

"swinging". For their future we can only hope, (albeit with a good deal of assurance) but for their past we can know, and we at Nobles know that the Class of 1951 led the School to one of the truly good spring terms in the eighty-five years of its history. The Class of '51 did not let up when the College Board Examinations were over in March, which is a real temptation in these days of earlier acceptance to college; they set a good standard academically right up to the end; they led the School through a good spring athletic season; and the same can be said for the other extra-curricular activities.

All except one of the graduating class who received diplomas are going to college in the fall. That one has elected of his own volition to work for a year. Several of the boys were accepted at more than one college, but when the final decisions were tallied the distribution read as follows: 12 to Harvard, 2 to Dartmouth, 2 to Middlebury, 2 to Princeton, 1 to Amherst, 1 to Bowdoin, 1 to Brown, 1 to Colgate, 1 to North Carolina, 1 to Northeastern, 1 to Stanford and 1 to Virginia. It is interesting to note that the one going to Virginia was one of the top students of the class who was chosen by the Navy as one of its special reserve officer training group with all college expenses paid. There is great competition for this group and once selected your college choice is influenced by where there are Navy openings.

Three members of the class graduated with distinction (Edward Hinkley, George Leavitt, and Anthony Stout), and one, the President of the class, William H. Gorham, with highest distinction. Gorham, Hinkley, and Stout are also members of the Cum Laude Society.

The spring athletic record was featured by a baseball team that won 9 and lost 6, and a first crew that beat five schools while losing to two. No one had any hope that the baseball team would defend successfully the Private School League championship that was won by last year's excellent team, all but two of whom graduated. However, when the dust had settled, Nobles was once again at the top of the league, although this year in a tie with three other schools. The highpoints of this excellent record were two "clutch" wins, one over Groton (7-6) and the other over Milton (4-3). In both games Nobles was the underdog, and in both games the team outdid itself in winning. Congratulations go to Captain John Craig, and best wishes to captain-elect David Horton, Jr.

The crews also won and, it must be said, lost a number of thrillers. The most exciting win was probably the first crew race with Exeter ( $\frac{1}{4}$  length), and the most exciting loss the one to Groton (2 feet). The second and third crews'

records were not as good as the first crew; the total season record including fourth and fifth crew races read 11 wins and 12 losses. Joseph Keith (son of George Keith '17) was a good captain. Stroke Peter Willauer was elected to lead next year's crew.

In addition to the crews and baseball teams (there were three squads below the first) many boys played tennis, and under the leadership of Mr. Weston Flint of the faculty, track reappeared as an informal sport. The tennis boys had a team match with Roxbury Latin School, and the track squad had an informal meet with Needham High School. Both events were losses for Nobles, but they were enjoyed by both spectators and participants. To complete the athletic picture, Nobles was represented in the Interscholastic Sailing Regatta at Annapolis, Maryland, and the Interscholastic Golf Tournament at New Haven, Connecticut. Both of these competitions came after school was over.

The Nobles three-man crew finished first in the sailing regatta, defeating the representatives of eleven other schools.

In the non-athletic, extra-curricular activities, the boys were also active. The third class debating team took on St. Mark's and beat them in an argument over "Socialized Medicine." This gave the school debaters a record of three wins and two losses for the year. Seventy-five exhibits were judged in the fifth Annual Science Show on Graduates Day. Those who were there called them the best yet. The Spring Glee Club Concert was presented before the largest audience ever. The weatherman forced the concert indoors again, but it was still a grand affair. As in the past, songs were sung by soloists, the "Nobleonians," the "5th and 6th class singers," and the whole Glee Club, but in addition to these numbers, a special feature for this year was the presentation of Arthur Sullivan's Operetta "Cox and Box." Rehearsals took up most of the free Thursday morning periods, but three periods were left free for outside speakers. Dr. Leroy Sibley showed his amazing reel of the stars and planets. Rev. Samuel Bullock gave the boys an interesting picture of his life as a negro boy growing up in the United States, and a Korean war veteran, from the Murphy General Hospital, described the first forty days of the Korean campaign.

A second set of entrance examinations for 1951-52 was given in May, and by June 1st the school had its largest enrollment and waiting list in Dedham history. The school will be bulging when the doors open in September, but we hope not too bulging. It looks like an excellent school for next fall, but it will have to be good to be up on the same plane as the 85th year.



skate house with a fireplace. As an undergraduate at school, Goody had observed that fact, and as a young husband and father he had observed it again. The weekend family skating parties at school have become in recent years a part of the school and town relationship, and for the children like a place to get away from school.

The memorial skate house is a large room with a fireplace and a view overlooking the pond, and two other rooms, one with toilet facilities and the other a small pantry for use in picnics and "cook outs". On the pond side of the house is a large porch with benches. In the main room is a table and more benches. On the far wall of the main room are small wooden plaques bearing the names of all the Nobles hockey teams, and over the fireplace is a larger plaque with the words:

"This Skate House  
was given in memory of  
Goodwin Warner Harding  
Dec. 11, 1920 — May 11, 1951  
Class of 1939  
by his family  
and his friends  
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### THE WINTER TERM

If there is such a thing as being embarrassed by riches, and if riches were athletic victories, Nobles during the winter term might suffer from such a feeling. We said in the last issue of the *Bulletin*, when describing the feats of the undefeated football team,—

"The victories are wonderful examples of the cycles a healthy school is bound to go through on the athletic field. The strongest school cannot always have great football teams. Wonderful boys are not always wonderful football players, but every so often that combination does crop up. This happened to be such a year for Nobles." These boys were the same ones that carried the athletic load in the winter season. They merely shifted sports when the hockey, basketball, and wrestling seasons rolled around.

