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Editors of the "The Strathallian"

P. le P. BARNETT and A. C. MULHALL.

Editorial

THE Headmaster, in his Annual Report on Speech Day, talked of us having had a 'B' year, and although this didn't refer to the School Year as such, one might have been inclined, about last Christmas, to think that the School was likely to have a fairly undistinguished year. This, however, has not been so.

It is true that our record in the major sports has not been good this year. The Rugby side was be-devilled with injuries and a consequent loss of morale which such things can bring about. The Hockey team held its own, without having any outstanding players. The Cricket side suffered from inexperience. However, the athletes had a very good year, as did some other teams.

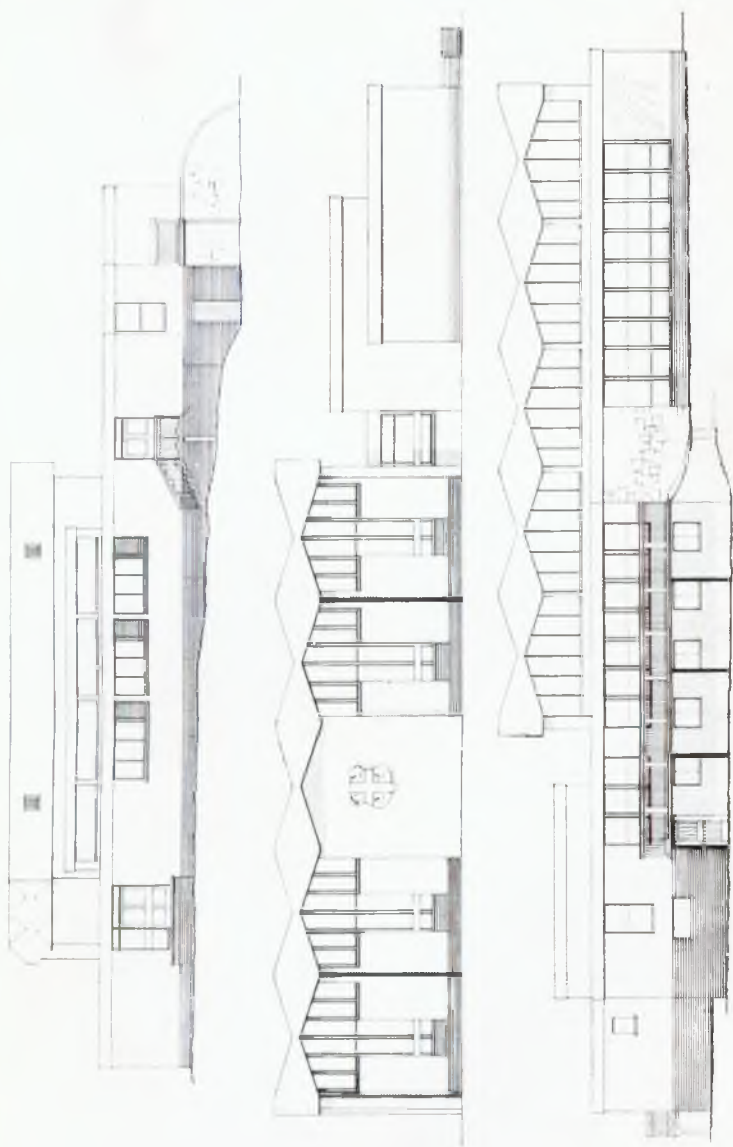
But the year 1966-67 has been different from other years because so many other things have flourished. The examination results at O and A Level were excellent. The music in the School has never been better — a sure sign of this is the very active Music Society, which was formed at the beginning of the year. Art and Pottery have advanced by leaps and bounds. Various other minor clubs—for example the judo and badminton clubs—were started and had their enthusiastic followings.

It is, in fact, the multiplicity, the variety of activities happening at any one time that marks out the quality of a school. Admittedly there has to be a balance, and this I think we have got. Strathallan has now become a school in which a boy must be very dull if he is unable to shine at something, somewhere. It was this balance that I think the School achieved in 1966-67, and it is something worthwhile.

Building Appeal

IN October 1966 the School launched the first stage of a two-stage appeal for financial assistance in the construction of new Dining Room Block and a fifth house. This first stage was brilliantly successful, and by Christmas of that year rather more than £65,000 had been collected.

The target of the second phase was around £35,000, with the deadline on Speech Day 1967. Unfortunately, this target was not attained. However, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. G. C. Turner, was able to announce that the total sum received was now just in excess of £90,000. There are still some donations coming in.



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Lord Provost Thomson addressing the visitors at the laying of the foundation stone ceremony.

Captain (S) H. G. King R.N. (Retired)

It is with great regret that we have to record the death on 13th September, 1967, of Captain King, who was Bursar at the School from 1951-1956.

Although he had already retired from the same post at Fettes he accepted the invitation to help me at a difficult time and I have always been greatly indebted to him for this. It was because of his husbanding of the School's resources and careful spending that we were able to forge ahead and make many improvements. Numbers increased, the Study Block was built and the archaic methods of looking after the playing fields gave way to mechanisation, all of which achievements must have been a source of great satisfaction to him.

Captain King, whose imperturbability and sound judgment were reinforced by a quiet sense of humour, was very popular with all members of the School.

He retired from his post at Strathallan to enjoy for 11 years a well-earned retirement again in Droxford, Hampshire, where he continued to lead a vigorous life. He will be much missed by those who knew him here and our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, Sheila, and his son and daughter.

W.N.S.H.

J. C. Murray

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the tragic death of Campbell Murray in mid August of this year. He had been suffering from a tumour of the brain, whose presence was discovered shortly before the beginning of the summer term. The best medical attention was unable to save his life, and he died in hospital when he was only sixteen and a half.

Campbell Murray spent two years in Riley and two years and two terms in Freeland. He had a serious side to his nature and won the affection and respect of all who knew him. However, it is for his gaiety, cheerfulness, and enthusiasm that he will be remembered by his many friends. He was keen on all sports and many activities, and he had good promise both in work and games. He will be very much missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

P.R.S.

J. D. Kincaid

JAMES KINCAID died in hospital in Edinburgh on the 19th May 1967 at the early age of twenty-two. He was at Strathallan for a relatively short time from January 1960 to July 1962, but he was a popular boy and made many friends. He had suffered from illness most of his life, but his good-humoured cheerfulness in the face of physical handicaps and his determined efforts both in class, where he had a good brain, and also on the games-field, where he had every disadvantage, were an example of real courage to boys and masters alike. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Staff Notes

AT Christmas Mr. Giles left us after seven years to take up the post of Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at Avery Hill Training College in London, and Mr. Shaw, after three years with us in the Chemistry Department went to Heriots.

Mr. MacLellan departed at Easter to become Headmaster at Rannoch School—an appointment on which we congratulate him warmly; the loss of a Housemaster with his close contact with boys and parents is always a blow to a school, and we are particularly sorry to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. MacLellan, who have served the School faithfully and well for ten years. Mr. D. A. R. Williams has been appointed as the new Housemaster of Ruthven.

At the end of the Summer Term there were two further departures. Mr. James Williams, after five years splendid service here, has moved on to Taunton School, and Mr. Whyte, who while he was here gained 11 International Caps for Scotland at Rugby, has taken up an appointment at Kirkcaldy High School.

We were sorry to hear at the end of the Christmas Term that Miss McGlynn had decided to reduce the amount of piano teaching that she was doing and that she would no longer be coming here. Her family has had a long connection with the School, since her father taught the violin here when the School first moved to Forgandenny. We welcome Mr. John McNeill of Perth who replaced her.

The gaps created in the School Staff have been filled by Mr. Wareham (Classics), Mr. Mole (History), Mr. Taylor (Maths.), and Mr. Pedgrift (Geography).

On the administrative side Mr. Cowie has succeeded Mr. A. Grant Lawson as Bursar; Miss Speakman, the School Sister, who returned to hospital life, has been replaced by Miss Fraser, and Miss Millar is now Housekeeper in place of Miss Phillips. Our best wishes go to all who have left us and to those who have joined this year we extend a warm welcome.

W.N.S.H.

School Notes

Mr. D. A. R. Williams, the managing editor of "The Strathallian", has now retired from this position to take on the even more arduous duties of running a house. We wish him well as the new housemaster of Ruthven House. Mr. R. N. Johnson has taken over the magazine.

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The new squash courts are now fully operational.

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The Art Department installed a pottery kiln at the beginning of the year, and pottery is now almost as popular as painting.

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The lighting of the main drive with lamp standards which once graced Edinburgh has now been completed, in spite of an attempt by a member of staff to demolish at least one of them.

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The School Pond was drained, thoroughly weeded, re-filled and re-stocked with fish. It has also been re-stocked with golf balls.

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The School is putting on an Art Exhibition at Foyles this September. It is in aid of the Florentine Art Restoration Fund, and will be opened by Sir James Hutchison, LL.D., P.P.R.S.A.

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A hockey mini-pitch was constructed between the classrooms and the tennis courts.

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A. R. Brash, A. J. Burnett, J. A. Fisher and P. A. K. Laband got places at Cambridge.

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T. C. Ashton is to be congratulated on the award of an Army Scholarship.

A. G. Johnston (Old Strathallian) is to be congratulated on the award of a Golf Blue at Oxford.

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J. R. N. Keech had a Freshmen's Rugger Trial at Cambridge.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. A. R. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Whyte are to be congratulated on the arrival of sons. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. F. S. MacNamara on the arrival of a daughter.

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There were 357 boys in the School at the end of the Summer Term.

Speech Day

SPEECH DAY this year was held on Saturday, 17th June, and the weather behaved itself for a change. The Prize Giving was held, as usual, in Perth City Hall and our chief guest was the Lord Provost of Perth, Mr. D. K. Thomson, an Old Strathallian. It was fitting that the Lord Provost should be present to distribute the prizes at a function in his own City Hall. That he is the first Old Strathallian Lord Provost of Perth made the occasion extra-special.

The main item of news in the speech from the Chairman of the Governors was the cheering one that the Building Appeal had progressed well in its first phases.

The Headmaster, in his 17th Annual Report, took the opportunity to castigate the heavy-handed bureaucracy which threatened well-run public schools. He sympathised, too, with the dilemma of parents who were always being told by the theorists 'that intelligence and progress depend mainly on environment and you are therefore, ipso facto, bad parents if you do not provide the right conditions for your children. Then you are told in the same breath that if you do your best by doing everything within your means for them, you are equally reprehensible for giving them an unfair advantage over other children'. He went on to say that he thought that moderation would triumph, and that no major or startling changes would take place in the independent sector of education for at least 10 years.

Finally, the Lord Provost gave us some sound advice, well-worth recording since it suggested ways of combating the muddled and even arrogant thinking of the administration to which the Headmaster had referred. He suggested that we



Lord Provost Thomson at the laying of the foundation stone.

remember three things in life: first, always to ask why, to be inquisitive, to be inquiring; second, to be enthusiastic; and, third, to listen.

The Prize Giving was rounded off with the School Concert which was of the high standard which we have now come to expect on Speech Days. The orchestral pieces were played with great verve and sparkle, and with an enjoyment which quickly transmitted itself to the audience. Mr. West is to be congratulated on arranging yet another successful concert.

In the afternoon, Mr. Thomson came to the School to lay the foundation stone for the new dining block. This was the main event of the afternoon, although there was, of course, much more to see. Great trouble had obviously been taken by the science staff and senior boys to put on a variety of fascinating demonstrations in the laboratories. The parents were also able to get a preview of the London Art Exhibition, since the wall of the dining hall and many of the corridors were hung with paintings. The Music Society gave a first-class chamber music recital in the Saloon. And last one must mention that the Factor, with an admirable piece of administration, solved the traffic problem once and for all.

It was pleasant to see so many visitors taking an interest in the School. We hope that they enjoyed themselves.

Prize Winners - Speech Day 1967

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School J. N. Cochran

Prize for all-round achievement in work J. C. S. Smith (in absentia)
(Awarded on the results of the 1966 examinations)

The Houston Prize A. R. Brash

Governors' Prizes:

English	T. C. Ashton
Classics	D. MacLeod
French	A. Young
History	D. MacLeod
History Essay	D. G. Brash
Geography	I. A. Houston
Geography Fieldwork	T. H. Gilmore
Economics	D. L. Carnegie
Mathematics	A. D. L. Lyszkowski
Biology	P. M. Wilson
Biology Project	N. H. F. Wilson
Physics	C. Tingsabadh
Physics Essay	J. O. McIntyre C. Tingsabadh
Chemistry	A. D. L. Lyszkowski
Chemistry Research	R. A. Jeffrey C. L. MacDonald J. O. McIntyre
Music	C. Tingsabadh
Art	R. D. Paul

PRIZES AWARDED AT THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM

Mathematics Essay Prize P. le P. Barnett

Biology Essay Prize J. M. Marshall

DISTINCTION PRIZES

I. A. Roy; N. D. Lane; R. B. Shanks; D. K. R. Low;

I. A. Houston; I. W. Gordon; D. G. Brash.

FORM PRIZES

I—S. D. Lowden; II—C. J. Cotton, D. R. D. Low; IIIC—C. G. Scroggie; IIIB—J. T. Thomson; IIIA—I. W. Gordon; IVC—D. B. Brown; IV-Inter—W. G. M. MacGregor; IVB—C. D. M. Taylor.

SALVETE

September, 1966

LVI—Danielson, J. L. (N).

IIIA—Barns Graham, D. R. (S); Campbell, K. L. I. (F); Chrystal, H. J. A. (F); Dods, J. M. (R); Gordon, I. W. (S); Hopkins, A. G. (R); Ingram, J. D. D. (F); Langford, C. D. (F); McArthur, J. A. (S); Ormerod, D. M. (N); Ormerod, J. I. (N); Parker, J. H. R. (R); Russell, J. L. (S); Rutherford, D. A. (F); Steele, C. D. (N); Stewart, F. C. (N).

- IIIB—Epps, R. A. (F); Fraser, H. G. (N); Lee, J. R. (F); Masson, G. S. (N); Morton, J. B. (F); Nicol, P. J. (N); MacDonald, D. (F); Rodger, R. A. (S); Scroggie, C. G. (N); Smith, J. Mcl. (R); Thomson, J. T. (N).
- IIIC—Fairlie, I. W. (F); McLean, I. R. (N); MacLeod, T. R. (S); Mitchell, D. E. (F); Mulhall, N. H. (R); Roger, L. B. (N); Scott, D. J. H. (N); Williamson, B. S. (F).
- I—Baxter, N. R.; Butchart, D. J.; Duncan, S. R. C.; Gillanders, B. N.; Gordon, M. G.; Herbert, R. C.; Hutchinson, J. C.; Lamont, E. J.; MacIntyre, D. A. G.; McKelvie, J. D.; Marshall, A. G.; Powrie, R. A. D.; Robson, A. I.; Stewart, I. A. (All to Riley).

January, 1967

- IIIA—Mullin, J. C. (F).
- IIIB—Gall, G. M. (N); Wilson, R. J. (F).
- IIIC—Carmichael, L. H. A. (N); Graham, P. M. (R); Lambie, W. A. M. (R); McQueen, R. H. (R); Michie, C. (F); Phillips, M. (S); Simpson, B. T. (N); Stirling, A. L. (N); Walker, A. B. (S).

April, 1967

- IIIC—Johnston, L. M. (N); Keay, C. R. (N); Sherington, N. O. (S).
- I—Hamilton, J. E. (Ri); Pate, D. H. (Ri); Paterson Brown, K. (Ri).

VALETE

Autumn Term

Schol. VI:

- Anderson, R. D. (N). Came 59³; House Prefect 66¹; School Prefect 66³; XV 65-66, 66-67; Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award; Choir; Dramatic Society; Under Officer Army (Attached pre-service).
40 Crown Drive, Inverness.
- Burnett, A. J. (R). Came 60³; I; Music Exhibition; Lance-corporal (Army).
Lynedoch, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.
- Campbell, K. D. (R). Came 62³; IIIA; Scholarship; IIIA Prize; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
4 Standor House, 284 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey.
- Fisher, J. A. (F). Came 60³; I; House Prefect 66³; School Prefect 66³; Physics Prize 66; Chairman of Science Society; Drum-Sergeant (Pipe-Band); Coxswain (R.N.).
Torr Hill, Aberfeldy, Perthshire.
- Laband, P. A. K. (R). Came 62³; IIIA; House Prefect 65³; School Prefect 66³; Exhibition; IVA 'O' level Prize; Classics Prize 66; XV 66; Tennis; Secretary of Classical Society; Librarian; Petty Officer (R.N.).
Glenyaa, Earlsferry, Elie, Fife.
- Lang, R. M. M. (N). Came 60²; House Prefect 65³; School Prefect 66³; Exhibition; Modern Languages Prize '66; XV 66-67; XI 66; Secretary of Photographic Society; Chairman of Music Society; Chapel Prefect; Committee Member of Modern Languages Society; Orchestra; Under Officer (R.A.F.).
13 Mosgiel Road, Glasgow, S.3

Upper VI:

Townson, C. J. R. (R). Came 62³; IIIB; XV 65-66, 66-67; Hockey XI 66; Lance-Corporal (Army).
The Bursar's Flat, Cavendish Hall, University of Nottingham.

Lower VI:

Davie, J. P. F. F. (S). Came 63²; IIIC; Cadet, R.A.F.
Kingoodie House, Invergowrie, by Dundee.

Kellitt, I. D. (F). Came 64¹; IIIA; Cadet (R.A.F.).
Wodhouse, Canonby, Dumfries.

IVA:

Warnock, A. J. D. (F). Came 65³; IIIA; Cadet (Army).
Dreva Farm, Broughton, Biggar, Lanark.

SPRING TERM

Upper VI:

Muir, J. (N). Came 62¹; IIIB; House Prefect 66³; XV 66-67; School Captain of Boxing; Golf; Athletics; Cross-Country; Secretary of Sixth Form Society; Company Sergeant Major (Army).
Birkfell, Helensborough.

Lower VI:

Park, C. J. J. (N). Came 63¹; Dramatic Society; A. B. (Navy).
12, Eastgate, Kinghorn, Fife.

Townson, N. M. D. (R). Came 63²; IIIC; Fencing. A.B. R.N.
The Bursar's Flat, Cavendish Hall, University of Nottingham.

IIIA

Mullin, J. C. (F). Came 67¹; Pre-service.

Stewart, F. C. (N). Came 66³; Pre-service.

SUMMER TERM, 1966

Third Year VI:

Brash, A. R. (S). Came 62³; IIIA. House Prefect 65³; School Prefect 66³; Vice-Captain of the School; Head of Simpson; Biology Prize, 66; Chemistry Prize, 66; Captain of Golf; Vice-Captain of Athletics; Captain of Cross Country; Tennis; Secretary of Science Society; Under Officer, R.A.F.
8 Ledcameroch Road, Bearsden, Nr. Glasgow.

Cochran, J. N. (R). Came 62³; III Inter. House Prefect 65³; School Prefect 66³; Captain of the School; Head of Ruthven; Captain XV; Captain of Tennis; XV 65-66; 66-67; Hockey 66-67. Chairman, VI Form Society; Secretary, Classical Society. Under Officer, Army Section.
7 Victoria Square, Stirling.

Upper VI:

Barnett, P. le P. (R). Came 63³; IIIA; Physics Essay Prize, 66; Maths. Essay Prize, 67; Cross-country, 65; Athletics, 66, 67; Editor of Strathallian; Editor, Wing Forward; Corporal, Army Section, School Armourer.
Nutford House, Brown Street, London, W.1

- Buchanan, C. H. G. (F). Came 62³; IIIB; House Prefect 66³; XV 66-67; Tennis; Cpl. R.A.F.
Clairinch, Balforn, Stirlingshire.
- Chapman, J. B. S. (F). Came 60³; I; Chemistry Research Prize, 66; L. Cpl. Army.
Creagh-Mhor, Kippen, Stirlingshire.
- Cruickshank, D. M. (R). Came 62²; House Prefect 67¹; L. Cpl. Army.
Foinaven, Airthrey Avenue, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire.
- Dryden, D. G. (S). Came 63³; IIIA; Ld. Cadet. R.A.F.
Castleroy Road, Broughty Ferry.
- Gardner, A. W. (S). Came 60³; House Prefect 67¹; Sec. Photographic Soc.; Orchestra; L. Cpl. Army.
Whincroft, 44, Muirs, Kinross.
- Gilmore, T. H. (R). Came 62³; IIIA; Geography Fieldwork Prize 67; Sailing; Treasurer, Astronomical Soc.; School Play; L/Bdr, Army.
Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, Isle of Arran.
- Guthrie, A. N. H. (S). Came 61³; I; House Prefect, 66³; Captain of Shooting; Orchestra; Chairman, Astronomical Soc.; Cpl., Army.
69 Downs Hill, Beckenham, Kent.
- Houston, I. A. (N). Came 60³; I; House Prefect 66³; School Prefect, 66³; House Captain of Nicol; Economics Prize, 66; Geography Prize, 67; Distinction Prize 67; XV 66-67; Athletics; Sgt. R.A.F.
- Jennings, S. P. (S). Came 63³; IIIA; Army.
81 High Street, Finstock, Oxon., England.
- Lyburn, A. D. (R). Came 60²; I; House Prefect, 66²; School Prefect, 67¹; Chapel Prefect; Athletics; Treasurer, Young Farmers' Club; Treasurer, Music Soc.; Sgt., Army.
Gormack House, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.
- Lyszkowski, A. D. L. (S). Came 60³; I; Chemistry Prize, 67; Mathematics Prize, 67; L. Cpl. Army.
Caixa Postal, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.
- Mackenzie, I. B. (N). Came 62³; IIIC; Hockey XI, 67; A.B. R.N.
7 Ingle Head, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs.
- Mackie, D. P. (S). Came 61³; I; Exhibitioner; Pipe Major.
10 Carlogie Road, Carnoustie, Angus.
- McGeachy, A. L. (S). Came 62³; IIIB; House Prefect 66³; Athletics; Committee, Modern Lang. Soc. Cpl., R.A.F.
11 Tinto Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3
- McLean, S. C. M. (R). Came 60³; I; House Prefect, 66²; Hockey XI 67; XI 67; School Librarian; Treasurer, VI Form Soc.; Cpl., R.A.F. Dm./Sgt, Pipe Band.
45 Rowallan Drive, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.
- Mauchline, C. J. W. (R). Came 62³; IIIB; House Prefect, 67¹; Captain XI, 67; XV 65-66, 66-67; Hockey XI; XI 65-66-67; Sgt. Army Section.
22 Victoria Place, Stirling.
- Mills, A. D. F. (R). Came 62³; IIIB; House Prefect, 67¹; Captain of Hockey, 67; XV 66-67; Hockey XI 66, 67; Committee, VI Form Soc.; Sgt. R.A.F.
9 Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh, 12.
- Neil, R. J. H. (S). Came 60³; I; House Prefect 66³; School Prefect, 67¹; Chapel Prefect; XI 67; Sgt. R.A.F.
Westlands, Tarbert, Argyll.

- Parsons, T. H. F. (S). Came 62³; IIIA; Cdt. Army.
6 Seymour Mews, Portman Square, London, W.1
- Paton, A. C. (N). Came 63³; IIIB; House Prefect 66³; Hockey XI 65, 66.
Athletics. A.B. R.N.
Culligran, Mayhole Road, Ayr.
- Robertson, K. L. (S). Came 62³; IIIC; House Prefect, 67²; XV 65-66,
66-67; Athletics, Tennis. Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.
4 Strathfillan Road, Edinburgh, 9.
- Ross, A. D. (S). Came 63³; IIIC; House Prefect 66³; XV 66-67; Hockey
XI 66, 67; Athletics; Cross Country. P.O. R.N.
48 Eaglesham Road, Clarkston, Glasgow.
- Samples, W. P. M. (R). Came 63¹; IIIC; House Prefect 67²; XV 66-67;
Hockey XI 67; Captain of Ski-ing; Tennis. L. Cpl. Army.
3 Brynffirion Avenue, Rhyl, Flintshire, N. Wales.
- Shanks, J. T. (R). Came 60³; I; XV 66-67; Athletics; Tennis; Shooting;
Sec. Young Farmer's Club; Comm. Science Soc.; Flt. Sgt. R.A.F.
Orkle Miln, Kingskettle, Fife.
- Smith, R. J. S. (F). Came 61²; I; House Prefect 66³; Shooting; Editor,
Wing Forward; Choir; Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.
69 Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- Stewart, A. G. (R). Came 63¹; IIIC; House Prefect 66³; Squash. Cpl.
Army.
Westacre, Sutherland Crescent, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.
- Sutherland, J. R. (R). Came 63¹; IIIC; House Prefect 67¹; XV 66-67;
Hockey; Athletics; Cpl. Army.
Russellmain's Farm, By Cupar, Fife.
- Taylor, D. C. (R). Came 59³; I; House Prefect, 66³; Hockey XI, 66, 67.
Sgt. R.A.F.
Uig Hotel, Uig, Portree, Isle of Skye, Inverness-shire.
- Thompson, J. M. (R). Came 62³; IIIC; Shooting; Editor, Wing Forward;
Committee, Film Guild, Astronomical Soc.; L. Cpl. Army.
Brook Cottage, Catts Hill, Rotherfield, Sussex.
- Turner, A. D. (R). Came 62³; IIIB; House Prefect, 66³; XI 65, 66, 67;
Choir; P.O. R.N.
19 The Crescent, Benton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 7.
- Wallace, D. R. P. (N). Came 62³; IIIB; Shooting; A.B. R.N.
7 Kingsway Place, Fairmuir, Dundee.
- Wallace, N. F. (F). Came 62³; IIIB; House Prefect 67¹; Shooting; Cpl.
R.A.F.
44 Louisville Avenue, Aberdeen.
- Webster, P. A. (F). Came 63³; IIIA; Pres. Badminton Club; Cpl. R.A.F.
Dungrianach, Crannaig A'Mhinster Rd., Pulpit Hill, Oban.
- Wilson, N. L. (S). Came 60¹; I; P.O. R.N.
Westland, Toward, Argyll.

Lower VI:

- Carver, C. G. (S). Came 61²; I; XV 66; Athletics; Swimming. Ldg. Cdt.
R.A.F.
10 Empress Road, Rhu, Dunbartonshire.
- Clark, R. F. L. (F). Came 63²; IIIC; House Prefect 67²; Captain of
Sailing, 67; Sailing; Editor, Wing Forward; Winner, Young
Helmsman's Trophy, P.S.C. 66. Cpl. R.A.F.
The White Point Hotel, West Cliff, Whitby, Yorkshire.

