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First Impressions

It was with a curious mixture of anticipation and apprehension that we all returned to School this term. Before coming back it had been hard to imagine the opposite sex mixing in with a community such as ours and yet now, only a few weeks later, it would seem unnatural without them somehow. Without being obtrusive I think they have added a touch of colour to our small society. At the risk of tempting fate or possibly affronting the girls' pride, their arrival at Strathallan appears to have passed unexpectedly uneventfully. The initial apprehension that these strange creatures might bite having worn off, those one would have expected to, among the boys, broke the ice. (Who says that rugby players don't have sex-appeal!) In order to help integration, the VIth Form coffee lounge was opened this term to both sexes and soon the seniors were very quickly mixing very freely while the more junior boys stared from a distance. It must, however, be admitted that it soon became clear that Riley boys, 'in those sweet shorts' had an unfair advantage over the majority of the School. To the dismay of some, the 'weaker sex' (as they hate to be called) were no pushovers and stubbornly refused to wait hand and foot on anyone. Noticeably, the appearance and manners of several gentlemen improved this term and budding casanovas appeared everywhere. Could it have been significant that the first VIth Form theatre visit was to 'Romeo and Juliet'?

The girls themselves seem undaunted, even happy, at the 13:400 ratio. While at present following their own games programme, most of their activities are carried out together with the boys; some of the girls have made their physical skills known at mixed indoor hockey and most are keen supporters of the XV.

It is to be hoped that integration will become progressively easier with time and the wearing-off of novelty value.

It may seem a rash judgment after such a short time but there is a feeling within the School that a full 'co-ed' system is desirable and that we might aim to develop the facilities for complete integration.

The general impression at present is that the girls are happily accepted as part of our everyday lives and that whilst they have undoubtedly lent a new dimension to Strath, in retrospect, very little has changed.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE DELICATE SEX AT STRATHALLAN



On Tuesday 11th September 1979 thirteen members of the fairer sex arrived in a flurry of giggles and skirts at Strath. Many people have asked why we chose Strathallan Well, with a 98% male population we feel that the answer is obvious.

However, we have had to put up with quite a few odd looks, especially from the boys' parents who scrutinised us carefully to assure themselves that their sons would not be fraternising with 'shameless hussies'!

There was no help from the masters either. Their prejudice against us was made immediately obvious when, on our first day of classes we were confronted with a Male Chauvinist Pig tie, the first of many!

Then too, many people seemed to have trouble differentiating between us and the boys, as we were often being yelled at as 'You boys!'—we were never warned about sex changes!

Our time here has already seen us becoming fitter. This has been caused firstly by the amount of walking we do and secondly, and mainly, by the circuit-training—our biceps are nearly as well developed as those of the boys, and we have even moved on to 2-pound weights. But this fitness has proved to be useful as, desperately clutching a bath-towel, some poor girl makes a frenzied dive into the wardrobe as yet another visitor is shown around the bungalows.

Our arrival was heralded by the acquisition of a sixth-form coffee lounge. Unfortunately the atmosphere in it during the first few days was not quite as desired: girls in the right corner, boys in the left corner with a No-Man's/Woman's-Land of tables in the middle.

Although we admit that the bungalows are somewhat better than the conditions in which the boys have to live, we do have certain drawbacks; mainly the fact that we have to do our own washing. The first week or two saw the kitchen being flooded by water/soapsuds; girls playing games in pink and blue aertexes rather than white ones; and the introduction of a novel excuse for being late for classes: 'Sorry, sir, I had to hang out my washing.'

Our first couple of weeks, though hectic, will never be forgotten or regretted by any of us, and we are now looking forward to this coming year with less apprehension as we already feel a part of the large family that is called Strath.



STRATHALLIENNES?

Many of you will know that at the start of the School year we welcomed thirteen girls into the Sixth Form—for the superstitious there will be fourteen in January!

What at the beginning of the term appeared a brave innovation had, by half-term, become so much accepted as part of the normal life of the School that it scarcely seems to warrant comment now as news. But as the first two girls to be registered were daughters of Old Boys, it may be helpful to others to give a few facts.

The present policy only admits girls into the Sixth Form. Currently there are six in the 2nd year Sixth taking a post-Highers one year course to 'A' Level. The remaining eight are taking the normal two year post 'O' Level course.

The girls stay at night with staff families within the grounds; they leave in the morning for School breakfast and thereafter until returning home in the evening, have as exclusively theirs, a base in two modern bungalows by Thorny Shades hockey pitch. Here they have studies, day rooms and the rest. Over at the main School there is a newly furnished Sixth Form Coffee Lounge common to boys and girls. The girls have their own Housemistress, House Tutors and games programme and, wherever appropriate, they are encouraged to take part in all School activities.

The scheme has certainly got off to a good start, but what the future holds it is too early to predict. Perhaps it is sufficient to say that not one member of staff was actually opposed to the admission of girls and on going to press I have received only one reservation from a parent which was couched in the mildest of terms. Have we been lucky or was Harry Riley more perceptive than many would have thought when in 1934 he presented to the Strathallian Club a chain of office with the charge 'that he or she, if the days of co-education do come?'

EDITORIAL

In another year of strikes, industrial disputes, general elections, Scotland winning the wooden spoon and other such disasters, Strathallan remains strongly unperturbed!

The usual activities and sports have been pursued, and in answer to those critics who maintain the magazine lacks variety, it should be remembered that it is something of a living prospectus, displaying what the School offers.

Having failed to extend the cricket report to a not unreasonable twenty pages it was decided to put the emphasis on photographs as opposed to graphics and the Board hope that this will be successful. Last year's magazine lacked an Editorial Board photo but our gross vanity has demanded that this be put right. This picture is not, therefore, the result of a policy decision!



Presumably the arrival of 'the women' would be accounted this year's most significant event, and while paying due attention to them, we hope that neither too little nor too much space is devoted to the girls. Anyway, it is to be hoped that the editorial will have calmed you down after the shock/thrill of our glamorous Page 3, so without delay read on . . .

Salvete

April 1979

III—Dodds, J. G. (L); Thain, J. R. (L).

September 1979

UVI—Douglas, Susan D. (T); Frame, Lorna G. (T); McMinn, Morag J. (T); McTeague, Karina T. (T); Rogers, Wendy D. (T); Rowe, Clarissa J. (T).

LVI—Fitzpatrick, Gail S. (T); Gilmour, Carla G. R. (T); Johnston, Adrian P. (R); Johnston, Alistair P. (R); MacLaurin, Barbara A. (T); Naylor, K. Lindsay (T); Pickett, I. W. (N); Rutherford, Sally J. (T); Wilson, E. Caroline (T); Wishart, Gail (T).

V—Cairns, S. A. C. (N); Seriniyom, A. (S).

IV—Howe, M. B. (N).

III—Bryson, H. C. (L); Burrows, I. S. (L); Caban, M. A. (L); Callander, N. S. (R); Dixon, C. I. M. (L); Drummond, M. (S); Dryden, M. S. S. (S); Gee, M. B. (R); Gill, G. K. A. (R); Greenshields, M. J. A. (R); Houson Craufurd, J. A. (F); Kingan, R. B. (N); Lawrence, A. T. (F); McCall-Smith, B. (R); Macdonald, W. J. R. (N); Mackie, P. R. B. (S); McKee, H. N. (N); McLaren, J. (S); Main, S. A. (N); Marr, A. J. W. (R); Mundell, D. D. (N); Panton, D. I. (S); Read, G. M. S. (S); Robertson, H. S. (R); Russell, A. L. V. (N); Shaw-Hider, A. M. (S); Smith, G. K. (F); Smith, K. A. (L); Steel, M. G. (R); Tyser, P. H. (L).

Riley

II—Bond, C. J. T.; Churchill, S. B.; Clarke, J. A.; Denton-Miller, A.; Dods, B. M.; Fraser, J. S.; Garnett, J. M.; Macdonald, G. A.; Stratton, N. T.

I—Aitken, D. S.; Brown, P. C.; Butler, M. L. B.; Cunningham, D. P.; Fairweather, C. D.; Finlay, M. J. T.; Ford, R. A.; Garner, J. G.; Guthrie, N.; Haddleton, D. R. N.; Jones, C. H.; Lennox, D. F.; McCalister, R. J.; McLachlan, N. A.; Niven, R. A.; Oliver, S.; Paterson, G. C. L.; Paterson, J. W. G.; Paton, J. S.; Phillip, A. J.; Rochow, P. D.; Smith, G. C.; Tether, B. S.; Younger, I. J.

Notes

In this short note of thanks and farewell to those members of staff who have left us at the end of this year, I hope I may be forgiven for excluding Denis Young; after all 28 years of extraordinary involvement with the School deserves more than a short note, and I am happy that Mr Burnet, who has shared the many changes which have taken place in the School since the early fifties, has written more fully elsewhere.

Mr Ironside and Mr Summers, both for family reasons, are leaving after one year. We are extremely sorry to see them go for in addition to their classroom teaching, they have made a wide contribution to the activities of the School. Mr Ironside was a House Tutor to Freeland, took on the D. of E. Scheme, started a Computer Club, was Master i/c tennis and helped with all manner of games. Mr Summers seemed tireless in coping with the incessant demand made on him by Riley, restarted the Bridge Club, helped with rugby and tennis and did many other things.

It is a lucky school that can find among its musicians a man able and prepared to make such a wide contribution as Mr Ball. Barry Ball during his 8 years here has played, taught and composed music, in addition to which he has somehow found time to teach French, play the occasional game of rugby as well as coach it, crash several cars and help with the R.A.F. Section of the C.C.F. He leaves with our very best wishes for his new post as Director of Music at King's College, Chester.

Mr Thomson, since he retired from the Scottish National Orchestra, has been battling his way through all sorts of weather these last 8 years to encourage his band of aspirant Eddie Calverts. Throughout it all Jimmy Thomson has remained sun-tanned and cheerful, and he has our best wishes for a happy second retirement.

Mrs Fairbairn, in the six years she has been Sister of the Sanatorium, has brought to the post a blend of firmness and kindness which has made her the confidant of Masters, parents and boys alike. We wish her all happiness in her retirement away from it all in Forres.

We welcome to the staff this September two graduates of St. Andrew's University. Mr Proctor comes as an experienced schoolmaster from St. Edmund's School, Canterbury, to join the History Department; he will be House Tutor to Freeland and coach cricket and rugby. Mr Langlands joins

the Mathematics Department, will be attached to Simpson and will coach cricket and rugby.

Mrs Carratt comes to strengthen the Modern Language department and to assist with the running of a games programme for the girls who are joining the Sixth Form this September for the first time.

Mr Greenhill is coming directly from the Royal Northern College of Music to join the Music Department for one year.

SCHOOL AUTHORITY 1978-79



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DENIS YOUNG—ON HIS RETIREMENT

I was with Denis Young for all but two terms of his time at Strathallan, and might well have said myself what I heard a colleague remark only hours after the School took up for the Winter term: 'The place really doesn't seem the same without Denis.'

He has been a remarkable schoolmaster in many ways. For the last fifteen years he has had outstanding results from the History Department at both 'A' and 'O' level; and although he has had a succession of good, young assistants the main credit is his. As a Housemaster for twenty years one feature of his work was probably unknown to the Simpson boys then under his care. At long Masters' Meetings he would fight tooth and nail for them and what he considered to be their best interests. Sometimes it seemed unnecessary, but one was always aware that he cared.

What a succession of different and interesting experiences I had in his company! I can remember my sense of injustice when, as very junior masters we were sent to test the ice on the pond and while he remained dry I finished waist-deep in icy water. On Coronation Speech Day in 1953 we stood on

a groaning dining room table as part of the Choir as I followed him through 'Zadok the Priest.' Our joke was that he sang 'The Magnificat,' I the copycat! It was a delight to be in his company when for enthralled children he made a fascinating and highly animated mouse out of a knotted handkerchief. His instant wit was apparent when, both wifeless, I said I would prepare us a meal, 'Ah, yes' he said: 'An alfresco with Bob—or should it be a bobfresco with Al?' I have vivid recollections of staff hockey matches with the boys when, as left back, I remained on the goal-line while he, in pads and jersey pounded out to intercept bullet-like shots from athletes like Rossie, Clark and Alastair Pate. It took a lot of courage, the kind of courage you would not necessarily associate with a man who contributed brain-teasers to the *Sunday Times* and quite often won prizes for his captions to the cartoons at the end of *Punch*.

I will be joined by many in wishing him and Judy all success in their brave venture into the business world of antiques.

R.A.L.B.

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Chapel Notes



For those with eyes to see, School Chapels everywhere are exciting and controversial places to-day. A generation has grown up with—for the most part—practically no experience of family Christian worship, with no familiarity with the teachings or the hymns of the Christian tradition, with no natural inclination to listen to preaching, and with little desire to express its 'consciousness' in religious forms. In an age of accommodation and much relativising, School Chapel and its worship continue to form one area of considerable debate. Much of the discussion is constructive. There is a huge task of re-education to be done; and the hand on the helm needs to be steady, knowing that the value of Chapel may only be assessed long after a boy leaves school.

There is absolutely no reason for faintheartedness. If it is wrong to assume too much in the attitude of the young to religious faith, it is far more wrong to assume too little. There is in most young people an unsatisfied, and almost inarticulate, longing for integration and wholeness, and an idealism which their culture does little to satisfy. The extent to which School—worship provides a focus, and a locus, for these feelings is impossible to measure. Despite the cynics, I personally believe that there are great grounds for realistic hope.

Our singing continues to delight visitors who come to us. If we tend mostly to sing fortissimo, 'bashing out' the tunes, we ought perhaps to remember that corporate youthful euphoria (as Donald Hughes of Rydal once said) is a kind of praising of God,

and a means of apprehending the numinous. At any rate, it is not achieved without effort, and—as Chaplain—I would like to thank our Choir, Choirmaster and Organist for all the hard work and long hours of practice they put in to make the services memorable. We shall greatly miss Mr Barry Ball, who has made the organ sing, and thus made us sing also.

Mrs Burnet and her ladies do a wonderful job with the Chapel flowers—for which we are all so grateful. Once again, the Very Rev. Dean Thurstan Irvine has been a marvellously kind visitor all year, preparing our Episcopal Confirmands and leading our worship monthly at the Episcopal Eucharist. I want to thank Mr Hewson very warmly for all the unostentatious work he does throughout the year preparing the Chapel for the sacrament. And finally, we had a memorable Service on 20th May, taken by several of the Senior boys, to mark the International Year of the Child. Mr John Brown provided both the idea and the inspiration, and I am so grateful to him and to those who took part.

Our joint Episcopal-Church of Scotland Communion Service was held on Sunday 4th March, at which the preacher was once again the Right Reverend the Bishop of St. Andrews.

The following were confirmed as members of the Church of Scotland:

W. Baird, A. D. Barlas, W. A. G. Baxter, F. R. Bowie, S. A. Clark, K. C. Dawson, R. J. Duncan, T. R. T. Gillanders, R. C. Graham, K. V. S. Grant, F. A. G. Hardie, H. C. Kirkpatrick, J. Lascelles, P. G. MacDonald, J. D. McIntosh, K. I. MacLachlan, D. A. McLaren, N. R. Mennie, G. C. Mitchell, B. D. Montgomery, K. H. Muir, D. L. Ogilvie, P. R. Peddie, A. G. M. Pottie, A. M. Potts, S. D. Raeside, H. A. H. Reid, C. M. Steedman, P. J. Stewart, T. S. Stewart, A. M. Smith, D. N. Taylor, and J. C. Turnbull.

The following were confirmed as members of the Episcopal Church:

J. T. Barcroft, G. T. Boyd-Ratcliff, C. J. Cracknell, A. C. Fairbairn, Q. C. Livingston, G. C. McLean, P. L. Muir, and G. P. H. Smith.

The following preached in Chapel during the year:

The Right Reverend Michael Hare-Duke (Bishop of St. Andrews); The Rev. Haisley Moore (Wishaw); The Rev. Ladd Fagerson (Chaplain, Rannoch); Mr Philip Staley; Rev. Stewart Lamont (B.B.C.); Rev. W. N. Monteith; Rev. Philip David (Chaplain, Loretto); Rev. I. R. N. Miller; Rev. Stewart Sharp (Forgandenny); Rev. Alan Main (Chaplain, Aberdeen University); Rev. Stewart McWilliam (Killearn); Rev. Dr. T. J. R. Nicol (former Chaplain-General); Rev. J. H. Boyd-Macphail (Callander); Mr Colin Sinclair; Rev. Richard Gorrie; Rev. Prof. John Graham (Comrie); Rev. Gordon Strachan (Netherbow); Rev. Neilson Peterkin (Newton Mearns); The Headmaster and the Chaplain.

A.A.S.R.



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FREELAND

As one embarks on a second generation of house reports and searches unavailingly for a new theme to enliven the routine materials it is perhaps worth reflecting that after five years of ever continuing improvements to house facilities, the most important feature of the house—the boys within it—remains much as before. Despite one of the worst winters in living memory, the cheerful enthusiasm which is such an essential ingredient of life here rarely faltered.

Certainly the winter enhanced the efforts in the classroom as once again the year has been notable for academic success. Richard Smith is to be warmly congratulated on his scholarship to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, as is Alastair Ferguson on gaining a place at Fitzwilliam College. Evan Grant, a Cambridge scholar last year and now Dux of the School this, joins them there in October. Other important prizes through the year were won by C. A. J. Baillie, A. M. Bisset, J. M. C. Livingston and G. T. Russell.

Although we naturally missed some of last year's distinguished athletes, the house had more than enough moments of glory through the year. Our league teams never falter much: leading in the uncompleted rugby competition and a good runner-up in hockey, Crichton's forceful, dynamic leadership made sure we never gave second best! Likewise in his captaincy of the boxing team where his intelligent encouragement did so much to ensure the return of the cup. A. S. Anderson and J. T. Hughes won medals whilst C. S. McCarroll, F. S. Macmillan, C. W. H. Murphy and M. C. Stone-Wigg reached the final.

The juniors also played their part in our best performance in the cross-country (2nd overall) for many years. There were good individual runs here from N. H. A. MacGregor (who also had an excellent season in the School team), G. J. Forbes, G. J. Fairweather, G. S. Corbett, D. J. M. Reynolds and R. G. Grant.

Sadly the shooting cup has left us, but only just. A disciplined performance from Livingston's quartet almost retained it. He himself deservedly won the individual cup.

The year also saw distinguished solo performances in other sports. Forbes won the Middle Victor Ludorum and Fairweather was not far away at junior level. N. A. Stone-Wigg won the tennis cup and lost in the final of the squash, and finally under extreme pressure coming down the final fairway, A. M. Bisset won the Stroke play cup. He along with J. C. Herd, D. J. M. Reynolds and F. S. Macmillan also ensured the retention of the House Golf cup, but not before Macmillan had holed a 10-foot putt on the final green to beat Nicol by one shot!

The summer also witnessed a resurgence of our junior cricket after some years in the doldrums. A. O. Shepherd was an excellent captain and helped by important contributions from G. S. Corbett and G. E. McClung we eventually lost to Simpson in an exciting final. On the School front it was good to see E. W. Hamilton in the runs again. Finally our sailors, despite the fact that our captain, K. V. S. Grant, spent as much time in the water as on it, also came a good second!

So ends the honours list, but there was also much good work where no prizes were won. A. C. S. Macphie gave invaluable service in hockey and athletics and it was no fault of G. T. Russell's that we did not win the house Music—one day!

In off duty moments (do we ever get any!) the pool table is as popular as ever, and so is the television (albeit still in black and white!), we enjoy catching fish, playing bridge, golf and ski-ing—not a bad recipe for a sober, healthy life! I can recall no year when it was so pleasant to walk through the house and my thanks go to an excellent band of prefects for all their efforts in this direction, especially to Richard Smith, Charles Crichton and Julian Livingston. To them and all our leavers, which includes our two House Tutors, John Brown and Gordon Ironside, whose stay has been all too brief, go our appreciation and best wishes for the future.

Heads of House: R. A. Smith, C. W. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton.

Deputy Heads of House: A. W. Ferguson, J. M. C. Livingston.

Prefects: E. W. Hamilton, N. H. A. MacGregor, J. C. Herd, A. C. S. Macphie, P. J. M. Stewart, N. A. Stone-Wigg, G. T. Russell.

Captains of Sport and Activities

Rugby: C. W. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton

Hockey: A. C. S. Macphie

Cricket: E. W. Hamilton

Athletics: A. C. S. Macphie

Boxing: C. W. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton

Ski-ing: C. A. J. Baillie

Golf: A. M. Bisset

Music: G. T. Russell

Squash: N. A. Stone-Wigg

Cross-country: A. C. S. Macphie

Swimming: E. W. Hamilton

Tennis: N. A. Stone-Wigg

Shooting: J. M. C. Livingston

Sailing: K. V. S. Grant

House Colours: A. W. Ferguson, R. A. Smith, A. C. S. Macphie, C. W. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, E. W. Hamilton, N. A. Stone-Wigg.

M.B.



LEBURN

By the time this is read your correspondent and his family should be well and truly installed in the new Housemaster's residence adjoining, and linked to, the study block. Built on the Lawn side it blends in nicely with the surroundings and undoubtedly gives the Leburn corner a more homely look. The architect in his wisdom positioned one of the sitting-room windows almost in line with the two junior dormitories and I anticipate an early and vigorous resumption of the campaign for dorm. curtains!

Looking back over the year it has to be said in all honesty that we made less impact in the realms of the House competitions

than hoped for. It was very disappointing not to have won either of the cricket cups after both senior and junior teams had been well placed, and one felt too that the junior squash team should have 'got a result' as they say in football circles. However, set against these disappointments we triumphed yet again in the Music Competition, for the fifth year in succession, and retained the Athletics Cup, albeit sharing it with Ruthven this year. These two successes were well deserved and, significantly, were achieved as a result of a lot of hard practice and teamwork which, after all, is what house contests are all about.

There were some notable individual successes over the year both in the classroom and outside it—the Speech Day prize-winners included J. D. McIntosh (Head of School), G. M. Strommen (French, History, English), R. S. M. Lawson (Geography), A. L. Knight (Physics, Chemistry) and I. L. Johnson (Music). Outside the academic scene the winning of the Campbell Award (for the best all-round games player) by 'J.D.' and the School individual cross-country cup by E. F. Jackson were fine achievements. Let us not forget either the major contributions which R. S. J. Eglington and J. H. Bradshaw made to 'A Penny for a Song' and 'Oliver,' both very successful productions. C. M. Law was awarded the Junior Victor Ludorum on Sports Day but after an objection, a Steward's Enquiry and a re-count was placed second. Justice was done but it was hard to bear nevertheless.

My thanks to all members of the House who have contributed to House and School life over the year and in particular to the leavers, eighteen altogether, for their contributions over a number of years. We wish them happiness and success in the future. Finally, a special word of thanks to J. D. McIntosh for the excellent example he set as Head of House and for all his hard work so cheerfully and unselfishly carried out.

Head of House: J. D. McIntosh

Deputy Head of House: J. B. McDougall

Prefects: D. J. Headrick, G. J. McEwan,
E. F. Jackson, J. M. McPhail
G. M. Strommen

Captains of Sports and Activities:

Rugby, Squash, Hockey: J. D. McIntosh

Cross-country, Athletics: D. J. Headrick

Boxing, Ski-ing, Shooting: G. J. McEwan

Cricket: G. M. Strommen

Sailing: H. A. S. Stewart

Swimming: A. I. Nicolson

Music: J. M. McPhail, I. L. Johnson

House Colours: D. J. Headrick, J. B. McDougall
H.C.A.

NICOL

House Captain: R. H. Morris. Vice-Captain: R. M. Mitchell.

It has not been the best of years for the House either in the competitive or the social sides of School life. Many competitions were not held because of bad weather and our highest hopes were in Hockey, alas one of the victims of the winter. Our cup achievements were limited to the indoor hockey (and which of us did not secretly gloat at the score of 17-7 over Ruthven?), and to the Junior Piping won by G. R. Brown. The ski-ing cup tumbled off our shelf in spite of R. J. Duncan's personal successes through the year, and we congratulate him on being selected for the British Junior Squad. I trust that the cup will soon be back. On the social side Prefects came and went and too many members of the House got into serious trouble. I must thank K. C. Burton, A. C. Cuthbertson and C. N. Raeside for carrying the brunt of the House Prefects' work through the year, and R. M. Mitchell who was promoted to School Prefect in the Easter term.

Still, there were many personal achievements and a good friendly spirit, and for me it was a happy year. There is a host of academic and athletic talent coming on. D. L. Ogilvie was our best all-round sportsman and we are very sorry to see him leave. R. M. Mitchell was in both the 1st XV and Hockey XI, R. H. Morris was School Captain of Cross-country, D. Guthrie of Swimming, J. S. Richardson of Golf and R. J. Duncan of Ski-ing. M. S. Ross has made a special contribution in Art, R. R. MacLeod made a gem of his solo part in Oliver, and W. L. MacKay and A. M. Hutcheson, both new VIth Formers, have contributed greatly in the 1st XV and the Orchestra respectively. The House Orchestra played Bach's 'Hymn of Joy' but as the House Captain said there was not much joy about it! I. G. McKenzie-Smith sadly left in the middle of the Summer term, and D. S. Reid and S. G. Wimpory both of whom have added colour to the House, are also leaving. J. Lascelles and A. D. Barlas may—by the time you are reading this, the examiners will have made the decision for them. All members of his form will miss C. Cole, one of our keenest fishermen.

