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It could be said that there are three recurrent topics of conversation in any Scottish Public School: the Headmaster, the weather and the opposite sex, so

. . . . we went to see



the Headmaster, and we asked him:

What made you elect to come to Strathallan?

Any simple answer is bound to give a wrong impression. A whole host of factors were involved—some rational, some emotional, some quite providential. I love Scotland and had no real desire to leave it. Basically, I suppose I am a schoolmaster, but after 15 years in one place, I felt in fairness to that place, if nothing else, that I ought to make a change, so when the opportunity of a small school in the country came along, I simply could not resist trying my luck.

What were your impressions of the School when taking over as Headmaster?

I must stress that my impressions can only be 'first impressions.' Some think these are the best, but I am not so sure. Anyway for what they are worth, I was favourably impressed by the orderly routine and general organisation within the School. Things seemed to happen on time, and most things seemed to have a sensible purpose behind them, although I could not understand why the calendar had to advertise the fact that the Bishop of St. Andrews would be cutting hair on one Sunday while it was left to the School Chaplain a week later!

I greatly appreciated the general atmosphere in the Chapel and the effort that congregation, as well as Choir, put into the singing in weekday and Sunday services. I was appalled by the general disregard for the fabric of the buildings, whether School or House, and I was disappointed to find there was the same careless attitude towards personal belongings as there seems to be in all schools. In spite of believing strongly that tidiness and some control over dress is important, I thought that the present regulation sports jacket set against a grey shirt was rather colourless and drab. I thought the kilt magnificent and I was proud to belong to a School that hadn't given way to the cult of the denim and the patched jeans which boast of a guarantee to fade! I had the impression that most boys seemed to work quite hard when made to, but that they did not do so sufficiently on their own. I would have hoped to see a little more intellectual curiosity, and more constructive use made of the teaching staff. One could go on for ever—in short, my overall impression was that the School is a well balanced

community, but that is not to say I think everything is as it should be.

Have you enjoyed your first year (a) as Headmaster (b) at Strathallan?

Yes, enormously. It is difficult to separate the two questions for Strathallan came with the job and vice versa. It has been the quickest year I can remember, although not without its problems. I have missed not being a Housemaster and some of the teaching, but in a small school I sincerely hope that I shall always be allowed some contact 'on the shop floor.' A school can have all the facilities in the world but if there isn't the right relationship between the boys and the staff, then it will not be a happy and effective place.

Looking to the future, but remembering perhaps that an illustrious predecessor of yours now lives in 'Orwell House,' what would you wish Strathallan to have achieved when next year's Riley entry 'graduate' in 1984?

I am not certain what this question is driving at—a short answer might be simply survival for Strathallan like all other Independent Schools has been hit by inflation and more significantly by the increased burden of taxation which is borne by that section of the community which historically has *chosen* to send its sons to Public Schools. In spite of saying this, I am not gloomy about the future and judged by the enormous numbers of enquiries we have received this year, there is no lack of faith in 'the system,' but someone has to pay the fees. In a nutshell, we have to offer what parents want at a price they can afford. This is, of course, an over simplification for it could imply that the Governors, Headmasters and staff of the Independent Schools would put up with anything from parents and governments in order to survive, which is clearly absurd.

Regarding 1984 and all that, we must resist any further moves towards an 'Orwellian Society' for with the ever increasing legislation of the last few years, we are moving there faster than perhaps we realise. Should any Pighillian

ideas come to fruition by 1984, I can assure you that they will not consciously anyway, have stemmed from a Napoleonic ancestor!

Bearing in mind that it is those who are at the School now who will be guiding this country, or whatever federation of which we are part, into the 21st century, what sort of society with what values should Strathallan be fostering now?

I do not believe that basic values change—what does change is the emphasis society places on certain values at any period of time. For example, we value freedom, but we have to decide the extent to which we allow freedom of an individual to interfere with the freedom of others. So often we hear that 'every man has the basic right to work.' This appears basic humanity but, in fact, no one is born with the right. We have to earn it and the sooner we realise that the world does not owe us a living and the sooner men can opt in for work as easily as they can opt out, the better for us all: so I would hope that future Strathallians recognise the value of work and have the ability to persuade others likewise. I hope they would value the freedom to work and be prepared to fight for it within the law.

As we have become increasingly more affluent, we have become more wasteful. I would hope that future Strathallians have a proper regard for their natural environment and can recover the Scottish sense of thrift. If in the future we are hard working and sensible in our expenditure, we will have a natural level of existence which will give us enormous freedom and time in which to do things. If Strathallians have only a material sense of values, if they have no aesthetic sense, no interests or hobbies, if they have never asked themselves the question 'What is life all about?', then they will never preserve that freedom; they will never experience recreation; they will be slaves to boredom and life will have no meaning. I would hope that we can sow seeds the harvest from which will allow a constructive and satisfying use of leisure time; I would hope that we can offer fruit, the eating of which leads to the realisation that man on his own is a naked creature in a bewildering world.

. . . . and then

..... we went to see the Weatherman and he said

WEATHER? a dry subject

Climate continues to be recorded from the wee (not so) white box, just as it has been over the last nearly nine years. Yes, we have plenty of records, and perhaps you, kind reader, are keen to be given the stark startling facts of this apparently outstanding year.

History tells us that our climate is 'reliable,' while geography speaks about 'equable temperatures'—'reliable rainfall'—'rain spread evenly through the year.' Reality tells us otherwise. Whither the educationists then?—they speak of *climate* while reality is usually concerned with *weather*.

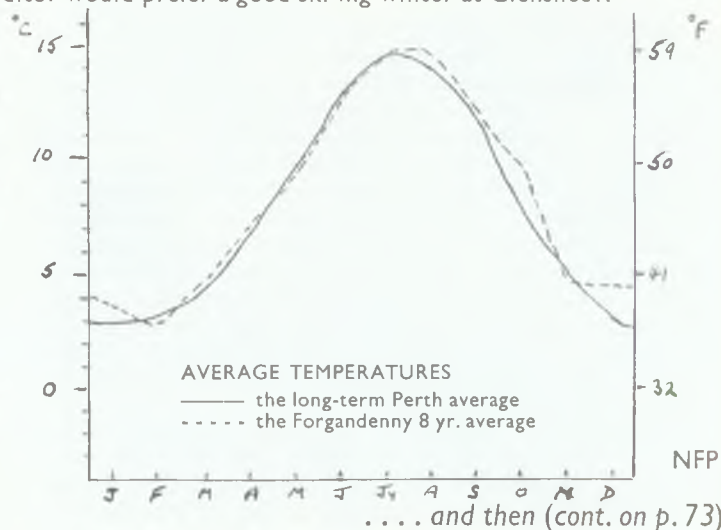
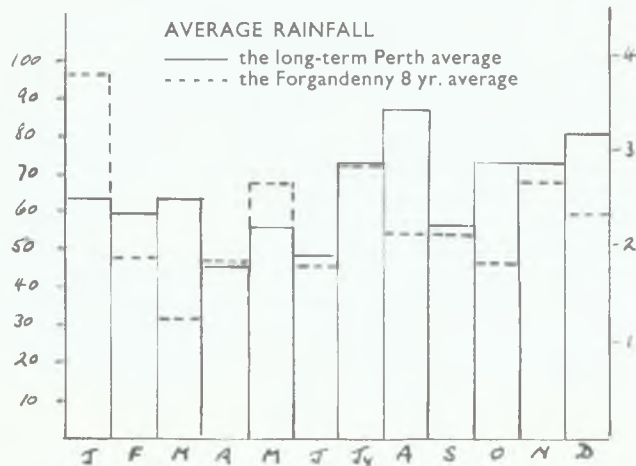
The question—you were probably wondering when I'd reach it—'what has this year been like?' will now be approached (note the inbred caution!). Surprising though it may seem, but up to the end of June our rainfall this year was equal to the average of 330mm (± 13 inches). From then, July gave us half our average ration of 3 inches, while August 'should' (that's history for you) give us 86mm (3.4") of which we have so far received 7mm (and that's reality for you). That puts us in the region of 4 inches (101mm) below average over the calendar year to date (August 26th). Not so much as perhaps you thought?

Now to return to geography. Dryness is also affected by temperature, and herein lies much of the problem. Apart from March, each month this year has been above the average, and those of the spring and summer have been considerably above the normal when evaporation will have been very active. So after all, this statistician has to admit that the year has been dry. However, all of us in most of Scotland should be thankful for the ration of rainfall in May—my vegetables are superb(!) and could it even be that Scottish farmers (are there some among our readers?) may even be admitting some satisfaction?

To delve deeper, and perhaps to be a little more serious, during the 8 full years of recording—
1 year (1974) gave us 1 inch above the average of 31" 2 years (1968 and 1970) gave us the average
but the other 5 years were all dry, very much so:

1969—3 inches down 1971—over 4 inches down 1972—5 inches down 1973—11 inches down 1975—7 inches down
Thus, over the last 8 full years to the end of 1975, we are lacking over 29 inches of rainfall—virtually 1 year's normal expectancy. Clearly, water tables must be affected by this, and all the time we become thirstier—industry, car washing, home uses, population are all increasing. And (dare I suggest it?) farmers are increasing yields which must be utilising more groundwater.

So—I vote for a wet summer next year—but perhaps our Editor would prefer a good ski-ing winter at Glenshee!!



SALVETE

September 1975

Lower Sixth—Cunningham, R. A. (N); Lothian, C. J. K. (L); Mulroney, P. C. (N); Parker, N. J. C. (N).

IV—Grant, C. W. G. (N); Usherwood, D. J. (S).

III—Agnew, M. (S); Allingham, W. G. de-G. (L); Baxter, W. A. G. (L); Bissett, A. M. A. (F); Cook, M. D. (S); Crocket, A. D. (F); Cunningham, A. J. (N); Dobbie, G. (L); Durno, G. M. (S); Eglington, R. S. J. (L); Fellowes-Prynn, P. W. (R); Fraser, J. S. (N); Genasi, P. P. (R); Grant, K. S. V. (F); Guion, H. W. G. (S); Herd, D. F. (F); Hyne, A. N. W. (F); Inglis, R. C. (R); McCallum, S. (L); McKenzie-Smith, I. G. (N); MacLeod, C. A. (S); Megson, S. M. (S); Meikle, A. J. (F); Mitchell, G. C. (F); Newlands, A. J. (S); Phillips, M. C. (R); Stewart, T. S. (L); Watson, D. J. (L).

Riley—Archer, G. M.; Biggart, A. J.; Biggart, K. L.; Brian, S. B.; Coard, T. J.; Cole, C. C.; Coull, R. I.; Crabb, J. R. M.; Craft, G. D.; Doig, R. J. S.; Eadie, G.; Harrison, C. R.; Howie, G. G. Y.; Hulme, M. J. S.; Lamont, J. C.; Lightbody, M. W.; Lindsay, J. W.; Livingston, Q. C.; Lyall, A. G.; Millar, C. J.; Montgomery, B. D.; Montgomery, G. F.; McKenzie-Smith, A. J.; McLachlan, K.; Niven, P. D.; Powrie, G. C. R.; Robson, D. A.; Semple, R. J.; Sinclair, G. F.; Smith, A. M.; Taylor, G. C.; Turnbull, W. J. C.; Woessner, A. M.; Wood, N. R.; Young, W. S. E.

January 1976

IV—Kleeman, W. A. (L); Livingston, J. M. C. (F); Stewart, P. J. M. (F).

