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# GADGYS

MARCH 73

NEWSLETTER of the "HEAR & NOW"



CAMP MACAULEY



"LET US HAVE  
A CHINESE TOAST"



VARIOUS CHURCHES

# HAPPY 2ND



ST. LAMBERT DAYS

# ANNIVERSARY

# HEAR & NOW

## PERFORMANCES

Fri., March 2 - 7:30 - ANNIVERSARY PARTY rite on!  
Sun., March 4 - 10:00 A.M. - Beaconsfield United  
Tues., March 27 - 8:00 - Rosedale United

## HAPPENINGS

Constitution Group: Everyone is aware that over the past two years as the group has changed, so have the rules. There was at one time a Constitution which was drawn up, since then there have been motions put ~~down~~ forth and passed. But who remembers them all.

So, the "Constitution Group", is now formed, its aim to reconstruct and build a set of simple rules. People involved are Rod, Tom, Wendy, Liz, Deb, Tony & Bill.

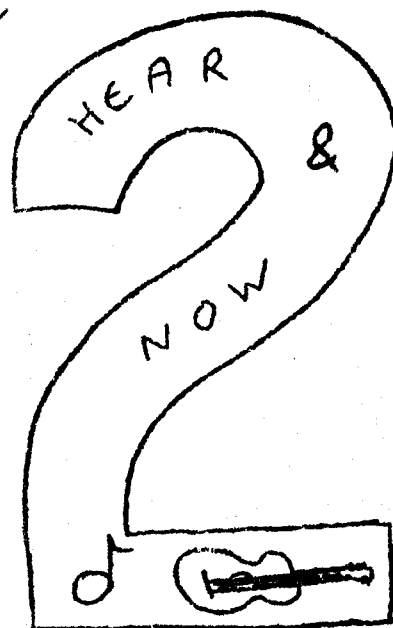
## BOOKLET

Our booklet is now finished, consisting of write ups (as mentioned in Feb. "Gladys") on our history, crest, people, performances and weekands. Photos are also included of color. Glen, in fact the whole group. People involved Glen, Debbie, Richard, Barb. Two booklets will be printed, one including the advertising for us, and the other without, for Lions Convention.

## ANNIVERSARY PLANS

Plans for the Anniversary including lavations. Music, Slides, Awards, Decorating and Food especially, were worked hard on by a group of five people or so, with many others chipping in their part. It was not easy to plan for such an occasion, it took alot of organizing, time and hard work. True, some mistakes were made but we're all still learning and there's always next year.

Thank you to all involved, it was a ~~great~~ success.



REMEMBER WHEN . . .

March 4th, 1972

The "Hear and Now" celebrated its 1st Anniversary. The group supplied food for themselves and their parents who also attended. A history of the group was displayed, including photos and write-ups. After the buffet dinner, all moved upstairs for a showing of slides with added humorous comments. This was followed by, what else, singing... with our parents. They sang quite well too, almost like they were the "Now and Then". One of the surprises of the evening was that June actually wore a dress. We were able to get a picture of this rare event - copies available at 30 cents each! The evening was quite successful as everyone got to know each other better.

Earlier that same day.... the Montreal Star published an article about the group using Shen as a sort of narrator. The article - full page - appeared with a picture of the group. Unfortunately, the picture left out the best and most important members of the "Hear and Now" - some sopranos and descanters! During the previous week, Shen had disappeared. Had she tired of public life, or had the singing put her off? A small note appeared in the centre of the Star article and, armed with the same piece of paper, group members devoted their Sunday afternoon practice to locating Shen, by means of a door-to-door campaign. The search was successful. Shen was back in her place, in front of the drums with Excedrin headache number 1, and earned the group another mention in the Montreal Star the following Saturday.

March 10th, 1972

The group appeared at "Vetville" - a Legion-sponsored community for war veterans, located in Chateaugay. The vets and their wives and friends gathered in the community centre and enjoyed our singing and the conversation with group members following the performance. When we left Vetville, many people gathered at the Palmer's for some informal singing, talking and a cup of DLP's tea. The evening also represented the introduction of the group to a certain green station wagon that was suitable for transporting equipment. And the not-so-healthy bass section saw a potential singer in the person of the driver. Would he join?.....

March 12

It was a mild day, according to Debbie's (Bird) diary and the church was packed. Extra seats were put out in the church and it wasn't long before these too were filled. The audience really got caught up in the songs we sang. After the service, a group of young people got together with the "Hear and Now" for a luncheon, which was followed by songs, a bit of a dance and the band jamming.

March 31

The "Hear and Now" did a Good Friday service in St. Andrew's church, then proceeded to the downstairs coffee house, Nandrix. The coffee house was a first for the group and many had mixed feelings about it. After the performance, some of the "Hear and Now" found their way to 'Paradise' restaurant for pizza.