But I am leaving Nicol too, and my wife and I wish to say how much we have enjoyed our eighteen years with the House. It was an extraordinary coincidence that in our last term in the House, Dr Colin Clinton from South Africa, who was a new boy

in our first term in September 1961, visited the School for the first time since he had left, and it reminded us of the many friends we have made during this time. I particularly wish to thank R. H. Morris for his House Captaincy through a none too easy year, though little seems to upset him—it must be all that weight training! We owe a special debt of gratitude to the House Tutors who have helped us over the years—David Rymer, Richard Mole, Ken Dutton and Klaus Glimm, who is on his second round, and our extra volunteer, Martin Gray. My job as Housemaster would have been impossible without their loyal and valued help.

My thanks go too Mrs Ella McDowall who has had the doubtful privilege of trying to clean up after the boys, since we moved into the new House. I know how much they always enjoy a chat at break-time, but don't always repay her with tidiness!

On Monday 9th July we were expecting the VIth form to dinner, but just before it R. H. Morris summoned my wife and me into the Common Room, where Mr and Mrs Glimm, Mr and Mrs Ford and the whole House greeted us. We cannot adequately express our thanks for the kindness and the presents the House gave us. The House Captain gave us a beautiful crystal decanter and a Wedgwood box, and a gorgeous bouquet of flowers was presented by our smallest member, D. W. Reid. But more—and I hope that many Old Boys read this report—we were overwhelmed by the generosity of former members of the House when Mr Glimm on their behalf gave us a magnificent silver tray. Thank you all very much indeed. I hope that many of you will come and visit us.

Although I shall now have to be utterly impartial, of course, our warmest good wishes go to Nicol in the future and I hope that it will be a very successful year under S. R. Turnbull. We hope that for John and Anne Ford and their family it will be as happy and rewarding a time as it has been for us.

There have been 365 members of Nicol during my House-mastership, and to all those who are still at School or who are continuing their careers as students or in jobs, I wish every happiness and success.

T.C.G.F.

RUTHVEN

Another year has sped by and once more Ruthven have excelled in all fields. We dominated the sports arena, winning a grand total of thirteen trophies. In the Winter Term we were well represented in the 1st XV; both Alasdair Fairley and Andrew Baird were awarded their full colours and Philip Fellowes-Prynn his half colours. We were well represented in many other teams but unfortunately were not able to prove our superiority due to persistent snow in the Spring Term. Both senior and junior league sides competed well but were unable to win their trophies.

The Spring Term provided some excellent results; the swimming team won a very well earned cup, and in a very close finish we were able to win the cross-country cup for the second year running. The boxing brought out the best in a lot of boys. We had the greatest number of finalists, and John Barrowman, John Coard, Vipool Patidar and Paul Wilshaw all won medals. We won the senior games circus, underlining the depth of talent at the top of the House, and the juniors came a close 2nd in their competition. The squash teams were in good form too, with the seniors taking the trophy, and the juniors the losing finalists. The individual senior cup went to Blair Callander. There was also a very pleasant surprise in the ski-ing when Colin Houston and his team managed to snatch the cup from the firm favourites, Nicol. The hockey league team played very well and were unbeaten, so collecting yet another cup.

The Rowan (or Ruthven) Cup for standards has once again found its way back to our shelves, by a margin of fifty standards. The tennis team managed an almost impossible task and picked up the trophy in grand style. We were well represented in the 1st XI cricket, with six boys playing at some stage. Our house teams did not however enjoy as much success as we had hoped. The shooting team rounded off the year nicely with a steady performance, good enough to win the cup. In a final flourish as the year ended Andrew Fairbairn won the Senior Piping and Nicolas Voigt the Senior Drumming. On Sports Day Nick Voigt was a superb Victor Ludorum, and—after a recount—we shared the Athletics Cup with Leburn.

It is not however only in the games arena where we did well. Our musicians came a very creditable 3rd, with an outstanding

effort by the choir. Marek Romaniec won both the Biology Prize and the Biology Project Prize, and Alan Muir was awarded the Houston Prize for All Round Merit. In the C.C.F. Grant Pollock and Marek Romaniec were heads of the R.N. and R.A.F. sections, the former being promoted Under Officer.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year such a happy and successful one, especially the Prefects whose help and co-operation has been invaluable.

Alan Muir.

Head of House: A. A. Muir
Deputy Head of House: A. C. B. Baird
School Prefects: D. H. Prosser
C. J. E. Houston
House Prefects: C. B. Campbell
C. R. D. Chatwin
M. A. McNeill
J. G. Pollock
N. J. Voigt
R. C. Inglis

Captains, etc.

Rugby: A. A. Muir
Hockey: A. C. B. Baird
Cricket: A. C. B. Baird
Athletics: A. A. Muir
Boxing: J. B. Callander
Cross-country: A. E. Fairley
Golf: G. C. McLean
Sailing: C. J. E. Houston
Shooting: R. C. Inglis
Ski-ing: C. J. E. Houston
Squash: C. B. Campbell
Swimming: J. B. Callander
Tennis: D. H. Prosser
Music: M. P. M. Romaniec
House Colours: A. C. B. Baird; A. A. Muir; J. B. Callander;
A. E. Fairley; N. J. Voigt.

SIMPSON

The House has had to face the traumatic experience of a new Housemaster. Fortunately the simultaneous arrival of a snooker table meant that most people were too busy to notice. This gave me a short breathing space in which to discover what a pleasant set of boys Mr Pearson had bequeathed me, and for Martin Russell to give me a few useful hints.

For the most part it has been a good year for Simpson, but I have been far from happy with the level of respect for other people's property. A community cannot exist successfully without mutual trust.

The House has more than played its part in School activities. Martin Russell was an excellent Head of School. Rabby Brewster gained colours for all three major games, won the Maths prize, won International Hockey honours along with Hamish Laing, and not surprisingly fell asleep in his spare time. Colin Harrison and Patrick Lee were outstanding members of the orchestra. Colin was chosen for the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland and Patrick with the excellent accompaniment of Leburn's Ian Johnson enchanted the audience on Speech Day. Steve Megson, Euan Bargon, Stuart Brabbs, Miles Rankine and Torquil MacLeod were artists above the average. In school productions, Gregor Powrie took the lead in 'Oliver'; Angus MacLeod was typecast, while David McConchie contrived to make a minor part a major one. In 'Top of the Form' Rodney Semple found his questions far too easy and seldom failed to come up with the right answer. Angus MacLeod not only bowled and captained the 1st XI to an unbeaten record, but won further Scottish caps and was so impressed by the 14-year-old Michelin Man, Michael Allingham that he played him in the XI against Glenalmond and allowed him to bowl for long enough to take five wickets.

Cups are not everything—but they help! Alasdair Taylor won the Junior Squash competition and led the juniors to victory in the team event. Neil Mennie, Patrick Russell, Moray Hulme and Alasdair Taylor won boxing medals. The Juniors won the Games Circus and the Cricket Cup, despite trying their hardest to lose it in the preliminaries, while Russell Kilpatrick eventually convinced the scorers that he had won the Junior Victor Ludorum. My thanks also go to Graham Pottie and Hamish Laing who galvanised the swimmers and athletes into competitive action. Unfortunately George Johnston and David McConchie's lumberjacks failed to wrest the Music Cup from an impressive Leburn ensemble, but we'll be back!

Also I would like to thank Martin Russell, Ian Niven and all the Prefects for their hard work and ensuring that the House ran smoothly particularly during a frustrating and spine chilling spring term. Ian was an outstanding model of sense and good humour. Lastly, congratulations to Mr Ford on his appointment to the Housemastership of Nicol. John has been Simpson tutor for seven years and not only has he been kind, efficient and understanding but he and Ann have been excellent hosts to Simpsonites. Personally I could not be more grateful for all their help.

Unfortunately one must say goodbye to all the leavers and I hope that they will find time to come back and visit us.

Head of House: M. A. Russell (autumn)

I. A. Niven (spring and summer)

Prefects: H. R. Laing (Deputy Head
of House)

R. J. Brewster

J. N. Goodbourn

D. J. Usherwood

K. I. Maclachlan

C. A. MacLeod

House Colours: M. A. Russell

I. A. Niven

H. R. Laing

D. J. Usherwood

C. A. MacLeod

K. I. Maclachlan

N.T.H.D.B.

Riley House

As everybody knows, school life enjoys considerable fluctuations. There are good terms and bad terms, good years and bad years, and it is often difficult to pinpoint any reasons why one period should be so much better or worse than any other. In Riley we have had, unquestionably, a very good year, in fact much the best year since I took over as Housemaster four years ago. Morale has been high, and there has been a spirit of co-operation in the community which was not always so evident in previous years. One cannot pinpoint all the reasons for this, but there are two which have evidently made a considerable contribution.

Firstly, the improvements in the Riley commonroom accommodation have made a very big difference. To sum these up briefly again, the old commonroom has become a games-room with anteroom; the wall has been partially knocked down between the commonroom and the old Bursar's office to accommodate lockers; and the rest of the Bursar's offices have been converted into a Television room (with radio and record-player) and a Modelling room. The result has been a great increase in space, more things for the boys to do and a much more relaxed atmosphere. No longer do they have to endure the decibel contest between the television end and the table-tennis end. It really is very much more pleasant.

The second reason is that we had an outstanding Head of House in Michael Moore, who was thoroughly well supported by his Dorm Heads. I have been rude about Dorm Heads in general in these columns before, so it is a real pleasure to be able to pay tribute to a group which has

proved me wrong by their reliability and sense of responsibility. There is no doubt that, apart from making my job easier, they have helped to make life pleasant for all boys in the House. It is surely no coincidence that this has also been the best 2nd form academically for several years.

Perhaps it is not entirely coincidence either that we had the worst Rugby record for some time. There have been some very good ball-players in the House, but we have for some years now been sadly short of the strapping, mature young teenagers that Prep. schools suddenly seem to be producing in abundance. We were, in fact, outweighed in every match. When one considers our comparative lack of experience as well, it is perhaps commendable that we gave some sides a game. There was no shortage of enthusiasm or endeavour, and the basic skills seemed to have improved. Mr Reid's addition to the coaching staff was universally welcomed, and he undoubtedly galvanised the boys and improved their standards. Without him, some of the results would have been really embarrassing. As it was, there were a few promising players in the side, particularly Alec Reid and Duncan Biggart, whose father's stentorian support will be missed after so many years.

The hockey and cricket seasons were better, but it was a pity that the weather allowed only the Clifton Hall hockey match to take place. It was even more of a pity when we discovered that they had an exceptionally good side and were, on paper at least, superior to the other teams we would have had to play. We played well against them in an absolutely first-class match and gave hints of what might have been. Alasdair Wood was a very good goalkeeper and captain, while Alec Reid was a stalwart of the side. We had some optimism for the cricket season, and the team did well, suffering only one defeat, in a rather strange match, and triumphantly avenging last year's trouncing by Ardvreck. Alec Reid was captain and made an excellent contribution with both bat and ball, while his captaincy improved noticeably during the season. Guarin Clayton supported him very well with some fine all-round performances. Many of the other players improved enormously on what they had achieved the year before, and Mr Dutton's tireless effort, along with Mr Dharsi's coaching sessions on Fridays and in the Sports Hall, were very much the reasons behind such a successful season.

Life, though, is not all team sports, something which might come as a surprise to one or two boys! Congratulations are due to the following for their various achievements: Gareth Terrett, for his sterling and largely

successful efforts in the 'Top of the Form' team; Guarin Clayton and Andrew MacLellan, for all they achieved with the ski-ing team; Robin Sinclair, for producing some quite outstanding drawings and paintings in the course of the year; Donald Martin, for winning the 'best garden' competition in the face of fierce and enthusiastic rivalry; Gregor Truter and many others, for helping to make 'Oliver' a success; and Duncan Biggart and Graeme Sinclair, for being in the Pipe Band at such a youthful stage of their lives. I apologise to any others, whose great deeds I have failed to recall.

The turnover of House Tutors continues apace. Mr Hosking was replaced by Mr Summers, who soon became very popular with everybody, and proved himself to be an enthusiastic expert at organising competitions for squash, tennis (singles and doubles), shooting, swing-ball and modelling. The results of this latter competition were particularly impressive. He will be greatly missed. We also had to say goodbye to Mrs Rankine, who had been Matron for 2½ years, and was replaced by Miss McAra. She is not new to the awesome task of looking after 60 lively boys, and has soon proved herself to be both capable and popular.

And so to next year. With 34 new boys at the time of writing, and 35 going up to the senior school, the character of the House may undergo another change. I suppose that's what makes life so interesting. Certainly there's never a dull moment, and this year there has been a lot of fun.

M.J.E.W.

RESULTS

RUGBY

Sept. 30th	v. Rannoch (H)	lost	0-14
Oct. 7th	v. Fettes Junior School (A)	lost	0-34
14th	v. Belmont House (H)	lost	6-18
19th	v. Lomond (H)	won	10-0
Nov. 4th	v. Ardvreck (A)	lost	0-18
11th	v. Craigflower (H)	lost	4-38
25th	v. Clifton Hall (H)	lost	0-42

HOCKEY

Mar. 13th v. Clifton Hall (H) lost 0-1

CRICKET

May 12th	(H) RILEY 95 NEW PARK 43 (A. G. Reid 7 for 18) Won by 52 runs.
May 19th	(A) LATHALLAN 39 (G. V. F. Clayton 7 for 18) RILEY 40 for 6. Won by 4 wickets.
May 26th	(A) RILEY 66 for 5 dec. CROFTINLOAN 62 for 9 (A. G. Reid 5 for 15). Match drawn.
May 29th	(A) RILEY 67 BELMONT HOUSE 24 (G. V. F. Clayton 5 for 10). Won by 43 runs.
June 9th	(H) RILEY 76 for 8 dec. LOMOND 17 (A. G. Reid 6 for 10). Won by 59 runs.
June 16th	(H) RILEY 128 for 3 dec. CRAIGFLOWER 69 for 4. Match drawn.
June 23rd	(A) RILEY 75 FETTES JUNIOR SCHOOL 76 for 6. Lost by 4 wickets.
July 3rd	(H) RILEY 136 for 3 dec. ARDVRECK 48. Won by 88 runs.

ATHLETICS

100m	Wood	Orr	Biggart	14.6"
200m	Wood	Orr	Biggart	30.0"
400m	Orr	Wood	Kilpatrick	67.5"
800m	Wood	Uprichard	Lawson	2'40.0"
1500m	Wood	Orr	Uprichard	5'20.0"
High Jump	Johnston, T. W.	Brown, D. W.	Truter	1m30
Long Jump	Johnston, T. W.	Wood	Orr	4m10
Relay 4x100m	Islay	Glencoe	Hamilton	59.8"
		Victor Ludorum:	A. E. J. Wood.	

Rugby

With only three full 1st XV players back from last season, it was not expected to be an outstanding season. This may or may not have been the case but we were never really allowed to develop the full potential of the mixture of youth, age and varying degrees of experience. Unfortunately, not only was Alastair Ferguson, the captain and most talented and experienced back, injured for eight and a half games out of fourteen but there were a number of injuries involving key players at crucial stages of the season. It was therefore a tribute to team spirit, the vice-captain Douglas McIntosh and a hard-working side that we ended with the following figures:

Played 14 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 6
Points for: 174 Points against: 133.

The pre-season tour to the south of France was repeated with equal success and enjoyment all round and this time we had support—from the Old Boys! The latter's spirit of self-sacrifice for the School and its activities did not, however, stretch to the Old Boys match and a victory to them was a fair result (14-6). The 28-6 victory against Rannoch was disappointing in that, for most of the match, we played well below our capabilities and were very indecisive with the ball in the hand—certainly not worth two in the bush on this occasion!

Keil, who had suffered a heavy defeat in mid-week, were determined not to give a repeat performance and their defensive work proved to be good enough to make it a far too close-run thing (11-3). Despite this unconvincing result there was a different atmosphere in the dressing-room for the next match against Fettes. Ferguson had to move up to fly-half because of injuries and this brought in E. F. Jackson at full-back—a position he was to occupy for the remainder of the season. The captain controlled the game immaculately from his new position and there was a definite edge about his marking. The victory (9-7) was to be even more satisfying because we were on the receiving end of two unfortunate refereeing decisions and contrary to normal practice Fettes missed a last minute penalty. As a result three old pence were certainly worth a lot more by Sunday morning.

Glenalmond, who, it seems, are now replacing Fettes as our *bête noire*, proved that rugby is a game of basic skills and taking chances: we missed several in the first twenty minutes and then finished the first half 0-14 after some very slack defensive work. This gave the powerful Glenalmond pack the confidence it needed and we had very limited ball in the second half and the final result was 0-28. It looked as if the same was going to happen against Loretto as, having missed opportunities to score, we began to lose control to the Loretto pack and were 0-3 down at half-time. Things took a turn for the worse early in the second half with P. D. Phillips, our loose-head prop, having to leave the field with a broken collar bone. Yet, paradoxically, this galvanised the pack and a remarkable transformation took place as all Loretto ball began to be spoilt in excellent fashion and our magnificent seven began to get second and third phase loose possession. A penalty from Mark Phillips brought the scores level and in the end it was the Musselburgh side who were glad to hear the final whistle.

A sad loss at half-term, injured in a representative match, was A. W. Ferguson who was not only lost to the 1st XV but lost his chance of playing for Scottish Schoolboys as he could well have done. With such ill-luck, it was not surprising that things did not go our way against Merchiston and Edinburgh Academy, the latter definitely being one to forget. It was at this stage, when things were not going well, that J. D. McIntosh, who had taken over as captain, began to inspire the side with his direct and determined leadership. As a result, we had one of our biggest victories for some years over Morrison's (22-6)—never a side to be taken lightly—with the scrum-half R. M. Mitchell and wing D. L. Ogilvie in excellent form scoring two tries each. This result was, however, based on some tremendous work from the pack with A. E. Fairley and J. D. McIntosh outstanding.

Thus the tone was set for the next two matches against Gordonstoun (23-0) and Dollar (9-0). The former did not start too well but once we had got the measure of the opposition in the second half it was very one-sided. R. M.



Mitchell again had a fine match including one brilliant solo try and P. W. Fellowes-Pryne began to show how much he had developed in the season. The latter was a bruising affair and certainly did not enhance Fairley's good looks! Nevertheless, it was a very determined performance by the team, as a whole.

For the first time for years we played the much-vaunted Stewart's-Melville side. Injuries again made selection a problem but after a strong start by the visitors we came back strongly and were 10-0 ahead at half-time with tries from McIntosh and Morris. The score should have been 16-0 shortly after half-time and it all looked too easy and we began to relax. The Edinburgh side were more than delighted to do a Houdini act and escape from Forgandenny with a 13-10 victory.

Glasgow Academy proved to be very poor opposition and had we really got going the score-line would have been much more than 24-0. M. C. Phillips, however, showed something of his skill and versatility by scoring an excellent solo try and kicking a penalty, a drop-goal and a conversion. J. B. Callander was also showing how valuable he could have been had he not been injured so much. The final match of the season was against King William's College, on tour from the Isle of Man, who had survived a difficult programme, including schools such as Cowley, Liverpool College, etc. to be unbeaten at this stage. It turned out to be an excellent contest in which two of our weaknesses throughout the season proved to be our undoing—goal-kicking and careless penalties. However with two excellent tries by Callander and Ogilvie and an outstanding performance by the forwards (P. D. Phillips, R. J. Brewster, T. S. Stewart, W. L. Mackay, J. D. McIntosh, A. E. Fairley, P. W. Fellowes-Pryne and A. A. Muir) it was pleasing to see that we could more than prove ourselves against the best that England could offer this season in losing 10-12.

The Sevens this year were ruined by the appalling weather but Blair Callander must be commended for his enthusiasm in raising sides and it was good to see Paul Phillips developing all the attributes of a class back. Once again some of the Senior Colts found an opportunity to show their paces against more senior players. The Senior Colts had another good season but although their forwards were able to dominate in most matches there was not quite so much talent in the backs to make the most of the plentiful ball. The Minor Colts XV took the award of the most successful side—Mr Dutton ably supported by Mr McKenzie developed a strong side under the captaincy of R. W. N. Kilpatrick.

As usual it is the 1st XV and the other major teams and those masters in charge which take the lime-light and probably rightly so! Yet in a school such as this where everyone takes rugby and it is always a problem to find enough masters to cope I feel that those who deserve as much if not more praise are the masters such as Mr Gray and Mr Brown who give unstintingly of their time. At the same time I would like to give a word of praise to those boys who give so much enthusiasm and energy to the 'B' XV's and the 5th and 6th XV's whenever needed. It goes without saying that we are all grateful, too, for the efforts of Mrs Plizka, Sister Fairbairn and the kitchen staff.

B.R.

RESULTS

1st XV

School matches

v. Rannoch	won	28-6
v. Keil	won	11-3
v. Fettes	won	9-7
v. Glenalmond	lost	0-28
v. Loretto	drawn	3-3
v. Merchiston	lost	9-16
v. Edinburgh Academy	lost	10-25
v. Morrison's Academy	won	22-6
v. Gordonstoun	won	23-0
v. Dollar Academy	won	9-0
v. D. Stewart's/Melville	lost	10-13
v. Glasgow Academy	won	24-0
v. King William's	lost	10-12

Club Match

v. Old Strathallians	lost	6-14
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Schools: Played 13, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 5

Points for: 168 Points against: 119

All matches: Played 14, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 6

Points for: 174 Points against: 133

2nd XV

v. Edinburgh Academy	drawn	14-14
v. Queen Victoria School	lost	9-10
v. Fettes	lost	6-19
v. Glenalmond	lost	6-43
v. Loretto	won	8-4
v. Merchiston	lost	3-12
v. Morrison's Academy	won	14-3
v. Glasgow Academy	won	27-4

Played 8, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 4.
Points for: 87 Points against: 109

3rd XV

v. Rannoch 2nd XV	won	19-0
v. Fettes	lost	0-9
v. Glenalmond	lost	4-30
v. Loretto	won	8-7
v. Merchiston	won	7-4
v. Edinburgh Academy	lost	7-10
v. Dollar Academy	lost	0-14
v. D. Stewart's/Melville	drawn	8-8
v. Glasgow Academy	lost	0-8

Played 9, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 5
Points for: 53 Points against: 109

4th XV

v. Q.V.S. 2nd XV	won	18-6
v. Fettes 5th XV	lost	0-16
v. Glenalmond	lost	3-24
v. Loretto	lost	4-6
v. Merchiston	lost	7-9
v. Edinburgh Academy 5th	won	12-8
v. Dollar Academy	won	26-0
v. Glasgow Academy	lost	4-8

Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5
Points for: 74 Points against: 77

5th XV

v. Rannoch 3rd XV	lost	6-26
v. Loretto	lost	7-28
v. Glenalmond	lost	
v. Edinburgh Academy 6th	lost	
v. Glasgow Academy	won	23-6

6th XV

v. Glenalmond	lost	
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Senior Colts XV

v. Rannoch	won	35-0
v. Perth Academy	won	33-10
v. Fettes 4th XV	won	10-0
v. Glenalmond	lost	0-33
v. Loretto 4th XV	won	14-0
v. Merchiston 4th XV	lost	7-9
v. Edinburgh Academy 4th XV	won	17-7
v. Gordonstoun	won	22-0
v. Dollar Academy	drawn	7-7
v. Kelvinside Academy	drawn	4-4

Played 10, Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 2
Points for: 149 Points against: 70

Junior Colts XV

v. Edinburgh Academy	lost	0-37
v. Perth Academy	won	52-0
v. Rannoch	won	12-10
v. Glenalmond	lost	0-4
v. Fettes	lost	17-22
v. Loretto	lost	0-40
v. Merchiston	lost	6-16
v. Queen Victoria School	won	34-4
v. Dollar Academy	won	25-8
v. Kelvinside Academy	won	12-8
v. Glasgow Academy	lost	10-45

Played 11, Won 5, Lost 6
Points for: 178 Points against: 194

Minor Colts XV

v. Edinburgh Academy	lost	4-16
v. Perth Academy	won	26-0
v. Rannoch	won	12-0
v. Glenalmond	lost	8-28
v. Lathallan	won	38-3
v. Fettes	won	20-3
v. Loretto	won	10-8
v. Merchiston	won	17-0
v. Queen Victoria School	won	24-4
v. Glasgow Academy	lost	0-18
v. Dollar Academy	won	14-6
v. Kelvinside Academy	won	32-4

Played 12, Won 9, Lost 3
Points for: 205 Points against: 90

The season got off to a bad start with an inexperienced team on plastic which failed to qualify in the Scottish Schools preliminary for the British Schools artificial slope event at Hillend.

The expedition to Gourette in the Pyrenees was also, sadly, a disappointment—there was no snow!

However R. J. Duncan kept the flag flying as a member of the British Citadin Team. He finished a very creditable 6th in the British Senior Championships and went on to compete in a F.I.S. Citadin international event where his 18th place made him the first 'serving' Strathallian to be awarded F.I.S. international seed-points.



