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SATURDAY

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| 9:00- 9:30 | Come to Centre Hall to pick up your 150th badge, your name tag and the weekend schedule of activities. |
| 10:00 | Old Girls' Field Hockey |
| 11:00 | Old Girls' Soccer |
| 11:00 | Old Boys' Soccer |
| 12:00- 1:00 | Reception (Cash Bar) |
| 12:30- 2:00 | Lunch |
| 1:30- 2:30 | Touch Football |
| 1:30- 2:30 | Volleyball for all |
| | Field Day for children under 14 |
| 2:30 | Old Boys' Football (tackle) |
| ALL DAY | Tours of the School
Multi-Image Slide Presentation
Squash Tournament for all
Tennis Tournament for all
Scavenger Hunt for all |
| 5:30- 8:30 | Reception & Steer Roast (Cash Bar) |
| 8:00-12:00 | Dance (Cash Bar) |

SUNDAY

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| 11:00 | Chapel Service — The Most Rev. Ted Scott,
Guest Preacher |
| Afternoon | Rehearsals for Cabaret |
| 5:30- 7:30 | Reception and Light Supper
(Cash Bar) |
| 8:00-10:00 | Cabaret |

An admission fee will be charged for the two evening's activities.

The bridge would rock unless marchers broke step

By Eleanor Brown

HATLEY — Hidden behind the foliage in the woods surrounding Bishop's College School, students would smoke illicit cigarettes and keep a constant lookout for intruders.

Right after Sunday's chapel service, Ogden Glass and his friends would skip over to the kitchen, pick up some hamburger, and run off to the huts they'd built in the woods.

"It was great for smoking, there were always fires at the hut" to explain the smell of fumes away if confronted by a suspecting professor, Glass says.

And the shelters were craftily built, each with a window pointing out in the direction of the path. Someone always kept a lookout. But Glass doesn't remember ever seeing a teacher venture into the woods.

Smoking merited eight "cracks on the backside", but no one ever gave it up.

Glass arrived at BCS in 1928 — the year before the depression — graduating four years later. And despite a stint at Bishop's University across the way, a Rhodes scholarship and a war, he ended up back at BCS. He returned in 1950 and was given the job of headmaster.

WASN'T EASY

But getting through the school the first time wasn't easy. Says Glass. "It was a venerable institution. It had a sound academic record, a reputation for building character. It was austere and frugal — as befitted the times."

Glass found himself sharing a dorm with 12 to 14 mates. "Vast, drafty caverns with no decoration of any kind," he says. "It was a tough school, it prided itself on its toughness. This bred a certain independence of mind and also a creativity."

The depression meant fewer students — and less money to throw around. So students made

their own fun, Glass recounts. They weren't permitted to travel out to Sherbrooke, and visits to Lennoxville were allowed on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. But the youngsters, he insists, didn't usually take advantage of the free time; they had games they had organized themselves to take their minds off work.

There were the trips to the woods, walking up the St. Francis and swimming back down, ending up at the foot of the shelters where one could dry wet clothes and warm up beside the fire. Spirited debating, concerts, and the chapel all added up to busy schedules.

STUDENTS MARCHED

Sunday church services were held at Bishop's University, in St. Mark's chapel. (The current chapel was dedicated in 1959.) Students marched down cadet corps platoon by platoon. The order helped supervisors in the rollcall, to ensure no one was playing hookie.

The troops would return in the evening over the old covered bridge. Recalls Glass, "We'd get the order to break step so we wouldn't rock the old covered bridge. But it was often dark so we didn't break step, and we'd rock the bridge."

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Former BCS headmaster Ogden Glass with then-Governor General Vincent Massey. May 31, 1955.

Each boy had to prove himself to his comrades

Caning never did Glass any harm

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Despite the hard economic times and the discipline, Glass remembers the time he spent at BCS with fondness.

"We were not spared the rod and we were not spoiled, I can assure you that," he says. "It taught me the most valuable lesson early in life: That nothing worthwhile is gained without hard work and often suffering."

Continues Glass, "The school was the strongest influence for good in the most formative years of my life and I'm most eternally grateful to it."

PLENTY OF CRACKS

Even the occasional caning didn't dampen the enthusiasm. "It never did me any harm — and I got plenty of cracks," grins Glass.

The only drawback, he says, was the opposite sex. "We never saw girls except for the odd tea dance with King's Hall (a girl's school in Compton)". BCS only became a co-educational institution in 1972.

Explains Glass, "With the spartan, masculine existence, you tended to fall in love with the first girl you saw when you went back to Montreal." But the long-distance relationship gave boys something to do all semester: write letters. "They're a good lesson in English composition!" he laughs.

Glass admits he didn't particularly enjoy cadets, either. "I was a little rebellious," he says.

But the obligatory nature of both cadets and chapel attendance is good for students, he insists. "Chapel is the soul of the school and you only have to look at the record of BCS Old Boys in two world wars (to appreciate the value of the corps)."

SCHOOL FOR ELITE

Glass says each boy had to prove himself to his comrades during a stay. And the criticism leveled at BCS that it is a school for the 'elite', is quite justified, he says. "Elite means best."

"When I was a boy at school there was no snobbery. In a dorm with 13 other boys you don't get along on the influence of your father who's a hundred miles away. You did it on your merits. If you didn't, that was just too bad.

"BCS prides itself on its independence. It's a valuable commodity in the academic sphere and the political sphere. Independence is not cheap — it has to be paid for.

"BCS I know would like to have 300 scholarships — so it could get the 'best', regardless of economic background."

Glass graduated from BCS to



Ogden Glass: Writing letters to his loves in Montreal was a good lesson in English composition.

attend Bishop's University. Here too, was discipline.

As a member of the football team, Glass had to promise no tobacco and alcohol would figure in his daily routine. But the occasional drinking binge wasn't forbidden on weekends. On a Saturday night Glass and four friends would wander off to Sherbrooke. Each would plunk \$1 on the table and order draft.

They'd end up with 100 glasses of beer in front of them.

But weekend drinkers were duty bound to report to the coach Sunday for a special workout — a four-mile run.

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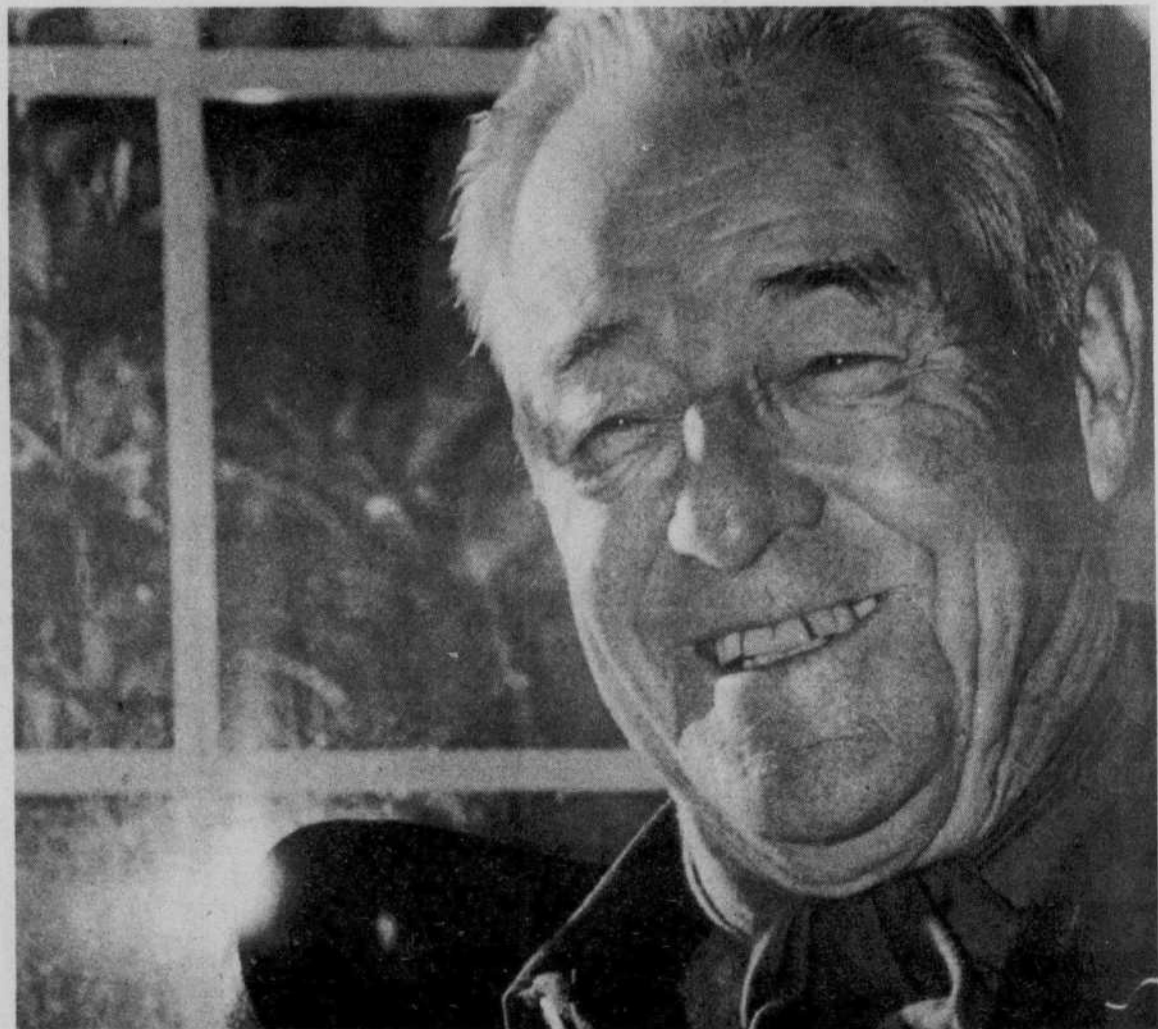
For three years in a row, a

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BISHOP'S COLLEGE SCHOOL



Glass had to promise not to smoke or drink during the week.

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This full page spread first appeared in the July 13, 1918 edition of the Montreal Standard. In the lower left hand corner, identified as number 13, stands J.K.L. Ross. Ross provided the funds to build the school house (main building), the dining hall and the power house, allowing BCS to move from its original lodgings into larger facilities. Bishop's College School itself was founded in 1836 by Rev. Lucius Doolittle, who set up a classical school in a parsonage on the site of what is now Bishop's University.



Glass just wasn't cut out for journalism

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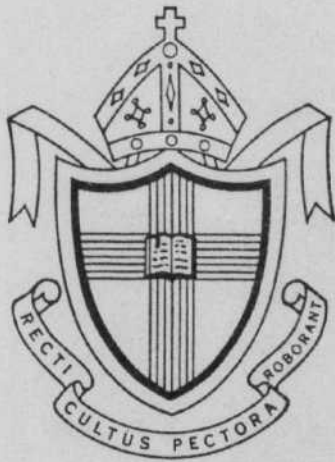
Bishop's University student was selected for a Rhodes scholarship. Glass was one of them.

Upon his return to Canada, Glass took up journalism in Montreal. "I found I was not cut out for that," he reports.

He taught for a year and a half, then joined the navy in 1941, serving under an officer he would later hire as a teacher at BCS — Sam Abbott.

He left the navy in 1945, and spent five years as headmaster at an Ottawa school.

In 1950 he finally returned to Bishop's College School. He spent the next decade as its headmaster.



"It was my old school," Glass explains. "Because the Eastern Townships is my heartland."

The economy was in full boom, and so was the school. "It was a good deal more opulent," says Glass. "Well, in better financial circumstances."

And his predecessor, Crawford Grier, had built up the enrolment "and I inherited that from him," Glass reports.

Glass says he tried to place the accent on academics during his tenure. He made sure the strong students made it to positions of leadership.

HAS BEEN HATED

Glass thinks he had a good relationship with his charges. "I think I got along with them pretty well. Many times they may have hated me, just as I hated my headmasters. They found out afterwards (the discipline) was a pretty good idea.

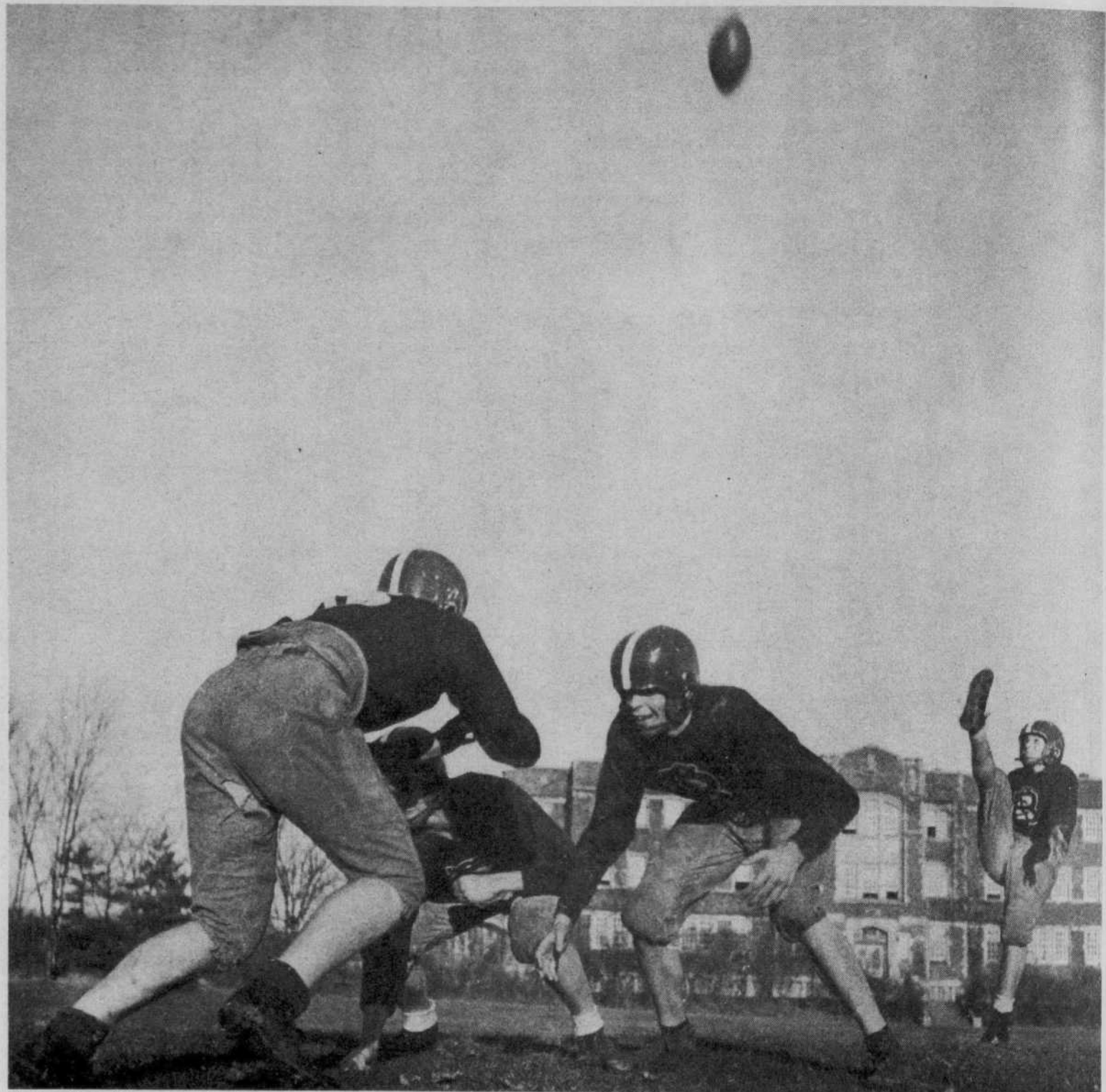
"And the key to any school is its teachers. We always tried to get the strongest teaching staff we could find."