- Danielson, J. L. (N). Came 66³; L VI; Pre-Service Instructor.
5 Arlington Court, Kenton Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3.
- Galbraith, R. G. R. (R). Came 64¹; IIIB; Shooting; Cdt. Army.
9 Claremont Drive, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire.
- Gray, J. A. G. (N). Came 64³; IIIA; House Prefect 67²; Hockey XI 67;
 XI 66, 67. Chairman S.S.Y.F.C.; Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze 65.
 Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.
Auchrennie, Carnoustie, Angus.
- Ness, M. C. (N). Came 64¹; IIIC; Athletics; Shooting. Duke of Edinburgh Silver. A.B. R.N.
Churt Lea, Churt, Nr. Farnham, Surrey.
- Paul, R. D. (F). Came 63²; IIIB; Art Essay Prize, 66; Art Prize. 67;
 Swimming. L. Cpl. Army.
16 Campbell Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow.
- Richards, D. A. (S). Came 64²; IIIC; Fencing; Swimming; Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze. Cdt. Army.
29 Gladstone Place, Queen's Cross, Aberdeen.
- Thomson, A. W. S. (S). Came 63³; IIIC; Ldg Cdt. R.A.F.
23 Campbell Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow.
- Wingate, N. S. T. (R). Came 64³; IIIC; Cdt. Army.
Craggara, 2 Ferniegair Avenue, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

V Form:

- Brown, P. G. (R). Came 64³; IIIC; Pipe Band; A.B. R.N.
Meadowfield, Falkland, Fife.
- Hands, A. G. B. (S). Came 64²; IIIC; Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.
Woodside Garage, Aberdour, Fife.
- Roger, R. J. (N). Came 64³; IIIB; Athletics. Cdt. Army.
1 Percy Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow.
- Steven, J. G. (S). Came 64³; IIIB; Choir; Cdt. Army.
50 Howden Hall Road, Edinburgh, 9.

III Form:

- Grant, J. E. (S). Came 66²; IIIC; Pre-service.
3 Park Avenue, Stirling.

Chapel Notes

DURING the year we have been indebted to many old friends and new friends who have honoured us by coming to preach in the School Chapel. In addition to the usual services on Sunday evenings we have had, for the first time, a Harvest Thanksgiving Service which has a special relevance situated as we are in the heart of the country.

The Carol Service was as usual greatly enjoyed and was attended by quite a number of parents and friends.

It is an encouragement to note that many parents make the effort to be present at the Confirmation Services, and in view

of the importance of this step in the life of the boys it is hoped that this attendance of parents will continue.

New boys and their parents attended a special service at the beginning of the school year and a very happy occasion was the christening of Jane Frances the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McNamara.

I.R.N.M.

Music Notes

THE ORCHESTRA has remained about the same size this year as last year, although with a greater weight of brass instruments, some fairly inexperienced. On the other hand, the second orchestra has been considerably bigger with quite a large number of strings. It did not, however, play on Speech Day. This was not in any way due to the standard of playing, but was caused by the necessity to shorten the concert. They eventually played the concluding piece in the orchestral part of the House Music Competition and they acquitted themselves well.

A large part of the efforts of the choir and orchestra this year was put into the learning of the Nelson Mass by Haydn, which was performed at the end of the Easter Term. After the initial difficulties of singing so many unfamiliar Latin words—some of the junior trebles particularly found them difficult—the choir seemed to enjoy singing it and the actual performances were sung with spirit.

Once again the choir and orchestra performed at 'Music in St. Giles' and once again the Speech Day concert was within a week. This meant they had a lot of work to do for a fortnight, but they stood up to it well and gave good performances.

A musical society has been started this year with a very energetic committee that has organised a large number of recitals. The activities of this society are reported elsewhere.

Performances of the various concerts given during the year and the anthems sung in Chapel are given below.

G. W.

INFORMAL CONCERT

7.45 p.m. 13th DECEMBER 1966

1. Orchestra
March "Seventeen come Sunday" *Vaughan Williams*
2. Flute, violin, 'cello and piano
(R. M. M. Lang, R. J. H. Neil, A. J. Burnett, G.W.)
Sonata in G major *Telemann*

3. Trebles: Three Christmas Carols
 - Hasten now ye shepherds *Puerto Rican*
 - Long ago in Bethlehem *Moravian*
 - As I outrode this enderes night *G. Hendrie*
4. Clarinet Quintet
 - (D. K. MacDougall, C. Tingsabadh, J. M. B., A. J. Burnett, C. S. Y. Gillanders)
 - Minuet and trios from Clarinet Quintet *Mozart*
5. Orchestra
 - Vltava *Smetana*
6. Violin, oboe and piano
 - (C. Tingsabadh, M. W. MacEwen, G.W.)
 - First Movement from Concerto for oboe and violin *Bach*
7. Second Orchestra
 - Gavotte *Stanley*
8. Modern Jazz Trio
 - (D. K. MacDougall, A. C. Mulhall, J. M. Thompson)
 - Summer Time
 - God rest you merry
9. Orchestra
 - ????—???? *G. Self*
10. Tenors and Basses: Two Opera Choruses
 - When the long slumbering lion from "Ernani" *Verdi*
 - Anvil Chorus "Il Travatore" *Verdi*
 - Two Christmas Carols
 - On this day
 - Somerset Wassail
11. Orchestra
 - Danse des Mirlitons *Tchaikowsky*
 - Danse Arabe
 - Danse Chinoise
 - Trepak from "Nutcracker" Suite

RECITAL OF MUSIC

including "NELSON" Mass by HAYDN

WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH 1967

in

THE SCHOOL CHAPEL

PART I

1. Trio Sonata in C major for flute, violin and continuo.....*Telemann*
A. N. H. Guthrie (flute), R. J. H. Neil (violin), A. G. Balfour (piano), A. J. Burnett (cello).
2. Four short pieces arranged for woodwind quartet *Purcell*
A. Gray (oboe), D. A. K. MacDougall (clarinet), I. D. R. Prain (clarinet), A. D. Bell (bassoon).
3. "The Pharisee and the Publican" for small choir *Schütz*
The Pharisee (J. G. Steven); The Publican (C. S. Y. Gillanders).
4. Two movements from Quartet in B^b for flute, oboe violin and continuo *Fasch*
A. N. H. Guthrie (flute), M. W. MacEwen (oboe), C. Tingsabadh (violin), A. G. Balfour (piano), A. J. Burnett (cello).

5. Prelude and fugue in C minor for organ *Bach*
A. G. Balfour.
6. Divertimento in F major for wind quintet *Mozart*
A. N. H. Guthrie (flute), M. W. MacEwen (oboe),
G. L. MacEwen (clarinet), J. M. Blair (horn), Mr. D.
A. R. Williams (bassoon).
7. "Ride on in majesty" for choir and organ *Malcolm Williamson*

PART II

"NELSON" MASS by HAYDN

Solo treble G. R. S. SMITH
Solo baritone J. G. STEVEN

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

IN ST. GILES CATHEDRAL—11th JUNE, 1967

MUSIC AT 6 p.m.

1. Sinfonia for trumpets, oboes and strings from "The Faery Queen" *Purcell*
2. The Pharisee and the Publican for tenor, baritone and small choir *Schütz*
Pharisee: J. G. Steven; Publican: C. S. Y. Gillanders.
3. Largo and Allegro from Sonata in B^b for flute, oboe, violin and continuo *Fasch*
A. N. H. Guthrie (flute), M. W. MacEwen (oboe), C. Tingsabadh (violin), J. Scherler (cello), A. G. Balfour (piano).
4. Rondo for two violins and viola *Mozart*
R. J. H. Neil, C. Tingsabadh (violins), C. S. Y. Gillanders (viola).
5. "Sing unto the Lord" *Purcell*
Baritone solo (J. G. Steven).

MUSIC DURING THE SERVICE

Hymns—

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation
Now thank we all our God

Anthem—O Bone Jesu *Palestrina*

Voluntary after the Service—

First Movement of Symphony No. 40 in G minor *Mozart*

SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

1. Orchestra
 - (a) Alborada from "Capriccio Espagnol" *Rimsky-Korsakov*
 - (b) Dance of the Little Swans and Scene from "Swan Lake" *Tchaikowsky*
2. Trebles and Altos with piano, duet and percussion
 - Winter "When icicles hang by the wall"
 - Summer "When as the rye reach to the chin"
 - From "The Four Seasons" *Robin Stephenson*

3. Orchestra
First Movement Symphony No. 40 in G minor *Mozart*
4. Tenors and Basses
Jonah-man Jazz *Michael Hurd*
5. Orchestra
Farandole from "L'Arlesienne" *Bizet*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

ORCHESTRA

Violins: Mr. J. Mouland Begbie (leader), C. Tingsabadh, R. J. H. Neil,
N. L. Wilson, J. O. McIntyre, N. J. B. Fielding, D. H. McNair.
Violas: C. S. Y. Gillanders, R. L. Settles, M. M. Norval.
'Cellos: Mr. K. C. Jackson, P. J. Hunter, M. G. M. Szwed-Cousins,
J. Scherler.
Double Bass: A. C. Mulhall.
Flutes: A. N. H. Guthrie, K. B. King, J. D. N. Ovenstone.
Oboes: M. W. MacEwen, A. Gray.
Clarinets: G. L. MacEwen, D. K. MacDougall, I. D. R. Prain.
Bassoon; Mr. D. A. R. Williams.
French Horn: J. M. Blair.
Trumpets: A. W. Gardner, D. J. M. Wilson, R. W. Sproat, J. G. Steven.
Trombones: G. G. Robbie, D. G. Jenkins.
Timpani: D. J. C. Sharpe.
Percussion: A. D. L. Lyszkowski, W. J. S. Grant, J. S. Houston, D. B.
Fraser.
Piano: A. G. Balfour.

SECOND ORCHESTRA

Violins: N. D. Lane, J. C. Bell, J. J. Black; D. I. Howie; P. D. C.
Warburton, J. E. Grant, J. H. McLauchlan, C. W. Duncan.
Violas: E. M. Upton, R. C. Fergie, H. T. Salt.
Flute: I. J. C. Mahon, K. M. Cassells.
Clarinet: N. M. Heggie.
Trumpet: J. H. Owen.
Trombones: R. A. Jenkins, T. W. Angus.
Piano: T. K. Lunan.

CHOIR

Trebles: N. R. Baxter, J. J. Black, C. A. Campbell, K. M. Cassels,
S. R. C. Duncan, R. A. Epps, N. J. B. Fielding, M. G. Gordon,
A. G. Hopkins, R. C. Herbert, J. C. Hutchinson, R. A. Jenkins,
G. C. H. Lait, A. B. Lawrence, D. R. D. Low, S. D. Lowden,
J. D. McKelvie, J. D. Marshall, J. B. Morton, J. H. R. Parker,
I. Paterson-Brown, M. D. C. Phillips, R. A. D. Powrie, I. B.
Rennie, A. I. Robson, J. H. Shedden, G. R. S. Smith, C. D.
Steele, R. J. Wilson.
Altos: J. M. Baxter, A. W. Bethune, H. G. Fraser, I. W. Gordon,
C. S. Grant, P. J. Hunter, J. D. D. Ingram, T. K. Lunan, D.
Macdonald, J. T. Thomson.

Tenors: G. R. Aitken, J. M. Blair, C. H. G. Buchanan, B. J. F. Crawford, C. S. Y. Gillanders, A. D. L. Lyszkowski, C. L. MacDonald, D. K. MacDougall, M. W. MacEwen, S. C. M. McLean, A. D. Turner.

Basses: T. C. Ashton, A. W. Crowe, L. W. Fearn, M. G. Harrington, J. S. Houston, A. D. Lyburn, D. H. McNair, P. A. Orchard, R. J. S. Smith, J. G. Steven, M. G. M. Szwed-Cousins.

The following anthems have been sung in the School Chapel during the year: Creation's Hymn (Beethoven); Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake (Tye); All Holy Lord (Santa Maria); Eternal Father (Holst); Te Deum in B Flat (Stanford); excerpts from 'Nelson' Mass (Haydn); Ride on (M. Williamson); Sanctus from Requiem Mass (Mozart); Sing unto the Lord (Purcell); The Pharisee and the Publican (Schütz); Give ear unto me (Marcello); Lead me, Lord (Wesley); Turn back, O man (Holst) and various Gelineau Psalms.

The following have passed Associated Board exams:—

Balfour, A. G. (Organ), Grade VI (distinction).

Jeffrey, R. A. (Theory), Grade V.

Gillanders, C. S. Y. (Viola), Grade V (distinction).

Blair, J. M. (Horn), Grade V.

MacDougall, D. K. (Clarinet), Grade V.

King, K. B. (Flute), Grade V.

Parker, J. H. (Piano), Grade V.

Fielding, N. J. B. (Violin), Grade IV.

Norval, M. M. (Viola), Grade III.

McNair, D. H. (Violin), Grade III.

Settles, R. L. (Viola), Grade III (merit).

Owen, J. H. (Trumpet), Grade III.

Sproat, R. W. (Trumpet), Grade III.

Bell, J. C. (Violin), Grade II (merit).

Bethune, A. W. (Piano), Grade II.

Black, J. J. (Violin), Grade I (distinction).

Music Recital

ON 22nd March, in the School Chapel, the choir and orchestra gave a two part recital of varied music. The first part, curtailed at a late hour from seven to five items owing to unforeseen calamities to an oboe, consisted almost entirely of chamber music. Firstly, instrumentalists from the orchestra dealt capably with a Telemann trio sonata and four pieces for woodwind by Purcell, and the choir, ably aided by C. S. Y. Gillanders and J. G. Steven, giving early notice of his later success, gave a sound rendering of Schütz' Pharisee and Publican. There followed a Bach Prelude and Fugue for organ, in C minor, played most encouragingly by A. G. Balfour, who overcame an initial nervousness to give a really fine performance by anybody's standards, particularly of the difficult fugue, into which he introduced a great deal of colour. The first half was concluded by Malcolm Williamson's arrangement of 'Ride on in Majesty' and 'All Glory, laud and honour', presented by the choir with great gusto.

As we all realised, this first part was merely an aperitif before the evening's main course, Haydn's Nelson Mass. Any apprehensions that may have been entertained by those who knew the music well enough to be aware of its difficulties for a school, because of its deep emotionalism and intense religious feeling, were soon eased by the performers' vivacious attack on the Kyrie; and they will have been banished altogether by the confidence and genuine feeling displayed in the Gloria, particularly in the Qui Tollis, where the solo part was quite beautifully sung by J. G. Steven. Indeed, the choir did not relax from their high standard throughout the performance and they produced an interpretation and variety of tone with which Haydn would doubtless have been well pleased. This is not an easy work to sing: but whether in the rousingly joyous Gloria or Credo, or in the gently peaceful Benedictus, whether in the tensely dramatic 'Et Incarnatus est' or in the complicated fugato passages of the Dona nobis or 'in gloria Dei Patris', the choir excelled themselves and produced a really telling performance.

They could not have done this by themselves. Credit is also due to the orchestra, who apart from a certain thinness of the strings in the Benedictus introduction, accompanied nobly and intelligently; to Balfour, who self-effacingly provided backbone to the performance on the organ continuo; to the soloists, G. R. S. Smith, who produced fine purity of tone and a surprisingly mature approach in his difficult part, and particularly J. G. Steven, whose melodious richness was one of the evening's major delights; and above all to Mr. West. It was he who held the whole performance together, who had stimulated the performers to attain a level of achievement beyond all expectations. It is he who deserves the greatest share of the thanks of all those who were present at what must have been one of the most memorable musical occasions ever to grace the School.

M.J.W.

London Art Exhibition

FROM September 4th to September 15th the School held an Exhibition of Paintings and Sculpture at Foyle's Art Gallery in London, an opportunity afforded to our artists through the kindness of Miss Christina Foyle, who must be warmly thanked.

Throughout the past year many of the paintings which were to form part of this exhibition were, as they were completed, hung in the entrance hall, the corridors and the Music Room. They became, as it were, a refreshing and colourful addition gracing our everyday lives, but it was only when all these works

were assembled in the Dining Hall on Speech Day that one began to realise what a wealth and diversity of talent they represented.

At the London Exhibition Mr. Macleod's pupils showed 60 paintings and three pieces of sculpture, the work of some twenty boys. The Exhibition itself was held in aid of the Florentine Art Restoration Fund and we were fortunate indeed to have Sir William Hutchison, Past President of the Royal Scottish Academy, to open it.

It would be, perhaps, invidious to single out any one particular artist for praise when every painting had its own merits, but one must mention the colourful East African scenes painted by A. D. G. Duncan. Anyone who knew the order in which these scenes were painted would have been able to detect a movement from a fairly united palette to one which had both gayness and subtlety. One must mention, too, the fine sensitivity of this artist's sculptures. R. D. Paul's paintings fell into two groups: landscapes and figure painting. Perhaps it is the latter that he will be remembered mostly for at School. The figure of "The Workman" is a fine piece full of depth and character. The stance, arms akimbo, the thrust of the chin, the down-turned mouth, the eyes, the tilt of the cap all admirably suggest the dourness of the subject. And the painting has been given a depth with a fine economy of detail — just two or three verticals or near verticals and a couple of horizontals — the rest being achieved by a well-handled colour perspective.

But what can be said of the Exhibition as a whole? The most refreshing characteristic, surely, was that here we have artists who are being trained to draw and who obviously care about the techniques of drawing. It is a quality which is too often sneered at in some artistic circles today, but it is a quality which anyone aspiring to a sound artistic technique must have.

At the close of the Exhibition many of the paintings had been sold and the Art Department had collected sufficient for the School to donate a cheque in excess of £100 to the Fund when all the expenses of the Exhibition were met.

R.N.J.

The Library

THE organisation of the library has been completely altered this year; three new book cases to house the fiction section and a set of steps have been added. Several of the soft chairs have also been withdrawn to make room for an extra table to satisfy the increased demand for the library's usage.

Unfortunately, last year's complaint about the lack of respect for property must be reiterated. The library has often been left in an untidy state and silence has often not been observed. This must be improved upon if the library is to function properly.

The librarians during the year were: A. C. Mulhall, D. G. Brash, G. C. H. Archibald, S. C. M. McLean.

"Stern", "Rugby World", "World Sports", "The Cricketer", and "The Amateur Artist" were added to the periodicals.

Additions during the past year include: Pollard, "Development of the British Economy"; Brown, "An Introduction to the World Economy"; Beacham, "The Economies of Industrial Organisation"; Friedländer, "Pius XII and the Third Reich"; Macmillan, "Winds of Change, 1914-39"; Cooke, "The Language of Music"; Stravinsky, "Expositions and Developments"; Sartre, "Le Sursis"; Shepherd, "Rocks, Minerals and Fossils"; Randolph Churchill, "Winston S. Churchill Volume I"; Houston, "The Contemporary Cinema"; Wilde, "The Complete Works"; Somme, "A Geography of Norden"; Time-life series (science); Leisure Arts Series (science); Foundations of Science Series; several new fiction additions; two companion volumes to Churchill, "Youth".

S.C.M.McL.

Togetherness

A beatnik, hair long, sandals worn,
Amble up a beach, golden and sundrenched,
His eyes hidden by sunglasses, wire-rimmed;
His shirt adorned with badges, protesting;
He looks enquiringly, mockingly.

People stop to stare, bewildered.
Pink bellies turn over to watch.
Hands shade eyes, peeping over sun-tan lotion.

The poet strolls on, aware of the stares.
He sees another poet, bearded with guitar.
The two bizarre beats meet, understanding,
And walk back along the beach — together.

C.A.S. IIIA

Memoirs of Hildegard

Filtered through empty caverns
Whispered in empty blue eyes,
A creature slithers and slides
And everyone laughs.
Tinkling and empty like
Overgrown elves in dusty grey suits,
When darkness shines in doorways
People try to find more ways
Than holes in the ground.
Sweet sugar apples,
Lustrous and round,
Bowing heads and sovereign feet,
Butcher chops and the Derby,
Sounding empty and hollow,
Clanging on soundless ears,
Nourished by many years
Of doctrine and laws
From books, dirty volumes
Of complete works
Stored in priceless libraries
And cared like children.

Leaves fall, winter comes.
Dustbins are emptied
And tired travellers sleep.
Wholesome fairytales are read
To hollow hopelessness
Pretending that yesteryear
May return with its severity,
And horses, and Rudolf Valentino.
Overlooked by long hair,
And outlandish clothes
In military styles,
Like stables focussed on sound.
Hollow, mellow eardrums
Sound like an organ or ocean
Sifting and whistling
Through unmindful thoughts
Of decades past,
Long oval skirts . . .
And Winston Churchill.

Funfair of Fancy

A black car sweeps through sultry streets,
As Grecian siestas end;
As lazy cowherds talk to their cows
Amused by their clever remarks,
Two tourists, white and happy, swim
In a sparkling stream, cut by sharp pebbles;
As polythene hats and collars
Are tried on by wondering peasants,
Shingle is spaded into a deep hole
Covering oranges for the treasure hunt.
Children steal handfuls of grapes;
Decorations, glittering and crinkling
Are tied onto rubber cell walls.
The afternoon wears on, and unknowingly,
Turns into softer evening.
The lazy smell of hot grass is replaced
By the rich smell of cooking fish and olives.
The clinking of glass echoes all round the harbour,
Bright lights reveal costly caf  s,
And drunk fishermen mend their nets.

C.A.S. IIIA

If I were Dust

Oh! to be dust, to float without wings
Up over path and shadowy corner
Gliding towards the glaring lamps,
Slithering away again.

Above the world, where there below,
Man crawls, drunk and busy.
The city turns to sky.
Mud and slime twinkle in the orange street
Glow.

All adding new texture to the night
The aroma of cinemas, cigarettes and
Fish and chips. Dry nights.
Dry grey pavements echo the clacking of
Female heels.
That, all mingled with the tangible quiet
Drifts lazily up to the orange haze . . .
But I would lie between that and the moon!
Oh, evil creatures!—Would you not envy me?

D.K.McD. V

Beyond

When she laughed it was light,
As waves that flow softly,
As cool as ice from the North.
Even the tide spoke to the shore about it
But she did not hear that.

The redshank would whistle to the clouds
Of her beauty
When she threw a pebble to the sea, it
Was taken down to the deepest cavern
Forever to be kept in silence,
She did not know it.

I heard her voice somewhere between
An old pine and the sea,
Then she came and danced with me
As thistledown on grass,
As moonlight on the edge of a cloud.
Her love was cold as ageless stone.

She would be wafted to sleep by the song
Of the North tide, in a cave lit greenly by the sea.
She would foster the old grumbling sand
And soothe it to an infinite calm,
With tales of the silvery sea moon.

Her voice was clear as the first wind after frost.
She sang of the solan geese,
Music strong, but as sweet as the heather ale
Which the Romans came to Britain for.
She danced the dance of mystery;

The weaving of the red wave that seaweed makes for the full
moon tide.

But love was her prisoner.

She danced like a peewit in April,
Leaping like water spray,
Then slowly, softly, she wept with the
Sad, sad song of Lofoden, sung through
Ages, from darkness to a green icy haze.
She knew of her love and could not express it.

It was always beyond;
She stares imploringly and moves her lips —
Almost as if by their shape she could express
Nothing, save a glistening tear from
Her soft dark eyes.
It was always beyond.

Dead

Seeming almost to be peering through his filthy spectacles,
But with eyes filled with hours of dust,
His pale hand hangs limply behind his chair;
His shirt clings by brown hard blood
To his cold body — reduced to stone.
The gold watch, engraved for fifty years of loyal service
Ticked its last in the windy past.
And now agony, but surprise clouds this ghostly mask,
Once so kindly a face
But from which now the useless tongue hangs,
Parched as leather.
Where's Daddy? the little girl pleads.
Her mother stands, lost in a deep gaze at nothing,
Only conscious of a deep satisfaction, and —
A space in the kitchen knife rack.

D.K.McD. V

Little David in the Golden Era

These are the golden times and
David wonders so much about his dreams;
Misty fingers softly stroking silver strings.
Through the smog, white eyes behold brown hands.
And Little David with the big brown head,
Play yo' harp, you go right ahead.

His world is glowing with the joy of creation;
Through his mind race melodies of
So pure a bent that others would
Doubt Little David's sanity.
David has heard of something called hope;
Not sure, he allows the limpid notes
To wash away the ache of contemplation.

He worries and slivers of sweat
Mingle with the matted curls of suppression
Wriggling atop his submissive brown brow.
Harlem's own little boy lost,
He alone knows the secret.
Little David, play yo' harp
For Ah'll be listenin'.

J.M.T. VIA

Looking Down, Looking Back

Pale weeds from small joints appear
...and the pavements bristle,
rife with prickly thistle...
crack'd heaps of lonely rubble...
...scattered garbage in winding lanes
hasting to the horizon, racing,
...escaping from the lifeless stubble...

Looking down, looking back,
Do you think? ... Have you thought?

Now hollow sounds reverberate
Around the shells, eager to relate
The story to those blank casements
...and to echo through deep basements,
once foundations of gilded greatness
now decayed ... reduced ... useless ...

Looking down, looking back,
Do you think? ... Have you thought?
... Crowds of bobbing heads ...
Shovels tamping down the dead;
Come the rain, come ... wash me away
... wash me away ...

J.M.T. VIA

Her Winning Nasturtiums

Calling out in subtle agony
With crimson-tipped gardening shears
Lies the lady of green.
Dead in her winning nasturtiums lies
The wife of the family,
Queen of the castle,

Illogical splendour
Surrounds her sad corpse.
Is there love in the white of those eyes
That stare at you sorrowfully,
And let the sad light of the solar parade
Settle down on the pond?
She's dead, and some lawyer with trembling fingers
Is reading her will.

P. le P. B. VIA

The Tree

Outside the window where I lie
There grows a tree
Whose branches spread from the roots,
Which are humble in the ground,
Up to the final pleading leaves
Which cry upwards to the sun
For their nutrition.
That tree has stood for years
In the blowing temperamental winds —
Having grown from a tiny seed whose simplicity we sneer upon.