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The home snow calendar began with the A.S.C. Swallow Slalom. K. L. Biggart was disqualified on the first run and R.J.D. on the second but Grant White, a good prospect for the future, managed to finish both runs and secured a 10th place.

Of our four competitors in the East of Scotland Junior Championships—J. G. White, K. L. Biggart, D. C. MacLellan and G. V. F. Clayton—none distinguished themselves sufficiently to have their entries for the West of Scotland event accepted but all managed to compete again in the North of Scotland races. On the same weekend Aberdeen Ski Club held their Mackay Giant Slalom in which R.J.D. finished 4th whilst Strath collected the major honours in the intermediate event, S. R. Turnbull and C. J. E. Houston coming 1st and 2nd respectively.

The Inter-house race, held earlier in the season than usual as a result of a very crowded racing calendar, took place on Meall Odhar under reasonable overhead conditions on good snow. Predictably the individual winner was R.J.D. who was followed home by C.J.E.H. and J.G.W. Totally unexpected was the team result, Ruthven taking the title by 0.3 seconds from the hot favourites Nicol.

The following weekend at Cairngorm and in utterly foul conditions R.J.D. put up a splendid performance to take 2nd place in the North of Scotland Senior Slalom finishing 3rd in the Championships. In only marginally less foul conditions the 'B' failed by a narrow margin to qualify for the final of the Scottish National Schools' Race.

On the Thursday of the following week the Minors (under 14) team took 5th place in the national event—a further indication of good prospects for the future. Guarin Clayton finished 12th, 5 seconds behind the winner with David MacLellan a second slower in 15th place.

Racing continued through the Easter holidays, R.J.D. adding to his 4th place in the Giant Slalom of the Martini-Kandahar Citadin a third place in the Scottish Junior Championships but unfortunately suffering a disqualification when well placed in the Senior event.

The final of the National Schools' Race, after two blizzard postponements, was eventually held in Cairngorm on 6th May! This proved to be unarguably the best day of the entire season—congratulations to the Race Convener (J.F.C.!) for choosing that date. It was one of the few occasions on which I have witnessed a deep blue sky all day when ski-ing in Scotland, added to which there was seven inches of some of the best powder snow. The course, set by Eilif Moen, was a moderately fast Giant Slalom. The race, with electronic timing for the first time thanks to Schools

Abroad, the sponsors, was won by Gordonstoun with George Watson's College in 2nd place. Strath managed a creditable 9th. Rod Jones of Gordonstoun won the individual event from Martin Bell, the British Junior Champion with 'Ronnie' 3rd, a performance which allowed him to retain the Butchart Tankard.

R.J.D. received the further accolade of a place in the British Junior Team.

In the Perthshire Schools Championships, the under-16 and under-14 events were both won by Strath with Grant White winning the individual under-16 title (for which he will eventually receive the trophy!). In the Open event R.J.D. was unfortunate to be disqualified but our performances were still quite satisfying, the 'A' team finishing 2nd and the 'B' team 4th.

Teams for the season were:

'A' team: R. J. Duncan, C. J. E. Houston, S. R. Turnbull, C. A. J. Baillie.

'B' team: W. A. J. Kleeman, T. J. Morton, W. J. C. Turnbull, G. J. McEwan, J. G. White, K. L. Biggart.

u-16 team: J. G. White, K. L. Biggart, M. W. Lightbody, S. W. Morton.

u-14 team: G. V. F. Clayton, A. J. Crawford, D. C. MacLellan, G. T. W. Sedgwick.

The number of skiers this year increased dramatically—there are now over 250 members of the Ski Club. At least two buses now go to Glenshee every Sunday in addition to the rapidly expanding racing programme.

We have increased our own hire stock to forty sets of equipment. This still does not seem to satisfy demand and we feel that more of the regular skiers who have passed the beginner stage should be thinking in terms of buying their own equipment.

We have established a good contact with Perth Ski Club of which a number of boys are now junior members and thereby benefit from use of the Club Hut on Meall Odhar and from the Junior 'Points Race' Series run by the P.S.C. Race Convener—you've guessed it—J.F.C.

We are still desperately short of willing staff to assist in running buses to Glenshee etc.—no offer of help has yet been refused!

R.J.D.



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SQUASH

It is pleasing to report that squash is now becoming much better organised at junior level in the Tayside region and the standard is improving rapidly. In the Dundee & District Junior League we have been the pacemakers, winning six matches out of eight. Unfortunately we were unable to complete the League matches owing to bad weather but nevertheless we won the cup on aggregate.

Unfortunately J. D. McIntosh and J. B. Callander were not available for the Scottish Schools Championship owing to pressure of work and although we finished tenth, the experience gained by our second string will be invaluable in the future. This year's Captain, N. A. Stone-Wigg, and J. B. Callander, the winner of the Vivian-Fairlie Cup, represented Tayside Region V in the Scottish Inter-Regional under-19 Championship.

Our juniors are very keen, fit and competitive but need better opposition to raise the standard of their game. The junior champion, A. N. Taylor, is a most promising player and we hope to hear more about him in the near future. Watt, Hedges, Allingham, Lightbody and Kilpatrick excelled in the junior House Matches.

Although the number of school matches played was very limited, the Dundee & District Junior League matches generated a lot of interest and produced the motivation one hoped for in the Senior Squash circle. With the abundance of talent and with players prepared to work hard to improve their game, the standard generally has been very promising.

Results:

Senior V: Played 7, won 7.

v. Glenalmond	Home	won	3-2
v. Perth	"	won	5-0
v. Forthill	"	won	4-1
v. North Fife	"	won	4-1
v. Prunes	Away	won	5-0
v. Panmure	"	won	5-0
v. Lundin	"	won	5-0

Inter House

Senior: Ruthven
 Junior: Simpson
 Senior Champion: J. B. Callander
 Junior Champion: A. N. Taylor

CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: R. H. Morris.

After a poor start to the season against Perth City Schools with an under strength team, the cross-country team picked up. Jackson and Lascelles showed good form throughout the season although neither were able to represent the School in the National Championships. The competition was much tougher this year and due to a lack of strength in depth, our results dropped off slightly. Races were run against:

Feb. 22 Perth High, Perth Academy, Perth Grammar
 Feb. 27 Keil, Kelvinside
 Mar. 1 Balwearie, Kirkcaldy High
 Mar. 6 Rannoch
 Mar. 9 Scottish Schools Championships
 Mar. 15 Merchiston, Gordonstoun.

The School was well represented at the National Championships at Heriot Watt University and was 11th overall. Orr (Ri) ran well in the Junior Race (99) and MacLeod (55) ran exceptionally well in the Senior Race.

At the end of the season Jackson put in another good run to take the Trophy Race as expected and finished off a good season. The results this year were average, but considering the lack of experience of middle and junior runners, everybody gave a good account of themselves.

INTER-HOUSE BOXING COMPETITION

Ninety-two entrants fought eighty bouts to produce the following champions:

Mosquito:	A. N. Taylor	(S)
Fly:	A. S. Anderson	(F)
Bantam:	P. D. Niven	(L)
Feather:	J. M. T. Barrowman	(R)
Light:	J. T. Hughes	(F)
Light Welter:	N. R. Mennie	(S)
Welter:	V. Patidar	(R)
Light Middle:	M. J. S. Hulme	(S)
Middle:	T. J. Coard	(R)
Light Heavy:	P. D. Russell	(S)
Heavy 'A':	C. R. Churchill	(N)
Heavy 'B':	P. J. Wilshaw	(R)
Team results:	1. Freeland	51 pts.
	2. Nicol	48 pts.
	3. Simpson	43 pts.
	4. Ruthven	42 pts.
	5. Leburn	25 pts.

HOCKEY

For the third successive year outdoor hockey took a battering from the weather. The snow and ice after Christmas kept the rugby posts frozen in until after half-term and hockey started two weeks late. Spring rains then came and eventually nearly half the School and all the House matches were cancelled.

Without the winter work in the sports hall some boys would have played no hockey at all. Here the inter-house indoor competition was fiercely contested and, without reaching the heights of the previous winners, Nicol took the Gibson trophy in a close final. A team entered the Inter-District tournament in Perth in January and as last year did well to come third. Next year it is hoped there will be an inter-school indoor tournament.

The 1st XI began the outdoor season against Harris Academy, a fixture replacing the visit to Gordonstoun where the weather was fair but the measles foul. On a good all-weather pitch but in a gale which whipped up the surface grit Strathallan were quickly into their stride and 3-0 ahead at half-time. Concentration slipped in the second half and Harris scored twice within a few minutes but Rourke latched on to a through ball to make the game safe. The Perth Academy pitch was soft, sloping and uneven but Strathallan coped well and showed more teamwork and speed than their opponents and romped home easily with hat-tricks from Rourke and Mitchell. The best performance was to hold a Perthshire H.C. XI containing seven first-team players. For once the pitch and the day were perfect and Strathallan began with pace and verve to take a well deserved lead through Inglis. By half-time Perthshire equalised but Strathallan began the second half strongly and had chances been taken the game would have been won comfortably. The only success was a remarkable solo effort by Mitchell, collecting the ball five yards from his circle and finally rounding the goal-keeper to tap the ball in. The last fifteen minutes belonged to Perthshire and, after a series of short corners well saved by McIntosh, they scored to conclude a fine game. Away again at Fettes—the last home fixture was five years ago—Strathallan began smoothly and were quickly into a commanding lead with goals by Laing and Ogilvie. The soft pitch cut up and unfortunately Fettes lost a man with an injury from a lifting ball. Strangely the game then became more even and Fettes scored. But there was

little doubt who would win and despite missing a penalty stroke Strathallan won well with Laing scoring a third goal.

It was just as wet at Oxford. Only skilful rearrangements by the organisers and the kindness of Mr Proctor (who has now joined Strathallan) in providing transport enabled us to complete our programme. We had to go 40 miles to Cheltenham to play Bangor G.S. On an all-weather pitch the N. Ireland side's deft skills and speed were too much for us and we tumbled to the worst defeat for some years. Ungratefully we overcame Mr Proctor's school, St. Edmund's, Canterbury, in an untidy game of squandered chances. Wellington were a tougher proposition. An experienced, big side they never gave us much scope on a small, difficult pitch. Despite the two losses, spirits were high enough to see us to two victories on the final day. On Radley's excellent hard pitch we dominated Dover but fluffed so many easy chances that the score was close. At time Dulwich exerted severe pressure but we always looked more likely to score and complete one of our most successful Oxford visits.

For the third year McIntosh's goal-keeping impressed everyone. In front of him Brewster and Niven played intelligently and with surprising power, although both were slow to turn if beaten. The halves, with the exception of Mitchell, also lacked speed but all had good games. Baird was outstanding at Oxford and MacLeod and Inglis learnt quickly. Mitchell was the most improved player, his fine skills allowing him to make many penetrating runs and convert short corners. The forwards had pace and aggression but missed too many straightforward chances. Laing's experience was invaluable on the left and Houston grew in confidence on the right. Ogilvie created chances but too often mis-hit shots. The young Rourke looked a fine prospect. He had dash and flair.

The School XI's suffered even more from the weather. In their limited programmes the Senior colts were a sound if unspectacular side and the Junior Colts had the best record.

For the first time Strathallan players represented District teams. Ogilvie, Laing and, briefly, Brewster, played for Midlands under-19's and Hedges and Coleman helped the Midlands under-16 team win the inter-district trophy. Laing and Brewster gained international caps in Cork and contributed well in the first Scottish Schoolboys win for some years.

My thanks go to all players, umpires and coaches who remained so cheerful despite the diet of swims and runs; to Brewster and Baird for organising so well; and to Matron for keeping the kit so clean.

J.N.F.

Teams

1st XI

R. J. Brewster* (Capt.), A. C. B. Baird* (Sec.), J. D. McIntosh* (G.K.), H. R. Laing*, D. L. Ogilvie*, I. A. Niven*, R. M. Mitchell*, R. C. Inglis†, C. J. E. Houston†, D. J. Rourke†, A. C. S. Macphie, C. A. MacLeod, A. J. Cunningham. Also played: K. I. MacLachlan.

*Colours †Half Colours.

2nd XI

A. C. Fairbairn (Capt.), G. R. Brown (G.K.), G. F. G. Mackenzie, K. I. MacLachlan, J. B. McDougall, N. L. Macpherson, G. M. Strommen, M. Agnew A. C. S. Macphie, S. R. Turnbull, A. J. Cunningham.

3rd XI

A. A. Muir (Capt.), G. C. McLean, J. M. McPhail, M. P. M. Romaniec, C. M. McGillivray, J. B. Callander, J. D. Brown, R. J. Duncan, D. H. Prosser, M. A. McNeill, N. A. Stone-Wigg, J. F. Campbell (G.K.), P. G. MacDonald.

4th XI

Foster (G.K.), Megson, Muir, K.H., Reid, P. K., McEwan, Walker, D. B., Smith, D.I., Craik, Grant, Watson, D. J., MacFarlane.

Senior Colts

Hedges (Capt.), Potts (G.K.), Shepherd, Eglington, McDougall, Niven, Coleman, McLaren, Lightbody, Montgomery, Hulme.

Junior Colts

'A' XI

Allingham (Capt.), Patidar (G.K.), Fairbairn, Fairweather, Hughes, Churchill, Kilpatrick, Edwards, Roger, White, Archer, Philp, Smith, A. M.

'B' XI

Hamilton (G.K.), Crabb, Smellie, Watson, Rankine, Powrie, MacLachlan, Montgomery, Tyser, Stone-Wigg, Bain.

RESULTS

1st XI

v. Harris Academy	(A)	won	5-2
v. Perth Academy	(A)	won	10-1
v. Perthshire H.C.	(H)	drawn	2-2
v. Fettes	(A)	won	3-1

Oxford Festival

v. Bangor G.S.		lost	0-4
v. St. Edmund's		won	3-2
v. Wellington College		lost	0-2
v. Dover College		won	3-2
v. Dulwich College		won	2-0

2nd XI

v. Rannoch 1st XI	(H)	won	6-1
v. Fettes	(A)	lost	1-2

3rd XI

v. Rannoch 2nd XI	(H)	won	11-0
v. Fettes	(A)	lost	1-2

4th XI

v. Fettes	(A)	won	5-2
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Senior Colts

v. Harris Academy	(A)	won	2-1
v. Loretto	(A)	lost	0-3
v. Fettes	(H)	won	1-0

Junior Colts

'A' XI

v. Loretto	(A)	won	3-2
v. Fettes	(H)	won	3-1

'B' XI

v. Loretto	(A)	won	1-0
v. Fettes	(H)	lost	1-3

Overall Record (including Riley House):

Played 22, Won 14, Drawn 1, Lost 7, Cancelled 18.

House matches were cancelled.

Ruthven won the House League Competition.

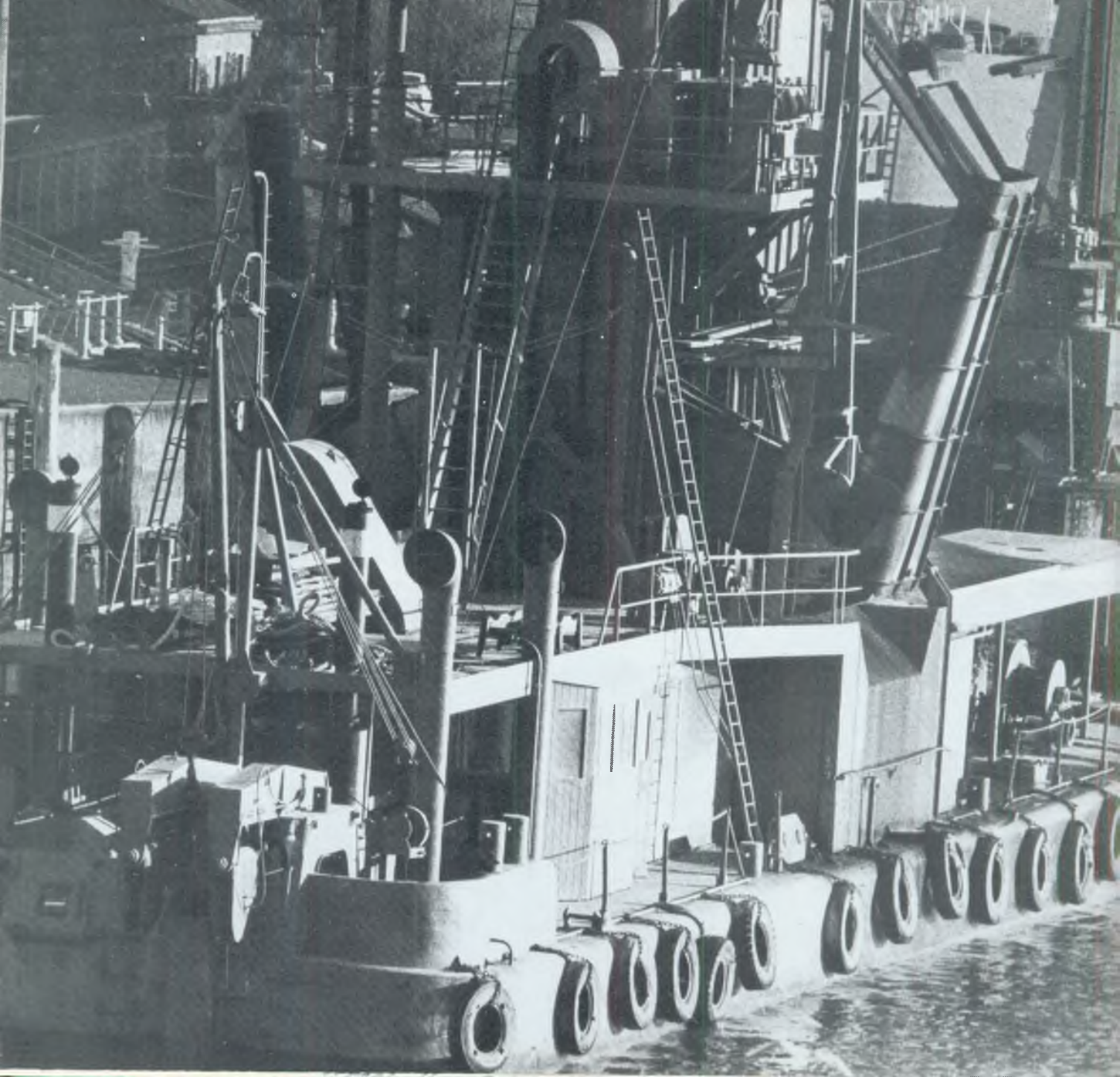
Nicol won the Indoor House Competition, beating Simpson 8-6 in the final.

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Fran Galashan







A Penny for a Song



Comedy verging on farce and laced with intellectual discussion is decidedly difficult to put over on the stage, and it is to the credit of all concerned that the School's production of 'A Penny for a Song' was a definite success.

Inevitably on these occasions there are one or two actors upon whose performance a great deal depends. In this case Sir Timothy Bellboys, Hallam Matthews and George Selincourt are especially important parts, and they were handled well by Eglington, S. A. Ferguson and C. A. MacLeod respectively. As the one-man answer to the Napoleonic invasion Eglington had several memorable moments, and one especially when Sir Timothy's sudden descent of the well, followed by a loud explosion, brought the first act to a comically sensational conclusion. Ferguson to my mind held the entire play together with his fine interpretation of Hallam Matthews, a man of sense who made the eccentrics around him appear all the more absurd. In the third



main part, MacLeod was a splendidly pompous Selincourt running his Dad's Army in the Arthur Lowe style with lines like, 'Some fool is going round putting out all my signal fires.'

McConchie gave a splendid piece of stage clowning in his interpretation of Humpage, spyglass at the ready, and permanently sitting down. In response to praise, McConchie underlined the rigours of the part by claiming to have had cramp nine times!

Caroline Wilson and James Bradshaw were well cast as Dorcas Bellboys and Edward Sterne. The former succeeded in putting over the charm which is Dorcas' essential feature, and made her awakening and 'putting off childish ways' suitably poignant. Bradshaw is to be congratulated on arriving as a possible stage-hand and ending up doing well in the play itself!



Morag Graham made an appealing Small Boy who brought out all that is kind and gentle in others. Guthrie was adequate in the difficult role of Lamprett Bellboys; it is not easy to be 'a man of learning turned man of action by necessity.'

The set must have provided numerous problems, but they were all admirably solved by Mr Goody and his assistants. Everyone coped well with the limited area available on stage, and as always Mr MacLeod's perspectives gave a spacious look that was illusory. On the West End stage this kind of work would raise applause at the first curtain.

Maitland-Makgill-Crichton was full of aplomb as Assistant Stage Manager; Freeland seems to breed them.

It was a fine example of teamwork both on and off stage.

R.A.L.B.

OLIVER

Two major problems faced the producers and performers in this production of 'Oliver.' In the first place, the original work was designed for a stage that was not only a large one, but also a revolving one, and was thus able to accommodate a variety of sets with comparative ease, whereas the Strathallan stage is notoriously small and cramped. Secondly, whether by accident or design, the whole production process had to be concluded within a mere ten weeks, a severely restricting timetable which was not at all helped by the habitual problem of Strathallan holidays conflicting with Convent ones. Not only that, but some of the scripts and scores were frighteningly late in arriving.

Nobody was to blame for these problems. In any case, the choice of 'Oliver' was an imaginative one, and the difficulties were nearly all overcome by a magnificent effort from all concerned. The limitations imposed by the size of the stage brought out the best in Mr Goody and his stage crew, who worked extremely hard and produced an adaptable and ingeniously constructed set, highlighted, as always, by Mr MacLeod's artistic flair. Has even he ever produced a finer backcloth than that of London in the final scene, a backcloth that drew appreciative gasps and applause from the audience? The costumes and make-up, too, were most expertly done, and contributed greatly to what was a most colourful show visually. The producers solved their problem most effectively by having parts of the action take place in the auditorium (the splendid street cries scene particularly benefited from this treatment), and by presenting several scenes, particularly monologues and solos, in front of the curtain. These devices not only added life and variety to the entire production but also, more crucially, enabled the stage team to change the scenes without slowing down the action excessively. Even so, there were some inevitable delays.



As for the time involved, the producers and musical directors had obviously put in some intense sessions of work, for things mostly went very smoothly. I only noticed one fluffed line or entry, and that was a remarkable record in a long and complex work. Lack of time did show in some of the choruses, in which the performers, especially in the opening scene, were far too static, but I doubt if more could really have been done in the circumstances, and the stage, as I know from experience, does not lend itself to complicated routines, even with small boys.



Turning to other aspects of the performance, I found it very successful musically. The orchestra performed very capably, but with such vigour that the words of the weak singers, particularly some of the young girls, were often inaudible. Gregor Powrie sang very well indeed and his rendering of 'Where is love?' was really quite moving.



Lesley Collins did well, too, as Nancy, sustaining her two front-of-curtain solos effectively, and swinging through 'It's a fine life' and 'Oom-pah-pah' with relish and gusto. The other soloists were never less than good, but undoubtedly the best singing came in the ensembles, in which not only were the words clearly and firmly enunciated, and the tone produced of fine quality, but the acting of all members of the chorus was vigorous and consistent. The workhouse boys and Fagin's gang were very good at their gestures and facial expressions, and if one singles out Walter Young, Gordon Lawson and Sandip Patidar for special praise, it does not mean that the others were less than very good.



The acting was generally good, but not, I felt, quite as accomplished as the singing, though there were exceptions to this. Gregor Powrie was an ideal choice for Oliver and sailed through the performance with an air of naiveté and innocence which was beautifully judged. Probably the best performance of all came from Gregor Truter, in his second production of 'Oliver,' as the Dodger. He had unearthed a suitable accent and added to it a style of walking and a way of holding himself which were perfect for the role.

He used his hands better than anybody else on stage, too—always the sign of genuine acting ability. George Johnston proved a capable Mr Bumble with a nice line in pomposity, and rightly dominated the scenes in which he appeared.



Lesley Collins I have already commended for her stout portrayal of Nancy. Of the minor roles, that of Mr Sowerberry was most amusingly taken by Rory MacLeod in a lovely piece of Caledonian observation.

Fagin is by far the most difficult part. Richard Eglington made a very bold effort to master it but was not entirely successful in capturing the cunning, the humour and the pathos of this complex character. I know he found it difficult to get 'under the skin' of the part, and I also know that his performance improved enormously in the final two weeks of preparation, for I attended a couple of rehearsals at the beginning of that final period. With another few days' work, he could have become very good indeed.



I confess I had not been looking forward to 'Oliver' with enthusiasm. I knew all about the problems mentioned in the first paragraph, and I simply don't like that sort of music very much. As it happened, I was, like most other members of the audience, first surprised and then impressed and delighted with what had been achieved against the odds, and it is to the credit of everyone concerned that we were given such a highly entertaining evening.

Even the coffee was better than expected:

M.J.E.W.

Music Notes

The orchestra this year has been better balanced than it has been for several years due to the loss of the greater part of the brass section at the beginning of the year and the addition of several more strings. Indeed the strings this year have been stronger than they have been for many years and have therefore played as a string orchestra at several 'away fixtures.' The woodwind has suffered from the lack of an oboist. Nevertheless it was the woodwind that provided the nucleus of the small ensemble which accompanied the stage performances of 'Oliver.' The brass section is growing again and now has two French horns.