III—Angel, A. B. H. (R); Craik, D. N. M. (N); Gillies, G. N. (L); Henderson, A. S. E. (R); Large, R. E. (R); Noble, K. T. (L); Galashan, F. (L); Shaw Stewart, H. A. (L); Spens, D. M. (F); Ward, D. P. J. (F); Wrightson, T. A. (N).

Riley—Dobbie, M. J.

April 1976

III—Boyd, G. T. (N); Cuthill, A. J. (F); Phillips, P. D. (R); Reid, D. S. (N); Turnbull, J. C. (N).

Riley—Coleman, J. A. R.

September 1976

Lower Sixth—Crone, C. A. (S); Hulme, D. G. L. (S); Kristiansen, M. (S); Robertson, I. R. (R).

IV—Baillie, C. A. J. (F); Devlin, M. R. A. (S).

III—Bargon, E. R. (S); Bowie, F. R. (S); Chalmers, J. A. (S); Clark, S. A. (S); Cracknell, C. J. (L); Cuthbertson, M. S. (N); Dajani, S. (L); Elkins, H. D. (N); Fallows, M. C. G. (L); Forbes, G. J. (F); Gandhi, S. K. (F); Grant, R. G. (F); Guthrie, G. (N); Hamilton, I. D. (F); Harbert, A. S. (S); Kirkpatrick, H. C. (S); Knox, K. W. (N); Morton, S. W. (F); McCarroll, N. J. (F); Raeside, S. D. (N); Reid, C. M. (L); Reynolds, G. W. D. (F); Robertson, G. (L); Rourke, D. J. (N); Smith, M. C. S. (F); Stewart, P. J. (R); Taylor, D. N. (S); Thomson Allan, A. (S); Thomson Angus, A. (L); Walker, D. B. (R); Watt, S. R. (R).

Riley—II—Anderson, A.; Hughes, J. T.; Roger, G.; White, R. J.

I—Abadam, K. I.; Aitken, W. F.; Bargon, C. A.; Cameron, A. D. H.; Chatwin, I. G.; Churchill, C. R.; Fairbairn, J. N.; Fairweather, G. J.; Forsyth, R. J. A.; Guthrie, B.; Hamilton, S. J.; Hamilton, W. M.; Kane, D. M.; Kilpatrick, R. W. N.; Laurie, A. J.; McCausland, G. C. E.; McIntyre, J. A. A.; McLellan, D. C.; Phillip, F. J.; Rankine, D. M.; Smith, D. M.; Smith, F. D.; Stevenson, S. A.; Waller, B. D.; Wood, A. E. J.

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Head of Ruthven	D. G. Inglis
Head of Simpson	G. J. F. Crowe
School Prefects	A. R. Cochrane (left December '75)
	S. J. Newing
	R. F. Wilson
	A. W. B. Magill

CHAPEL NOTES

The following were confirmed as members of the Episcopal Church by the Right Reverend the Bishop of St. Andrews on 7 March 1976:

C. J. K. Crawford, T. R. Fellowes-Pryne, A. J. H. Locke, W. M. McGregor, R. A. Smith, D. M. S. Stewart and R. T. Waterbury.

The following were confirmed as members of the Church of Scotland on 14 March 1976:

A. W. Barr, F. S. Benzies, A. T. D. Brewster, J. M. Dove, M. A. O. Dun, H. J. M. Footitt, R. G. Galloway, G. A. M. Gerrard, J. M. Hunter, A. O. Inglis, S. B. Knox, R. H. Lester, I. C. McGregor, K. W. Macmillan, D. S. Muir, D. R. Newton, A. G. Norval, I. G. Ogilvie, A. B. Peddie, R. J. L. Pringle, G. D. Robb, D. Sim, D. A. Smellie, D. M. Stewart, J. M. Waldie and R. A. R. Whyte.

Communion Services, three Episcopal and one Church of Scotland each term, were well attended.

The following preached in the Chapel:

The Right Rev. Michael Hare-Duke (Bishop of St. Andrews), the Very Rev. Thurstan Irvine (St. John's Episcopal, Perth), the Rev. William Anderson and the Rev. Stewart Lamont (BBC Religious Broadcasting Department), the Rev. George Hall, the Rev. Andrew Dauntton-Fear, the Rev. Robin Salter and the Rev. Robert Giannini (St. Mary's College, St. Andrews), the Rev. John Briggs and the Rev. Richard Gorrie (Scripture Union), the Rev. George Buchanan-Smith and Mr A. Chenivix-Trench (Fettes), the Rev. John Venus (Glenalmond), the Rev. Iain Miller (Madderty), the Rev. Uist Macdonald (Aberdalgie), the Rev. Finlay Macdonald (Menstrie), the Rev. Stewart Sharp (Forgandenny), the Rev. Brother John Derek (Society of St. Francis), Major D. Mackenzie (Save the Children Fund), Major Bruce Macmanaway (Strathmiglo), Mr Christopher Seaman (BBC Scottish Orchestra), Mr T. C. Allerton (Cargilfield), Mr R. A. L. Burnet, the Headmaster and the Chaplain.

Singing in Chapel goes from strength to strength, and reached a splendid climax with a recording of a Sunday Half Hour for the BBC. The combination of wild hilarity at the rehearsal with tremendous singing and impeccable discipline at the actual recording seemed something new in the experience of the BBC team. It was Strath at its best. The BBC also recorded a Word for Living programme at which the Choir on their own sang equally impressively.

Our thanks are due to Dean Thurstan Irvine for conducting the Episcopal Communion services and for preparing Episcopal candidates for confirmation; to Mr Richard Gorrie for his regular visits to the Scripture Union; and to Mrs Burnet and her helpers for arranging the Chapel flowers so admirably throughout the year.

WNM

STAFF NOTES

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mr and Mrs Comins; we are sorry to lose them and send them on their way with best wishes.

Mr Comins is replaced in the Mathematics Department by Mr K. R. Hosking who has come over to this country for a year from Australia. He is familiar with the G.C.E. examinations, having previously taught at Wycliffe College.

Mrs Pope is joining us on a part time basis and will be attached to the Modern Languages Department which is losing Mr Kay who, after being at Strathallan for three years, has decided to go back to school himself, and we wish him all good fortune.

Mr K. Glimm needs no introduction for he was at Strathallan from 1969 to 1973 and is now coming back to us from Perth Technical College. We are very pleased to welcome him and his wife and family back into the fold.

It is always sad to say good-bye to those amongst us who, through length of devoted service and the warmth of their personalities, their wise guidance and good humour, are more than colleagues and have become friends of the community. This year we say good-bye to two such people: you can read about Kay Warren under the Riley House notes for it was in Riley that she undoubtedly made her enormous contribution to the School. We are fortunate in securing Mrs Rankine as her successor.

Mr and Mrs Cowie came to Strathallan after Bob's retirement from a very successful career with the Clydesdale Bank, and he has kept meticulous watch over the School finances during the past ten years. A School Bursar is never going to please everyone but Bob with his kind and, if necessary, firm handling of us all has come to as near perfection as possible. We are grateful for his help and pleased to know that he and May are staying within easy reach of the School; we really are saying au revoir and not adieu.

From over one hundred applicants the Governors were pleased to appoint Wing Commander T. B. McCaskie, O.B.E., as successor to Bob Cowie and we welcome him and his family into the School.



W. T. PATON

W. T. Paton, an old boy of the School, was elected to the Board of Governors in February 1967 and appointed as Chairman in February 1974.

The Chairman of a Board of Governors is to most people who are immediately involved in the day to day life of the School, a remote figure. He appears on High Days and Feast Days; rarely he may stop and talk to a boy and occasionally he will chat with members of staff. His main contact with the School is through his fellow Governors and the Headmaster.

As events have all too sadly turned out, this for many Strathallians, and particularly the younger ones, can only be the picture that they have of the late Chairman, W. T. Paton, for almost simultaneously with assuming his office,

he was overtaken by illness and died on the 10th February of this year. It is Strathallan's great loss that the School was never allowed the opportunity of benefitting fully from the many qualities which enabled Bill Paton to rise to the rank of Lt.-Colonel in the Royal Scots Fusiliers during World War II, to be a successful Managing Director of the family building firm, to serve as Secretary, Treasurer and President of Ayr Rugby Club, to be President of the Ayr Rotary Club, to act as a tribunal member of the Department of Health and Social Security, to be the first Scotsman to be elected as President of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, and to serve on numerous Government Committees connected with the building industry. His qualities of effective leadership in modern industry were recognised in the citation given at the investiture of his C.B.E. which was awarded in the 1974-75 New Year Honours, part of which reads:

'Mr Paton earned the respect of all sections of industry, and with his leadership, tact and good humour, took the industry and the Federation itself successfully through some of the most difficult and controversial decisions that had to be confronted during recent years.'

The School was bound to gain from such experience and had Bill Paton lived to see through his term of office in good health, many more of its members would have enjoyed the privilege of contact with a man who had a multitude of interests; he enjoyed boats, fishing, paintings, music, opera, ballet, antiques, wine and good food, and particularly his garden.

His interests were more than just pursuits for he had a deep sensitivity and a genuine concern for humanity, as is borne out by the many tributes paid to him at the time of his death:

'Bill Paton was indefatigable, notwithstanding his gentleness. He brought integrity and dedication to everything he touched and thus was an inspiration to all.'

'He was a vast influence for good on everyone he met. He was so honest, so selfless, so good that men were immediately caught up in his spell.'

'He enjoyed above all things peaceful pursuits.'

What more is there to say—what more need be said of any man?

As we at Strathallan pay tribute to Bill Paton, we recognise that we hold no monopoly over this most able and loyalist of men and we extend to all others, and particularly his wife and family, our deepest sympathy at their loss in his untimely death.



FREELAND

Clippings from

The past year has been nothing if not eventful. It began with a new Headmaster, was rudely interrupted by a major 'flu epidemic and finished with the prospect of considerable change in the House system. Despite this, life has gone on very much as normal for most of the year. Several House competitions were, of course, lost in the Spring Term, but this was not always a disadvantage as often instead of one winner there were five, with each House surviving in the secure confidence that their pipe-dreams would never be put to the test!

There are no prizes for coming second is one of the older sporting platitudes, yet runners-up in hockey and rugger leagues (both teams being admirably led by H. W. R. Steedman), 2nd only to Leburn in the swimming (mainly due to the noble efforts of C. S. Russell and J. Cuthill)—a mere 3 points separating the teams at the finish, a place in the final of the aborted junior House rugger, defeat in the semi-final of the hockey by two long corners, all reflect a laudable consistency well above average. But of course there were some cups too: the junior squash team, of whom four were members of the School Senior V, won yet again, this time without conceding a game. The tennis cup returned again after an absence of one year, following another absorbing final with Leburn. The Captain, K. W. Macmillan, was runner-up in the School tournament. W. D. Gibson won the golf stroke play cup, C. R. M. Smith, the shooting and finally A. W. Ferguson, the junior squash. On the academic front G. A. M. Gerrard won the History Essay Prize and E. M. Grant the Distinction Prize. But no individual achievement gave more pleasure than A. R. Cochrane's award of a place at Magdalene, Cambridge. If ever there was a fitting reward for hard work and application, this was it.

What else has happened this year? The Social Services,

ever a Freeland concern, are as strongly supported as ever and the House seems to have a majority interest in the voluntary (yes, voluntary!) C.C.F. camps to places as far afield as Malta, Germany and Arran. M. T. Manson has become a golfcourse architect and succeeds in finding many willing(!) helpers to dig their own graves around the pond. There is also a more flourishing interest in the choir and orchestra than for some time, whilst in the House itself vast numbers turn out to play in various internal competitions. All this one feels reflects a healthy and, I hope, happy atmosphere in the House. If this is so, much of it is due to the tireless work of the Prefects and their respective Heads of House, Alec Cochrane and Michael Kirk. To them and other leavers our thanks and all good wishes for the future.