Hockey had the poorest record of any of the three winter sports seasons, and yet it had a final record of ten wins, one tie, and two losses, both losses incidentally being to the same school. The team was runner-up in the Lawrenceville Invitation Hockey Tournament at Princeton, a tournament to which the outstanding preparatory school teams in the country are invited. On route to the finals, Nobles beat a strong Nichols School of Buffalo (4-1), a team that regularly plays and beats Canadian schools, and the host Lawrenceville School 8-3, (the latter win incidentally was the 100th victory for Nobles hockey teams coached by Mr. Flood). In the finals the team lost to Belmont Hill School 2-1, the team that later beat Nobles in Greater Boston Private School League competition. In League play Nobles finished in a second place tie with St. Mark's, the school with which the tie game (1-1) was played. Other good wins for the season were the one over Andover

and the finale with Milton. The team captain was Peter Summers, an outstanding defenseman. Neil Childs at center scored the second highest number of points (31) in Nobles hockey history. Jim Bailey, the captain-elect and goal guard, was honored by being named to the Lawrenceville all-tournament team.

Basketball had the second poorest record with 13 wins and 1 loss. The single loss was to Belmont Hill School, a loss that was later retrieved by a win over the same team. Nobles won the Private School Basketball League handily. There were many good victories, but unquestionably the outstanding ones were the win over Belmont Hill (56-54) and the two wins over a highly respected Milton team. 1946 was the year of the first Nobles basketball team. That year the team won only three games. It wasn't until 1948 that the team was considered strong enough even to schedule Milton Academy, and in that year the team lost 14 games. This year's record shows clearly enough how basketball has caught on at Nobles. The rise of the sport is a great tribute to the coaching skill of Mr. Horton, as well as the playing ability of Captain Dudley Dumaine, center Robert Cummings, who broke the school scoring record with 280 points, and small but effective Captain-elect Charlie Soule from Portland, Maine.

The wrestling team's story is another rags to riches Cinderella saga. Wrestling became an organized sport a year later than basketball. It underwent the same lean years that basketball did before being lifted by Mr. Storer and the present group of boys. This year's record was won 8, tied 1, and lost none. The team won the Burrough's Wrestling Cup and defeated such outstanding opponents as St. George's and St.



Mark's. As we go to press, the New England Interscholastic Wrestling Tournament has not been held, but we will be very surprised if the team does not make a good showing. Captain Fred Jelleme, weighing 165 pounds but wrestling frequently in the 175-pound class, was undefeated during the past year. Heavyweight John Dunn and Warren Dillon, wrestling in the 147-pound class, were also undefeated in the regular season. Captain-elect Robert Mason has shown steady improvement and should be an excellent leader next year.

The total athletic record for the winter season was 30 wins, 2 ties, and 3 losses. Fortunately, everyone including the undergraduate body realizes that such success can only be of a temporary nature. The basketball and wrestling teams will have to return to more humble quarters in the future, and hockey's period in the sun cannot last for ever.

In the non-athletic field, the debaters were equally successful in their field of competition. A full account of their activities is given elsewhere in the *Bulletin*. The Dramatic Club has been working diligently in preparation for their presentation of "The Skull" on March 8th; and the Glee Club, larger than ever, has started rehearsing for its spring concerts. Five boys were elected to membership in the Nobles Chapter of the Cum Laude Society and were officially introduced at the February meeting of the chapter. The First Class boys were John A. Blanchard, Jr. and John A. Dunn, Jr.; the Second Class boys were John S. Farlow, III (son of J. S. Farlow, Jr. '28 and grandson of J. S. Farlow '98); Robert L. Mason, Jr. and John R. Quarles, Jr. College Board examinations come again this year in March, all of which combines to make the Winter Term far from the in-between-season it once was in school schedules.

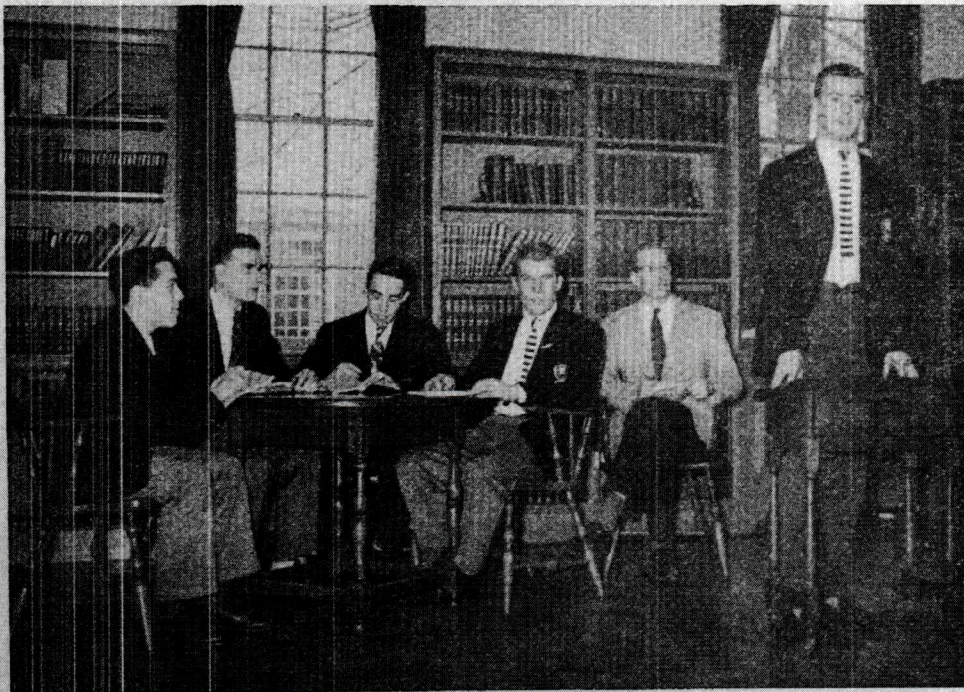
### DEBATING AT NOBLES

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article was written by Mr. Grandin Wise, coach of the debating team.