The second orchestra has been strong in flutes, clarinets and trumpets but very deficient in strings but at the end of the summer term Riley House was able to produce an orchestra of 17 members with 8 violinists—the largest house orchestra in the School!

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr Thomson who has taught our brass instrument players for the last seven years. We shall miss his reinforcement of the brass line on the tuba at orchestra concerts and wish him a happy retirement.

The choir has worked well together and on the whole the trebles have been fairly reliable. They have, on the other hand, been rather notable for the 'raw' tone which they have been able to turn on without much encouragement. The choir sang well at St. John's Kirk, Perth, and not so well at St. Giles' in Edinburgh.

We are hoping that there will be a large influx of trebles into Riley next year as a fair number of this year's intake will perforce have already become altos.

Anthems sung by the choir this year have been:

Make a joyful noise (Chappell); The heavens declare (Beethoven); Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach); Let all the world (Routley); The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley); By the waters of Babylon (Chappell); Turn back O Man (Holst); Laudate Nomen Domini (Tye); Sleepers Awake (Bach); O Thou that tellest (Handel); Nunc Dimittis and Magnificat in B flat (Stanford); Te Deum (Reicha); Surely He hath borne our Grievs (Handel); O Lord our God (Chappell); This Joyful Eastertide (arr. Wood); Magnificat (Pergolesi); Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams); God be merciful (Chappell); Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer (Mozart); To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love (Barry Ball); Jubilate Deo (Barry Ball).

The following have passed Associated Board Music Exams:

Johnson, I. L.	Piano	Grade 8 (Merit)
	General Musicianship	Grade 6
Harrison, C. R.	Viola	Grade 7 (Merit)
Headrick, D. J.	Bassoon	Grade 4
Waller, B. D.	Piano	Grade 4
Johnson, T. W.	Piano	Grade 4
Hutcheson, A. M.	Trombone	Grade 3 (Merit)
Wallace, G. K. A.	Flute	Grade 3 (Merit)
Fairbairn, J. N.	Flute	Grade 3
Jarlow, K. J.	Piano	Grade 3 (Merit)
Bell, S. R.	Trumpet	Grade 3
Corbett, G.	Trumpet	Grade 3
Hedges, G. B.	Theory	Grade 3
Livingston, Q. C.	Theory	Grade 3
	Piano	Grade 2
Moore, M. K.	Piano	Grade 2
Sime, K. J.	'Cello	Grade 2
Patidar, S.	Theory	Grade 1
Uprichard, D. E.	Theory	Grade 1
Allardyce, C. A.	Theory	Grade 1
Lawson, G. J.	Theory	Grade 1
Chapman, J. H.	Theory	Grade 1
McMurray, D. A. G.	Theory	Grade 1
Sinclair, G. C.	Theory	Grade 1
Wood, A. E. J.	Theory	Grade 1
Brown, D. W.	Theory	Grade 1

Programmes

THE HEADMASTER'S MUSICK Saturday, 4th November, 1978

Viola and piano	Adagio and Allegro Moderato from Sonata in G for viola da gamba	J. S. Bach
Clarinet and piano	Minuet and trio from Symphony No. 5	Schubert
Piano solo	Ballade in G minor Op 118 No. 3	Brahms
Two flutes and piano	Largo and Allegro from Trio Sonata in E minor	Handel
Brass group	An Elizabethan Suite	Anon
	(a) My Mistress' Fancy	
	(b) The Irish Ho-hoane	
	(c) Pavan	
	(d) My Mistress' Fancy	
Two clarinets and bassoon	Three Minuets	Michael Haydn
Viola and piano	First movement of Sonata No. 2 in G minor for 'cello	Beethoven
Piano solo	(a) Miniature Pastorale No. 6	Frank Bridge
	(b) Allegro Barbaro	Bartok

INFORMAL CONCERT
Tuesday, 12th December, 1978

Orchestra	'Farandole' from 'L'Arlesienne'	Bizet
Flute and piccolo solos (J. M. McPhail)	Two movements from Flute Sonatas	Handel
Wind Band	Come Saturday Morning 'Summertime' from Porgy and Bess	Fred Karlin Gershwin
Orchestra	Theme from 'Love Story' Three movements from 'Capriol' Suite	Francis Lai Peter Warlock
Piano solo (I. L. Johnson)	(a) Basse Danse	Debussy
Second Orchestra	(b) Pavane	Bartok
Tenors and basses	(c) Mattachins	Haydn
	Golliwog's Cake Walk	Mozart
	Allegro Barbaro	Bolivian Folk Song
	German Dance	Peter Warlock arr. Frank Naylor
	March from 'The Magic Flute'	
	Pollerita	
Orchestra	Captain Stratton's Fancy Latin-Americana	
	(a) Jarabe Tapatio (Huapango)	
	(b) La Cucaracha (Baion)	
	(c) La Paloma (Tango)	
	(d) Ay, Ay, Ay (Cha Cha)	
	(e) Cielito Lindo (Samba)	

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S KIRK, PERTH
25th February, 1979

Choir	Magnificat in B flat	Stanford
Violin, viola 'cello and piano	Trio Sonata in D major	J. M. Leclair 1697-1764
Woodwind group	Adagio—Allegro Dance Suite	M. Praetorius 1571-1621
	(a) Tanz der Burger	
	(b) Reigentanz	
	(c) Aufmarsch	
	(d) Tanz des Burgermeisters	
	(e) Tanz der Burger	
Piano solo	Impromptu in F minor Op 142	Schubert
Choir	'Te Deum' in E major (1st and last movements)	Anton Reicha 1770-1836
	(a) Te Deum Laudamus	
	(b) In Te Domine Speravi	
Strings	Five Dances	Hans Leo Hassler 1564-1662 arr. Seiber
Flute solo	Minuet and Vivace from Fitzwilliam Sonata	Handel
Brass group	Elizabethan Suite	Anon
	(a) My Mistress Fancie	
	(b) Pavane	
	(c) Farlane	
	(d) Madrigal	
Violin solo	Kavatine	Raff
Choir	Nunc Dimittis in B flat	Stanford

MUSIC AT ST. GILES' CATHEDRAL

27th May, 1979

	PART I (Instrumental)	
Four Airs and Dances from 'Phaeton'	J. B. Lully (1632-1687)	
arranged for strings	J. H. Schmelzer (1632-1680)	
Suite of Dance movements	G. P. Telemann (1681-1767)	
arranged for flutes, clarinets and bassoons		
Concerto in G major for viola and strings		
1st Movement: Largo		
4th Movement: Presto		
	PART II (Choral)	
Magnificat	G. B. Pergolesi (1710-1736)	

SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

Orchestra	Mazurka from 'Swan Lake'	Tchaikowsky
Violin solo	Kavatine	J. Raff
(P. Lee accompanied by I. L. Johnson)		
Second Orchestra	Overture to 'The Pirates of Penzance' (Mini-version)	Sullivan
Tenors and basses	Jonah-Man Jazz	Michael Hurd
Orchestra	Slavonic Dance No. 8	Dvorak



MUSIC SOCIETY

Sadly, the most noticeable feature of the past season's concerts has been the unprecedentedly low attendance, only six boys being present on one occasion. These poor attendances, which I feel are a reflection of the declining place of music in the School, have cast doubts over the future of the Music Society in its present capacity.

On a brighter note, the concerts themselves maintained that high standard to which we have become accustomed. The first of these was a very lively affair from Heather Corbet and her band 'Percussion Plus' who performed a wide variety of music ranging from Bizet to the Beatles. The next concert saw the return of Peter Evans who was soloist in a piano recital that included Beethoven's E Flat sonata, two preludes by Rachmaninoff and a piece new to us all by a certain John McLeod. Staying with the piano, Clive Swansbourne was our next soloist giving what was, unfortunately, his last concert at Strath as he has now emigrated to America. As before he had us all enthralled with his accomplished playing in a recital that included Bach's Italian Concerto and Chopin's Scherzo in B Flat minor. A musical 'guided tour' of Scotland was our next concert which consisted of a certain amount of Scottish history interspersed with songs sung by Clifford Hughes and accompanied by Philip Sawyer on the piano.

The chapel was the scene of our next concert, a very Bary Ball affair as it was not only his last cantata concert with us but also saw the premiere performance of his latest work, a Te Deum. The cantata choir also performed Pergolesi's Mass in B Flat major and there were three solos: from Patrick Lee on the violin, Colin Harrison on the viola and Ian Johnson on the piano.

The season was concluded with the traditional music staff concert which, as usual, proved to be an evening of light-hearted entertainment. The surprise package was Mr Young (our new catering manager) who sang three songs and showed us that he possesses what Mr West described as the best bass voice that Strath has heard for years. Barry Ball played a prominent part as usual: as soloist, accompanist and even a composer of a clarinet and piano sonatina which Mr Morrison played to his customary high standard.

This season was Mr Ball's last with us at Strath and I should like to extend to him on behalf of the Music Society our gratitude for the time and effort he has put into the organisation of so many excellent concerts.

I. L. Johnson.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Camp. I believe that camp is the most important and most fulfilling part of the CCF, and in many ways I am sorry that the old idea of the whole of each section of the contingent going annually to camp has now gone, partly due to MOD financial policy, partly due to the scarcity of Regular assistance, and partly due to a more 'modern' attitude on the part of the schools, parents and cadets. But in ways I am not sorry, for one can do more adventurous and more exciting training in smaller groups, and individual cadets have a greater opportunity to make a personal contribution and Officers have a better chance of getting to see cadets, sometimes under hard conditions, and to estimate their capabilities. But I do believe it is essential for everyone to regard camp as the peak of the training year, and I would encourage boys who enjoy it, to go to camp more than once. Over the years that I have been in command there have been some wonderful camps. My experience is mainly limited to the Army but I know that the same goes for the RN and RAF sections: MFV's on the Clyde, sea-going time, even to Portugal once, Naval Air courses, sailing, sub-aqua, Malta, Germany, gliding, attachments to the Regular Forces, Norway, Rothiemurchus, Orkney, flying scholarships, the Marines, Plymouth, Portmahomack, Arran, the Lake District—who could ask for more? 'But we went to Cultybraggan, Sir!'

And the Army section camp was at Cultybraggan in 1979. And what do you do at Cultybraggan? Field exercises with blanks, firing .303 and SLR, rafting, canoeing, watermanship, river-crossing on ropes, abseiling, an expedition, a night out camping, Ben Vorlich, good food and a comfy mattress! A holiday camp, with expert tuition for every activity! Cultybraggan 1979 was a very successful camp.

During the year many cadets have been to other camps and courses, but we are particularly pleased with the sea-time HMS *Camperdown* has been able to offer on mine-sweepers.

Captain J. E. Saunders, REME, gave a very interesting talk on the 77 Columbian Amazonas expedition in the Spring term.

On the 22nd June Captain Vallis, RN, visited the RN

section, who gave a very good impression of themselves, as did the RAF cadets who joined them for the Guard of Honour. The trip down the river in our own boat to see the sailors under Mr Goody, and the new RN model craft section were most interesting.

The Pipes and Drums played at the first-ever Ladies' World Curling Championships in Perth ice rink, but were disappointed not to have any further outside engagements. They played very well on Speech Day and this year we had an extra Retreat. On 8th June the contingent was visited by a party of Old Boys serving in the Forces. After lunch and inspecting some of the training the seven visitors paraded with the 'Sunset' platoons and all the CCF Officers. On this occasion, for the first time, the parade was taken not by the senior RN cadet, but by the OC in honour of his retirement from the CCF. It was greatly appreciated by the whole contingent that Mike Cran, Richard Cunningham, Fergus Gillanders, Brian de la Haye, David McKee, Rod Powrie and Ron Powrie were able to be present, though we were sorry that the RAF were not officially represented. Mike Cran as a former member of the RAF section did his best to represent them with a ceremonial flight in the glider (luckily Murchie had not flown it into the pond by then).

I was very impressed that all cadets tried their hardest and made it a memorable parade. The sections were commanded by Cox. R. R. MacLeod, CSM J. D. McIntosh, WO M. Romaniec and Sgt. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, the bugler was P. Peddie, and the Naval pipers P. McKee and C. Harrison. A. Glennie announced 'One minute to sunset' and it was my special pleasure that Pipe Major A. C. Fairbairn had to salute and call me Sir! May I thank the Corps Officers, the Old Boy Regular Officers and all ranks of cadets for an impressive parade that I shall not forget.

On Saturday 7th July the CCF entertained Officers of Regular and other units that help the CCF, and their wives, and once again the Pipes and Drums put on an impressive display. I must add too that the kilted ushers, who were not in the CCF, came in for very favourable comment. Some senior cadets joined the gathering for dinner at the end of which Under Officer G. Pollock, who has been an outstanding cadet, presented us with an inscribed silver tray on behalf of the Officers and Cadets of Strathallan School CCF. It will be a wonderful reminder to us of many happy years with the Corps. To end the official proceedings Pipe Major A. C. Fairbairn played a new tune specially composed for the occasion by P/M J. Mortimer entitled 'Lt.-Col. Cosmo Fairbairn's Farewell to Strathallan CCF,' and I hope it will often be played in future by the School Pipes and Drums as their own special tune.

It is of course the cadets and the boys that make the CCF successful, and I thank you all for twenty years of enthusiasm and keenness. The reports on our Corps over the years have been excellent and it is a tradition that we must maintain. But even so, basically it is the hard work of the Officers that encourages the cadets, and nowadays it depends more and more on their qualifications for the cadets even to be allowed to shoot, glide, sail, climb and so on. I have been tremendously lucky in my past and present Officers. I thank them all for their extremely hard work and great encouragement, and also many other masters not officially in the Corps for their help with Piping, Drumming, Camping, Hill-walking, Duke of Edinburgh, Sailing, Social Service, Shooting and First-aid. I personally must particularly thank Douglas Henderson who has struggled with the stores for years and who has been a wonderful cook, camper and friend. I know that he is still searching for the perfect boy Pipe Major, but we are greatly indebted to him for looking after the Pipes and Drums for so long and for helping the CCF in any way he has ever been asked. He will never forget M-G Madjd praying that the Hoy seas might calm!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the CCF and I believe that most boys do too, though few will admit it. My best wishes go to the new OC, Squadron Leader Barker (who has a mere nineteen years of service here!) and to all Officers and Cadets of Strathallan School CCF.

T.C.G.F.

PRESENTATION TO Lt.-Col. T. C. G. FAIRBAIRN, CONTINGENT COMMANDER, 1959-1979

A cocktail party and buffet supper were held at the School on Saturday 7th July, to mark the retirement of Lt.-Col. Fairbairn as Contingent Commander. During the evening an inscribed silver tray was presented to Col. Fairbairn, on behalf of the Officers and Cadets of Strathallan School CCF, in appreciation of his twenty years as Contingent Commander and almost thirty years unbroken service in the Army and CCF. Even so, he is still not completely severing all connections with CCF and will continue to serve on the local committee of the TA. Our congratulations and best wishes go to Col. Fairbairn in his new appointment as Second Master.



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Undergraduate Cadetships

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* Under Review.

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For full details of any of the above methods of entry enquirers should consult their School Careers staff or write to:-

Schools Liaison Officer
Army Headquarters Scotland
Edinburgh EH1 2YX



ROYAL NAVAL SECTION



Once again the R.N. Section gave a creditable showing in the annual C.C.F. Regatta at H.M.S. PEMBROKE, Chatham. This was followed by Field Day which was particularly interesting this year. S/Lt. Clayton took a group to visit the Clyde Submarine Base at H.M.S. NEPTUNE on the Gare Loch. Other groups visited H.M.S. COCHRANE, H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN and the Royal Marines of 45 Commando at R.M. CONDOR, Arbroath.

A close liaison with the other sections of the C.C.F. was a feature of this year's training programme, including Field Day. Several exercises between the R.A.F. and R.N. sections produced a strong sense of competition and it is hoped that orienteering will provide a larger share of the training programme.

In October we had visits from the retiring Naval Member J.C.E.—Commander Duxbury—and also from Commander Picton, the new commanding officer of H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN.

A feature of this year's training was the excellent facilities provided by H.M. Ships. In November a group of R.N. cadets joined a landing craft at Lossiemouth and went on board H.M.S. HERMES for four days at sea in the Moray Firth. This provided an unforgettable experience for the boys involved. This was

followed by several weekends at sea in H.M.S. KEDDLESTON sailing from Dundee to Montrose, Leith and Granton.

All cadets did particularly well in both the AB and Proficiency exams which followed two intensive terms of preparation.

At the start of the Summer Term the Cheverton motor boat was brought from Dundee to Perth. An unfortunate break in the starting chain at Newburgh heralded a catalogue of disasters involving both the Police and Tay Division R.N.R. To all who kindly proffered assistance during one of the worst storms on record our sincere thanks. After the initial bad luck with the motor boat it has run well and some eighty hours have been logged recently giving many cadets river experience.

Sailing, both in the 'nursery' pond and the River Tay, has gone from strength to strength and it is hoped, particularly as our ablest cadets are not involved in other School matches, to send one of our strongest teams ever to Chatham.

An unusual feature of this year was a visit by serving Old Strathallians including S/Lt. F. G. R. Gillanders and Mid. R. A. Cunningham on the occasion of the retiral from command of the C.C.F. of Lieutenant-Colonel Fairbairn.

This was followed a week later by a visit to the R.N. Section by Captain Vallis, H.M.S. COCHRANE. A smart combined R.N. and R.A.F. Guard of Honour was inspected by Captain Vallis who also toured various activities including sailing on the Pond, rigging exercises at Coventrees and a model boat display. The Captain, having embarked on the Cheverton at Perth Harbour then inspected a sailing display at Lairwell.

The 'Role of the Navy' lecture was given this year by Captain Turner and Lt.-Commander Bryden, Staff Officer H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN, and Captain Saunders also gave interesting talks.

Camps and courses were well taken up during both Easter and Summer holidays and all boys enjoyed the seamanship and shooting courses at H.M.S. COCHRANE and Barry Buddon. Several cadets went on advanced sailing courses and Lt. MacLeod took three cadets from Plymouth on the assault ship H.M.S. INTREPID in July. S/Lt. Clayton was again a sailing instructor at H.M.S. RALEIGH. A visit to the Britannia Royal Naval College in August by Lt. MacLeod provided an opportunity to gain valuable experience with power boats as Divisional Officer on the Dartmouth course and it is hoped that several boys will join this course next year. It is of interest to note that Midshipman Cunningham is to be head of Hawke Division at B.R.N.C. as from

September and that H.R.H. Prince Andrew is to join that Division.

After a first-class year as Coxswain, Pollock was promoted Under Officer of the C.C.F. in June. After leading an excellent team this was no more than just reward.

It is with regret that we say farewell to Lt.-Col. Fairbairn after twenty years with the C.C.F. and we wish him every success as Second Master.

Once again a heartfelt thank you to F.C.P.O. Curle who continues to be as invaluable as ever. Thanks too to Lt.-Cdr. Bryden and Tay Division R.N.R. We are very grateful to Captain Leech, the Perth Harbourmaster and Tayside Regional Council for giving the School berthing facilities at Perth. This has made a considerable difference to the time available for training.

The R.N. Section is increasing in establishment from next term and we look forward to welcoming both Mr Glimm and Mr Goody into the section. Mr Goody has done so much to help us in the past with boats and sailing that it is only right he becomes 'part of the family' officially.

Promotions 1979-80—

Coxswain: C. J. E. Houston.

Petty Officers: A. M. Bisset, K. V. S. Grant, D. M. Spens,
C. M. Steedman, S. R. Watt.

T.J.M.

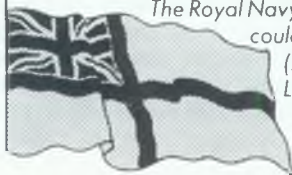
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ROYAL NAVY

R.A.F. SECTION

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F.Sgt. A. E. Fairley.

F.Sgt. P. J. M. Stewart

Sgt. C. R. Woolacott

Sgt. J. M. C. Livingston

Cpl. C. R. D. Chatwin

Cpl. S. A. Ferguson

F.Sgt. A. G. M. Pottie

Sgt. E. W. Hamilton

Cpl. D. R. McConchie

Cpl. A. L. Knight

Cpl. R. C. Inglis

F.Sgt. W. M. McGregor

F.Sgt. D. Guthrie

Cpl. G. C. McLean

Cpl. W. L. Mackay

Cpl. S. McCallum

Cpl. A. F. R. Galashan

This year we made a slight change in the training programme. At the beginning of the Autumn term the weather was good and much of our training was done out of doors. This included initiative exercises, primary glider training and map reading/orienteering exercises. We also arranged a night exercise, unfortunately a little late in the term when the weather was less pleasant, but nevertheless it was extremely popular (except with the Contingent Commander, Housemasters, non-C.C.F. masters etc.) and boys from other sections took part. A great deal of work went into planning the night exercise and this was done entirely by the N.C.O's I think they learned a lot from it, not least the fact that exercises of this nature need meticulous planning beforehand (a lot of people have to be consulted!) and afterwards there's the tedious job of clearing-up and checking all equipment. During the Autumn Term the N.C.O's, in turn, planned and organised the weekly programme. This was also good experience for them and they soon appreciated how easy it is to criticise 'Friday afternoon Corps,' but much harder to produce an original and interesting programme each week of the term.

With 75 cadets in the Section, Field Days always present a problem. This year, we divided the Section into three, one group went to Lossiemouth, another to Turnhouse and the remainder accompanied the Navy Section to Rosyth. I have slight reservations about the value of Field Days; with large numbers of cadets it is extremely difficult to arrange an interesting and worthwhile visit and for many it is little

more than just a day out from School. However, it was enjoyed by most; a few boys flew at Turnhouse, there were lots of things to see at Lossiemouth and it was a novel experience for some of the R.A.F. Section to see over a Naval establishment.

Proficiency exam work was the main item on the programme for the Spring Term. Once again, this was left entirely in the hands of the N.C.O's. They decided that they wanted to cut out most of the formal classroom work and organised a programme of guided study that the cadets could do in their own time. Classroom work was almost entirely restricted to objective testing. Surprisingly, in my opinion, it seemed to work quite well and the exam results at the end of the term were certainly good. 20 boys sat Proficiency Part III and only 2 failed; 3 gained distinctions and 4 obtained credits. 21 boys sat Proficiency Part II and 3 failed; 1 gained a distinction and 3 boys obtained credits.

At half-term, four boys went up to Lossiemouth for the weekend. We left Perth in a blizzard but, as we got further North, the snow petered out and we finally arrived at Lossiemouth in sunshine. The main purpose of the visit was a Shackleton flight. The last remaining squadron of these historic aircraft is stationed at Lossiemouth and all boys greatly enjoyed their trip, in spite of having to get up in the early hours of the morning. We also managed to fit in some gliding, a look-over the Jaguar simulator and an actual flight in the Hunter simulator (they all crashed it!). During the weekend, a giant American Awax was diverted to Lossiemouth. It was immediately placed under armed guard. However, the boys soon got chatting to the crew and asked to see over it. This was duly arranged and, in spite of the armed guard, we all had a good look over this 'top secret' aircraft, jammed full of computers and sophisticated electronic gadgetry—not, of course, that we were in a position to carry away many secrets. We did, however, carry away a few badges from the crew.

During the Spring Term we produced a team for the Assegai Trophy but, as expected, did not distinguish ourselves.

Easter Camp this year was at R.A.F. Swinderby, the recruit training establishment. Apart from Glenalmond, we were the only school present and we were very well looked after. There was plenty of Chipmunk flying, a trip in a VC.10 for all of us, and the food and accommodation were excellent. It was interesting to see what happens to the recruits and I think the boys were amused to see these youngsters being bellowed at and generally knocked into

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shape. The Officers also found it amusing; recruits are obviously told that an officer is a very important person and must be saluted on every possible occasion. It was a major problem trying to avoid recruits!

During the Summer Term we continued with our programme of outdoor training and, of course, we had to produce one flight to represent the R.A.F. Section in the retreat parades. There was no general inspection but a small group of Old Boys serving Officers (sadly, no R.A.F. representative) visited the School for a normal training afternoon. At the end the retreat parade was taken by Lt.-Col. Fairbairn making his last official appearance as Contingent Commander. We also provided part of the Guard of Honour for the visit of Captain Vallis R.N.

On the whole, this has been another good year for the Section. Sadly, we seem to have missed out on Air Experience Flying and very few boys have flown at Turnhouse this year; our slots in the programme seem to have been bedevilled either by bad weather or unserviceable aircraft. Gliding continues to be popular and two boys gained their 'wings' at Arbroath last Easter and three more are hoping to do so in the Summer holidays. During the year we have sent a number of boys down to Biggin Hill to try for Flying Scholarships, but, yet again, we have had no success—hay fever seems to have been our main problem. In spite of this, the interest and enthusiasm remains strong. I have been very fortunate this year in having a good team of hard-working and dedicated N.C.O's. Most of them are leaving and our best wishes for the future go with them. Flying Officer Ball is also leaving and it remains for me to thank him for all his help and interest over the last few years particularly with regard to that dangerous and accident-prone machine, the primary glider. Last year, I think, we held the record in the country for the number of times we've launched the contraption. Thanks to Mr Ball, I don't think we hold any record for the number of times we've crashed it. We said farewell also to Flt.Sgt. Jim Crook who returns to normal R.A.F. duties. On several occasions in the past I've expressed my appreciation of the work that Jim Crook has done for this School. At the end of term, we presented him with a painting suitably inscribed with the names of all the schools that he has been associated with during the last three years. It is a measure of the esteem in which he is held by all these schools that most generous contributions were received in response to the request to make a presentation in recognition of his outstanding service. Our best wishes go to Barry Ball and Jim Crook in their new spheres of influence.