For those of us returning next term, it is pastures, or to be more precise, floorboards new upstairs. Whether we can survive without that superb smell of damp concrete, only time will tell!

HEADS OF HOUSE : A. R. Cochrane, M. D. Kirk

PREFECTS: R. J. H. Wilson, C. S. Russell, H. W. R. Steedman,
R. M. Garside, M. F. Eastwood, M. T. Manson.

CAPTAINS OF SPORT AND ACTIVITIES:

Rugby:	R. J. H. Wilson	Music:	H. W. R. Steedman
Hockey:	M. D. Kirk	Squash:	A. W. Ferguson
Cricket:	D. Sim	Cross Country:	P. A. C. Cameron
Athletics:	P. A. C. Cameron	Swimming:	C. S. Russell
Boxing:	C. S. Russell	Tennis:	K. W. Macmillan
Ski-ing:	M. D. Kirk	Shooting:	C. R. M. Smith
Golf:	W. D. Gibson	Sailing:	R. J. L. Pringle

HOUSE COLOURS: M. D. Kirk, P. A. C. Cameron, M. F. Eastwood,
C. S. Russell, J. Cuthill.

M.B.

the Old Block



SIMPSON

The year ended well for the House, with Hugh Footit collecting the Victor Ludorum on Sports Day, the sprinters winning the final relay, the sailors gaining a half share in the trophy, and Kyle Peddie ensuring that the Smith Cup remained in Simpson and also being appointed Captain of Rugby for the coming term. What better final week could one wish for?

Members of Simpson, knowing my addiction to the *Guardian*, will by now have decided that the habit of that journal of transposing paragraphs has proved infectious, and that the foregoing should really be the end of these notes. Not so. For those who think it curious that I should start at the end, I would merely say that it has been a curious year—how else could we retain the Junior Rugger Cup despite losing all our matches, and fail to win the Senior one, for which we were the hottest favourites for years, despite being unbeaten in the competition? Why have we still got the cross-country cup, and why did Gavin Crowe's band of musicians not even have the chance to display their talents in competition? All solutions to the San, please.

However there were some less strange times in which normal life continued. Speech Day saw Gavin Crowe, John Waldie and Guy Kinder obtaining just rewards for their work, and at the end of term David Usherwood and Iain Brabbs got form prizes. Gavin Crowe, Ross Ferguson, Alex Brewster and Hugh Footit all captained School first teams, and the House was well represented at all levels on the sports field. Those less athletically inclined found less athletic pursuits to follow; I think it fair to say that everyone made some contribution to the life of House or School and that no-one had the chance to complain that he was bored.

The biggest talking-point of the first term was undoubtedly

who was going to move into the new blocks—while some were disappointed when the decision finally came, I felt there was an almost audible sigh of relief from some members of the House whose plans for the future had not included a Housemaster on the doorstep! However, everyone looks forward to the greater space available in the old block, although I hate to think what the reaction of some old members of the House will be to the news that some fourth formers will be in studies.

The past is easy to chronicle—what of the future? Even Housemasters have difficulty in foreseeing that—sufficient to say that by the time the House Captain distributes this edition of the *Strathallian* (after prep, please, not just before!) there will be sixteen new members of Simpson. I hope that the leavers will take note of the fact that it has been found necessary to replace each of them by one and a half new boys—the leavers can decide whether this is to produce an equivalent number of misdemeanours or useful contributions. To those who have departed go my thanks for the parts they have played in their years in the House and best wishes for the future; to those arriving a word of welcome and the hope of a happy and productive time in Simpson.

HEAD OF HOUSE : G. J. F. Crowe

PREFECTS : D. L. Hinshaw
P. J. Holland
I. C. McGregor
K. A. D. Peddie
R. D. G. Powrie
J. M. Waldie

HOUSE COLOURS AWARDED TO : K. A. D. Peddie
R. D. G. Powrie

A.M.P.

RUTHVEN

Sitting down to write this, surrounded by the paraphernalia of removal, looking ahead to life in the new premises, I find it difficult to think back over the past year. Let me see:

R.N.J. said farewell to the Music Room and took his trains to the Junior Dorm area. We won the Senior and Junior Rugger Leagues. Wilson was honoured by the R.A.F. Magill and Park learnt the difference between B.S.T. and G.M.T. We won the Hockey Leagues and the Shooting. Hay played hockey for the Scottish Schoolboys. We came within a touch of the Swimming Cup. Wilson moved the school beds in all directions and back again. We won the Senior Squash. P. Fellowes was defenestrated during Prayers; fortunately W. Prynne wasn't. Fairley was Junior Victor Ludorum. D. G. Inglis was a splendid Head of House and everyone had a haircut. We won the Rowan Cup for Standards. (Can we keep it now?). Park won the Economics Prize; Magill the Geography. (He *must* know about G.M.T. Either that or the subject was the Kingdom of Hades). We shared the Sailing Cup. G. C. McLean won the IIIA prize, plus a Distinction prize. Gillanders, Belcher and Campbell piped and drummed with winning effect. We won the Athletic Cup. And then we went home.

Now we are all off over the pier to Rothesay. And for Head of House we've got Jupiter! Beat that!

D.A.R.W.

HEAD OF HOUSE D. G. Inglis
PREFECTS R. F. Wilson
A. W. B. Magill
D. R. M. Park
R. F. Voigt
D. M. N. Gillanders
D. T. Hay
T. J. Blaxter

CAPTAINS, etc.

Rugby	A. W. B. Magill	Ski-ing
Hockey	D. T. Hay	Shooting
Cricket	D. G. Inglis	Sailing
Athletics	R. F. Voigt	Tennis
Boxing	D. T. Hay	Golf
Swimming	B. W. Parker	Squash
Cross-Country	D. R. M. Park	Music

HOUSE COLOURS
D. G. Inglis
D. T. Hay
A. W. B. Magill
D. R. M. Park
R. F. Wilson
R. F. Voigt
D. M. N. Gillanders

D. J. MacIver
I. D. Cameron
T. J. Blaxter
R. F. Wilson
A. W. B. Magill
D. G. Inglis
D. M. N. Gillanders

NACOL

HOUSE CAPTAIN : D. A. R. Munro.
VICE CAPTAIN : S. J. Newing.
HOUSE PREFECTS : A. M. Jamieson, G. W. Mitchell,
N. J. C. Parker, A. K. Shaw.

With only two members of the U VIth and only seven in the L VIth it was obvious that this was going to be a difficult year for senior teams and competitions. Still, Munro could imitate so many other people so well that the House seemed fuller than it might have been.

As things turned out, 'flu put paid to the rugger competition, and though the juniors did excellently in the cross-country, not many complaints were heard from the seniors when their part of the competition was cancelled. We had expected to do well in the Hockey and had very good and close matches against Simpson and Freeland, and were sorry that the final against Ruthven was another 'flu casualty. The junior cricketers did well, and Knox was outstanding in Athletics beating School records again. Mulroney, Currie, Knox, Munro, Gray, Yellowlees, Ogilvie and Smellie were in School 1st teams in rugger, hockey or cricket.

No fewer than a third of the House has been in the Choir or Orchestra. Newing, quite unrecognisable as Styx in 'Orpheus in the Underworld,' gave an excellent performance, but Munro's one line as Vulcan that he was 'slaving over a hot anvil' seemed to be misheard on the School night. Elkins and McLaren were in charge of the lighting, and Shaw helped behind the stage.

The Trapping Club attracted many members from the House, but the number of rabbits does not seem greatly reduced.

Gray and Turnbull J. C. took part as the House representatives in the opening ceremony of the new buildings on Sports Day and all members of the House are looking forward to moving into the new studies and Common Room, and it is hoped that the family atmosphere will be mutually beneficial.

Mr Dutton is returning to Riley as Assistant Housemaster and we thank him very much for his three years of House Tutoring, his guided tours with New Boys and their parents at the beginning of terms, and his wise administration of the House Bank. He and Mrs Dutton have always

given us every support. We welcome Mr Glimm back, who is taking over from him.

Most members of the House are prepared to give a great deal in work and games, and are involved in every kind of School activity, and I am confidently hoping that the new surroundings will urge us all on to renewed energy, enthusiasm, co-operation, manners and, dare I say it, greater tidiness.

Currie, Gray and Knox were awarded their House Colours.

T.C.G.F.



THE OPENING OF THE NEW STUDY BLOCK

At 2.0 o'clock on Sports Day a small procession led by Pipers Gillanders and Gray, and guided by the Headmaster, left the Dining Hall and moved toward the new block.

Boys and their parents were assembled between the Dining Hall and the new building, and Mr N. Gillanders, Chairman of the Governors, addressed the company and pronounced the building formally open.

Mr Muir on behalf of Ruthven, in which House he has an interest in the shape of three sons, and Mr E. Gillanders, President of the Strathallan Club, on behalf of Nicol, accepted the building and they were led to the two Houses by Large and Turnbull, J. C., being the keybearers. Mr Muir unlocked the door to Ruthven and Mr Gillanders pretended to do the same at the Nicol block, though it was still unfinished and the door still had to be fitted! Messrs. Williams and Fairbairn accepted the keys for their respective Houses. The Ruthven block was then open to visitors.

TCGF

LEBURN

Looking back, as I recover in stages from my first year as Housemaster of Leburn, I find it difficult to assess whether the year was a good one, or just average over the whole spectrum of house life. We had our ups and downs, as one would expect, but my general impression was that the majority of the House pulled well together in the games and activities.

A comprehensive record of the year is neither desirable nor necessary, and it is my difficult task to try to select some of the highlights from a whole range of individual and team performances.

First of all from the work point of view, N. L. Gardner must take pride of place by virtue of his excellent A level results this summer—two A grades and one B—which is exactly what he needed to gain entry to Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, in 1977. Well done Neil. He also gained an R.A.F. Flying Scholarship last November, so his final year here has been a most successful one. J. G. Leishman too did well in the A levels and will be starting at Glasgow University in October. Away from the academic front, K. W. Willox, our outstanding swimmer, won the Tayport to Broughty Ferry swim in September and with it a most handsome trophy dating back to goodness knows when. R. I. Whitaker, who captained both the 1st XV and 1st XI cricket, as well as playing in the 1st XI hockey, deservedly won the Campbell Award. D. R. Newton never actually won anything as I recall but made substantial contributions in many fields of activity, and is included in the 'honours' list for this reason.

At the junior end-of-the-House, I. L. Johnson was awarded a Music Scholarship and immediately started negotiations to drop physics and take music O level instead! J. B. McDougall clinched the 4A form prize twice during the year and S. McCallum the 3C prize at Christmas, and was promptly promoted.

Our teams acquitted themselves pretty well in the House competitions throughout the year, and it was disappointing that the 'flu epidemic restricted the programme. Our music was again strong and well organised, and we felt we could have won the cup for the second year in succession—our computer also predicted a boxing win! However it was exciting to win the swimming cup for the first time ever in a nail-biting finish and the juniors did very well to claim the cricket cup. Second place in both athletics cups was good, but it was disappointing to find that some juniors did not even manage one standard, which is not exactly helping the cause. Surely everyone is capable of reaching one standard! D. J. Headrick did well to win the middle Victor Ludorum on Sports Day, but he was pushed the whole way by R. G. Galloway. We were runners-up in the shooting, tennis and squash competitions, lacking a little in depth in all, but A. B. Caithness captured the individual tennis cup.