Up to a giant of the forest
Which we respect
And may even grow to love.
And I lie in my final bed,
And look out the window at the friendly branches
That block out the harsh blue or the gentle grey of the sky,
Gently fondling the hostile rays
Of a hostile sun.
And so I feel it was with my consciousness.
Once it was but a tiny seed,
And even young children
Would sneer down on my simplicity
With impunity.
Now it has split from that one
Cell of co-ordinated chemicals
To a complex system of branches —
Dividing and dividing yet again
Until it has spread to tiny parts
Which look up to the sun of information
And call out for
Their further nutrition.
Sometimes I lie at night
And watch the wall on which
The moon has accurately projected
A silhouette of my tree.
And sometimes I weep
Into my hot final pillow.

from The Shop of the Universe Sells

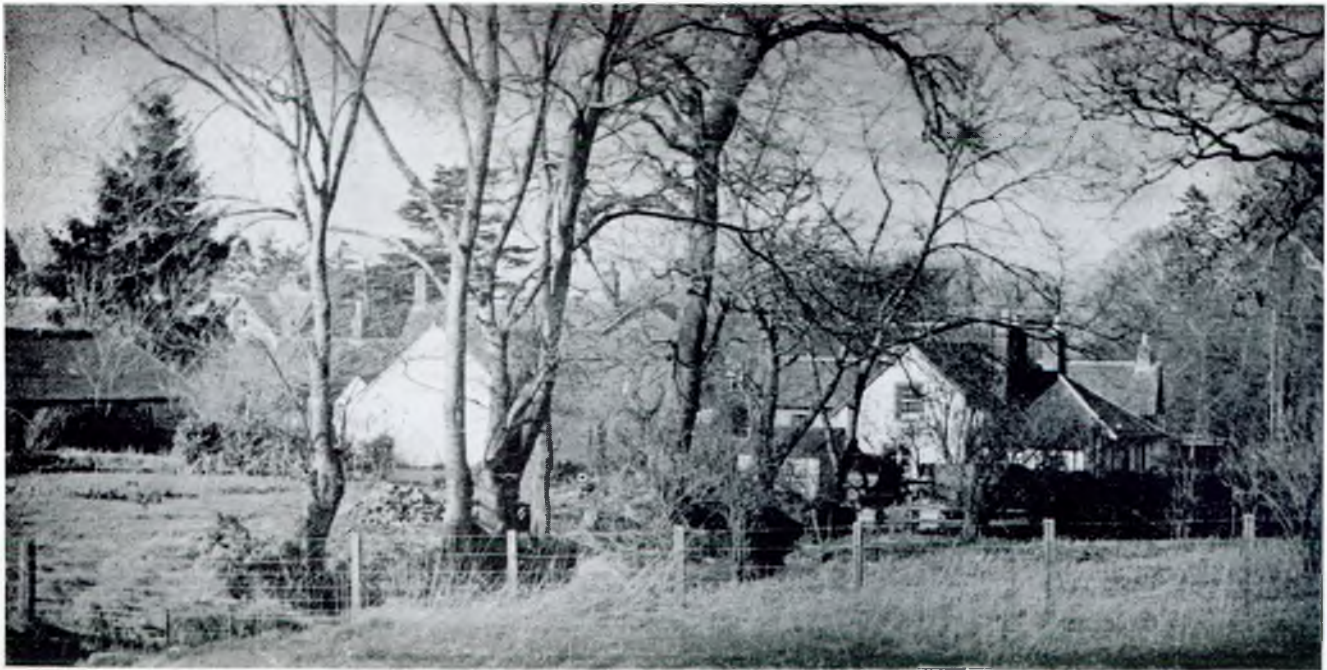
And there was the old woman.
The wood of her chair was gnarled
But no more gnarled than her face
And, as I watched, in diffused contemplation,
Her lips parted, and her face split
Into a million wrinkles, and she smiled.
Her thoughts I could see spread before me
Like a tablecloth in rumpled silk,
And, through my ever-open eyes,
My brain could interpret and comprehend them.
“Come to the Shop of the Universe,” said she;
“Come and see our products.
We have the largest stock in the universe
For we have the universe.”
And my mind opened like a pair of cymbals,
For at first I could not understand
Those words, which filled me with fleeting thoughts
Of dusty tomes and ancient libraries,
Floating somewhere in the world I had left behind,
Even though just temporarily.

P. le P. B. VIA

But a Raindrop

Dappled green like a silver velvet lining,
The whole world lies like but a raindrop in my palm.

P. le P. B. VIA



The Trip

THE coloured man opposite me reached into the inside pocket of his tweed, herringbone coat. Between scant looks at my Evening Standard and at the adverts above, I observed him as his long, tawny fingers snaked from his coat with a large, brown envelope in their grasp. There was some writing on the flap, but I couldn't decipher it.

He looked about him, seemingly oblivious to me, then his gaze was upon me. His eyes were like those of a pursued animal, darting and suspicious. He took a lilac-coloured pill from the envelope, placed it on his tongue and engulfed it with his thick mouth. He returned the envelope to his pocket, placed his hands between his knees, and with an oblique motion of his head he began to stare distantly at his immaculate white plimsoles.

At this point an elderly woman sat down heavily on my right. I felt uncomfortable for the first time. I knew that all their doped eyes were upon me. I turned abstractly to the sports page to escape them. I did not get very far with the report I was reading because the elderly woman gave me a hefty nudge with her elbow. Simultaneously a packet of cigarettes was thrust in my face.

"'ave a cigarette, dearie," she cackled. "Go on, they ain't marignana or anything!" I refused and brought my paper into such a position that I could avoid her old face and conspiring glances. I felt that if I took the paper away I would find everybody looking at me. The print rushed off the page at me and disappeared again in an undigested mess. I could hear a tapping noise opposite, getting louder. I heard the coloured man folding his envelope again and could just see the plimsoled feet, shuffling and tapping restlessly.

I was distracted by another arrival. He sat on my left, a rather dishevelled man in his mid-twenties, unshaven and unconcerned. He was suffering what the coloured man would suffer in about eight hours. He started to tell me about himself. The name and the personal details I forget, but I recall that he was an active member of the C.N.D. and that he had just returned to London from the Easter protest march. He had been arrested on a drugs charge and had been questioned by the police. His voice was cracking as he told me that they had broken his wrist during interrogation by twisting it behind a chair (his heavily bandaged left hand and a home-made sling at least verified the break).

The coloured man was snapping his fingers now and gyrating in his seat with a tortured expression on his large

face. Beads of perspiration gathered at his temples forming myriads of them above his slight eyebrows. His innocuous little hat was settled well back on his head, exposing clearly the rimless gold spectacles.

On my right the old lady was decrying the Prime Minister for the four and fourpence tax on her packet of non-tipped. "Who am I keeping rich? That's what I want to know. 'Ere, do you know? I've written to 'im four times, and her too, the Queen I mean, and will I get an answer? Not ruddy likely, I won't". Her oration over she seemed temporarily satisfied. Then, without warning, she rose from her seat and thrust her umbrella through the paper of the man opposite her, pinning him against the window. With her left hand she reached over and caught the C.N.D. man a blow in the eye with the corner of her handbag, causing blood to spurt thickly onto his threadbare lapels. He had just finished telling me what a pretty wall that was. He stopped stroking the window and slumped against it.

A sound was forming in my throat but before I could utter it the coloured man had forsaken his tweed herringbone coat and was dancing in the midst of the melee, drowning me in noise. He had been joined by a girl who had obviously returned from a party as her several friends were all in a state of riotous intoxication.

I was caught up in a maze of arms, umbrellas, lilac-coloured pills, taxmen, atom bombs and rimless gold spectacles. The noise was exploding in my ears but then it was broken by the cry 'Totteridge and Whetstone'. I dimly tried to place the meaning of these words and when it struck me I fought my way through the mass of flailing bodies to the door. The haze behind me faded and I breathed sweet air and freedom. The door closed, cutting off the noise for ever. I sighed deeply and made my way into the darknes of suburban London. The trip was over.

D.L.C.

The Storm

THE SUN was slowly being swallowed up by the huge rolling mass of grey clouds, which loomed over the lagoon like some horrible monster. Occasional gusts of wind made the sampans and other small fishing craft move restlessly at their moorings, like nervous old women. As the wind grew more powerful, the palm trees were twisted into impossible angles, while their leaves were savagely ripped off, leaving them unprotected to face the forces of the elements.

The sun had completely disappeared, lost inside the belly of the clouds. The waters of the lagoon were no longer their beautiful turquoise colour, but had been transformed into a dark foreboding green. Along the shore, the waves were throwing themselves frenziedly upon the shingle, thrashing up great lumps of once-golden sand.

Stinging lancets of spray flew into the faces of the few natives who were trying to drag the boat ashore. There could only be one result to that unequal tug-of-war. Suddenly the old rotting boards of the sampans gave way, and, within seconds, the boats were hurled against the jetty by the waves, and dashed to pieces.

Even amongst all this confusion, a few rays of sunlight began to thrust tentatively through the clouds. Gradually the clouds broke up and disappeared over the horizon. The sun once more prevailed.

People began to move about, chatting and laughing amongst themselves; dogs began to bark and beg at the doors of the houses where the cooking was good; a soft breeze blew across the island, rustling the trees and bushes, and preventing the air from becoming humid. The island had once again settled back into its own small world of beauty and tranquillity.

A.G.H.

Easter

Snow-crisped mountains rising from sleep,
On hills in tawny ripples poured,
Where unseen burns chuckle and leap,

Spring sunlight reigns, the world in thrall,
Dappling with mysterious green
Or tangled shadow the trees' hall.

The mirrored boughs, slender and grey,
Float in a thoughtful pool
Where lie secrets of night and day.

Sunbeams shiver on the lazing
Loch; far away the Western Isles
Melt to a sea of amazing
Blueness.

Life has begun again.

D.M.

Lost Beauty

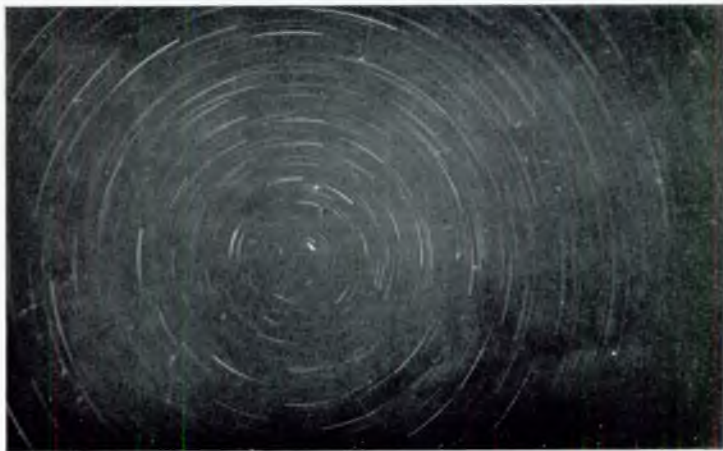
Strange, that she came upon a day
When far I would not see;
Strange, that I always looked away
Whene'er she looked at me.

She came and went; alas! no more
Shall I her charms behold;
Now I am wise and warm; -- before
I was but green and cold.

T.F.H.

Astronomical Society

THE SOCIETY flourished this year. Owing to the enthusiasm of several keen members, a large number of photographs were taken. R. A. L. Craig and P. F. Waterston were mainly responsible for this. Perhaps the most successful was Craig's photo of the circum-polar stars, which is shown below.



The society was kept in control for one term by Mr. Giles. As a token of our thanks he was presented with a photograph of the moon, taken by Craig through the school telescope, and printed in the school darkrooms. The Chaplain very kindly took over for the remainder of the year.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was an organised observation of the annual meteor shower, the Leonids. This took place

between 1.30 and 3.00 a.m., and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were delighted to find that our count was within two meteors of the official one.

OFFICE-BEARERS WERE:—

Committee: R. A. L. Craig, I. A. Roy, J. M. Thompson, P. F. Waterston, M. G. Harrington.

Treasurer: T. H. Gilmore.

Secretary: P. le P. Barnett (C. L. Macdonald).

Chairman: A. N. H. Guthrie.

P. le P. B.

Debating Society

LAST year's brilliant oratory was not maintained, but perhaps the seeds of future eloquence were sown. The first motion of the year was 'This House believes that Scotland needs independence'. The proposers, D. MacLeod and A. L. McGeachy, showed how their country's ills had sprung from that blatant piece of political jobbery, the Union of 1707; K. B. King and S. P. Jennings, opposing the motion, appealed to commonsense and statistics. The motion was carried.

The proposition that 'This House would not send its sons to a public school' aroused a great deal of interest. Mr. Young and Archibald convincingly attacked the value of the public school system, though at the end admitting that they were speaking to a brief and would have voted against themselves, while Mr. D. Williams and Barnett opposed the attack and won by a clear majority, the boys doubtless being more favourably inclined towards their alma mater in the first week of term.

The high standard of debating was unfortunately not maintained by a rather sagging balloon debate, in which the 'Boston Strangler' was preserved for posterity.

The debate on whether the Church had outlived its usefulness or not was attended largely by the Scripture Union. The School Chaplain, Rev. I. R. N. Miller, and Archibald vindicated the Church against the efforts of I. A. Roy and J. M. Thompson.

One must again note that debating remains confined, in the face of the apathy of the majority, to a minority group; one can only hope to extend that group's size and influence.

D.M.

Dramatic Society

THE Dramatic Society was revived at the beginning of the winter term, and took over some of the activities of the now defunct Shakespeare Society. Meetings were held weekly either on the stage or, when the boxing ring had been put up, in the green room. Attendances were always good, though fortunately never too large that there were not enough parts to go around.

The activities varied from a talk on stage management and play production to improvisation. The problems and highlights of scenes from Shaw's *St. Joan*, Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, Wesker's *The Kitchen* and *Chips with Everything* were acted out and discussed, and there was a full reading of Sheridan's *School for Scandal* and Arden's *Sergeant Musgrave's Dance*. Some members were given an opportunity to try their hand at directing the rehearsal of a scene themselves.

The aim of the society is to encourage an active interest in drama, an interest which cannot be fulfilled solely by theatre visits and by reading plays. It is also hoped that we shall have a core of enthusiastic actors to bear the brunt of the next school production; we have a high standard to maintain.

A. D. Bell has been a very energetic secretary to the society; C. L. Macdonald has looked after the stage lighting, and M. G. M. Szwed-Cousins has done some sterling work behind the scenes in putting the property room in order and finding out just what we have.

A.D.B.

Film Guild

MEMBERSHIP of the Guild was greatly increased this year owing to a new policy. It was unfortunate that this policy never came to fruition, owing to a lack of co-operation from the distributors. Thus only one full-length film was shown. This was 'The Apartment', starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley Maclaine. Also shown were a Chaplin film and 'The Great Train Robbery', the first serious film ever made, and some experimental films which were more or less well received.

The Guild was grateful to Mr. Clayton for his guidance. The Chairman for the session was McNab, and the secretary, A. J. Stuart.

N.M.

Fly Tying Club

THE membership of the club has been lower than in previous years, but a fair number of new members joined at the beginning of the year, and most of them required some form of instruction. This has been given very readily by various members of the club, so that, during the summer term, several boys were able to try some fly-fishing on the newly-stocked pond, with, if one is ever to believe a fisherman, some success.

R.F.P.

Highland Dancing

WITH only two existing members left from last year the outlook for performances with any polish looked dismal. However, our new members have worked at this activity extremely hard, and in the event, the performances were much better than could have been expected. Given the same enthusiasm, our future looks bright.

We thank Miss Farquhar for her patience and devotion in instructing us throughout the year.

D.H.M.

Modern Jazz Trio

ANYONE passing within the vicinity of the music practice rooms on Saturday evening during the past year would have been bound to hear sounds which suggested that Strathallan had its own night club. Further investigation, however, would have shown that the Modern Jazz Trio, founded last September, was at one of its practice sessions.

The group has played in several concerts, and hopes to do so again next year, although its repertoire is limited by the amount of rehearsal time available.

The trio comprises: D. K. MacDougall (piano); A. C. Mulhall (double bass), and W. J. S. Grant (drums).

A.C.M.

Modern Languages Society

THE society started the winter term with just under 60 members. During this term we held a wine and cheese tasting session, organised and held in conjunction with the Sixth Form Society, and this proved to be the year's greatest success. Three films were shown later in the term, but the attendance at these was most disappointing.

The spring term, however, promised better attendances when we started with 88 prospective members—which, for us, was a record—but intentions were not fulfilled, and as a result our finances were not strengthened as much as they might have been. During the term two films were shown, and an international records session was held. As with most other societies, the M.L.S. was inactive during the summer term. In short, the year was a disappointing one for us, but we hope for more enthusiastic support in the future.

A.Y., T.C.A.

The Music Society

THIS society is a new-comer upon the scene at Strathallan, but it is certainly a very active one, and few weeks went by without our holding a meeting.

Since our first meeting in December, 1966, the Music Society has presented eight recitals to the school. The standard of the performances has been high, as can be expected from our guest artists, among whom were students from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music (Miss Patricia Hay, David Frame, Norman Brodie and Finlay Wilson), Miss Anne Winter and Mr. Malcolm Hosaiah from Dundee, and Mr. J. Mouland Begbie and the Director of Music. Talent from the school itself was evident in a performance of Brahms' Horn Trio in E^b given by Mr. M. Wareham, J. M. Blair and C. Tingsabadh.

In view of the high standard of the performances and the enjoyment expressed by those who have attended these recitals, it is rather disappointing to note that the society is not getting as much support from the school as we can reasonably expect. However, perhaps a stronger tradition of attendance will grow with time.

No note on the society would be complete without thanking Mr. Wareham, our founder, and Mr. West, whose advice has been invaluable, and the Headmaster, who kindly lent us the Saloon. I should like to thank, too, the Housekeeper and her staff for providing coffee for us after recitals.

C.T.

Photographic Society

THIS year, although the membership of the society has dropped to fifteen, most members have shown a great deal of enthusiasm, some of the results of which will be evident in this magazine.

Numerous pieces of equipment, such as developing tanks and a safelight, have been purchased and there have been several changes and modifications on the electrical side in the dark room.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Shaw for his guidance and help to the society before his leaving at the end of the winter term.

A.W.G.

St. Andrew's Night

WITH the Band poised to strike the first chord, Mr. Fairbairn, the Master of Ceremonies, announced the start of the evening's festivities. From first to last all the dances were eager and vigorous. Short intervals were provided by the Highland Dancers, who demonstrated some very fine dancing. The Pipes and Drums also entertained us to some well appreciated Highland Music.

Many thanks must be given to the Dance Band for their accompaniment during the dances, especially to Mr. Jackson and Mr. Mouland Begbie for giving up their spare time to our further enjoyment, to Mr. Fairbairn who organised the evening, and to the Housekeeper who provided the refreshments which concluded the evening, and which were thoroughly appreciated.

D.D.C.B.

Dance Band: K. C. Jackson, Esq. (Accordion).
J. Mouland Begbie, Esq. (Fiddle).
R. J. H. Neil (Fiddle).
A. C. Mulhall (Bass).
W. S. Grant (Drums).

Highland Dancers: D. H. Muir (Capt.), A. G. Chalmers, R. A. Epps, D. MacDonald, H. J. A. Chrystal, C. D. Langford.

The Pipes and Drums were led by Pipe Major D. P. Mackie.



Science Society

THE society has again flourished this year, and we have had exactly one hundred members. Unfortunately, however, the wide variety that we like to introduce into the society's activities has been somewhat limited because the British Society for the Advancement of Science has been compelled to limit the number of lectures that it can supply to two or three a year.

In spite of this, several excellent lectures were given to the society. Dr. W. G. Ferrier returned to give us a most interesting lecture on X-rays; Mr. G. C. Leslie talked on 'Muscle and Nerve — the basis of movement'; P. M. Wilson lectured on chromatography and later on insect warfare, while J. A. Fisher explained some simple electronics. Lastly, Mr. Giles amused us with some puzzling mathematical games and problems. Unfortunately this was the last lecture that Mr. Giles was giving to the society, since he was leaving the school at Christmas. We would like to express our thanks to him for the ways in which he has helped the society, both in giving lectures and in being our Vice-President.

The remainder of the programme was filled with films on many topics from refrigeration to the physics and chemistry of water.

J. A. Fisher was Chairman of the society for the Christmas term, and N. H. F. Wilson for the remainder of the year.

A.R.B.

Scripture Union

THIS year has seen a much increased audience at the weekly meetings and a more varied programme each term. Many outside speakers have come to address us, and many films, too, have been shown. Among the films, perhaps, the film-strip 'Sir Ivor Lott', the film of the National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, and the 'Fact and Faith' films have been the most enjoyed. V.P.S. Summer Camp films have also been shown during the year, and, several of us having attended camp during the year, we always look forward to seeing, we hope, ourselves on them.

Mr. P. T. Maclellan gave a very helpful farewell talk to a large audience on 'The Purpose of Life'. Other speakers during the year have been Dr. E. Morgan (Rugby); the Rev. R. B. Gorrie (Fettes); the Rev. G. M. Martin (Merchiston); the Rev. J. Briggs (St. John's College, Durham); Clifford Hughes (Hurst Grange). We are grateful to them all for coming to speak to us.

I should like to take this opportunity, too, of thanking Mr. P. E. Grigsby for his help in running the group.

K.B.K.

Sixth Form Society

THE society was not, perhaps, as active as it could have been this year, although its quarters at the end of the Sixth Form Block Hall continue to be well used at break and in the later part of the afternoons.

The two events which were most enjoyed were a 'Music Night', in which performances were given by the Modern Jazz Trio, A. D. Turner and P. A. K. Laband, who sang some folk-music, and the school pop group, and a wine and cheese tasting.

P.B.

Stamp Club

THE senior school stamp club has now been in existence for two years, and shows signs of continuing to flourish. During the year lectures were given by Mr. Wormald and some members. Competitions were also arranged, and Mr. Wormald very kindly took members to some of the meetings of the Perth Philatelic Society, with whom we are now affiliated.

Because of the lack of frames for holding stamps, we were not able to hold an exhibition on Speech Day this year, but it is hoped to be able to set up an exhibition next year.

There were 27 members in the club. Office bearers for the year were:

Hon. President, Mr. Wormald; Chairman, A. D. Lyzskowski; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, J. S. Houston; Committee, J. Michie, A. D. Bell, A. G. Chalmers, S. O. H. Lait.

J.S.H.

Wing Forward

ONE of the never-failing and intriguing aspects of running 'Wing Forward' is the question of whether it will ever appear again, or whether the last issue was just that — the last issue. For some years now, the selection of an editorial body for the magazine has been, to say the least, nebulous. Suddenly, the magazine seems to have a new editorial body and the producing of an edition starts all over again.

Of course, getting material for an issue has always presented a problem, since the school's writers seem to have developed a self-consciousness and shyness which is only made up for by the vociferous stream of criticism which greets an edition of the

magazine. This year's editorial body — R. J. S. Smith, R. F. L. Clark and P. A. Orchard — can be said, however, to have done a good job. They did not try to produce too many issues, they struck just the right note of innovation, and they managed to sell the magazine.

The difficulty of producing a magazine of this nature is mainly an organisational one. Typing out articles on stencils and then duplicating them is an arduous and tiresome task. Yet the editors were able to get out, on time, a Speech Day edition of *Wing Forward* which was the largest ever, mainly because it contained a supplement of junior school writing.

Of the present editors, only P. A. Orchard is returning, but since he was largely responsible, I think, for using the Roneo photographic transfer service — the pictorial aspect of the magazine was always a problem — and since he has some quite improbable contacts in show business, I think we can look forward to some entertaining issues next year.

Young Farmers' Club

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1966-67:—

Chairman: J. A. G. Gray.

Secretary: G. W. T. Smith.

Treasurer: D. W. McArthur.

There has been a notable increase in the membership this year, the club having a total of 80 members. As a result the subscription was lowered.

During the winter and spring terms, meetings were held regularly each week, and we had a number of visiting lecturers. Many of the club members, too, gave interesting talks on various aspects of agriculture, and all the meetings were well attended. As usual, the club visited the Bull Sales in Perth.

The club would like to thank Mr. Grigsby and Mr. Pollard for supervising the weekly meeting throughout the year.

D.W.McA.

Combined Cadet Force

AIR Vice-Marshal A. V. R. Johnstone, C.B., D.F.C., R.A.F., Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, inspected the Contingent on 9th June, 1967. He arrived by helicopter and had a full programme inspecting all sections and the Pre-Service section. He was accompanied by two Old Boys, in addition to his own ADC, Squadron Leader E. Smith and Cadet Primrose, who is at present at Cranwell. The Army Staff Officer has a son at the School, and the Naval Staff Officer, a nephew. The

Parade and March-Past were under the command of U/O Cochran. The Air Marshal saw the R.N. Section sailing on the Tay, and our thanks are due to the Harbourmaster and the Perth Sailing Club for their assistance and the use of their facilities. At the same time the helicopter flew R.A.F. cadets over the pinnacle carrying the Inspecting Officer. The Army Section gave a particularly good demonstration under Sgt. Ashton.

The Band played very well both at the General Inspection and at the Sunset Parade, but were weak in the Competitions. It has been a very young Band, and at least four of the Competition Pipers should be here in three years' time. The Drummers were much more experienced, but have been handicapped by the difficulty in getting adequate drumming tuition. With the return of Drum Major Wilson, we hope that this is now solved. Pipe Major Sinclair soldiers on.

The Sunset Parade, held this year at 5.30 p.m. was excellent. Cox Crawford was in charge, and detachments were led by Mackie, A. D. Ross, Ashton, Lyburn and Shanks. Gardner and D. J. M. Wilson were the buglers and McNab the Naval piper. S. C. M. McLean was Drum Sgt.

.22 Shooting this year has been rather weak, but there is a lot of very welcome enthusiasm amongst the juniors.

The Army Proficiency Certificate was held on the 24th February and twenty-eight candidates passed. Seven, however, to their shame, failed in Map Reading. There is no excuse for this, for supposedly intelligent boys. L/Cpl. Gardner gained Certificate T after an Electronics Engineering course.

Also in the Spring Term five cadets, Prain, Low, Smith, D. A. J., Chapman and Walker, G. P., co-operated in an exercise under Dr. MacKenzie to carry a transmitter over the moors near Pitlochry. They got their photographs in the Perthshire Advertiser for their pains.

Field Day was on the 21st October, when all the sections dispersed over a very wide area. All returned safely.

Unhappily the Army section was unable to go to camp this year, because of unforeseen difficulties in travel to the Orkneys. It was not realised until too late that the North of Scotland, Orkney and Shetland Shipping Company had sold one of their boats. Any inconvenience caused to parents is very sincerely regretted, but the cadets voted it the best camp ever.

There has been a variety of Specialist Army training this year. Both the Signals and RA sections had serious setbacks with the withdrawal of TA units, and the lack of assistance

from Regular Instructors. A Transport section was started and much enjoyed while it lasted but again the re-organisation of the TA made it necessary to stop that training too. Recently there have been new Cadet Training Teams formed, so it is hoped that Signals will be up to full strength and training again. It is very doubtful if the Artillery Section will ever be revived.

I should like to thank C/Sgt. Cleland of the Scots Guards and St. Andrews University OTC for his assistance with Drill, especially in preparation for the General Inspection Parade.

Sub Lt. McLeod took over the R.N. Section when Sub Lt. Shaw left in March. I should like to thank Mr. McLeod for his running the Pre-Service section before 'graduating', and Mr. Shaw for his work with the Naval Section while he was at Strathallan. In this general switch round, 2/Lieut. J. L. R. Williams took over the Pre-Service Section for a term. Previously he has of course provided a lot of the vigorous Army Section training, and we are very sorry that he is leaving. He has been in charge of the Shooting as well. We shall remember him particularly for the difficulty of getting clothing from hat to kilt large enough to fit him, for his eagerness to rush up and down any mountain available, and his congenial company at all times and specially at Camp. He has made visits to Orkney much more interesting by his knowledge of the wild life, including skuas, shindigs, etc.

We wish both the Officers who have the Contingent every happiness in the future and thank them for their assistance while they were with us.

T.C.G.F.

Senior NCOs:

U/O Cochran. U/O Brash (RAF). P/M Mackie. Drum Sgt. McLean.

Army Section:

CSM Muir (left March). Sgts. Ashton, Lyburn, Mauchline.

Pre-Service Section:

Sgts. Balfour (RAF), Biggart. Cpl. Barnett has been i/c Armoury.

