

A SAD LOSS

It is with regret that we have to announce the deaths of Bill Money-Kyrle and Eluned Williams. They were killed in a climbing accident near the summit of Mount Kenya, on 31st July 1990. They were part of the St Mary's Hospital Mountaineering Club Mount Kenya Expedition.

Bill Money-Kyrle

Bill came to St Mary's in 1986, from Abingdon School. He was a real individualist and with his mischievous boyish grin and his open heartedness, he made many friends. He soon made an impression amongst the residents of Wilson House basement when, after four or five weeks of scrambled egg and baked beans, he arrived from Wiltshire with a freshly shot pheasant.

Bill had amazing energy and almost boundless enthusiasm, and during his four years here represented Mary's at water polo and rowing, as well as regularly playing squash, ski-ing and latterly, sailing. He even turned his hand to drama, with a small but memorable role in *The Tempest*. It was climbing, however, that really caught his imagination, and he was quickly involved in the Peter Thexton Memorial Expedition to Ecuador, training in Scotland and often running across to the climbing wall at Imperial. He occasionally showed a competitive streak, and certainly had great determination to succeed, but I always had the impression he took part in all these activities for the love of it and the camaraderie, rather than for competitive achievement. Long after he'd stopped rowing regularly he took great enjoyment in joining the Gentlemen's Eight for the Inter-Hospitals Bumps.

Academically Bill did well, easily getting through the hurdles of 1st and 2nd MB, thereby securing the long summer holidays which he used to the full. His Waller Essay on Atrial Natriuretic Peptide gained special commendation and he gained an Upper Second BSc in "Infection and Immunity". Coming from a medical family, Bill took an obvious pride in donning his white coat for the wards, though to his friends it was incongruous to see him dressed not in baggy tracksuit and fibre-pile but striped shirt and trousers. While explaining the finer points of his immunology project or recounting a clinical case, Bill's normal exuberance would be replaced with an almost professorial seriousness.

As secretary of the Mountaineering Club from 1987 to 1989, Bill instilled in the Club a friendly, family-like

atmosphere, while his notoriously bad spelling gave posters a new dimension. Bill's infectious enthusiasm more than compensated for his laidback approach to organisation, and his presence made trips to The Hut in North Wales a delight, with recitals of nursery rhymes and songs entertaining us long into the night.

Bill loved the mountains, and with many trips to Wales, the Lakes and Scotland, he gained a solid base of experience. He climbed on El Altar and with Shane Clarke reached the summit of Chimberazo which, with a little help from the equatorial bulge, is the furthest point from the centre of the earth.

In 1988 Bill was off to the Alps, climbing peaks around Zermatt, including Monte Rosa. Then in 1989 Bill went with a group of friends to the Himalayas, to climb in the Hushe Valley, Pakistan. Here he successfully climbed the impressive 1700 ft. Nager Peak. His determination was strong, but he always retained a healthy respect for these big mountains and had developed into a very accomplished and safe mountaineer. With his leadership of the Mount Kenya Expedition, I think Bill achieved a strong personal ambition.

It was Bill's warm heartedness and 'joie de vivre' that made him the good friend that he was to so many and which gave him the energy to lead such a full and active life.

Roger William Money-Kyrle: born 18th January 1968, died 31st July 1990.

Lawrence Miall.