Or musicians (where would the orchestra be without them?) worked very hard in the successful 'Orpheus' production and McPhail's Ironside appearances were always greeted with enthusiastic applause! F. G. Macadam, next near's Head of House, deserves a special mention at this point for winning the Grandison Music Prize on Speech Day.

Finally, I am very grateful to Iain Whitaker for all his assistance in helping to run the House, and to all the House Prefects who tried hard to keep me right during my first year. We wish all the leavers success in the future and hope that they will keep in touch.

H.C.A.

HEAD OF HOUSE : R. I. Whitaker.

PREFECTS : R. A. McPherson, D. R. Newton, K. W. Willox, R. K. Linton,
J. G. Leishman, N. L. Gardner, F. G. Macadam.

CAPTAINS OF SPORT AND ACTIVITIES

Rugby, Hockey and Cricket	: R. I. Whitaker.
Athletics and Cross-Country	: J. G. Leishman.
Squash and Golf	: P. A. Hill.
Music, Ski-ing and Sailing	: D. R. Newton.
Swimming	: K. W. Willox.
Tennis	: A. B. Caithness.
Shooting	: A. T. Henderson.
Boxing	: C. J. Wallace and C. J. Schneeberger.

HOUSE COLOURS : C. J. Wallace, D. R. Newton, K. W. Willox, F. G. Macadam.

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RILEY CORNER



This has been a year of considerable change in Riley House. At the beginning of the year, we bade a sad farewell to Mr Hewson after so many years of tolerant toil, and at the end an equally sad farewell to Miss Warren, one of the most loyal servants any school could wish to have. The number of boys has also increased, and this has forced a number of changes in accommodation and use of facilities. All told, Riley in September 1976 bears a very different appearance from that of Riley in July 1975.

It is not really possible for somebody who has not been a member of Riley House in some capacity or other to appreciate fully the dedicated hard work that has been the contribution of Mr Hewson over the years. It is true to say that the Housemaster can never be completely off duty during term—and yet throughout the long and often arduous years of his Housemastership Mr Hewson has not only shown great stamina but has also displayed an intuitive understanding of small boys and tolerance, wisdom and, where necessary, firmness in dealing with their problems and weaknesses. It has been all too easy to take over a house where the organisation was so good. It was distressing to have to live through the weeks of his illness, but very pleasing to see him gradually come back to his old self again and even be seen in his proper place again—out in the middle taking cricket on the Paddock which he has loved so much.

Loved—this is a word which comes easily when one thinks of Miss Warren, for she has certainly been loved, both at Fettes, where I first knew her, and in her ten years at Riley. Dedication and hard work have been her watchwords, too, and there can be very few Riley boys who have not felt themselves considerably helped by a kind or helpful word in season. We have been fortunate indeed to have had as a Matron a lady who has combined medical knowledge, considerable organisational ability and, above all, a deep and shrewd knowledge of human nature—and, as the icing on a luscious cake, a really delicious sense of humour.

Miss Warren's successor is Mrs Rankine from Perth, who has two boys in the school and who also has medical

experience behind her. We consider ourselves very fortunate indeed to have such an able successor. There have been other personnel changes on the Riley staff too—Mr Kay has departed for other climes and Mr Swain found that being a Riley tutor was an excellent prelude to marriage, as so many have found before him, and has left us with all our good wishes for married bliss. We were delighted that Nigel Pennie was able to assist us in the summer term and do a stirring job with the athletics, and we are even more so that he will be staying a little longer and coaching the rugby.

Riley teams have had their traditional results on the sports field—a poor rugby season followed by a successful cricket one. We have not had good rugby seasons for a year or two now, and former members of the House who may be muttering and wondering why may be interested to know that virtually all Riley boys now go straight into the Senior School after 2nd Form, and so we no longer have a hard core of eight to twelve 3rd year Riley boys who used to form the nucleus of more successful sides of the past. In addition, we have very few boys coming into Riley at eleven with any rugby-playing experience, and sometimes they are pitched into the battle after only a few weeks at the game against Prep. schools who start the game at nine. This year we had hoped to do better, with some big and powerful boys in the House to form a useful pack of forwards. They did well enough against the smaller sides early in the season but when it came to playing schools of the same size or larger later on, their experience was all too obvious. The situation in cricket has been a great deal better because we have had great luck in inheriting fine cricketers from other schools over the years. The Prep. schools generally have a much less professional approach to cricket than they do to rugby, and Mr Hewson's enthusiasm and coaching know-how have been an invaluable contribution. This year we inherited four boys from Prep. school 1st XI's and they were the backbone of a side which was slightly less good than average.

Because of the increase in numbers from 56 to 62, bunk beds have been introduced. At first we had them all in one

dormitory (Hamilton House) but this proved much too crowded and they were subsequently dispersed to all corners. The old tutor's room between Drumfinn and Islay has undergone a big transformation, for it has become the new Riley library, complete with comfortable chairs and settee. It also contains, probably temporarily, a snooker-cum-dining table kindly donated to the House by Mr and Mrs Waller. Snooker has become an all too popular pastime for winter evenings . . . the boys seem to enjoy it too. The old library by the common room has become a modelling-room and thus eased the congestion in the Common Room—which can still be noisy enough when television vies with table tennis for pride of place. 62 boys cannot possibly be entertained with cricket every summer afternoon, and some boys have enjoyed themselves assisting the trapper trap those infernal rabbits, while others or, more often, the same ones, have been happily, busily and filthily employed in clearing Coven Trees Pond—the idea being eventually to stock it with fish as the 'Riley Fishing Area.' We shall be lucky to see such as Christopher Cole next year!

The House has had a fairly good year on the artistic side, with our usual quota of members of the choir and orchestra doing us proud, as always. A large number of boys participated in 'Orpheus' with Andrew Mackenzie-Smith (Venus) and Greg. Powrie (Cupid) doing particularly well, the latter stealing the show in some scenes. Kingsley Wood sang beautifully in the Carol Service, but his voice didn't quite have the staying-power for him to repeat the success in 'Orpheus.' Several Riley portraits have adorned various walls at various times, with Martin Lightbody's fine 'Horse' probably the pick of the bunch. Riley boys certainly shouldn't be able to complain for lack of variety in the activities they pursue.

I would certainly not complain about the activities they pursue, for I feel very lucky indeed to have started as Housemaster with such a pleasant and helpful bunch of boys. Yes, they can be maddening at times, and they could certainly be tidier and cleaner, but for their goodwill to us and good intentions for themselves, they have, on the whole, proved praiseworthy. Martin Gray ended the year as a most capable Head of House, and the other Dorm. Heads supported him well. If the next batch of Riley boys proves as pleasant as the last two or three years', the House has no excuse for not thriving.

M.J.E.W.

RILEY GAMES RESULTS

RUGBY

v. Hurst Grange	lost	0	10
v. Fettes College Juniors	won	16	4
v. Belmont House	lost	6	16
v. Ardvreck	lost	0	50
v. Clifton Hall	lost	0	36
Record: Played 5 Won 1 Drawn 0 Lost 4			
Points for 22 against 116			

HOCKEY

v. Clifton Hall	lost	0	10
v. Fettes College Juniors	lost	0	1
v. Craigflower	won	2	1

CRICKET

18th May at New Park	RILEY 115 for 3 declared (J. A. R. Coleman 36 n.o.)
Won by 90 runs	NEW PARK 25 (J. A. R. Coleman 7 for 7)
22nd May at home	LATHALLAN 88
Lost by 45 runs	RILEY 43
19th June at Craigflower	RILEY 61
Won by 38 runs	CRAIGFLOWER 23 (J. A. R. Coleman 5 for 7)
29th June at home	RILEY 80
Match drawn	CROFTINLOAN 30 for 8
6th July at Ardvreck	RILEY 86
Won by 28 runs	ARDVRECK 58
Record: Played 5 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 1	

ATHLETICS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Time/Distance
100m	Muir	McPherson	Dawson	13.7 (record)
200m	Gray	Muir	McPherson	29.4
400m	Dawson	McPherson	Graham	66.5
800m	Dawson	Reid	Graham	2m 35.2 (record)
High Jump	Dunbar	Dawson	Doig	1.32m
Long Jump	Gray	Graham	McDonald	4.40m
4x100m	Drumfinn	Glencoe	Big Dorm.	56.8 (record)
Relay				

Victor Ludorum: K. C. Dawson.

COLOURS

I have been asked to point out, to those who do not know, that the 'Colours System' has been modified, so that colours are not automatically given to all members of a side, although this may be the case depending upon individual circumstances.

Under the present system, which has been in operation since rugby colours were awarded this season, full colours will only be awarded to those who have made a major contribution or are obviously outstanding in that particular sport.

This modification was agreed to unanimously by house representatives, sports captains and masters-in-charge of the major sports and has also been approved by the Headmaster.

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rugby

This year's Captain, Iain Whitaker, was the only surviving member of the previous year's XV and this inevitably meant that the side would be lacking in both age and experience. Once the right blend was found and a certain amount of rugby maturity was gained by hard experience the results were favourable but this was only after a very traumatic half term. The side was, however, unable to maintain any real consistency because of the number of unfortunate injuries and in all there were 27 boys who had played for the 1st XV by Christmas.

The opening match was against Panmure with the following team:

R. D. G. Powrie, D. L. Hinshaw, P. J. Holland, P. C. Mulroney, G. B. McDonald, D. T. Hay, R. I. Whitaker, J. Currie, K. A. D. Peddie, N. C. St.J. Yates, D. G. Inglis, D. M. N. Gillanders, A. T. D. Brewster, S. B. Knox, R. J. H. Wilson.

The result was somewhat misleading but showed that the backs were unable to create and exploit openings and to convert territorial advantage into points. As a result we were rather lucky to escape with a draw thanks to a penalty by Whitaker.

For the Perth Academy match, Russell replaced Holland and Park's fitness was to be tested at loose-head prop; Finlayson also replaced Brewster. The pack totally dominated right from the start and produced an enormous amount of first and second phase possession but with Perth Academy playing well defensively, combined with our inability to break through conclusively, what should have been a foregone conclusion after the first twenty minutes became more and more frustrating until Whitaker came to the rescue with two well-taken penalties and Knox with a try.

The Old Strathallian match proved to be almost a repeat performance. With Wallace moving in to tight-head prop, having recovered from a pre-season injury, to join Peddie and Park this was to be the strongest front row. Currie had proved himself already to be a very good forward and he now moved into the second row. Once again the forwards played well, particularly in the first half but having failed to score the points the Old Boys, paradoxically, came more into their own in the second half and the match was lost. Knox, who had a very good game, gave the School the only score with a penalty.

Having beaten Fettes in the last two matches and very convincingly last season, we seemed less concerned to achieve the hat-trick than they were to make sure that this would not be three-in-a-row. We were out-played in all departments and only three penalty goals, two by Knox and one by Whitaker, kept the score reasonably close. Not only was the result disappointing but we were to lose Peddie for the remainder of the season and Whitaker, who had got caught a little too often over the off-side line, for three matches.

It was, therefore, with a sense of foreboding that the XV approached a very strong and experienced Edinburgh Academy side. Pearson took over at scrum-half and Holland returned after injury to the centre. Another pre-season injury had healed and Cameron replaced Finlayson in the back-row. Playing against a side which was to have five or six representing Scottish Schoolboys it was most encouraging to see the score-line at half-time (0-3). The experience of the opposition pack showed in the second half and with some strong and determined running from their backs the final score was soon reached. There were no excuses after this result but the first half, in particular, did illustrate what

could be achieved and mentally prepared the side well for the Glenalmond match.