After 10 years, Bishop's University invited him to take over its top job. Glass agreed.

"Changes I had introduced were now being questioned by a whole new generation... I think after 10 years in one of those jobs, you've contributed as much as you can. At least, that's my opinion of my personal ability."

Oxford lists him as one of the few — if not the only — Canadian to head both his old high school and his old university.

And here were yet more adjus-



A kickoff during a game in 1952.

tments to make. Glass was faced with overseeing the education of a group from a completely different age group. "And it was the first time I'd ever had anything to do with the administration of the teaching of young ladies. That was quite an education in itself."

He says women are stronger academically in the first two years of university study. The men catch up later.

Glass took an early retirement, leaving Bishop's in 1969, after nine years as principal.

He currently lives in Florida with his wife, but they return to the Eastern Townships every summer.

"I always go back to BCS," Glass insists. "Kids enjoy the school. Ninety per cent of the cases, if not more, find it worthwhile. I'm sold on BCS. It's produced a long line of leaders in the church, the armed forces, the professions and industry."



GOING PLACES WITH B.C.S.

Reproduced here in black and white, this is the first color photograph to be pictured on the cover of the BCS magazine. In 1956, James Winder pointed a camera at the group as he stood atop a stepladder and ordered the cadets to march in place. The cadet corps was 'inspired' by the American Civil War's menace to British North America.



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He never liked getting stuck sitting behind a desk in class

By Eleanor Brown

LENNOXVILLE — Sam Abbott gets letters from former Bishop's College School students telling him how much they used to hate him.

But those carefully stored, yellowing notes also say thank-you.

"There's one letter I was very, very proud of here. It says, 'I am grateful to you for the impact... you had on my life.' He was probably one of the toughest boys (I ever had to work with)," says Abbott.

Another explains that the student and teacher had mixed feelings about each other. "At times I disliked you... but I respected you more than anyone else. You were doing it for my own good."

Abbott says Old Boys come up and tell him how tough a schoolmaster he was. But the letters attest to another quality lying behind the rough demeanor.

Says Abbott, "I don't think I was

tough. I may have been tough but I think I was fair. I always tried to be fair."

He says he was from 'the old school': that means if a student was doing something wrong, he was told about it pretty quickly.

NEVER LOST SIGHT

As a student in grade three, Abbott came to the conclusion he wanted to teach physical education. He never lost sight of that ambition.

"I didn't like the way we were sat in classrooms and made to do exercises at desks and in clothes. I didn't like that method of physical education so my mind was made up then," he says. "Get on with it! Do what you have to do. If you don't know how to do it, ask questions."

Abbott went on to attend another private school, Stanstead College. The college and BCS were — and are — perpetual rivals. Abbott says he always respected

his opponents from down the road.

After serving in the navy during World War II, Abbott finally got his chance at teaching. He spent four and a half years at his alma mater in Stanstead. But in 1952, he landed a spot at BCS and remained there 23 years.

His officer training in the war, first lieutenant Ogden Glass, had preceded him to BCS, holding down the job of headmaster. Abbott decided to follow.

LEFT VACANCIES

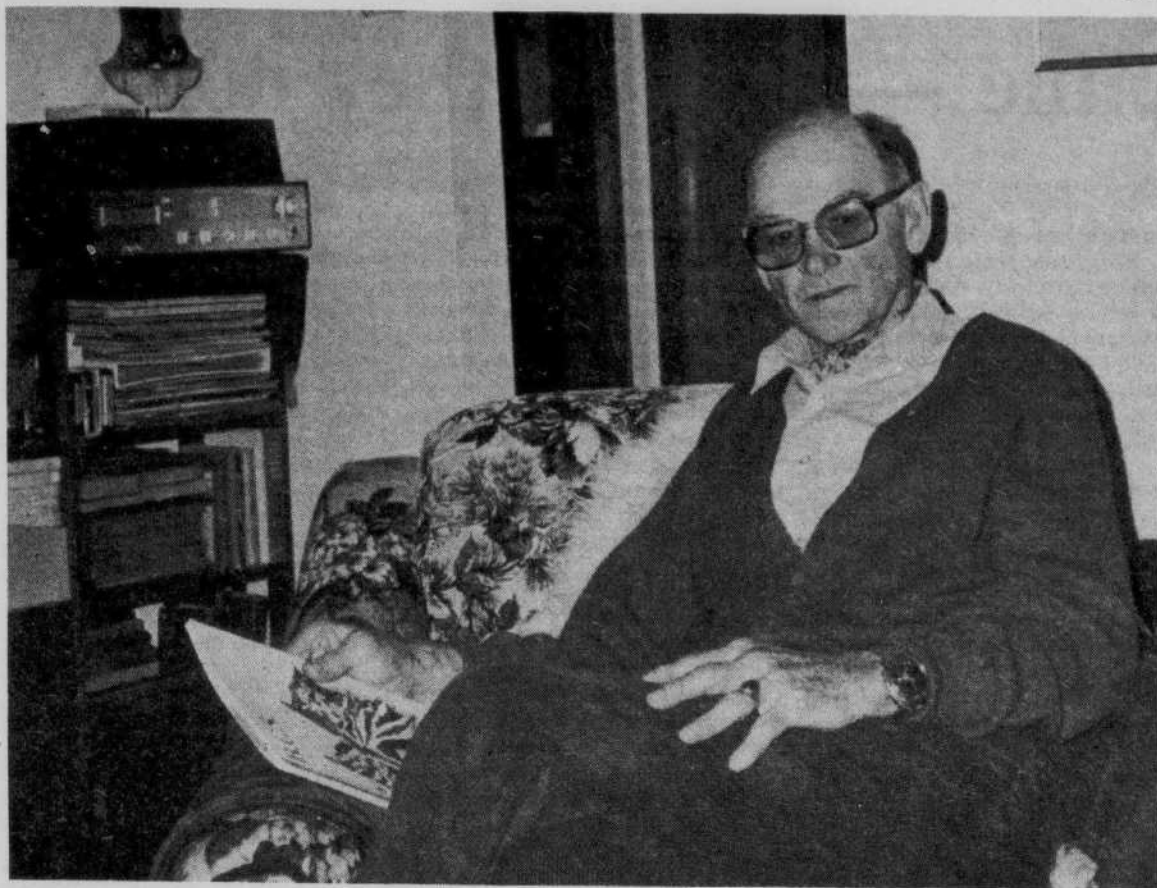
"I'd always had a great deal of respect for (Glass), and I decided to resign at Stanstead. It was attractive — it had a cadet corps, the makings of a band," explains Abbott. When he moved on in 1975, he left vacancies for a cadet instructor, a physical education teacher, and the position of coach for three major sports teams.

"I didn't have too much time to

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Sam Abbott as a teacher at BCS: Now he gets letters about it.



Sam Abbott occasionally supervises cadet shooting practice these days.

Even freezing in tents excites students: They're always happy

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play golf and tennis," chuckles Abbott. "Young people have to be busy, they have to be programmed and they like being busy."

Abbott still returns to BCS. He attends Sunday chapel services semi-regularly. But he left in 1975 "because I thought it was the time. Times were changing and I wasn't prepared to change with them. I didn't feel qualified to (deal with) the co-educational situation (the all-girls King's College amalgamated with BCS in 1972)."

Abbott went on to become equipment manager for the school across the river. Bishop's University's sports complex was looking for someone. Abbott says he wanted to help coaches by doing the things that he had always wanted done.

ALWAYS WELCOMED

The first few times he crossed the bridge to visit the college were difficult. "I wasn't sure how I was going to accept BCS," he says. "Now I go back to it and it's almost a second home. I always seem to have a welcome from the headmaster, the staff, the stu-

dents. I don't know them, but they're always very cordial."

Abbott says he misses being involved with student life. But it was harder when he worked at Bishop's University, he says, where the youngsters were around but he wasn't teaching or coaching them. "You can't help missing it after 30 years."

Abbott occasionally supervises cadet shooting practice these days.

But he says things are different now. "Cadets were unhappy back then," he says, pointing to a change in attitude today. New cadet camp was scheduled for Sunday night. "Everybody was happy, they were just so excited about going on this overnight camping trip and it was going to be as cold as Greenland."

Adds Abbott, "There was no 'do I have to.' The thing to be is happy."

The Royal Canadian Army Cadets program is set by the Department of National Defence, but run by students. Abbott used to teach shooting, drilling, map-reading, self-defence and the basics

on how to care for yourself.

HOW TO LIVE

Explains Abbott, "People get the wrong idea. They see a uniform with guns and they think you're teaching people how to kill. Not so. We were teaching them how to live. How to save a life.

"It had nothing to do with war." The students were always on show during the annual inspection, at their best for visiting dignitaries. Abbott oversaw karate and armed combat demonstrations. "It will stay with them all the rest of their life."

And he credits the private school for giving students the opportunity to learn such things. The public system, he claims, doesn't give its charges the time to get involved in such activities.

But in the final analysis, it is up to the student to take advantage of the program. "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink," he says.

Abbott says there are no limitations in a private school. "BCS — I'm just amazed at the ground

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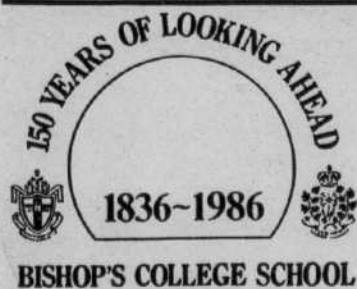
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that they're able to cover."

While wandering about the campus last Saturday, Abbott watched a senior football game against Stanstead, two soccer games, a field hockey tournament. "Everybody was just bustling." He was amazed at the participation.

NEW BALLGAME

Abbott says the school has changed tremendously. "It's an new ballgame," he smiles.

"I would say it has changed with the times, has come up with the times."

He says the wives of masters are now playing a role within the school's structure as house-mothers in their respective residences. And students seem to be more open, he feels.

And moving to a co-educational format is "one of the greatest things that ever happened."

Abbott credits the girls with being more dedicated to the school, and easier to train. "It sort of jolted the boys, they didn't think a girl could handle a rifle or run a relay — and they did. I have to give full marks to the girls, they had to adapt to a boys' school."

"It was strictly a boys' school for that long and all of a sudden to have a group of young ladies living under your nose and eating across from you... It was a great transition."

The former teacher claims it "spruced the boys up."

DISCIPLINE THEMSELVES

And he says that students now discipline themselves. "The masters set an example," he explains,

"but the students, the prefects and head boys and head girls run their school — with advice from their housemasters."

During Abbott's tenure, the key word was trust.

"People want to be trusted. It's part of the discipline. You're told to clean your room, do your homework, you get with it. You do it. And it goes from the headmaster to the youngest boy."

"They hated it. They hate discipline — and yet they don't. Without it they'd be lost."

Sam Abbott will be meeting his old students this weekend. "I won't recognize them, but I'll bet you they'll recognize me. Some students I haven't seen for 30 years."

"What else can I tell you. I'm so proud of that school."

