The laws on grass, which are fantastically outdated, where someone who has it in his possession is committing a felony, whereas murdering somebody in some parts of the country only results in a twenty dollar fine or bribe, as the case may be.

The only reason I smoke grass is for one reason; an escape from reality, which I will not deny, just as drinking is. (Except that drinking is such a "hassle", in that too much of it makes you sick. The bad after-effect with a hang-over is the worst part of it.) Mainly, I do it because of the effects it has on you, in which you can just forget about everything, all your problems. Even though this is just for a while, in many cases, it will help you in the end. It's like when somebody says, "Count to ten", to hold your temper. It relaxes you, just like before the laws came out, it was used in pills to ease tensions. Bird seeds used to contain grass seeds to make birds sing better. Under the influence of it, people create fantastic things which they never would have thought of before.

To summarize it all, I would just like to say, like most people's "thing" is liquor, someday mine may become the more popular when people see what this so-called "evil, murder inducing" weed is really like".

E) "My first experience with grass was in the beginning of this past summer. I had been wanting to smoke for some time, and a friend came to my rescue. The first couple of times, it didn't really affect me too much, but a couple of times more remedied that problem. I would definitely take it again, because I like it. I smoked about two or three times a week for a couple of months.

The present laws really scare and anger me. The penalty for *possession* of grass is something like 10,000 dollars fine and/or five years in jail. I feel that this is unjust, maybe because I'm the one who is getting screwed, but it does seem unfair that a person who steals, which is a crime against one's person has a much less severe penalty than having marijuana, which is *not* hurting anybody else. I don't smoke just because it is illegal, grass gives me a sense of importance. Maybe it's my immaturity or insecurity showing through, but I feel that most others who smoke have basic personal "things". The laws are secondary.

I think grass has a fifty-fifty chance of being legalized. Somewhere, some people may wake up to the reality of the situation and legalize it. The numuber of people turning on is increasing incredibly every day.

Grass is not so much an escape from reality as it is an extension of the "normal" conception of reality. To me, things are more significant, mostly intangible things like love, hate, and God. I try to understand things which are foreign to me. Grass is my temporary insight into the "realm of the unknown".

Love, Hate, Grass, and Reality. They are all relative—or are they?

Think about it.

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Letters . . .

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Dear Editor,

When the first issue of the Pen & Scroll came out in October, there was much discontent among the student body and some of the faculty. The reasons for the bad reception were many and varied. One of the editors, in his own words, "rehashed, even though I don't want to . . ." There were those who thought the paper gave too much space to sports. Others who thought the Pen & Scroll lacked student opinion, and still others who objected to the "clique" which staffed the Pen & Scroll.

Some students met to discuss what could be done to solve the problems of the Pen & Scroll. There were many meetings, some of which were attended by editors of the Pen & Scroll. The dissenting students could not agree on a solution. Suggestions ranged from the establishment of an underground paper to the upgrading of the Pen & Scroll.

There was no underground newspaper established and the literary supplement to which the Headmaster has given his consent may not come out in the near future either. The idea of a literary supplement was conceived in order to compromise the promoters of an underground paper, but apparently, a literary supplement does not have the appeal that an underground paper does.

There may not be any new publication appearing on the Lenox School campus as a result of the meetings the dissenting students held, but they have accomplished something. They have let the Pen & Scroll staff know that they were doing a poor job (and at least one of the editors agreed). Hopefully, with all the discontent the last issue caused, the editors will not find it so easy to "rehash".

Michael Benson

The above attack on the **Pen & Scroll** is without a doubt the most iniquitous statement I have read in a long time. It is quite easy to criticize from the bliss of uninvolvement since one is not aware of the true circumstances.

First issues of a given year are, on the whole, without an overabundance of excitement. If one will recall the September days of this year, there will be few events that stand out to any extent. However, school events do not a paper make. Thusly, the student body must be relied on to assist the Editors in a journalistic impetus. I cannot recall one such instance of this. The production of a paper out of relatively nothing was left entirely to the jolly "clique" who, believe it or not, is not infallible. Perhaps it would be pertinent to note that out of about twenty "dissenters" at one meeting, only three had ever attempted to write for the **Pen & Scroll.** Such is the bliss.