REMEMBER WHEN?.....

During the month of March, work was going on with the Opportunities for Youth programme - OFY. Letters had been sent out, with a history of the group, its philosophy and a proposal, to various parts of Ontario and now the job was to sort out the answers and map out a proposed tour from there. All the work had to meet with the deadline for submission of the application and so it was not unusual to see someone either running to the church basement or to the Palmer's basement to print up copies of the material. In the confusion, papers were stapled the wrong way, envelopes were done in duplicate, the stamp supply ran out and the dittos incorrectly done. The answers to the letters the group sent out showed that many were interested in having some performances and workshops with the Hear and Now. Unfortunately, inspite of all our hard work, the group was to find out later in the spring that the government did not feel our project merited a grant for the summer of '72.

NOTES!



ACCIDENT

"Gladys" reporters recently spotted a terrible accident involving June's car. It was parked on the side of the road, the hood had been scratched and dented, the headlights broken, the fenders bent, two wheels were off and the roof smashed in completely. The cause, later learned from an eyewitness, was that a mouse had stepped on it.

APARTMENT  
WANTED

A line on an apartment, St. Lambert area - 3 1/2 or smaller - very reasonable. Please contact Christine H. Billard at 671-3537

PIDDLES

Joan was asked by "Gladys" reporters "Joan, do you think your dog is a wipe out a practicer?"  
Joan - "Ah, I think he's more of a wipe up."

FLASH!!!!

Wendy Gilbert confesses: "Yes, I came back to the group after 2 months."

CRIBBAGE

Anyone interested in joining a Cribbage Club during breaks or on trips, whatever, contact Judy - 671-7456

WANTED

Dean would like any available bananas, apples, cookies, or sandwiches, along with some rare type foods, to be used for his favourite hobby - EATING!!!

FLASH!!!

Psst! There's a rumour going 'round that Gladys is an udder failure

CARE REDS

Most of us are lucky; we have either brown, black or blond hair. But there are those who are less fortunate, born with Red Hair. Please help them! Send your dollars to:

CARE Karen  
Rm 119, Palmer Hall,  
First Floor,  
Mount Allison University,  
Sackville, N.B.

CARE Tony  
142 Edison Avenue,  
St. Lambert,  
Quebec

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the people, parents included who have had H&N parties at their homes over the past 2 years. You sure did!!!

REMINDER

Before I forget,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY? HEAR AND NOW!!!

## INTERVIEWS

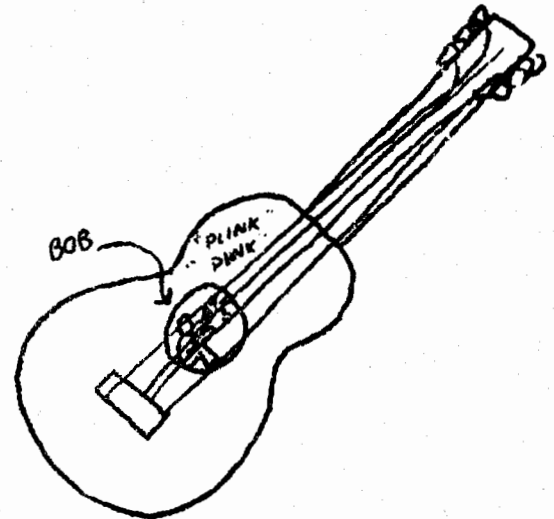
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### ROBERT CAMPBELL MITCHELL

Bob was born on July 29, 1945 in Montreal (that's two weeks before they dropped the bomb on Hiroshima). Three years later, Bob terrified his mother by falling out of a car while trying to open and shut the door while the car was going. Bob has lived in Knowlton, Avonmore, Chesterville, Magog, and finally at the age of 17, in Otterburn. After graduating from Princess Elizabeth High School in Magog in 1961, he attended Quebec High School, grade 12, Stanstead College, Bishops, MacDonald College and Sir George Williams University. Some of these years were more successful than others. His year at MacDonald was the most enjoyable as there was "lots of music". Between his years at Bishops and MacDonald Bob worked at the "Northern", and before Sir George full-time, he taught grade seven at St Lambert Elementary (as some of us know). After finishing at Sir George, Bob taught at R.V.R.H.S. He now teaches at Kensington.