"Resolved that the Republican party has been strengthened by the activities of Senator McCarthy." Given this to work on, John Dunn and Tom Linden of the First Class, Sam Bartlett of the Second, and Ted Dunn of the Third set out

for the Boston Public Library to find material with which to build their negative case in our fourth annual debate with Middlesex. This was on Thursday afternoon. On Friday evening the foursome journeyed to Concord and chalked up another victory for Nobles.

This sort of thing has been going on with in-



**THE DEBATING TEAM IN ACTION**

Left to right: L. Thomas Linden '52, Robert E. Prash '53, John R. Quarles, Jr. '53; Samuel E. Bartlett '53, Mr. Wise, John A. Dunn, Jr. '52.



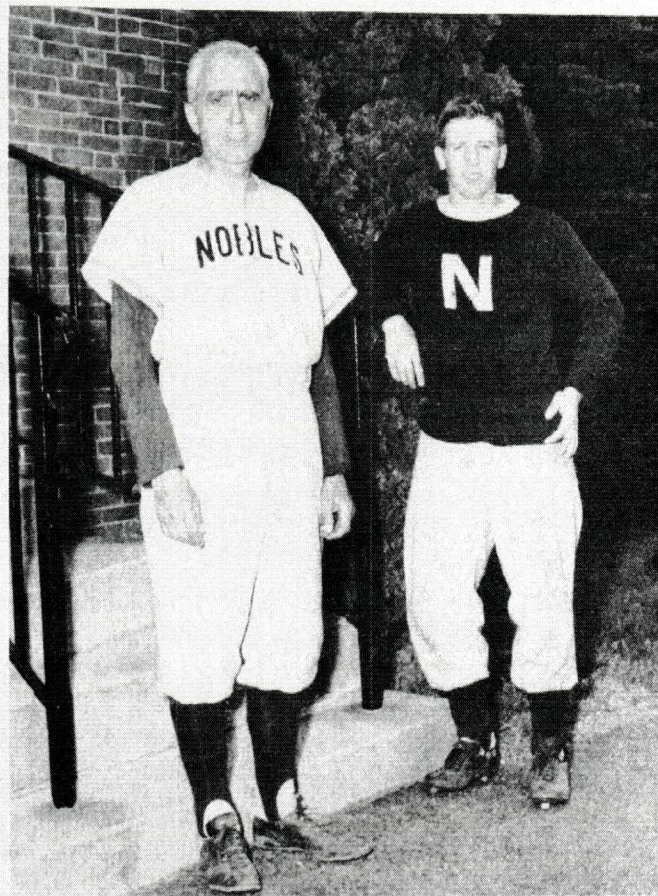
steady-driving of day-to-day.

From playing field and river echoed trebles and basses. For baseball and tennis the notes were triumphant, for crew blue. Crew, captained by Richard Stewart and coached by Mr. Warner, was in a "building" year. Though winning no scheduled race, they gave their all and were never outclassed. Their growth appeared in the Worcester Interscholastics on May 26th, where in the Consolation races the Firsts tied for third place out of seven, the Seconds were third out of seven, and the Thirds won their six-crew race, some of their victims being their previous conquerors. A new Pocock shell, bequest of Franklin A. Reece, '05, was extremely useful to the squad. Under Capt.-elect Colin Cunningham next year should profit by the brave experience of this.

Tennis, energetically captained for a second year by David Mittell and coached by Mr. Jones, had its finest season — ten victories, two losses. The one-two-three punch of Jim Nicolls, '63, and seniors Dave Bromley and Dave Mittell was a crusher, as Milton, Middlesex, and St. George's felt. Mr. Paine's second tennis squad, buoyed by the *kinder*, posted a creditable 5-3 card. Capt.-elect Jim Nicolls should be heading a strong group in '63.

Mr. Horton's '62 baseball team was one for the Hall of Fame. Led by sparky second-baseman Ben Soule, Nobles took undisputed first in the League, losing *no* game to an Independent School rival. It was an aggressive and balanced outfit, incorporating within itself a one-man team in pitcher Roy Boon. Cool and competitive, Boon earned an 8-0 record, giving up no base on balls in his last twenty innings of pitching, and contributing both with bat and glove to the cause. In his three years of pitching, Roy won 25 games for Nobles. First-baseman Ed Collier's two-run homer in the Milton game is rolling yet, and many graduates will recall catcher Roger Brown's base-clearing circuit clout against St. Mark's. The Memorial Day finale, a five to two conquest of Milton, sounded trumpets in the sky. The lower teams turned in less dramatic records, but there are comers down there who will aid Capt.-elect Ted Partridge in '63.