As to the inclusion of girls' names and other fillers, perhaps it would have been preferred that we just left half the back page blank which would actually be a good place to put all the student opinion that was expressed prior to the last issue. It is extremely helpful to have a bit of student opinion if the **Pen & Scroll** is to be a paper of student opinion.

(For a school paper, the **Pen & Scroll** has been, in most cases, very unrepresentative of the school). It should be realized that in the **Pen & Scroll**, members of the school have an opportunity to express their gripes for more than 1500 people to see. If there was more of this combined with conscientious writing of assigned articles, there would be no need to dwell on the trivial. We don't want to expound on the commonplace any more than anyone wants to read about it.

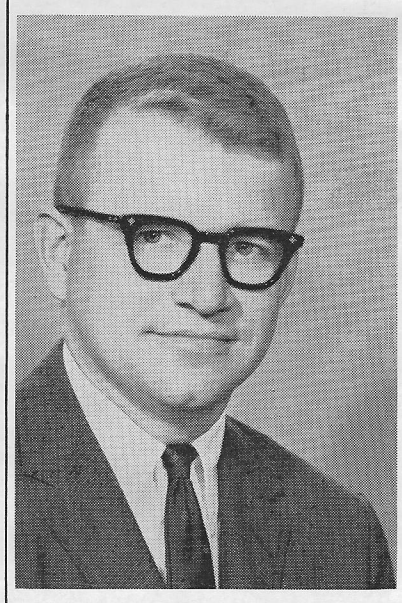
So, dear "dissenters", and other readers, if you want a paper, the power to make one is easily in your reach. Please, however, before another attempt to crush the heinous "clique" is initiated, look at clouds from both sides now and then dissent to your heart's content.

New Alumni Trustees



Claude Kemper was born in Belgium in 1933. He attended Lenox from 1947 to 1951, and became Senior Prefect in his senior year. Mr. Kemper went to Yale, graduating in 1953. He did Graduate work at U. of Virginia and received a B.S. in Commerce.

Claude Kemper is now the Vice President in charge of the Real Estate Dept. of the Investment Management Group at the First National City Bank.



John David Crosier went to Lenox from 1953 to 1955. After graduating he continued his studies at Hamilton College in the class of '59. He received a B.A. in Economics.

At present, Mr. Crosier is the assistant to the Vice President and General Manager of the Worcester Division of the Crompton and Knowles Corp. He is also the corporator of the Worcester Boy's Club.

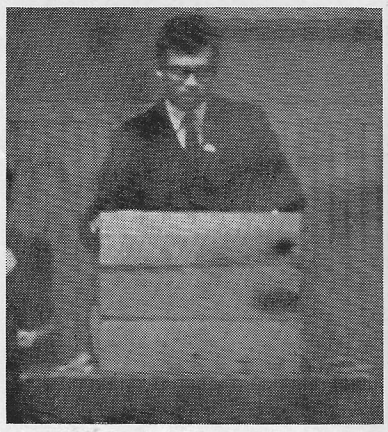
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HUMPHREY TAKES SCHOOL



A. A. Michelson Speaks On Issues

A. A. Michelson, the political correspondent to the Berkshire Eagle and to Boston, at the request of the school's honor society, spoke to a handful of students and faculty members on the subject of presidential candidates for the election of 1968. His speech became at times rather monotonous but he did give good views on the three candidates.

From the beginning it became clear that Mr. Michelson felt that the public would find it difficult in choosing their next president. The reason given for this was that the candidates oftentimes would not stand up for what they stated in public. In other words, the candidates do not always mean the things they say. Mr. Michelson also stated that his views were perhaps a bit slanted towards Humphrey.

Mr. Michelson eliminated Wallace since he felt it obvious that the battle would be between Humphrey and Nixon. Michelson stated that Wallace was an honest man who professes a police state and a man who prophesizes to turn the military over to the generals. Wallace's main objective is to keep law and order, that is to keep the Negroes in place. Michelson stated that Lemay's candidacy will hurt Wallace because Lemay makes statements not relevant to Wallace's candidacy, and because Lemay lacks the support of the people.

On general views concerning Nixon and Humphrey, Michelson stated that the main issue would be Viet-Nam. He said that either would begin a minor withdrawal from Viet-Nam if elected. He also felt that although neither was the best presidential candidate, they were the only two available at the time. As far as domestic affairs are concerned, the big issue is law and order. Nixon would appease the people by attacking the surface, the surface being demonstrations, while Humphrey looks for causes and would not lessen the conviction rate. In other words, the battle between Nixon and Humphrey is a battle between causes, convictions and results.