As Bob's musical background is lengthy and impressive, a brief description will follow:

1. He was a boy soprano.
2. He took piano lessons for 10 years.
3. In grade ten he began to teach himself on his first guitar.
4. He sang in a church choir for six years.
5. He belonged to the "Deep Purple", at Bishops.
6. He sang in a Barbershop Chorus.
7. He played piano for "Damn Yankees".
8. He played bass fiddle in the Bishops' orchestra and the MacDonald college orchestra, as well as directing and arranging music at MacDonald.
9. He played bass fiddle with the "Kairos Singers".



Bob has held down an interesting variety of summer jobs, some of which include;

1. teaching young people to be counsellors.
2. Driving trucks (backing into things).
3. Working at a retarded children's hospital.
4. Eating icing off hot cross buns while working in a bakery.

Bob's family consists of a father (who is a minister), a mother (who never spanked him), and two sisters (who are twins), and a dog named "Shenandoah".

Bob was not asked what his favorite songs were, but in the learned opinion of the staff interviewers of the Gladys publication, they are "Reuben James" and "Brother Love's Travelling Salvation Show". (??). Bob remembers the great feeling which the group experienced at the first camp when they worked out harmony and sang it successfully. He believes that the group is unique on account of its harmonic creativity. Bob thinks that "our involvement is as total as we can get it". His hope for the group is "to grow", i.e., to "progress and last, to grow musically and organizationally". He also hopes the group will do professional-like performances in the future.

PS. 'THANK-YOU BOB FROM ALL OF US!

\*HEADLINE \*

MISS DEBORAH ELSBETH PURDIE  
NOMINATED FOR THREE UNLUCKY AWARDS  
BY THE ACEDAMY OF DENTISTS  
AND THE ACEDAMY OF OSTEDLOGISTS

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It all started when Miss Purdie (alias Blondie and Stretch) was born in Montreal's Catherine Booth Hospital, on September 10, 1953. She dwelled in Sts. Anne de Bellevue until the age of two, then migrated to Montreal where she remained for the following two years. She has resided in St. Lambert ever since. She now lives at the bottom of Lorne Avenue in a beautiful apartment building (yes, the one with the swimming pool) with her mother, and father, her Westhighland Terrier Toddy, and her pet-peeve, Herman.

She has attended Victoria Park, St. Lambert elementary, and of course, C.C.H.S. She was kept busy as Red Cross President for one year. At one time she infiltrated a Brossard youth group (a get-together group for doing things.)

Debbie has travelled to Scotland three times, to New Jersey four times, and also to New York, Philadelphia, Toronto, and North Falls. Coming home from North Falls, the car conked out, and friends drove them home, while the car had an extended vacation in Campbellford (that's west of Codrington). Deb recalls that while in Britain, she travelled across Britain (England) with five cents in her pocket.

On another of Deb's train rides in Britain some unforeseen occurrences occurred. Her first train was forty-five minutes late, and thus should have made her miss her second train, but it was also late. The ticket-man and the conductor had different opinions on the train's destination. It first went to the conductor's destination and then went back down the track five miles to the second destination, but it wasn't the right destination, so she had to change trains. The five hour trip took ten hours!

Debbie studied piano from the ages of six to ten. She was so gifted that she even played in concerts. She hopes to someday return to the piano. Debbie now works for Confederation Life and hopes to travel alot.

Deb has been with the group from the beginning. Her favorite songs are "Holly, Holy", "Brother Love's Travelling Salvation Show" and "Soolaimon", but "Soolaimon" is wearing a little. Debbie wonders, "What happened to 'Climb Every Mountain' and 'Scarborough Fair' ?". Debbie doesn't like the way the meetings get bogged down in (censored) red tape. She likes the way that everyone is taking the time to get to know one another now. On the whole, she really likes the group.

Good luck in the future Deb, and may the fair winds of fortune blow gently on your life.



PAST EVENTS OF THE NEAR & NOW

1971

May Town of Mt. Royal Baptist Church  
 May Cowansville Farm  
 May St-Lambert United Church  
 May/June 6 St-Lambert Baptist Church  
 June 27 St-Lambert United Church  
 Aug. Camp Mealey Week  
 Oct. CBC T.V. Show  
 Oct. 7 Richelieu Valley High School  
 Nov. First Baptist Church, Côte St-Luc  
 Nov. 21 Church of the Nazarene  
 Nov. St-Andrews Presbyterian (Nandrix)  
 Dec. Town of Mt. Royal School Variety Show  
 Dec. 15 St-Lambert Choirs at United Church (Xmas)  
 Dec. St-Lambert Baptist Church, Xmas Service  
 Xmas Carolling