Memorable extra-curricular chords and trills were audible. Snow in late April surprised but failed to dampen. Five outside talks added zest: Admiral MacMillan returned to describe life with the Esquimeaux; Mr. Stanton Waterman presented the Wiese Science Lecture — a marvelous filming and reporting of undersea life in the Bahamas; Miss Constance Carrier, distinguished poet, read her verse and talked poetry with an enraptured Senior English; First History had two talks from observers of the international scene — Harry Stimpson, '33, former Ambassador to Paraguay, talked on South American affairs; Austin Mason, '40, President of the Ludlow Company, with a large plant in India, talked on the development of India. The Lyman Library, although its official dedication ceremony had not yet come into full and immediate use, was the scene of a nanza. The Outing Club went to the Ravine in mid-May and plans a pos



CAPTAIN BEN SOULE AND MR. HORTON OF THE 1962 PRIVATE SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

Katahdin. The *Nobleman*, Michael Burbank, energetic editor, cleaned up some four first-place awards in the annual *Boston Globe* competition. Last year's *Yearbook* won second-place award in Columbia University's national contest. On Graduates' Day, the Science Fair sparkled, artists exhibited, Nobleonians trilled, and brotherly love abounded. A week later the Glee Club and orchestra, trained by Mr. Lloyd Palmer, and in part conducted by Tim Russell, '61, gave a polished recital in the Gym. French, Latin, and German Clubs met and frolicked. A charming Milton Girls' School Debate team out-argued our gentlemanly but somewhat tongue-tied debaters. For the second year (our first as host) a Nobles Sixth Class Latin team contended with Mr. Caswell's Dexter School Romans. Boys responded to an appeal for books by our Peace-Corpsman Newell Flather, '56, and contributed numerous volumes to further Ghana education. The *Nobleman* conducted a literary contest with cash prizes.

And, of course, the harmony of the spring would have been mere tinkling without the off-beat percussion of builders. Concrete-mixers, lumber-trucks, and nailing hammers provided a competitive anvil chorus to the classroom drone. The new Schoolhouse wing takes promising shape, as a picture in this issue shows. The warm latter days of the season brought out the swimming pool and brought out the roadsters and convertibles to give evidence that the melody of the year is ceasing never. S.L.E.

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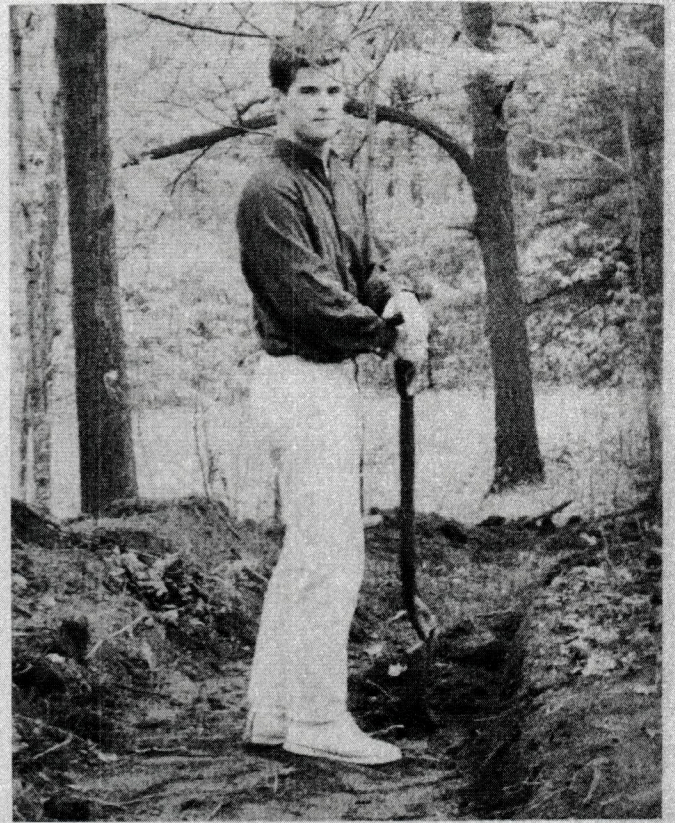


## A SPEEDY SPRING

The mountain of ice flowed swiftly downhill during spring vacation, and speed was the keynote of the Nobles spring term. Fields and courts dried rapidly, the River flowed at its own sweet will, and base-runners, court-coverers, and water-beetle oarsmen were in constant motion. The *Wiggins* and *Little Essay* products moved swiftly from magisterial hand to hand, and individual Senior essay conferences clanked in an endless chain. The Glee Club was in pressureful rehearsal, both for an April 25th twin songfest with the Milton Girls' School chorus, an innovation engineered by the dynamic Glee Club president, Artie Watson '64, and for its own spring concert on May 23. College acceptances trickled in, and April 15, Ivy League announcement day, burst upon us to gladden many hearts (see the results under the Notices), disappoint a few (who made successful re-searches), and give startling vision of the galloping close of Nobles schooling. New sports cars gleamed in the parking lots, convertible tops went down, and the young lambs bounded as to the taber's sound. A series of parents' evening meetings were both informative and socially pleasant. Almost before we knew it, Graduates' Day was upon us — a gala day, sunny, and athletically a clean sweep for Nobles.