As for the choice of running mates, Michelson feels that Nixon chose Spiro Agnew mainly for the southern vote even though Agnew has a fatal disease known as "foot-in-the-mouth." As for Humphrey's selection of Edwin Muskie, Michelson feels that this was a wise decision. Muskie is a highly respected man who is very solid as well as respected.

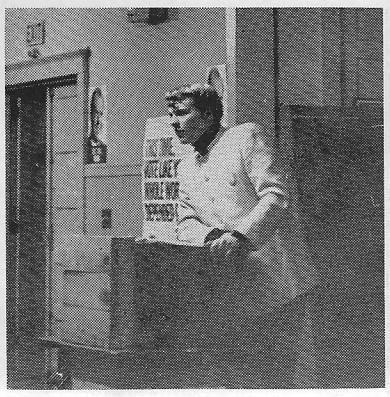
Mr. Michelson ended his speech with a question and answer period in which he pretty much stated what he had already said in his lecture.

Humphrey Campaign

In every election year, there is held within the school a mock election in which the stuent body and faculty vote for the presidential candidate of their choice.

This year the Nixon and Wallace campaigns were started well ahead of the Humphrey one, as no one had yet expressed interest in this campaign. At a meeting of the Afro-American society, it was suggested that a campaign for Humphrey be started, and as a result Les Ellison, Frank McCoy, and Steve Kelsey were elected to take charge of the Committee for Humphrey. Time being a crucial factor, they quickly began their task and decided to bring the facts and issues into the open by distributing Humphrey materials in the mailboxes and posting articles of significance to the campaign on the bulletin board. Mr. Putnam's laborious efforts of collecting facts and other materials vital to the campaign's success merit thanks from all of the campaigns participants.





CLEVELAND FOR BLOMEN

Nixon Campaign

From early September to November 2nd, a realistic and well-financed Nixon presidential campaign dominated the life of the students of Lenox School.

The Nixon for President Committee of Lenox School, under the leadership of Patrick Gable, and with the help of the national and local campaign headquarters, blitzed the school with pins, posters, and pamphlets. During the Political Rally, organized demonstrations were held, music was played, and a campaign speech was given by one of the leading figures of our community. Paul Blatz delivered this effective speech. But unfortunately the school went overwhelmingly for the Humphrey-Muskie ticket.

Lenox School had rejected all the sensationalism of real campaigns. The students looked for reason rather than slogans and songs. Let's hope that national campaigns someday will appeal to the intellects rather than to the emotions of the voters.

School Political Rally

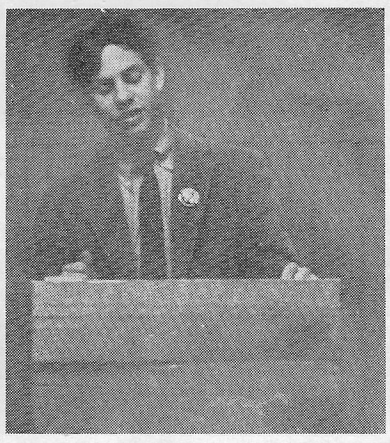
The school political rally took place on November 1st in Thayer Hall. This tradition of having a rally and election in the school at the time of every national election proved, as usual to be useful in bringing out the political views of the Lenox students.

The first speech was Frank McCoy's of Hubert Humphrey. He spoke primarily of Humphrey's desire to improve the police through more money and of his desire to abolish the ghettos and war torn areas of the world. Nixon was accused of wanting to retain the status quo, while his running mate was accused of shunning the slums and their problems. The summary ending the speech consisted of a list of Humphrey's many accomplishments and an optimistic look ahead for the presidential hopeful.

Louis Rosenfield next spoke for Wallace. He praised Wallace's war record and his promotions from Alabama Attorney General to Governor. The speech was brief however, since the speaker unexpectedly ended his appraisal, stating that he actually didn't like Wallace anymore, and the best ticket was Humphrey-Muskie.

George Cleveland spoke for Henning Blomen, the candidate on the Socialist Labor Party ticket. He spoke on the party's ideas concerning companies, each one having its own election and sending representatives to industry councils. Blomen, a machine assembler, who has never run for office, would give the power to the working people, who is the majority. Although the ideas stated were perhaps unrealistic, they were refreshing and optimistic.