Royal Naval Section

Coxswain—B. J. F. Crawford after J. A. Fisher.

P.O.—Turner, Ross, Wilson N.L., Laband.

L.S.—Wilson N. H. F., Wilson P.M., Young A., Prain, Mulhall.

THE strength of the section has remained this year at fifty.

Sub. Lieutenant Shaw relinquished command of the section in December when Sub. Lieutenant MacLeod took over.

Twelve cadets reached the proficiency standard and six attained the advanced proficiency during the year while five cadets sat proficiency and ten advanced proficiency in the last examination, the results of which are not yet available.

There has been considerable improvement throughout the year in drill standard and the section made a favourable impression on the inspecting officer at General Inspection. While the average age of the N.C.O.'s in the section has dropped considerably most have worked well and co-operated with the officers in charge. As they gain experience the high standard expected of the Navy Section can be continued.

The visiting officer for General Inspection was Air Vice-Marshall Johnstone and the section had a busy week prior to his arrival. A complete spring-clean of the Navy hut and stores effected a pleasant change, made perhaps more obvious by the painting of the hut exterior. A new naval C.C.F. crest on the door gives a more favourable impression. The equipment in the rope-store and hut has at last been arranged in a ship-shape condition.

The Inspecting Officer inspected the Royal Navy Section on the Tay in the afternoon. On arrival at Perth Harbour he inspected a section guard of honour before going aboard a pinnace from which he viewed with obvious enjoyment the ten boats taking part, which included the section's R.N.S.A. dinghy, the Sailing Club dinghies and whalers on loan from H.M.S. Unicorn. The occasion was made more memorable by the helicopter, with several Strathallan passengers on board, flying overhead and dipping in salute. In his address the inspecting officer made reference to the splendid co-operation shown by Perth Sailing Club in letting us use their facilities.

The section is indebted to the staff of H.M.S. Unicorn for their co-operation throughout the year. A successful field day was organised by H.M.S. Unicorn's officers and N.C.O.'s. When a new officer comes into a section at fairly short notice to take over command he has to rely very much on the parent establishment and both Lt. Commander Rosling and Lt. Commander Scott were most helpful. C.P.O. Jeffreys was principally responsible for "showing the ropes" and for this alone he merited the award of the B.E.M. in the Birthday Honours List, for which we congratulate him.

In May the section had a visit from Commander Murray, the naval member J.C.E. After a special parade had been arranged for him he was unfortunately delayed and arrived at school too late to meet the section cadets. He was most interested on being shown round the school with special atten-

tion being paid to the existing naval facilities. The school pond was used considerably for pulling practice, particularly prior to general inspection.

In June the section was invited to visit H.M.S. Decoy, on an official visit to Dundee. Though it did not prove possible for the cadets to see very much below deck an interesting afternoon was had by all.

This year most cadets have attended various courses in naval aviation, communications, diving, gunnery and navigation.

In April the officer in charge went on an initial course at the Officers Divisional School, Portsmouth. An enjoyable and instructive practical seamanship cruise took place in April on the Clyde. This cruise proved eventful particularly as regards weather, which was at times fairly stormy, and a notable experience for the cadets was the opportunity of landing on Ailsa Craig. The C.M.F.V. which was manned by a most helpful crew explored all reaches of the Firth of Clyde giving all cadets on board the opportunity of gaining first-hand knowledge of ship-handling and navigation.

The sunset parade on Speech Day under Cox. Crawford was particularly good this year. The Navy Contingent under P.O. Ross were smart and impressive, while the bugling was outstanding.

The section was again well represented in the Pipe Band and two N.C.O.s were lent to the pre-service.

The following appointments and promotions have been made for the coming year: Acting Coxswain B. J. F. Crawford to Coxswain i/c Ship's Company; L. S. Mulhall, Prain to P.O.

T.J.M.

R.A.F. Section

THE Section had maintained its permitted strength and has had a long waiting list. The permitted limit is, to a certain extent, unfortunate in that a lot of good cadets cannot be accepted into the Section because of the shortage of places.

The Section has become very senior in that 40 cadets have now got Advanced Proficiency, 22 having passed this year. Only ten cadets had not got their Proficiency at the end of the year. With gliding, we have almost approached the record high of the years '61 and '62; this year 9 cadets have won their A and B gliding licences, making over 25 per cent in the Section who have soloed.

Where shooting is concerned, the Section as a group has not done as well as usual, their best result coming from the Second

Team which came second in its division in the Scottish Air Cadets League. Individually results have been as good as usual, 25 cadets winning their R.A.F. Marksman Badge, and 16 their C.C.F. Marksman Badge.

Camp this year was held at R.A.F. Lindholme, near Doncaster. 42 cadets under Flt. Lt. Wormald and Flying Officer Barker attended. As this was Bomber Command's Training School, a good camp was expected. As usual the food was very good, but the programme was very unimaginative. The main objection to the programme was the meal times: breakfast at 06.30 and Lunch at 10.45. However, the meal-times were altered for the last two days of camp. The flying was good, most cadets averaging two or three flights in either a Chipmunk, a Varsity or a Hastings, and some flights lasted up to 6½ hours. But to off-set this there was up to 4½ hours sport on the programme each day, with no alternative in case of wet weather, and needless to say it did rain.

This year the Section has had two important visitors: Group Captain Hunter, Commandant of Air Cadets, Scotland, and Air Vice Marshal Johnstone, Air Officer Commanding Scotland and Northern Ireland. Air Vice Marshal Johnstone was also the Inspecting Officer at the Annual Inspection. He arrived at the Inspection by helicopter, and after lunch, the helicopter, a Westland Whirlwind, took two lots of cadets for a trip around the neighbourhood. The first lot of cadets had a close look at Perth and the Tay, and the second party went down the Tay to R.A.F. Leuchars, where the helicopter refuelled.

The following were N.C.O.'s of the Section:—

Under Officer: A. R. Brash.

Flt. Sgt.: J. T. Shanks.

Sgts.: Balfour, G. W.; Houston, I. A.; Michie, J.; Mills, A. D. F.; Neil, R. J. H.; Taylor, D. C.

Cpls.: Buchanan, C. H. G.; Clark, R. F. L.; McGeachy, A. L.; McLean, S. C. M.; Wallace, N. F.; Webster, P. A.; Wilson, D. J. M.

R.A.F. Field Day - Turnhouse

Two buses left the School at 8.30 a.m. on a rather dull morning in October bound for Turnhouse. The journey itself was uninteresting to most boys, but it was not long before the airfield came into sight.

The section had been divided into two groups. The first went into Edinburgh before lunch, and the second stayed at Turnhouse for flying. The group in the city visited the Castle and the main interest was, of course, the famous War Memorial

where the names of all the Scots killed during both world wars are held in memory. This attracts a vast number of visitors every day, and I don't think that any member of the group was bored while being shown round.

Both groups had lunch in the airmen's mess at Turnhouse, and there were few complaints about the food. After the meal the group who had flown in the morning went into Edinburgh to visit the memorial and the other group stayed behind to fly.

Four Chipmunks were in use throughout the day, but towards the end of the afternoon it was becoming increasingly more obvious that not everyone was going to be lucky and get a flight. Fortunately, however, three flights on a Pembroke were arranged, each taking six cadets for about 20 minutes. Two of the flights went over the Forth, and there was a wonderful view of the coastline of Fife. The other flight went over Edinburgh, and it was very interesting to see Princes Street from the air.

Throughout the afternoon, films were being shown in the camp cinema, and so no one could complain of having nothing to do.

At five o'clock all cadets had tea and again we had an excellent meal (for the two meals each cadet had only to pay one shilling). The buses left immediately after this for School. It had been a wonderful day and without doubt it will go down in my memory as the best Field Day the R.A.F. Section has ever had.

S.C.M.Mc.L.

Flying in a Chipmunk

Now where is the switch for the earphones? Ah, here we are. What do I do to open the parachute? Ah, yes, pull this; to inflate the . . . oh forget it, I just pull this. I tried hard to remember all that I had been taught in the briefing room.

The engine started and at the same time the canopy slid back over our heads. The earphones crackled; I knew something was about to happen.

"Have you ever flown before?" came the rather muffled voice of the instructor through my earphones.

I'd better say something quickly, I thought. Where's this switch? You have to turn it to the left if I remember rightly. Funny; it won't turn. I'd better try the other way. There we are; it must have been on all the time. I turned it back.

"No", I replied, I had, but I didn't want to complicate matters by going into detail. By now the plane was warming up for take off on the runway.

Every now and then the control tower could be heard through my earphones and I began to wonder whether the instructor was speaking to me or to the tower. Again he came over on my earphones and this time I knew he was speaking to me, as his voice was much clearer than the tones I had been listening to before.

“Just hold on to the controls lightly so that you can get the feel of them”, said the pilot.

The aircraft began to move from its stationary position, and very quickly it gathered speed and within less than two hundred yards it had left the ground. We began to climb rapidly and I looked back at the ever diminishing roofs of the hangars and other airfield buildings. The aircraft began to bank and I felt the joy-stick force my hands to the right; the pedals also moved. Again and again the control tower came through my earphones, one a very sharp voice, the other dull and muffled at times. The pilot spoke to me.

“In a minute, I’ll let you take over” — my heart missed a beat — “but first I’ll show you what to do to control it. If you push the joy-stick forward, the aircraft will dive and gather speed; if you pull it back, the aircraft will climb and lose speed; if you push it to the left, the aircraft will turn left, if you push it to the right, the aircraft will turn right; if you push the left pedal in, and at the same time move the joy-stick to the left, the aircraft will bank and turn to the left. Now, on the top left of the control column is the airspeed indicator and at the centre bottom is the directional gyro. Now see if you can maintain a speed of one hundred knots”. My heart missed another beat I was going to die young.

I now took over. I pulled the control column back as the indicator had risen to one hundred and ten knots, and as soon as I had done this the indicator dropped sharply. I pushed the stick forward; the aircraft began to dive. The indicator rose to ninety five knots, and I then centralised the control column for I had realised by now that it took only a few tenths of a second for the aircraft to react. I kept this up for some time at a minimum of ninety five knots and at a maximum of a hundred and ten knots, at the end of which, the instructor said, “Good, now try a turn to the left”.

I immediately put my foot on the left pedal and pressed, at the same time moving the control column to the left. The plane began to bank steeply and I hastily moved it back to the right. Then I was told to turn a complete circle from 060° back to 060° by my directional gyro. I obviously performed this quite well, for at the finish he said, “Well done!”

After that I had to maintain the same speed, one hundred knots, even when he dropped the throttle. To do this I had to put the aircraft into a dive and just before it reached one hundred knots I had to level off again. When he dropped the throttle, the aircraft lost speed and I pushed the joy-stick forward and the aircraft dived. As soon as this had happened, the pilot said,

"Not so steep. We had better head back now, anyway, we're overdue".

HOUSE NOTES 1966-67

FREELAND

WE are sorry to say goodbye to Mr. J. L. R. Williams, who is taking up a post at Taunton School, and we thank him for his enthusiastic work as House Tutor for four years.

The House Captain from September 1966 to July 1967 was D. D. C. Biggart. J. A. Fisher was also a School Prefect and left in December having won a place at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

School Offices were held by the following: Captain of Athletics, D. D. C. Biggart; Captain of Sailing, R. F. L. Clark; President of the Science Society and Drum Sergeant, J. A. Fisher; Cox i/c Naval Section, J. A. Fisher, subsequently B. J. F. Crawford; Editors of Wing Forward, R. J. S. Smith, R. F. L. Clark, P. A. Orchard; Country Dancing Captain, D. H. Muir; Secretary of Badminton Club, P. A. Webster; Secretary of Young Farmers' Club, G. W. T. Smith; President of Judo Club, W. D. Rennie; Captain of Boats, Captain of Fishing and President of Fly Tying Club, W. R. O. Inch; Captain of Shooting, K. W. Gillanders.

In 1966/67 there were about thirty past members of the House at University and this number is unlikely to diminish in the foreseeable future with the high proportion of boys in the Sixth Form.

On Speech Day P. M. Wilson was awarded the Biology Prize and R. D. Paul the Art Prize.

Freeland was placed fourth in the Senior Rugger, second in the Junior Rugger and won the Minor. Freeland were runners-up in Shooting, Ski-ing, Boxing, Swimming and Cross-Country Running and won the Pre-Service Cup. We had a share in the Hockey Cup, but were beaten in the first round of the Senior Cricket by Ruthven, and were runners up to Nicol in the Junior Cricket. Encouraged by M. W. MacEwen and J. M. Blair the

House won the Music Cup for the first time ever, and celebrated this by winning two other cups the same evening: Sailing and Squash. The Squash Cup is a new cup presented by R. F. L. Clark's father, and we are pleased to have it on our shelf. D. A. Ogilvie won the Bowling Prize, C. T. Perry the Junior Drumming Cup, and D. H. Muir jumped 5 ft. 8 ins. As well as winning a prize for Biology, J. M. Marshall won the House Run in a good time, the Commoners' Section being won by J. B. Morton.

House Prefects:

Appointed during September Term: J. A. Fisher (later a School Prefect); C. H. G. BUCHANAN, M. W. MacEWEN, R. J. S. SMITH and N. F. WALLACE. Appointed during Summer Term: P. M. WILSON and R. F. L. CLARK.

House Captains of Sport:

Rugger, Boxing and Athletics: D. D. C. BIGGART	Shooting: N. F. WALLACE Sailing and Ski-ing: R. F. L. CLARK
Hockey: M. W. MacEWEN	
Cricket: I. A. G. MOODIE	Swimming: R. J. S. SMITH
Music: M. W. MacEWEN and J. M. BLAIR	Tennis: C. H. G. BUCHANAN
Squash: D. H. MUIR	Cross-Country Running: J. M. MARSHALL

NICOL

IN the December term the Senior Hockey, Cricket and Rugger cups sat on our shelf, and I must confess that we felt rather pleased with ourselves. Anyone interested in research might like to tell me when this last happened in Nicol, for over the past few years we had lost or drawn twelve senior rugger matches in a row. Few were the boys in the House who could even remember us winning a match, and it was high time that a stop was put to that record. Happily the 1st XV front row, Lang, Muir and Anderson gave our scrum strength, and after drawing with Simpson the rest of the team excelled themselves too by beating Freeland and a strong Ruthven team. In the final match, a keen one against Ruthven, everything depended on Settles converting in the last few minutes of injury time, and with great coolness and an ungainly soccer slice he sent the ball smack over the bar giving us a 5-3 win. Since then, however, two-thirds of the Hockey Cup has slipped out of our grasp, and the less said about our Senior cricket matches the better! So our pride was not very long-lived. The three excellent victories of the Junior cricket side however give plenty of hope for the future there, and we also won the Boxing Cup, mainly by effort rather than skill, having a minimal number of finalists.

I. A. Houston finished off his career here by winning the Senior Victor Ludorum in his last few hours as a schoolboy, and both he and A. C. Paton are to be warmly congratulated on beating the previous School Records in the 440 yds. and Middle High Jump respectively. D. J. C. Sharpe won the Middle cross-country earlier in the year. I. R. McLean finally added another cup to our small collection by winning the Junior Piping Cup (which takes up more space than the 'egg-cup' we had last year awarded to the Senior Piper) and I. R. Prain did well to win the Perth Sailing Club's Young Helmsman's race. We have hopes of keeping the shield in the 'family' for a year or so ahead!

Generally I have been satisfied that we have tried our best in all sporting events, except there were too many middles and juniors who failed to gain any athletics standards at all, and as we are losing a number of outstanding individual sportsmen a lot of people will have to pull more weight in games.

I want to congratulate Riley House who entered into athletic competition with the Senior School for the first time ever, in ski-ing — and Nicol came a very decided fifth!!

In the academic world Governors' prizes were won on Speech Day by D. Carnegie, I. A. Houston, N. H. F. Wilson and A. Young, and McLachlan proved to be the School expert on chess. J. C. S. Smith was Dux of the School for 1966. There have been twenty members of the VIth form out of 77 in the House, so the studies remain very full.

We were pleased to welcome J. L. Danielson from Pennsylvania into the House for a year and wish him every success at Dickinson College.

Mr. R. C. B. Mole has taken over as House Tutor and he has already proved himself a great enthusiast. Perhaps it was his woolly cap supporting our rugger team that brought us such success — if so, long may it be with us.

It was very sad to hear of the death of J. D. Kincaid who was in Nicol from 1960-62.

Three boys left school at Easter and another ten are leaving in summer. It may be of interest to know what boys are doing now when they leave School.

Many older former members of the House may feel with relief that academic work stopped when they left School. This does not seem to be the inclination of most school leavers today. In the past five years from 1962-66 inclusive 91 boys have left Nicol. 37 have gone on to Universities, leaving 54 'non-academics', one would imagine. But of these, 11 have gone for degree or diploma courses at Technical, Art or Drama colleges, 7 to Agricultural Colleges, and a further 7 to other schools or

colleges of tuition. Another 15 have gone into Banking, CA, Architecture, Surveying and Law, where they will have plenty of professional exams. Only a lucky 10 have gone straight into the lucrative world of Business, and one (obviously the fool of the family!) into the Services. I am afraid that three have disappeared into the mists of the unknown already, the rumour being that two of them are in the Police! It is true, I am afraid, that three or four of those who went to the University have not completed the course, but two have changed their allegiance and are trying at another one! If there are any former members of the House reading this who are out of touch, or when you go on to different careers after your degree or training, do please let us know how you are getting on.

T.C.G.F.

House Captains:

R. D. ANDERSON (left Dec.), I. A. HOUSTON

School Prefect:

R. M. M. LANG (left Dec.)

House Prefects:

J. MUIR (left Easter), A. YOUNG, N. H. F. WILSON

J. A. G. GRAY, A. C. PATON, N. McNAB.

House captains of Sport:

Rugby: ANDERSON, MUIR

Boxing: MUIR

Cricket: GRAY

Ski-ing: McNAIR

Hockey, Tennis and Squash:
PATON

Shooting: WALLACE

Cross-country, Athletics:
HOUSTON

Swimming, Sailing and Music:
WILSON

The following were awarded House Colours:

Paton, Wilson, Carnegie, Ross, Gray and Mackenzie, I. B.

RUTHVEN

THE predominant feature of the year has been the extraordinary number of seniors in the House. Half the House were in the Sixth Form, and with no fewer than twelve prefects the juniors are perhaps to be excused for thinking that authority and retribution lurked behind every door.

In Cochran the House had an outstanding Captain. That the transition from one Housemaster to another was achieved so smoothly was in large measure due to his grasp of day to day administration. In this he was excellently supported by Lyburn, whose quiet efficiency won him great respect.

We should have won all three major sports, but only the cricket cup came our way, plus a third of the hockey cup. Perhaps complacency played its part. Certainly we were well represented at School level; no fewer than sixteen members of

the House played for the 1st XV — not simultaneously — and we provided the captains of each major sport. Our Minor Rugby men won their competition, and we also won the tennis and shooting cups. We might have won the cross-country but for navigational difficulties. Individual successes were: McLean (Solo Drumming); Lawson (Tennis Open Singles); Galbraith (Individual Shooting); McQueen (Junior Cross-country); Mauchline (shared the Batting Prize). Ashton and Shanks won their events in the athletics, and Barnett was a very good second in the mile.

Work was not neglected. Ashton, Tingsabadh (3), Gilmore, and McDonald C. L. all won Governors' Prizes, Barnett the Maths. Essay Prize, Low and Roy Distinction Prizes, and Brown D. B. and MacGregor won their respective form prizes. In the Music Competition we had to be content with second place behind a very good Freeland performance, but Balfour A.G., who put in a great deal of work as Captain (?) of Music, won the Individual Solo. Finally, Michie is to be congratulated on gaining the Distinction Award of the Royal Life Saving Society.

At Easter the House lost Mr. MacLellan, whom we warmly congratulate on his appointment as Headmaster of Rannoch School. He had been Housemaster for six years. His genius for administration has long been a by-word, but many past and present members of the House can testify to the hours of patient, individual attention he gave to each and every boy. His wide experience and wise counsel will be greatly missed not least by your correspondent, and to him and Mrs. MacLellan we wish every happiness in their new life.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House: J. N. COCHRAN

School Prefect: A. D. LYBURN

House Prefects:

D. C. TAYLOR, S. C. M. McLEAN, A. D. TURNER, A. G. STEWART, T. C. ASHTON, D. M. CRUICKSHANK, C. J. W. MAUCHLINE, A. D. F. MILLS, J. R. SUTHERLAND, W. P. M. SAMPLES.

Captains of Sport, etc.

Rugby: J. N. COCHRAN

Hockey: A. D. F. MILLS

Cricket: C. J. W. MAUCHLINE

Athletics: A. D. LYBURN

Music: A. G. BALFOUR

Sailing: T. H. GILMORE

Shooting: R. G. R. GALBRAITH

Ski-ing: W. P. M. SAMPLES

Swimming: C. M. THOM

Tennis: J. N. COCHRAN

SIMPSON

THIS year's house captain has been A. R. Brash, doubling the part of Vice-Captain of the School with that of assistant chemistry master, Under him we had R. J. H. Neil as a School Prefect,

and A. L. McGeachy, A. D. Ross, A. N. H. Guthrie, D. McLeod, and A. W. Gardner as house prefects. Among the new boys into the house were brothers of D. McLeod, M. D. Barns Graham, D. W. McArthur, G. P. Walker, W. A. Rodger, and all those Wallaces. For the summer term we swapped A. D. Bell for J. Scherler from Western Germany, and I do not know who got the better of the bargain.

Speech Day prizes this year went to A. R. Brash (Houston Medal), D. McLeod (History Prize and Classics Prize), A. D. L. Lyszkowski (Mathematics Prize and Chemistry Prize), D. G. Brash (History Essay Prize), and R. A. Jeffrey (Chemistry Research Prize). Cups won were the Junior Rugger Cup, and a share of the Minor Rugger Cup, the Swimming Cup for the fifth year running, the Cross Country Cup (this year awarded for just knowing the way round the course) and the Athletics Cup (in which we provided two of the three Victor Ludorums — sorry, Headmaster, I mean Victores Ludorum). In the Boxing we won half the finals, but apparently had no hope of the Cup on account of having too few boys under the age limits. (Here, I sourly mention that one scores the same points for winning a final as for entering in the first place.)

What other news of the year? Well, we took over from Freeland the gentlemen's residence at Coven Trees. Down there, as in the Study Block, there was a fashion for tame white mice and I expected to find all the locker doors replaced by wire netting. J. G. Steven produced a solo bass voice that resonated round the Chapel like that of a forty-year-old. D. MacLeod, our House Captain next term, is going to occupy a one-man fourth year Sixth. (He is in the Sixth Form like Harvey-Walker was in the 1st XI — endlessly.)

Finally there were all those broken windows in the junior common room, more than ever before and even two a day on one occasion. Actually, I am told it's the white mice.

D.E.Y.

GAMES SECTION

Rugby Report 1966-67

THIS has been the poorest season for many years. It was said in this report last year that the season held considerable promise. In retrospect, this was over-optimistic, but with the material at the start of the season better results should have been pro-

duced. However, several unforeseen factors materialised, all of which in varying degrees helped to bring about this season's bad record. Results at times were unnecessarily bad — not just in the final outcome but in the amount of points scored against the school. It is unfortunate that this should have happened under a captain whose enthusiasm and determination were a credit to the school.

Injury played a very large part in this season's rugby, not only at 1st XV level but also throughout the school. Well over thirty boys have represented the first team. Cochran was prevented from playing for six weeks with a broken finger and Cromarty, who showed considerable promise, missed nearly all of the major matches with similar trouble. Many of the replacements were brought in through sheer necessity and their playing standard was often poor. At one stage boys were being brought straight from the 3rd XV into the 1st XV. The team which played and beat Perth Academy in the first match of the season never played together again. R. D. Anderson was the only player to play in all matches in the Christmas term.

Although it is possible to find excuses for teams weakened by injury, the apathy and lack of determination shown by some boys cannot be excused. It is a great pity that some boys had to represent the School, and continued to do so, purely through the lack of any other players.

The forwards in general were adequate although slow and unimaginative for modern rugby. They gained a fair but slow share of the ball from the set pieces, but the important second phase possession was rarely won. The art of continual and constructive backing-up and 'slipping' of the ball was never mastered. K. L. Robertson had developed into a very good forward by the end of the season, especially in the line-out, and was awarded his colours. P. A. K. Laband, who left at Christmas, also developed into a useful forward. R. D. Anderson, who was re-awarded his colours, was a first class front row wing forward, and had the unenviable task of captaining a weakened side in some of the most important matches during the captain's absence.

Half-back was foreseen to be a serious problem and was never satisfactorily solved. Many players and combinations were tried with a marked lack of success. The backs were worst hit by injury, so much so that forwards had to be drafted into the back division. This necessarily affected the scoring potential and had an unsettling influence on the team, although players such as Buchanan tried very hard in unfamiliar positions. Mauchline at full back was a steady and competent player and was awarded his colours. I. A. Houston improved greatly and did some very good work on the wing.

Although results were not better after Christmas, the team spirit was much improved and some good games were played. If this spirit had been present throughout the season the results could well have appeared in a much better light.

The 2nd XV had quite a satisfactory season despite the continual changes which were necessary in order to fill the gaps in the 1st XV. There was, in fact, very little difference in the playing standards of the two teams.

It is most heartening that the Junior XV's have been giving some excellent performances. The Colts must be one of the best teams produced. Particularly impressive was their win over Glenalmond. It is significant that their captain, G. M. J. Ross, was transferred to the 1st XV and proved to be one of the better players. The team has been keen to learn and responded well to coaching. The players also showed the determination to win matches which is so vital. A good number of the team should gain places in the 1st XV next season.

The Under 14½ have worked hard, and although natural ability has been lacking in some positions, they have learnt useful skills and could be a competent Colts side next season.

The 3rd and 4th XV's had poor seasons, but never really had a chance to settle down due to the continual disruptions caused by injuries in the first game. The 5th and 6th XV's both had an unbeaten season!

Thanks are due to all masters who have spent so much time coaching rugby throughout the school.

F.S.McN.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV	14	2	11	1	49	168
2nd XV	10	3	6	1	59	97
3rd XV	6	0	5	1	20	98
4th XV	4	0	4	0	15	53
5th XV	1	1	0	0	16	8
6th XV	1	0	0	1	8	8
U15½	7	3	4	0	66	56
U14½	9	2	7	0	50	101
U13½ 1st XV	8	7	1	0	111	17
U13½ 2nd XV	1	1	0	0	37	0

Tuesday, 27th September—v. Perth Academy—Home—Won 13-0

Despite first-match nerves, the team managed to settle down quite quickly in the first half, and it was not long before the scoring was opened, following a dummy scissors by Cochran and Cromarty, with a try scored in the corner by J. S. Houston. Mauchline kicked the goal.

Perth Academy started to press half way through the first half, but lacked the finish to produce a score and by half-time the School were once again on top. This domination continued throughout most of the second half, and resulted in two tries, one coming from a movement to the blind side, the scorer being Mills, the other coming after a break by Cranston and a good run by Houston who outpaced the defence.