Once again there were some enforced changes due to injuries: Russell replaced McDonald on the wing and Magill replaced Wilson in the back row. The other change was more tactical and was aimed at trying to make more use of the ball supplied in ample measure by the forwards in earlier matches. This involved promoting McPherson who took over from Hay at fly-half and held the position for the remainder of the School games. Previous misfortunes were put to one side as the XV had one of its finest performances. The pack played with tremendous determination and dominated their opposite numbers. Pearson hounded the opposing scrum-half when Glenalmond did get the ball and McPherson made sure that territorial domination was almost total. Powrie, who had taken over as Captain in the previous game played with great confidence and the pack was encouraged, driven and cajoled to even greater things by Park. However, some very desperate defensive work and a well-taken break-away try was to rob the School of a well-deserved victory—'the greatest crime since the Great Train Robbery?'

After a very promising start against Loretto it was disappointing for all involved that a draw was the final result and even more so when Knox had to leave the field with a hand injury. Not only did he miss the Merchiston match but also his chance of playing in a President's XV against the Southern Schools; those who played were: Powrie, Mulroney, Whitaker and Inglis. For the Merchiston match Wilson and Whitaker returned to their respective positions and it looked as if sound victory was certain when Whitaker converted a penalty to make the score 10-0 just after half-time. Some very good and purposeful running by the backs had brought a try for Hinshaw and should have produced at least two more. Unfortunately a very bad mistake by Powrie and some rank bad tackling made a present of six points and from that point Merchiston never looked back. A penalty to give them victory from the last kick of the game was to add a final dramatic touch.

Park was injured in the Merchiston match and did not play another School match—a sad loss, although as the official touch judge he continued to give his own brand of encouragement. The team was now beginning to wonder what they had to do to win and this was not helped by the Keil match. There were five enforced changes: McDonald replaced Hinshaw; Finlayson for Biggart, who had done such a good job since taking over from Peddie; Yates for

Park with Wilson and Knox returning to their respective positions. This was a most entertaining match and another tremendous performance by the forwards. However, only one try was scored—a very determined, individual effort by McDonald—and too many mistakes were made. Three penalties by Whitaker put the School into the lead only for victory to be snatched in the closing seconds. This was almost too much for the team and one of the forwards in the dressing room was heard to question the existence of a kindly divine presence in the world.

The most disappointing thing about the Morrison's match was the loss of Holland for the remainder of the season; he had been maturing as a centre and had been playing very well. Despite all the misfortunes there was an air of expectancy of a good weekend as we set off on the long trip to Gordonstoun; this expectancy may well have been created by the knowledge that Gordonstoun was co-educational and was certainly increased when it was found that a disco was organised for that night. It was not surprising, therefore, that the team's performance was somewhat sluggish in the first half. Fortunately things improved and tries were scored by Wallace and Whitaker; the latter also got one penalty and converted one of the tries and the scoring was completed with a drop-goal from McPherson. There was much jubilation after the match and a reluctance to leave.

Once again the backs had not made the most of the opportunities and as a result Crowe was promoted: he had been captaining the 2nd XV and learning the trade as a



centre. His purposeful running and unselfish play was to make a big difference. Cuthill, a very strong and determined wing had also earned promotion. We did not really deserve to win the Dollar match but fortune was on our side and guided superbly by the boot of Whitaker who converted five out of five penalties.

This was the first time the School had played Rannoch at 1st XV level and it was to be our biggest victory of the season. This was a much better all round performance with some positive running from the backs and good support play from the forwards. As a result Crowe scored two tries, Knox, Magill, Wallace one try each and Cuthill one try and a conversion. Morale, which had never been a problem in spite of the disappointments, was now tremendous at just the right time to face a Kelvinside team which had only lost one match. An unchanged side played with great skill and determination and in a very tight match a try by Powrie and a penalty by Cuthill was sufficient to give the School a well-deserved victory. This was undoubtedly one of their best performances.

From the sublime to the ridiculous! Because of the bad timing of the Glasgow Academy match due to an early end of term the team had to be changed and the Social Services for once did a disservice to the XV. Some 0-0 draws can be enthralling—this was definitely not!

The Easter term began with a very encouraging victory against West of Scotland Colts and the anticipation of a half-term tour to Liverpool and the Isle of Man. Unfortunately due to bad weather and the 'flu epidemic no more rugby was played, the House matches had to be cancelled as was the tour.

Whereas the change in age groups seems to have benefited our junior teams it has weakened the sides below the first game. This situation was not helped because it coincided with a small Upper VIth. Despite this the 2nd XV had a very good season losing only to Edinburgh Academy. The Senior Colts after a rather poor start improved markedly and ended with a satisfactory set of results. The Minor Colts, playing with great determination and skill, had their best season. However, the honours must go to the Junior Colts who won all their games. This was a strong side with a formidable pack and ably led by A. W. Ferguson from the fly-half position. This season's performances by the junior sides is most encouraging for the future.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the coaches who give so much time and effort to make the game so successful in the School as a whole. Thanks also to all those behind the

scenes and especially Mrs Plizka who make sure the essentials and extras are provided. This column is also the place where a thank-you, on behalf of rugby in its widest sense, should be given to Frank McNamara for his long and devoted work for the game in the School.

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1st XV (School matches)

Perth Academy	Won	10	0
Fettes College	Lost	9	19
Edinburgh Academy	Lost	0	30
Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	4	6
Loretto School	Drawn	6	6
Merchiston Castle School	Lost	10	12
Keil School	Lost	13	16
Morrison's Academy	Lost	3	7
Gordonstoun School	Won	16	6
Dollar Academy	Won	15	14
Rannoch School	Won	26	6
Kelvinside Academy	Won	7	4
Glasgow Academy	Drawn	0	0

1st XV (Club matches)

Panmure	Drawn	3	3
Old Strathallians	Lost	3	10
West of Scotland Colts	Won	12	0

Schools: Played 13, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 6, Points for 119, Points against 126.

All Matches: Played 16, Won 6, Drawn 3, Lost 7, Points for 137, Points against 139.

2nd XV

Fettes College	Drawn	4	4
Trinity College, Glenalmond	Won	22	10
Edinburgh Academy	Lost	8	16
Loretto School	Won	16	6
Merchiston Castle School	Won	8	4
Rannoch School	Won	9	0
Morrison's Academy	Won	22	4
Dundee High School	Won	51	4
Kelvinside Academy	Won	24	0
Glasgow Academy	Drawn	10	10

Played 10, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 1, Points for 174, Points against 58.

3rd XV

Edinburgh Academy 4th XV	Lost	0	4
Perth Academy 2nd XV	Won	47	0
Glasgow Academy	Won	6	3
Queen Victoria School	Lost	3	7
Fettes College	Lost	3	16
Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	6	8
Loretto School	Won	10	8
Merchiston Castle School	Won	6	4
Rannoch School	Won	26	0
Dollar Academy	Lost	4	8

Played 10, Won 5, Lost 5, Points for 111, Points against 58.

4th XV

Edinburgh Academy 5th XV	Lost	15	18
Fettes College	Lost	0	38
Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	0	28
Loretto School	Lost	3	23
Dollar Academy	Lost	10	16
Kelvinside Academy	Won	28	0
Played 6, Won 1, Lost 5, Points for 56, Points against 123.			

5th XV

Loretto School	Won	15	3
Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	0	38

6th XV

Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	4	44
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Senior Colts XV

Edinburgh Academy	Lost	0	10
Perth Academy	Drawn	4	4
Fettes College	Lost	0	60
Loretto School	Won	24	4
Merchiston Castle School	Drawn	10	10
Keil School	Won	19	0
Gordonstoun School	Won	19	15
Dollar Academy	Won	12	8
Kelvinside Academy	Won	28	6
Played 9, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 2, Points for 116, Points against 117.			

Junior Colts XV

Edinburgh Academy	Won	8	4
Perth Academy	Won	24	8
Glasgow Academy	Won	11	4
Queen Victoria School	Won	24	6
Morrison's Academy	Won	19	10
Fettes College	Won	10	3
Loretto School	Won	24	0
Merchiston Castle School	Won	8	6
Rannoch School	Won	17	14
Dundee High School	Won	29	0
Dollar Academy	Won	25	0
Kelvinside Academy	Won	46	0
Played 12, Won 12, Points for 245, Points against 55.			

Minor Colts XV

Edinburgh Academy	Won	13	4
Perth Academy	Won	66	6
Morrison's Academy	Won	13	0
Fettes College	Won	6	0
Loretto School	Won	15	3
Merchiston Castle School	Lost	0	4
Rannoch School	Won	44	0
Glasgow Academy 'A'	Won	7	4
Glasgow Academy 'B'	Won	10	6
Dollar Academy	Lost	4	6
Lathallan School	Won	36	0
Played 11, Won 9, Lost 2, Points for 214, Points against 33.			

CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: H. J. M. Foottit.

Vice-Captain: D. R. M. Park.

The Cross-Country Team maintained the standard of previous years. The Middle team ran well and won all but one match. Junior teams ran whenever possible.

26th February: v. Perth Academy v. Perth High (H)

Perth High could not supply a complete senior team. Lamb broke the School record by 36.5 seconds.

	Senior	Middle	Junior
Strathallan	23	17	37
Perth High		35	19
Perth Academy	33	28	24

Strathallan was the overall winner.

2nd March: v. Rannoch (H)

Rannoch fielded very good teams once again. Although we won the Middle, we just failed to win the Senior race. Lamb beat his own record by a further five seconds with Foottit, Parker and Gardner also running well.

	Senior	Middle	Junior
Rannoch	18	23	12
Strathallan	20	15	27

Rannoch was the overall winner.

6th March: v. Craigmount v. Kirkcaldy High (H)

Craigmount and Kirkcaldy did not have teams in all age groups but they did supply some very good individual runners

	Senior	Middle	Junior
Strathallan	10	11	15
Craigmount	—	14	12
Kirkcaldy	11	—	—

13th March: Scottish Schools Championships

The Scottish Championships took place at Cumnock Academy in Ayrshire. The course was tougher than last year and was very muddy in places. The Senior team came 10th out of 17 teams, and the Middle came 10th out of 45 teams. The Junior team and Riley teams were unplaced. Lamb (35) and Parker, B. W. (47) ran very well in the Middle race as did Reid (46) in the U.13 and Foottit in the Senior.

18th March: v. Morrisons Academy v. Dollar Academy v. Fettes College (H)

This match closed the season on a high note. A team from Riley also ran against Fettes. This match was won very convincingly by Strathallan.

	Senior	Middle	Junior	U.13
Strathallan	23	16	18	12
Dollar	30	30	24	—
Fettes	38	74	43	24
Morrison	48	38	48	—

School Inter-House Cross-Country: Due to the inclement weather during the Spring term it was only possible to run the Junior Race, the result being as follows:—

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| 1. RUTHVEN | 2. NICOL | 3. FREELAND |
| | 4. LEBURN | 5. SIMPSON |

Cross-Country colours were awarded to H. J. M. Footitt, B. W. Parker and D. C. Lamb.

H.J.M.F.



SKI-ING

The Ski Club has once again increased in numbers to a grand total of 138 permit holders, 96 of whom took part in the various trips to Glenshee, Glencoe and Cairngorm. The main contingent of skiers skied at Glenshee but the 'A' and 'B' teams were fortunate enough to spend a couple of weekends at Aviemore, participating in the Scottish Schools' races.