The final speaker was Paul Blatz who endorsed the Nixon-Agnew ticket of the Republican party. Paul spoke of Nixon's desire to let the power flow back to the people, where it belongs, and to restore respect for America. He also brought out the fact that under Republican rule, America's budget has been balanced two thirds of the time, while it has been balanced only one sixth of the time by the Democrats. In conclusion, Paul expressed his hopes for Nixon's election, as he should keep up his party's record.



The rally resulted in much new light shed on all four candidates. Much thanks should be given to Mr. Rogers for coordinating the rally and the election and making it so successful.

The Election

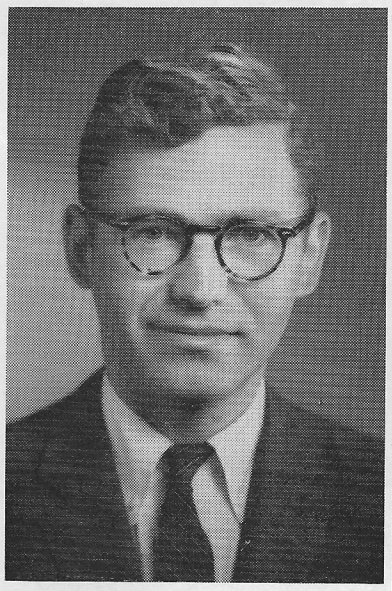
The Lenox Students for Nixon-Agnew were the first to organize early in October. While this head-start worked for Mr. Nixon nationally, it didn't pay off among the ranks of the scholarly. The Humphrey campaign was made manifest in late October. Wallace was without vocal supporters, and buttons blossomed for a variety of fourth-party candidates. A strong early showing for Socialist Labor Party candidate Henning Blomen vaccilated towards Humphrey for fear of a close Nixon victory.

In a non-partisan political rally on Sunday night, November third, Frank McCoy spoke for Humphrey, George Cleveland for Blomen, and Paul Blatz for Nixon. Tuesday brought the school elections, where the vote came in as follows: Humphrey-122, Nixon-74, Wallace-8, plus a number of write-ins. Nixon came out ahead in the lower forms, but failed to stop the Humphrey impetus in the upper forms and faculty.

Analyzing the vote and projecting the vote on the national scene, one easily sees that it is comparable. The school draws a majority of its student body from the Northeastern area of the country, and similarily, these states went for Humphrey.

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James L. Neff was born January 16, 1932 and was a member of the graduating class of 1949 at Lenox. Mr. Neff attained his B.A. in English at Princeton, graduating in 1953. He went on to the Graduate School of Banking.

James Neff joined the Bank of New York in 1957 and is now a trust officer.

SPORTS

X-C Sets Good Pace

J. V. X-C

This year the J.V. Cross-Country, though not duplicating last year's undefeated team, still managed to uphold a fine 6-3 record. Lenox encountered tough competition with Hotchkiss, Williston, and Marvelwood, losing these meets by close margins. The team changed faces throughout the season, with some runners gaining a varsity position. The team still managed to defeat Rockwood, Berkshire, Darrow, The Gunnery, and Loomis. At the close of the season the team consisted of Dave Lewis, Keith Simpson, Frank Henton, Bill Green, Ken Scott, Rob Warren and Jeff Ballentine. Keith Simpson and Jeff Lewis also ran with Varsity in the New England's and the County run. Much thanks goes to coaches Graesser and Hackett for a winning season.

V. X-C

The Lenox Varsity 1968-69 cross-country team turned in another winning season, one full of many ups and downs for all seven of the runners. The team ended up with four losses and five wins, in league meets. Lenox School took sixth place in the New England meet, and second in the county meet, a league of nine schools.

It would be impossible to give any set order for the seven top runners for the order was different for just about every meet. The first three runners on the squad were usually Chris Higgins, Mike Kent, and Larry Kerr in no certain order. Each one seemed to take his turn in leading the team for different meets. This Lenox trio often stayed close together, or at least attempted to be, such as in meets with Suffield when all three broke the close record.



V X-C WARMS UP BEFORE MEET.

The next three runners Bill Ryan, Mike Benson (Captain), and Rob Warren, who always seemed to be improving served as the fourth and fifth runners for the team, at different times. Places six and seven were usually taken by either Keith Simpson, Ed Griggs, Gregg Leonardson, or Dave Lewis.