Throughout the match the pack showed a good deal of fire and zest, though their line-out work needed polishing up, and in much of the loose play they were deprived of the ball. The backs were rather indecisive in defence, but showed a willingness to run with determination in attack.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, J. S. Houston, H. A. R. Cromarty, J. N. Cochran, I. A. Houston, A. D. Ross, P. F. P. Cranston, R. D. Anderson, C. J. R. Townson, A. G. Stewart, A. C. Mulhall, B. J. F. Crawford, P. A. K. Laband, D. D. C. Biggart, A. D. F. Mills.

Saturday 1st October—v. Strathallian Club XV—Home—Lost 3-11

After almost twenty-four hours of continuous rain the pitch was extremely wet — conditions to which the School side were unaccustomed at such an early stage of the season.

The Old Boys fielded a strong side both forward and back, and it was obvious from the kick-off that to beat them the School would have to tackle and to throw themselves into the loose play. A penalty awarded fairly early on to the Old Boys was easily converted by D. M. R. Bell, and at this point it seemed as if the Strathallians might win overwhelmingly. However, the School managed to stem the attack and the game evened out. But a break by Dawson left the Old Boys with a man over in the line and it was left to McInroy to ground the ball between the posts. The try was converted by Bell.

In the second half, the School had more possession but were unable to break the Old Boys' defence. The last try of the match came when D. A. Scott joined the Strathallian line and broke inside to score a try.

This was a disappointing result and our first loss of the season.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, J. S. Houston, H. A. R. Cromarty, J. N. Cochran, I. A. Houston, S. P. Hicks, R. D. Anderson, C. J. R. Townson, A. G. Stewart, P. A. K. Laband, A. C. Mulhall, D. D. C. Biggart, B. J. F. Crawford, A. D. F. Mills.

Tuesday, 4th October—v. Keil School—Away—Lost 5-8

The match started off with a promising three-quarter movement by the School comprising good passing and a well-executed dummy scissors. The attack was halted following a dropped pass, however — a fault which not to prove isolated. Keil were the first to score after a penalty kick had rebounded off a goal-post and had been gathered by a Keil player following up the kick. The School then drew level when Paton went over just to the right of the posts. Mauchline converted, leaving the half time score at 5-3 to Strathallan.

The second half saw the School resting on their laurels and it was not long before the opposition struck back decisively. Following a bad clearance and several missed tackles, Keil scored a further try, which was not converted. For the rest of the match the School were on the attack and they made several spirited efforts to penetrate the hard-tackling Keil defence.

The School were beaten because of lack of tackling, lack of fire, and indecisive running against a strong defence, and this was a disappointing result for the first away match, particularly in a season in which so many of the major matches were to be played away from home. Some consolation was afforded by the fact that several individuals were outstanding, especially Mauchline, who proved to be a pillar of strength in an otherwise weak defence.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, J. S. Houston, H. A. R. Cromarty, J. N. Cochran, I. R. Sutherland, A. C. Paton, S. P. Hicks, R. D. Anderson, C. J. R. Townson, J. Muir, A. C. Mulhall, K. L. Robertson, P. A. K. Laband, D. D. C. Biggart, A. D. F. Mills.

Tuesday, 11th October—v. Fettes—Away—Lost 0-20

This was the first ever fixture at 1st XV level between the two schools, and although the occasion may prove memorable, one cannot but hope that in years to come our fifteens will prove more successful than this one was.

Fettes opened the scoring in the first few minutes of the game with a try in the corner, following a cross-kick by the Fettes stand-off and captain, A. J. Pickles. After such an early try the School seemed to become dispirited, a failing which Fettes were quick to take advantage of. By half-time the score was 0-14 after a goal, a try, and a penalty goal had been scored by Fettes.

The second half saw the School rallying to avoid a crushing defeat, an attempt which was only partially successful. Our one chance of a score was missed when Mauchline narrowly failed to convert a penalty in the first half. Fettes played for a short time in this half with fourteen men, when one of their forwards went off the field with a shoulder injury. Despite this, Fettes had increased their half-time lead by another six points.

A large body of support and a strong desire to win were elements which might well have saved the match for the School, but they were off-set by a distinct lack of tackling (Cochran alone was an exception, bringing down his man every time), and the allowing of a heavier and more efficient pack to dominate.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, J. S. Houston, H. A. R. Cromarty, J. N. Cochran, A. D. Ross, A. C. Paton, S. P. Hicks, R. D. Anderson, C. J. R. Townson, J. Muir, A. C. Mulhall, K. L. Robertson, D. D. C. Biggart, P. A. K. Laband, A. D. F. Mills.

Saturday, 15th October—v. The Edinburgh Academy—Away—Lost 0-21

Again, as in the Fettes match, an early try by the opposition ended any hope which Strathallan might have had of victory. From this point on, the School seemed to be content to fall back on purely defensive tactics for the remainder of the first half, and those tactics were not successful. It was not, indeed, until shortly before the half-time stage that the School did go on the offensive, but the Edinburgh Academy defence held out until half-time, when the score stood at 0-11.

For most of the second half Strathallan played well, and one outstanding move which involved Paton, Ross and Samples could well have led to a try had there been a bit more determined running. However, the Academy struck back and had increased their lead by a further ten points when the final whistle went.

The absence of Cochran, who had broken a finger in the match against Fettes, was a serious handicap to the side, but our main cause of defeat was again a case of timorous tackling.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, W. P. M. Samples, H. A. R. Cromarty, A. C. Paton, A. D. Ross, P. F. P. Cranston, R. D. Anderson, C. J. R. Townson, J. Muir, A. C. Mulhall, K. L. Robertson, D. D. C. Biggart, B. J. F. Crawford, C. H. G. Buchanan.

Tuesday, 18th October — v. Trinity College, Glenalmond — Away —

Lost 0-14

It was a very wet day when a School side, much weakened by injury, met Glenalmond. As usual the School started slowly, and it took two penalty goals, kicked by the Glenalmond captain, Begg, to get the side going. Most of the first half saw Strathallan working the touch-line to gain ground, and it was unfortunate that we did not manage to score on one of the occasions when play was taken right up to the Glenalmond goal line. Then, on the defensive again near the end of the first half, Strathallan gave away a penalty near their ten yard line and Begg, with supreme confidence, converted it to make the half-time score 9 points to nil.

In the second half the pack showed some real fire with Mulhall, Townson and Robertson in the forefront of many movements in the open. From the rucks the pack gave the backs their fair share of possession, and for a while they looked quite dangerous. Ogilvie was unlucky not to score when he made a break, but he was brought down just short of the line.

Glenalmond closed the scoring when their winger came into the line from the blind side, and the extra man over provided a try which was converted.

Strathallan were, perhaps, unlucky to lose by such a large margin, but credit must be given to the Glenalmond team for a good victory.

Team: A. D. F. Mills, I. A. Houston, C. G. Carver, R. D. Thom, D. A. Ogilvie, P. F. P. Cranston, R. D. Anderson, C. J. R. Townson, R. M. M. Lang, A. C. Mulhall, K. L. Robertson, P. A. K. Laband, D. D. C. Biggart, C. H. G. Buchanan.

Saturday, 22nd October — v. Edinburgh Wanderers Colts — Home —

Lost 3-9

The conditions were ideal for rugby when we met Edinburgh Wanderers Colts in our first serious club match of the season. But any ideas which members of the team might have entertained as to an easy victory were soon dispelled when the visitors, early in the first half, got a quick heel from a ruck, and passed the ball out to the wing who scored after a good run.

Strathallan then tried to put on the pressure, Shanks and Robertson dominating the line-out and giving Cranston a lot of the ball. The tactics at this point seemed to be to play the touch-line, and certainly a fair amount of ground was gained from Ogilvie's long kicks. When Strathallan eventually opened play out it was of little use against a hard tackling side. An infringement in the loose by the School gave the Wanderers a penalty which they converted, to leave the half-time score at 0-6.

In the second half Strathallan again pressed strongly, and both Carver and Thom had some good runs. The School scored after gaining possession from a ruck on the Wanderers '25'; Cranston dummied past two Colts' men and dived for the line. A victory was still within reach but the Wanderers still had a lot left and they managed to score again to make sure of a win.

Team: A. D. F. Mills, I. A. Houston, R. D. Thom, G. C. Carver, D. A. Ogilvie, P. F. P. Cranston, R. D. Anderson, C. J. R. Townson, R. M. M. Lang, J. T. Shanks, K. L. Robertson, W. M. Thomson, P. A. K. Laband, D. D. C. Biggart.

Saturday, 5th November—v. Merchiston Castle—Home—Lost 0-13

Although it was a sunny day and there was very little wind, previous heavy rain made the pitch rather soggy. This being the first match of the second half of term, we were obviously very keen to make up for previous disappointing performances, and the team was strengthened by the return of Cochran.

During the opening ten minutes, with play fairly even, it was apparent that the danger to Strathallan lay in the opposition's half-backs, particularly the stand-off, and, although he missed a penalty, he atoned for this by managing to slip or elude the tackles of at least five of our players to score between the posts. The easy kick was converted. Strathallan then went through a disastrous ten minutes in which a further eight points were added, the first being a try by the Merchiston right winger, who went over after following up a kick from their stand-off, Chinnery, and the second being a clever break, again by Chinnery, which led to a score between the posts. This too was converted.

The second half saw some determined defence from Strathallan, and play became rather bogged down on our ten yard line. Despite our supremacy in the line-outs and our regular supply of the ball from the tight, too often the vital possession from the loose was lost. Even when it did come our backs lacked the necessary penetration to make use of it.

Team: A. D. F. Mills, W. P. M. Samples, R. D. Thom, J. N. Cochran, J. R. Sutherland, D. A. Ogilvie, P. F. P. Cranston, R. D. Anderson, J. Muir, R. M. M. Lang, J. T. Shanks, K. L. Robertson, W. M. Thompson, P. A. K. Laband, C. H. G. Buchanan.

Saturday, 12th November—v. West of Scotland Colts—Home—Lost 14-3

The School kicked off on a very muddy Little Acre with a side heavily depleted by injuries. However, the conditions helped the School to start with, since the opposition were trying to play an open game, and the ball was frequently mis-handled.

Shanks opened the scoring with a long penalty awarded after an infringement in a loose maul on the Colts' ten yard line. The lead was short-lived, however, for the School failed to find touch from a penalty and the Colts' full-back, opening out play instead of kicking, put his winger over for a try which was then converted.

In the second half the school started well but were soon handicapped by the loss of Carver who was carried off with a broken ankle. Buchanan was brought out from the scrum to take his place and set a fine example with some fearless tackling. Eventually the pack tired and the Colts scored with a push-over try, which was followed soon after with a try from their left winger.

The School had fought hard but occasional carelessness both up front and in the backs cost them the match.

Team: A. D. F. Mills, S. P. Hicks, C. G. Carver, J. N. Cochran, W. P. M. Samples, J. R. Sutherland, P. F. P. Cranston, R. D. Anderson, J. Muir, R. M. M. Lang, K. L. Robertson, J. T. Shanks, W. M. Thompson, P. A. K. Laband, C. H. G. Buchanan.

Tuesday, 15th November—v. Morrison's Academy—Away—Lost 6-11

The School made the journey to Morrison's on a day that literally dampened all enthusiasm for rugby. Continuous rain in the morning had made the Academy's pitch very heavy, and they used these conditions very well, being content to try to control the game by means of foot-rushes from the pack and of intelligent kicking from their stand-off. Thus they deservedly took the lead in the tenth minute of the first half when they scored with a drop goal. A further score came from a push-over try, which suggested that the School forwards were not pushing as hard as they might against a considerably lighter pack.

However, the School side suddenly became revitalised and launched a series of attacks, and during this period of play they were awarded two penalties—the second of which Mauchline converted.

At the start of the second half the School nearly scored from two forward movements involving Balfour, Anderson, Lang, Laband, and Robertson, and did score from a drop goal by Cochran following a line-out on the Morrison's '25'. In an exciting finish Morrison's settled the game when their left winger scored, after several ineffectual tackles were brushed off.

It was a well deserved victory for the opposition after a closely contested game. The Strathallan pack failed to come up to their previous standards although their domination of the line-outs should have resulted in a better control over the game.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, W. P. M. Samples, A. D. F. Mills, C. H. G. Buchanan, P. F. P. Cranston, J. N. Cochran, G. W. Balfour, R. D. Anderson, J. Muir, R. M. M. Lang, K. L. Robertson, J. T. Shanks, D. D. C. Biggart, P. A. K. Laband, A. C. Mulhall.

Saturday, 19th November—v. Gordonstoun—Home—Won 14-6

Strathallan kicked off with the assistance of a slight breeze in this morning game, which attracted a large number of visitors. The School, playing as a team on this occasion, forced Gordonstoun onto the defensive for the first ten minutes. But it was Gordonstoun who scored first when a penalty awarded for an offside infringement was kicked.

But the School struck back when Balfour scored, following a misunderstanding between the Gordonstoun halves. Muir failed to convert. Strathallan increased their lead when they were awarded a penalty try when Houston had been obstructed in chasing a kick ahead. Mauchline converted an easy kick.

In the second half the School produced their best rugby of the season. After surviving a long period of sustained pressure the forwards broke away and Robertson was twice unlucky not to score. Then Mauchline scored with a long penalty goal. The School continued to throw the ball about and Samples scored from one of the many movements, beating three men and showing a hitherto hidden turn of speed. Again Mauchline converted.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, I. A. Houston, C. H. G. Buchanan, A. D. F. Mills, W. P. M. Samples, J. N. Cochran, G. W. Balfour, R. D. Anderson, J. Muir, R. M. M. Lang, K. L. Robertson, J. T. Shanks, W. M. Thompson, P. A. K. Laband, B. J. F. Crawford.

Wednesday, 23rd November—v. Dollar Academy—Away—Lost 3-19

Strathallan kicked off in cold but firm conditions, but failed to put the opposition under any pressure in the opening stages of the game and it was Dollar who seized the initiative, forcing Strathallan to take

up a defensive position near their own line. It was at this point that Dollar were awarded a penalty almost directly in front of the Strathallan posts, a kick which was easily converted. Strathallan forwards were spurred into a more spirited performance and were soon gaining much more possession from the line-outs, and in the loose. Towards the end of the first half, Dollar increased their lead after a good passing movement which ended when one of their centres scored.

In the second half the School played much better and were unlucky not to score after two fine runs, one by I. A. Houston, the other by Samples. But Dollar added three more unconverted tries to their score. The ball seldom got out down the Strathallan line, and the only time the wingers were brought into play was a result of movements started on the blind side or from movements following a failure to find touch.

The School's only score came from a line-out on the Dollar line, when Laband caught the ball and went over.

It was a well deserved win by Dollar, who exploited weak tackling in the centre to the full and maintained their unbeaten home record.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, I. A. Houston, C. H. G. Buchanan, A. D. F. Mills, W. P. M. Samples, J. N. Cochran, G. W. Balfour, R. D. Anderson, J. Muir, R. M. M. Lang, K. L. Robertson, A. C. Mulhall, B. J. F. Crawford, P. A. K. Laband, W. M. Thompson.

Wednesday, 7th December—v. Glasgow Academy—Home—Lost 3-11

The School kicked off and a more spirited beginning than usual soon had them close to the Academy line. After some loose play, I. A. Houston dribble for the line and R. D. Anderson went over for a try in the corner. The School managed to keep up their pressure for most of the first half, but without further reward. However, towards the end of the first half, the Academy stand-off half went over for a try which was converted.

In the second half the Academy continued the pressure which they had shown in the closing stages of the first half. They were awarded a penalty in front of the posts following an off-side infringement, and the goal was easily kicked. From then on the Strathallan attack was uninspired, although the defensive movements of the side were reasonably competent. The final Academy score came from a nice try scored just to the left of the posts by the scrum-half.

Throughout the match the School forwards gave a spirited and enthusiastic performance, which was not matched by the backs.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, I. A. Houston, P. F. P. Cranston, C. H. G. Buchanan, J. S. Houston, J. N. Cochran, R. D. Anderson, J. O. McIntyre, A. G. Stewart, D. L. Carnegie, A. C. Mulhall, G. M. J. Ross, K. L. Robertson, A. D. F. Mills.

Saturday, 17th December—v. Epsom College—at Fettes—Lost 3-9

Strathallan kicked off with a very strong wind behind their backs on a day when the ground was extremely muddy. Right from the start Strathallan pressed the Epsom team, especially in the forward play. The ball had to be kept with the forwards from the Epsom point of view as their stand-off was trying to gain touch against a strong wind.

For most of the first half, Strathallan were in Epsom's territory and narrowly missed scoring several times; just before half-time, Strathallan opened the scoring with a penalty converted by Mauchline.

In the second half, there seemed to be more co-ordination between the Epsom forwards and backs, and just after half-time, the Epsom right winger scored an unconverted try. With their forwards playing much better now, they scored another unconverted try under the posts. Shortly after this, Cochran had to go off because of an injured finger, and Ross came out to the centre, leaving seven men in the scrum. However, Cochran came back on after about ten minutes. Just before the end of the game, Epsom scored another try.

In this game it was, indeed, the side that could use the wind best that won, and that undoubtedly was Epsom.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, P. F. P. Cranston, J. N. Cochran, C. H. G. Buchanan, I. A. Houston, J. R. Sutherland, G. W. Balfour, R. D. Anderson, J. O. McIntyre, R. M. M. Lang, K. L. Robertson, A. C. Mulhall, G. M. J. Ross, B. J. F. Crawford, A. D. F. Mills.

Saturday, 28th January—v. Daniel Stewart's—Home—Drawn 6-6

The visit of Daniel Stewart's had been eagerly awaited as they had managed to conquer all opposition outside the Capital.

The School kicked off on a rain-sodden Big Acre, and for a long time they were pressing in attack. Ironically, it was Stewart's who scored first; bad tackling let their fast right winger over just inside the corner flag. Not surprisingly, this try was not converted.

This try spurred on Strathallan, and there was some enterprising backplay; this brought a try by Sutherland after his partner at half-back, Samples, had made the initial break. Unfortunately the conversion was missed.

Following a period of broken play the Stewart's scrum-half dived over for a deserved try; but yet again the easy kick failed.

In a frantic final few moments Strathallan equalised; Stewart's were penalised for obstruction on I. A. Houston, who was bursting through after a high Garry Owen. Mauchline converted the long kick at the second attempt.

At last the School showed the spirit that is required to do well in first-class rugby. It was a game that was memorable for tackling, and fierce driving through in the loose.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, I. A. Houston, J. N. Cochran, H. A. R. Cromarty, J. S. Houston, J. R. Sutherland, W. P. M. Samples, A. G. Stewart, J. O. McIntyre, J. Muir, D. L. Carnegie, K. L. Robertson, A. D. F. Mills, A. C. Mulhall, G. M. J. Ross.

Tuesday, 31st January—v. George Watson's—Away—Lost 0-9

Luck again seemed to be in the opponent's camp right from the start. Not only did Wilson have to be brought in as a late substitute for the indisposed McIntyre, but Sutherland was carried off after ten minutes with a broken ankle.

This was most disappointing as we had hoped to halt the amazing run of victories amassed by Watson's this season. But the skill of the Watson's halves, who used the short kick to perfection, was too much for the School to cope with. They scored three early tries, two of them being converted by Neave, who had a very quiet afternoon, and harnessed the wind, which blew strongly behind their backs, very successfully. The Watson's right wing scored a lovely try just before half-time; again it was converted.

In the second half the School played with much more zest, and held Watson's at bay until the final few minutes of the game, when their extra man in the line scored an unconverted try.

I. A. Houston and Robertson, in particular, played well in the second half and they did not deserve to be on the losing side.

Team: C. J. W. Mauchline, I. A. Houston, J. N. Cochran, H. A. R. Cromarty, J. S. Houston, J. R. Sutherland, P. F. P. Cranston, N. H. F. Wilson, J. Muir, A. G. Stewart, D. L. Carnegie, K. L. Robertson, A. D. F. Mills, A. C. Mulhall, G. M. J. Ross.

Tuesday, 7th February—v. Scottish Wayfarers—Home—Lost 0-19

Strathallan kicked off towards the Monkey Puzzle with a summer sun dazzling their eyes. Right from the start it was clear that the Wayfarers were determined to play open rugby and to throw the ball about between both forwards and backs.

Strathallan started to counter-attack, and this period of pressure was only broken when the Wayfarers gained a penalty following the injury of the Wayfarers' scrum half.

The first half was evenly contested; although the Wayfarers got a larger share of the ball, hard tackling from the Strathallan backs and intelligent kicking from Mauchline at stand-off half kept play on the half-way line. However, a combined movement by the Wayfarers took play up to the School's goal-line, and from there they scored a push-over try. Only a few minutes later, Jackson, the Wayfarers' stand-off scored a brilliant solo try under the posts; this time the try was converted.

With the wind behind them, Strathallan were determined to reduce the leeway. But fate was against them; Ross and Cromarty were both taken off, the one with concussion and the other with a broken finger, and Cochran became a virtual passenger, limping on the wing. Wayfarers then scored a further three tries, one of which was converted, and gave the School a lesson, which is after all the point of club matches, on the uses of 'good' and 'bad' ball.

Team: I. B. Mackenzie, I. A. Houston, J. N. Cochran, H. A. R. Cromarty, J. S. Houston, C. J. W. Mauchline, P. F. P. Cranston, G. C. H. Archibald, J. O. McIntyre, J. Muir, K. L. Robertson, A. C. Mulhall, G. M. J. Ross, D. L. Carnegie, A. D. F. Mills.

Saturday, 11th February—v. Kelvinside Academy—Away—Lost 3-9

The School team was once again weakened by injury with four backs — Cromarty, Samples, Sutherland and Cochran — indisposed. However, an usually quick start was made, and the game developed into one of the most exciting of the season.

Midway through the first half, Kelvinside opened the scoring after a fine kick by Primrose. Nearing half time the School had their best move when the ball travelled along the line and back into the forwards. But Kelvinside defended well, and remained in the lead at half-time.

After the interval, Kelvinside scored another unconverted try, again because of weak tackling on our left wing. The School countered with a long penalty, kicked by Mauchline, who was playing very well. But Kelvinside stormed back and were awarded a simple penalty which MacDonald converted.



The School first XI playing at Gordonstoun.

Team: A. D. F. Mills, D. D. C. Biggart, R. D. Thom, I. A. Houston, C. J. W. Mauchline, P. F. P. Cranston, A. G. Stewart, J. O. McIntyre, J. Muir, D. L. Carnegie, K. L. Robertson, C. H. G. Buchanan, A. C. Mulhall, B. J. F. Crawford.

Senior House Matches — Winners: Nicol.

Junior House Matches — Winners: Simpson.

Minor House Matches — Winners: Ruthven, Freeland, Simpson.

Hockey Report, 1967

RUGGER came to an end in mid-February, and twelve pitches were marked out for hockey. The weather was such that playing conditions were seldom pleasant; none the less great enthusiasm was shown, and some good results achieved, in the time available.

Particular credit should go to the First XI for defeating by 3-0 on their own ground a Gordonstoun XI, four of whom had already been selected for the Final Schoolboys' Trial. This was really an excellent result for the first match of the season; but, unfortunately, the standard was not to be maintained partly through inexperience at half-back and partly because later opponents were allowed to dictate the pattern of play. It was also most unfortunate that both the Aberdeen Grammar School match and the Picts match had to be cancelled. As the School only had one of last year's colours application was not made to go to the Oxford Festival, nor did we have any boys playing in the Schoolboys' Final Trial.

The Second XI won all their matches scoring thirteen goals and conceding only one. The Colts drew with Gordonstoun and a very strong Fettes Colts and defeated Loretto. The Under 14½ XI beat Perth Academy but lost by the odd goal to Loretto and Fettes in the closing moments.

The House League was again in operation. Freeland won the competition for which in future years a cup will be awarded.

The time allowed for practice for the House Matches was minimal, and, taking this into account, the standard was creditable. Simpson did not have enough players of the necessary calibre to field a strong side, but there was little to choose between the other three sides. Ruthven lost their chance of being absolute winners when narrowly defeated in the first round by Nicol. Nicol did not play well against Freeland who beat them convincingly, only to be beaten equally convincingly by Ruthven in the final round. The House Hockey Cup was therefore shared between Freeland, Nicol and Ruthven.

FIRST XI MATCHES, 1967**March 4th—v. Gordonstoun—Away—Won 3-0.**

Excellent midfield cross-passing by the Gordonstoun inside forwards was a feature of the opening stages of this game, but the Strathallan full backs played confidently, and these attacks were not pressed home. Confidence soon spread to the rest of the team and the halves gave good service to the forwards. Cochran's first shot at goal missed by a few inches, but not long after he scored off a good pass from McLean. Paton then scored after a goalmouth scramble to put Strathallan two goals ahead at half time.

Gordonstoun opened the second half attacking strongly, but this gave the Strathallan forwards more scope and then Paton scored the best goal of the match. Up to this point the School who had been watching had been rather silent. Now they gave Gordonstoun considerable vocal support which increased in volume as the time passed. The Strathallan goal came under considerable pressure, and the Gordonstoun left wing was doing useful work. Crawford had to make a number of saves and he, Gray and Cromarty were playing with skill and determination. In the final phase of the game Gordonstoun continued to attack, but could find no way through the Strathallan defence.

Team: B. J. F. Crawford, J. A. G. Gray, H. A. R. Cromarty, C. J. W. Mauchline, J. O. McIntyre, A. D. F. Mills, I. B. Mackenzie, S. C. M. McLean, A. C. Paton, J. N. Cochran, W. M. Thompson.

Tuesday, 7th March—v. Perth Academy—Away—Lost 0-1

This match was rather an anti-climax after the game with Gordonstoun. Conditions were distinctly unfavourable with a very high wind and a wet pitch. The Academy played a 4, 2, 3, 1, 1 formation and the Strathallan attack was not pressed home with much conviction. The Strathallan halves seemed to find the conditions particularly trying, and the only goal of the match resulted from a series of mistakes. This goal came within fifteen minutes of the start, but it did not lead to an improvement in the play.

On the whole Perth Academy had rather the better of the rest of the game, apart from one spell at the very end when the School attacked strongly. The Academy Captain and right link man was the player of the match and his stick work was outstanding. Fortunately for Strathallan the other Academy forwards were unable to exploit the opportunities his play provided, and were constantly off-side.

Team: B. J. F. Crawford, J. A. G. Gray, H. A. R. Cromarty, C. J. W. Mauchline, J. O. McIntyre, A. D. F. Mills, I. B. Mackenzie, S. C. M. McLean, A. C. Paton, J. N. Cochran, W. M. Thompson.

March 18th—v. Loretto—Home—Lost 1-4

The School played a 4, 2, 3, 1, 1 formation and within a surprisingly short space of time were one goal up. Loretto were playing in the same formation, but with the link men playing more defensively. The Loretto left wing was allowed to centre, the ball was then moved from right to left and the Loretto left inside scored a well taken goal. Strathallan had a territorial advantage for much of the first half, but the forwards were not sharp enough in the circle and the Loretto cover defence, though strained, held firm. At this stage the play was unattractive and rather unimaginative though very hard.