On Friday 27th February the racing squad headed for Carrbridge, where we stayed both Friday and Saturday nights, to take part in the Scottish Schools' Qualifying race but, I'm afraid that Strath. 'B' team was eliminated due to two slight mishaps. One racer took a nose-dive half-way down the course and the other was the only one out of sixty racers to succeed in missing the last gate. Naturally we were disqualified but I feel that the weekend was thoroughly enjoyable and useful in the racing experience which it provided.

Almost two weeks later the 'A' team was back in Cairngorm again, racing in the Scottish Schools' Final, and, although the results weren't too overwhelming, we managed to qualify for next year. Our final position was 9th and the individual results were as follows: W. R. Ferguson 26th in 42.7 seconds; F. S. Benzie 40th in 45.2; R. J. Duncan 42nd in 45.4 and our last but not least racer, Austrian-born Werner 'Klammer' Kleeman, fell and was subsequently disqualified.

Aviemore seems to have proved a great success, as always, not only for the ski-ing but also for the apres-ski.

The only other team race of the season was the Perthshire Schools in which Strath. managed to prove themselves admirably by winning almost everything possible for them to win. The race was held between the Tiger and Cairnwell in foul conditions but our performance was apparently unhindered. We entered two teams, the Open team of W. R. Ferguson, M. D. Kirk, M. J. Yellowlees and H. W. R. Steedman winning the Open team event whilst W. R. Ferguson took the individual title. Our three-man Intermediate (u-16) team of F. S. Benzie, R. J. Duncan and G. D. Robb won the Intermediate team event with Benzie and Duncan finishing second and third in the individual classification, 0.9 and 1.7 seconds respectively behind the winner.

For the first time ever the Interhouse Ski-ing Competition was not held and I hasten to add that this was not due to the lack of snow but rather the opposite, consequently the bus could not get up the road. Our enthusiastic and adventurous trainer was determined to carry out the race and thus set out to find an appropriate piste. Unfortunately the piste he found was on the flanks of Ben Gulabin where he proceeded to set out the course. Sadly misfortune struck before the start of the race and we received our first casualty of the season on the last day. John McPhail struck again, breaking his ankle—we wish him all the best for next season. As we were apparently outside the range of the Glenshee Ski Rescue Service(!) the race had to be abandoned so that we could tend to the 'body' but

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some of the incidents that were to follow will be remembered by many, for example H. W. R. Steedman's efforts at rock-ski-ing and his subsequent attempts to fly.

I am glad to be able to report that the interest in foreign trips has increased once again and the School is therefore at present arranging a trip to Leysin in Switzerland for about 20 boys at the end of the Autumn Term. I am glad to see these trips being organised again and would advise anyone to take up the opportunity of a most worthwhile holiday.

Teams were drawn from the following squad: W. R. Ferguson, F. S. Benzies, R. J. Duncan, W. A. Kleeman, R. D. G. Powrie, M. J. Yellowlees, M. D. Kirk, C. J. E. Houston, G. D. Robb, K. L. Biggart, H. W. R. Steedman. There is plenty of racing enthusiasm and potential in the School and I feel that some encouraging results could be obtained next season given the opportunity. Finally our thanks must go to J.F.C. for all he has done for Strath ski-ing and we wish him a good '77 season.

WRF (to whom in turn my thanks for his invaluable assistance with club organisation and training both of recreational and racing skiers—JFC).

SQUASH

Unfortunately, due mainly to the 'flu epidemic in the Spring term, matches were rather limited this season, and the shortage of competition undoubtedly affected the standard of play, which was disappointing.

The match against the strong Barnard Castle V demonstrated all too clearly our lack of experience, but it is to be hoped that some lessons were learnt. We fared badly in the Bank of Scotland Quaich at Colinton Castle in March, but, nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and, hopefully learnt a bit more.

Next year the plan is to play more senior matches; mainly club sides in the Autumn term and School fixtures after Christmas, whilst the juniors will get more competitive play amongst themselves as well as playing some School matches.

D. G. Inglis became the first winner of the magnificent Vivian-Fairlie Cup, which was presented to the Squash Club by S. N. Vivian and P. J. Fairlie soon after they left last year. It is awarded annually to the winner of the senior knock-out competition, and will certainly promote extra interest and keenness at this level, which is exactly what the donors intended. Thank you very much Simon and Peter.

RESULTS

SENIOR V

v. Glenalmond	Away	Won	3-2
v. Barnard Castle School	Home	Lost	5-0
v. Colinton Castle	Home	Lost	5-0
v. Perth Grammar School	Home	Won	3-0
v. Old Boys	Home	Lost	4-1

JUNIOR V

v. Glenalmond	Away	Won	4-1
v. Firhill	Home	Lost	4-1
v. Glenalmond	Home	Won	4-1
v. Firhill	Home	Lost	3-2

Ruthven beat Leburn in the final of the House competition.

Senior Champion : D. G. Inglis.

Junior Champion : A. W. Ferguson.

The following played for the senior team: D. G. Inglis (Capt.), A. W. Ferguson, P. A. Hill, D. T. Hay, R. A. Stone-Wigg, W. M. Potts, G. K. Cochrane, I. F. Gerrard.

The following played for the junior team: A. W. Ferguson, A. C. B. Baird, C. B. Campbell, J. B. Callendar, D. Sim, N. A. Stone-Wigg, I. F. Gerrard.

BASKETBALL

Basketball this year seems to have been something of a let-down after the initial enthusiasm and success of last year. The team appears to have suffered from an acute lack of inches/centimetres as well as match success; nor have they managed to find themselves a niche in the congested timetable for their practice sessions, undisturbed by the demands of major sports and thespians. They did inflict defeat upon the Masters, however, and apparently possess some enthusiastic juniors who should develop well if they manage to maintain their enthusiasm.

CURLING

Curling is now a very expensive luxury, and for this reason the number of curlers in the School has diminished considerably this year. We were distinctly pushed to produce a rink against the Old Boys in November, but happily two masters came to the rescue, although it must be said that their experience of the game was somewhat limited! The Barr Cup was duly won by the Old Boys again, but we will continue to search for talent and hopefully we will do better next time.

HOCKEY

The outdoor season usually begins with masters in charge searching for patches of ground dry enough for practice, but this year an exceptional winter gave fast, firm pitches from the start. Only a couple of downpours interrupted the term's programme, causing the re-siting of the Fettes matches and the cancellation of the House final.

The indoor training sessions revealed an unusual depth of talent at senior level and great things were expected, but overall the 1st XI's results were disappointing. Much good

hockey was played in midfield, particularly when Brewster, Currie, Magill and Ferguson combined in the centre of a 4-4-2 formation, but, despite the skills of Hay and Gray and the speed of Crowe and Whitaker, far too many straight-forward chances were missed. In defence the courage and quick reflexes of Munro in goal made it difficult for oppositions to score freely, and it was only through occasional lapses in stopping by the young, but promising full-backs Knox and Yellowlees that goals against came.

The opening fixture at Aberdeen was something of an anti-climax. Hockey at Rubislaw Academy (formerly Aberdeen Grammar School, producer of many fine players) has suffered badly from educational reorganisation. Without playing particularly well our 1st XI had a comfortable win with Whitaker scoring four.

At Loretto, Strathallan responded well to the higher class of the opposition, attacked from the start and went into the last quarter of the game 1-0 up. Only then did the Loretto halves begin to dominate as expected and, with the Strathallan backs becoming increasingly vulnerable to the long straight ball, it was no surprise when errors led to two goals and the game was lost.

Gordonstoun committed a clear case of daylight robbery. Strathallan totally controlled the match but the ten or more chances in the first half were ruined by ineffectual shooting at an ample and alert goalkeeper, and led only to a single goal. Gordonstoun showed what could be done by converting a long corner on their second visit to our circle. This pattern continued in the second half and as Strathallan became more and more frustrated the visitors in another rare raid clinched the game with 3 minutes remaining.

Fettes play an aggressive type of hockey and, as so often before, this, coupled with the narrow pitch, unsettled Strathallan and only fine keeping from Munro kept the deficit to 1-0 at half time. Strathallan played more confidently after the interval and with 5 minutes to go Hay scored from a pass from the right. But Fettes were not to be denied and a clash between a home forward and our goalkeeper led to a converted penalty stroke in the last minute.

If public school hockey is sometimes too rugged then that played in the state schools is often too delicate. What is required is a blend of speed, aggression and skilful inter-passing and in one of their best performances in recent years the 1st XI achieved this against an experienced Perth High School side. Magill, Brewster and Currie were outstanding as feeders of accurate passes and Gray positioned himself well to score four from the left wing.

The short season ended with another anti-climax. A Perthshire XI (almost a Perth Academy team) elected to play without a goalkeeper so that, although Strathallan played competently on their first visit to the North Inch, the victory was a little hollow.

The second XI was an unusually skilful side this year as it demonstrated by producing what must be a record Strathallan score in their first fixture, but the forwards also lacked the flair to convert half-chances against stronger teams. The Senior Colts had yet another successful season, so next year there should be plenty of talent from which to select.

An attempt was made to develop such talent early in the school year by running the Green Shield tests for third-formers. Unfortunately the surfaces available at this time were not always conducive to easy mastery of the basic skills and only a few boys obtained awards. Next year similar tests can be held indoors and the outdoor season should see a crop of tracksuits embellished by rose badges.

The S.S.H.A. trials were held on a different basis this year. A squad from the state schools was selected in the autumn of 1975 and a scratch public school side matched against it in February before most of our seasons had begun. In short games the combined Fettes/Loretto/Abbey/Strathallan team demonstrated the advantages of greater fitness and more direct methods by scoring five goals without reply. Strathallan was represented by Hay, Brewster, H. J. P. Gray and K. Peddie. Hay and Brewster were invited to attend the final trial together with Munro. Hay was eventually selected for the Scottish Schoolboys and acquitted himself well in all three matches at the Home Countries Tournament in Edinburgh in April.

My thanks go to Brewster for his ability to enthuse others both in training and matches, to Hay without whose efficient journalism these notes could not have been compiled, to the Factor and his men for the preparation of pitches, to Matron for ensuring that the 1st XI look so neat, and finally to those masters who took games even when they claimed no expertise. I hope all, and the weather, are as kind next season.

J.N.F.

RESULTS

1st XI

v. Rubislaw Academy	Won	6	0
v. Loretto	Lost	1	2
v. Gordonstoun	Lost	1	2
v. Fettes	Lost	1	2
v. Perth High School	Won	6	0
v. A Perthshire XI	Won	6	1

2nd XI

v. Rubislaw Academy	Won	16	0
v. Perth Academy	Won	9	0
v. Loretto	Lost	1	3

3rd XI

v. Loretto	Won	4	3
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4th XI

v. Fettes	Drawn	5	5
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SENIOR COLTS XI

v. Rubislaw Academy	Won	11	1
v. Perth Academy	Won	4	0
v. Loretto	Won	2	1
v. Gordonstoun	Won	2	1
v. Fettes	Lost	1	4

JUNIOR COLTS XI

v. Loretto	Won	4	1
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MINOR COLTS XI

v. Loretto	Lost	2	3
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OVERALL RECORD (including Riley)

Played 21, Won 12, Drawn 1, Lost 8, Goals for 84, Goals against 41.

TEAMS

1st XI

A. T. D. Brewster* (Captain), D. T. Hay* (Secretary), R. I. Whitaker*, D. A. R. Munro*, H. J. P. Gray*, G. J. F. Crowe, A. W. B. Magill*, J. Currie, A. W. Ferguson, S. B. Knox, M. J. Yellowlees.

*Colours awarded.