Final Varsity letter winners were, Mike Benson, Mike Kent, Larry Kerr, Chris Higgins, Bill Ryan, Gregg Leonardson (next year's captain), Rob Warren, and Ed Griggs.

Cross-country coaches Mr. Hackett and Mr. Graesser always managed to keep the team working hard, which usually paid off. The team wishes to thank them for a really great season and for all their help and support which was such a help to the team, for without their assistance the squad would have been nowhere near its potential.

FOOTBALL CLOSES WITH 6-1 RECORD

Again this year, coaches LaPointe and Hunt turned out an exceedingly fine football team. The team won six, while being defeated only once to a powerful Wilbraham eleven on a rain soaked field.

Perhaps the most striking feature of this year's team was the poise displayed by its members. Offensively a total of 172 points were scored while the tough defensive unit allowed only 33 points or less than one touchdown per game. Quarterback Dan Videtta was an elusive scrambler on offense while he threw 13 touchdown passes and rambled for many running gains. The entire offensive line must be credited for the fine pick-up blocking they displayed while allowing Videtta to find his receivers as he scrambled.

The Green of Berkshire came to our home grounds on our Parents' Day. The Martins having worked the hardest in practice for this game, walked off the field a 26-8 victor. Unfortunately full-back-captain Jim Sullivan suffered a back injury prior to this contest which sidelined him for four games. Roger Hoefer ran all over the field for two scores while Dan Videtta connected for scores to Larsen and Morrison.

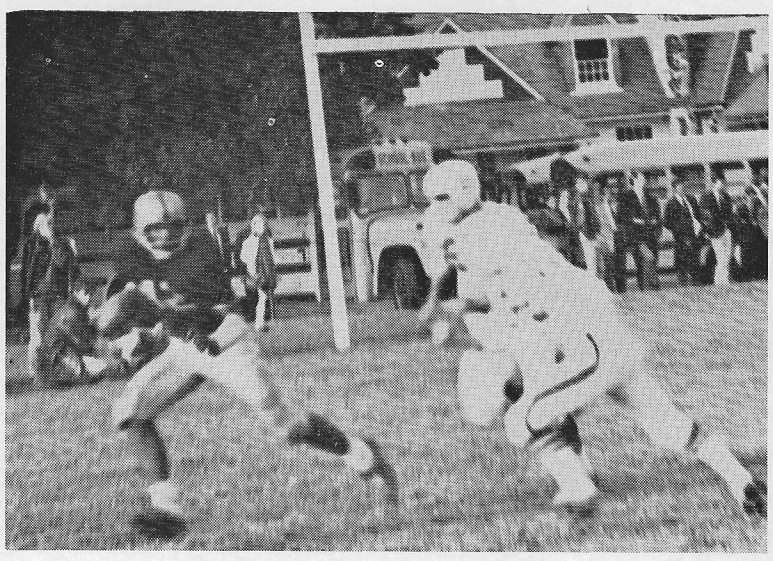
The following Saturday Lenox traveled to Darrow School to pull out a tough 8-0 victory. Bill Williams tallied the sole T.D. for the Big Gold. Videtta tossed a quick pass to his primary receiver Huck "Homer Jones" Larsen for the points after touchdown.

The next week against Wilbraham the Martins were simply outhustled and suffered a disheartening 20-8 defeat. The one bright spot of the afternoon came when Larsen returned a fourth-quarter kick-off all the way.

On November second the varsity squad traveled to the Gunnery with a 4-1 record and a renewed enthusiasm to win. It was Lenox all the way as the Big Gold consistently drilled holes in the Gunnery defense. Scores were made by four different players as both Videtta and Jerry Way connected via the aerial attack.

The finale came at Monson Academy. Lenox scored 28 points in the first half which proved to be the margin of victory as neither team was able to penetrate the end zone in the second half.

The team will be losing many fine players next year, but a nucleus formed around captain elect Roger Hoefer should provide another winning season next year.



HOEFER GLARES AT PERSUERS

J. V. Football

Although this season by far was not the best season the J.V. Football Team has had in recent years in many ways it was not the worst. Many boys, who in the past years were not able to play much football, got the chance to show their abilities by playing in the J.V. games. The ability was there but it was in the wrong places. The team had many bad breaks which cost them their games.