Assorted events, some eye-catching, some obscure, flashed by. On the second weekend of the term a Nobles delegation of five statesmen represented Nigeria in the annual East Coast Model U. N. assembly, this year held in Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Senior addresses to the school, the culmination of the Public Speaking Course, concluded their cycle begun in the Winter in the very week of Senior exams — a highly creditable series. In early May, *Cum Laude*, under the new officership of Mr. Coggeshall, president, and Mr. Longland, secretary-treasurer, installed its new scholars, Rick Farlow, Alan Gauld, Maurice Hamilburg, Steve Roy, and Artie Watson, all '64, and Dan Colburn, Ben Fox and Steve Loewenberg '65. The visiting speaker was Mr. Henry Bragden, author and former Exeter history teacher. Both wittily and seriously he reported the ardors and frustrations of writing honest and meaningful textbooks. That evening, Mr. Bragden was inspiring guest consultant at a Nobles History Department meeting — a stimulating gentleman he. A posse of *Cum Laude* members a week later attended the Society's regional meeting at Beaver. In mid-May, John Riley '64 represented Nobles at Student Government Day at the State House. Early May saw the continuation of the annual Dexter-Nobles 7th Grade Latin competition, a Ben Hur affair. This year's grapple, honoring Mr. Caswell's last year at Dexter, had a special flourish, both teams and mentors being feted at the Floods'. The outcome was the traditional *omnia aequa*. The Deutsche Verein concluded its active year with a spring festival, Mr. Black strumming *lieder* on his guitar. Mr. Black also engineered a spring play, a brief but meaty one-acter, Percival Wilde's *Refund*, before the school in the Study. This was the third play produced this year under

the inspiration of the new theater and the energy of Mr. Black. Over the days inspired by senior class president, Clint Smith, the Class of '64 was busy creating a Wiggins House path and steps from the Schoolhouse to the new dormitory, a class gift similar to the '56 steps to the fields. Sidney Shurcliffe '23 was professional consultant for the spirited 41 Senior shovel squad. Mr. Colt estab-



T. CLINTON SMITH, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 1964, WORKING ON THE '64 PATH. Photo by Kenneth P. Morse, '64

lished a chipmunk feedery behind Stillman; new planting appeared by the baseball field; the swimming pool received its initial filling; the weather flashed hot, flashed cold, poured wet, dusted dry. On May 10 occurred the birth of Katrina Paine (5 lb. 2 oz.), first child of Mr. and Mrs. John Paine; and on June 2 the Dave Rogerson's third child, and second daughter, Anita, was born. Spring is a productive time. Two lively *Nobleman* issues appeared and the magazine won four awards in the *Globe* competition among small school publications. Two editions of the lower school *Blue & White* and a classbook to be mailed in early July were further creative enterprises.

Fastest of all was the parade of sports. 1964 will go on record as one of Nobles most flourishing. Baseball and Tennis were the starry gleams, but Crew was well in orbit.

Capt. Ned Bigelow's and Mr. Horton's First Baseball, though apparently short of pitching and long-ball hitters at the start, found itself (and the needed ingredients) after an initial loss to Needham High. From there in it was victories. The total record was 12 wins, one tie, and 2 losses, and undisputed championship of the Independent School



League for the third straight year. Peter DeChellis '66, only a Senior player last year, developed into a poised and heady chucker. John Mansfield '65 had speed and control to back DeChellis, and Andy Stanhope '64 and Brooks Sawyer '65 added further depth. Capt. Bigelow's, Bob Waldinger's ('64), John Mansfield's ('65) and Steve Owen's ('66) hitting was memorable (both for the timely bingle and the long ball). The 4-0 victory over Milton, in the 70th game of that series, climaxed a great season; the twelve consecutive wins establishing a new school record. Baseball backers paid special tribute to Mr. Horton, who at the close of this, his 25th year as Nobles Head Coach, has compiled a .612 average of victories (209 wins, 129 losses, 3 ties, and four championships in the ten-year-old league — that's stepping). Brooks Sawyer '65 will captain next year's team.

Tennis, this year with six full courts, celebrated the addition with an exceptional season. Captained by Jim Nicolls and coached by Mr. Jones, the team won 10, lost 1 (a heart-breaker to St. Mark's), and tied 1 (Belmont Hill). Opening with a 6-3 victory over Milton, the boys played chips-down ball. Capt. Nicolls at one, Skipper Wood '66 at two, and doubles combination of Mike Wiggins '64 and Wood were the most consistent performers. Next year's captain is Goodwin Harding '65.

Crew, though not an interscholastic champion, turned in some creditable and exciting performances. Capt. Ned Lawson's and Mr. Warner's First boat, stroked by Topher Cutler '64, having rowed second to B. & N. in the triangular regatta with Belmont, and second to Brooks in the next triangular with St. Mark's, suddenly soared to first-place rank with convincing, powerful and poised victories over Middlesex and Exeter (in the latter case breaking a thirteen year jinx). At the Lake Quinsigamond Interscholastics, they placed second in the consolation against a large and potent field. Of the lesser crews, the Thirds were most successful, losing only to Middlesex, and taking third place in the finals at Worcester.

Our account has left some of the lively events to other articles. They flashed by almost too fast for our recording. Senior exams began on May 26, others on June 1st, the last papers being handed in fifteen minutes before Prize-Day Exercises, at which Trustee Wilbur J. Bender delivered a thoughtful address on participation in the world about us and caring about the dark areas in society. Mr. Putnam paid farewell tribute to Mr. John Richardson '04 who retires from the Board of Trustees after 54 years of service, the last 43 of them as its President. Mr. Richardson received a standing ovation from the entire audience, and as the exercises ended, a new plaque had been mounted by the gymnasium north door, proclaiming the heretofore unnamed new building "Richardson Gymnasium". The final reception on the terrace — smiles, tears, farewells, but warm memories of a high-spirited, loyal, individual but closely-knit Class, the gentlemen of 1964.

S. L. E.

## THROUGH THE YEARS — 1913-43

*Editor's note:* On April 7th Herbert R. Peirce, one of Nobles' great teachers, died at the age of eighty-four. He had retired in 1946, and though not known to the present school generation, he will remain unforgettable to those who attended Nobles from 1913 to that date. Mr. Peirce was a big man physically. Rumor had it that he had been an all-American football player at Tufts. His size and dignity awed the younger boys, but underneath his awesome exterior lay a sympathetic and understanding heart. That he had also coached the Dramatic Club may seem incongruous for this big scientist, but he had in him a streak of poetry and a love of flowers, and whatever school assignment he undertook, he did well. Those he coached in dramatics, possibly more even than those he taught in the classroom, will remember these qualities and his dry sense of humor.