In the second half Strathallan threw everything into the attack. Loretto continued to defend with seven men, leaving four men upfield ready to stage a counter-attack. Two such counter-attacks led to quick goals, and Strathallan conceded a fourth goal at the very end of the game, after a further spell of pressure. The School played hard, but the Loretto cover defence was better, and the Loretto forwards took their chances well.

Team: B. J. F. Crawford, J. A. G. Gray, W. P. M. Samples, J. O. McIntyre, A. D. F. Mills, S. C. M. McLean, H. A. R. Cromarty, I. B. McKenzie, A. D. Ross, A. C. Paton, G. W. T. Smith.

21st March—v. Fettes—Away—Lost 0-2

In a strong cross-wind Strathallan played uphill in the first half. The XI started quite well with an attack in the first few minutes, but failed to press home their advantage at this stage of the game. Fettes took a surprisingly long time to settle down on their home pitch, and plenty of mistakes were made by both sides. Fettes then began to play with greater confidence, but, from a series of corners, they failed to score. An eventual clearance up the left wing was made, but this just failed to lead to a goal. Fettes counter-attacked very quickly down the middle, with good passing among the inside forwards, and scored a good goal.

At half time Strathallan were a goal down and Samples was moved to the left wing, Mills to left half, and Taylor to right half. Strathallan had one or two good attacks down the left wing, but seemed unable to put the ball into the net. Fettes cleared hard and were quicker when they had the ball, making good use of their wingers. Their insides seemed unable to break through, though they came close to scoring on several occasions. About half-way through the second-half the Fettes right wing took a shot at goal from within an inch of the goal-line and about four yards inside the circle. The Strathallan goal-keeper was caught out of position and the ball went into the net off his pads. This remarkable goal ended the scoring, though there was some good pressure from Strathallan until the final whistle.

Team: A. C. Mutch, J. A. G. Gray, H. A. R. Cromarty, W. P. M. Samples, J. O. McIntyre, D. C. Taylor, D. A. Ogilvie, S. C. M. McLean, A. D. Ross, A. C. Paton, A. D. F. Mills.

Colours were re-awarded to: H. A. R. Cromarty.

Colours awarded to: A. C. Paton, I. B. McKenzie, J. O. McIntyre, W. P. M. Samples, S. C. M. McLean, and J. A. G. Gray.

HOUSE MATCHES

1st Round:

Nicol 2, Ruthven 1. Freeland 5, Simpson 0.

2nd Round:

Ruthven 3, Simpson 0. Freeland 3, Nicol 0.

3rd Round:

Ruthven 4, Freeland 0. Nicol 7, Simpson 2.

SUMMER HOCKEY

SUMMER Hockey went on throughout the term on the two pitches at Coven Trees. There was also a pitch on the Mud Flats which enabled the Coven Trees pitches to be rested. A miniature pitch with dimensions conforming to those of indoor

hockey was established on the old tennis courts and this should help to improve stickwork. It certainly provides good exercise of an enoyable kind.

The Summer XI faced their opening match with Ruthrieston without must practice and the defence proved too slow. The second match, against Dunfermline Carnegie, was very even but rather spoilt by the number of infringements of the rules. The third match was against Morgan Academy F.P. and resulted in the heaviest defeat the Summer XI has ever suffered. The visitors, lead by G. D. Carr, who plays left half for Scotland, showed admirable team work and forced Strathallan onto the defensive throughout the match. The final match in May was played in very wet conditions and resulted in a 3-1 win for the School. The Whitecraigs team was a strong one, but the School combined better and passed the ball more quickly. The forwards missed a good number of chances but deserved a lot of credit, and the team played with growing confidence and were dominating the field towards the end of the game.

The next game was one of the highlights of the season. The Strathallian Club fielded a strong side including three former Scottish Schoolboy Internationalists and the game was a real pleasure to watch. The teams were very evenly matched and the School were in the lead until a fierce shot from I. W. L. Brown led to a draw.

The only school match was with Edinburgh Academy at Home. The School played with confidence, though a good many chances were missed before the scoring was opened. The final score was 5-1 to the School.

The following day Grove Academy F.P. brought up their complete First XI which had defeated Morgan Academy F.P. in the final of the Scottish Cup six weeks previously. The School played extremely well, and, though they were beaten 5-0, they were certainly not disgraced, and the game was a very good one. They were beaten by greater experience. Once in the Visitors' circle the School forwards were not quick enough to shoot and, likewise, the School defence, though they played magnificently on the whole, were apt to fluff the ball in their own circle.

The final match of the Season was against Edinburgh Northern on July 15th. The Edinburgh Northern side included some very experienced players, but it was a game that the School might easily have won. The only goal was scored by Edinburgh Northern from a penalty corner, but on the whole the defence was very sound. This is the first visit we have had

from an Edinburgh Club, but it is hoped to make this an annual fixture.

In retrospect this has been an enjoyable and profitable summer season. We are saying goodbye to some of the most skilled players but a good nucleus remains to build on in the future.

Results of Summer Matches

- May 8—v. Ruthrieston Ramblers—Lost 2-6.
- May 15—v. Dunfermline Carnegie—Lost 2-3.
- May 22—v. Morgan Academy F.P.—Lost 0-7.
- May 29—v. Whitecraigs—Won 3-1.
- June 3—v. Strathallian Club—Draw 1-1.
- June 24—v. Edinburgh Academy—Won 5-1.
- June 25—v. Grove Academy F.P.—Lost 0.5.
- July 15—v. Edinburgh Northern—Lost 0-1.

The Match with Clydesdale arranged for early June had to be cancelled and it proved impossible to arrange a Match with Glenalmond.

Summer Hockey Colours were re-awarded to I. B. Mackenzie and awarded to A. C. Mutch, J. D. Taylor, M. W. McEwen, G. W. T. Smith, A. D. Ross and A. C. Paton.

Among those who played for the Summer XI were :

Goalkeeper: A. C. Mutch.

Full Backs: A. D. F. Mills, H. A. R. Cromarty, D. C. Taylor and J. D. Taylor.

Halves: A. D. F. Mills, I. B. Mackenzie, M. W. MacEwen, G. W. T. Smith.

Forwards: J. S. Houston, H. A. R. Cromarty, A. C. Paton, A. D. Ross, J. R. Sutherland, and J. M. Burnett.

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CRICKET 1967

Retrospect

SUMMER was a long time coming and, although we went through the motions of playing cricket during the desperate weather of May, the start of the season proper was delayed until the day of the matches against Fettes at the end of the month. Prior to this, the 1st XI had completed only two matches out of a possible seven, and the remaining XI's played little worthwhile cricket in what is normally the busiest part of the season.

The most disappointing feature of the season, apart from the unfortunate beginning, was the uninspiring form of the 1st XI.

There was some excuse for the batsmen, it is true, for they were again young and largely inexperienced, and were unlucky to have missed the opportunity of establishing themselves in the earlier matches. As things turned out, only Mauchline, and to a lesser extent Gray, was ever able to dominate when the School were at the wicket and, although a few others had their moments, the batting in general was an unhappy mixture of dogged defence and reckless attack.

Although the bowling was steady, we lacked hostility in the opening attack and it was left to the spinners, Turner and Ogilvie, to provide the penetration. Both of them bowled accurately—for long spells on occasion—and not always with a great deal of luck.

Clearly the main weakness this year has been the batting, and it is to be hoped that next year, given more favourable practice conditions, there will be a considerable improvement.

AVERAGES 1967

Batting	Mat.	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Hgst.	Aver.
R. J. H. Neil	13	11	4	186	42*	26.57
R. L. Settles	7	6	1	99	36	19.80
C. J. W. Mauchline	13	12	2	195	59*	19.50
D. A. Ogilvie	14	11	3	143	68*	17.88
T. C. Ashton	11	4	3	17	13	17.00
J. A. G. Gray	14	13	0	190	32	14.61
G. M. Thomson	5	3	1	26	13*	13.00
W. M. Thompson	12	11	0	135	67	12.28
A. D. Turner	9	4	1	35	25	11.66
I. A. G. Moodie	8	8	0	90	35	11.25
G. W. Balfour	7	4	2	22	16*	11.00
S. S. Eriksen	14	12	3	58	20*	6.45
S. C. M. McLean	12	8	0	36	13	4.50

Also batted: C. T. Perry 7,1*; D. W. McArthur 2; N. D.

McKenzie 0; J. F. Hill 0; P. D. C. Warburton 1.

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Aver.
N. D. McKenzie	44.2	10	118	8	14.75
D. A. Ogilvie	159.3	42	358	24	14.91
S. S. Eriksen	17	3	49	3	16.33
A. D. Turner	116.4	27	269	15	17.93
T. C. Ashton	106	23	276	11	25.09
R. J. H. Neil	21	5	53	2	26.50
C. T. Perry	42	9	120	4	30.00

Also bowled: W. M. Thompson 17-0-65-0; J. F. Hill 3-1-3-0;

R. L. Settles 2-0-10-0.

Tuesday, 9th May—School v. H. C. Addison's XI—Home

This was a fixture introduced into the list at short notice to give some much-needed match practice to the eleven after a wet start to the season. Mr. Addison's XI was composed of eight masters and three members of the 2nd XI.

Mauchline won the toss and rightly chose to bat on an easy paced wicket. Although Thompson was soon out to an impatient stroke, Gray and Moodie added 50 runs in just under an hour. By this time the fielding side's bowlers were finding their length and direction, and wickets began to fall too rapidly. With the score at 88 for 7, Mauchline declared the School's innings closed, so leaving Mr. Addison's XI a target which had to be reached at a run a minute. Despite a swashbuckling innings by Mr. Mole, which included a six off both Ashton and Turner, the scoring rate fell as some of the middle of the order batsmen seemed more content to defend their wickets than get runs. The match ended in a draw.

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray b Ramsden	29
W. M. Thompson, b Addison...	2
I. A. G. Moodie c Ramsden b Hill	35
S. C. M. McLean, b Ramsden	0
C. J. W. Mauchline, lbw b Hill	5
S. S. Eriksen, lbw b Pedgrift ...	8
D. A. Ogilvie, c Taylor b Mole	1
R. J. H. Neil, not out	5
G. W. Balfour, not out	0
A. D. Turner and N. D. McKenzie did not bat.	
Extras	3

Total for 7 wkts. (dec.) 88

H. C. Addison's XI

N. F. Pedgrift, Esq. b Ashton	19
P. S. Taylor, Esq. c Gray b McKenzie	0
H. A. R. Cromarty, c Eriksen b McKenzie	3
R. C. B. Mole, Esq. st. Balfour b Turner	35
J. F. Hill, not out	3
H. C. Addison, Esq., run out ...	3
J. F. Clayton, Esq. c Ogilvie b Turner	0
D. P. Ramsden, Esq. st. Balfour b Turner	3
D. A. R. Williams, Esq. b Turner	0
R. N. Johnson, Esq., not out ...	2
Extras	6

Total for 8 wkts. 74

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mole	8	2	10	1
Addison ..	9	6	6	1
Williams	10	5	11	0
Hill	11	2	24	2
Ramsden	6	1	11	2
Pedgrift ...	3	1	3	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	13	5	19	2
Neil	2	0	6	0
Ashton ...	4	0	17	1
Turner ...	7	0	26	4

Saturday, 13th May—Strathallan v. The Edinburgh Academy—Away

Rain prevented any play before lunch in this game, and a start was only possible at two o'clock. Mauchline won the toss and chose to bat. The early batsmen did not perform well on a rain-damaged wicket, and it was left to Neil to retrieve the situation from a dismal 42-6. This he very creditably did, and Mauchline was able to declare at 136.

The Academy were set to score the necessary runs at a rate of 80 an hour, which was never really on considering the rain-soaked outfield. Ogilvie and Turner both bowled tidily and further restricted the batsmen except for Wands, who, profiting from being dropped early in his innings, scored a quick 43 out of 58. Had the catch been held a Strathallan victory might have been possible. As it was, the game ended in a draw.

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, st. Thomson b Allison	10
W. M. Thompson, b Lyall	9
I. A. G. Moodie, b Allison	8
S. C. M. McLean, c and b Allison	3
C. J. W. Mauchline, c and b Allison	0
S. S. Eriksen, c French b Allison	0
D. A. Ogilvie, c Thomson b Kennedy	8
R. J. H. Neil, not out	42
G. W. Balfour, b Kennedy	6
A. D. Turner, not out	25
N. D. McKenzie did not bat.	
Extras	25

Total for 8 wks. (dec.) 136

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Law	7	1	13	0
Kennedy	15	5	21	2
Lyall	12	3	25	1
Allison ...	16	4	31	5
A. Stevenson	2	0	5	0
French ...	2	0	11	0
Barcroft ...	1	0	7	0

Edinburgh Academy

R. M. S. Allison, lbw b Turner	20
G. B. Stevenson, b Turner	4
J. N. Thomson, b Ogilvie	0
A. K. Stevenson, c Thompson b Turner	1
R. E. Wands, c McLean b Ogilvie	43
V. A. L. Cameron, not out ...	8
A. T. French, not out	1
Extras	6

Total for 5 wks. 83

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	3	2	2	0
Neil	3	0	4	0
Ogilvie ...	16	8	27	2
Turner ...	18	4	42	3
Thompson	3	0	6	0

Wednesday, 24th May—Strathallan v. Merchiston Castle—Home

As had happened in our previous match, the start was delayed because of persistent rain. However, by three o'clock the rain had cleared and it was possible to start play, the school batting first. After we had lost Gray cheaply, runs came steadily as Mauchline, partnered first by Moodie and then by Thompson pushed the score towards fifty. In fact the fifty came up in almost even time, and Mauchline seemed set for a big score. But he was run out through a mis-judgment by Eriksen, and with Ogilvie out shortly afterwards leg-before, a small total looked likely. Two runs later, the rain which had held off came down again, thus preventing any further play and saving the school from any further disaster.

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, b Bain	0
C. J. W. Mauchline, run out ...	28
I. A. G. Moodie, b Bain	17
W. M. Thompson, c Moffat b Bain	8
S. C. M. McLean, b Bain	5
S. S. Eriksen, not out	1
D. A. Ogilvie, lbw b Manners	1
R. J. H. Neil, not out	1
G. W. Balfour, A. D. Turner and N. D. McKenzie did not bat.	
Extras	1

Total for 6 wks. 62

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Moffat ...	6	2	24	0
Bain	10	0	23	4
Manners ...	6	2	8	1
McHoul ...	2	0	6	0

Saturday, 27th May—Strathallan v. Daniel Stewart's—Away

Mauchline won the toss and chose to bat. Gray began brightly and scored 20 out of the first 32 before he was bowled. Moodie started with aggressive intentions, hitting a couple of boundaries, before he followed Gray back to the pavilion. Mauchline, in the meantime, was not finding run-getting easy, and after being at the crease for 75 minutes, he had only scored 18 runs. However, he gradually found his touch and then played the major part in an unbroken partnership of 47 runs which he added with Eriksen. Altogether he batted one and three quarter hours for his 59 not out. Tea was taken as the rain got heavier, and eventually the match was abandoned as a draw.

Strathallan		O.	M.	R.	W.	
J. A. G. Gray, b Middleton ...	20	Middleton	16	4	30	2
C. J. W. Mauchline, not out ...	59	Kerr	12	2	40	1
I. A. G. Moodie, b Middleton	11	Donaldson	3	0	9	0
W. M. Thompson, c Middleton		Rees	2	0	11	0
b Kerr	6	McLean	1	0	12	0
S. S. Eriksen, not out	6					
R. J. H. Neil, S. C. M. McLean, G. M. Thomson, D. A. Ogilvie, A. D. Turner and T. C. Ashton did not bat.						
Extras	0					
Total for 3 wks.		103				

Tuesday, 30th May—Strathallan v. Fettes—Home

The Fettes captain, Pickles, won the toss and put us in to bat on a firm wicket. Mauchline looked to be out of touch and was quickly dismissed, being leg-before to Foot. Moodie did not stay long either, but fortunately Gray appeared to be well set for a good innings. Joined by Thompson he took the score to 48 before being yorked by Todd. After that wickets fell too regularly, and the lunch-time position was 8-78. It can fairly be said that the position was due very much to the inexperience of many of the batsmen who were unable to adjust the rhythm of their innings to a full day's cricket.

After lunch Turner hit a couple of hearty blows, and Ashton defended stoutly with McLean until the 100 was reached; soon after McLean was caught at the wicket and so the School side were all out for 103.

Fettes were thus left with plenty of time in which to score the runs necessary for victory. They took no chances, and the pace was set by Hilton, who took nearly two hours to score his 22. Victory looked a little further away when 70-2 became 84-5. However, Gill and Foot hit off the last twenty runs needed in quarter of an hour.

Strathallan		Fettes	
J. A. G. Gray, b Todd	32	A. J. Pickles, b Turner	8
C. J. W. Mauchline, lbw b Foot	0	C. J. Hilton, b Ogilvie	22
I. A. G. Moodie, c Trenholme		J. J. Todd, c Mauchline b Ashton	32
b Foot	2	D. T. Graham, c and b Ogilvie	12
W. M. Thompson, b McConachie	18	W. N. H. Tremholme lbw b Turner	1
S. S. Eriksen, st Pickles b McConachie	0		

R. J. H. Neil, lbw b Gill	1	J. K. Foot, not out	10
S. C. M. McLean, c Pickles b Gill	13	M. C. L. Gill, not out	13
G. M. Thomson, c Todd b McConachie	1	Extras	6
D. A. Ogilvie, lbw b Gill	6	Total for 5 wks.	104
A. D. Turner, b Gill	10		
T. C. Ashton, not out	2		
Extras	18		
Total.....	103		

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Foot	8	1	17	2	Ashton ...	13	5	25	1
Stewart ...	10	2	14	0	Neil	2	1	4	0
Todd	6	2	15	1	Turner ...	24.2	6	38	2
McConachie	17	5	22	3	Ogilvie ...	13	2	32	2
Gill	13.5	4	20	4					

Thursday, 1st June—Strathallan v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI—Home

Our opponents won the toss and chose to bat on a firm wicket. Giavarini fell in Neil's first over, but that was really the only success that the school bowlers achieved during the afternoon. Dawson, the old Hampshire professional, showed how it was possible, given a sound technique, to accumulate runs through well-placed singles. Ryan made a dashing 50, and the score mounted steadily, the innings being closed at 137.

The School were left a scoring rate of a run a minute to win. Gray alone of the early batsmen showed the necessary aggression, and when he was out, the middle order unaccountably failed. At 55-6 Neil and Thomson got their heads down and showed that the bowling was not, perhaps, so difficult after all. Thomson was caught when only seven minutes play remained, and despite our losing two wickets in the last over, we scraped home to a draw.

(B. E. Somerville's XI

G. Dawson, c Gray b Ogilvie	56
J. G. Giavarini, b Neil	5
F. A. Orr, b Turner	17
B. Ryan, run out	50
K. Underwood, not out	5
Extras	4

Total for 4 wks. 137

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, st Giavarini b Neil	29
C. J. W. Mauchline, b Dalziel	7
S. S. Eriksen, b Dalziel	9
W. M. Thompson, b Neil	0
I. A. G. Moodie, lbw b Dalziel	2
R. J. H. Neil, c Giavarini b Somerville	30
S. C. M. McLean, b Duncanson	0
G. M. Thomson, c Dawson b Blair	12
D. A. Ogilvie, not out	10
A. D. Turner, c Duncanson b Somerville	0
T. C. Ashton did not bat.	
Extras	4

Total for 9 wks. 103

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton ...	8	0	23	0	Underwood	6	0	19	0
Neil	5	1	18	1	Dalziel ...	12	5	21	3
Turner ...	22.3	6	41	1	Neil	13	6	19	2
Ogilvie ...	19	2	51	1	Duncanson	8	2	14	1
					Blair	4	0	12	1
					Dawson ...	3	0	11	0
					Somerville	1	0	3	2

Saturday, 3rd June—Strathallan v. Strathallian Club—Home

T. N. W. Trusdale, last year's vice-captain, brought up a team of Old Strathallians that proved to be overwhelmingly strong for the inexperienced School side which, because of rain, had lost so much match practice in May.

Gibson and Spence, opening for the Old Strathallians, began cautiously and runs were slow in coming, particularly as Neil and Ashton were giving nothing away. Six of the first ten overs were maidens. Then, with the score at 38, Gibson was run out. This was an expensive wicket because he collided with Turner, who twisted his knee and was unable to take any further part in the game.

Four more wickets fell quickly, and with the score at 74-5 the School side seemed to be right back in the game. But McKenzie and Trusdale hit the old boys out of trouble by adding 94 runs in less than an hour. At tea the innings was declared closed.

Gray and Mauchline began slowly but surely against a fairly accurate opening attack. Once they had gone though, the middle-order batsmen failed again, and the score slumped to 47-6. Neil and Ogilvie put up some resistance, the score being boosted to 92. At this point Ogilvie was caught and bowled by Pate, and the innings closed 7 runs later.

Strathallian Club

T. Gibson, run out	13
A. F. Spence, c and b Ogilvie	22
W. S. Pate, c and b Ogilvie ...	9
J. M. Smith, b Ashton	8
R. Eason, c Warburton b Ashton	0
S. L. McKenzie, not out	67
T. N. W. Trusdale, not out ...	41
Extras	8

Total for 5 wkts. (dec.) 168

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, run out	11
C. J. W. Mauchline, c R. Eason b McKenzie	16
S. S. Eriksen, lbw b Gibson ...	6
W. M. Thompson, c McKenzie b Spence	1
I. A. G. Moodie, c and b Frost	5
R. J. H. Neil, c Spence b McKenzie	19
S. C. M. McLean, b Frost	4
D. A. Ogilvie, c and b Pate ...	30
P. A. C. Warburton, b Mc- Kenzie	1
T. C. Ashton, not out	2
A. D. Turner, absent hurt	
Extras	4

Total..... 99

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton ...	20	8	37	2
Neil	6	2	17	0
Turner ...	6	1	10	0
Ogilvie ...	24	4	78	2
Thompson	4	0	20	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	14.5	4	24	3
Spence ...	13	8	11	1
Gibson ...	12	4	19	1
Frost	4	0	21	2
P. Eason ...	2	0	16	0
Pate	5	1	5	1

Tuesday, 6th June—Strathallan v. Dollar Academy—Home

Only three overs were possible before heavy rain caused the match to be abandoned.

Dollar Academy	
G. Heron, c Gray b McKenzie	5
J. Hope, not out	5
R. Watson, not out	1
Extras	2

Total for 1 wkt. 13

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton	2	0	11	0
McKenzie	1	1	0	1

Strathallan	
J. A. G. Gray, C. W. J. Mauchline, S. S. Eriksen, W. M. Thompson, R. J. H. Neil, R. L. Settles, D. A. Ogilvie, G. W. Balfour, T. C. Ashton, S. C. M. McLean, N. D. McKenzie.	

Thursday, 8th June—Strathallan v. Loretto—Away

This was a disappointing display. Several times during the game we seemed to have the advantage, but each time we threw it away. Strathallan began well by dismissing the first three batsmen for 38. But then Boon and Dewar dug in and were still there at lunch, when the score was 82-3. After lunch, these two batsmen continued in the same stubborn vein and carried their partnership to 72. Then the School struck back and at 137-7 they could feel satisfied. However, the Loretto captain, King, swung his bat and the score reached 164 before the eighth wicket fell. The last two wickets fell for the addition of two runs. Our bowlers stuck to their task well, but were badly supported in the field, as several chances were put down.

Gray and Mauchline put on over twenty for the first wicket in the School's innings, but Gray's dismissal was the signal for a collapse. The score went from 24 for no wicket to 25 for four wickets, the run scored being a leg-bye. At this point tea was taken.

Settles and Neil resumed after tea, and the score was given some respectability. King, however, polished off the innings with a hat-trick. Settles made top score of the innings.

Loretto	
R. W. McLean, b McKenzie	6
K. D. Wilson, c Settles b McKenzie	13
G. M. Waters, c Balfour b Neil	18
J. R. Boon, c Balfour b Ogilvie	24
R. S. Dewar, c Thompson b Ashton	54
C. Hornby, c Gray b Ogilvie	4
D. T. Cessford, run out	7
A. S. Taylor, b McKenzie	20
M. R. King, c Gray b McKenzie	16
B. Lamond, b Ogilvie	0
C. D. Henderson, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	166

Strathallan	
J. A. G. Gray, c Waters b King	7
C. J. W. Mauchline, b King	16
S. S. Eriksen, c Cessford b Henderson	0
W. M. Thompson, c Boon b King	0
R. J. H. Neil, b Lamond	3
R. L. Settles, c Hornby b Dewar	19
S. C. M. McLean, b Henderson	9
D. A. Ogilvie, c Waters b King	7
G. W. Balfour, c Waters b King	0
T. C. Ashton, not out	0
N. D. McKenzie, c Cessford b King	0
Extras	4
Total	65

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton ...	22	5	36	1	Lamond ...	8	3	16	1
McKenzie	18.2	2	53	4	King	10.2	4	14	6
Neil	3	1	4	1	McLean ...	3	2	2	0
Ogilvie ...	23	5	41	3	Henderson	12	4	26	2
Thompson	5	0	18	0	Dewar ...	4	2	4	1
Settles	2	0	10	0					

Wednesday, 14th June—Strathallan v Glasgow Academy—Home

Once again the middle order batsmen failed, and only Settles and Gray batted well. At 51-6 we seemed doomed to yet another defeat. But a very fine partnership by Ogilvie and Neil completely altered the state of the game. In an hour Ogilvie scored 68 out of 101 runs added for the seventh wicket on a pitch which never really gave any help to the bowlers. Ogilvie timed his shots very well, and hit twelve fours. Neil was content to stay in and collect runs as the opportunity arose.

When they went in to bat the Academy batsmen, perhaps tired after their final hour's chasing around in the field on a hot day, made little of the bowling. Ashton found the wicket suited to his pace, and his accuracy did the rest. Soon, in fact, our first victory of the season seemed to be very close, but Robb batted sensibly for almost an hour, and made sure of the draw.