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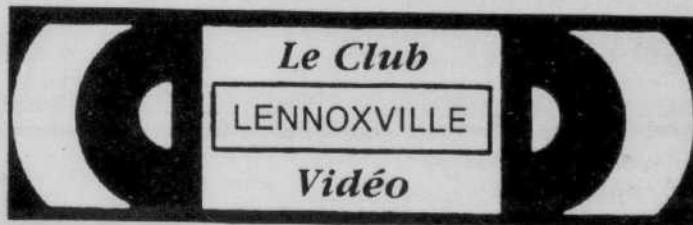
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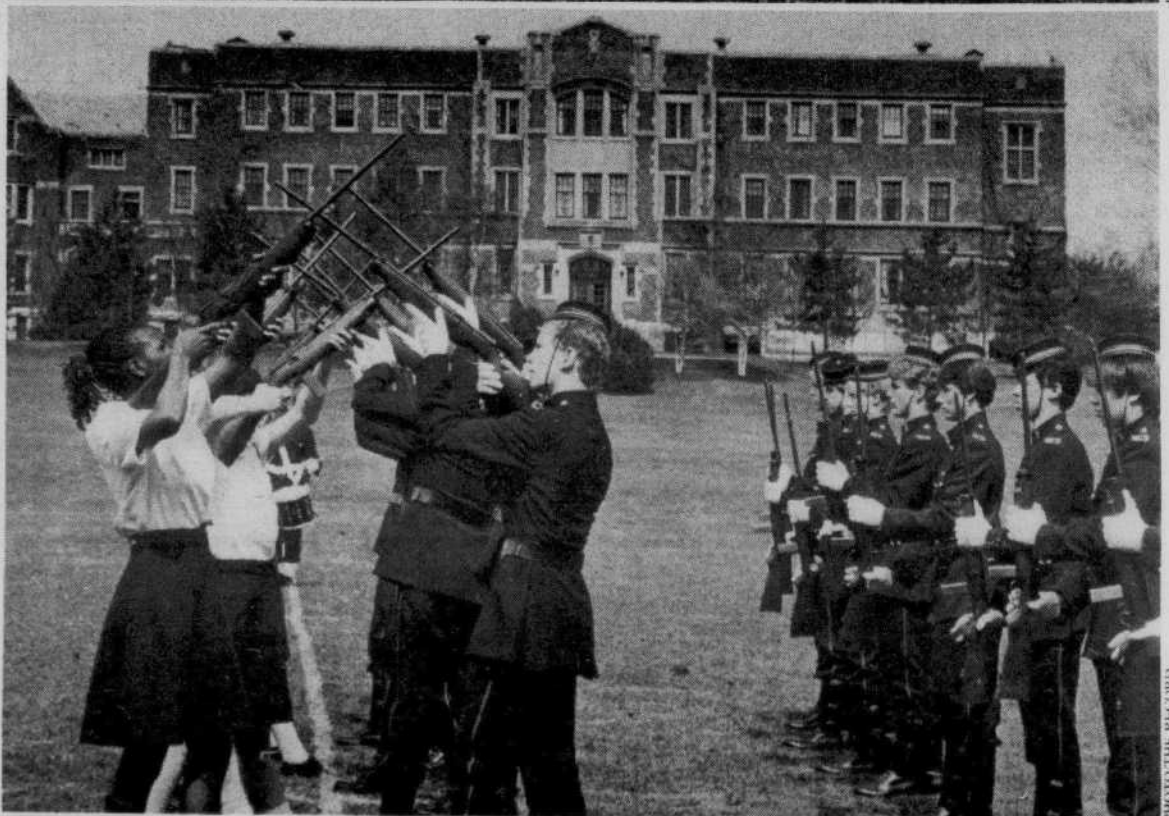


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Abbott believes learning the essentials of self-defence is important. And the discipline instilled by participating in the cadet program is invaluable.

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No youths will get hit by trucks

By Eleanor Brown

LENNOXVILLE — David Cruickshank treats his students like dogs.

If a puppy waltzes out into the middle of the street and almost gets hit by a truck, there are two ways to deal with the situation, Cruickshank, Bishop's College School's headmaster, feels.

You can just let the dog go or give it a whack on the nose and tell it never to cross the street again.

Says Cruickshank, "If you let it

go, it's probably going to get hit by a truck. We don't want our kids hit by trucks."

He calls the view a derivative of the American 'tough love' movement. "The discipline here is very real but it's discipline which comes from caring. It sounds really mushy but we want to catch them doing things right."

It's an approach that seems to work.

Cruickshank tells the tale of a 12-year-old whose parents came

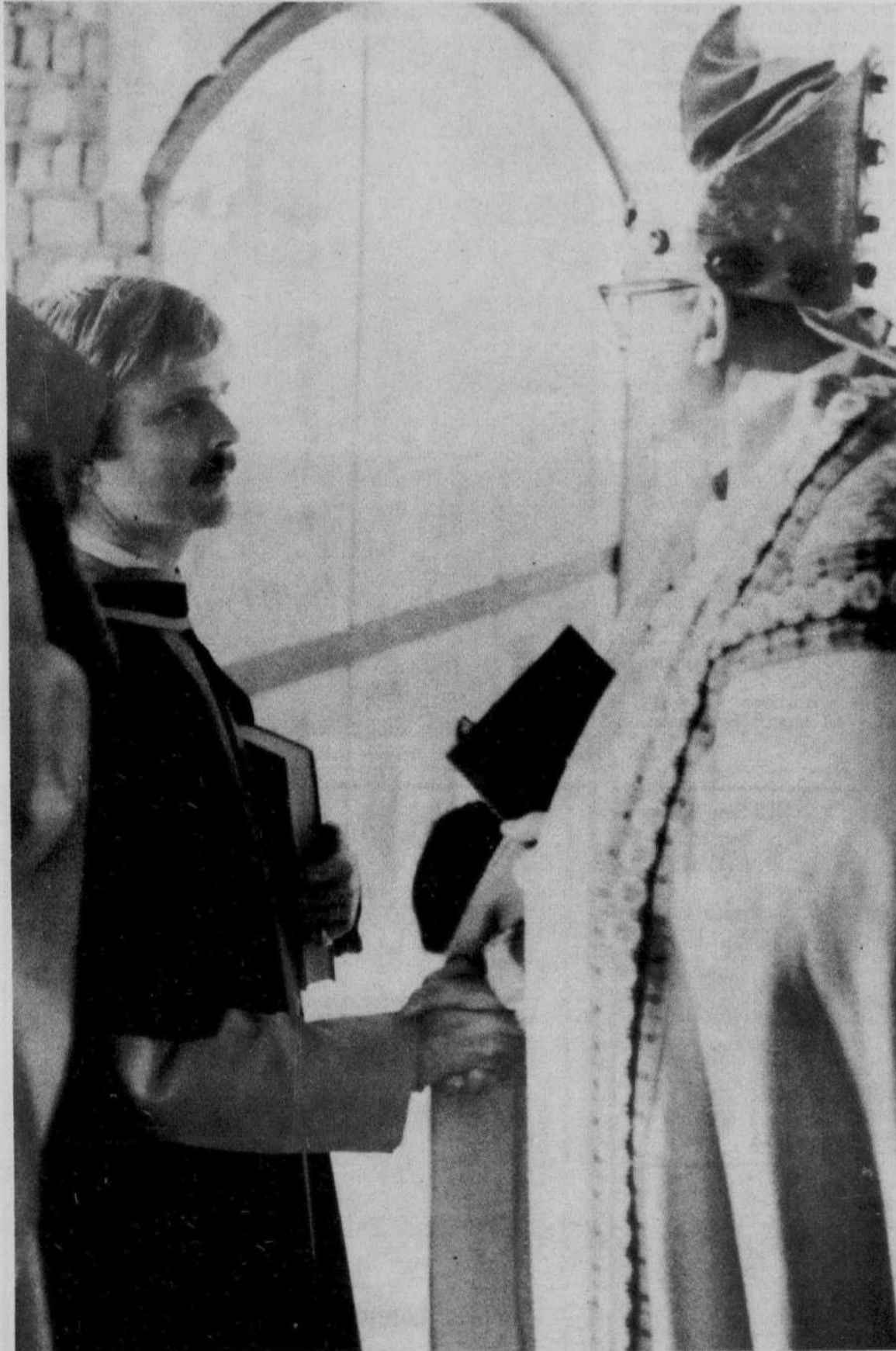
by for a visit — from noon until 7 that night. The child wouldn't have it. His friends had planned something for 3:30 and he had to return in time.

Says Cruickshank, "They were really upset. Here's this kid wanting to get back to school."

PLACE IS AWASH

Leaving BCS for the final time is just as difficult for graduates, he says. During closing ceremonies

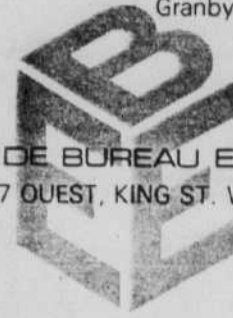
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Headmaster David Cruickshank shakes hands with the Bishop.

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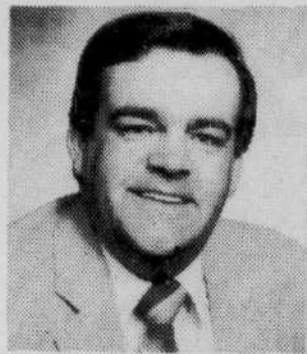
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"the place is awash. For the seventh formers it's over. They're all going in different directions."

But BCS has an active alumni association. And Cruickshank says that upon their return, Old Boys always ask about the chapel and the cadet corps — perhaps two of the school's most controversial features.

Church attendance and involvement in the cadets are traditions which date back to the beginnings of BCS. Cruickshank says he recently attended a conference in the United States where headmasters were ruing the turbulent '60s. Protests and civil disobedience caused the school's American counterparts to abolish many of the activities which instilled a sense of discipline in students.

"And they can't bring (those things) back," Cruickshank says. "We never did give it up."

Old Boys recognize the importance of these institutions, he adds. "They come back and say, 'Gawd I hated it at the time but there was something in it I realize now.'"

ONE BIG ANECDOTE

And graduates do return. Cruickshank is scheduled to meet a former student from Victoria. "He was a boy here 70 years ago. And he's kept in touch... because the whole place is one big anecdote. It's not perfect. But it's a group of adults so committed to what they're doing and the people they're teaching, it's really humbling."

Despite all this, BCS has an image problem. Admits Cruickshank, "I think (outsiders) probably see it as a very exclusive school for rather pampered rich kids — which it is not."

The headmaster points to a growing scholarship fund and says

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David Cruickshank gets serenaded across the grounds.

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A teacher forced to keep would collapse: Cruickshank

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many parents are making major financial sacrifices to send their children to BCS, where boarding for a year costs \$12,650.

Would-be students have to write entrance examinations and their motivation and involvement also counts.

"And that's the only way it's exclusive," he says.

BCS has a lot of things going for it. Thanks to its Old Boys, the school has received gifts from computers for the French department to a library in memory of a war casualty. And there's what Cruickshank calls 'the luxuries'.

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE

"We live in the luxury of a student/teacher ratio of 15 to one. We have the luxury of having most of our staff living on the grounds. We have a captive audience — it's unheard of here for a kid to miss classes. It just doesn't happen. It's not a fear, it just doesn't happen."

The school's small enrolment — 290 students — also helps. And each teacher carries a dual workload: teaching within the curriculum, and coaching a team or

leading a calisthenics team without.

Says Cruickshank, "What we like to say — and it's true — is that the whole place is a classroom. The whole thing comes under education. One of the things I say is schooling is what you do to a horse. Education is what you give to people."

That involves working with people, and it's something Cruickshank enjoys. "Working with teenagers is great, they're a great group of people."

He calls BCS a community of 500. There are 25 buildings on this campus, 290 students, 48 teachers and a huge support staff. "It's like a town," he explains.

And the dynamism of his charges amazes him. Some imagine them to be pampered. Responds Cruickshank, "I don't know how the kids keep up the pace they do. They don't finish at three, go home and watch soaps. They've got commitments until eight to-night."

WOULD COLLAPSE

A professor forced to keep up with one student throughout the day would collapse of exhaustion.

the headmaster predicts.

There a lot more things to do now than ever before, he says. There have been vast improvements made in art, music and athletics.

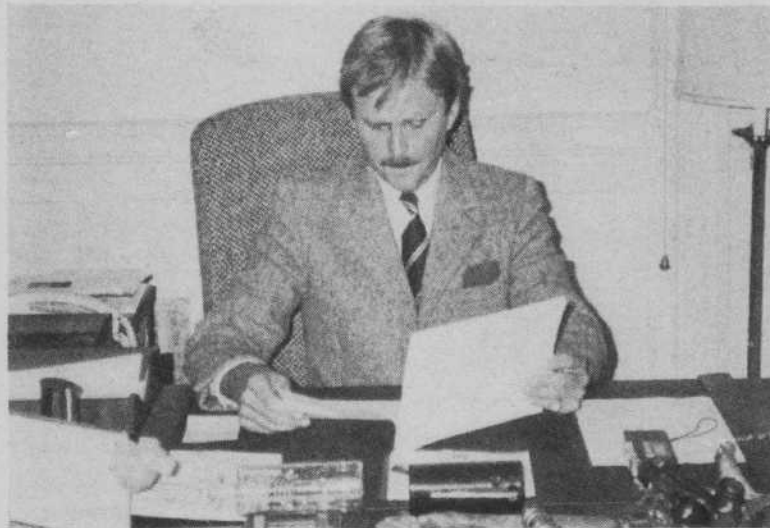
"There's an awful lot of good

feeling, I think."

And he gets along with his charges. The youngsters hold doors open for adults, stand up upon their entrance to a room and address them formally, but it's still "a very relaxed relationship.

It's very difficult to put on a mask. You see everyone at their best and at their worst. It's a very human sort of feeling."

But, laughs Cruickshank, "They still don't like to be sent into this room."



Cruickshank: Living with a lot of luxuries.

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Five visiting field hockey teams made a difference

By Eleanor Brown

LENNOXVILLE — "They can't believe there are girls here."

Students at Bishop's College School hadn't had a girl as a classmate since its founding in 1836. Until 1972, that is.

The school has an active alumni association, and someone is always dropping by for a visit. Headmaster David Cruickshank says the Old Boys who return are shocked, surprised, and just a little bit jealous.

Segregation did have its good points: No unexpected shenanigans between the sexes. Cruickshank admits the problem: "Sure, you get couples around the place."

"But you also get a lot of really close friendships."

Cruickshank says a 16-year-old

boy who sees a younger female school mate around all the time doing everything from studying to cleaning the mud off a uniform after a soccer game gains a healthy dose of respect for her.

"They see people as people, not just as the opposite sex. It's pretty hard to keep the masks on here."

BROUGHT CHANGES

Of course, merging with the all-girls King's Hall brought many more changes.

The teachers suddenly showed surprising care in their appearance. And the drama department started looking at plays with roles for girls. Not that productions were bereft of female parts before, but the boys in dresses took a lot of ribbing for it.

Says the headmaster, "It's a

much more human and humanitarian school."

He says teenage girls work much harder, requiring a new approach to studies. "The whole ethos is different. It's very difficult to say what it is."

Caning, for example, has been discontinued. It was a common punishment meted out to deserving scalliwags 21 years ago. But says Cruickshank, "You can't cane girls." Students are often assigned laps to run or extra cleaning duty these days.

THINGS TO LEARN

Cruickshank himself had to learn a few things. One Friday afternoon a group of boys walked into his office and asked permission to organize a coffee house that night. The headmaster agreed — the practice was almost a regular occurrence.

Minutes later disgruntled girls entered his office complaining of his decision. Coffee houses, they said, were a dull and overused form of entertainment. Cruickshank was baffled.