1972

Jan. 2 St-Bruno United  
 Feb. 13 St-Andrews Presbyterian  
 Feb. 13 Lutheran Church, St-Lambert  
 Mar. 4 Near & Now Anniversary Party  
 Mar. 10 Verville, (Legion) Chatauguay  
 Mar. 12 St-Lambert United Church  
 Mar. 31 St-Lambert Presbyterian, Happenings  
 Apr. 4 March of Dimes (Legion)  
 Apr. 6 Griffith McConnell Home  
 Apr. 12 St-Lambert Blood Donor Clinic  
 Apr. 12 Sororety (\$10)  
 Apr. 16 Candiac United Church  
 Apr. 22 St-Anne's Veterans Hospital (Legion)  
 May 6 St-Bruno Girls Cottage  
 May 7 St-Lambert St-Barnabas Church  
 May 15 St-Stephans School, Chambly  
 May 19-21 Weekend at Cowansville Farm  
 May 20 Cowansville Federal Prison  
 May 24 Eastern Starr, Pierrefonds  
 June 11 St-Lambert Baptist, Anniversary Service  
 June 13 St-Lambert Mentally Retarded Home  
 June 17 Candiac Outdoor Fair  
 July 14 Weekend at Francham  
 Aug. 12 Weekend at 16 Islands  
 Aug. 17 Flea Market, St-Lambert Days  
 Aug. 18 Brown's Pharmacy, St-Lambert Days  
 Aug. 19 Martinising (Instrumentalists), St-Lambert Days  
 Aug. 24 Opening Ceremonies of St-Lambert Days (Preville)  
 Aug. 26 Chuckwagon Breakfast, St-Lambert Days  
 Aug. 27 Ecumenical Outdoor Church Service, St-Lambert Days  
 Sep. 12 St-Lambert Blood Donor (Firehall)

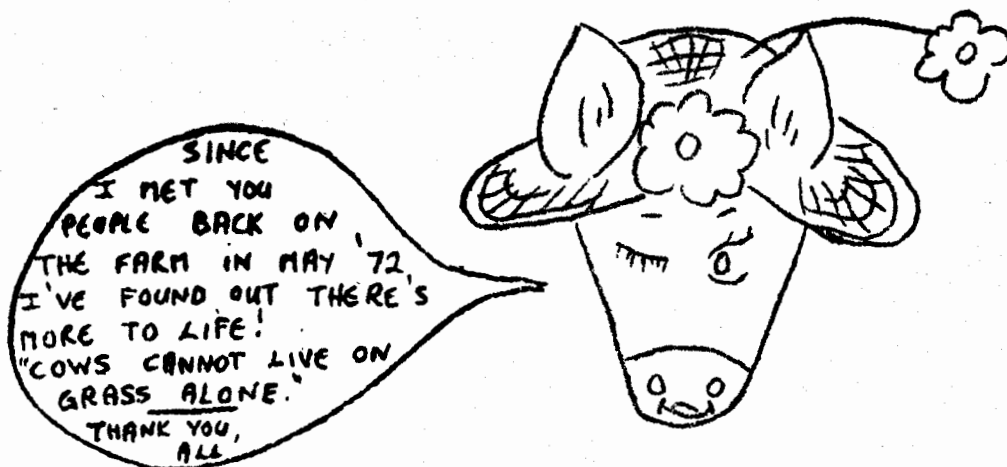
PAST EVENTS OF THE NEAR & NOW (continued)

Oct. 15 Candiac United  
 Oct. 21 Cornwall Weekend (Ontario)  
 Oct. 22 St-Pauls United (2) , and a dinner  
 Oct. 28 St-Lambert United  
 Oct. 29 Cowansville, Emmanuel United & Prison  
 Nov. 5 Westly United (N.D.C.)  
 Nov. 5 Greenfield Park United  
 Nov. 12 St-Barnabas  
 Nov. 19 T.M.R. Presbyterian  
 Nov. 25 Independent Order of Foresters (Wine & Cheese Party)  
 Dec. 8 Studio 6 (Recording Session)  
 Dec. 14 Old Folks, St-Lambert  
 Dec. 14 St-Lambert Choirs (Xmas)  
 Dec. 15 Royal Charles School, St-Hubert  
 Dec. 16 United Aircraft Co. Xmas Party, Longueuil  
 Dec. 17 St-Francis of Assisi  
 Dec. 22 Mackayville School  
 Dec. 22 Christmas Caroling  
 Dec. 24 St-Francis of Assisi (Xmas Mass)

1973

Jan. 9 Lions Club of St-Lambert  
 Jan. 21 Open Door Society, St-Barnabas  
 Feb. 10 St-Francis of Assisi  
 Feb. 15 St-Lambert Elementary School  
 Feb. 19 Etendecore  
 Mar. 4 Beaconsfield United

... to be continued ...



MEMBERS WHO USED TO BE IN

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So, you can't quite remember some of our old members, who have now left. Well, there's....