P.A.B.

We weren't even sure that we were going to get there and when we did the walking was limited by the weather. A visit from Mr Fairbairn and a case of German Measles added spice to life.

The hut was comfortable and Mr Henderson's cooking was good with plenty of prunes being supplied to help the digestion. The view, when we could see anything, was excellent but too often it was obscured by cloud and rain.

The first day, perhaps the only good one, saw us climbing up the Langdale Pikes and getting a good panoramic view of the Lake District although the distant features were a bit vague. On Sunday the weather closed in and the situation remained unrelieved for the remainder of camp.

The Sunday walk was an orienteering exercise done by boys alone and Mr Barratt was amused to find one group hitching a lift when everyone was supposed to walk. On Monday we walked from the hut to Grasmere with a snow-ball fight at the highest point.

The Tuesday walk required that we remain below 3,000 feet owing to adverse weather conditions. An exhausting tour of Great and Little Langdales and a trip up Pike O'Blisco was the result.

On Wednesday we attempted to climb the south face of Coniston but were forced back by high winds.

Most evenings were spent away from the hut and there were two visits to Ambleside in the evening with cinema visits in mind and on Thursday we were in Ambleside for the afternoon.

Nobody was plagued by blisters and generally a good time was had by all: F. A. G. Hardie, C. A. W. Hyne, Q. C. Livingston, C. D. Long, G. F. Sinclair, R. D. Eglinton, G. B. Hedges, J. J. Kingan, C. C. Cole, K. S. Smellie, A. A. Thomson and W. M. McGregor.

W.M.M.

Social Services

The enthusiasm and effort which so many boys have shown throughout the year have once again demonstrated the interest and concern for the less fortunate in our society. Boys undertook street collections, gardening for the elderly, swimming instruction for spastics as well as the projects described below:

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

To commemorate the International Year of the Child it was decided to hold a Sponsored Sports Marathon in which all boys were invited to participate. It was agreed that the proceeds should go to the Save The Children Fund and, with the aim clear in mind, the organisation of the whole scheme began late in the Easter term.

FORUM

The evening preceding the Sports Marathon a forum was held at which five speakers addressed the School on various aspects of their work within the Save The Children Fund. Mrs Maida Watson, Chairman of the Perthshire branch, described to us the welfare work done locally and Mrs Caroline Hill outlined the vital work done by the Fund in Northern Ireland. A general description of the many worthwhile projects started by the Fund in the Third World was given by Mr Donald Jack. In particular, Miss Pat Pettigrew, a Health Visitor, gave an account of her experience on projects in Yemen, Papua New Guinea and Sudan. The forum concluded with a lively talk by the Countess of Mar and Kellie, Chairman of the Scottish Committee for the International Year of the Child, on the aims of this venture.

All the speakers spoke with great conviction and impressed on us the value of the projects to which the proceeds from the Sports Marathon would go.

CHAPEL SERVICE

Just before the half-term break during last Summer Term, a special chapel service was arranged to commemorate the International Year of the Child. From the beginning, this service was to be special—in the fact that this time the boys were taking it, Mr Reid being this time one of the many infamous 'lost sheep.'

A few meetings were planned beforehand to think up a suitable format for the service. However the word 'few' was transformed into 'many' as the planned date for the service drew closer. Indeed I think these meetings in themselves deserve special mention. If one was of a nervous disposition

these meetings would have taken years off one's life. Themes, images and biblical quotations flew about like the debris from Skylab, and if a participant came out with anything else bar an acute migraine, he must have been sleeping. Eventually, after many long hours of verbal confrontations which bordered upon physical violence, a pattern for the service was found and nothing except the outbreak of the Third World War was going to destroy this one. I think the vast consensus of opinion after this pattern had been found, amongst the boys, was—give us a Higher exam any day—these meetings coincided with the S.C.E.-E.B. Higher Examinations.

Needless to say that with all these intensive meetings, the actual service went smoothly and well.

We all hope that it served to awaken people at School to the reality and horrors of the living standards in the Third World countries, and also to be aware of the acute problems here at home.

At this point I would like to express our gratitude to Mr Brown and the Rev. Reid without whose help and guidance the service would not have materialised.

SPONSORED SPORTS MARATHON

On Sunday the 20th May the event of the year took place—the mammoth Sports Marathon.



There were several activities involved, namely: football, hockey, basketball, fencing, squash, tennis, swimming, running and cycling. Most games were sponsored and played over a time period of fifteen minutes, while swimming was recorded per length of the pool, running per 400 metre lap and squash and tennis per game. There were several levels, according to ability, for example in the cycling programme—35 miles, 45 miles and 56 miles.

After much careful planning and deliberation all the plans were finalised and the day began on time with everything in order. The weather was thankfully fair, however a bit too windy for the liking of the cyclists. Some of the performances of individuals were quite exceptional, notably down on the track and in the pool. Suffice it to say that the response from the School, of whom about two hundred and fifty participated, was enthusiastic from start to finish. All boys must be congratulated in devoting such valuable working time and effort for the cause and it is only fair to say that we did extremely well. The incredible sum of just over £2,030 was raised—the most the Fund has ever received from any school in the United Kingdom!

The cheque was presented by Gavin Fairweather, who raised £74 himself, to Lady Kinnaird, Mrs Fenton and Mrs Watson, all representatives of the Save the Children Fund in the Dining Hall on Tuesday 10th July. It only remains for us to thank all the masters who gave up their free time to deal with all the administrative chores. Special thanks and congratulations are deserved by Mr Brown, without whose enthusiasm and vision this tremendous feat would never have been achieved.

Lady Kinnaird (Scottish Council for S.T.C.F.) in her letter of thanks to the School said:

'The School has a fine reputation for giving but it is sometimes difficult to equate fund-raising on one hand with the end product of charity relief. Perhaps it is simpler just to say they have enabled the Save the Children Fund to make a great many children much happier and in some cases have actually given life and hope. And it is my privilege to try very inadequately to thank you and the School for having done just that.'

The money will be used in the provision of mobile medical care and first use of paediatric beds for the Masai tribes, who are normally nomadic but have settled in one place due to the lack of rainfall during the last eight years in their part of Kenya.

The provision of medical care and of paediatric beds will cost approximately £9,000 per annum.

Contributors: J. D. McIntosh, P. D. Russell, A. E. Fairley,
D. H. Prosser.



VISITS TO MURRAY ROYAL HOSPITAL

Again, during the course of the year, the members of the Social Services made regular trips to the Murray Royal Mental Hospital. Often shaken by the mini-bus journeys to the hospital, the boys were then given the chance to talk with some of the patients and pass the afternoon with them, by playing cards, dominoes or taking them for walks within the grounds. Later on, throughout the summer term, patients from the hospital were enabled to visit the School by bus and were entertained by the pipe band, in addition to being given afternoon tea. These visits were undertaken with enthusiasm and energy for the most part and despite the fact that communication on occasions was difficult, the opportunity to adapt to such situations which necessitated dealing with older people and the chance to overcome any similar obstacles made the visits very worthwhile and productive. Furthermore, the visits of patients to the School allowed them to take time out of their everyday environment and many of them seemed to derive a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure from these occasions.

G. M. Strommen.



ADULT LITERACY

In the Winter Term, C. J. E. Houston, A. C. Fairbairn, D. J. Watson and R. C. Inglis undertook a short course in Adult Literacy. On Wednesday evenings for six weeks we attended classes at Perth Technical College with about fifteen other local volunteers. In the short time available the lecturer, Mrs Gillespie, put forward to us very clearly the problems of teaching adults to read and write, and showed us how to set about the task. The classes were interesting and went smoothly, but the discussions, during the coffee-break, sometimes tended to be embarrassing as one of the above named often managed to speak at the wrong time.

Now, as fully qualified Adult Literacy teachers we have unfortunately not had a pupil to date, but Mrs Dick, Adult Literacy Organiser, is at present making arrangements for us to teach at Perth Prison in the forthcoming school year, which could prove interesting.

R. C. Inglis.

VISIT OF MARYHILL SCOUT GROUP

On Saturday 26th May, Ian McCreadie, by now a well known visitor to the School, arrived with five of his boys from the Maryhill Scout Group with which he is involved. The five boys, two Douglas's, Richard, Steven and Andrew were shown round the School and seemed to be very impressed. They brightened up visibly at the mention of indoor football and hurried to change out of their kilt dress, which, however smart it was 'is no' the garb for footer.' After an exhausting hour and a half we managed to drag them away from football and they tried their hand at water polo with no rules.

By lunch the boys felt more at home and during the afternoon played golf, squash, tennis, basketball and yet more football. However, the thing they will remember most is probably the barbecue that night where they really enjoyed themselves. Reluctantly they went to bed with the total misconception that Strath was a holiday camp—they should have been here on a Wednesday.

On Sunday they were up early with the energy and ever present enthusiasm of Ian to make sure that they stayed up. After Chapel, the five of them decided by themselves to abandon the planned trip to St. Andrews and make further use of the facilities they had enjoyed so much the day before. They spent the morning sailing, had another swim, played snooker and the inevitable football and many other things which they all wanted to try. We hope they were tired at the end of it because we couldn't have stood the pace much longer. All in all it was a very satisfactory weekend, informative for both parties, and I hope a good holiday for the boys.

C. J. E. Houston.

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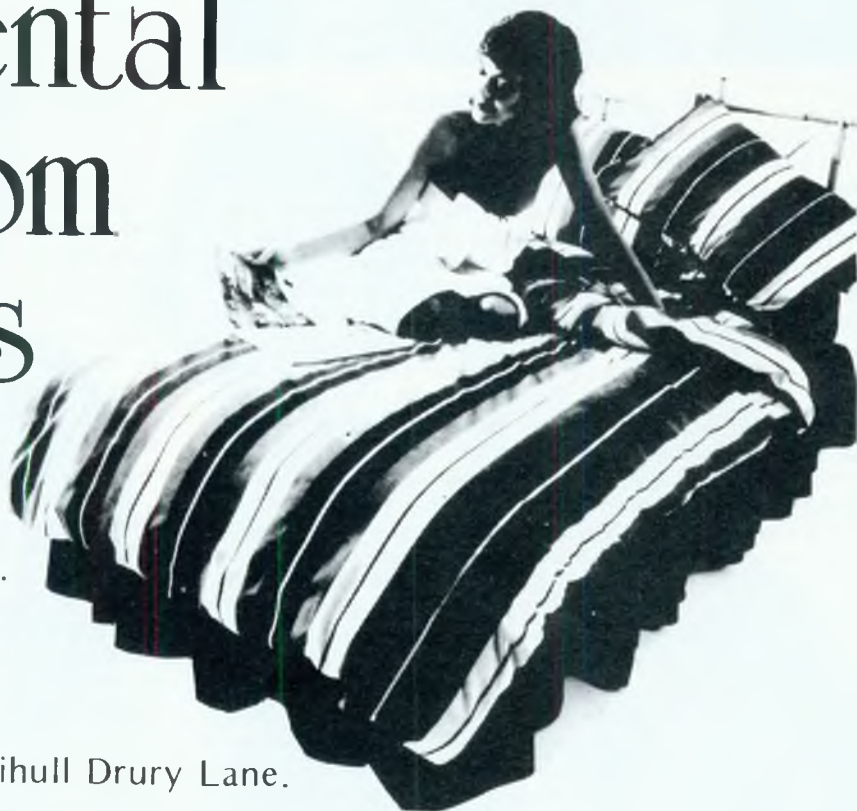
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THE DRAGONS IN INDIA

The Dragons teams include schoolboys who have played at national and representative levels but also those who have not been considered good enough. The strongest teams possible are picked but other factors are taken into consideration because the social side of a Dragons tour is as important as the actual playing of the sport. The aims of the Dragons are to play hard, to play fair and above all to make friends and to act as ambassadors for British Junior sport.

The team chosen to tour India contained quite a few County 2nd XI and Minor County players and on paper looked strong although the spin attack looked weak and later proved pretty ineffectual against the Indian batsmen. Our first practice together was at Bisham Abbey, the Sports Council's number one sports centre. This was in fact one of our few chances to practise as the Indian nets were generally merely strips of dried mud which proved very dangerous. The nets at the ground in Delhi were surrounded on one side by a herd of fierce-looking pigs and on the other by an outside urinal so naturally there was more interest in sightseeing than in practising. At one net session in Ahmedabad there must have been almost five hundred people watching us and the next day over five thousand turned up to watch the match. Most of the teams we played against contained a few schoolboy internationals or a few former Test players and one team was led by a twelve-year-old. Whatever the Indians lacked in style and strength they made up for with great skill and determination. The team achieved about a 50% success rate which was reasonable considering the timing of the tour and the standard of the opposition. Outstanding personal successes were few and we mainly relied on a good team effort. The standard of the wickets was generally high and we were lucky enough to play on the Test match grounds in Delhi and Bombay.

India is an exciting country. Its attraction lies in its contrasts. On one hand the poverty and the suffering and on the other the great wealth of the ruling class. Despite all the poverty the Indian people are on the whole fairly happy and very friendly. They are always eager to talk to white people, especially white cricketers, and sometimes the incessant stream of chatter and autograph-signing becomes unbearable. But when one remembers that meeting a white cricketer could be the best thing that has happened to them all year, talking to them is the kindest thing one can do. Of course there are millions who would rather have a rupee than a chat and everywhere in India one is approached by beggars, many of them crippled or appallingly disabled by leprosy. It is at times such as these when one realises what social injustice is. In Britain there is no comparison to the poverty of many Indians who live in squalor far exceeding that of the Victorian workhouses.

At the other end of the scale there is great wealth reflected in splendid palaces and modern penthouse suites. Palaces are to be found all over India, one of the most interesting that we visited being the Amber palace just outside Jaipur—'The Pink City.' One cannot actually reach the palace because the Maharaja's security guards are patrolling the walls while a search goes on for an ancient treasure trove. One of the highlights of the trip was undoubtedly the visit to the Taj Mahal which although less than 100 miles from Delhi took us over six hours to reach by 'luxury' coach. As with any other large attraction the Taj Mahal has become very commercialised and is completely packed out with tourists. The crowds however detract very little from the splendour of the huge white dome which can be seen for miles around.

During our stay in India we stayed with fairly wealthy people although we also had the opportunity to experience some less exotic accommodation. In Delhi we stayed with a Scottish bank manager with eight servants; in Bombay we stayed in a penthouse suite but in Jaipur sixteen of us had to sleep in a small dormitory with only mattresses and rugs. Breakfast in this establishment cost about ten pence and consisted of stale cornflakes and boiled milk and slightly doubtful omelette. During the time we were staying in Delhi or Bombay 'Delhi-belly' was fairly common and undoubtedly affected one or two players' performances. However despite the lack of amenities in some places everybody was very hospitable and kind.

Undoubtedly India is one of the most intriguing countries in the world. As Mark Twain said:

'This is indeed India . . . the one land that all men desire to see and having seen once, by even a glimpse would not give that glimpse for the shows of all the rest of the globe combined.'

M.J.Y.

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DRAGON'S HOCKEY TOUR OF CANADA AND U.S.A., 1979

The Dragon's is an organisation founded in 1975 for the furtherance of sporting contact with overseas teams at schoolboy level. It has already met with considerable success; so much so that its founder, Mr Galloway, has recently given up teaching at Marlborough College and is now organising the tours on a full-time basis. There have so far been thirteen tours playing tennis, squash, cricket, hockey and rugby and encompassing Canada, South Africa, Kenya, Spain, Germany, India and the U.S.A.

The objectives behind the Dragon's conception were twofold: firstly, to act as a medium through which young people from different nations can meet on a common basis and secondly to enable them to see more of the world, make new friends and generally widen their spheres of outlook.

This year's hockey team consisted of fifteen players and two officials. It was picked from schools all over Britain but understandably the majority of the players were English. Although no school is barred from putting forward an individual, the team tended to be more of a public school side. The reason for this may be that the cost has to be met by each individual and this is often beyond the reach of many deserving players. Nevertheless this year's team was not short of talent; it included four England u-19 internationalists and nearly all the remainder had played for their county u-19 or u-21 sides.

Indeed, our match against an East Grinstead XI, after a long day of hard training, revealed that we were capable of playing a high standard of hockey. The following day, 8th August, we flew out to Toronto. We were accommodated in a private girls' school in an exclusive area of the city—unfortunately the girls were on vacation! During the first few days of our stay, we overcame an Ontario Juniors XI 5-3; reached the final of a six-a-side competition and were soundly beaten 5-1 by the Ontario Senior side.

After a day of sightseeing at Niagara we travelled to Ottawa and here we were entertained by our opposition. Our visit to Alfie's (a mock English pub) on the first night of our stay definitely set the tone for the next few days. In between our frequent visits to nightclubs and other such establishments, more often than not situated on the French side of the city, we managed to beat an Ottawa Junior XI

4-1 and have a very enjoyable game of mixed hockey.

The following weekend in Montreal we played three matches in two days. The venue for these matches was the stadium at the historic McGill University which boasted an astro-turf pitch. Our total lack of experience of playing on such a surface coupled with the fact that our opposition were well-drilled and very capable is part of the explanation why we did not do so well in Montreal. On the Saturday we were defeated 4-0 by Quebec Seniors and 3-1 by the League Champions—the Ambassadors whilst on Sunday we drew 1-1 in our second encounter with the provincial side. Nevertheless, we enjoyed immensely our short stay in Montreal and appreciated the atmosphere and character of the older parts of the city which the clean yet impersonal streets and buildings of Toronto lacked.

In New York we stayed in the Y.M.C.A. in downtown Manhattan. From this central base we were able to see most of the sights and gain first-hand experience of the city's hectic and non-stop way of life. Our stay in New York was made all the more enjoyable by our success on the hockey field—we defeated an East Coast Select XI 4-1 and an E.C.S. Junior side 4-0.

Back in Toronto, we were knocked out in the semi-final 1-0 by the favourites to win the annual Gold Cup Tournament and the following day were again defeated by the Ontario Senior side, this time 4-1. We then travelled to Detroit for our last match of the tour. This proved to be an easy victory—the final score was close to double figures. The tour had come to an end all too soon and before we knew it we were on the plane back to Britain.

The standard of hockey in North America, especially Canada, is undoubtedly improving but the fact that we were playing senior provincial sides shows that there is still a lot of room for improvement. It was not until we returned to Britain that I fully realised the value of such a tour. Not only did I gain invaluable experience on the hockey field but I also met many different people and made new friends.

Let's hope that Strath produces many more sporting Dragons, or perhaps musical ones too, for there is even a Dragons Choir visiting New York this Christmas!

A. W. Ferguson.

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Activities

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Thirty-four members of the third form joined the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme at the beginning of the year with the prospect of a varied programme of expeditions, physical efficiency tests, a service course and a hobby before them. We are grateful to the Tayside Police, the Tayside Fire Brigade, the St. Andrew's Ambulance Brigade and the S.S.P.C.C. for providing instructors and examiners for their respective service courses.

Most of the Winter Term was taken up by talks and outdoor exercises on map-reading, orienteering, the use of a compass, campcraft, safety code etc. The first major test was Field Day where D. of E. groups were expected to navigate their accompanying masters or prefects around the Ochils. Although the day was cold and windy most people enjoyed their day out of School.

In the Summer Term the main task was the expeditions. At the bronze level everybody must go on a two-day walk accompanied by a master camping out overnight and cooking their own meals. After this practice weekend they must then plan their own qualifying expedition—either a walk of about 13 miles or a 50 mile cycle. This time the boys are on their own and must use their initiative to overcome any problems they encounter.

A dozen boys completed silver expeditions involving two nights camping and 30 miles distance (or 100 miles cycling). We are lucky in the situation of the School that some of the most beautiful scenery in the U.K. is within fifty miles of the School and, particularly for the higher awards, some adventurous routes are possible.

The scheme could not work without the co-operation of numerous members of staff who have supervised expeditions; driven boys to service courses and checked campsites. Thanks are due to all of them.

G.D.I.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

The Scottish Country Dancing Club flourished this year with some enterprising performances from some notably new characters such as A. I. Nicolson. To balance these new members, the old hands held the side together.

We had six nights for practising before the two performances at Kilgraston and Strathallan. This year we conceded the honour of the 30th to Kilgraston where our team held up well to the pressure of about 100 girls. We held ours on the 28th November and our thanks must go once more to the girls for being such enthusiastic partners.

N.H.A.M.

BADMINTON CLUB

This year we tried to organise badminton on a more regular basis. Attendance on club nights improved throughout the term and we were able to defeat Merchiston without all our best players. There is plenty of potential within the School and if the impetus can be maintained we could have a very strong School team. The School tournaments produced some excellent games notably in the singles where Neil Stone-Wigg defeated the strong Malaysians Kenneth Lee and Jack Ong in successive rounds to win the competition. The doubles competition was won deservedly by Lee and Ong.

G.D.I.

V1th FORM LECTURES

We express our very sincere thanks to the gentlemen named below for so generously giving of their time to come out to Strathallan to talk to the Sixth Form about aspects of public affairs in which they are closely involved:

Sheriff Stanley Gimson:	<i>The Law, the Courts and Society.</i>
H. E. Richardson, Esq.:	<i>The Impact of Communism on Tibet.</i>
N. A. MacEwan, Esq., A.C.I.I.:	<i>Rugby Coaching.</i>
G. D. Robertson, Esq.:	<i>The Transition from School to University.</i>
J. K. S. Bannatyne, Esq.:	<i>The Place of Gleneagles Hotel in the Life of Scotland.</i>
David R. Penman, Esq., R.I.B.A., M.R.T.P.I.:	<i>Planning in the Local Government Context.</i>
D. P. McDonald, Esq., W.S.:	<i>Careers in the Law.</i>
Sir John Gilmour, Bart., D.S.O., M.P.:	<i>How a Bill becomes an Act of Parliament.</i>
Provost Norman T. Renfrew, L.D.S., B.Ch.D., J.P.:	<i>The Functions of Local Government.</i>

S.C.P.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Although we had a slight decrease in the number of members this year, we experienced a very successful year nonetheless.

Along with the films that were shown we managed to obtain the services of two lecturers; the first was Dr Gribbon, demonstrating the amazing properties of liquid nitrogen. Despite the fact that this has been seen previously, it was immensely enjoyed by all who attended. The second lecture was given by Dr Ferrier, who discussed the uses and applications of the laser.

The Society also undertook two visits—to Bell's bottling plant and to Carolina Port power station. In both cases the number of people wanting to go was very high and we were very sorry that we could not take all the applicants.

D.H.P.

YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

This year 146 boys (pitch?) forked out the subscription money keeping up the excellent trend of the past few years to have a big club.

Unfortunately there were disappointingly few lectures and visits this year.

Miss Alison Sim gave us an excellent resume in February of her recent trip to Finland.

At the end of January eleven boys went to visit Elmwood College in Cupar. Apart from looking round the teaching block, we also looked round the farm where they were in the process of installing a new milking parlour. It is hoped, at a later date, to return to see the completed parlour.

The Stump the Yokel competition (or Top of the Farm!) was held in the Summer Term. This year George Sinclair managed to hold off fierce competition to win.

In the Summer holidays Ian Niven, George Taylor and George Sinclair tried their hand at stockjudging at Perth Show.

The three evaluators did very well:

George Sinclair scored 255 points.

Ian Niven scored 254 points.

George Taylor scored 244 points.

We finished 5th out of 19 clubs taking part.

COMPUTING CLUB

At the beginning of the year most of the work done in the club was in Fortran with the programs being sent to Dundee for running. Martin Gray, of the fifth form, gave a series of introductory lectures to newcomers but the delay between writing programs and receiving the results through

the post dampened the beginners' enthusiasm.

Several members of the club bought their own programmable calculators (all Texas T158) and from then on we concentrated on the techniques of programming using limited storage space, including the numerical solution of differential equations. A visit to the University Computing Centre at St. Andrews fired everybody with enthusiasm to write programs for games for our calculators—and also to campaign for a School computer.

The results of our efforts were put on show on Speech Day and the exhibition was well attended by parents and boys. When you read this a minicomputer will have been installed at School including colour graphics. The system can be expanded as finances allow in the future.

G.D.I.

PIPE BAND

With a lot of experience, the band this year was very good. St. Andrew's Night went very well and gave us the confidence we needed for the rest of the year.

In the Spring Term we were joined by Pipe Major Jimmy Mortimer who has been giving individual piping lessons and has helped us a great deal already. Shortly after his arrival we played at Perth Ice Rink for the first ever Ladies' World Curling Championships.

In the Summer Term we entertained the elderly on Friday afternoons which I hope they enjoyed.