He went home and told his wife of the boy/girl split. She patiently explained that five visiting girls' field hockey teams were spending the weekend at BCS. Cruickshank still didn't get it.

"Then my wife said, 'There's no way the girls are going to stand for that kind of competition!'"



Tony Abbott (left) and his companion, Michael MacCulloch, appearing in the 1948 production of *Iolanthe*. The boys got a lot of ribbing.

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The cat was great, but the FFF needed money fast

Finnie has become a fixture at Bishop's College School. This orange cat nonchalantly saunters about the campus, hunting mice in the summer and eating at one of four feeding stops during the winter.

The following is an account of Finnie's first appearance, reprinted from the BCS Rumour, Oct. 6, 1979.

By Wendy Shillingford

On Sunday, September 23, at exactly 11 p.m., there was a magical occurrence in the prefects' room!

It was a very quiet morning because of the sleep-in. Steve was sitting idle, dreaming up new tortures to assign at send ins. Jane was rattling away at the typewriter, writing letters by the hundreds. Suddenly, a small calling appeared out of thin air. Steve gazed at it in disbelief, and quietly remarked, "Jane... Jane, there is a cat in our prefects' room."

Once they got over the initial shock, they befriended the feline. In fact, the prefects fell in love with the critter. Peter discovered that it was very affectionate, sometimes demanding affection. It was playful, but "always gentle" according to Cheryl. In general, it was a very agreeable creature.

But what would the boss think? Until the prefects' meeting the marmalade cat was a big secret. It was smuggled about and hidden in the most unbelievable spots. At the meeting, though, their worries were waved aside. Contrary to what some persons thought, Cowans does not hate cats. (In fact Cowans said in his own words, "Finnie is great!") Of course they could keep it, on condition that it was spayed and well looked after.

DIRTY PENNIES

That means money. Some of you may have heard of the FFF — The Fix Finnie Fund. The prefects need about \$50 to cover costs of having her spayed, hospitalization, ear mite treatments, and shots. If you feel like donating and/or have your pockets overflowing from last night's midnight

poker game, please make a bee-line to the prefects' room. Even the smallest donations (eg. dirty pennies found in the gutter) will be gladly accepted. Already \$20 has been collected. A special thanks to those who have already contributed. (The project was successful.)

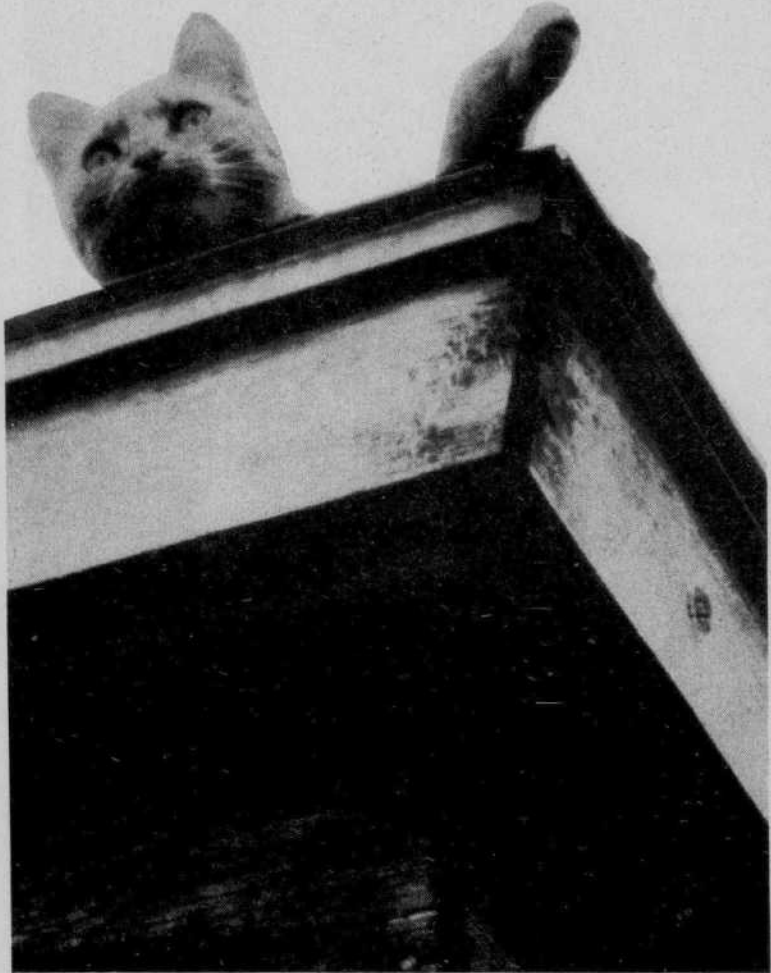
So, once they were assured of keeping the cat, they racked their never-failing brains for a suitable name. There was a general consensus that the beast has the air of a "Harold Finster." (Why, I'll never know!) Then, tragedy of tragedies, it was discovered that Harold was female. This revelation would not dishearten them. Why not adapt it to "Harriot Finsteress!" That tongue-twister evolved to "Finnie".

NO COMMENT

Finnie is quite independent. She

comes and goes as she pleases through the prefects' window. She is always hungry, and decides her own mealtimes. She is fed from the kitchen, receiving such delicacies as cold roast beef, chicken, fishsticks, and milk. In her spare time, you'll see Finnie chasing after falling autumn leaves, and slinking all about the campus. Finnie's favourite toys are a plastic Shreddies car, a toilet paper roll, and Jane's tunic sash.

The amount of affection and loving care showered on this animal is phenomenal. Everyone loves her. But please don't handle Finnie, we wouldn't want her to become too spoiled, would we? Already Finnie is becoming quite conceited. When I asked her how she felt about getting fixed, she refused to comment.



Finnie peering out from behind a corner. This feline appeared out of nowhere one day to become a school mascot, adored and spoilt rotten by almost 300 students.

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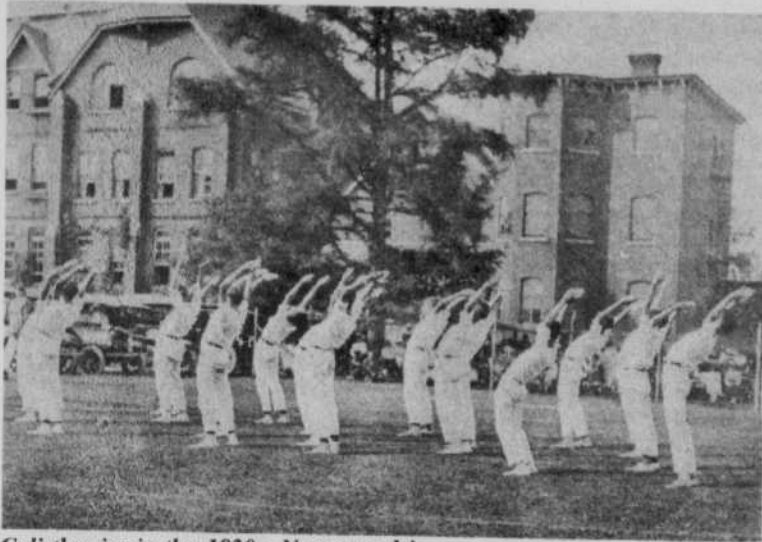
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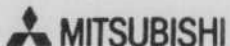
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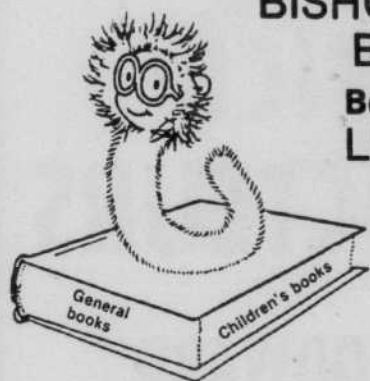
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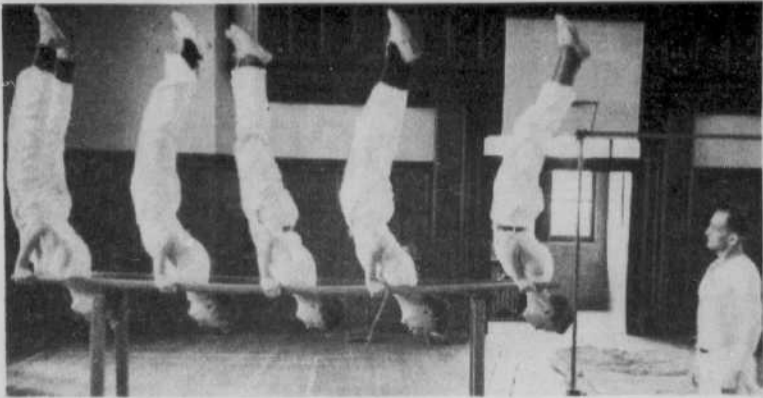
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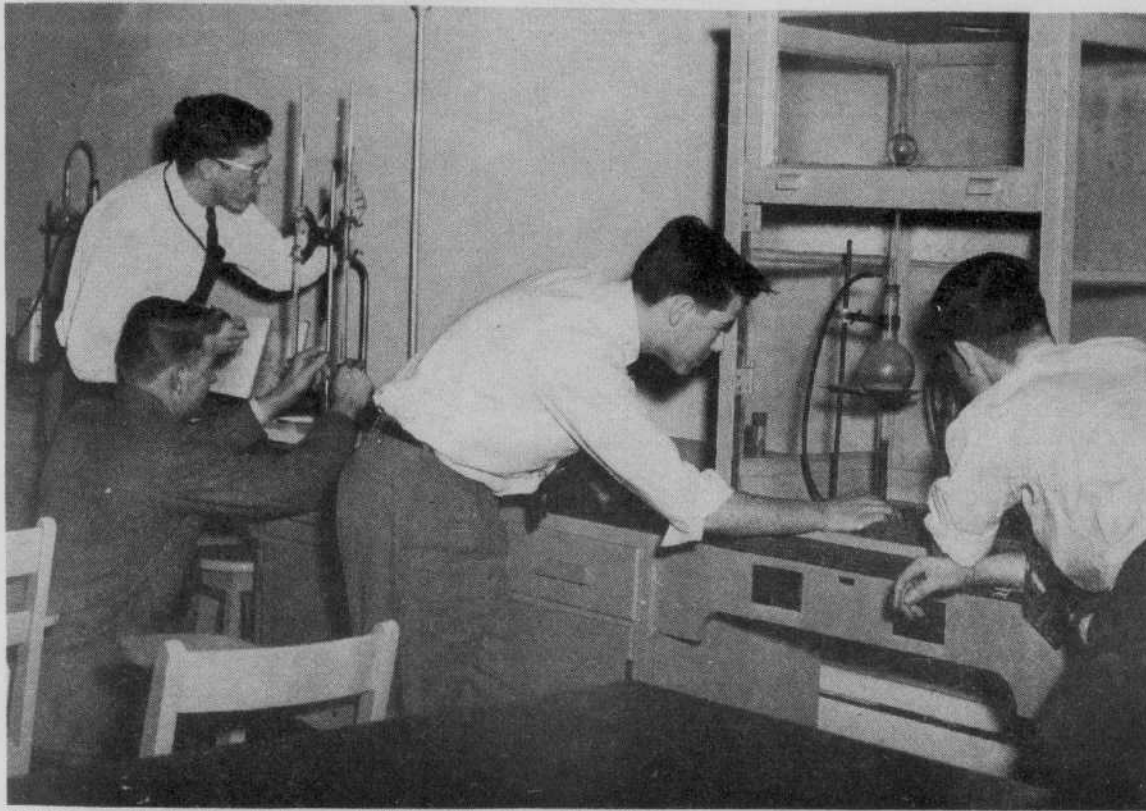
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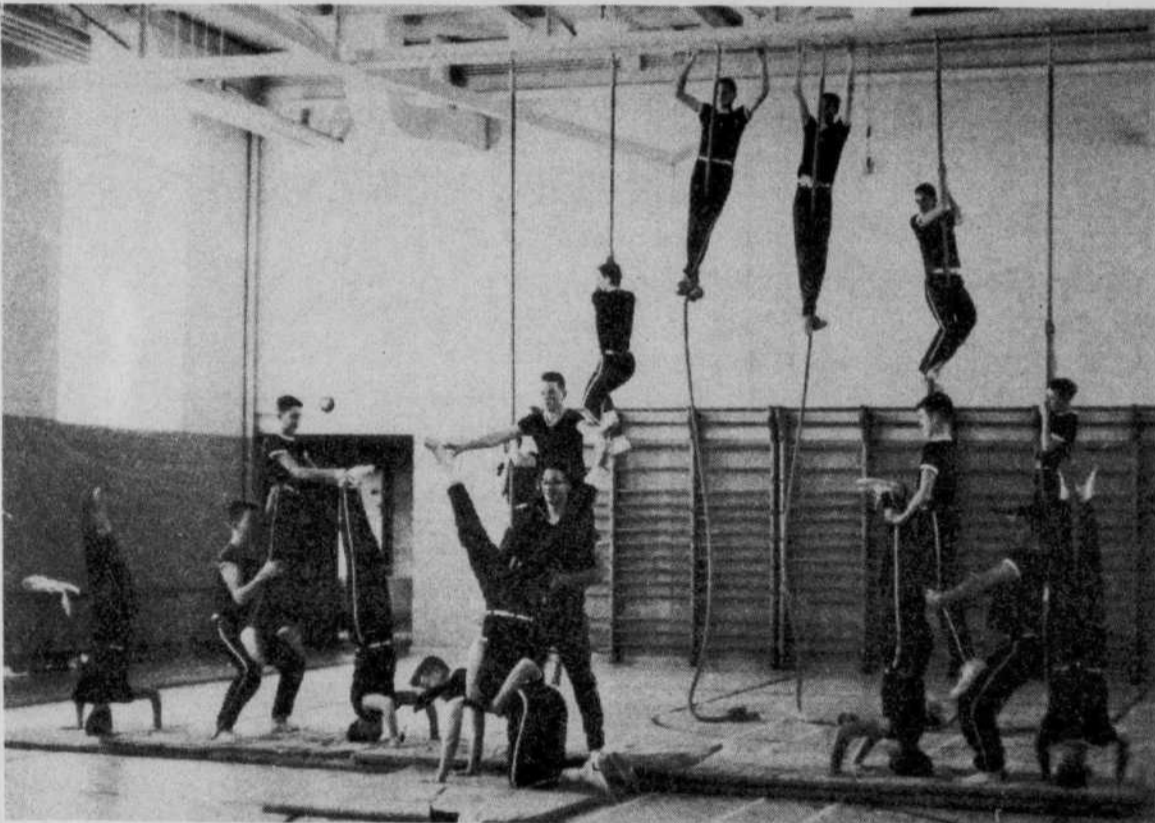
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A work area in the Peter G. Holt Memorial Library. Holt, an alumnus, was killed during World War II.