Also played: K. A. D. Peddie, W. D. Gibson, P. Holland.

2nd XI

M. D. Kirk (Captain), G. D. Robb, N. St.J. Yates, K. A. D. Peddie, R. A. Cunningham, A. W. Ferguson, C. M. Cunningham, P. Holland, R. A. Stone-Wigg, I. F. Gerrard, G. B. McDonald, A. O. Inglis.

SENIOR COLTS XI

R. J. Brewster (Captain), J. Turner, E. W. D. Taylor, J. M. Grant, A. C. B. Baird, A. J. F. McIntosh, C. R. Hamilton, A. C. S. Macphie, D. Sim, R. M. Mitchell, G. R. Millar.

HOUSE MATCHES

1st ROUND	Nicol	2	Simpson	1 (after extra time)
SEMI-FINALS	Nicol	1	Freeland	1 (Nicol won on corners)
	Ruthven	2	Leburn	0
FINAL	Cancelled—Cup shared by Nicol and Ruthven			
HOUSE LEAGUES	Won by Ruthven.			

from the Strathallian 1969:

Orchard, T. G. (F): Came 62¹; I: H. Prefect 69¹; Editor Wing Forward; Sub-Editor, Strathallian; Sec. Music Soc.; Orchestra; Assoc. Ed. 6th Form Opinion; Play, 69; Pre-Service Inst.



Armed with two 'A' levels, eight 'O' levels and the encouraging words that he certainly wasn't 'university material' Tim Orchard took to picketing an Edinburgh college until they let him in on a course in journalism. He spent one year there, learning what was whimsically called 'The Theory of Journalism' and then promptly spent the next year on a newspaper learning to do it the proper way. The first piece of joy for his bank manager came in July 1970 when he worked as press liaison officer at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. The first press baron to accept his services was Lord Thomson, when he joined the 'Evening Express' in Aberdeen. He spent four years there, three of them as TV correspondent and sub-editor. In 1974, he joined BBC News in Glasgow, where in both television and radio he's now engaged on the thankless task of sticking fingers in assorted dykes, and hoping that somehow it will hold together for a bit longer yet!

with friends like that

The late William Hardcastle once found himself involved in a curious confrontation, while engaged in the seemingly innocuous task of setting-up a telephone interview. Attempting to get through to an ex-directory number, he found himself against a thoroughly intractable and inquisitive operator. On learning that Hardcastle was a journalist, this bundle of nationalised charm volunteered the opinion that to be a newspaper reporter was to be 'lower than a snake's belly.' 'Oh come now' says Bill. 'I was a newspaper reporter myself, once.' 'If you're a newspaper reporter' continued the operator, undaunted, 'your mother's bound to be ashamed of you. How could you go home and tell your mother you're a newspaper reporter?'

Now that may, indeed, be just the sort of old-world charm we've come to expect from that miserably inefficient organisation (motto: if we can satisfy just one customer today, if we can achieve just one correct connection—then we've failed). But it does seem fairly typical of the level of esteem with which we in the reporting business are held. Journalists are tolerated (just)—but would you let your daughter marry one? In any popularity poll, we'd come somewhere lower than the inland revenue, and only marginally higher than your friendly neighbourhood traffic warden.

Wrong . . .

All those marvellous Hollywood movies of the forties, with newspapermen in dirty Bogart raincoats and trilbies, with green eye-shades and lots of 'hold the front page.' Such tosh! I don't suffer from rampant halitosis (I hope) don't have alcohol poisoning (not yet, anyway) and the nearest I ever came to yelling 'Hold the front page' was when some nut in the composing room managed to stick the pictures on upside down.

So why are we first degree outcasts? It started way back at school with dark mutterings about the evils of the yellow press (these Chinese, they get everywhere). Even when you think you're the last word in sophistication, the distaste persists. I recall attending a local medical conference packed to the cerebellum with highly-qualified doctors. Determined to win over at least one of them, I busily engaged in conversation with Sir Somebody Something Ph.D. etc etc etc. All went fine until the upper crown at the front of my mouth—a temperamental piece of dentistry at the best of times—chose that particular moment to abort. It nose-dived towards his pink gin, hit it at mach two—and then dropped ignominiously to the floor, bouncing en route off his twenty-pounds-a-pair left toe-cap. He looked at me, somewhat pitifully. I blushed back—toothlessly. The great divide was as wide, and as uncompromising, as ever.

It isn't all like that, of course—journalism is a craft like any other, indeed more so than most. Working to a tight brief means the end product ought to be as precise and as sculptured as any literary form, and with the added complexity of always working against the clock. The image doesn't even stand scrutiny. True, there are the few feeble-minded publications which know a good scandal when they see one—and if they can't see one, then they'll certainly invent one. But basically it's more honest than you'd ever know.

And you can't just walk in, either. The days of the tea-boy-to-editor have gone forever. It's all qualifications, now, and exams, and college and—increasingly—university. That's no bad thing either.

Most important of all, there's broadcasting. Whatever criticisms are made of radio and television always seeking the middle ground (some valid, some most certainly not) broadcasting has at least brought a new 'responsibility' to it all.

You might get away with the half-truths, the over-written, the vaguely scandalised and the generally misrepresented to a readership in the thousands. But when

you're working in millions, then caution becomes respectable.

It's an interesting thought, that—working to the millions. And every one of them thinking they own us, our opinions and our programmes. Somehow eighteen pounds a year for the licence (or perhaps you pay eight?) turns every viewer into a home-made Huw Weldon. So the broadcasting journalist also becomes a much-despised animal. Not, this time, because of his less endearing social habits, but because every editorial decision made will anger at least half the population at any one time.

Have a Tory on the air, and you'll get some charming Glasgow east-ender on the 'phone within minutes, doing his oriental sage bit with the immortal words 'Aw, hey, Jimmy—get that stupid big git aff ra telly. Annat.'

If, on the other hand, it's a Labour councillor, then from the heart of Bearsden will come the complaint that the BBC—as they've always thought—was marxist, subversive and generally most unsavoury. And they ALWAYS know the Director-General.

I know of one old lady in the Highlands who recently opined to a colleague that she couldn't ever consider working for the BBC because it was run by communists and sex-perverts. Communists? Well hardly, dear. And sex perverts? Chance would be a fine thing. So there are several well-tried procedures for dealing with calls. If there's a reasonable complaint, you listen. Then grovel. If, on the other hand, it's someone trotting out some long-nurtured prejudice, you can try asking them for their licence number (a request usually followed by an embarrassed silence, much coughing and a dead line). Or you can try asking the question: 'Excuse me sir/madam/sonny/rat-bag—were you born ignorant, or have you been working at it?' Or else you can merely say 'Sorry, wrong department. Try Gaelic religion.'

All of this, believe it or not, is supposed to be some sort of encouragement to anyone planning on selling their all for a career in the fourth estate. It's neither seedy, nor particularly glamorous. It's certainly a fine way to earn your pennies, given that you get the odd ulcer thrown in free.

And there's another thing—think about it next time you pick up your paper. We're performing public service . . . if it hadn't been for us, who else would have preserved the cliché?

TIM ORCHARD.

from the Strathallian 1969:

Eriksen S. S. (R); Came 64³; IIIA; H. Prefect 68³; School Prefect 69¹; Hockey 68-69, Colours; XI 66-69, Colours, Captain; Golf, Colours, Captain 68; Play, 69; L.S. R.N.

South African View

In this article I would like to try and tell you a little bit about South Africa without making it sound like the usual travel brochure inviting people to immigrate or spend hard earned cash on a round trip to look at a few lions in a game park.

South Africa is a young and energetic country where there is still an enormous amount of opportunities available in all spheres. I found my stay in the U.K. a most interesting experience in that when I returned to my country, I could really see the potential. Skilled labour is still at a shortage, but fortunately our apartheid barrier is slowly being broken down and more and more Blacks are being trained for these jobs.

On the economic side, we are very fortunate in having gold, as well as very large deposits of coal and uranium. The coal export market has grown enormously in the last year and a new deep sea harbour is nearing completion at Richards Bay which is on the North Coast of Natal; this port will handle the bulk of coal export, mainly to Japan.

Our standard of living is said to be one of the best in the world, but inflation has affected us the same as other countries. To give you some idea, the average person holding a managerial position earning in the region of £500 per month would probably own a three-bedroomed house on a quarter of an acre of ground. He would also probably employ a full-time Black maid, which helps make our housewives rather idle!

Politically, I can't see any drastic change in the near future. In fact if one looks around the rest of the world you could say our Government is most stable, however the opposition at the moment does not offer much resistance. One thing that is changing, although slowly, is our policy of apartheid—the once 'Whites Only' signs on benches, counters, etc. have fallen away almost completely. Our own major worry at the moment is the Angolan crisis which at the time of writing seems to have simmered down for a while. In the meantime we have had an increase in call up of National Servicemen who are doing intensive training

on our borders in case of an increase in terrorism from neighbouring Black States. The Rhodesian issue is also making the news headlines at present.

Because of South Africa's size, the country scenery varies enormously. From the mountainous areas of the Eastern Transvaal with its pine forests—breath-takingly beautiful—rather like Scotland, to the flat gold—rich area of the Witwatersrand, to the scenic beauty of the coastal Natal and Cape areas. Cape Town I think is very similar to U.K. in a lot of respects.

Perpetual greenery, small glades and valleys and even weather conditions are fairly similar. We are also very fortunate in having some most beautiful beaches which are normally almost deserted, except for the popular resorts of which there are a number along the coast.

Distances in the country are taken lightly. For instance, one might drive to Cape Town from Johannesburg in a day and a half, a distance of nearly one thousand miles, and that is with our general speed limit of 90 kms per hour on the open roads (since the introduction of petrol saving laws). To travel from one end of South Africa to the other, one would have to cover over 1,500 miles.

South Africans are great sports enthusiasts, and on the whole our sport at international level has suffered through lack of international competitions—you must have read this in your own papers. It appears that we may well be back in the world sporting arena in the near future, but one wonders if our greats on the cricket field (to name just one sport) like Graeme Pollock, Barry Richards and Eddie Barlow haven't lost that certain sharpness.

This was made very plain to us on the rugby fields during the tour by the British Lions on their last tour to this country. As we all know, this resulted in a massacre of the 'Boks. I think I'm right in saying that in the first Test, the Springboks fielded eleven players who had not been capped previously. However, integration between whites and Blacks on the sportsfield has started, and with merit selection of teams, I am sure you will see S.A. back in with a vengeance!

What I've been able to tell you in this short article is only a minute drop in the large ocean of information and interests—all I can say is that if you ever have the opportunity, do come and visit this fascinating country for yourselves.

Best wishes from all we 'kilt-wearing South Africans' to you—the country and the people of whom I have many very happy memories.

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W.O. R.A.F.

... and then came ...

5 YEARS OF ARMY LIFE

If I'm very honest with myself, I suppose I joined the Army, after leaving Strathallian in 1970, because I couldn't really think of anything better to do. The Army was offering a three-year Short Service Commission with openings in Industry afterwards. This looked like a convenient three years to think about what I wanted to do later and so, in November 1970, I reported to Mons Officer Cadet School in Aldershot.

Mons was six months of extremely hard work, mostly physical, with constant pressure and a certain degree of discipline and 'bull.' Especially in the first half of the course the going was hard, with a lot of doubling around and long lists of verbal unpleasanties being screamed out across the drill square from immaculate drill sergeants in the Guards. Halfway through the course there was a marked change of attitude and pleasanties crept in with a hint of what sort of life was to come at the end of the course as an officer in whatever regiment one chose.

