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BACK TO SCHOOL AND...

... get your hair cut, says headmaster

LONG-HAIRED sixth-formers at Woking Boys' Grammar School are angry about an order from their headmaster, Mr. Jack Goode. He has told them: "Get your hair cut, or stay at home."
About 30 boys — back at School on A level courses after getting 3 levels last year — were given the ultimatum on Tuesday.
"It's blackmail," said one of the offenders, Kevin Flude (16), of 8 Elm Grove Close, St. John's. The idea is to get us to have it cut because we don't want to ruin our careers. I'm very indignant about it — we all are.
Four others who also came to the offices of the "News and Mail" to complain said they had done so because they felt something had got to be done about the situation.



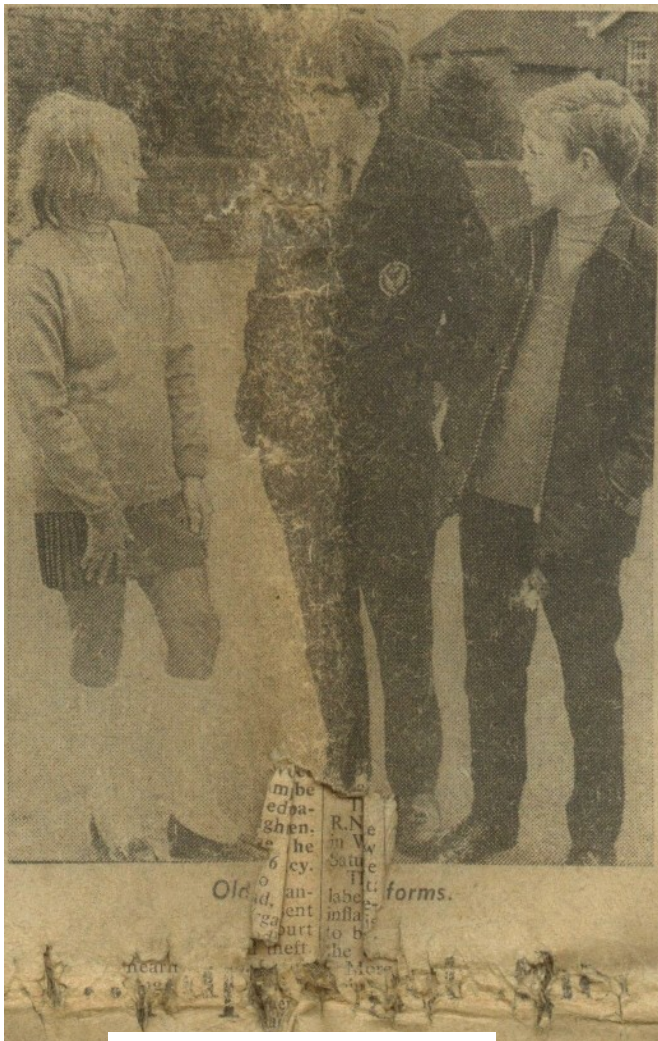
Ian Balchin, Michael John, Jeremy Duffield, Alan Smart and Kevin Flude.



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They were Alan Smart of 47 Northwood Avenue, Knaphill; Michael John, of 63 Willow Way, Barnsbury; Jeremy Duffield, of 26 Woodlands, Constitution Hill, Woking; and Ian Balchin, of Rosemary, York Road, Byfleet. All were aged 16.
The headmaster of the grammar school, Mr. Jack Goode, had no comment to make.
The boys said they got their hair-cutting orders in a private interview the headmaster had with each one of them. As newcomers to the sixth form, he spoke to them, one at a time, about their futures.
Then at the end of these private interviews, he said to the long-haired ones: "Your hair's too long, get it cut."
Kevin Flude said he tried to argue against this, but the headmaster said: "That's an order" and became angry.
Michael John (whose hair was the longest of the five) said: "It ruins our social life. What's our hair got to do with school life?"
LONG HAIR O.K. Kevin Flude added: "Yes, you can take your uniform off when you get home from school, but you can't take your hair off. Long hair's O.K., it doesn't make you a drug addict."
Asked what their parents' attitude would be, Kevin Flude said: "That it's not worth ruining our school careers for the sake of your hair. That's what Mr. Goode is depending on."
Two of the boys, J Jeremy Duffield and Ian Balchin, had their hair cut on Monday ready for school. Their hair was just over their ears.
"They were getting a bit nasty about it at school by the end of last term anyway" said Alan Smart



new uniform

He had insulted them by saying they had Effeminate hair. He had ruled that hair should not be too long and must be well groomed.
"We don't want any of these three things," said Kevin Flude. "We want freedom over hair," added Ian Balchin and Alan Smart compared the grammar school with the Winston Churchill School which, he said, was "much more lenient."
Kevin Flude, who had a Trilby hat confiscated last term, said a master had told him: "If we wanted to teach long-haired people, we'd have gone to a girls' school."

THE trendy new-look uniform of Horsell County Secondary School got full marks from new pupils who wore it for the first time when the new term opened on Tuesday. Comments ranged from "great" to "fantastic."
Gone are collars and ties. Gone is all formality. There is only one possible snag — gone, too, are the schoolboy's pockets. There are no blazers with the uniform.
There's a touch of unisex about it — boys and girls alike will wear sky-blue turtle-necked n;lon

lovely. You don't feel so dolled « in it, but it's simple and smart." And she added the housewifely touch: "It's easy to wash, too."
Richard Edwards, also 11, pictured in the new outfit, said: "It's much more comfortable to wear, and much more modern. You feel less like a schoolkid in it."
Third-year pupil Stephen Wright (13), wearing the traditional blazer and tie, said: "I like the new look. I'm looking forward to

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