In 1943, the BULLETIN published some reminiscences by Mr. Peirce after thirty years at Nobles. On re-reading twenty-one years later, the editors were so impressed with them that they are reprinted for our more modern readers. They are not only historical reminders, but the timeless and touching reflections of a humble and great school man.

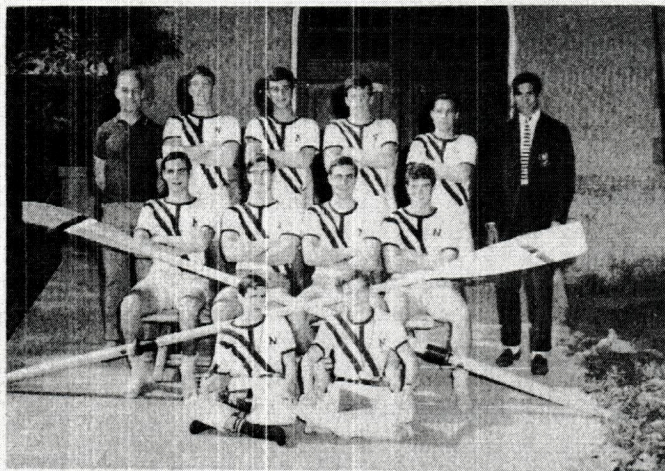


- 1913 A new school for me. A new life at 100 Beacon St. Fancy me on Beacon Street! We have had the farm craze for several years and are living on an old farm in Framingham. What a winter! All the plumbing froze and burst the day after Thanksgiving. I drew water at a neighbor's old-fashioned well sweep every morning, and then walked two miles to the station.
- 1914 There are two boys with the same name in my class. One leads the class, the other foots it; but I am forever getting their marks on the wrong card. At faculty meeting, Mr. Noble, with a twinkle in his eye, said, "I don't see how anybody who has once had those boys in his class could mistake them." I never shall again.
- 1915 Petty misdemeanors, minor infringements of rules, are they aimed at the teacher, or are they a necessary expression of youth? Neal Wainwright, a senior, told me today, "We are not trying to bother you. It's a part of youth; it's letting off steam. We can't keep up to top pitch all the time for five hours a day, five days a week." I pass that along for what it is worth.
- 1916 "John Jones" said to me today, "I thought you didn't care if we cribbed. You never watch us." In that simple statement I see the greatest compliment and the greatest slur I have ever received.
- 1917 Palmer Scott gave me a wonderful model of a U. S. destroyer. Probably he'll spend his life building boats.
- 1918 John Flint gave me a cup. We had a gentleman's agreement that if he got 100% in his College Board Algebra Examination I was to get a cup. I wouldn't know, but he says the Latin inscription on it means, "To the victor belong the spoils."
- 1919 Robert Merriam and Ben Tenney spoke at a Parent-Teacher meeting in Arlington, just back from ambulance driving in France.



Seniors did very well, thank you. And in a novel finale, the Senior Class presented their self-written, self-produced, brilliantly self-advertised satirical extravaganza *Nobleo and Miltonet* at the Richardson-Globe theater—admission four cents—a side-splitting bargain.

As Graduates observed on sunny May 15, the teams were active, kicking up much dust and splashing little water. Mr. Warner's and Mr. Lawson's crews turned in good performances—The Firsts, captained by J. B. Reece, Jr., won three of their five dual or triple meets and placed fourth in the consolation race at the Interscholastics at Worcester. The Seconds, Thirds, and Fourths performed numerically much the same. Exeter and St. Mark's edged the Nobles Firsts, but some of the lower crews edged their St. Mark's and Exeter equivalents. Other than the final regatta, Nobles crews won 12 out of 20 races; at Worcester we stood about in the middle among thirteen competing schools.



THE FIRST TWO CREWS

Top Row, left to right: Mr. Warner S. H. Brooks, '66; Captain-elect E. S. Reece, '66; J. W. C. Cutler, '66; M. F. Schmid, '65; F. W. Sargent, Jr., '65, Manager. Middle Row: Captain J. B. Reece, Jr., '65; C. R. Daloz, '65; N. T. Reece, '65; S. C. Fisher, '65. Front Row: R. C. Flint, '68; F. H. Pratt, '68.

*Photo by Harding-Glidden*

Mr. Jones's tennis, captained by Goodwin Harding, '65 at No. 2, delivered a 9 win 3 loss total. The team defeated St. Mark's for the first time in history, but lost heartbreakers to Belmont, St. George's, and Milton. Capt.-elect Skipper Wood, '66 played a skillful and vigorous No. 1; he and Donald Colburn, '65 at No. 3 were undefeated in singles. These three were also doubles mainstays. Mr. Paine's Second group, composed almost entirely of Fourth and Third Classmen, had a "building year." Some promising youngsters are coming on.

Mr. Horton's first baseball, captained by outfielder Brooks Sawyer, '65, had an upper-middle season, though being ousted from the League championship, which

Nobles had held for three consecutive years. The team stood 5 wins 5 losses in League play, 8-7 over all. Their most brilliant performances were their 5-3 victory over Groton for Graduates' delectation, 2-1 over Middlesex, 4-3 over Belmont, 3-2 over St. Paul's, and 6-5 over Roxbury Latin—almost all in extra-inning games. Senior pitchers John Mansfield, John Goss, and Captain-elect Peter deChellis, '66 shared the pitching honors; Mansfield and Steve Owen, '66 led the hitters. Of their five extra-inning games, Nobles won all but the thrilling Milton finale, Milton going ahead 3-0 in the eleventh. Since only three regulars graduate, we sense a glow of hope for the future.