A lot of people put a great deal of time and effort into the team. Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Rogers should be thanked for leading this up-hill battle.

J. V. Soccer

The J.V. Soccer team ended its season this year with a 4-6 record. They had a strong team, but it was not quite strong enough. The J.V. team went to Darrow on their Parents' Day and played the game in the rain, and on a muddy field. They put up a good fight, but they could not get organized in the rain and lost the game 4-3. On Parents' Day at Lenox the J.V. squad put on an excellent performance and defeated the Gunnery J.V. 4-0. The J.V. team played well against the Hoosac Varsity, but they were shy one goal for a tie and they lost only by a score of 2-1. However, the last game of the season was their fourth win when they defeated Marvelwood 1-0.

Live Is Evil Spelled Backwards



GULICK USES HIS HEAD.

V. SOCCER FINISHES STRONG

Although the record does not show the work and time put in by the 1968 Varsity Soccer team, there was plenty of both. For the first few weeks any observer watching the squad work out would say that we would probably have a fine season. But by the time the season got underway the team was overready for it to begin and took the wrong moment to relax.

As the first half of the season ended, the team had managed to win only one game, tie one game, and drop five games. The real turning point of the season came at the Darrow game. Somehow, the team could not let Darrow win on Parents' Day.

From then on through the end of the season the squad charged up to the winning column to win four out of the remaining seven games. Looking back on the season, it is really hard to easily find a logical reason for the way the games went, but it looks like an excellent crew returning next year.

As the season closed, the following soccer players made up the team: on the front line were starters Captain Steven Wilson, Gareth Lewis, Jeff Gulick, and Bill Varian. Ken Lo, Jeff Lewis, and Dave Laube also helped out the line. In the halfback spots, Dave Clark and Bob Gulick were regulars with Kent Paul, Dave Voorhees, and Rick Nicholaev adding their talents. For defense, the fullbacks were Bob DuBuisson and Lewis Johnson leading, with Tom Ebitz following. Last but not least, Paul Blatz began and ended the season as goalkeeper. During the season a number of people gave him some help. Leslie Ellison finished the season with Paul, and should be a fine first string goalie next year.

Also a note of thanks should go to Chris Woodward for his abilities as soccer manager. To Mr. Braim, the team extends a special thanks, and hopes he will find the countless number of balls he kicked to who knows where.

And to Mr. Paterson goes the hope that what this year's team hoped to achieve in a winning season, next year's team will accomplish.

SPORTS

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III Soccer

The third soccer team started its season with some weak places which needed to be strengthened, and a lack of organization. Losing their first two games, they pulled together on their third game to beat Salisbury 4-0.

Coached by Mr. Rieffel, the team consisted of, Eric Hughes, Joe Hatch, Bob Lima, Peter Guthrie, Doug Williams, Charuart Khunatthanond, Seth-Peter Margoshes, Spike Kennard, and Bruce Goode, on the line. Curtis Miles, Ralph Emerson, Cookie Kempton, David Wong, Don Padget, Jeff Lyons, Ian Larson, Chuck Leoni, and Jeff Rogers, at halfback. The fullbacks were Dave Tobler, Joe Wan, Milo Brown, and Charlie Woolverton. Last, but not least was goalie George Lauriat, and the faithful manager, Dick Leach.

Before the third team's last game their record was 1-5. They had lost their other games by missing many key plays and "bunching" a little too much.

In their last game, the third team pulled their forces together against Marvelwood. Lenox dominated the first quarter holding the ball at the opponent's end of the field much of the time. In the second and third Marvelwood managed to get the ball down to Lenox's end of the field. Lenox came out on top, though, and scored two goals. Seth-Peter Margoshes scoring the first goal and Dave Tobler scoring the second on a well placed penalty kick.

In the last five minutes of the game Marvelwood scored a goal, making the score 2-1 with the Martins leading. The defense managed to hold Marvelwood and Lenox won 2-1 ending the season with a not so poor record of 2-5.

Although third team soccer did not have a winning season they did have good potential, which showed in their winning games. It is interesting to note that the team consisted of many who had never played soccer before. With a little work next year the team should do well.