We played twice on Speech Day and at the Retreat. The day as a whole was a great success and led us to believe that we could do well at the competition at George Heriot's. However we were not placed in any events although Cpl. Peddie did manage third in the bugling!

After half-term we played in a Retreat and later at a party for the retiring O.C., Lt.-Col. Fairbairn.

In all it was a successful year, but next year in the absence of Messrs. Laing, McDougall, Campbell and Voigt we will have to work hard to do as well as this year.

Finally I would like to thank Messrs. Henderson, Murray, Wilson and Mortimer for the hard work they have put in throughout the year.

Competition results:

Chanter A: Dobbie

Chanter B: Menzies

Junior Piping: G. R. Brown

Senior Piping: A. C. Fairbairn

Junior Drumming: G. C. Sinclair

Senior Drumming: N. J. Voigt

P/M A.C.F.

SPEECH DAY—JUNE 1st, 1979

After the festival atmosphere provided by last year's highly successful fete, Speech Day returned to its usual format. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr G. S. Lowden, M.A., LL.B., C.A., opened the proceedings in the Large City Hall, Perth, followed by another speech by the Headmaster. The Guest of the Day was Mr Kenneth Ryden, M.C., D.L., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.V.A., a former Master of the Merchant Company, Edinburgh. Mr Ryden outlined the importance of industry in our present society and the place which it might occupy in the future. He then presented the prizes.

The prize-giving was followed by a five-item concert programme performed by the First and Second Orchestras and the Tenors and Basses of the School Choir. Particularly outstanding amidst performances of a very high standard was a violin solo by Patrick Lee who was well accompanied by Ian Johnson on the piano.

Fortunately, Speech Day was again blessed with glorious sunshine which enabled parents and guests to appreciate fully the wide range of activities on display varying from

basketball to calculator games. As is customary the Pipes and Drums beat the retreat to end what was a thoroughly successful and enjoyable day.

Prizewinners

Smith Cup for Captain of School	J. D. McIntosh
Houston Prize for All-round Merit	A. A. Muir
Dux of School	E. M. Grant
William Tattersall Art Prize	C. A. J. Baillie
Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings	P. S. H. Lee
Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music	I. L. Johnson and C. R. Harrison
Geography	R. S. M. Lawson
English, History and French	G. M. Strommen
Mathematics	R. J. Brewster
Chemistry and Physics	A. L. Knight
Biology	M. P. M. Romaniec
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Cricket

Despite the fact that there were no losses, the First Eleven had a very moderate season, managing to win only the games against Crieff and Loretto. The reason for this showing is not hard to find. Time and again oppositions were between 80 and 90 for 6, and allowed to finish with at least double that score. The fact is that there was insufficiently penetrative bowling around to finish off an innings once the break-through had been made.

Of the bowlers, MacLeod was easily the best, finishing with 40 wickets. My impression was that his bowling was nothing like as accurate as it was in 1978; however, it must be a very long time since a spinner took as many wickets in ten games at this School. Similar figures in the Harvey-Walker/Fleming era relate to fast bowlers. Unfortunately, no other bowler was consistent at the other end. Strommen promised well early on but lost his rhythm, and his propensity for diving into streams and colliding with trees often ensured that he wasn't, anyway, fit to bowl. Jackson, too, looked as if he might get wickets, but the harder the pitches became, the more innocuous his bowling seemed. Neither S. Ferguson nor Baxter were able to progress, and Watson was the best argument for gully and the square leg umpire wearing crash helmets. Watt didn't get on early in the season, but managed to get five wickets against Merchiston, and Allingham, promoted from the Junior Colts, had an impressive debut against Glenalmond.

The batting never really got going. We always batted second—which in itself must be something of a record—and an out-of-form Baird, a supposedly in-form Inglis and one or two others were inclined to potter. Hamilton, uncertain against spin, was nevertheless reasonably consistent; Brewster usually held the start of an innings together; Inglis always looked set for a big score and never made it, and numbers five onwards were scarcely ever in a position to contribute meaningfully.

The fielding was practised assiduously and perhaps McIntosh was our best fielder. However, the fielding was too often unintelligent, too many singles being allowed, particularly at the ends of overs.

MacLeod captained the side with enthusiasm, and by next season should have accumulated sufficient tactical knowledge to produce the results. He already has plans for the winter, and has a good nucleus of players returning. No Full Colours were awarded, but Half Colours were awarded to J. D. McIntosh, E. F. Jackson, R. C. Inglis, S. R. Watt and G. C. McLean.

The Second Eleven had a much better season than has been its wont. The more inexperienced players missed opportunities, unfortunately, because of cancellations to both 2nd XI and 'A' XI games. However, three new fixtures were found this year, and these created a greater incentive. P. Fellowes-Pryne captained the side ably, and almost everyone contributed at some time, T. F. McClung being perhaps the most consistent bat.

The Third Eleven, despite the gloomy prognostications of Mr Hewson, won two of its three games, C. J. Cracknell being the chief wicket-taker.

The Senior Colts had a fair season, but not its best. Disasters were always likely to occur if Coleman's batting and Robson's and Coleman's bowling didn't work the necessary magic. Still there were enough players around to make their mark on First Game next year—if they practise during the winter.

The Junior Colts relied mainly on the efforts of Kilpatrick and Allingham, and, to a lesser extent, Philp and McClung. The first two were well up to the standard of a Junior Colts game. The remainder of the game was disappointing, but poorish sides were common on the circuit.

It is heartening to see a revival of interest in cricket in the School. We do have some good players around and one can afford to be a bit more optimistic about prospects. It is still disappointing that we have some with average potential or better wanting to give up, and those concerned should reflect that perhaps they haven't got their priorities right when they are prepared to turn out for their house but make all kinds of difficulties about turning out for their School. The senior house match competition was undecided, and will be re-shaped next year on eleven-a-side lines. Simpson won the junior competition.

Finally, we now have a scoreboard. This has been kindly presented by Mr Sim in memory of David. We are most grateful for this generous gift.

AVERAGES

	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
E. W. Hamilton	8	3	65+	149	29.80
R. C. Inglis	10	2	38	186	23.25
R. J. Brewster	10	1	45+	208	23.11
A. C. B. Baird	10	0	63	136	13.60
E. F. Jackson	9	1	31+	93	13.28
C. A. MacLeod	8	2	12+	56	9.33
J. D. McIntosh	5	0	13	17	3.40

Also batted: G. M. Strommen 3+, 2+, 3+, 10+, 1;

G. C. McLean 0, 22, 12, 0;

D. J. Watson 2, 0, 11;

S. R. Watt 1+, 6+, 1+, 7+;

R. A. Ferguson 4, 1;

G. Dobbie 6+;

M. J. de G. Allingham 0;

S. A. Ferguson 0+, 1, 0+.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
C. A. MacLeod	199	68	408	42	9.01
S. R. Watt	31.3	7	64	7	9.14
G. M. Strommen	95.1	20	276	15	18.40
E. F. Jackson	51	12	176	6	29.33

Also bowled: M. J. de G. Allingham 16-4-33-5;

J. D. McIntosh 20-3-88-4;

S. A. Ferguson 19-4-29-1;

D. J. Watson 31-11-78-3;

W. A. G. Baxter 42-10-154-1;

R. C. Inglis 4-3-2-0;

A. C. B. Baird 5-0-15-0.

Catches: J. D. McIntosh 12; C. A. MacLeod 6;

R. J. Brewster 5 (and 3 stumpings);

G. M. Strommen 4.

RESULTS

1st XI

28th April v. Crieff

Crieff 77 (MacLeod 7-22)

Strathallan 78-8 (Hamilton 38 n.o.)

Won by 2 wickets

A sensible innings by Hamilton after a

devastating bowling spell by MacLeod

saw us home.

10th May v. Dundee University Staff

Cancelled—rain.

25th May v. M.C.C.

M.C.C. 102 (MacLeod 6-30)

Strathallan 76-8

Match drawn

Some more good figures by MacLeod, but some miserable batting—well, everyone was out of practice.

28th May v. Fettes

Fettes 175-9 (dec.) (MacLeod 3-43)

Strathallan 122-7 (Baird 63)

Match drawn

Baird and Brewster put on 93 for the first wicket. The next three batsmen—who, charitably, shall be nameless, then took 71 balls to score 9 runs.

31st May v. Loretto

Loretto 84 (MacLeod 6-23)

Strathallan 86-1 (Brewster 45 n.o.)

Won by 9 wickets

MacLeod in the wickets again.

7th June v. XL Club

Cancelled—rain.

10th June v. Strathallian Club XI

Strathallian Club 132-9 (dec.)

(J. H. R. Parker 31; D. C. Bell 32;

P. M. Hamilton 29)

Strathallan 116-7 (R. C. Inglis 38;

E. F. Jackson 31 n.o.)

Match drawn

Played on a Sunday and the Club produced a

better side than for many years, despite

clashes. The Club side was: J. H. R. Parker,

I. Fairlie, D. J. S. Currie, D. C. Bell,

P. M. Hamilton, D. T. Hay, W. D. W.

MacDonald, D. S. Gall, R. D. Goodfellow,

W. D. R. Wallace, N. D. McKenzie.

It was good to see several faces of people I

had thought had given up cricket. I hope

they will apply for some of the Occasionals'

games. We are always looking for fresh

talent.

- 16th June v. Edinburgh Academy
Edinburgh Academy 174-9 (dec.)
(MacLeod 5-58)
Strathallan 126-4 (Hamilton 65 n.o.)
This is a game we were never really in.
A pleasant innings by Hamilton redeemed
matters slightly.
- 19th June v. Occasionals
Occasionals 215-2 (dec.)
(N. T. H. du Boulay 117 n.o.)
Strathallan 129-8
Match drawn
Gloat!
- 23rd June v. Merchiston
Merchiston 174 (Watt 5-31)
Strathallan 65-2 (R. C. Inglis 33 n.o.)
Match drawn
Merchiston was the side to beat this year.
Well, we didn't look like beating them, but
then, neither did they look like beating us.
Rain interrupted the Strathallan innings
twice before bringing matters to a close.
The match was notable in that someone
else got all the wickets for a change.
- 30th June v. Michelin Men
Michelin Men 129-8 (dec) (MacLeod 6-46)
Strathallan 127-8 (Brewster 34, R. C. Inglis 35)
Match drawn
- 10th July v. Glenalmond
Glenalmond 145 (Allingham 5-33)
Strathallan 80-8 (Hamilton 23)
Match drawn
At one point Glenalmond, too, were about
80-8.
- 'A' XI**
- 22nd May v. Morrison's Academy
Morrison's 61 (Baxter 6-10)
Strathallan 62-2
Won by 8 wickets
- 24th May v. Perth Academy
Cancelled—rain
- 14th June v. Dollar Academy
Cancelled

2nd XI

- 5th May v. Q.N.C.C.
Strathallan 96-8 (T. F. McClung 21)
Match abandoned—rain
- 19th May v. Rannoch
Strathallan 144-6 (Fairbairn 34 n.o.)
Rannoch 59 (Ross 4-12)
Won by 85 runs
- 26th May v. Fettes
Fettes 96 (Watson 6-33)
Strathallan 79 (Watson 46)
Lost by 17 runs
- 31st May v. Loretto
Cancelled—rain
- 16th June v. Edinburgh Academy
Edinburgh Academy 125-8 (dec.)
Strathallan 72-8 (McLean 29)
Match drawn
- 23rd June v. Merchiston
Merchiston 85
Strathallan 86-5 (Montgomery 43)
Won by 5 wickets
- 30th June v. George Heriot's
Heriot's 95
Strathallan 98-1 (Duncan 30 n.o.,
D. I. Smith 48)
Won by 9 wickets
- 10th July v. Glenalmond
Glenalmond 160-6 (dec.)
Strathallan 72 (McClung 20)
Lost by 88 runs

3rd XI

- 26th May v. Fettes (H)
Fettes 70
Strathallan 43
Lost by 27 runs
- 16th June v. Edinburgh Academy (A)
Strathallan 98
Edinburgh Academy 34
Won by 64 runs
- 10th July v. Glenalmond
Strathallan 81
Glenalmond 51
Won by 30 runs

Senior Colts

- 12th May v. Edinburgh Academy (A)
Edinburgh Academy 115-7 (dec.)
(Coleman 4-27, Robson 3-27)
Strathallan 87-4 (Coleman 23)
Match drawn
- 22nd May v. Morrison's Academy 2nd XI (A)
Morrison's 63 (Shepherd 3-12, Coleman 3-14)
Strathallan 64-8 (Coleman 26)
Won by 2 wickets
- 26th May v. Fettes (A)
Fettes 118-8 (dec.) (Robson 4-34)
Strathallan 35
Lost by 83 runs
- 29th May v. Perth Academy
Strathallan 109-3 (dec.) (Coleman 53 n.o.,
Roger 25 n.o.)
Perth Academy 70 (Shepherd 6-24,
Coleman 3-12)
Won by 39 runs
- 31st May v. Loretto (A)
Strathallan 116-6 (dec.) (Archer 33,
Hulme 23)
Loretto 46 (Coleman 4-16, Robson 3-3)
Won by 70 runs
- 16th June v. Edinburgh Academy (H)
Edinburgh Academy 104-8 (dec.)
(Coleman 4-30)
Strathallan 54-4 (Coleman 28 n.o.)
Match drawn
- 23rd June v. Merchiston (H)
Merchiston 52 (Robson 5-7, Shepherd 3-5)
Strathallan 55-5
Won by 5 wickets
- 10th July v. Glenalmond (H)
Strathallan 96 (Eglington 33)
Glenalmond 97-8 (Watson 3-14,
Coleman 3-25)
Lost by 2 wickets
- 26th May v. Fettes (A)
Fettes 89 (Kilpatrick 5-22)
Strathallan 72-9 (Allingham 38)
Match drawn
- 29th May v. Perth Academy (A)
Strathallan 118-4 (dec.) (Kilpatrick 67)
Perth Academy 43 (Allingham 6-21,
Kilpatrick 4-7)
Won by 75 runs
- 31st May v. Loretto (A)
Loretto 54 (Philp 4-10)
Strathallan 58-5 (Allingham 29 n.o.)
Won by 5 wickets
- 16th June v. Edinburgh Academy (H)
Strathallan 79 (Kilpatrick 29)
Edinburgh Academy 82-7 (Allingham 5-38)
Lost by 3 wickets
- 23rd June v. Merchiston (H)
Merchiston 62 (Kilpatrick 5-19)
Strathallan 63-3 (Allingham 24, McClung 22)
Won by 7 wickets
- 10th July v. Glenalmond (H)
Glenalmond 110 (Kilpatrick 6-36)
Strathallan 111-7 (Kilpatrick 60 n.o.)
Won by 3 wickets



Junior Colts XI

- 12th May v. Edinburgh Academy (A)
Edinburgh Academy 37 (Philp 5-6)
Strathallan 38-8
Won by 2 wickets

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Occasionals

The home season was not particularly successful, players from outside the School being difficult to obtain because of other club commitments. The tour, however, was as successful as it has ever been, and a youthful side (perhaps the youngest ever took the field against Wessex Stags) ensured that the fielding was far sharper. The main bowling was carried by Ross Settles, Angus MacLeod and Steve Watt, the latter two bowling exceptionally well considering their lack of experience of bowling at good batsmen on hard wickets. The batting was shared around but Shiraz Dharsi contributed a couple of centuries, Nick Du Boulay one, Mike Yellowlees was a model of consistency and brother Robin got some useful scores.

It was good to see a lot of new faces on the tour, and I hope that this will encourage others to try their luck. The club needs new members to provide the continuity. A circular about the 1980 tour will be sent out in due course.

- 13th May v. Cupar
Cupar 149-5 (dec.)
Occasionals 116-8 (M. McLaren 29)
Match drawn
- 12th June v. Dundee University Staff
Occasionals 120-3 (S. K. Dharsi 54 n.o.,
H. C. Addison 42 n.o.)
Match abandoned—rain
- 19th June v. School
Occasionals 215-3 dec.)
(N. T. H. Du Boulay 117 n.o., G. Graington 77)
School 129-9 (S. K. Dharsi 3-12)
Match drawn
- 26th June v. Perth Farmers
Occasionals 176-8 (dec.) (S. K. Dharsi 39,
G. C. McLean 35 n.o.)
Perth Farmers 175-8 (MacLeod 3-48)
Match drawn
- 1st July v. Michelin Men
Occasionals 140 (J. D. McIntosh 31)
Michelin Men 141-7 (Williams 3-74)
Lost by 3 wickets

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- 23rd July v. Wessex Stags
Wessex Stags 135-9 (dec.) (Watt 3-29,
MacLeod 3-46)
Occasionals 136-5 (M. J. Yellowlees 61 n.o.,
R. G. Yellowlees 30)
Won by 5 wickets

- 24th July v. Old Cliftonians
Old Cliftonians 257-6 (dec.)
Occasionals 235-9 (S. K. Dharsi 132,
M. J. Yellowlees 35)
Match drawn
- 25th July v. Corsham
Occasionals 259-3 (dec.) (S. K. Dharsi 122,
P. L. N. Walker 77 n.o.)
Corsham 150-7 (MacLeod 4-80)
Match drawn
- 26th July v. Mid-Somerset Cricket Association
Mid-Somerset 205 (MacLeod 5-90)
Occasionals 206-5 (M. J. Yellowlees 73 n.o.,
R. G. Yellowlees 79)
Won by 5 wickets
- 27th July v. Dorset Rangers
Dorset Rangers 157 (Settles 5-36)
Occasionals 158-4 (N. T. H. Du Boulay 81,
M. J. Yellowlees 41)
Won by 6 wickets
- 28th July v. Denstone Wanderers
Denstone Wanderers 224-5 (dec.)
Occasionals 225-8 (N. T. H. Du Boulay 114,
R. Settles 46)
Won by 2 wickets



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SHOOTING

Shooting continued to flourish in its own small way again this year. As last year, the majority of the 'A' team left at the end of the summer term. Consequently lack of experienced shots meant that the 'B' team had to be shelved temporarily for the Autumn League. However, this was rectified in the Spring League, both 'A' and 'B' teams being entered for the B.S.S.R.A. competition. The 'A' team came a very close second in their division only being beaten in the last round.

In the Spring Term the annual inter-house shoot-out was held down on the range, the cup being won in the end by Ruthven.

The individual shooting cup was awarded to J. M. C. Livingston for having the best competition average.

Shooting colours were awarded to: R. C. Inglis, A. C. Fairbairn, M. P. M. Romaniec and re-awarded to W. A. G. Baxter.

The 'A' team consisted of: J. M. C. Livingston, W. A. G. Baxter, R. C. Inglis, A. C. Fairbairn, M. P. M. Romaniec, F. F. Campbell and L. W. Gordon.

The 'B' team consisted of: W. Baird, J. C. Gallacher, C. J. E. Houston, C. W. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton and J. W. Galloway.

R. C. Inglis is appointed captain for the 1979/80 season.

J.M.C.L.

GOLF

The Golf Club went through a slight change this season in its appointments as there was no A.G.M. and the Captain and Secretary were selected not elected—J. S. Richardson was Captain and A. M. Bisset Secretary.

In the Stocks Cup at Glenalmond we could but improve and did so, but by very little (no nil returns). Unfortunately in the Aer Lingus we did not repeat last year's excellent performance in the Perthshire League, again only losing to Morrison's but this time the match was much closer.

As usual we played friendly matches against Merchiston, Glenalmond and the Masters. We lost to Merchiston but only by one match, the Masters match was the usual easy victory for the boys (That's fighting talk!—Ed.) and the Glenalmond match gave us a tremendous victory. I would like to thank the team for a very commendable performance as this is the first time that we have ever managed to beat Glenalmond over their own Cairnies course.

A. M. Bisset was selected for the Perthshire & Kinross Schools team to play Angus Schools and also, along with J. S. Richardson,

to represent the Scottish Midlands Select team against an American side at St. Andrews (on the New and Old Courses).

A. M. Bisset won the School Club Championship. Freeland won the House Competition for a second year running and the Handicap competition was won by R. C. Inglis.

League Results

v. Auchterarder (Auchterarder)	halved	2-2
v. Perth Academy (Craigie Hill)	won	3-1
v. Morrison's Academy (Auchterarder)	lost	1½-2½
v. Pitlochry High School (Pitlochry)	won	2½-1½
v. Breadalbane Academy (Dunning)	won	3½-1½

Final position: 2nd.

Other Matches

v. Merchiston (Ladybank)	lost	3½-2½
v. Masters (Ladybank)	won	4-2
v. Glenalmond (Cairnies)	won	5½-2½

Team

A. M. Bisset, J. S. Richardson, G. R. Brown, J. C. Herd, D. J. M. Reynolds, K. I. McLachlan, F. S. Macmillan, G. S. B. Corbett.

FISHING

The season for Strathfish started later than usual as the fish, following a cold winter, were too small. Strathweed, the subsidiary of the multi-national Strathfish, went into liquidation as some of the sailing club and a couple of scientists 'layed into' the weed with chemicals. The result may have been smelly but at least the pond was comparatively free of weed for a spell.

The fishing match against the Old Boys was again held at the Lake of Menteith and again the School team lost, (no doubt due to the late season start). Still it was an enjoyable day. Many thanks to the Old Boys and especially Mr Biggart for making this possible. Also thanks to Mr Hewson for being 'responsible' for that infamous bunch Strathfish.

J.M.C.L.

INVITATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The first annual Strathallan Basketball Tournament took place on 8th February. All the Perthshire Schools with teams were invited and seeded in a knockout format.

The two afternoon qualifying games gave no surprises as the favoured Perth Academy beat Rannoch, and Glenalmond beat Crieff High School. After tea Strathallan faced arch rival Glenalmond in a match which was expected to be a close one. In actuality, with consistent scoring and tenacious defence, coupled with dominant rebounding from our forwards, we raced to an early lead that was never relinquished, going on to a 45-15 victory. Perth High knocked off their cross-town rivals in a surprisingly hard fought match and the stage was set for our final.

Perth High were a very talented team with several players of star potential. They were seeded first and everyone knew if we faced them, it would be a struggle. They had fairly

good speed and size but with a starting five of average height of 6'3", we had an advantage with rebounds. This, along with unexpected accuracy from medium range shots, was the main factor in our victory. Notable performances came from Mackay and Voigt at forward, Muir and Hooper in the back court and Prosser coming off the bench. The man of the tournament, however, was Blair Callander with dominant performances in both games at centre.

A silver trophy was presented by Mr I. S. Muir to the winners of the tournament—Strathallan.

Perth Academy v. Rannoch	28	16
Crieff High v. Glenalmond	22	32
Perth High v. Perth Academy	28	8
Strathallan v. Glenalmond	45	15
Crieff High v. Rannoch	28	6
Strathallan v. Perth High	37	22

A. J. P. Hooper.

TENNIS

Basketball

Captain: A. A. Muir.
Vice-Captain: A. J. P. Hooper.

This has been our most successful season to date. We have managed to fit in many more fixtures and our own invitation tournament. Our success has inspired many other boys outwith the Club and we hope they will be the backbone of future basketball teams.

The season started with the customary thrashing of Glenalmond, both away and at home. We then turned to the State Schools for competition to find that we were better than we had thought—or hoped! Perth Academy were the first to sample 'Public School basketball'! We won convincingly, although the Captain and Vice-Captain were both sent off for getting too involved. We then played Brechin High and pulled off another good win, but yet again the Vice-Captain became too involved. Our last game of the Winter Term was against Dunfermline High, who are generally regarded as the top team in the East of Scotland. We played a very good game but were overpowered by their experience and excellent shooting.

The Easter Term started with our own invitation tournament which is referred to later in this report; we also continued in our challenge for the Tayside Cup, only to be abruptly knocked out by Menziehill High. The game was played on a small gym which did not suit our style of play but we adapted well and put up a strong fight, especially towards the end. Not convinced that this was the true result, we invited them back to Strath and this time the scores were reversed, thus confirming our doubts! The term was rounded off on a more light-hearted note with a match against the Old Boys.

Colours were awarded to A. A. Muir, A. J. P. Hooper, J. B. Callander, W. L. Mackay, N. J. Voigt and D. H. Prosser.

The excellent doubles play of Neil Stone-Wigg and Steve Megson gave the team a good chance of remaining unbeaten for a second year but some rather inconsistent play lower down the order prevented us beating Glenalmond in the Midland Schools Tournament and later in the term we lost to Merchiston. In both these games our second pair defeated the opposition first pair and then in the final deciding sets lost to the opposition third pairs!

The greatest disappointment though was reserved for the final match, on the last day of term against Fettes. They were the best team we played but with Don Prosser and 'Slim' Devlin playing with renewed confidence and zeal we had our chances. In the top match when leading 7-6, 4-4 Neil complained of feeling ill and he was unable to maintain his usual mobility about court and exciting interception play. They won only one more game to record their first defeat in two years which is a superb record by any standards.

St. Leonard's invited ten of the boys to take part in a mixed tournament on their new all-weather courts. The event was a great success, played under a hot sun with a large appreciative audience. After a round robin event the final was deservedly won by Mike Devlin and his partner.

Thanks are due to Don Prosser for his captaincy of the team and colours are awarded to Don Prosser, Neil Stone-Wigg and Stephen Megson.