Second baseball under Mr. Rogerson had a 3-4-1 record, three of the losses by a single run in the final inning. Craig Barger, Steve Clark, '66 and Jim Sleeper, '68 were the big stickers. Senior baseball, Mr. Bird's little men, played big ball, racking up a 5-1 total. Pitcher Jim McIntosh, '69 averaged nine to ten strikeouts per game; Widdy Nelson, '68, Rick Storer, '68, and Peter Litman, '69 were the sluggers. Mr. DePopolo's Juniors and Intermediates had moderate seasons, the Juniors short on pitchers, the Intermediates long on inexperience. Both teams had their moments of glory, however, during the dusty campaigns. The Chess team, headed by William Walker, '66 continued its unbeaten record unchecked, the only Nobles team to defeat Milton in this dry season.

But showers were plentiful among the Faculty Ladies—showers for brides, expectant mothers, and parting colleagues. The ladies' husbands attended conferences, led organizational innings and outings, guided classes, and patrolled the study halls. Most novel was the summing-up dinner of the Boston Latin-Noble and Greenough academic observation exchange. In late May the Headmasters, Assistant Headmasters, and Department Chairmen of both schools met at the Harvard Club for an informal exchange of thoughts derived from the interchange of visits that had started deep in the winter term. The central topic was fair marking and ranking of Advanced Placement students—much provocative talk but no decision. Another novelty was the Faculty Crew—a moonlighting operation of old (well—aging) oarsmen. We hear that they remain undefeated.

The year (a good year though a dry spring) drew to a close. It had witnessed lively innovations—the new *Nobleman*, for instance, and markedly in the realm of social concern and volunteer service interest—dedication that will extend across the summer. There were the usual smiles and lumpy throats at the Grecian parting. The moving on of Messrs. Biddle and Palmer to other posts of responsibility will leave a continuing sense of loss. The Biddles have added warm vigor to the heartbeat of Nobles; Mr. Palmer has lifted our voice of song. There is not a dry eye among their pupils and colleagues. S. L. E.



photography by Allan Post '67, whose nimble shutter has contributed much to all school publications. The *Classbook* went to bed, to arise in full dress and cheerful spirit a week before Prize Day, Sam Vandam '67 its enterprising editor. Second Classmen's rings arrived and were worn one day before attending Beaver, Milton, and Winsor (Ah, Youth!) Madras jackets bloomed crocuslike amid the snow. Scarlet Tanagers, and Indigo Buntings fluttered the schoolhouse woods, adding extracurricular color to Latin and English classes; one trusting robin pair built nest and raised tribe on the drain above the '65 patio — biology in the live feather. Community Service volunteers devotedly served, their tutorial protegeses visiting us for several sports events. Weekends, the Outing Club continued its hut construction at the school plantation at Robb's Acres, New Hampshire, plot cleared, walls up, and well dug. In late May, the pool was filled; several Grenfell-Amundsens broke ice and floed about. Then followed Senior exams (a week before the others), a gap in the rear of the Schoolroom, and '67 moved to Prize Day and the beckoning world, the Hon. Leverett Saltonstall '10 their Commencement mentor. His grandson, Dick Byrd, fourth generation of the family to attend Nobles, was graduating.

On river, playing-field, and court the youth were at it (weather permitting), crew missing not a beat for hurricane, blizzard, or sleet. All sports fared creditably. Crew, captained by Brad Eaton, who rowed in the 2nd boat, developed gradually, reaching their peak in the Schoolboy Regatta at Worcester, where all three Nobles entries made the finals. Boat A finished 6th, B 7th, C (reshuffled 4th boat) a record-breaking 1st. During the dual race season, the 1sts posted victories over Exeter and Middlesex, a two-win, three-loss total; the 2nds (1-4) defeated Middlesex; the 3rds were 2-2 (defeating St. Mark's and Belmont Hill and tying Brooks) until replaced by the 4th (4-1) at Quinsigamond, for their record-shattering championship. Crew 5 swept its three races; Crew 6 lost but one. Mr. Warner guided the program, aided by the Messrs. Higginson and Bulkeley.

Mr. Horton's First Baseball team, Skip Kistner '68 catcher and Captain, though youthful (only two Seniors in the starting line-up), were a clouting club. Home runs came off the bats of Ned Simmons '67 and Pete Litman '69. Jim McIntosh '69 was a steady and generally effective pitcher, backed by Chet d'Autremont '68 and Dan Goldberg '67, the last of whom turned in a handsome one-hitter over St. George's. In a thriller, the team bowed to Milton 13-6, after making up a five-run deficit to tie the game in the 6th. Over the season, the record was 8 wins, 7 losses; in the Independent School League play, the total was 6-4, placing us in the upper middle.

Mr. Kimball Jones's First Tennis, number one and

Captain Nick Travis '68, though hampered by illness, took seven of its eleven matches, including Milton. Defeats came at the hands and racquets of St. Mark's, St. George's, Belmont Hill, and the Alumni in close conflicts. All regulars except Seniors Bezo Cutler and David Malcom return. With Mr. Paine's strong Seconds (record 5-3) to fill the gaps, 1968 Tennis should be vigorous. As interest in tennis increases and deepens, Nobles feels the need of more courts, both for practice and match play.