Carol Aitken	alto, in for 9 months during '71
Dave Bradley	joined for a few months when the group first got started, is now living in Australia
Hugh Burritt	helped the group along during the first year, got us our "Sunday Hangout" at the Baptist Church
Nancy Clark	joined as an alto, for 5 months
Ron Davidson	who can forget him! bass, joined for 7 months and in June moved to Toronto
Ken Davies	bass, (was known for his teeny-weeny fly joke.)
Sandi Elliott	alto, <del>staying</del> here for the TV show
Linda Kavanaugh	(Pooch) alto, during the TV show, tripped over Shen as the camera pointed out.
Mike Kryton	was lead guitarist on TV programme, stayed for 9 months
Susan Lehman	soprano, stayed for 8 months
Dave Lortie	bass, also on TV programme, left for Acadia University
Remo Madsen	bass, also at times played flute
Mike Madden	was second member, left, came back, became lead guitarist, known for his 'Alice's Restaurant', now lives in Toronto
Steve Major	joined in Nov. '71 for 2 months
Helen McDowell	on TV show, soprano, was our first secretary
Betty-Jo Seath	joined for 3 months during spring of '71
Candy Seath	also in for 3 months in spring of '71
Karen Smith	in from the start and TV show, alto.
Gary Smith	never really joined but was responsible for naming the group, "Hear and Now"
Debbie Stuart	soprano, became the 4th "Debbie"
Cliff Waldron	yes! bass, in for TV show
Cindy Weaver	an American, joined as a soprano, would also play flute, joined for 4 months, moved back to US
Denise Webster	descant, was also our choreographer, stayed for 1yr.2mth, then moved to Toronto
Judy Westlake	alto, also on TV

## THE FIRST REAL PRACTICE

The exciting March day started off when the fifteen to twenty of us gathered in front of the magazine shop of the Longueuil Metro. We were actually just a bunch of strangers thrown together by a common interest: singing. (Little did we know that we were to become the core of the now famous "Hear and ?"). Most of us were the friend of Bob Mitchell (the guy that was starting this, this...). However, some of us had the honour of being one of his former students. Anyway, the mob finally got on the Metro and after a tight-squeezed ride on a bus, made it to a fairly decent-sized church in the town of Mount-Royal.

After ascending the steps and entering through the oak doors, we were greeted by a voice -- no person, just a booming voice. This voice was then joined with a body who emerged from the depths of his study, Reverent Emorest Jenkins.

He gave us the reason why he and Bob had to have a group. We were going to be stars on a T.V. program, scheduled for that fall.

After all the chatter had died down, we stumbled into the choir benches and attempted to sing something out of a choir book. Failing this, we tried a few songs that all of us knew. Then the highlight of the day -- we learned a new song called "One Man's Tongue". After only about an hour and a half, we had the melody down pat -- well almost. Pretty soon the afternoon had worn away and we had to head for home. We were all tired but very happy 'cause we were sure that we were going to be stars. Right Bob? And thus ended the first practice of our newly-established group.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE GROUP

Here are some First Impressions of the Group by each of us when we first joined:

- Karen -- Where is everybody? When will have to sing tenor?
- Tom -- (Bob) Who's that guy? Is he in the group?
- Glen -- A bunch of kids trying to be a choir and I wasn't sure that Cathy had gotten me into.
- Nancy -- Startled. Nobody there, except five people.
- Barb -- What did I get into?
- Chris -- I know I've seen that guy (Bob) before. Oh yes, he sang "Alice's Restaurant" at my church.
- Deb. Purdie -- Good way to spend a Sunday afternoon, Mr. Mitchell, Sir?
- Jan -- I didn't like it, strange weird people.
- Wendy -- Super, groovy, cool!
- Andy -- I don't remember.
- Deb. Bal. -- All these weird people I had seen before, all seemed to come together and enjoy themselves in song.
- Dave -- What song is this?
- Marco -- Can't remember
- Terri -- Bunch of weirdos, ... my kind of people
- Rod -- People having fun expressing themselves in music and I liked it
- Ray -- Terrific.
- Judy -- Do I call you Mr. Mitchell, Sir or Bob?
- Tony -- Meetings very disorganized. Singing organized.
- Rich P. -- Felt ill-at-ease
- Richard -- Yeah!
- Gerrie -- Afraid of all the little people
- Phil -- Straight, sweet &....lovely.

## CAMP MACAULEY-AUGUST 1971

In August of 1971 a group of Hear and Now members which included Bob, Kathy, Barb, Bill, Jan, Denise, Arni, Eric, Linda K., Nancy, Karen, Mike K., Ken D., Cliff Waldron, Phil, June, Steve R., Glen, Debbie R., and Judy W. set off for a week of fun and singing, with a purpose of learning new songs for our T.V. show.