The senior school tournament was won by Neil Stone-Wigg, the junior school tournament by Allingham and the house competition by Ruthven.

As to the future, the first pair should be with us again next year and there are several promising players in the fourth form.

RESULTS

v. Gordonstoun	won	2-1
v. Glenalmond	lost	4-5
v. Loretto	won	4-1
v. Edinburgh Academy	won	6-3
v. Merchiston	lost	4-5
v. Glenalmond	won	2-1
v. Fettes	lost	3-6

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SAILING

A season of 'maybe's' but 'not quite's' as far as the team was concerned. We were soundly beaten by Loretto at the beginning of the season but managed to come closer against Glendalmond and looked forward to beating them on home waters but this return fixture had to be cancelled owing to an outbreak of typical British weather. Again against Rannoch we lost (unforgivably according to J.F.C.), on home water and looked forward to the return match which had to be cancelled as a result of breakages.

As far as everyday sailing was concerned we had a lucky year in respect of tides with the Tay being in use for alternate weeks throughout the term with the pattern only being broken towards the end. The suitable tides meant that we could compete in the Perth Sailing Club Points Series for the first time with any seriousness and good racing experience was forthcoming.

On the pond the weed was the usual trouble although we did manage to administer some chemical treatment. If we ever catch the biologist who thought it would be a good idea to cultivate 'Spiro Gyro' . . . There was the usual round of dismastings and various breakages to the two Enterprises down at the pond (including a broken mast courtesy of the Captain of Sailing) which are effectively at the end of their long lives being around 25 years old. Tuition in the A.S.C., the R.N.S.A. and the Bosun went very well and bodes well for the future.

The following sailed for the School: W. M. McGregor, C. J. E. Houston, H. A. S. Stewart, P. A. McFarlane, S. B. Bisset, K. V. S. Grant, D. M. Spens, C. A. Baillie, T. R. T. Gillanders and A. M. Bisset.

SUMMER HOCKEY

Summer hockey fixtures fall into two categories, those against club sides and those against school sides. The former usually turn out to be a lesson in the finer skills of the game, and this was exemplified in our opening match against Morgan who had only just finished their National League programme. Their greater sharpness was very much in evidence, and despite sterling efforts by our defence and goalkeeper, they scored six times. Later in the season we met Grange and Barbarians and, although still being defeated, we showed that the lessons were not being lost on us. Perhaps the highlight was the annual encounter with the Old Boys where a good team effort led us to our first victory over them for some time.

School fixtures were a bit thin on the ground, with matches cancelled against Fettes (lack of opposition) and Rannoch (lack of petrol). However we did manage to play Glendalmond, who beat us in a rather scrappy game (although the second and third XI's did something to restore our reputation) and Edinburgh Academy, whose young side found us too much of a handful.

The following played for the First XI:

I. A. Niven* (Capt.), N. W. McPherson, A. C. S. Macphie*, D. J. Rourke*, J. F. Campbell, K. I. MacLachlan*, A. J. Cunningham*, M. Agnew, D. A. McLaren, R. M. Mitchell*, S. R. Turnbull*, H. R. Laing*.

*denotes Summer Hockey Colours.

The house sailing competition, for which Leburn were unfortunately unable to raise a team, was convincingly won by Simpson!

1st Race	1	Simpson II	W. G. de G. Allingham & S. D. White
	2	Nicol II	H. D. Elkins & K. J. Sime
	3	Freeland II	K. V. S. Grant & D. M. Spens
	4	Ruthven II	T. R. T. Gillanders & P. G. C. Watson
2nd Race	1	Simpson I	W. M. McGregor & J. W. J. Logan
	2	Freeland I	S. B. Bisset & C. A. J. Baillie
	3	Ruthven I	C. J. E. Houston & A. G. Fraser
	4	Nicol I (Retd.)	P. A. McFarlane & G. Guthrie

Colin Houston and his merry band of yachtsmen, who are now mastering the art of sailing dinghies flat, showed their paces at 45° in the Scottish Schools Mudhook event on the Gare Loch in August. Racing Pipers and Garelochs they won three of their heats to finish an excellent—indeed best-ever for Strath—10th against some very tough opposition.

W.M.M.

A.M.P.

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Event	Class	1	2	3	Time/Distance
100m	Junior	Law (L)	Churchill (N)	Bain (N)	13.0"
100m	Middle	Harbert (S)	Galashan (L)	Smellie (N)	12.2"
100m	Senior	Callander (R)	Headrick (L)	Ogilvie (N)	11.9"
200m	Junior	Law (L)	Churchill (N)	Reay-O'Neill (L)	26.1"
200m	Middle	Harbert (S)	Galashan (L)	Taylor (S)	24.8"
200m	Senior	Voigt (R)	Ogilvie (N)	Headrick (L)	23.0"
400m	Junior	Churchill (N)	Reay-O'Neill (L)	Kirkpatrick (S)	60.00"
400m	Middle	Galashan (L)	Forbes (F)	Harbert (S)	55.00"
400m	Senior	Voigt (R)	Houston (R)	Headrick (L)	52.8"
800m	Junior	Fairweather (F)	Kirkpatrick (S)	Clark (S)	2'25.4"
800m	Middle	Forbes (F)	Biggart (R)	McLeod	2'15.0"
800m	Senior	Voigt (R)	Ogilvie (N)	McGregor (F)	2'9.7"
1500m	Junior	Philp (N)	Fairweather (F)	Clark (S)	4'54.5"
1500m	Middle	Forbes (F)	Lascalles (N)	Reid (L)	4'52.1"
1500m	Senior	Jackson (L)	Brewster (S)	Laing (S)	4'37.1"
High Jump	Junior	Stevenson (N)	Philp (N)	McClung (F)	1m34
High Jump	Middle	Graham (S)	Gillies (L)	Roger (S)	1m65
High Jump	Senior	Voigt (R)	Pottie (S)	Headrick (L)	1m78
Long Jump	Junior	Kirkpatrick (S)	Philp (N)	Allingham (S)	4m99
Long Jump	Middle	Forbes (F)	Cuthbertson (N)	Cracknell (L)	5m46
Long Jump	Senior	Voigt (R)	Ogilvie (N)	Laing (S)	5m71
Discus	Junior	Kirkpatrick (S)	Churchill (N)	Crawford (F)	25m06
Discus	Middle	Graham (S)	Raeside (N)	Rose (S)	36m50
Discus	Senior	Gray (L)	McDougall (L)	Muir (R)	29m66
Javelin	Junior	Allingham (S)	Bain (N)	Thompson (R)	34m19
Javelin	Middle	Muir (R)	Thomson (L)	Raeside (N)	32m47
Javelin	Senior	Muir A. A. (R)	Morton (F)	McIntosh (L)	43m25
Shot	Junior	Law (L)	Thompson (R)	Churchill (N)	9m70
Shot	Middle	Muir P. (R)	Thomson (L)	Raeside, S. D. (N)	10m70
Shot	Senior	Callander (R)	Gray (L)	McDougall (L)	12m51
Relay 4x100m	Junior	Leburn	Ruthven	Nicol	52.0"
Relay 4x100m	Middle	Nicol	Simpson	Ruthven	48.9"
Relay 4x100m	Senior	Ruthven	Leburn	Nicol	46.5"
		Inter-House Competition	Winners:	Leburn and Ruthven	
		The Rowan Cup for Standards	Winners:	Ruthven	
		Victores Ludorum	Junior:	H. C. Kirkpatrick	
			Middle:	G. J. Forbes	
			Senior:	N. J. Voigt	

Swimming

SCOTTISH SCHOOLBOYS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scotstoun, Glasgow, Saturday 16th June

The following boys represented the School:

Senior Relay Team: Ogilvie, Voigt, Bradshaw, Headrick.

Middle Relay Team: Harbert, Galashan, Taylor, Forbes.

Senior High Jump: N. J. Voigt.

Senior Long Jump: J. H. Bradshaw.

Senior Discus: J. B. McDougall.

N. J. Voigt was in a straight final and came 10th over-all with a jump of 1m 68.

J. H. Bradshaw was in a straight final for his event and finished 6th with a jump of 5m 62.

Blair McDougall also in a straight final for the Discus finished 9th with a throw of 24m 80.

Voigt, Bradshaw and McDougall have had better performances than those achieved at Scotstoun, and so it was disappointing for them.

The middle relay team was knocked out in the heats but the senior relay team made it to the final, winning fourth in the heats. In the final the team was in lane 8 but in fact came 5th overall, a reasonable performance although the time of 46.1 was not our best.

Conditions: the day was overcast with some wind.

D. J. Headrick.

Valete

DECEMBER 1978

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Ferguson, A. W. (F), *c/o F.A.O. Animal Production & Health Division, Via della Terre di Cavacalla, Rome 00100*. Came 1971³; 1; School Prefect; XV '76-'78 Capt. '78; Hockey XI '76-78, Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI; Athletics '78; Squash '75-78; Economics Essay Prize. (R.A.F.).

Russell, M. A. (S), *Rosie's Brae, Isle of Whithorn, Newton Stewart, Galloway*. Came 1971³; 1; Head of School; Head of Simpson; Librarian; 3rd XV; Choir; Orchestra; Coxswain (R.N.).

Smith, R. A. (F), *49 Murray Crescent, Perth, PH2 0HW*. Came 1972³; 1; Head of Freeland; Deputy Head of School; School Prefect; Athletics '76-78; 2nd XV; 3rd XI Hockey; Orchestra; Choir; Cantata Choir; School and House drama. Major Scholarship to Trinity Hall, Cambridge. (Army).

K.G.

It is a sad thing having to admit that the swimming this year did not rise to its usual standard. Some of the reasons were beyond our control; the pool was still beset by a variety of troubles, such as the filtration plant refusing to do its duty. These things tended to interrupt the training programme at a time when it was least desirable. As a result, the numbers of dedicated swimmers dwindled away to such a level that it became impossible to form a proper team based on a nucleus of boys who would attend regular training sessions. It was most unfortunate for the loyal supporters of the sport that we were unable to give them an opportunity to compete on equal terms with teams from other schools.

Despite all this it can, however, be said that a tremendous amount of work was done by the regular swimmers, even if their personal efforts were not rewarded with triumphs over other schools. Once again the pool was used to its fullest extent during the Spring Term Games Circus in January. The final points awarded were:

Juniors—F.17 pts.; L.15 pts.; N.21 pts.; R. 34 pts.; S.33 pts.

Seniors—F.18 pts.; L.31 pts.; N.8 pts.; R.31 pts.; S.30 pts.

The Inter-House competitions were held in March in an attempt to find a date which would not clash too drastically with examinations or the requirements of the major sports. The Junior events went smoothly, resulting in a 1st place for Ruthven (35 pts.), 2nd Simpson (28), 3rd Leburn (27), 4th Nicol (18), and 5th Freeland (12).

For the Senior events, Leburn withdrew at the beginning of the competition. The following battle for places was very close with Simpson (34 pts.) beating Ruthven into 2nd place (30 pts.) and, after a re-count, Nicol taking 3rd place with 24 pts. over Freeland with 23 pts.

During the Summer Term swimming was once again taken up by a fair number of boys who thought it would be a pleasant alternative to the major games. Most of them came away with the feeling that although it had been quite agreeable, it had not turned out to be quite the soft option they had expected.

Thomson, J. S. (L), *15 Cavendish Heights, 35 Perkins Road, Jardine's Lookout, Hong Kong.* Came 1970³; I; Choir; 5th XV; Cadet (R.A.F.).

V

Blanche, G. W. G. (R), *4 Dalziel Drive, Glasgow, G41 4PT.* Came 1975²; III; 2nd Orchestra. Cadet (Army).

Durno, G. M. (S), *Cairnbrogie, Old Meldrum, Aberdeen.* Came 1976¹; III; A.B. (R.N.).

Hamilton, T. N., *Earlside, Hawick, Roxburghshire.* Came 1973³; III; XV; Cadet (Army).

Henderson, A. S. E. (R), *Bucleuch Hotel, Hawick.* Came 1976¹; III; Hockey XI; 2nd XV; Cadet (Army).

Hyne, A. N. W. (F), *5 Bridgeton Place, Almondbank, Perth.* Came 1975³; III; 3rd XV; 3rd XI; Cadet (Army).

Niven, F. W. (L), *Pitlivie Farm, Carnoustie, Angus.* Came 1975³; III; S. Colts XV; Cadet (Army).

IV

McDougall, J. (L), *Ard Ghillean, Pulpit Hill, Oban.* Came 1977³; III; Cadet (Army).

Reed, K. W. (L), *10 Cameron Crescent, Edinburgh.* Came 1977³; III; Cadet (R.A.F.).

I

Nicolson, I. I. L. (Ri), *7 Hillcrest, 22 Plunketts Road, The Peak, Hong Kong.* Came 1978³; I.

APRIL 1979

LVI

McKenzie-Smith, I. G. (N), *Lindores Abbey House, Newburgh, Fife.* Came 1975³; III; Ski-ing; L/Cpl. (Army).

IV

Eadie, G. (L), *58 Queen's Way, Ponders End, Enfield, Middlesex.* Came 1975³; I; Cadet (Army).

JULY 1979

UVI

Baird, A. C. B. (R), *Kirkness Farm, Balingry, Lochgelly, Fife, KY5 0HH.* Came 1972³; I; School Prefect; XV '77-79; XI '77-79; Hockey XI '77-79; Squash '75-76; Pipe Band '76-77; L/S (R.N.).

Bradshaw, J. H. (L), *Pembroke Lodge, Beamsley, Bolton Abbey, Nr. Skipton, Yorkshire.* Came 1975¹; III; Athletics; 3rd XV; Choir; Orchestra; Drama; L/Cpl (Army); Soc. Serv.

Brewster, R. J. (S), *Pitteuchar Farm, Glenrothes, Fife.* Came 1974³; III; House Prefect; Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI; XV '77-79; XI '77-79; Hockey XI '77-79 Capt. '79; Mathematics Prize; Cpl. (Army).

Burton, K. C. (N), *15 Deeside Crescent, Aberdeen, ABI 7PT.* Came 1975¹; III; House Prefect; Hockey XI '78; Summer Hockey XI '76-78; 6th XV Capt.; Cadet (R.A.F.); Soc. Serv.

Callander, J. B. (R), *5 Laighmount, Alloway, Ayr.* Came 1974³; III; XV '79; XI '75 & '78; Athletics '76-79; Swimming '74-78; Basketball '77-79; Squash '74-79; Drama; Cpl. (Army).

Campbell, C. B. (R), *Cascaes, Eldin Place, Bridge of Weir, Strathclyde.* House Prefect; Librarian; XV Narbonne '78; 2nd XV '77-78; Squash '74-79; Basketball; Athletics; Hockey; Cricket; Geography Prize; Choir; Drama; Cpl. (Pipe Band).

Chatwin, C. R. D. (R), *c/o Mrs H. Foster, 30 Polwarth Gardens, Edinburgh.* Came 1975¹; III; House Prefect; Swimming '75-79; N.C.O. (R.A.F.).

Cuthbertson, A. C. (N), *The Hareshaw Lodge, Fenwick, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.* Came 1974³; III; House Prefect; L/S (R.N.).

Fairley, A. E. (R), *19 Havelock Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, G84 7HQ.* Came 1975¹; III; XV '78-79; 3rd XI; Athletics '78; Cross-country '75-79; Flt.Sgt. (R.A.F.).

Ferguson, S. A. (R), *14 Millbank, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.* Came 1973²; III; XI '76-79; Basketball '76-79; Drama; Cpl. (R.A.F.).

Goodbourn, J. N. (S), *Dingle Dell, Lam Tshen, Lam Kam Road, N.T. Hong Kong.* Came 1972³; I; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Orchestra; L/Cpl. (Army).

Guthrie, D. (N), *Flat 8, 33/34 Nevern Square, London, SW5.* Came 1972³; I; Swimming '75-79, Capt.; Riley Scholarship; Drama; Sgt. (R.A.F.).

Haggart, I. A. (L), *1 Kirkdene Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow.* Came 1974³; III; Sailing; P.O. (R.N.).

Hamilton, E. W. (F), *Box 25254, Awali, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.* Came 1972³; I; House Prefect; XI '77-79; Squash '76-78; Choir; Orchestra; Sgt. (R.A.F.).

Headrick, D. J. (L), *8 Cavendish Drive, Newton Mearns, Glasgow.* Came 1974³; III; House Prefect; Athletics '76-79, Capt. '78-79; Orchestra; Soc. Serv.

Herd, J. C. (F), *P.O. Box 80, Gaborone, Botswana.* Came 1974²; III; House Prefect; Golf '77-79; Cadet (R.A.F.).

Jackson, E. F. (L), *3 Earls Hall Road, R.A.F. Leuchars, St. Andrews, Fife.* Came 1975¹; III; House Prefect; XV '79; 2nd XI '77-78; Cross-country '75-79; Soc. Serv.

Jarlow, K. A. (L), *21 Bridgend, Aberfeldy, Perthshire.* Came 1975²; III; Swimming '79; 3rd XV '79; Cpl. (Army).

- Kleeman, W. A. J. (L), 8757 Karlstein/Main, Horsteinerstr. 26, Dettingen, W. Germany. Came 1976¹; IV; Ski-ing '77-79; Swimming '76; Soc. Serv.
- Laing, H. R. (S), Springbank, Newton Street, Blairgowrie, Perthshire. Came 1972³; I; House Prefect; XV '79; Hockey XI '78-79, Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI '79; Choir; Piper (Pipe Band).
- Lawson, R. S. M. (L), Windruffe, Knapperna, Udney, Ellon, Aberdeenshire. Came 1974³; III; Geography Prize; Choir, Choir, Cantata Choir; Cadet (R.A.F.).
- Livingston, J. M. C. (F), Easter Caputh Farmhouse, Spittalfield, Caputh, by Murthly, Perthshire. Came 1976¹; IV; House Prefect; Shooting '76-79, Capt. '79; Fishing '76-78; Geography Fieldwork Prize; Drama; Sgt. (R.A.F.).
- McConchie, D. R. (S), 46 High Street, Dollar, Clackmannanshire. Came 1978³; LVI; Parachuting; Cadet (R.A.F.).
- McEwan, G. J. (L), Drumskaith, Donaldson Gardens, St. Andrews, Fife. Came 1972³; I; House Prefect; Ski-ing '77-79; 2nd XV '79, Capt.; Cpl. (Army).
- MacGregor, N. H. A. (F), Edinchip, Lochearnhead, Perthshire. Came 1975¹; III; House Prefect; Athletics '79; Cross-country '79; Bridge '79; C.Sgt. (Army).
- McGregor, W. M. (S), c/o Kenya Commercial Bank Ltd., P.O. Box 48400, Nairobi, Kenya. Came 1974³; III; Sailing '78-79, Capt. '79; 3rd XV '79; Orchestra; Flt.Sgt. (R.A.F.).
- McIntosh, J. D. (L), Greenland House, Castletown, Caithness, KW14 8TU. Came 1974³; III; Head of School, Head of Leburn; XV '77-79, Capt. '79; XI '79; Hockey XI '78-79; Squash, Capt.; Choir; C.S.M. i/c Army.
- MacLeod, R. R. (N), 21 Queensborough Gardens, Hyndland, Glasgow, G12 9PP. Came 1974³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV '79; Cross-country '76-79; Athletics '76-79; Choir; Drama; P.O. (R.N.).
- McNeill, M. A. (R), Redlands, Helens Bay, Co. Down, N.I. Came 1974³; III; House Prefect; 3rd Hockey XI; 4th XV; Stage Manager; P.O. (R.N.).
- McPhail, J. M. (L), 15 Brora Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow. Came 1974³; III; House Prefect; Golf '78-79; Hockey 3rd XI; 4th XV; Choir; Orchestra; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
- Macphie, A. C. S. (F), Knock Hill Bothie, Glenbervie, Stonehaven. Came 1975¹; III; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Summer Hockey XI; Cpl. (Army).
- Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, C. W. (F), Clive House, Letham, Angus. Came 1974³; III; School Prefect, Head of Freeland; 3rd XV; Shooting '75-79; Fishing '75-79; Drama; C/Sgt. (Army).
- Mitchell, R. M. (N), Lisdon, Low Road, Westmuir, Kirriemuir, Angus. Came 1972³; I; School Prefect; Librarian; XV '78-79; Hockey XI '78-79; 3rd XI '77; Summer Hockey XI '78-79; Orchestra; L/S (R.N.).
- Morris, R. H. (N), 73 Carduie Crescent, Woodlea, Ayr. Came 1974³; III; School Prefect, Head of Nicol; XV '79; Cross-country '77-79, Capt. '79; Drama; Cpl. (Army).
- Muir, A. A. (R), 8/3 Whistlefield Court, Bearsden, Glasgow. Came 1972³; I; School Prefect, Head of Ruthven; XV '77-79; Athletics '77-79; Basketball '74-79, Capt. '76-79; Houston Prize; Choir; Orchestra; L/S (R.N.).
- Nicolson, A. I. (L), 7 Hillcrest, 22 Plumketts Road, The Peak, Hong Kong. Came 1972³; 2nd XV; Cpl. (Army).
- Niven, I. A. (S), Glogaburn, Tibbermore, Perthshire. Came 1972³; I; School Prefect, Head of Simpson; 2nd XV, Capt. '78; Hockey XI '79; Summer Hockey XI '77-79, Capt.; Choir; Science Librarian; Soc. Serv.
- Pollock, J. G. (R), 58 Aitken Street, Airdrie, Lanarkshire, ML6 6LT. Came 1974³; III; House Prefect; 3rd XV '78-79; Fencing; Under Officer (R.N.).
- Pottie, A. G. M. (S), Aldersyde, 49 Craw Road, Paisley, Strathclyde. Came 1978³; UV1; 3rd XI; Flt.Sgt. (R.A.F.).
- Prosser, D. H. (R), 3 Kingsborough Gardens, Glasgow, G12 9QA. Came 1974³; III; School Prefect; 2nd XV '78-79; Tennis '77-79, Capt. '79; Cross-country '78; Cantata Choir; Drama; Sgt. (Army).
- Raeside, C. N. (N), The Chesters, Dunino, St. Andrews, Fife. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; XV; Athletics '76-79; Cross-country '75-76; L/S (R.N.).
- Richardson, J. S. (N), 328 Blackness Road, Dundee. Came 1974²; III; Golf '76-79, Capt. '79; Soc. Serv.
- Romaniec, M. P. M. (R), Calder Bank House, Springside, Todmorden, Lancashire. Came 1972³; I; Shooting '79; Hockey 3rd XI; 3rd XI; 4th XV; Biology Prize; Choir; Orchestra; W/O (R.A.F.).
- Ross, M. S. (N), Fir Trees, Pitlochry, Perthshire. Came 1972³; I; 2nd XI '77-79; Drama; Soc. Serv.
- Simpson, S. D. (L), Wooddean House, Blantyre Mill Road, Bothwell, Glasgow. Came 1974³; III; Swimming '76-77; Cross-country '75-76; Cpl. (Army).
- Stewart, P. J. M. (F), Wellsbourne, 5 Savoy Park, Ayr. Came 1976¹; IV; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Basketball '76-79; Flt.Sgt. (R.A.F.).
- Straiton, C. T. (R), 3 Dykedale, Dunblane, Stirlingshire. Came 1972³; I; 3rd XV '78-79; 3rd XI; Tennis '79; Swimming '75; Cross-country '75; Choir; Pipe Band; L/Cpl. (Army).