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, b Elder	21
C. J. W. Mauchline, c Reid b Steel	2
S. S. Eriksen, c Reid b Steel...	0
R. L. Settles, c Robb b Mc- Kechnie	15
R. J. H. Neil, not out	41
S. C. M. McLean, lbw b Elder	2
J. F. Hill, b Elder	0
D. A. Ogilvie, not out	68
C. T. Perry, G. W. Balfour and T. C. Ashton did not bat.	
Extras	3

Total for 6 wks. (dec.) 152

Glasgow Academy

E. M. Elder, b Ashton	6
A. S. Buchan, c Hill b Ashton	21
R. W. Cordiner, b Ashton	2
D. F. Reid, b Ashton	2
C. B. Robb, b Ashton	17
K. I. Miles, lbw b Ogilvie	1
G. R. Mitchell, b Eriksen	4
C. W. C. Dawson, lbw b Ogilvie	0
G. M. McKechnie, not out ...	1
J. O. Steel, not out	1
Extras	6

Total for 8 wks. 61

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Clemont ...	7	1	28	0	Ashton ...	12	3	22	5
Steel	8	3	24	2	Perry	6	1	17	0
Elder	20	6	44	3	Ogilvie ...	11	5	10	2
McKechnie	20	4	54	1	Hill	3	1	3	0
					Eriksen ...	3	2	2	1

Wednesday, 21st June—Strathallan v. Perthshire—Home

Perthshire won the toss and chose to bat first in light which was not particularly promising for an evening's cricket. After Smith had given a return catch in Perry's first over, Sharma and McGregor set about the bowling and runs came quickly. Mauchline relied solely on his quicker bowlers, and Ashton particularly kept the ball well up to the bat and bowled with admirable straightness. However, Perthshire scored readily, and were aided by some fairly loose ground fielding. After 85 minutes Dudman, the Perthshire captain, was able to declare.

By this time, the light had become decidedly murky and there was a touch of drizzle in the air. The School got off to a dreadful start. Gray followed a near wide and gave a low catch to the wicket-keeper in the first over. Mauchline, who had seemed to be middling the ball, was caught close in, and Settles was out playing an indeterminate shot to a ball that popped. After this Eriksen hit some boundaries before the umpires finally decided that the light was too poor. The match was abandoned as a draw.

Perthshire

S. McGregor, c Ogilvie b Eriksen	33
M. H. Smith, c and b Perry ...	0
C. K. Sharma, c Ashton b Perry	23
P. S. Gardiner, b McKenzie ...	0
R. M. Lusher, b Ashton	48
A. R. Reid, run out	8
B. F. Munro, run out	10
L. C. Dudman, not out	10
B. M. Wilson, not out	4
B. D. McLelland and J. Gow did not bat	
Extras	0

Total for 7 wks. (dec.) 136

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton ...	9	0	44	1
Perry	6	0	32	2
McKenzie	9	0	44	1
Eriksen ...	2	0	16	1

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, c Gow, b Lusher	0
C. J. W. Mauchline, c Munro b Wilson	0
S. S. Eriksen, not out	20
R. L. Settles, c Reid b Wilson	0
D. A. Ogilvie, not out	6
S. C. M. McLean, G. M. Thomson, D. W. McArthur, C. T. Perry, T. C. Ashton and N. D. McKenzie did not bat.	
Extras	4
Total for 3 wks.	30

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lusher ...	3	2	2	1
Wilson ...	5	4	2	2
McLelland	4	0	23	0
Munro ...	1	1	0	0

Saturday, 8th July—Strathallan v. Falkland C.C.—Home

Falkland won the toss and batted first. Perry removed the two openers cheaply, and then Ogilvie bowled unchanged, except for two overs, and took all the remaining wickets that fell to the bowlers.

The School got off to a good start, and fifty was passed for the loss of only two wickets. Then wickets began to fall steadily, although Settles remained at the other end. He and Thomson saw the score to 116, at which point Settles after a patient vigil, was caught at the wicket.

Falkland C.C.

E. Bond, lbw b Perry	9
R. Brown, c Moodie b Perry ...	8
W. Peggie, lbw b Ogilvie	24
L. Sutton, b Ogilvie	23
D. Brown, c Gray b Ogilvie ...	7
W. Hopkins, c Thompson b Ogilvie	29
N. Ross, c Ashton b Ogilvie ...	1
R. Nelles, b Ogilvie	0
C. Drysdale, run out	2
A. Henderson, c Perry b Ogilvie	5
G. Robertson, not out	5
Extras	5

Total..... 117

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, b Peggie	4
W. M. Thompson, c Peggie b Hopkins	24
S. S. Eriksen, b Sutton	8
R. L. Settles, c Henderson b Hopkins	36
D. A. Ogilvie, b Ross	5
R. J. H. Neil, c Ross b Drysdale	6
I. A. G. Moodie, c R. Brown b Drysdale	10
D. W. McArthur, c and b Sutton	2
G. M. Thomson, not out	13
C. T. Perry, not out	1
Extras	9

Total for 8 wks. 118

T. C. Ashton did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton ...	8	1	30	0	Sutton ...	9	0	31	2
Perry	14	4	32	2	Peggie ...	8.2	1	27	1
Ogilvie ...	14.5	7	25	7	Hopkins ...	9	1	21	2
Thompson ...	5	0	21	0	Ross	7	2	22	1
Eriksen ...	3	0	6	0	Drysdale ...	9	3	8	2

Tuesday, 11th July—School v. K. Frost's XI—Home

Mauchline won the toss, and in view of the feast of batting which the opposition had to offer perhaps unfortunately decided to bat. As it was, our early batsmen failed, and we lost 3 wickets in scoring the first 8 runs. But Mauchline, with some uninhibited batting, improved the position considerably, and in this he was aided stoutly by Settles. Then Settles was bowled with the score at 71 and the innings collapsed to 86-9. Balfour and Ashton, in a last-wicket partnership, restored the total to something approaching respectability, and in the course of the stand both made their highest scores of the season.

Any hopes that the school may have had of making their opponents struggle for the runs were smashed by Barr and Chisholm, who put on 83 for the first wicket in an hour. Barr scored much faster and hit 2 6's and 6 4's in his 60.

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, b Reid	5
W. M. Thompson, b Little	1
S. S. Eriksen, c Gibb b Little ..	0
C. J. W. Mauchline, c Gibb b Patullo	32
R. L. Settles, b Patullo	27
R. J. H. Neil, c and b Kennedy ..	4
D. A. Ogilvie, b Kennedy	1
C. T. Perry, b Chisholm	7
G. W. Balfour, not out	16
A. D. Turner, b Chisholm	0
T. C. Ashton, c and b Chisholm ..	13
Extras	2

Total..... 108

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reid	6	1	17	1
Little	8	0	33	2
Patullo ...	6	1	15	2
Kennedy ...	5	1	12	2
Chisholm ...	5.4	1	12	3
Wallace ...	4	0	18	0

K. Frost's XI

D. Barr, c Balfour b Ogilvie ...	60
R. H. E. Chisholm, lbw b Turner	32
A. H. Morgan, b Turner	1
T. Trusdale, not out	9
K. Frost, not out	2
Extras	5

Total for 3 wkts. 109

P. G. Wallace, I. G. Gibb, A. Patullo, A. Reid, J. Little and J. Kennedy did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton ...	5	1	19	0
Perry	7	2	12	0
Turner ...	9	1	33	2
Ogilvie ...	8.2	0	40	1

Saturday, 15th July—Strathallan v. Glenalmond—Home

The wicket for this match had received a thorough soaking the day before and was thus fairly slow and with little life to help the bowlers. Glenalmond won the toss and elected to bat first. The decision was obviously the right one, and Doran and Gordon soon became set. The only way that the school looked like getting a wicket was through a run-out—though the ground fielding suggested that even this might not be a possibility—or through some act of charity on the part of the batsmen. In the event there was a combination of both possibilities for, with the score at 93, Gordon attempted a most inadvisable run and that was 93 for 1. He had batted well, hitting 8 fours in his innings of 40.

In the last 20 minutes before lunch the bowling was treated with some suspicion and a further 3 wickets fell; there might have been a fourth if a hard, but uppish, drive had not been put down at cover. After lunch it was important to get a breakthrough, but Heap and Ramsay prevented this by putting on 57 for the sixth wicket. An entertaining little innings of 24 by Munro consolidated the Coll's total, and they were eventually bowled out for 214, the last three wickets falling fairly quickly to Turner and Ogilvie.

The School also got off to a good start, exposing the weakness of the Glenalmond bowling. Thompson dominated an opening partnership which reached 79 before Gray ran himself out. For once, no collapse ensued. Indeed, both Neil and Mauchline scored freely. When stumps were drawn and School had scored 170-3 in less than two and a half hours—their highest score for two seasons.

Glenalmond

N. J. L. Doran, b Ogilvie	40
D. S. Gordon, run out	54
C. M. N. Wilson, c Ogilvie b Turner	0
A. V. N. Sharp-Paul, c Settles b Eriksen	1
P. A. J. Heap, run out	40
I. M. S. Downie, b Ogilvie ...	2
R. A. M. Ramsay, c Eriksen b Turner	25
R. J. S. McLeod, hit wkt. b Turner	7
D. R. Munro, b Ogilvie	24
H. P. Pringle, b Ogilvie	1
C. Pomfret, not out	1
Extras	19

Total..... 214

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton ...	3	0	12	0
Perry	9	2	27	0
Turner ...	32	10	79	3
Ogilvie ...	29.4	8	54	4
Eriksen ...	9	1	25	1

Strathallan

J. A. G. Gray, run out	22
W. M. Thompson, st. Wilson b Doran	67
R. J. H. Neil, c Munro b Gordon	34
C. J. W. Mauchline, not out ...	30
R. L. Settles, not out	2
Extras	15

Total for 3 wkts. 170

S. C. M. McLean, S. S. Erik-
sen, D. A. Ogilvie, A. D.
Turner, C. T. Perry and T. C.
Ashton did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pomfret ...	10	3	22	0
Gordon ...	15	3	48	1
Sharp-Paul ...	6	0	25	0
Munro ...	5	1	17	0
Heap	2	0	6	0
Doran ...	6	0	27	0
Pringle ...	3	0	17	0

**Tuesday, 18th July—Strathallan/Glenalmond XI v. Oxford University
Authentics—at Glenalmond**

The strong Authentics side once again disposed fairly quickly of a combined side.

Strathallan/Glenalmond XI

N. J. L. Doran, c Heard b Chopman	20
D. S. Gordon, c Spray b Heard	15
J. A. G. Gray, b Cottrall	2
W. M. Thompson, c Venables b Cottrall	12
C. N. M. Wilson, st Ridley b Chapman	17

Oxford University Authentics

S. J. Manners, c Wilson b Pomfret	25
J. R. Stowell, c Downie b Turner	50
C. H. G. Phippen, not out	11
J. H. M. East, not out	3
Extras	7

Total for 2 wkts. 96

C. J. W. Mauchline, st Ridley	
b McLaren	14
I. M. S. Downie, c Phippen b McLaren	0
P. A. J. Heap, lbw b Chapman	6
D. A. Ogilvie, c Heard b Chapman	0
A. D. Turner, c Ridley b McLaren	1
C. Pomfret, not out	0
Extras	8

Total..... 95

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Heard	12	4	22	1	Pomfret	14	4	34	1
Spray	4	0	12	0	Gordon	3	0	12	0
Venables	3	1	4	0	Turner	8	3	20	1
Cottrall	19	11	16	2	Ogilvie	6.5	0	23	0
Chapman	17.1	9	18	4					
McLaren	8	2	15	3					

SECOND XI RESULTS

Played 9, Won 3, Lost 0, Drawn 2, Abandoned 4.

- v. **St. Salvator's College Staff**—Abandoned—School 46-2.
- v. **Edinburgh Academy**—Abandoned—School 125-7 (Cromarty 28).
- v. **Dundee High School**—Won by 9 wickets. Dundee H.S. 10 (Wearmouth 6-3; Ashton 3-6); School 11-1.
- v. **Daniel Stewart's College**—Won by 8 wickets—Stewart's 38 (Hill 3-0; Keown 3-6); School 39-2.
- v. **Fettes College**—Drawn—School 114; Fettes 72-6.
- v. **Dollar Academy**—Abandoned—Dollar 19-1.
- v. **Glasgow Academy**—Won by 6 wickets—Glasgow 53 (Wearmouth 3-9; Thompson 3-16); School 54-4.
- v. **Loretto**—Abandoned—School 125-2 (Hill 60*, Moodie 36*).
- v. **Glenalmond**—Drawn—School 167-7 (Moodie 66, Hill 32); Glenalmond 142-6.

The following played: D. McLeod (Capt.), G. C. H. Archibald, T. C. Ashton, H. A. R. Cromarty, J. F. Hill, D. G. Jenkins, A. R. A. Keown, D. W. McArthur, W. P. McCallum, J. O. McIntyre, N. D. McKenzie, I. A. G. Moodie, R. L. Settles, W. M. Thompson, G. M. Thomson, A. L. Wearmouth.

SENIOR COLTS RESULTS

Played 5, Won 2, Lost 1, Drawn 1, Abandoned 1.

- v. **Queen Victoria School**—Won by 2 wickets—Queen Victoria 45 (Sharpe 4-16); School 47-8.
- v. **Fettes College**—Drawn—Fettes 77; School 58-9.
- v. **Glasgow Academy**—Won by 22 runs—School 111-6 (Sharpe 34, Duncan 20 not out); Glasgow 89.
- v. **Loretto**—Abandoned—Loretto 71-6 (Walker 4-1).
- v. **Glenalmond**—Lost by 18 runs—Glenalmond 108; School 90 (Picken 34, Warburton 29).

The following played: Warburton (Capt.), Aitchison, Duncan, Edwards, MacDonald, Mitchell, Perry, Picken, Pringle, Sharpe, Shedden, Walker.

JUNIOR COLTS RESULTS

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 1 Abandoned 1.

- v. **Queen Victoria School**—Won by 42 runs—School 71-5 (dec.); Queen Victoria 29 (Walker 6-11, McLeod 4-16).
- v. **Dundee High School**—Won by 87 runs—School 95-4 (dec.) (Gordon 30, Steele 28*, Dods 22); Dundee H.S. 8 (Walker 10-1).
- v. **Fettes College**—Lost by 6 wickets—School 30; Fettes 31-4.
- v. **Glasgow Academy**—Won by 4 wickets—Glasgow 42 (Walker 5-9); School 43-6.
- v. **Loretto**—Abandoned—School 112-6 (dec.) (Dods 33, Carmichael 27*, Wallace 24).
- v. **Glenalmond**—Won by 9 wickets—Glenalmond 42 (McLeod 4-10); School 45-1 (Dods 25*).

The following played: D. F. Wallace (Capt.), Dods, Gordon, Thomson, Steele, McLeod, Rutherford, Carmichael, Walker, Wright, Sherington, Fairlie, Hunter, Mitchell, Smith, Hopkins.

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES

Senior: Ruthven.

Junior: Nicol.

JUNIOR XI

- v. **Drumtochty Castle**—Home—Lost by 5 wickets.
Strathallan 64; Drumtochty 67 for 5
- v. **Lathallan**—Away—Lost by 12 runs.
Lathallan 87; Strathallan 75.
- v. **Ardvreck**—Away—Won by 36 runs.
Strathallan 57; Ardvreck 21.
- v. **Belmont House**—Home—Won by 96 runs.
Strathallan 141 for 3 dec.; Belmont House 45.
- v. **Croftinloan**—Away—Won by 53 runs.
Strathallan 82; Croftinloan 29.
- v. **Dalhousie**—Away—Won by 24 runs.
Strathallan 68; Dalhousie 44.
- v. **Ardvreck**—Home—Won by 2 wickets
Ardvreck 39; Strathallan 78 for 8.
- v. **Craigflower**—Home—Won by 65 runs.
Craigflower 72; Strathallan 137.

Played 8, Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 2.

Runs for:—702 for the loss of 71 wickets @ 9.88 runs per wicket.

Against:—404 for the loss of 75 wickets @ 5.38 runs per wicket.

JUNIOR 2nd XI

- v. **Craigflower 2nd XI**—Away—Lost by one run.
Craigflower 50; Strathallan 49.

Athletics 1967

THE year started well since everyone gave of their best from the start and continued to do so; at the end of the term, therefore, we were left with most encouraging prospects for next year. Although only one match was won, the competitive standards of the School were much higher than the final result imply. Next year will see us with many good first year seniors, and also some of last year's senior team who will have remained behind.

Our first match was against Glenalmond at Trinity College. The day's events were, unfortunately, marred by extremely bad weather which persisted all day and drained away morale with it.

The next match, against Fettes, was held at Strathallan, and although we lost this match, too, an insight into future talent was afforded.

The inter-school match held at Dunblane saw us finishing third out of six schools, the winners of the event only being three points ahead of us. The match against Rannoch completed our fixture list. This match we won, which reflected the improvement in the team due to hard training throughout the summer rather than that Rannoch was an inferior side. In fact this was the first time that we have managed to beat Rannoch on the athletics field.

RESULTS:

- v. **Glenalmond**—Glenalmond 136 points; Strathallan 115 points. I. A. Houston and Sutherland achieved two first places each, and G. W. T. Smith and A. R. Brash were first in their events.
- v. **Fettes**—Fettes 66 points; Strathallan 60 points. A. R. Brash achieved a first place in both the 880 yards and the mile. I. A. Houston, Muir, Carver, and D. K. R. Low also won their events.
- v. **Rannoch**—Strathallan 200 points; Rannoch 159 points. A. R. Brash, I. A. Houston, Muir and Carver won their events.

Inter-School Competition at Dunblane.

1st Dunfermline 60 points; 2nd Glenalmond 58 points;

3rd Strathallan 57 points; 4th Rannoch 38 points.

I. A. Houston and Ashton won their events. In the Junior events D. H. Holmes won the High Jump.

A. J. Downs and D. H. Holmes both gained Junior Standards at the Scottish Schoolboys' Championships, taking away bronze medals with them. Their events were javelin and high jump respectively.

D.D.C.B.

School Sports, 21st. July 1967

Senior

<i>Event</i>	<i>Forst</i>	<i>Time or Distance</i>
100 yards	Houston (N)	10.7 sec.
220 yards	Houston (N)	24.2 sec.
440 yards	Houston (N)	*51.6 sec.
880 yards	Houston (N)	2m. 3.3 sec.
One Mile	Brash (S)	4m. 46 sec.
High Jump	Muir (F)	*5 ft. 7 in.
Long Jump	Carver (S)	19 ft. 5 in.
Discus	Shanks (R)	116 ft. 2½ in.
Javelin	Ashton (R)	139 ft. 8 in.
Shot	Shanks (R)	36 ft. 7 in.
Relay	Ruthven	47.6 sec.

Middle

100 yards	Paton (N)	10.9 sec.
220 yards	McNab (N)	24.3 sec.
440 yards	McNab (N)	55 secs.
880 yards	Sharpe (N)	2m. 8.3 sec.
One Mile	Sharpe (N)	4m. 48.2 sec.
High Jump	Paton (N)	*5 ft. 4 in.
Long Jump	Wearmouth (F)	18 ft. 0½ in.
Discus	Cromarty (S)	*138 ft. 9 in.
Javelin	Cromarty (S)	127 ft. 8 in.
Shot	Cromarty (S)	*40 ft. 9 in.
Relay	Simpson	

Junior

100 yards	Downs S)	11.2 sec.
220 yards	Lear (S)	25.4 sec.
440 yards	Pennie (F)	57.6 sec.
880 yards	Pennie (F)	2m. 15.4 sec.
High Jump	Holmes (S)	*5 ft. 4 in.
Long Jump	Lear (S)	*18 ft. 2½ in.
Discus	Holmes (S)	*115 ft. 5 in.
Javelin	McBride (N)	138 ft. 3 in.
Shot	Downs (S)	34 ft. 5½ in.
Relay	Simpson	50.6 sec.

Riley

100 yards	Black	*12.5 sec.
330 yards	Black	45.6 sec.
High Jump	Wallace	4 ft. 3 in.
Long Jump	Laidlaw	14 ft. 2 in.
Relay	Islay	*58.0 sec.

Winning House: Simpson

Victores Ludorum

Junior: Downs (S)

Middle: Cromarty (S)

Senior: Houston (N)

Badminton Club

It was decided in the winter term to start a Badminton Club which Mr. Henderson kindly agreed to supervise. Thirty-seven was the total for preliminary membership but due to lack of available playing time the number is now nearer thirty.

Badminton is played only at weekends and then only if the gym is unoccupied for at present the club is not officially recognised. From the subscriptions a racket, a press and a supply of shuttlecocks were purchased. On loan to the club from Mr. Henderson are three more rackets.

In the spring term a competition was organised but it has not yet been completed. We hope in future years to have a school Badminton team and to have matches with the masters and other schools.

On the committee this year have been: M. W. MacEwen; G. W. Balfour; A. J. S. Stuart; P. M. Wilson. Other office bearers were: I. A. G. Moodie—secretary, and P. A. Webster—president. In future there will be six committee members as they have to supervise all games.

P. A. W.

Boxing

THIS year the entire winter term was devoted to coaching and training the boxers. The result of this new policy was that more skilful bouts were fought than in previous years. Inevitably, however, some of the bouts were brutal fights rather than boxing contests. As expected, courage and determination were displayed throughout the competition, especially in a semi-final between Mitchell B.D. (F) and Macdonald R. J. (R) which proved to be one of the hardest fought contests this year.

Freeland and Nicol provided sixty-five of the hundred and five boxers, thus starting with an initial advantage. It was not decided that the latter was to win the cup until the finals. There were eighty-two preliminary bouts, held between January 30th and March 14th, leading up to the finals on March 15th. Here Simpson made up for their lack in numbers by winning six of the twelve medals and providing the victors of two of the most stylish finals, Downs A. J. and Crowe A. W.

The Headmaster presented the medals and the judges were the Headmaster, Mr. Maclellan and Mr. Ramsden. Mr. Henderson was the referee and J. Muir was Master of Ceremonies.

J. M.

The results were as follows:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Mosquito Weight	G. C. Bull	J. D. Herbert
Fly Weight	M. T. McKenzie	C. S. Grant
Bantam Weight	Moodie	I. G. Allison
Feather Weight	J. E. Grant	H. Chrystal
Light Weight	Mackay	J. I. T. Walker
Light Welter Weight	B. D. Mitchell	J. Thomson
Welter Weight	P. R. Wilson	Ferguson
Light Middle Weight	McLean	S. G. Evans
Middle Weight	A. J. Downs	Penny
Light Heavy Weight	A. G. Mackie	T. W. Angus
Heavy Weight 'A'	McGregor	J. A. McArthur
Heavy Weight 'B'	A. W. Crowe	Pery

Cross Country

THIS year cross-country running has not been given the support required to make it a fully recognised sport. Too often runs are used as an alternative to other games in bad weather conditions and this leads to the attitude that cross-country running is a punishment. It can be taken as a sport, but it has to be given a fair chance.

In the Inter-House Competition plenty of spirit was shown. Unfortunately, however, only a few of the better runners had made a thorough preparation for it. After two Ruthven and two Freeland runners had been disqualified, the cup went to Simpson. The individual winners were:

Senior: A. R. Brash
 Junior: D. J. C. Sharp
 Middle: R. H. McQueen

A.R.B.

Fencing

THROUGHOUT the Winter and Easter terms great keenness was shown by the members of the Fencing Club and this paid dividends in the form of considerably elevated standards. But quite apart from the enthusiasm of the fencers, these standards could not have been reached without the aid of Mr. Henderson, whose efforts as a coach did not go entirely unrewarded. His teaching of the junior fencers in particular will lay a firm foundation on which the Club can continue expanding. Even now, the membership is higher than it has ever been, and it seems likely that the numbers will exceed the thirty mark in 1968.

As well as the junior fencers, the intermediates showed considerable promise; special mention is due to P. D. C. Warburton and B. D. Mitchell. Warburton fought in the majority of the School matches and, revealing exceptional speed, gained wins over Dollar, Merchiston and St. Joseph's. Mitchell also carried off some very good wins against Dollar—this was perhaps due to the originality of his attack !

The senior fencers also showed some improvement during the past year. More important perhaps was the experience that each individual gained in the school matches themselves.

Young, who fought with the school team consistently throughout the year, was the most reliable of the senior fencers whereas D. A. Richards (who also had some good performances) was more limited in attack and slower in his parries than Young.

During the Summer term fencing classes (once a week only) were introduced. This idea, being tried for the first time, flourished during the first six or seven weeks of term. Unfortunately the numbers attending these classes dwindled; this was perhaps due to the lack of enthusiasm but more probably due to the oncoming exams.

Prospects for 1968 can be said to be very good; with only D. A. Richards leaving, the club must surely progress and under the rewarding influence of Mr. Henderson another good year of fencing is ahead of us.

W.M.T.

Golf Club

THE golf course has once more proved to be a successful and worthwhile amenity in the school, and, despite the decrease in the total membership of the club, the course seems to have been used as much as ever. The decrease in membership was probably the result of a very necessary increase in subscriptions, but with the extra money we were able to buy a new mower for the greens and other small items of maintenance equipment. The remainder of the money will go some way to financing the sowing of the new second green.

This year, for the first time, we were fortunate enough to be allowed to arrange a golf course maintenance option on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and in this way we were able to keep the course in better trim. The greens were mowed more frequently, with a resultant improvement, and some more grass bunkers were added around the sixth green.

At the beginning of term, A. R. Brash was elected Captain of Golf, and J. T. Moffat was appointed Secretary; both offices were filled with admirable zeal and efficiency. There was an

increase in competitions, and besides the monthly medals, the first club championship proper was instituted. This was won by J. T. Moffat. Mr. J. Ovenstone has very kindly promised us a cup for the championship next year. A further, and very popular, innovation was a long driving competition, the senior section of which was won by G. W. T. Smith who, after several dangerous-looking but disappointing drives, eventually hit one quite the farthest down the second fairway that has ever been seen.

The first hole-in-one over the school course was done by A. D. F. Mills at the 4th, but unfortunately he chose to do it at a time when it could not be officially authenticated.

The school golf team was, on paper, about the strongest we have had for some years. It beat the Masters in the annual golf outing, which was held this year over Lundin Links, by 5 matches to 3. We must thank, by the way, Mr. Ovenstone and Mr. Stuart for their generosity in connection with this outing. Our annual match with Glenalmond, however, proved once more that a win for us is about as elusive as the Walker Cup is to the British Isles, and after losing the foursomes 4—0, we could do no better than win 4 of the singles—our wins being provided by R. I. Williamson, A. Young, J. D. N. Ovenstone and S. S. Eriksen.

However, we look forward optimistically to next year, when, we hope, some of our better golfers will show in some of the outside events.

Judo Club

THE Judo Club was only recently formed—actually in February of 1966—and so is not, as yet, on a firm footing. Unfortunately, the gymnasium, where lessons are held, is in very frequent use during the winter and spring so that the time for practice—and practice is certainly required in Judo if one is to progress at all—is severely limited. No Judo is held during the summer because of examinations.

We are given instructions from members of the Huntingtower Judo Club whose degrees of skill range from yellow to black belts. The school club eventually hopes to hold gradings if a high enough standard is reached, but unfortunately the following has not, so far, been strong enough to warrant this. However, if a grading were to be held, it would give the Judoka a deeper incentive to improve much further in this energetic but most enjoyable sport.

W.D.R.

Pipes and Drums

OF last year's band we had left two pipers and five drummers. With so few pipers we had to find several replacements, but none of them had the requisite experience which is essential to the winning of competitions. We competed in the Glasgow Highland Club Band Competition, and also in the East of Scotland Band Competition which was held this year at Morrison's Academy in Crieff. The band also played at the General Inspection and on Speech Day.

The winners of the school individual competitions were:

Senior Piping: Pipe Major D. P. Mackie.