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Two students pose at a window in Grier House. 1960s.

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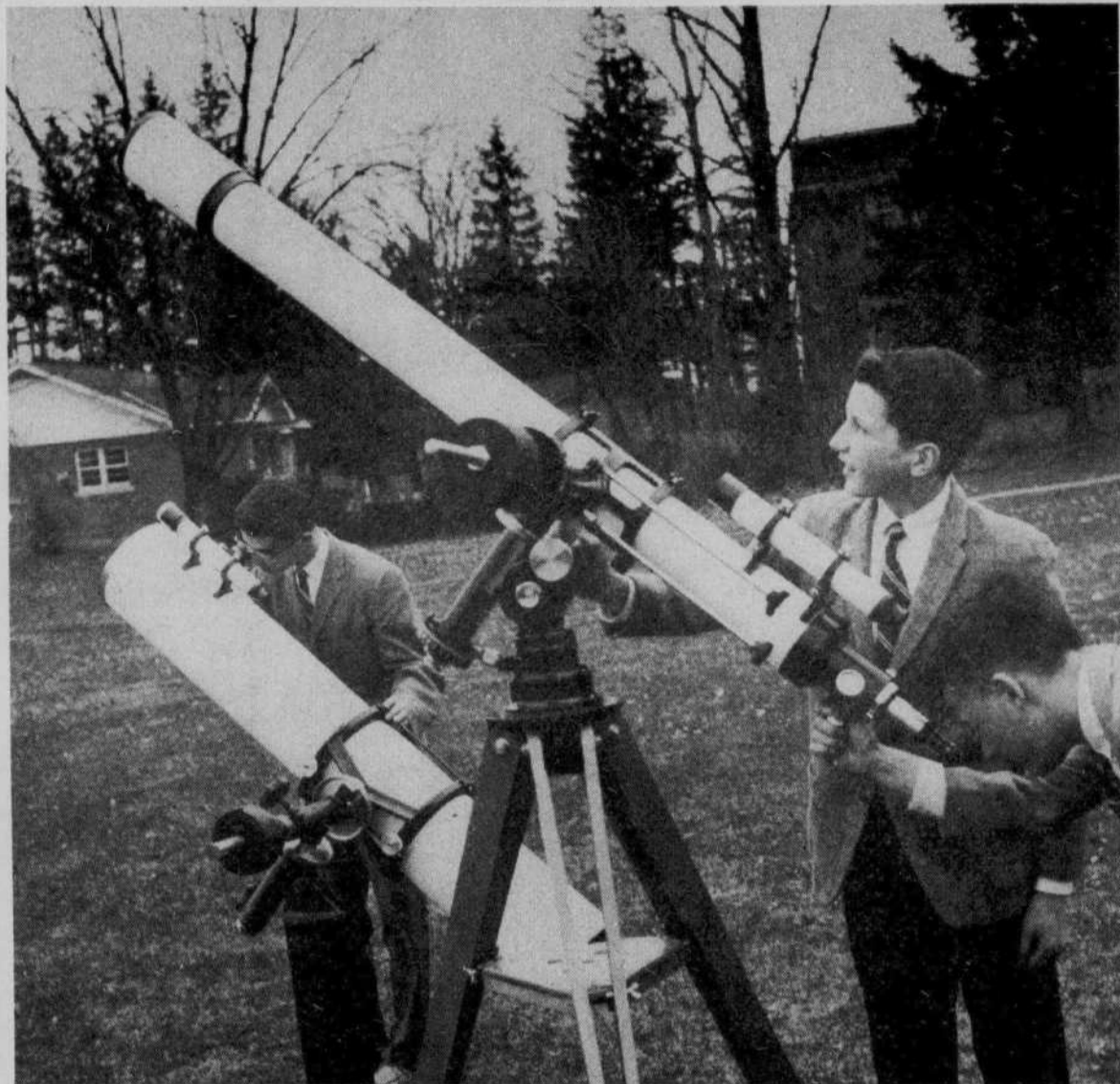
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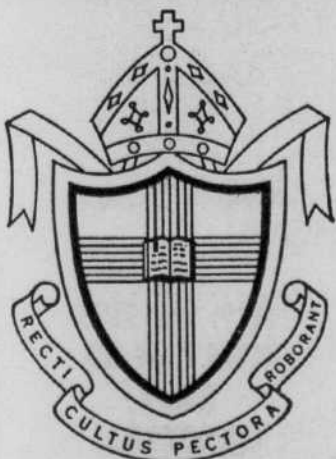
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Headmaster Cruickshank inspects the troops.

Keeping up with the kids is 'daunting'

By Eleanor Brown

LENOXVILLE — As students enter a school, make their way through each succeeding level, and eventually leave, teachers — and headmasters — are faced with a perpetual confrontation with youth. They're getting older, their charges aren't.

Two years ago, David Cruickshank was presented with a t-shirt. The Bishop's College School logo was woven into the material, with huge letters across the top spelling out 'I meant to be your leader'.

"I wish these kids would wait for me," sighs the school's headmaster.

Cruickshank was 28 years old when he first walked into a classroom full of BCS students. He was promoted to headmaster 16 years later, although he still teaches.

He used to coach the football team, but gave it up as the years took their toll. Not that Cruickshank is old — at 49, he's not prepared to throw in the towel quite yet. But he admits the challenge posed by his post, and keeping up with teenagers, is "daunting".

NO OPTIONS

Cruickshank attended a Jesuit high school and it was on the recommendation of a curate in Kingston that he headed to Bishop's University, across the river from BCS, for his first degrees (English and history).

"I had no options," he says. Universities in Ontario required a grade 13 certificate, which he didn't have. And the prospect of a year's worth of obligatory math and science courses didn't appeal.

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A 300-hat salute.

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Classroom now a refuge from hectic schedule

From last page

It took him a day to drive down.

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But, says Cruickshank, "I just fell in love with it — after my initial shock."

Armed with a BA, he went back to Queens and eventually ended up at Oxford. He taught in the UK and Canada before finding his way back to Lennoxville.

"I loved this part of the world. I still do. It represents almost half my life."

That first class was difficult. "I was very much aware I had to prove myself, not the other way around," Cruickshank says. "And it's a very tough school."

PREPARE FOR ANYTHING

Strangely, teaching is now a respite from the hectic schedule of headmaster, a job where "you prepare yourself for anything and everything."

Cruickshank quotes an American principal who calls his job "a series of interruptions." Explains Cruickshank, "It's dealing with everything from an irate matron whose girls aren't wearing the right color panty hose to a \$3½ million budget."

Adds Cruickshank, "A place like this can become almost monastic." It's too easy, he says, to get too involved in things that just aren't that important.

"Teaching," says the headmaster, "is 50 minutes of sanity. In a room with a bunch of kids... it's something you can get a handle on. The phone's not going to ring, there's no knocking at the door. It's something I've done most of my life."

And professors can't just walk in, scratch a few things on the

blackboard and leave. "It's a lot of fun," Cruickshank says, "and it has to be because if you don't like being with kids then they know really fast whether you're just doing your job and drawing your paycheck."

"There have got to be sparks."

OUT OF CONTROL

Cruickshank says that teenagers are going through the greatest emotional and psychological changes of their lives. "They're out of control most of the time, full of enthusiasm and ideas and go, go, go. You have to respect that."

Pedagogues have to "turn on full jets" in September to keep up. At the end of October there's five days to recharge. Christmas break starts Dec. 18, allowing staff almost a month to rest up.

And while teachers get cranky and tired, they're back year after year, Cruickshank boasts. The phenomenon of teacher burnout is in the limelight. Cruickshank dismisses it: "It's become a trendy word."

"Burnout is when you hate what you're doing, that to me is burnout." Cruickshank says it's too often used to describe someone who has simply had a bad week. The headmaster admits there have been bad weeks. He collapsed from exhaustion two years ago.

But he's not planning on leaving for a while yet. Cruickshank says he'll retire "when I feel I can no longer contribute. Or when it's no longer the fun it is now."

"It's the only thing I really know how to do — teach. So many people have jobs they hate, they're just waiting for the pension to arrive. I'm not at all looking forward to the day when I leave, when some young buck will come in and make the place better."



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The silence is strong stuff

By Eleanor Brown

LENNOXVILLE — Students don't seem to mind being forced to go to church. But if the service lasts over 60 minutes, all is lost.

"I make it a point to get them out within the hour," says Bishop's College School's chaplain. Otherwise, 300 students start coughing, fidgeting, and get that glazed look in their eyes.

Peacock has learned the art of getting her point across in the shortest possible time. "My messages are very simple and they're short. But I try and tie it in with where they're at," Peacock says. "I'm constantly making it relevant and interesting for the students."

Attendance at one 15-minute chapel service weekday mornings and church on Sunday is compulsory for BCS students. Peacock backs obligatory participation.

"You can't force (religion) on people — so it is sort of a contradiction in terms.

"On the other hand, I feel even more strongly that we're bringing up a generation of kids who don't even have the language," she says. Peacock is concerned that youths in today's secular world can't even understand or envision 'God'.

FREE TO ACCEPT

Continues the chaplain, "We're

giving them the language. They're free to accept it or reject it or mold it.

"I'd rather take the risk and have them fight against its 'compulsariness' than to give them nothing."

But she says the students don't resent the schedule that much. And she thinks there should be a certain amount of rebellion in adolescence. "I've found the kids are very positive about chapel. It's a way for the community to get together once a day, to slow down a bit."

What her charges dislike is a full-blown Anglican service, she

admits. But students enjoy the singing — and most of all, the silence.

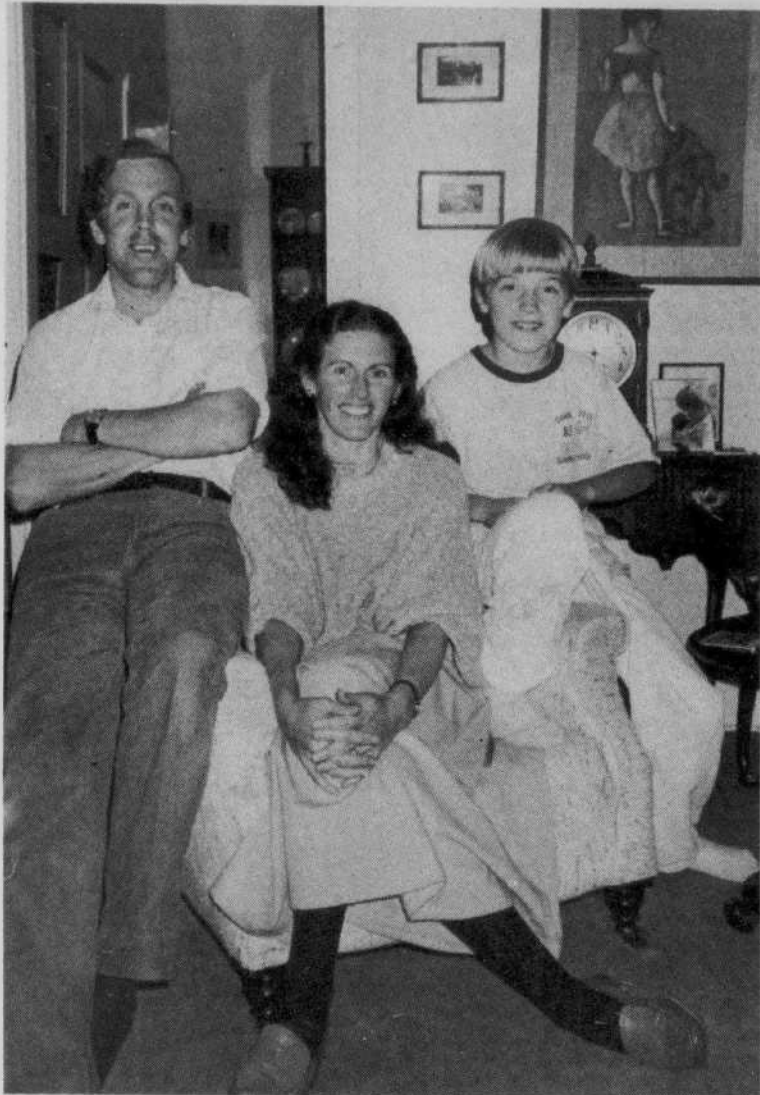
"Three hundred people being silent for five minutes is strong stuff," she says.

Then there's involvement. Students are needed to be servers and wardens — that is, they themselves can contribute to the service. Peacock always ends up with too many volunteers.

Those in the choir get a few perks, such as free peppermints from choirmother Luella Brady.

And anyone is welcome to read during a service. And that has

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From left to right: Husband Charles, chaplain Patricia Peacock, and son Tom. Not shown: Eldest child Tobin and the family cat.

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This picture, dating from prior to 1910, shows school mates posing in front of what used to be the BCS main entrance (now part of the Bishop's University science building).

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The chaplain would have told them they were crazy

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become a very important part of the growth of the church in recent years.

BCS began as an Anglican high school and still considers itself such. But the flock it ministers to has changed. Of some 290 students, 100 are Roman Catholics. There are 65 Anglicans, 45 Protestants, seven Jews, six Buddhists, five United Church members, three Muslims, three Greek Orthodox, two Baptists, one Bahai, and one Hindu.

"That's a very mixed bag," says Peacock. "I've been very, very careful about not ramming things down their throats every Sunday. We're not missionaries."

She points to a need for ecumenical services. And that isn't as difficult as it may seem at first. "Rather than concentrating on the differences, we concentrate on the similarities. Silence is a good starting point."

Peacock says teenagers are "very sensitive and thoughtful about the idea of God. They tend to say 'I don't know, I haven't made up my mind,' or they're very poetic about it. That's a starting point."