III X-C

The Third Team Cross Country Team had an undefeated season this year. The team had three meets. Two of them were with Berkshire Farms and the other was with Williston. Lenox won 26-29 in the first meet against Berkshire Farms, taking places 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8. One week later the Third team traveled to Williston and won overwhelmingly 19-36. They took places 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7. The next week Lenox again beat Berkshire Farms, to complete the undefeated season. The Third Team consisted of Jeff Ballentine, Mark Apone, Bill Whitemore, Bill Blount and Jim Paley.

III Football

This year third team football had a very fine season, producing a record of three wins and one loss. The first three games were taken easily by the junior squad, beating Darrow, Salisbury and Williston. Douglas Peek appeared prominently in these three games. The last game of the season was with the Lee J.V. team. This was a real test of the team's ability. The Third Team played well, but Lee overpowered them. This was exemplified in Dennis Holeford's broken leg.

The outstanding players on offense were Gordon Rutledge, Doug Peek, and Butch Rufo. Defensively, Dave Cutler, Dennis Holford, Stu Methvan, and Bob Hunter were outstanding.

The team extends its thanks to Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hall for leading the team to victory.

T-M-G

The competition this year between the three club teams Monks-Thayer-Griswold, were unfortunately stopped "cold" after completing the triangular meet in cross-country due to a severe pre-winter snowfall. In this event the Monks were barely able to pull out a hard fought victory by the score of 35-38-47. Thayer pulled out second place, while Griswold took a close third. The top five runners were respectively: Ken Scott of Monks, Keith Simpson of Griswold, Bill Green of Thayer, Mark Apone of Thayer, and Jeff Ballentine of Monks.

This year's captains are: Jim Sullivan of Monks, Hank Wangeman of Thayer and Roger Green of Griswold. Due to the selection of this year's crop of new boys, each team seems to have a fairly equal opportunity to win, and will wait in anticipation for following competitive seasons with hopes that the weather will bring more favorable results.

the resurrection

i was thinking just then
about living in this world
i couldn't understand
why we wanted to exist
i asked myself
who could help me
so
i wondered
wandered
i found my answer
i found Love

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Escape

i take my trip
the rain begins to drip.
mother nature does her thing,
her children cease to sing.
i walk and wonder why . . .

the rain continues to fall
but it doesn't matter at all.
my mind is confused
my brain is overused.
i walk and wonder why . . .

the sun shines in the sky
wispy clouds pass it by.
they block the sun and shadows make.
the intense heat coerces the earth to bake.
i walk and wonder why . . .

the wind begins to blow
wildflowers rustle and bend, but don't know.
the earth plays its same old tune:
snow in december and sun in june.
i walk and wonder why . . .

i stop for a moment by a crooked tree
the sun and clouds stare down at me.
my eye views this tree and its surroundings
elements of the world—the beautiful things.
i stop and wonder why . . .

one tree in many is this one i behold.
its life story is yet to be told.
i know it not—no possible way i could.
mother nature knows, tell it wish she would.
i stop and wonder why . . .

a bird flies onto a branch to rest for a bit.
i agree and down i go to sit.
the clouds move slowly, now.
their purpose is to move, not how.
i sit and wonder why . . .

the sun is going down and the bird has taken to flight.
the day has terminated, for now approaches the night.
the air is tranquil and calm;
a bead of sweat trickles down my palm.
i sit and wonder why . . .

the air's temperature chills my spine,
my nerves now again knot like twine.
the icy moon appears overhead,
as i lay my head down upon my earthen bed.
i lie and wonder why . . .

the thoughts of the day rush through my mind,
the tension mounts as my brain unwinds.
my body convulses with a sudden jolt of fear,
and my nerves crack to emit a tear.
i lie and wonder why no longer, but cry . . .

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The Stoning Of The Unicorn

They found her there,
dancing on the empty beach
crying for the seagulls.

And they found there, too,
the hollow, empty shells
of the drifters.

And they found you there;
sharing your blanket
in the skeleton
of an ancient fishing dory.
they caught you
sharing your dreams
with a lonely and hungry people
clinging to the fine spiderweb
of
an illusion.

Yes
they caught you
giving your bread to a bearded cat
named Tollie.
And they told you
that your time was coming,
and your laughter echoed hollow
and empty.

and you said
find me a golden harp
and I'll play my way into
God's place.
but
you knew that you have to be
a lethargic drunk
or a freaked-out angel
to get there.

so you smile softly,
and murmur that it's all right
you know
everybody must get stoned.

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