Well, the first couple of days were full of singing and mainly getting acustome to living in an atmosphere of camp cots, out-houses, water-holes, and wooden cabins. We did all our practicing in a large recreation hall, and sometimes spent our free time, what little we had, singing in the fields, sun-bathing when it was sunny, swimming in the murky Ottawa River, walking into the village for snacks and cigarettes, or sleeping. After three days our voices were reduced to croaks and Sylvia Purdon decided to introduce Yoga deep-breathing exercises. We also found our own amusements, which included the "Macaulay Shuffle", the "Who You Love" initiation, "Pissy"-ask Eric, and no-sleep marathons. Shen also was much in the picture and will never forget her "daily bath" in the manure pile. She was extremely unpleasant company for us each evening.

Our evenings were spent in many different ways, which included a talent and skit night, ghost story telling night, campfires, and sleepouts. We did have the opportunity to entertain a ladies afternoon tea and also did one an evening performance for sixty English people who were staying at the camp along with us. We made a big hit with them, and taught them many things about Canadian young people. They especially enjoyed our crazy songs in the dining room, which were the "Happy Harem and Happy Hunting Songs" and our two or more part grace. Needless to say, we demolished the food at every meal.

Our last two days were spent enjoying a massive corn roast, and cleaning up our cabins, the grounds, and the recreation hall. All of us were sorry to leave and I am sure that it is one of the "Hear and Now" memories we treasure the most.

### SOME HIGHLIGHTS and REMINBRANCES

June and Eric met!

Dean became interested in the group! (He worked in the kitchen)

Remember the whistling wind that kept us awake all night!

Remember waking up to the 7 am bell and the cold water on our faces and hair!

Remember huddling to light cigarettes in the rain and wind!

Remember the night we turned the cabins upside down and locked Shen inside!

Remember Mr. Whats-his-name in his red suit, who looked like Santa Claus!

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MEMORIES OF WEEKENDS

At the Farm. May '71

"Bob's Mock Wedding"

"Sister!"

"Really neat, - Pat, Hugh, and their kids."

"Getting to know all the people"

"Playing baseball with Shen as foilder"

"Swinging on the ropes in the hayloft"

"heart to heart talks."

"Having beautiful weather (on the Sunday)"

"Playing a spelling game until five in the morning and not being able to spell ucalyptus."

"Singing 'Hey-Lidy Lidy Lidy' 'till it was coming out of our ears"

"It was very cold"

"Cuddling up around the campfire"

"Getting up to watch the sunrise that didn't"

MacCauly Camp

"Caroline Walker"

"Real dump, really, was fun though"

"You spelt it rong - it was Cauly"

"Playing guitar a lot"

"A terrible quartet"

"Great - really got together and made things go - I think we should do the shuffle more often"

"That was cool - what I remember most was shrimps and catsup"

"Really, really wonderful - warmth, friendship, fun"

"Guys raiding the girl's cabin and turning everything upside down"

"Singing around the campfire, and learning a lot of new songs"

"Eric's face getting smeared with toothpaste, because he lost a game called pig"

"Having to leave on the Friday - and what a Friday"

"Singing to people from England"

"Having a Chinese Toast"

"Making Lunan pyramids"

"Playing Chuckle-Belly for the first time and that wasn't funny"