POEM IN CHINESE

Last Tuesday, a Chinese student read a poem in chapel in her native tongue. A Black friend presented the English translation. Past experiments have included fourth formers praying in French and English. A Jew spoke during one service last year. Two days later, two Arabs in traditional robes had their turn. And the Quakers took over another day.

Peacock's brother was a student here. So she used to drop by on Thanksgiving weekend and run the Old Girls' race. She eventually married and moved to England with her husband Charles. They didn't expect to return.

"We dug our roots in and it was home," Peacock explains. "Then suddenly we got this thing about Canada." The couple sold everything and came back across the Atlantic. "It was pretty well sheer coincidence we ended up back here. If anybody had told me that I would end up being chaplain at

BCS, I would have said, 'You're crazy!'"

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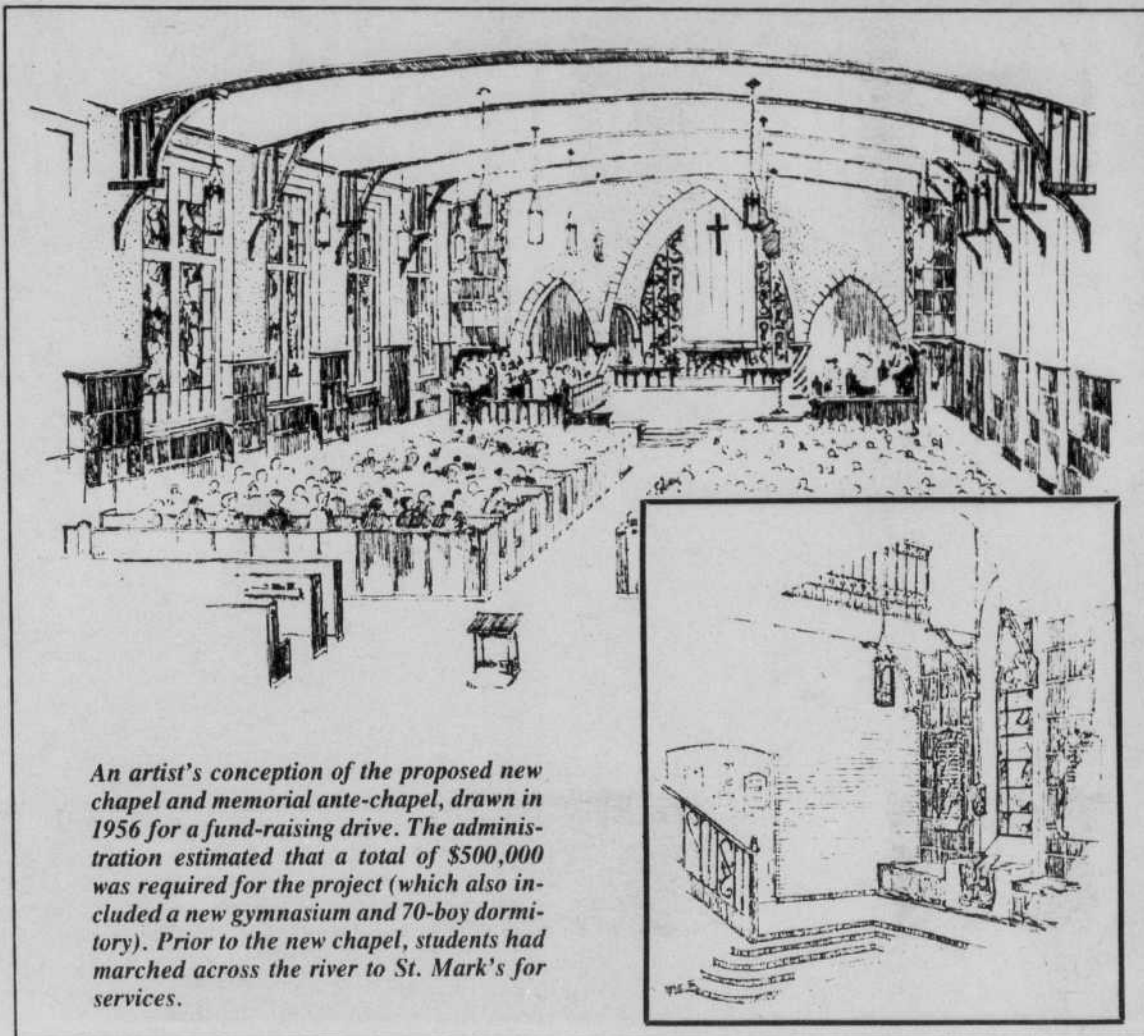
Charles landed a job teaching English at BCS. Peacock was a layreader for two years, and was ordained a deacon here in March, 1984. Bishop Timothy Matthews left last year, and she was appointed assistant chaplain. Ordained a priest in November, 1985, Peacock moved up into the chaplain's shoes soon after.

She is the first woman to hold the position. "I wouldn't say it's not an issue," she says. "But certainly in this school it's been no problem."

An Old Boy told her students would see her as a mother figure. Says Peacock, "It is very much a pastoral position. The important thing is for the kids to feel — and this is true of the whole staff — that there's somebody they can talk to."

When the Bishop drops by, she explains to students that the two are shepherd and shepherdess, managing a flock of sheep. "It's corny," says Peacock, "but it's a very difficult role to define. But then, so is the role of parish priest."

Peacock isn't sure how long she'll spend at BCS. "I think it will just work out," she says. "I have a belief in the way my life unrolls itself. It will become clear — in a positive sense — when it's time to move on."



An artist's conception of the proposed new chapel and memorial ante-chapel, drawn in 1956 for a fund-raising drive. The administration estimated that a total of \$500,000 was required for the project (which also included a new gymnasium and 70-boy dormitory). Prior to the new chapel, students had marched across the river to St. Mark's for services.

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LENOXVILLE — The Bishop's College School chaplain hopes the church's roof is solid enough to take a beating.

The BCS chapel seats 500. But Patricia Peacock expects 1000 Old Boys and Old Girls to show up for the school's 150th anniversary celebration.

The first half will get seats in the actual chapel. The rest will find themselves in the dining hall directly underneath, watching four television screens which will relay the service.

Peacock hopes the building's windows will be open — so the organ music will mix with the piped in version. And she says the singing "will lift the roof off."

There aren't, of course, enough hymn books to pass around. One thousand copies of the order of service have been made. Each includes the words of chosen hymns — all of which are BCS favorites, Peacock claims.

There will be a few new notes wafting through the air, as well. Organist and choirmaster Geoffrey Thompson has composed the *Jubilate* and descants (except *God be with You Till We Meet Again*) especially for the service.

A seven-piece brass ensemble will accompany the 73-member student choir, which has been meeting twice a week in preparation for the big day.

The eight servers and 13 war-

dens are student volunteers.

Peacock says Thanksgiving is always a big event in the chapel. It coincides with the school's annual homecoming celebrations. But this time around, "We're expecting people back that probably don't normally come back. It

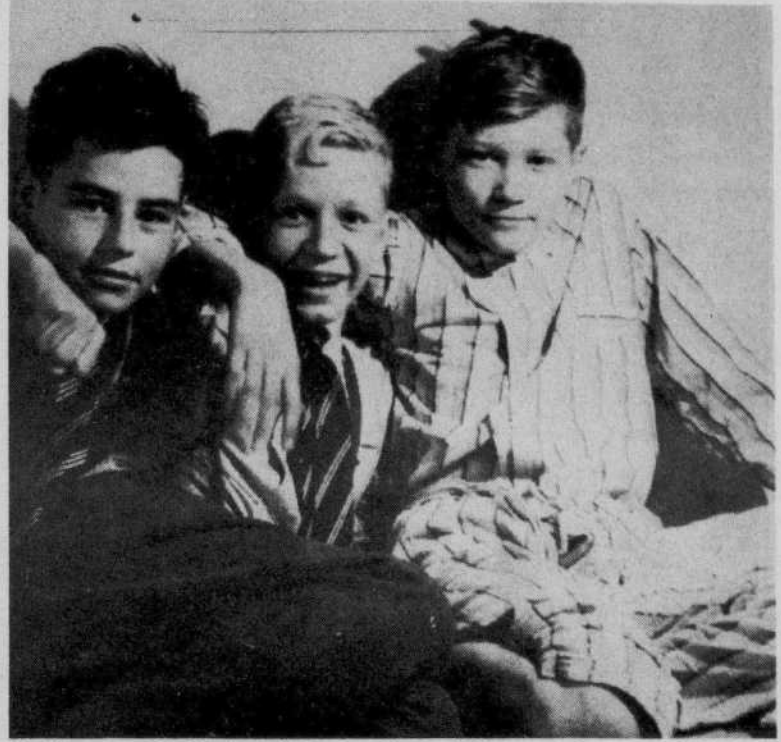
usually tends to be recent grads. But I think we'll have people from quite a while back coming," Peacock predicts.

The Most Rev. Ted Scott is the guest preacher.

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A close-up look at choirmaster John Pratt's singers. Dated 1964.



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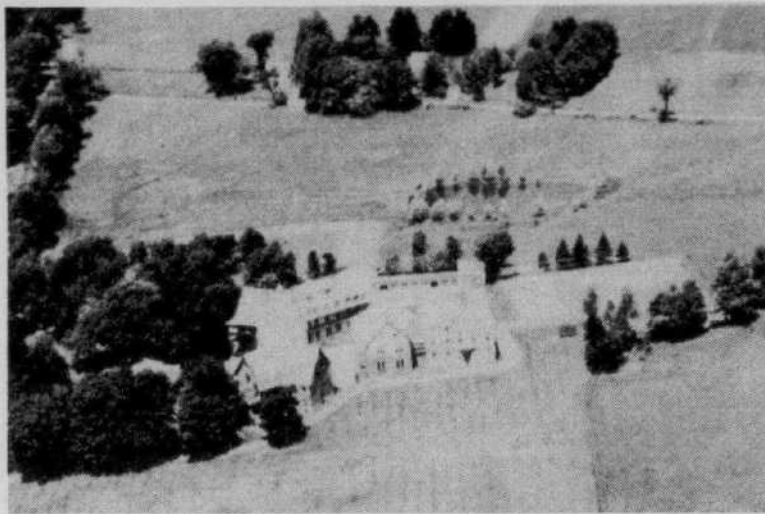
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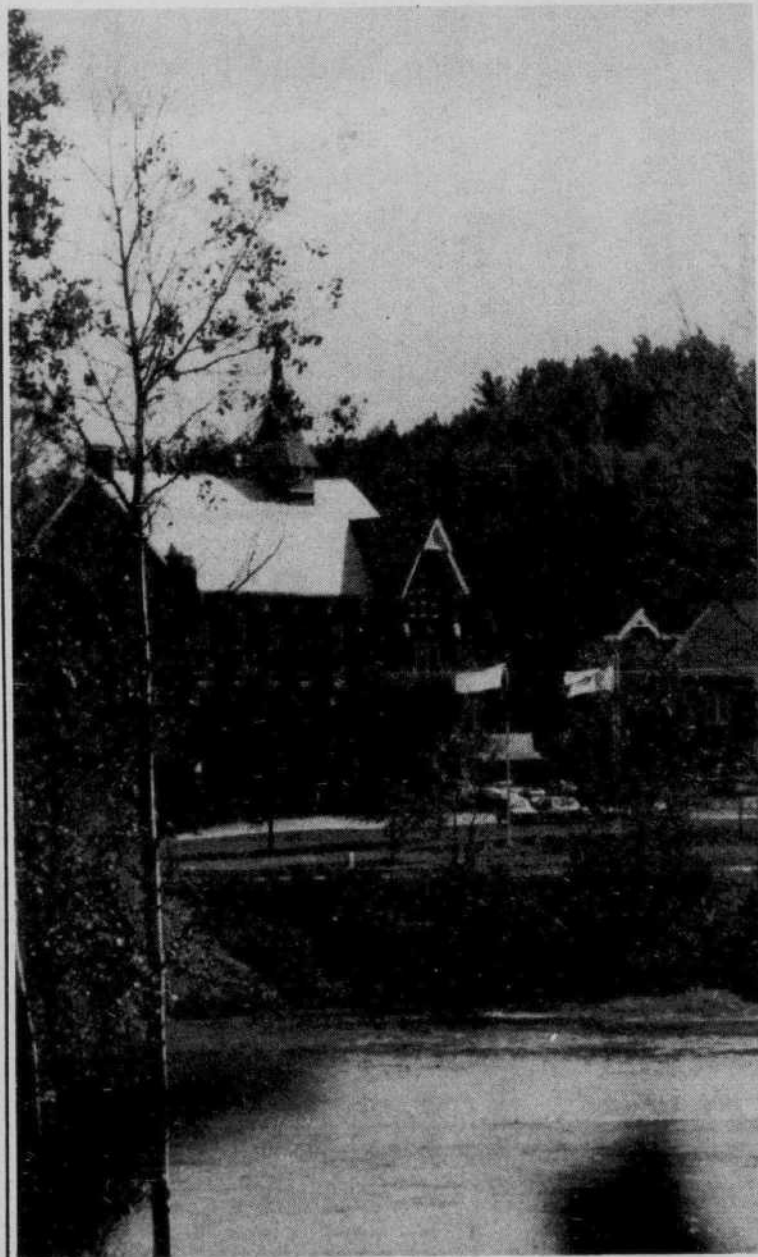
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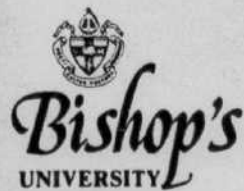


King's Hall, 1957.

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It should be noted too that the founding of the school was given extensive local support, as it appears that the leading families of Compton required an institution to which they could send their own daughters.

The original buildings were erected at a cost of \$16,489 and the school opened in September 1874 with six resident and 10 day students, each of whom was charged \$175 a year for tuition. Mr. Dinzey was the Principal, and his wife, the Lady Principal. The venture appeared at first a popular one, for in 1876, enrollment had risen to 45 boarders and 15 day students. A Corporation had been formed which had as its members the Bishop and four gentlemen appointed by the Synod. The school was owned by the Corporation who leased it to Mr. Dinzey who was responsible for its management.