Captains for the 1968 Spring sports are repeaters Skip Kistner, baseball; Nick Travis, tennis; and for Crew, newcomer Robby Lawrence (son of Robert A. Lawrence '44) — all seniors. The number of returning lettermen in all Sports augurs well for success next year.

A novelty (perhaps not unserious) was the appearance of lacrosse players on the Nobles fields. Though there was no formal team organization, a number of boys waiting their crew turn, or having finished their tennis stint, tossed and scuffled for the solid-rubber ball, instructed and encouraged by Mr. Leaf, an ex-Harvard lacrosser. Whether or not Nobles can accommodate a fourth spring sport is a question, but the germs are in the air. Lacrosse has become epidemic at several rival schools.

And so the coldest spring on record melts into history, carrying with it the able and warm-spirited Class of '67, not distinguished athletes, but great-hearted gentlemen. May the sun smile on their graduation and future paths, the roads rise with them, and the winds (gentle) be always at their back.

S. L. E.

## SENIORS PROFIT FROM NEW ELECTIVES

Spring term is traditionally the time of senior slump. It is not surprising that boys shy away from out of motivation when suddenly they find that the fight is won. Yet their zeal in finding a new challenge for the summer involvements in the world is so great that they seem to indicate that if the school could only offer more projects more relevant to the world, they would not only anticipate next fall, there would be no senior slump. The new electives introduced these last weeks horizon-broaden the curriculum. Instead of "the same old grubbing" for grades, all good schools are grappling with the problem of how to solve completely.

At the same time, many schools abandon the senior curriculum in favor of individual projects or special courses. In Middlesex, the Adams and Taft permit qualified seniors to take courses voluntarily while they pursue their regular studies. Middlesex has a special "experience" program for urban problems, and Moses Brown concentrates the efforts of its English, History, Music and Art departments on a study of the Twenties.

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John Higginson being off on Army Reserve duty. The lower boats all made the finals at Quinsigamond, and had excellent dual meet records. Captain-elect Don Watson will lead able oarsmen in '69. Mr. Kim Jones' tennisers lost but three matches in a twelve-match season, Milton a decisive victim. Capt. Nick Travis, at two and Captain-elect Nat Nash at one were stand-outs. Other consistent Senior performers were Rob Woods, Steve Joyce, and Ned Grant. Since its formal establishment, tennis has the highest victory percentage among Nobles sports. Coach Dave Horton's baseball, his last in a distinguished career of thirty seasons, traveled much and did well. Capt.-catcher Skip Kistner's club was generally sure afield and often potent with the war-club. After splitting an early season pair with Needham High, the team had a nine-game winning streak going to lead the league, until bumps from Groton, St. Paul's, and Roxbury Latin shook them into 4th place. The pitching staff featured a remarkably poised and effective Fourth Classman Greg Garritt. When his arm wearied, Senior David Reiber took over. Brightest stars were Seniors Widdy Nelson at third, Jim Sleeper at short, and Dick Hudson at first; in the outfield, Senior John Darman and Second Classman Peter Litman tore timely covers off the ball. Climax of the interesting, but peripatetic season was the two-day rain-washed campaign against Milton. Rained out on Wednesday after four innings, leading 5-3, the club returned to Milton on Friday to clinch it 7-4 — a fine final gift for retiring Coach Horton. Dave Polk, a second baseman who suffered a leg fracture in the third game, is Capt.-elect.

To crown the launching, the class of 1968 heard high and sound navigational advice from Dean John M. Hyde of Williams College, our commencement speaker.

And so, the wedges loosed in April, slid the good ship 1968 down the ways into the debris-cluttered Bay of (as we say) Life. By good, we mean GOOD.

S. L. E.

## THE HORTONS RETIRE

With David Horton's mandatory retirement at age 65 this June, the Nobles family loses a picturesque veteran. Since his arrival from the Cincinnati Country Day School in 1938, Dave has been a rock in the School's academic and athletic life. He has taught mathematics and Latin with thoroughness and fire; he has coached baseball for thirty successful seasons. En route he has done tours with basketball and soccer. Dave has always demanded much of his charges and equally much of himself. A shrewd strategist, a fiery competitor, a warm-spirited gentleman, he will be



MR. DAVID HORTON

missed (with relief) by opposing coaches and (with regret) by his charges and colleagues. We shall look in vain for the trig, willowy body, the slightly drooping left shoulder capped by its handsome leonine head. His wife Anne, the School's Librarian for the past four years, retires with her husband. She has done much to put the Library in orderly, functional shape. The Hortons will move from the Campus to their Chestnut Street, Dedham house, happily not far away.

Thank you, and best wishes, Dave and Anne.

## NOBLES GETS A VIDEORECORDER

Last winter a graduate offered to contribute to Nobles a video tape recorder "if the faculty honestly felt it would be educationally beneficial to the school." He did not want to give it "if it would be just another gadget," distracting to the regular routine, entertaining for the moment but Video machines were known to be used in real public school systems and Education, but only a few had them. Since the machine cost over two thousand dollars, the donor put an "if" clause in the gift.

The faculty accepted the gift lightly. The Messrs. Barlow and Horton wanted to study the problem of video in schools and talked by telephone with counterparts who were using the machines in the large public schools using them for teacher training. The independent experimenters. They had found them helpful in dynamic coaching, but the donor did not want to give the gift solely for that purpose.

After viewing demonstrations from three different videorecorder manufacturers, one make was selected, but before a final decision to purchase, it was decided to rent the apparatus for an experimental month and get the reactions from those who actually tried it. Some used it to analyze their own teaching; a science teacher used it to demonstrate a laboratory experiment; a history teacher taped a television broadcast and showed

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