## MEMORIES OF WEEKENDS (continued)

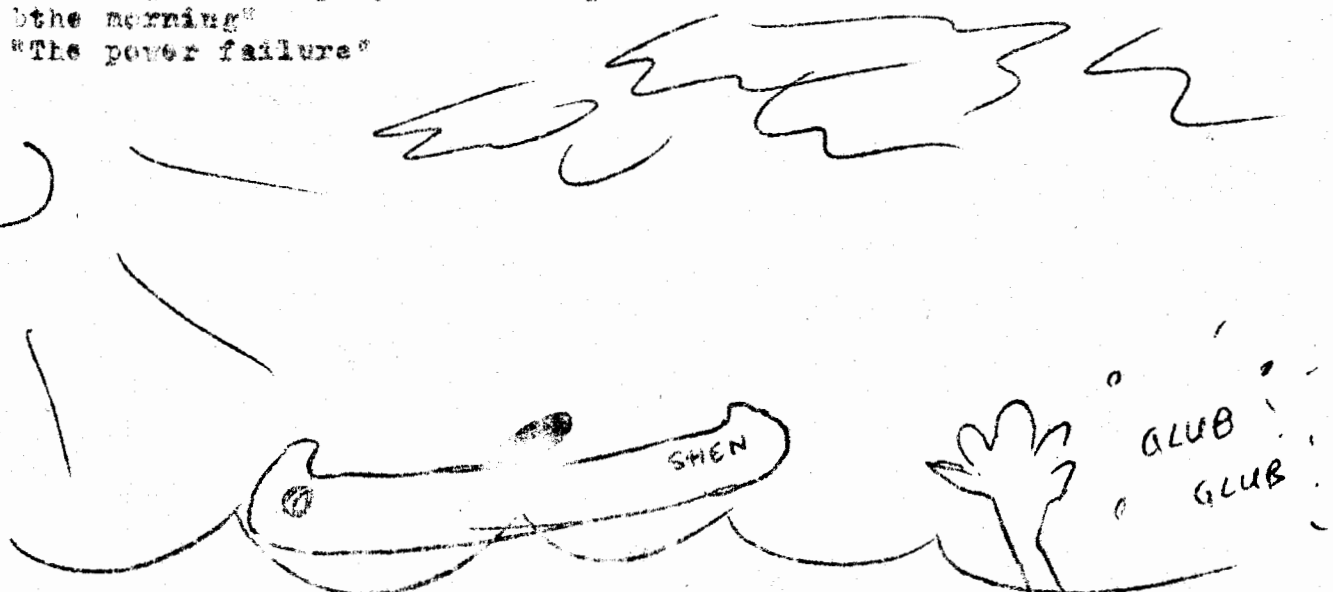
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### At the Farm, May '72

"Fantastic - that sun, 85' - ah was that beautiful"  
"Took a while to get over the grad (and I was a little bit, hang-over)"  
"Weird - ghost stories"  
"Lot a fun"  
"Scared by a light in the barn"  
"Really good"  
"Put up a little, sort of, well cabin, that was wind proof"  
"Nice running around everywhere"  
"Huge Mergue" (was made)  
"Stole T's underwear - his red long-johns, and put them up so the wind could blow and puff them up"  
"Watched birds - saw this nice Bob-o-link"  
"Clothes really cold after sleeping outside all night"  
"Had a ball"  
"Pounding out the lumps and we had to jump up and down on the tent floor to get it smooth"  
"Making the Birthday cake for Joanne, it had peanut butter, crackers, chocolate chips, marshmallows and mad, and we stuck oranges in the bottom of her sleeping bag and it was a lot of fun"  
"Tried to catch a frog under the stream"  
"Lotsmoother, a more settled group, so it was a lot neater"  
"The peanut-butter kiss"  
"Singing at the prison"

### Fransham's

"Learned how to waterski, far-out"  
"Canoeing round the island where there were all water lilies, sun shining on the lake, and it's was really pretty"  
"Beautiful"  
"Getting up early to go fishing with Bob and getting one fish"  
"Waterskiing, swimming, skin diving, playing croquet, badminton, singing, and having a great time"  
"The car getting stuck in the mud on a curve, on a pitch-black night"  
"Getting woken up by some creeps who started a motor boat at six in the morning"  
"The pover failure"



MEMORIES OF WEEKENDS (continued)Sixteen Islands Lake

"Real dirty weekend"  
 "What a jive"  
 "Um, aw, eh"  
 "Little tired on Sunday"  
 "What a bus trip, that was quite a bus trip wasn't it"  
 "Good(?) argument"  
 "Exhausted Happiness, or happy exhaustedness"  
 "Waterskiing a lot"  
 "Water was freezing"  
 "Different being out in boats and islands and things"  
 "Fantastic - people were great and really went out of their way to be nice to us"  
 "Good!"  
 "Having great stakes"  
 "Watching falling stars"  
 "Playing lots of badminton"  
 "Getting caught in a rainstorm in the dark, and on a narrow path"  
 "Cooking three dozen eggs, about 8lb. of bacon and grilling toast"  
 "Making a fire at six in the morning"

Cornwall

"Don't remember a thing"  
 "I enjoyed Dean's Weekend"  
 "Being woken up at seven in the morning"  
 "It was different - I didn't like the school dances they had there"  
 "Fun yelling scary noises down the vents that went out into the kitchen"  
 "First thing I smelt in the morning was Richard's shaving lotion - and I couldn't stand it, especially at seven in the morning"  
 "Getting settled back in the group after being in the hospital"  
 "A very different kind of weekend from the other ones that I had been on"  
 "Skipping and singing down the street"  
 "Being totally hoarse by the end"

...and Mary "Madys" we asked members four questions about the group. Here are some of the answers:

① What has been your main Highlite in the group over the past two years?

Kathy's main highlite was the week at MacAuley Camp! and the TV tapings. "They showed us what hard work it was and we did it. We knew there was a goal in sight and we had to produce - so we did. It was a fantastic experience and provided us with a closeness that in some ways we lack now."