FORCED TO CLOSE

In 1884 financial difficulties for-

ced the school to close for two years, and when it opened again in 1886 the Corporation assumed direct responsibility for its management.

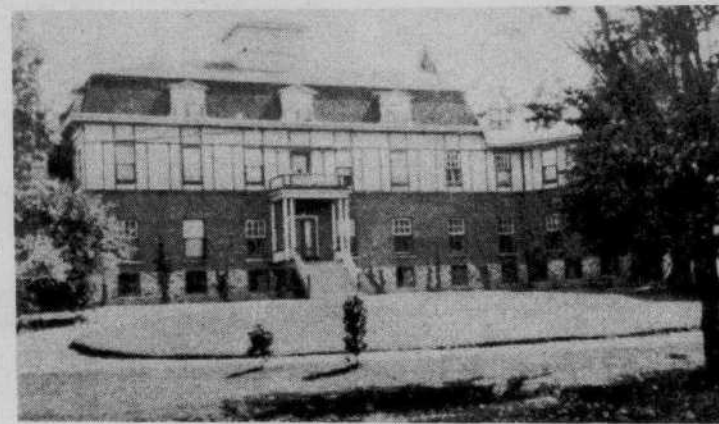
The years 1886 to 1901 appear to have been unsettled ones; the school had during that time no fewer than seven Lady Principals, three of whom, the Misses Holland, Tiffany and Ross, served during 1886, followed by Miss Prime in 1887, Miss Cochrane in 1891, Mrs. Browne in 1895, and Miss Smith in 1901.

The year 1902 was a turning point for the school. The name Compton Ladies College was changed to King's Hall to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII, and as the result of the work of Robert Campbell an Act of

Incorporation was passed through the legislature the same year. Until his death in 1929, Campbell devoted much of his time to the school which was reorganized and re-modelled under his supervision and with his financial support.

A Prospectus from the year 1902 reveals that the aim of King's Hall was "to supply a good and thorough education with sound religious training". This task was given over in 1905 to Laura Joll who remained as Lady Principal until 1928, a period of time which saw King's Hall expand and grow. When Joll assumed the Principalship in 1905, enrollment stood at approximately 48 students. During her time of office this figure was to increase in 1916 to 79 girls.

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King's Hall, approximately 1915.

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Adelaide Gillard held on to the top spot for 38 years

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in 1921, to 98 girls; and in 1927, a year before her retirement, to 103. In 1911, the Corporation seriously considered moving King's Hall to a more central location in Coaticook. Such a scheme proved financially impossible and was eventually discarded. Having decided to remain in Compton, the Corporation in 1913 purchased the Dawson farm, adding thereby 50 acres to the school holdings, and in 1919 began extensive additions to the original school building. In that year wings were added to the south and to the east, the latter containing a gym, now the prep hall, and some classrooms, connected to the main building by a glass passage.

WING ADDED

In 1922, a wing was added to the north which contained a dining hall. Two years previously in 1920, the Corporation had been offered the assets of the Bacon Institute in East Hatley. The revenue was to be used to give instructions in one or more of the subjects which had been offered at the institute, namely the domestic, agricultural, and industrial sciences. Not until July 1927 did the Corporation accept the Trust's gift, the income from which is still available for the school's use.

In 1928, after 23 successful years as Lady Principal, Joll retired,



Gillard House.

and the leadership of the school was assumed by Miss Tugwell who two years later relinquished her office to Adelaide Gillard, who for the following 38 years held the principalship of the school, guiding it wisely through the depression years when enrollment skipped from 103 girls in 1927 to 51 girls in 1932 back to 97 girls in 1939, and on into the '50s and '60s when the school held as many as 147 students. Aside from Joll's retirement in 1928, that year saw the founding of the King's Hall Old

Girl's Association, an organization which over the years has given much time, energy, and financial support to their school whose aim in 1930 was stated in a *Prospectus* as attempting "to combine a thorough modern education with the closest attention to the health and physical development of each pupil."

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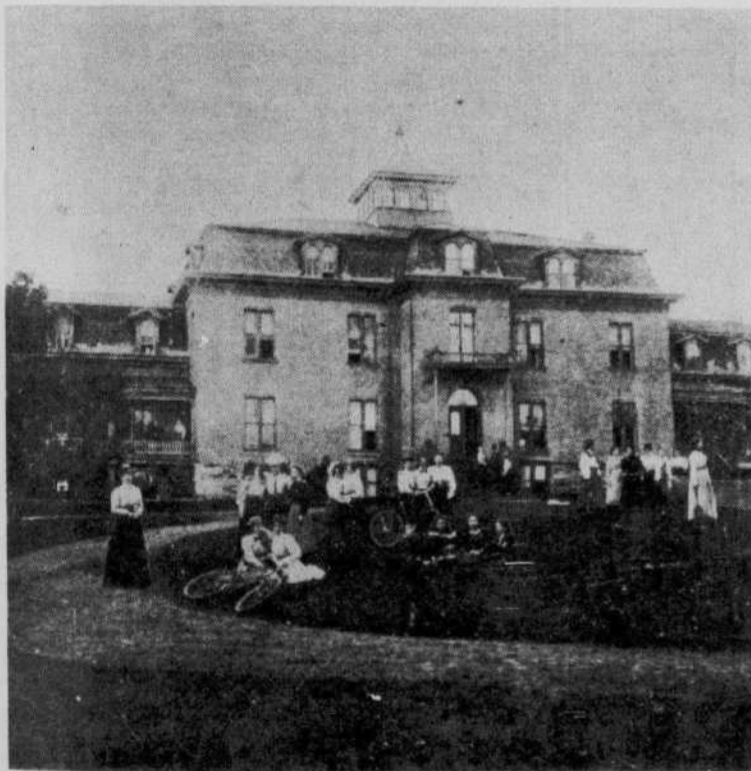
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sion and re-modelling. In 1936 The Gagné Farm was purchased, its barn put in working order, with a riding stable being built in it. This venture was followed in 1937 by a further extension of the east wing of the school to provide for a new gym and swimming pool. The old gym was turned into a prep. hall which remains to this day.

During the 30-year period that followed, relatively little expansion of the physical plant took place. Under Miss Gillard, enrollment rose steadily, and the school carried out its function of preparing girls to write the McGill Matriculation examinations at the

end of Grade II.

In 1967, however, it was deemed necessary to improve the residential situation at the school by constructing a residence which would provide accommodation for 160 students. This building was to be named Gillard House after the Lady Principal who retired with an Honorary Doctorate from Bishop's University in 1968.

In that year Dorothy Kidd was appointed Principal, and during her two year term of office carried out extensive administrative and academic re-organization. In 1970 the school's graduating class wrote the Provincial Matriculation Examinations for the first time, as McGill no longer offered its own high school leaving certificates.

ANNOUNCED AMALGAMATION

In 1970, with Mary Morris as Acting Principal, the first investigations were carried out with a view towards the amalgamation of King's Hall and Bishop's College School and, in May 1971, the Board of Directors of both schools formally announced the amalgamation.

With the retirement of Morris becoming effective in June, John Cowans, who until that time had been Assistant to the Headmaster at Bishop's, was appointed Director of King's Hall. It was subse-

quently decided to close King's Hall following the 1971-72 academic year and relocate the remaining students at BCS in new residential facilities on the Lennox-

ville campus.

Under the Headmastership of Cowans, it is the aim of the combined schools to develop in its students sound values and judgement

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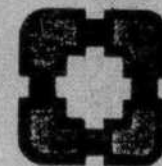
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'It was like moving from Lennoxville to New York'

By Eleanor Brown

LENNOXVILLE — Some insisted on jam atop their macaroni.

Ruby Martin spent nine years working as a waitress in the Bishop's College School dining hall in the 1940s. And although the youths were well behaved, some arrived with strange requests — such as the infamous jam on macaroni idea. It didn't catch on.

The chef at BCS spent his summers cooking at a North Hatley vacation resort. He would regularly offer waitresses winter jobs at BCS. Martin's sister and her best friend were among them.

"My sister said, 'Why not come work with us?' So I did," says Martin.

Before that, she worked for two

years at King's Hall, the girls' school in Compton which eventually merged with BCS in 1972. Martin already had some knowledge of the Lennoxville school — students from King's would often wander over to BCS for brunch.

ALWAYS RETURNED

She was born on a farm near Compton, and returned there every summer to help out. But she always returned to the private school.

"It was a whole new way of life for me," Martin says. "It's like moving from Lennoxville to New York, if you know what I mean. But whoever we met was so nice it was very easy to adapt."

A master sat at the head of each

table, carving up the meat of the day. He was joined by some 14 hungry students. Remembers Martin, "They all came in at once, lined up, never a thing out of place. Very prim and proper... very much so. If not, the prefect could punish them."

And the band never complained about the food.

Martin became part of a very close group when she accepted a job at BCS. The pastry chef was the cook's wife. There were six waitresses, three or four washers of pots and pans, and three other women in the kitchen.

And after the First World War, many employees were displaced persons. By the time Martin resigned, she was the only English-speaking waitress left. The group helped each other practise languages.

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The waitresses lived above the boiler room. The dining hall and their residence was connected by a long tunnel — one which boys would sneak down into for a quick smoke or to settle an argument with a jousting match.

Martin never caught students involved in any questionable activities. She liked the students at BCS. "We'd meet them on the street and they'd always be ready to talk. They never really made you think that you were the hired help."

Adds Martin, "They weren't snobs. I don't think it's because they weren't allowed to be — the boys weren't allowed to talk. If they wanted something they could ask us. But because they were kept so in line, everybody thought they were snobs."

Martin was saddened by the closure of King's Hall. And seeing girls at BCS took some getting used to, she says. "I wasn't used to seeing it — I couldn't see girls around here, it had been only boys. I couldn't see times changing — but they did."



From left to right: Christina Flemming, Evelyn Dawson, Ruby Martin, Bea Blainey and Mildred McGee: The gang in the kitchen.

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Ruby Martin: BCS students never complained about the food.

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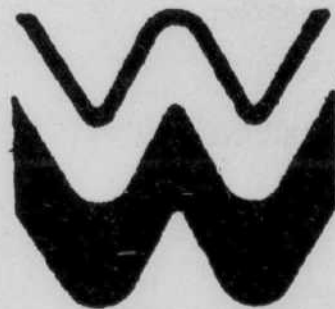
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Told not to wear white socks with a navy sweater

By Eleanor Brown

LENNOXVILLE — Charlene and Gretchen Fitzgerald got through the first two weeks without undoing their ties. They'd both carefully loosen the knot, slip the material slowly over their heads, set it on the table and go off to sleep.

Learning to knot the things was just one of the adjustments they had to make during their first week of classes.

Charlene — a form 5 or grade 10 student — and sister Gretchen — one year below her — entered Bishop's College School upon their return from a six-month trip to Nigeria with their parents.

Both students had been to this small campus before, spending time at a computer summer camp here two years earlier. But neither was really prepared for the big move to the 290-student residential high school.

Says Gretchen, "It was pretty well hell."

"But," she adds, "they give you a warm welcome. And there are a lot of new students around, so you're not alone. A lot of them are going through what you're going through."

CAN'T BLUBBER

And the demanding schedule imposed lifted both out of the doldrums and homesickness they succumbed to at the beginning of

the month. Says Gretchen, "You're so busy here you can't sit down on the floor and blubber!"

The siblings found themselves on 'new student line' first off — which means getting to school half an hour early. It's a sort of training ground for the latest arrivals. Here they must be able to answer questions about regulations they must abide by, clothes they should be wearing, where they should be and when.

Explains Gretchen, "You line up in the hall, at ease. You have to know all the school ties, the prefects' names... and you have to be quiet. For the first couple of weeks, you can't wait for this to end."

Those 'on the line' can't wear crests and are restricted to sporting the 'new student' tie, branding all as recent arrivals.

Confides Charlene, "After you've stood there so long, it means something. You start to look forward (to proving yourself eligible for the colors)... It sounds so stupid when you first come here." But the toil and time involved turns the exercise into one in which pride is at stake.

There are still some 30 students on the line. But Gretchen and Charlene are now wearing the BCS motto, *recti cultus pectora roborant* (correct training strengthens the character), on their tu-

tics. Rumor has it some unlucky souls were on the line all nine months of the school year in 1985-86.

FORGOT TWICE

The line is just part of it. There are things as trivial as lock combinations; Gretchen forgot hers twice. There's remembering that those with hair longer than shoulder length have to pull it back in the dining hall. Using the right bathrooms — not the ones reserved for prefects.

Says Charlene: "My first night, I was told it was okay to wear a white sweater with navy socks, but no white socks with a navy sweater. How can you remember that in the morning? It's not a rule — just a *faux pas*."

Students get special breaks when it comes to clothes: Grub days.

Gretchen explains: "You pay 50 cents so you can wear whatever you like. It took me half an hour to figure out what to wear — it's such a problem."

She's come to appreciate the standard issue uniform. "It's nice to get up in the morning and just throw it on. And there's some variation."

Charlene was at first wary of the loss of individuality, but she too finds the preset clothing regu-



Gretchen (left) and Charlene Fitzgerald are no longer branded as recent arrivals by their ties.

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Boys allowed to wear plaid blazers and pink ties

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PLAID BLAZER, PINK TIE

Both seem a little bit jealous of the leeway the boys get in the morning. Grouches Gretchen, "They get to chose which blazer they wear... plaid blazer, pink tie..."

Charlene's day begins at 6:45. She's out of the house — which she shares with some 44 other girls — by 7:25. "Your bed has to be made, room locked, lights off, relatively respectable looking," she says. Slackers are sent off to run laps.

There are two showers, with a limit of five minutes imposed or the hot water runs out, Charlene says.

Gretchen is in a smaller building, Williams House. She is rooming with 18 borders.

After breakfast and inspection, the students attend a short chapel service. It's perhaps the most difficult time of day for the sisters. The two miss their home when confronted by the silence and familiar eucumenical sights. "Churches are the same all over the world — it's funny," says Charlene. "The first week I was homesick a lot. Especially when

it's quiet in the church, it's a lot like home."

The morning is divided into four class periods separated by one 20-minute recess. Says Charlene, "Everybody rushes for the mailbox at break."

Then lunch and two more classes.