Junior Piping: I. R. McLean.

Senior Drumming: S. C. M. McLean.

Junior Drumming: C. T. Perry.

A. C. Shedden in his first year as a piper did exceptionally well to be placed second in the junior piping.

Our thanks go to Pipe Major Sinclair, Drum Major Wilson and Mr. Henderson for their assistance and patience.

D.D.C.B.

Sailing

THE boats were overhauled last winter under the able hands of Inch and were finished well in time for the beginning of the sailing season. By that time, too, we had managed to buy a further Enterprise, which now makes our fleet up to six Enterprises and two Cadets.

The first fixture of the season was an invitation to Perth Sailing Club's team racing week-end, where we sailed against six neighbouring clubs. Although we were last in the races, members of Perth Sailing Club were kind enough to think that we had sailed better than in previous years.

The following weekend a race for young helmsmen was held, which, for the second time running, was won by a Strathallan boy, this time I. D. R. Prain.

There were only two inter-school fixtures this season. In one we beat Fettes, and in the other, we were narrowly beaten by Loretto, the result hinging on a protest.

As in previous years we entered a team for the Mudhook Sailing Week for all British schools and universities. On the last morning Strathallan was lying fourth and had a good



chance of winning, had we not been disqualified for a breach of the rules. We finished 13th out of 34 entrants — our highest position ever in the event.

On the whole the season was successful, and with only one member of the team leaving at the end of the year, we have hopes of having a good season next year.

B. J. F. Crawford, N. H. F. Wilson and W. R. O. Inch were awarded their sailing colours for the season.

Our thanks go to Mr. Gray and to all those other members of staff who manned the safety boat throughout the term.

R.F.L.C.

Shooting

FOR the first time sighting telescopes have come into general use at the range, and new foresights have reduced the problem of sun glare on the targets. Despite this, however, our results in the Perthshire League this year have been disappointing due to the introduction of a new type of target and a scoring system which resulted in individual and team averages being lowered considerably.

In March, a team of eight shot a match against George Watson's College, and lost with a score of 729 to their 766. At the Perthshire Small Bore Rifle Association's confined prize meeting in May, the Strathallan entrants did not achieve as high placings as in the previous year, although individual scores were high. But, at the Scottish Small Bore Rifle Association's open prize meeting in June Galbraith shot very well and was runner-up in all the competitions for which he entered.

The House Shooting Competition was shot at the end of the Spring term, and was won by Ruthven, with Freeland coming a close second.

Shooting colours were re-awarded to Guthrie, Gillanders, K. W., Wallace, N. F., and Galbraith. The school teams this year were:

1st team: Guthrie, Gillanders, K. W., Wallace, N. F., Galbraith.

2nd team: Smith, R. J. S., Young, G. H., Rennie, W. D., Fawcett.

Guthrie retired from the position of Captain of Shooting during the summer term, and K. W. Gillanders was appointed to succeed him. At the beginning of the Summer term, too, Mr. Pollard took over from Mr. J. L. R. Williams as master in charge of shooting.

I would like to take this opportunity of conveying to Mr. Williams the appreciation and thanks of the team and all those who have taken shooting in the past five years for his enthusiasm in coaching boys new to the range, and in encouraging the experienced shots, and especially for the great improvements in the amenities of the range which have been implemented during his time here. We wish him well in his next appointment.

A.N.H.G.

Ski-Club

THE ski club has enjoyed almost unparalleled popularity this year. Its seventy-nine members took part in nine trips to Glenshee, while the ski team took four extra trips, one to Glenshee and the other three to Glencoe. The forays to Glencoe were made possible by Mr. Main and Mr. Macdonald. The former lent us his caravan and the latter his hotel.

On the whole, conditions were better this year than last, with better weather and more snow. As a result, the standard of the skiing improved immeasurably and the foundations have been laid for a strong team in the near future. In particular, there are many accomplished junior skiers and this fact was amply illustrated in the Inter-House race.

This was held on March 12th on the Sunnyside Slope in very windy conditions. The course was a fairly tight slalom of 17 gates fiendishly devised and set by Mr. Clayton. Each house, including Riley, who raced for the first time, entered a team of six. Each team ran the course twice, with the aggregate time counting for the places and points. The first five were R. F. L. Clark, D. M. Finlay, A. G. R. Main, R. J. Macdonald and S. F. H. Greig. The Greig Cup was won by Ruthven House, with Freeland a close second. Riley put in a very creditable performance by finishing fourth, in front of Nicol. They have two very good skiers, Butchart especially.

The Scottish Schools' Race was held this year on the Workman's Hut Run. The school did well, finishing seventh out of a total of fourteen schools. However, the important point was that the whole team finished the course, a feat which has not been accomplished for some years. Main and Macdonald did well to come twenty-first and twenty-second respectively. The former also came ninth in the Dundee Club Junior Championships. The team for the race was W. P. M. Samples, S. F. H. Greig, R. J. Macdonald, A. G. R. Main, and D. M. Finlay.

Our thanks go to Mr. Clayton and Mr. Mole, who organised the trips to Glencoe and Glenshee, and handled a total of 298 boys! The former also designed an attractive ski sweater, which is dark blue with a yellow stripe across the chest. It is available from Rowan's.

Macdonald and Samples were awarded their ski colours.

W.P.M.S.

Squash

THE new squash courts were opened for general use at the beginning of the spring term. Since then, many boys have tried their hand at the game and there emerged hitherto unknown and unexploited talent. By the end of the term the boys were able to form a team to play a team of Masters. Of course, the Masters won, but perhaps some measure of the strides that squash has taken in the school are reflected better when, on Founder's Day, the school beat the Old Boys by three matches to two.

Naturally youthful vigour and enthusiasm are not in themselves enough though, and we have to thank both Mr. Addison and Mr. Mole for their helpful advice and coaching.

C.T.



Swimming

At the start of the Summer Term, prospective members of the School team took to afternoon and evening training. There were some promising juniors, but it was the seniors who set the pace.

On Founder's Day, we won our annual race against the Strathallian Club yet again, the School team on this occasion being P. F. P. Cranston, D. A. J. Smith, R. D. Thom, and

C. M. Thom. The race was a good trial for the Bath Cup, which is held in London. Here we did much better this year, and came 13th (out of 48 schools) as opposed to 28th the previous year. Our time was greatly improved. B. M. Robertson travelled as reserve for this event.

The School Swimming Sports were, this year, held in the Spring Term. The results were:

Junior

- 100 yards Long Distance—1st B. Mitchell (F); 2nd Edwards (N)
- 50 yards Backstroke—1st B. D. Mitchell (F); 2nd D. Mitchell (F)
- 50 yards Freestyle—1st B. D. Mitchell (F); 2nd D. Mitchell (F)
- 50 yards Breaststroke—1st Pringle (S); 2nd B. Mitchell (F)

Middle

- 200 yards Long Distance—1st C. Thom (R); 2nd Cranston (S)
- 75 yards Backstroke—1st C. Thom (R); 2nd Richards (S)
- 75 yards Freestyle—1st R. Thom (R); 2nd Cranston (S)
- 75 yards Breaststroke—1st Rennie (F); 2nd J. Robertson (S)

Senior

- 400 yards Long Distance—1st Balfour (R); 2nd Keown (S)
- 100 yards Backstroke—1st R. Paul (F); 2nd Balfour (R)
- 100 yards Freestyle—1st Balfour (R); 2nd Keown (S)
- 100 yards Breaststroke—1st Keown (S); 2nd Aitken (N)

Relays

- Middle 3 × 50 yards—Simpson
- Senior 3 × 50 yards—Freeland
- Junior 3 × 50 yards—Simpson
- Open 6 × 50 yards—Simpson and Ruthven tied

Junior Champion—B. D. Mitchell

Middle Champion—C. M. Thom

Senior Champion—A. R. A. Keown and G. W. Balfour

Swimming Cup

1st Simpson, 91 points; 2nd equal Ruthven and Freeland, 82 points;
4th Nicol, 42 points

Our thanks go once again to Mr. Henderson for organising the Life Saving Classes, and to Mr. McNamara who has coached and trained the team.

Life Saving

In the annual life-saving examinations held at the end of the Summer Term in Perth the School gained 6 Awards of Merit, 6 Bronze Crosses, 6 Instructor's Certificates, 26 Bronze Medallions, and 1 bar to the Bronze Medallion. Rennie, W., Michie, J., Smith, Aitken, Robertson, B. M. and Richards gained a Distinction Award each.

Tennis

THIS has been one of the most successful seasons that the Tennis VI has enjoyed. In school matches the VI only lost once—to the extremely powerful Glasgow Academy side.

The rising standard of tennis is most noticeable throughout the school, a sure indication of this being the hard-fought matches, many of which were close, in the Singles Championship. In the final of this competition R. J. Lawson defeated C. L. McLachlan 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

Much of the improvement has been due to the work of Mr. Burnet, who is master in charge of tennis, and to Mr. Woodcraft, who once again has come to the school every week to give us coaching.

Results: 1st VI

- v. **Gordonstoun**—Won 5-4
- v. **Loretto**—Won 9-0
- v. **Fettes**—Won 5-4
- v. **Glasgow Academy**—Lost 3-6
- v. **Morrison's Acad.**—Won 5-4
- v. **Old Boys**—Won 6-1
- v. **Glenalmond**—Won 8-1

Other matches:

- 2nd VI v. Daniel Stewart's**—Won 5-4
- 'A' VI v. Gordonstoun**—Lost 2-7
- VI v. Midlands District**—Lost 0-9

The team was:

- 1st pair—R. J. Lawson and J. N. Cochran.
- 2nd pair—K. L. Robertson and W. P. M. Samples.
- 3rd pair—A. E. M. Laband and C. L. McLachlan.

Also played:

- J. T. Shanks, C. H. G. Buchanan, A. R. Brash.

Lawson and Cochran won 16 out of 18 matches, only losing to the Glasgow Academy and Fettes first pairs. Robertson and Samples were unsettled to start with but, coming on to their game, played their best against Glenalmond. Laband and McLachlan proved to be an ideal third pair, whose achievement of winning all three ties against Morrison's was the highlight of their season.

In the house matches, Ruthven, whose team included Lawson, Cochran, Samples and Laband, proved too strong for the other houses, and they won without conceding a single set—surely a record!

End of season colours were awarded to Samples, Robertson, Laband and McLachlan.

Lawson was re-awarded his colours.

J.N.C.

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The President 1966-67.

Our President

BOBBY HOUSTON attended Strathallan from 1932 until 1937. From the start it was clear that this stocky youngster from the West, dour, determined, friendly and with a sparkling sense of humour, would take a significant place in the history of the School. On leaving he had achieved the distinction of having been Captain of Cricket, Captain of Rugby, and Captain of his house, Freeland, in addition to being Vice-Captain of the School.

At Cambridge University (1937-1940) he was awarded LX Club Colours. At Glasgow University (1940-1943) he graduated M.B. Ch.B. Since then, apart from service in the R.A.F., he has been in general practice in Glasgow.

As would be expected of Bobby, he has always taken a keen interest in his profession and served as a Member of Glasgow Local Medical Committee from 1960 to 1966, and a Vice-Chairman of the Glasgow Division, B.M.A., 1966-67.

Only a few weeks after having taken office as President, Bobby was to lose his wife and the sympathies of all Strathallians turned to Bobby in this untimely bereavement. He has two of a family, his son having been at Strathallan from 1955 to 1960.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 3rd December, 1966. The President, Dr. W. B. McKenna, occupied the Chair and in the course of the formal business of the meeting, made reference to the Council's efforts to arrange a Rugby Match in Glasgow against another Public School Old Boys team. The meeting approved the election of 52 new Life Members. The Council's Report and the annual Accounts, both of which had been circulated, were approved. Office Bearers were elected in accordance with the list printed at the start of the O.S. Section of the Magazine.

After the meeting, the annual Dinner took place in the Hotel Banqueting Hall. There was a good attendance of members and their guests and an excellent meal was enjoyed.

After dinner the President presented the Golf and Angling Trophies which had been won during the season.

The principal guest of the evening was Dr. J. A. W. McLuskie, Consultant Physician at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow and Lecturer at Glasgow University. Dr. McLuskie

proposed the toast of the Club and made reference to the very important part played in the education system by the Public Schools. The extra curricula activities were extremely important in encouraging confidence and self esteem. Dr. McLuskie's speech was well received by the assembled company.

The President replied on behalf of the Club and referred briefly to the activities of the Club during the preceding year. He made particular reference to the campaign to raise funds for the new Dining Hall.

The Headmaster, in replying for the School, spoke of the outstanding year in the academic field. A very high and satisfactory percentage of pupils had taken 'O' levels. The Headmaster delivered his speech in his usual confident manner and it was received with well merited acclaim.

The health of the guests was proposed by J. Turner Johnston in a well prepared speech and a most entertaining reply was given by Mr. H. G. Beveridge.

Dance Report

THE Club's annual Dance was held in the Banqueting Hall of the Central Hotel on Friday, 20th January 1967, and was very well supported as usual. Charles Harkins Orchestra kept the dancing going and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Angling Section Report

Captain: Dr. J. L. Steven

Vice-Captain: J. Hall

Hon. Secretary: I. A. Headrick

1967 has again been a disappointing season although the Club's Competitions have been very well supported. At Loch Tay in March, Tommy Philp maintained his high standard of success by landing a 20 lb. salmon, a beautiful fish which was well toasted by the other unsuccessful Anglers. Other Competitions have been held on Loch Vennacher, Loch Awe and Loch Leven.

The last Official Competition of the year will be on Loch Leven on 26th August.

Golf Section

THE Section continues to thrive and we are pleased to report the appearance of a few new faces. It is to be hoped that any Club Member who enjoys a social game of golf will come along and join us.

Two Competitions have so far been played this year.

The Spring Meeting at Haggs Castle on a pleasant Wednesday afternoon in April saw P.C. Macgregor jnr. winning.

Our Summer Meeting at Gleneagles on the Sunday following Founder's Day resulted in A. A. Low winning the Bogie Trophy with a magnificent nett 66. The runner-up was H. E. Walker with a nett 67.

The Autumn Meeting will be held at Luffness on Wednesday, 25th October, meeting for lunch at 1 p.m.

The Club will once again be represented by six players in the Queen Elizabeth Trophy at Barnton on the week-end of Saturday, 23rd September. In the first round, we have been drawn against Old Harrovians.

Any supporters in the district will be most welcome.

NEW MEMBERS: Anybody wishing to join should contact:—

R. P. Thomas, 39 Larchfield Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire.

London Branch Notes

ONCE again nothing very much has happened with Club activities centering round the Appeal and the Dinner. The Appeal launched here in January certainly brought out a considerable number of Strathallians who were not previously on the mailing list, with the result that the London and Home Counties Branch now shows a theoretically very much larger membership. The Appeal was launched with a bang when a large number of 'helpers' attended a most excellent reception given by Mr. Martin Ritchie, to whom we were most grateful. Every Strathallian must by now be aware of the Appeal but we were very impressed by the excellent organisation and the manner in which it was launched, especially by the talks given by the Headmaster and Chairman of the Governors. The colour film of the School and its activities was also well appreciated.

Subsequent to this it was hoped that there would be a big turnout for the Annual Dinner held as usual on the Friday preceding the Calcutta Cup. However, the turnout was rather disappointing with sixteen Strathallians present and the Headmaster as principal guest. We are always extremely grateful to the Headmaster for attending our dinners. His speech about the School and its activities during the preceding year is always sharp, to the point and amusing, and something that we look forward to.

Michael Dawson remains President, Dr. Kenneth Hunter—Treasurer, and David Anderson—Secretary. The Secretary would like to hear of any changes of address and would be pleased to hear from any Strathallian coming to live or work in London and the Home Counties.

News of Old Strathallians

Scott S. Beattie (1962-66) informs us that he has just completed his first year on the Ll.B. course at Edinburgh University.

Gordon W. V. Birnie (1957-62) has completed his third year of a B.Sc. (Zoology) degree course at Aberdeen University. He writes that he has been playing for the university hockey team, and that he is Match Secretary.

A. J. Booth (1961-64) has just finished his second year of Veterinary Medicine at Glasgow.

Alan J. G. Brown (1930-35) writes that he is still the Secretary to the Faculty of Medicine at Dundee.

A. M. Brown (1956-60) gained his second class B.O.T. Certificate in Marine Engineering, and has been promoted to second engineer in the shipping company he is with.

H. Bryson (1948-50) is now Marine Superintendent of H. Hogarth & Son Ltd., Glasgow.

M. J. Bucher (1955-60) who is in his first year at Wharton Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania, studying for an M.B.A., would like to hear from other Strathallians who are doing, or who have done, a course leading to the degree of Master in Business Administration.

George A. Burns (1951-58) writes that after spending a year at the Victoria Hospital and the Homeopathic Hospital in Glasgow he is moving into general practice in Manchester in August of this year.

Alasdair D. K. Campbell (1955-59) is serving on No. 139 (Jamaica) Squadron, R.A.F. Wittering, Peterborough, as a Flight Lieutenant.

Donald F. Campbell is the chef at the Angus Hotel, Blairgowrie.

George D. W. Campbell is a Dispensing Optician at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh and does School Clinics in Fife.

Thomas E. Campbell (1937-41) has now been with Albion Motors, Scotstain, for twenty-seven years.

Alistair A. Clark (1957-64) has resigned from the Metropolitan Police and is now a swimming instructor.

M. G. Clark (1961-65) who is in his second year at St. Andrews University studying History and Philosophy has been commissioned to write one-act plays for the University Dramatic Society.

N. F. Clark (1955-58) writes that after spending two happy and worthwhile years at Arundel, he has taken an appointment as Farm Manager for Brian Langmead Ltd., at Petersfield.

Iain S. Cree (1955-61) who emigrated to New Zealand in November has become a stock agent.

Douglas Fairbairn (1961-66) informs us that he has just completed the first year of the L.I.B. course at Edinburgh University.

W. R. Galloway (1958-60) is in his second year of a B.Sc. Mathematics course at the University of Witwatersrand, and is treasurer of the Anglican Society there.

Iain S. Gray (1954-61) is in his third year at Edinburgh University.

Stuart Harron (1954-59) is in his first year of a B.Sc. (Special Geography) course at Kingston College of Technology.

T. Alan F. Jenkins (1957-63) is in his second year at the University of Waikaco, New Zealand, where he is studying for a B.A. in English History and Philosophy.

A. Graham Johnston (1955-62). We must congratulate Graham on his being awarded a Golf Blue at Oxford.

R. A. Lamb (1959-63) has been awarded a place from the ranks at Sandhurst.

T. M. O. Lang (1928-32). Tommy Lang has returned to this country after thirty years in Ceylon and India. He has taken up the position of Secretary to the Perth Hunt, the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society, and the Highland Cattle Society.

Iain Lang (1954-61) is presently in Ceylon working for Tetleys, the tea firm, and hopes to get some leave at the end of next year. He is playing more golf than cricket or rugby these days, but during the short season still plays hockey.

Robin Lang (1960-66). After leaving school last year studied at the Institut International D'Etudes Francaises at Rambouillet, near Paris, and then took up a post at Duncan House, Moffat, prior to his going to Aberdeen University.

James Norman Ledingham (1925-28) has been Chairman of the County of Sutherland T. and A.F. Association since 1964.

R. G. Logan (1960-64) has successfully completed his first year of his Ll.B. course at Birmingham University.

David S. Macfarlane (1960-66) has completed a year at Kingston College of Technology, and we are pleased to hear that he has recently been recommended for an Army University Cadetship.

J. Max McGill (1956-61) informs us that he is shortly to complete his legal apprenticeship with Campbell Riddell and Co.

Dereck Mackenzie (1954-62) and his brother, Stuart, are both working at home at Parks, Inverness.

A. H. S. McLeod (1960-64) was appointed to the Eastern Staff of the National and Grindlays Bank Ltd. at the end of 1966 and is now in Bombay.

Angus Macmillan (1959-64) has now returned from Canada where he has been working and is now married and has a six-month-old daughter. He is working for a honey importing factory in London.

Douglas H. Martyn (1958-63) is at present in his fourth year at Strathclyde University taking a B.A. degree in Economics and Sociology.

Hugh G. Morton (1957-61) has gained an M.B. Ch.B. at St. Andrew's University.

John L. W. Parker (1956-61) has just qualified as an M.B. Ch.B. at Glasgow University and has been playing cricket and rugby for Kelvinside Academicals.

Alistair M. Pate (1954-61) is studying for the final examinations in accountancy in Edinburgh. He has also been playing for the Edinburgh District XV.

Ronald G. M. Philip (1948-53) is at present working in Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, as an anaesthetist.

Alasdair D. Pottie (1945-52) takes us an appointment with the Department of Primary Industry, Veterinary Section, in Melbourne, Australia, this July.

P. M. G. Reynolds (1959-64) is continuing his clinical studies at Westminster Medical School.

A. J. S. Riddell (1962-66) is studying Economic History at Exeter University.

Bruce A. Robertson (1959-64), who became engaged in May, is entering his family's printing business.

J. B. Ross (1924-30) who has been serving in the Near East Air Force is now at Princess Mary's Hospital, R.A.F. Halton, Aylesbury, Bucks.

John B. Scott (1958-63) is assistant to the general manager, Shaver Poultry Breeding Company, G.B., Ltd.

John R. A. Scott (1956-60) has taken up a post with Sri G. Saharia of Calcutta and is under training to take up a post of Visiting Agent in the company's tea gardens in Assam and Cochar. He asks us to extend an invitation to any Strathallian passing through Calcutta that he and his wife would be delighted to see them.

L. Stuart Scott (1935-38) has been appointed Surgeon in Charge of the Urological Department at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow.

Robin H. Scott (1955-63) has just gone out to Nigeria as a Trainee Petroleum Engineer with the Shell Company. He is working at present in Port Harcourt.

S. J. S. Stevenson (1961-65) has gained an Order of Merit—Second Class—in the Certificate Course in Agriculture at the West of Scotland Agricultural College.

Ian D. Stuart (1942-44) has taken up the appointment of Secretary and Treasurer of the Representative Church Council for the Episcopal Church of Scotland.

Malcolm M. Stuart (1959-66) has completed a year's training with T. Potterton Ltd. and hopes to gain entry to Leicester University to study engineering.

Gavin M. Watson (1956-61) has just qualified M.B. Ch.B. at Glasgow University.

ENGAGEMENTS

CHRISTIE—R. S. (1954-60), Wheatlands, Hazelden, Glasgow.

PARKER—J. L. W. (1956-61), 7 Mirrlees Dr., Glasgow, to Miss Dianne M. M. Scott.

MARRIAGES

BENSON—Bruce (1954-59), 71 North Grange Road, Bearsden, to Miss Sarah-Jane Gardner at St. Brides Church, Helensburgh.

BROWN—A. M. (1956-60), Sea Banks, 73 Lawe Road, South Shields, in July, 1967.

BUCHER—M. J. (1955-60), Crown Hotel, Wells, Norfolk, to Mlle. Gabrielle Cramer, in Geneva, on the 18th March, 1967.

- BURNS—G. A. (1951-58), 73 Wittington Road, Manchester 16, in July, 1966.
- CLARK—A. A. (1957-64), 2 Arlington Gdns., Chiswick, London, W.4. to Miss Catherine C. Crabb.
- DINSMORE—J. W. (1952-57), 14 Whittinghame Drive, Glasgow, to Miss Gillian M. Michie at Pollokshield Glencairn Church on 1st September, 1966.
- DYET—J. F. (1953-59), 152 Butterbiggins Road, Glasgow, to Miss Christine Kennedy on 2nd December, 1966.
- JENKINS—T. A. F. (1957-63), c/o St. Peters School, Cambridge, New Zealand, to Miss Kathleen Ash at St Peters School Chapel, on 6th May, 1967.
- MACKENZIE—D. J. (1953-60), Castle Heather, Inverness, to Miss Helen Shearer.
- PETERS—R. S. (1957-62), 7a Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley, to Miss E. A. Stewart at Ashton Church, Gourock, on 24th March, 1967.
- PIRRIE—A. B. (1953-58), 44 Macdonald Road, Friern Barnet, London, 11, to Doctor A. J. Moore on 7th October, 1967.
- SCOTT—J. B. (1958-63), Quietways, Moorlane, Sculthorpe, Fakenham, Norfolk, on 15th October, 1966.
- SCOTT—J. R. A. (1956-60), c/o R. G. Saharia, 35 Chittaranjan Ave., Calcutta 12, India, to Miss S. A. M. Kharskong on the 5th March, 1967.
- STEWART—D. M. (1959-63), 1 Monkwood Court, Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, to Miss Sybil Archer on 8th November 1966.

BIRTHS

- FRASER—I. H. H. (1938-42), on 17th February, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Iain Fraser, 61 Ottoline Drive, Troon, a daughter.
- GILCHRIST—J. R. (1945-49), on 3rd April, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gilchrist, Inglenook, South Hamilton Street, Kilmar-nock, a son, John Michael.
- KERR—R. I. M. (1951-58), on 5th September, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerr, 74 Bouston Avenue, Patchway, Bristol, a daughter.
- MARTYN—D. H. (1958-63), on 4th May, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Martyn, 7 Old Vic Court, Calderwood, East Kilbride, a son, William.
- POTTIE—A. D. (1945-52), on 15th May, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pottie, 25 Stanley Avenue, Paisley, a daughter, Fiona Margaret.
- ROME—G. K. (1945-49), on 5th April, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rome, 34 Calquhoun Drive, Bearsden, a son.
- THAIN—D. A. (1950-56), on 17th February, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Thain, 7 Corstorphine Hill Crescent, Edinburgh, 2, a daughter, Julia.
- WATT—Allan (1935-38), on 26th April 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Watt, The Coppice, Glasgow Road, Eaglesham, a son.

DEATH

KINCAID—James D. (1960-62), on 19th May, 1967.

Strathallan Occasionals C.C.

No longer can we boast of an unbeaten side, since we went down to a much more sprightly Dundee University side right at the beginning of the season. However, we did atone for this later on by beating West Lothian, Grange and the '62 Club.

The tour is again in Dorset and Somerset at the end of July.

Anyone wishing to play for the Occasionals in next summer's Sunday games is invited to contact Mr. D. A. R. Williams who is the match secretary. Anyone wishing to go on the tour should contact Mr. R. N. Johnson, the tour manager, at the school before March if possible.

Our Contemporaries

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:

The Aberdeen Grammar School Magazine; Cambusdoon Magazine; The Crawfordtonian; Edinburgh Academy Chronicle; The Fettesian; Allan Glen's School Magazine; Glasgow Academy Chronicle; Glenalmond Chronicle; Gordonstoun Record; The Herioter; The High School of Glasgow Magazine; Hillhead High School Magazine; King Edward VI G.S., Morpeth Magazine, The Merchistonian, The Morrisonian; The Royal Air Force College Journal; The Rannoch Record; Schola Regia; Stewart's College Magazine; The Thunderer (R.N.E.C. Manadon, Plymouth); The Torch Bearer (Sydney Church of England Grammar School); The Victorian; The Watsonian.