Liz's main highlite was the second of our two weeks in Cowansville in '72. "I had such a great time it sticks out in my mind as the best "Here and Now" weekend. Maybe it was because we were away for 3 nights!"

Brign (Arnie) had no main highlite because he has enjoyed them all. "If you need a highlite, I guess it is the people relationship I have found in the group."

Karen's (Viking) highlite was Camp MacAuley. "Togetherness and singing. Some good raps."

Judy's main highlite was being changed from soprano to alto, "because I could barely reach those high notes."

Diana's highlite since late last fall when she joined was our performance at Greenfield Park United. "I really got a thrill out of that one because we were well-received and got a standing ovation. A chill went right through me."

Rod's main highlite was being bartender at Ray's party. "I found out who the drunks were and also made 64 cents in tips!"

Renée claims her highlite is the Executive meetings. "I love to intimidate Eric Brown (among others)!"

② What performance in the past two years did you enjoy most? Why?

Wendy "I'll have to say that there were two performances that I really enjoyed. The first one has to be the performance at the Foresters. Not because of the wine and cheese but because people have never danced to our music before and this to me, and the group I hope, is an honour. Just think we have music which has a good beat. (joke)"

The second performance was singing for the "Open Door Society" This one I enjoyed the most. First of all, I love children and secondly I find some of our songs relate with children; love, reaching out, just plain communication. And at the performance we did, I feel, reach out and communicate. The faces on those children as they heard us sing was a feeling which I never felt before when singing to others."

Andrea "The Foresters performance was perhaps the most 'memorable' however the one I enjoyed the most was the Sunday night in Cornwall. I think this is because we were not restricted in any way, either by uniform or song content. This resulted in a free and happy performance in which we really 'reached' the audience."

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Kathy "Our first performance ever - May 30th, 1971 at St. Lambert Baptist Church. There was a fantastic sense of accomplishment and pride in that service - and it is not evident now. We sang 10 songs and had only been together for less than 3 months. That's hard work!"

Pam "Forester's wine and cheese - also Christmas Eve - very moving - there's lots and lots"

Karen "'St. Lambert Days' we were a part of the whole community effort; lots of give and take with the audience; had fun with audience."

Renée "The Cornwall Weekend because I was finally able to have a little peace and quiet without the other 3 nuts being around."

③ Why do you think we're still together after 2 years?

Karen "The group is something to give yourself to -- a lot of fun and work. We are together because we are a productive group, and enjoy singing for others and with each other. Also particular people have worked in holding the group together and making it a reality."

Liz "Because we are more than a singing group. We're a social unit and our social lives together outside of practices and performances help us to bind us into one big happy family. We share the enjoyment and satisfaction of our music and the hopes of achieving common goals."

Annie "Communication and a need for the group."

Pam "Because we all like singing and have a lot of fun doing it."

Glen "'Cause a few people care enough not to be passive. They care enough to work, to think, to try, to care when they're needed, to do more than take a ride and to hope the others will catch more than a temporary mood of joy on the odd weekend."

Marc "We are still together because we all understand what the group is trying to put forth and we are all willing and eager to work at it."

Andrea "A little bit of good management and a hell of a lot of luck!"

Bill "We're just lucky, that's all!"

Kathy "Where there's a will, there's a way; and most of us are willing!"

Renée "Because Shen is a good friend."

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Karen "We have yet to reach the great potential of all we can be and will be, but are definitely on our way."

Diane "I am so pleased that I now have become a part of the group. It's group. It's a great experience and I enjoy it more all the time."

Marc " Over my year or so in the group, I have made many friends. I really enjoy the people and ideas of the group, but I don't really care for getting hung up on technical problems like a constitution and basic uniform. Thank God the uniform thing has died down for now. I'd really like to express my thanks to Phil Lang who introduced me to the group through Bob. I also really think that Bob is a great man for putting all the time and dedication he does into this group."

Wendy " Just hoping that we can all stay together for another two years. And experience more in ourselves and others. And I Hope that all these little problems which we have in the group as a whole iron out. It is ridiculous to fight over little trivial things that mean nothing. All I can say is that if these little problems keep up, the group will break up, that is for sure."

Glen (who enjoyed 5 performances) I couldn't think of one performance. The Type of performance would be the 'BIG' ones. The small ones are nice and leave me feeling good - but I am egocentric and an exhibitionistic extrovert and I get the biggest kick out of lots of people."

Rod "We are going downhill while we are going uphill. Think!"

Renée " Could the group please keep earlier hours after performances? Particularly on weekend deals? Poor Shen is so tuckered out when she gets back that she doesn't want to play with me."