OBLIGATORY SPORTS

Students break up into groups before supper for crease until 5 p.m. Crease is two hours of obligatory sports that gets everyone involved. At 5:30 there's a half-hour where the students can do what they want to. "From 5 to 5:30, you're cleaning the mud off yourself from crease — one of your 'free' half-hours," grumbles Gretchen.

After supper there's choir, cadets or other activities.

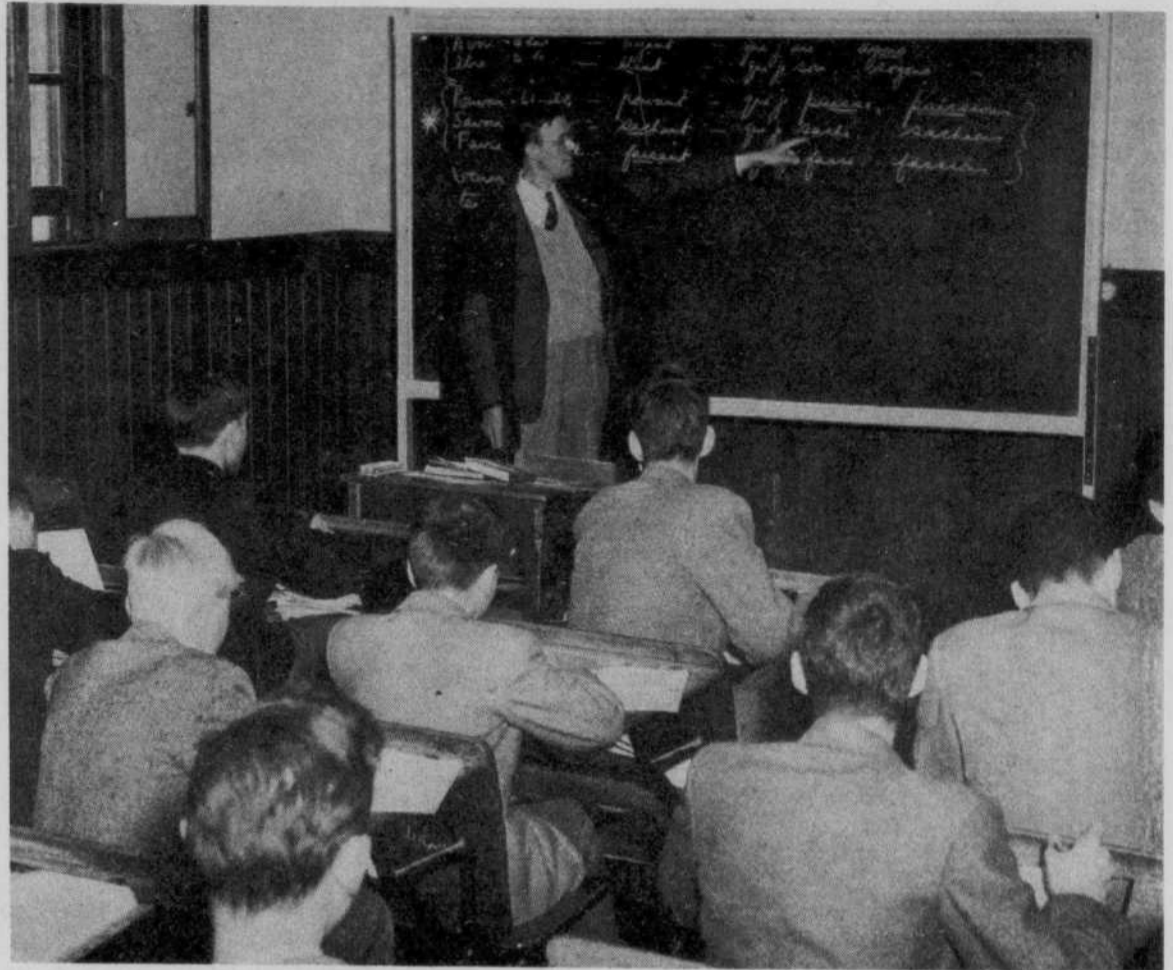
There is time for homework scheduled during the evening. Lights are out by 10:30.

Comments Charlene, "It really isn't that hard. Just different. You get used to the fact you only have two 30 minute periods per day."

Adds her sister, "You cram in all the things you want to do — the laundry, read a book, phone your mother."

Laughs Charlene, "You start to think in 30 minute periods."

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Herbie Hall teaching French sometime between 1936 and 1962.

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A grinding camp-out?

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But it's not all work. With age comes privilege: Those in forms five to seven are given more 'bisques' or weekend leaves. Except for last Sunday — new cadet camp saw a group of students head of into the wilderness for 24 hours.

GRINDING CAMP-OUT

The siblings say the trip is being portrayed as a grinding camp-out. The two were busy trying to convince each other the day before that the jaunt wouldn't be so awful.

But they're not angry about being forced to become involved in the cadet program. Says Gretchen, "Before I came here, I thought 'Oh my gawd, preppy.' It sounded so military. Cadets is

mostly student co-operation. It isn't really like you're in the army."

Charlene says her troupe is marching already — quite an achievement, she explains proudly, as last year's bunch hadn't mastered the skill until the end of November.

Concludes Charlene, "It's busy. "But it's very friendly. You expect to come here and meet all sorts of rich snobs." She says that simply isn't the case.

Continues Charlene, "Now I feel relaxed." She did feel dwarfed here two years ago when she attended the computer camp. But upon her return she could place the buildings and knew where to find the little passages that link one building to the next.

The sisters' parents are both doctors. They grew up and went to school in the tiny village of St. Anthony, Newfoundland. Many students at BCS are following in the footsteps of a parent or uncle.

"There's the feeling that they're known by professors" because of their relatives, says Charlene. Gretchen and her sister aren't well-known. But both are thrilled at the thought of a long weekend and a 150th anniversary celebration.

"A lot of people here, their grandparents came, and are coming to visit them (for the weekend birthday party)," says Gretchen.



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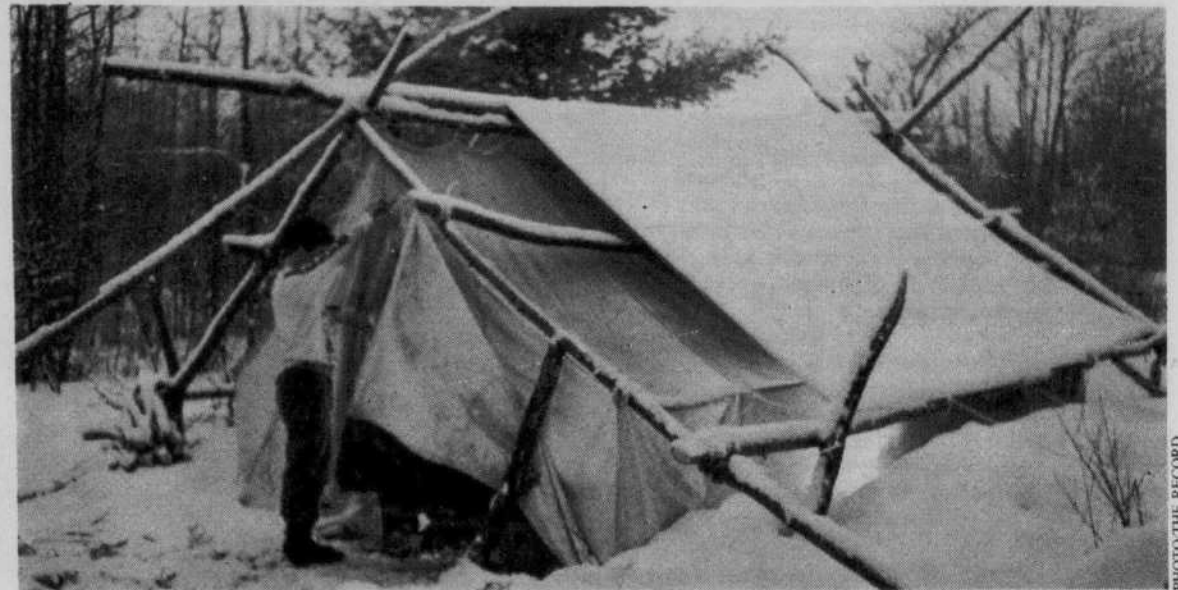


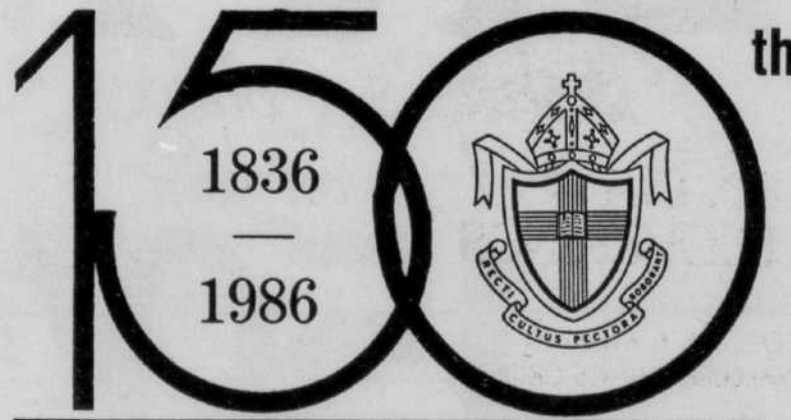
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This isn't new cadet camp, but a similar trip into the wilds a while back. Spruce boughs kept sleeping bags off the cold ground.



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Shadowy PAC group mails ominous notes

LENNOXVILLE — When new students Charlene and Gretchen Fitzgerald were on 'the line', they were handed a doughnut one morning out of the blue.

Newcomers at Bishop's College School have to spend a couple of weeks — at least — learning their way about and are assigned to the line. Once they know their stuff, pupils are excused from duty and given permission to wear the school crest. But getting doughnuts isn't usually part of the deal.

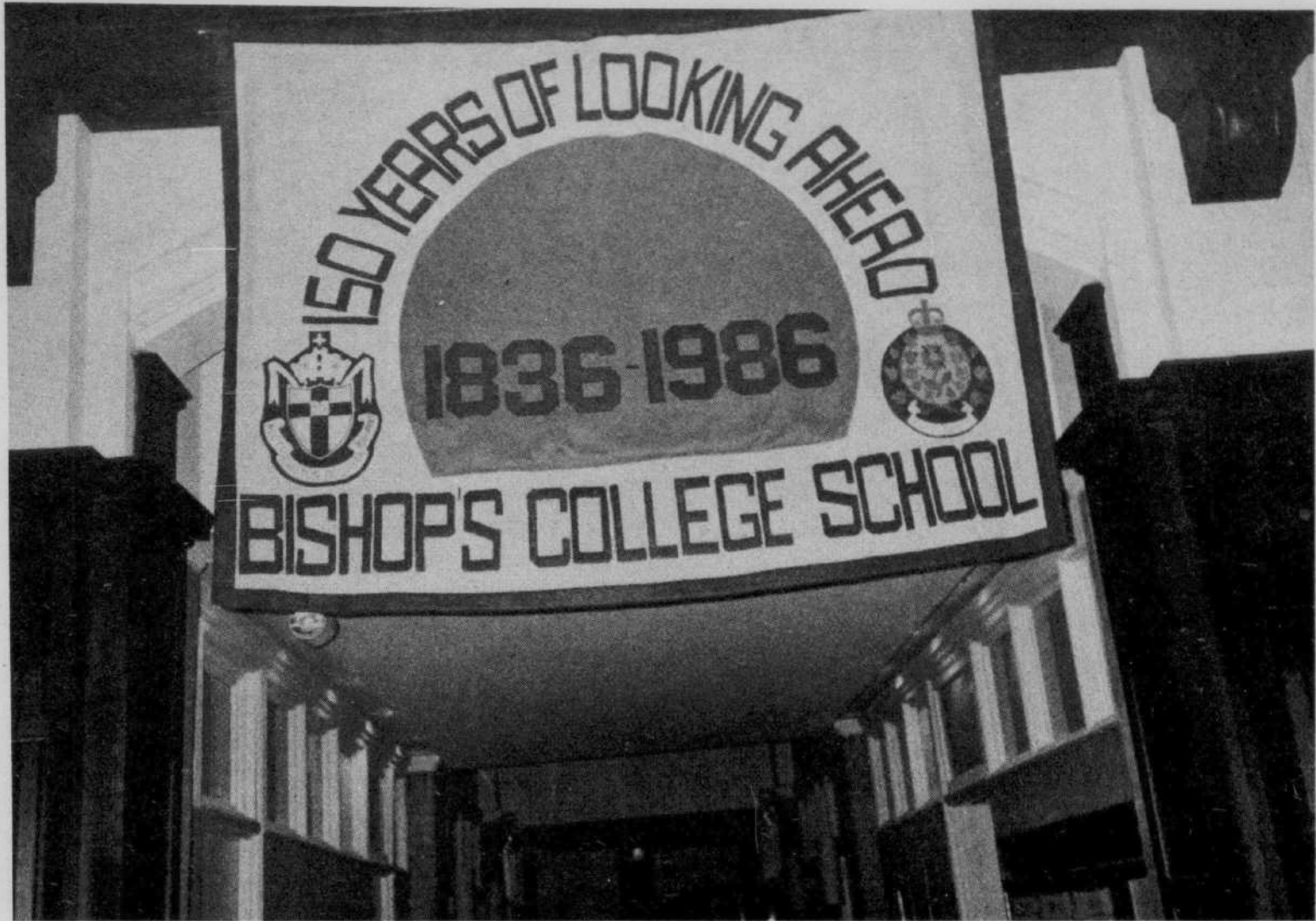
The free food is part of a program sponsored by a shadowy organization known as PAC. The acronym stands for Positive Action Committee. Its mandate has to do with brightening up those dull, dreaded Mondays.

No one knows who PAC's members are.

And Charlene and Gretchen say the school's headmaster, David Cruickshank, regularly receives anonymous mail from the group. The ominous notes often simply read, "Don't try to stop us."

Once the prefects were sent pizza. Flowers or plants get delivered to residences. Doughnuts are handed out.

No one knows where PAC will strike next.



The banner which will greet all visitors at the entrance to the BCS main building. Over two years in preparation, the school's 150th anniversary celebration takes off this weekend.



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