- Strommen, G. M. (L), *10 Old Coast Road, Portlethen, Aberdeen*. Came 1975¹; III; House Prefect; XI '78-79; 2nd XV; French Prize, English Prize, History Prize; Editor 'Strathallian'; Soc. Serv.
- Usherwood, D. J. (S), *Alma Cottage, Tighnabruaich, Strathclyde*. Came 1975³; IV; House Prefect; 3rd XV, Capt. '79; Fishing; Sgt. (Army).
- Voigt, N. J. (R), *Greenacres, 49 Viewlands Road, Perth*. Came 1972³; I; House Prefect; XV Narbonne '79; Basketball '77-79; Athletics '77-79; Drum Sgt. (Pipe Band).
- Woolacott, C. R. (R), *72 Eastwoodmains Road, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6QD*. Came 1975¹; III; 3rd XV '79; Choir; Sgt. (R.A.F.).
- LVI
- Ogilvie, D. L. (N), *Barns of Craig, Montrose*. Came 1973³; I; XV; Hockey XI; Athletics; L/Cpl. (Army).
- Reid, D. S. (N), *29 Mansionhouse Road, Edinburgh, 9*. Came 1976²; III; Cross-country '77-78; 4th XV; William Tattersall Art Prize; Cadet (Army).
- Stewart, H. A. S. (L), *17 Beach Road, West Mersea, nr. Colchester, Essex*. Came 1976¹; III; Sailing; Drama; L/S (R.N.).
- V
- Bargon, E. R. (S), *P.O. Box 649, Gaberne, Botswana*. Came 1976³; III; 3rd XI; Cadet (Army).
- Baxter, W. A. G. (L), *Gateside Farm, Kilsyth, Stirlingshire*. Came 1975³; III; XI '78-79; Shooting '78:79; L/Cpl. (Army).
- Beano, H. S. (L), *P.O. Box 273, Sweileh, Jordan*. Came 1977³; IV; 3rd XV; Basketball; Cadet (Army).
- Chalmers, J. A. (S), *Woodend Farm, Kilsyth, Glasgow, G65 0PZ*. Came 1976³; III; Fishing; Cadet (Army).
- Clark, S. A. (S), *Kerrera, Blackcrofts, North Connel, by Oban, Argyll*. Came 1976³; III; Summer Hockey 3rd XI; L/S (R.N.).
- Cole, C. C. (N), *Drumlochy House, by Milton of Drumlochy, Blairgowrie*. Fishing; Cadet (R.A.F.).
- Devlin, M. R. A. (S), *24 Inverleith Place, Edinburgh, EH3 5QB*. Came 1976³; IV; Tennis '78-79; Squash '78; L/Cpl. (Army).
- Elkins, H. D. (N), *42 Harwood Avenue, Bromley, Kent*. Came 1976³; III; L/S (R.N.).
- Foster, J. C. (S), *25 Pine Bud Place, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, A1B 1N1*. Came 1974³; I; 2nd XI; Squash; Choir; Cadet (R.A.F.).
- Gillanders, T. R. T. (R), *Cragg Hill, Killinghall, Harrogate, Yorkshire, HG3 2BB*. Came 1974³; I; Sailing, Choir; Drama; Drumming; Cadet (R.A.F.).
- Guthrie, G. (N), *Flat 8, 33/34 Nevern Square, London, SW5*. Came 1976³; III; Cadet (Army).
- Hamilton-Smith, G. P. (R), *Milestones, 12 St. Andrews Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool, L23 7UR*. Came 1975³; III; L/S (R.N.).
- Lascalles, J. (N), *Kilry House, Alyth, Perthshire*. Came 1977¹; III; Athletics; Cross-country; Senior Colts XV; Cadet (Army).
- Macintyre, A. J. (F), *15 Hurst Lane, Cumnor Hill, Oxford, OX2 9PR*. Came 1974³; I; Cadet (R.A.F.).
- Niedermair, P. E. (F), *2709 Northwest 120 Terrace, Oklahoma City, 7320, Oklahoma, U.S.A.* Came 1977³; IV; 3rd XV '78-79; Cadet (Army).
- Phillips, P. D. (R), *17 Lazenby Grove, Mowden Park, Darlington, Co. Durham*. Came 1976²; III; XV '79; Swimming; 3rd XI; Cadet (Army).
- Shepherd, K. W. A. (F), *17 Torridon Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee*. Came 1975²; III; 3rd XV; Cross-country; Athletics; Cadet (Army).
- Wimpany, S. G. (N), *46 Ferndale Crescent, Brampton, Ontario, Canada, L6W 1E9*. Came 1978³; V; 3rd XV; Cadet (R.A.F.).
- IV
- Baird, H. D. W. (L), *Bonawe House, Taynult, nr. Oban, Argyll*. Came 1978¹; III.
- Edwards, G. D. (S), *Graig Farm, Halfway, Llandovery, Dyfed, Wales*. Came 1977³; III; Choir; Orchestra; A.B. (R.N.).
- Staley, M. H. (L), *69 Craiglockhart Road North, Edinburgh, EH14 1BS*. Came 1977²; III.
- III
- Bradford, D. G. (R), *Dunnydeer House, Inch, Aberdeenshire*. Came 1979¹; III.
- Rankine, D. M. (S), *1 Ruskin Road, Upper Willingdon, Eastbourne, Sussex*. Came 1976³; I; Riley Hockey; Riley Cricket; Choir; Orchestra.



Strathallian Club



THE PRESIDENT—JIMMY DINSMORE

As a Club we have long been well served by men of the highest calibre as our Presidents. Jimmy more than measures up to this high standard. The younger of two brothers, who were both at Strathallan, Jimmy was in Nicol from 1952 to 1957 and claims only an average school career. None-the-less at least in the sports world, we know that he played in the 1st XI at Cricket and as a forward in the School Rugby 1st XV. From school rugby to club rugby and the West of Scotland Club where for several seasons their 1st XV and also the Glasgow District XV benefitted from Jimmy's prowess.

As we all know, our President is a great enthusiast and on ceasing playing rugby he became involved in the administration of the game and for a time was Vice-President of West of Scotland. He was keen to remain active and what better than to take on refereeing. Once again his ability has taken him to the top and he is now a member of the S.R.U. Division I referee panel—no mean achievement. This takes him all over the U.K. and occasionally abroad and this season he will be in charge of the New Zealand v. London Counties match and the North Wales v. Roumania match. 'Tis but a short step to major Internationals.

In business Jimmy has followed the family profession of Quantity Surveyor, being the fourth generation of Dinsmore's to do so. He has recently become Senior Partner of his firm in private practice in Glasgow.

A married man, he lives with his wife, Gillian, and family of two boys, David and Keith, in Bearsden from where he can easily pop down to the Clyde for sailing or up the rivers and lochs to enjoy his other main relaxation—fishing.

His interests are wide and various and his maxim in life must be 'anything worth doing is worth doing well.' Enthusiasm and that happy knack of infecting others with his drive and energy have made him a good skipper. His warm personality, cheerful good humour, and sincerity combined with that ability which inspires confidence, all has meant that the Club has indeed been in good hands for the past year.

Although his successful term of office is nearly over, his connection with the School and Club will continue for, we trust, many years to come through Jimmy's appointment in 1978 as a Governor of the School.

Hon. Presidents:
 D. J. Bogie
 J. B. M. Cowan
 C. D. Pighills

Hon. Vice-Presidents:
 W. N. S. Hoare
 A. D. D. McCallum

President:
 J. W. Dinsmore

Vice-President:
 J. C. Dawson

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer:
 D. I. Turner

Council Members:
Retiring 1979:
 R. S. Peters
 P. G. Dunley
Retiring 1980:
 J. Paton
 R. F. Wilson
 D. M. N. Gillanders
Retiring 1981:
 A. D. Pottie
 G. R. Johnston
 D. A. Smellie

Hon. Auditors:
 W. M. Nairn
 D. M. Fairbairn

Trustees for the Club:
 D. W. Lewis
 A. S. Headrick

Club Member of Board of Governors:
 R. M. D. Grant

Secretary, Golf Section:
 A. McInroy, 5 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12

Secretary, Angling Section:
 D. A. Biggart, 307 West George Street, Glasgow, G2

Secretary, Curling Section:
 J. S. Turner, 14 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1

Secretary, London Branch:
 D. M. Anderson, 37/39 St. Andrew's Hill, London, EC4V 5DD

1978 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Forty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Club took place in the Albany Hotel, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, 25th November 1978, at 6.30 p.m.

The President, Mr J. A. McIntyre, was in the Chair and 22 members attended.

The Council's Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1978, were approved and 78 new Life Members were elected.

Mr J. W. Dinsmore was elected President of the Club for the ensuing year and Mr J. C. Dawson was elected Vice-President.

1979 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 24th November 1979.

The President, Mr J. W. Dinsmore, and the Vice-President, Mr J. C. Dawson, retire at this time and are not eligible for re-election to their respective offices.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr Donald I. Turner, retires at this time and is not offering himself for re-election.

Messrs. R. S. Peters and P. G. Dunley retire from the Council by rotation and are not eligible for re-election until after the expiry of one year.

The Auditors, Mr W. M. Nairn, C.A., and Mr D. M. Fairbairn, C.A., retire at this time and offer themselves for re-election.

In terms of Article 11 of the Constitution, nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, two Honorary Auditors, and three members of Council, must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary not later than 16th November 1979.

Of the members nominated for Council, one must be a member who left School not less than fifteen years previously, and one must be a member who left School during 1979.

Members who have a Motion they desire to be placed on the Agenda (other than a Motion under Article 34 of the Constitution) must notify the Honorary Secretary of the terms of their Motion not later than 16th November 1979.

1979 DINNER DANCE

The 1979 Dinner Dance was held in the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, Glasgow, on Saturday, 13th January 1979. The function was a great success despite the fact that the bar closed and music ceased at 11.30 p.m.!

1980 DINNER DANCE

It has been provisionally arranged that the 1980 Dinner Dance will be held on 18th January, 1980, in the Black Bull Hotel, Milngavie, Glasgow. A circular will be issued in due course.

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.

GOLF SECTION REPORT 1978/79

Autumn Meeting at Dalmahoy—22nd October 1978

This year's autumn meeting was a very successful affair, with Dalmahoy being a pleasant venue and the weather being very kind. The course was not playing its full length as quite a number of winter tees were in operation.

The results in the morning were:

Bogie (Scratch) Trophy:	Winner	Nick Flemming	70
	Runner-up	Jamie Moffat	74
Guthrie Reid Salver:	Winner	Kenneth Grant	69
(Handicap)	Runners-up	Allan Cook	74
		Jamie Moffat	74

In the afternoon a further round was played:

Johnston Trophy	Winner	Nick Flemming	42 points
(Stableford)	Runner-up	Russell Thomas	36 points

Match v. Glasgow Academicals

This year's match was cancelled as we were unable to raise a team.

Grafton Morrish Trophy—Scottish Qualifying Round Western Gailes—15th June 1979

We made our third attempt to qualify on a sunny but windy evening at Western Gailes and again we failed. Once again it proved very difficult to raise a team of any quality—however, we managed to get the six players required, although one had only just returned from London. The odds were slightly better in that 3 out of 5 teams were to qualify (last year 2 out of 4) but we only succeeded in coming last again:

Watsonians 76	Glasgow Academicals 71	Kelvinside 69
Lorrettonians 65	Strathallians 64	

This is a competition which we must qualify for some time but unfortunately the qualifying round is played at a time when hardly any of our best players are available. No doubt it is the same for the other clubs, but when the day comes when we get a truly representative team—then perhaps we will make it to the tournament proper at Hunstanton.

If any old boys are reading this who are not members, and would like to be, please get in touch with Andrew McInroy, 5 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12.

CURLING SECTION REPORT 1978/79

In the past season the Curling Section with 20 active members once again competed in the Scottish Wanderers' League at Crossmyloof, Glasgow. The section finished seventh out of eight in a season, which apart from the League winners, was very tightly contested.

In the coming season with the assistance of new young members, the section will again be competing in the Scottish Wanderers' League. It is also the intention to constitute the section into a Club to affiliate to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in order to compete in open competitions throughout Scotland. The Club, once formed, will be open to all members of the Strathallian Club.

Any members interested in joining the Curling Section should contact J. S. Turner at 14 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1, who will be delighted to give further details regarding the section.

STRATHALLIAN ANGLING CLUB REPORT

Since becoming Secretary, I have constantly complained about having to stop my report in mid-season. Unfortunately, the Editor has now agreed to accept my report at the end of our season.

Before I had to stop short last year, I indicated that the younger members were doing well. They did not carry all before them, but Stuart Biggart with 22 points ended up Champion, with Charlie McGhee in third place with 10 points. Lindsay Young saved the older members from being too embarrassed by gaining second place with 14 points.

Stuart Biggart won the last two competitions of the season and his total catch for the season, 23 trout weighing 15 lbs. 4 oz. was a Club record and Charlie McGhee won the Archie Glen Trophy for the best catch at Loch Awe.

It was perhaps appropriate that our Annual Party should be held near the School. Jim and Wilma Marshall whose home is in Dunning were our hosts at a most happy evening attended by a number of Masters from the School.

Now to the 1979 season. Loch Awe was visited twice, in April and August, for a total catch that should not be revealed, sufficient to say that George Balfour won the Archie Glen Trophy for the best catch with 1 trout weighing 14 ounces and Ross Peters won the second competition.

George Balfour did well at the Lake, when we defeated the School by 23 trout to 8—on that occasion he had 9 trout weighing 6 lbs. Stuart Brabbs won the reel given to the Schoolboy with the best catch, landing 4 trout weighing 2 lbs. 13 oz., which was slightly better than his brother Ian

fishing for the Old Boys. (See later for comments regarding the Year of the Child).

Our other Club event, also at the Lake, resulted in a clear win for the Phoenix, but perhaps it should be pointed out that if our Secretary had fished for us and not for them, we would have won. The same gentleman won the John Hall Salver at Loch Leven by catching the heaviest trout of the season—1 lb. 8 oz.

The next two paragraphs confirm that 1979 is the Year of the Child.

Our other three competitions were all won by Stuart Biggart, who ended up as Club Champion with 22 points and a record catch of 27 trout weighing 18 lbs. 12 oz. He also won the Fingland Trophy for the best catch at the Lake with a record basket of 16 trout weighing 10 lbs. 2 oz. His father, David Biggart, was in second place with 17 points.

David Young was in third place with 14 points and his father, Lindsay, was in fifth place with 11 points. Both Robin and Jack Turner had points, while their father, George, while catching fish had no points. International Angler, Willie Nairn, had fewer fish than his son Robin. The Finglands father and son prevented a complete whitewash by the sons as in this case they had identical catches. Next year things should be different as 1980 is definitely not the 'Year of the Child.'

We continue to take part in angling activities outwith the Club. In the 'National' Championship Stuart Biggart represented the Club, David Biggart the Phoenix and Willie Nairn, the Black Loch. The first two went out in the first round and the latter caught just as many fish in the final as the other two had in the preliminary state.

In the Scottish Club Championship we reached the semi-final for the third successive year—an extremely good record. Our team this year was Lindsay Young, Ross Peters and Stuart Biggart.

We were again fourth in the Inter School Competition, surely next year we will do better!

In the Glasgow Inter Club Competition, our team of Lindsay Young and Bill Buchanan did well to finish in second place. We were beaten by a mere 3 ounces by the Phoenix Angling Club who had 13 trout to our 12. Our Secretary was, delighted with the result, as he was a member of the winning team. Lindsay Young had the best basket of the match with 8 trout weighing just over 5 lbs.

The Angling Section is in a very healthy state—we have very happy outings and on occasions even catch fish. We shall be delighted to welcome any member of the Club, young or old, who would like to take part in our activities.

NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

T. C. ASHTON	1963/68	Still playing cricket for the Royal Artillery and squash for the regiment.
A. G. BALFOUR	1962/69	Teaching music at Harris Academy, Dundee.
R. F. BOTTING	1921/22	Would like to hear from any Strathallians passing through Argentina. His address is 25 De Mayo 362, Buenos Aires.
G. I. BROWN	1968/73	Having gained a B.Sc. in Chemistry at Bradford University in 1978 he has returned to Perth, Australia.
D. J. BUTCHART	1966/73	Graduated January 1979—2nd class Honours in Business Studies from Dundee College of Technology.
A. D. J. BUDGE	1955/58	Now a field officer with CSBP—Farmers, Bunbury, Western Australia.
N. F. CLARK	1955/58	Now farming in Victoria, N.S.W., Australia.
A.W. CROWE	1965/69	Has opened 'Atholl Highlander' Restaurant in Pitlochry as an addition to Strathgarry Restaurants.
A. CUMMING	1962/66	Continues to work for British Petroleum Limited.
R. A. CUNNINGHAM	1975/77	Is Head of Hawke (Prince Andrew's) Division at B.R.N.C., Dartmouth, and represents the College at Hockey.
M. I. M. DAWSON	1960/65	Has been promoted to Management and Development Committee of a correspondence college in Durban, South Africa and has joined Scottish School Boys Association in Durban.

- G. S. DINNEN 1964/69 In 1978 was involved in a five-man expedition lasting three weeks travelling throughout Borneo rain forests collecting flora and studying the habits of the Dyak tribes. Now working in Hong Kong for the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
- D. S. GALL 1973/78 Studying Mechanical Engineering at Glasgow University.
- R. G. GALLOWAY 1973/78 Taking H.N.D. Course at the College of Agriculture in Aberdeen. He gives news of Alistair Caithness who is 3rd seed in Aberdeen University's tennis club; and Colin Caithness, Finlay Macadem, Russell Gardner and George Norval who participate in the Aberdeen rowing club; also Lindsay Hume who plays for Aberdeen University 2nd Basketball Team.
- N. L. GARDNER 1975/76 In final year of Honours Degree in Engineering at Cambridge (Fitzwilliam College). Has been rowing for the Collect 1st eight and recently had a summer job mining in Western Australia.
- K. W. GILLANDERS 1961/68 Is employed by a firm of Electrical Engineering consultants and has recently done a year's touring in South America.
- C. A. H. GREIG 1959/65 Senior Assistant Engineer in Department of Chief Engineer, Dundee District Council.
- M. H. HARDY 1958/62 We are told that Major Mike Hardy is now commanding 176 Battery, 39 Field Regiment and has recently married.
- M. J. HARROLD 1968/78 Taking Honours Degree in Modern History at Dundee University. Founder and secretary of Dundee Flying Club and a delegate of the University Conservative Association to Federation of Conservative Students' Scottish Regional Committee.
- D. T. HAY 1972/77 Studying Accountancy and Finance at Heriot Watt University and also playing for the University hockey team.
- S. L. HILL 1971/75 Now Sales Executive for Northern Scotland with Harduns (Contractors Tools) Limited—part of SGB Group.
- D. G. INGLIS 1969/76 Has graduated B.Sc.(Hons.) Ilii Agriculture from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- J. M. JACKSON 1943/48 Has been appointed Group Managing Director of Charles Henshaw & Sons Ltd. in Edinburgh.
- I. KELLITT 1964/66 Has been appointed South American manager for the oilfield service company based in Caracas from August 1979.
- R. P. KERR 1969/74 Graduated July 1978, 1st Class Honours in Electrical Engineering from Edinburgh and is now with Scottish Electrical Training Scheme.
- R. L. KIRKLAND 1970/75 Now serving with the Royal Engineers in Farnborough, having spent four months on detachment in New Zealand and some time on winter warfare training in Norway.
- P. A. K. LABAND 1962/66 Is presently Investment Manager (International) with the Abbey Life Assurance Co., Ltd.

J. R. LEE	1966/71	In his final year at Glasgow University studying Dentistry.	J. E. McINTOSH	1967/74	Is now General Manager of Kelvin Timber, Glasgow.
D. D. MacKENZIE	1967/74	Having graduated B.Sc.(Hons) at Edinburgh in 1978 is working as a Civil Engineer with Balfour Beatty Construction at Windscale, Cumbria.	A. H. McLAREN	1971/78	Joined the Royal Navy as a pilot in September 1978 at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Passed out in June 1979 and continues to fly at R.A.F. Leeming, North Yorkshire.
M. T. MANSON	1972/77	Has completed his 2nd year of Management course at South Devon Technical College, Torquay, and has just completed 2nd year industrial training at the Jerusalem Hilton, Israel.	J. H. R. PARKER	1967/72	Presently working for the Royal Bank of Scotland in Glasgow and plays cricket for West of Scotland Cricket Club and squash for Scottish Squash Rackets Club and West of Scotland County.
A. G. MARSHALL	1965/72	Is employed by Imperial Tobacco (Imports) Ltd. and hopes to emigrate to Australia soon.	M. I. PATTERSON	1969/73	In June 1979 passed final examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and now living in Edinburgh.
W. B. MELVILLE	1958/66	Has been promoted to Printing and Lacquering Superintendent, Metal Box Co., Ltd., Westhoughton. Visited South Africa over Christmas and New Year 1979/80.	D. R. PATTERSON	1973/75	Is now employed by Weaverport Ltd., Liverpool, who are shipping and forwarding agents. Would be pleased to hear from other Strathallians in the area.
W. S. H. MILLAR	1965/69	Has been appointed Senior Engineer at Watford General Hospital.	H. R. POSTLETHWAITE	1973/78	Studying engineering at Aberdeen University.
I. A. McBRIDE	1929/34	Chairman of Eastern Caribbean Board of Jamaica Mutual Life Assurance Society.	R. D. G. POWRIE	1969/76	Having completed his time at Sandhurst has been commissioned into the Royal Artillery and has been posted to 29 Commando Regiment R.A. at Plymouth.
D. J. McBRIDE	1963/71	Working in private investment and presently resident in Florida.	R. J. L. PRINGLE	1973/76	Is Associate Accountant with Morrison Kneudsen International, based at Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia.
R. McGREGOR	1969/74	Has recently completed final year studying Environmental Engineering at Strathclyde University.	J. L. PRINGLE	1964/69	Projects Manager with Morrison Kneudsen International of Houston, Texas, based in London at present.
J. S. M. McGREGOR	1951/55	Now living in Durban and Natal manager of H. H. Robertson (Africa Pvt) Ltd., and is secretary of the local Scottish Schools Association.	C. D. REEKIE	1968/75	Has been appointed Marketing Executive for G. Reekie Group of Companies.
W. D. McINTOSH	1968/74	Is presently Personnel Assistant for training with Coats Patons Limited, Glasgow.			

D. A. RICHARDS 1964/67 Now working with BP Australia Limited as Bunkering Administrator for Queensland and Papua, New Guinea. Has expressed interest in forming a sub-branch of Strathallians in Australia. Interested parties should contact him at 3/10 Terrace St., Newmarket, Queensland 4051, Australia.

A. I. ROBSON 1966/72 Qualified B.D.S. and presently studying at Newcastle University for F.D.S., Part I. Has enrolled as a member of staff at Newcastle Dental Hospital to supervise students while studying for fellowship degree.

T. F. ROGER 1941/44 Has recently transferred from Nigeria to Canada and has been appointed Manager, London Monenco Consultants Limited, St. Catharines, Ontario.

W. A. RODGER 1964/69 Qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1976 and now working for Pannell Fitzpatrick & Co., in the Isle of Man.

R. C. STARK 1955/62 Presently Senior Underwater Operations Engineer with Shell U.K. Exploration and Production in Aberdeen, responsible for the underwater inspection and general maintenance of the Shell Esso installations in the northern North Sea.

J. D. TAYLOR 1961/68 Is presently manager with Peat Marwick & Mitchell, Chartered Accountants, in Hong Kong.

Dr. T. N. W. TRUSDALE 1960/66 Recently visited the U.K. on leave from Canada where he is now a partner and land-owner.

Dr. J. F. C. WATERSTON 1934/39 On 3rd June 1978, at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh, Dr. Waterston was invested by Her Majesty with the M.B.E. He received this award for his services to the community and to general practice. The Strathallian Club congratulates him on his award and wishes him continued success in the future.

A. L. WEARMOUTH 1965/69 Presently working as accountant with Morrison Knudsen International, based in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

R. I. WHITAKER 1971/76 Has recently started as a wool merchant in family business. Plays hockey for Ben Rhyddins Club and cricket for Hawkes Cricket Club.

N. C. St. J. YATES 1973/77 Is a 2nd Lt., Royal Marines, at present on a course at R.M.C.T.C., Lympstone, Devon.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

It will be noted from the above items of news of Strathallians that a number of members have not advised the Secretary of change of address. It is requested that Strathallians notify the Secretary promptly of all changes of address in order to save the Club unnecessary postage costs and confusion.

Engagements

D. N. F. PENNIE	1965/70	to Miss Maureen N. McClure on 14th February 1979
R. A. D. POWRIE	1966/74	to Miss Nicola Stone
W. D. R. WALLACE	1969/73	to Miss Margaret Saul

C. D. REEKIE	1968/73	To Mr & Mrs Reekie, a son, Alistair David, on 20th April 1978
A. L. WRIGHT	1960/64	To Mr & Mrs Wright, a son, Peter Alan, on 21st October 1978

Marriages

J. R. LEE	1966/71	to Miss Linda J. C. Smith on 27th March 1979
K. C. MACKENZIE	1968/72	to Miss Elizabeth R. Steel on 30th June 1978
J. H. R. PARKER	1967/72	to Miss Margaret Hooker on 13th April 1979
W. B. N. PATERSON	1960/65	to Miss Anne Duncan on 11th August 1978
A. I. ROBSON	1966/72	to Miss M. E. Williams on 23rd June 1979
R. I. WHITAKER	1971/76	on 11th August 1979

Births

C. A. H. GREIG	1959/65	To Mr & Mrs Greig, a son, David, on 12th January 1979
I. KELLITT	1964/66	To Mr & Mrs Kellitt, a daughter, Jacqueline Louise, on 14th February 1978
W. S. H. MILLAR	1965/69	To Mr & Mrs Millar, a daughter, Katie Louise, on 21st March 1979

Deaths

A. D. BIRRELL	1925/39	Mr Birrell, head of the family shoe firm of A. Birrell & Sons, Overgate, Dundee, died on 31st May 1979. He was managing director of the firm which was founded by his grandfather in 1867. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.
W. D. LENNOX	1937/41	Mr Lennox died in Montreal, Canada, on 14th May 1979. He is survived by his wife and four of a family.
R. E. K. MOFFAT	1958/62	Mr Moffat died in Canada on 10th September 1979.
E. H. NICHOLSON	1936/38	Mr Nicholson died suddenly in Canberra, Australia, in August 1979.
W. J. WALKER	1919/28	Mr Walker, a former secretary and treasurer to the Board of Management, Dundee General Hospital, died on 9th September 1978. A keen golfer he was a member of Panmure Barry & Blairgowrie Golf Clubs. (It is regretted that this intimation was not received for inclusion in the 1978 magazine).

STOP PRESS! The 1980 British Downhill Champion



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