Having gone to school in Scotland and being Scottish, I decided to join a Regiment of the Scottish Division. On the 8th May 1971 I was commissioned and joined my regiment, The Royal Scots. Within two weeks I was in command of my first platoon of thirty men and on my way to Northern Ireland. This was really going in at the deep end, and on looking back, probably the best way. Although not at its worst in May 1971, a tour of duty in Londonderry proved to be something of a maturing experience. On returning to England in July two weeks leave was most welcome.

In September 1971 a more pleasant trip was in order in the form of a NATO exercise in Greece. We arrived in Greece and spent the first five days camping on a beach while we acclimatised to the weather and met up with other countries represented, such as the Americans, Belgians and Germans. The exercise took place between the Mediterranean coastline and the Bulgarian border for two weeks. There were testing moments as we drove about in Greek armoured transport, their drivers not being able to speak English and my Greek being limited to asking for a beer. The exercise ended with the right side winning and for me the return journey was by troop ship. You may have vivid ideas of troop ships from various war films, but

in fact it turned out to be a very pleasant ten-day cruise, of which eight days were spent in the Mediterranean.

Within a week of our return to U.K. we were warned of another tour in Northern Ireland. In October 1971 I found myself in Belfast where we were controlling the infamous Shankhill and Crumlin Road areas. I cannot really go into detail about trips to Northern Ireland as it is rather a politically sensitive subject, nevertheless it was another eye opening experience dealing with hostile crowds, gun battles and bombs on the one hand and talking to and being friendly to those who genuinely appreciate the Army's presence on the other.

At the beginning of 1972 I was lucky to be sent to Norway to do a course under the Norwegian Army to learn about cross-country ski-ing and winter warfare. This turned out to be a most interesting trip, learning various tactics and spending nights out in tents and snow caves. The Norwegians themselves are extremely friendly and hospitable. By the time my course had ended the rest of the Regiment was now in Norway so I joined them for another month's ski-ing.

After two months ski-ing in Norway we returned to U.K. for a reasonably quiet period until May of 1972 and then it was time for a third trip to Northern Ireland. This turned out to be the most interesting trip of all. It was an entertaining time to be in Ireland as the 'No-go' areas were in full swing and we found ourselves involved in 'Bloody Friday' in Belfast city centre, the breaking of the IRA cease fire in the Lenadoon area and the whole tour culminated in the smashing of the IRA no-go areas with 'Operation Motorman' when we entered the Bogside area of Londonderry.

In the Autumn of 1972 it was to Norway again. This time for a month on a Ski Instructors Course, being taught by Norwegians and living in a hotel in the hills above the town of Lillehammar. I came back for Christmas and New Year and then back to Norway again with The Regiment for a month of winter warfare training and exercises. On return it was time for Easter leave and then preparation for another trip to Greece in June. This took the same sort of format as the first trip with plenty of time spent on the beach before and after the actual exercise. Between returning from Greece and my next trip abroad I was involved in some smaller exercises on Dartmoor, Sennybridge in Wales and the Brecon Beacons. These were followed by a trip to Edinburgh for a month on what is known as a KAPE tour—Keeping the Army in the Public

Eye. It involved afternoon and evening work going round our regimental area of Edinburgh and the Lothians giving displays, demonstrations and parades, including one parade in Princes Street Gardens.

November 1973 and it was off to Denmark for another NATO exercise. It was interesting to see another country and meet other armies. Denmark is a very flat country rather like Holland with most of it devoted to farming. The farmbuildings were very attractive and somehow looked much cleaner and more attractive than their British counterparts. No sooner back from Denmark than one week later and I was in Norway for another month's ski-ing before Christmas. This time I was in charge of the course I had been on the year before. After Christmas Norway again with The Regiment for winter exercises.

In May 1974 I left my Regiment to go on an expedition across Greenland. Eight of us skied 500 miles across the Greenland Icecap making the first ever West-East crossing. It took us 36 days as we were pulling our own stores and equipment in sledges rather than using huskies. We had some entertaining moments, but most of the time it was hard work with the temperature down to -28°C .

On returning from Greenland I spent a year at the Scottish Infantry Depot at Penicuik outside Edinburgh. This is where we train newly joined recruits before they go off to join their regiments. This was rather mundane after three years of trips and exercises around Europe. However, it is another side of life and quite a taxing job trying to teach people from scratch.

My posting at the Depot ended in July 1975 when I rejoined my Regiment, based by now at Kirknewton near Edinburgh. I spent the summer of 1975 on duty with Her Majesty The Queen's Guard at Balmoral Castle. This was an extremely rewarding two months as there wasn't too much parading but plenty of grouse shooting, fishing on the Dee and stalking in the hills above Balmoral. I suppose the highlight for all of us there was to be asked to dinner at Balmoral Castle.

The end of the trip to Balmoral brings me full circle and the end of my first five years in the Army. As you have no doubt realised already, I have extended my Commission to a Regular Commission. After my first two years I realised how much I was enjoying the life so have stayed on. In my first five years I've had two months ski-ing in Norway each year for the first three, two trips to Greece, one to Denmark and three to Ireland. At present I am on a course at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst but with prospects of a

two-year trip to Germany in July 1976. Based in Germany I will have the opportunity to go ski-ing in the winter, and tour Europe during leave in the summer. Despite the Government's Defence cuts I am enjoying my life with the Army and I look forward to many happy years ahead.

MIKE CRAN

C.C.F.

As with everything else 'flu interrupted the Easter term training, but in spite of that, it was a full year with very good Proficiency results indeed in all three sections, which is most encouraging.

We were most grateful to various visiting Officers who gave us talks on their own experiences in the Forces, and these included Major David du Boulay on service in Northern Ireland; Lt.-Cdr. Bridges on the Antarctic; Lt. Mike Cran (O.S.) on Greenland; and Sq.-Ldr. Alastair Campbell (O.S.) on the R.A.F. In addition we had the great privilege of welcoming Major John Blashford-Snell who gave an outstanding talk on the Zaire River Expedition accompanied by magnificent slides and film. We thank all these gentlemen very sincerely for brightening up our programme.

Perhaps the main feature of C.C.F. activity this year has been the variety and number of different camps and courses that cadets have attended, and everyone who has gone thoroughly enjoyed himself, except poor Lt. MacLeod who was very ill in the middle of one of his. They have included a Western Isles cruise, canoeing at Poole, the M.F.V. on the Clyde, Chatham, Portsmouth, sailing at Granton, Plymouth, gunnery at Otterburn, Halfar Malta, Sennelager in B.A.O.R., Arran, R.A.F. Valley, gliding here and there and Lossiemouth. Other places were visited on Field Day and Air Experience flights have been more frequent at Turnhouse. Cadets seem to be taking advantage of and enjoying all these opportunities.

Group Captain Hunter visited the School on the 27th February and presented U/O R. F. Wilson with the A.O.C. Air Cadets Certificate of Good Service at a small parade. He added his own congratulations to those of the School to Wilson.

Air Marshal B. G. Locke, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, carried out the General Inspection on the 28th May. Sadly, bad weather prevented his arriving by helicopter and the programme had to be curtailed at the very last minute. He inspected the Guard of Honour under F.Sgt. Willox, and saw fieldcraft, pond activities, canoeing, the glider, first aid, camping, and other activities of all sections. Before dashing off to another appointment he watched the Retreat Parade under Cox Newton and P.M. Gillanders. In spite of the rushed tour and the disappointment of those who had prepared other doings for him to see, the day went off very well indeed.

Virtually the whole School departed by bus to Glenalmond when the College was host for the Scottish Tri-Services Day in the Summer term. The feature of the day was undoubtedly the Red Arrows, but there was a lot to see, even though the helicopters made it difficult to hear. It was nice to see Lt. Rod Jenkins (O.S.) on the Artillery Display.

At last, at last, the Pipes and Drums appeared in their new uniforms, and they looked very smart in green doublets and tartan plaids. For a young band they did well in Edinburgh, though unhappily the Glasgow Competition fell on Speech Day and we could not attend.

All round the C.C.F. is flourishing.

T.C.G.F.

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**A Visit to the
1st Bn The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
Staumuhle Camp, Sennelager
11-22 July 76**

'The lavatories smell Sir—well I can't really call them lavatories as there isn't any water—but they smell disgusting, Sir—we want to go home.' Cpl. Dove was getting quite het up.

'I had to share a plate with Smith and Voigt, and eat with my fingers, Sir, and I haven't a mug so I can't have any tea, and we want to go home,' Jarlow groaned.

'Don't we get pillows and sheets?' 'We have to wash in cold water.' 'Reveille, at 6.0 a.m.?' Complaints from all sides.

'We could have stayed in Hamburg,' Cuthill suggested ruefully.

'Oh, I'm tired,' yawned Sgt. Hinshaw. The O.C. (who had seen field conditions before) suggested that perhaps we should wait and see what the next week had in store, because we had just arrived at Staumuhle Camp on the Sennelager plain from Perth, via Harwich, via Hamburg, via Osnabruck and it had been a long journey. C/Sgt. Lloyd of the Argylls was promising a full programme, and the best thing to do was to unpack, clean our boots and equipment and get ready for 6.0 a.m. the next morning.

(What the O.C. didn't know was that we hadn't slept much on the boat the Prinz Hamlet in spite of the air-conditioned cabins, because it was such fun with all Hay's cousins in the discotheque, and the Duty Free Shop—just getting something to take back to Father of course—but we were quite tired).

6.0 a.m. came, and with it Captain Barclay, C/Sgt. Lloyd, weapon training, map reading and so on. Then we were split up and for two days were attached in sections to the three Companies on the ranges, on exercises, day and night firing, gas chambers and Jock language. Gorgeous weather. Finiayson ill in bed. More Jock language. Not much sleep.

'Hang on lads, we'll move off.' Most of the other tanks in the Royal Hussars Park had been driving around and going over the ramps, but one driver, obviously the best, had been explaining everything first. 'Off we go.' Thud. We all got off to inspect the crumpled wing of the lorry we had come in.

Hand grenades make quite a loud bang even when you are in the concrete shelter waiting for your turn. 'Don't drop it for God's sake,' said the C/Sgt. 'If you survive, the pin makes quite a nice key ring.' 'I wasn't at all nervous,' boasted Macphie—afterwards.

The Hitler Tower stands in the middle of the training area, and this was the main centre for our 12-hour scheme. The three sections were dropped off and had to aim for an evening meal rendez-vous avoiding the enemy if possible. Sgt. Hinshaw and

his signaller Grant soon lost control as the radios weren't marvellous, but after different adventures everyone turned up safely for tea. Off again in our sections. Mr Edmond of Dollar and his section attacked the real and imaginary enemy everywhere, but Cpl. Macmillan's section were so careful that they didn't see any enemy at all. At ten at night we took up defensive positions near the tower, sent out patrols and awaited the enemy's attack.

'Halt, who goes there?' MacGregor bravely challenged at 1.0 a.m. There was definitely one of the enemy creeping in. 'Halt or I fire.' 'Good Heavens,' whispered Lamb waking up suddenly, 'that looks like . . .' And there they were, staring straight into the eyes of a wild boar. Obliging it grunted, turned away and ambled off munching greedily. We saw lots more later.

There was some difficulty in locating the enemy after 2.0 a.m. but eventually we met up and after a lot of shooting we got to bed about 5.0. The Argylls generously arranged late breakfast at 8.0.

In the next few days we saw miles of Germany going to Hameln and Goslar and as near the East/West border as possible; we went to Paderborn where Brewster bought endless beer mugs for thirsty relations; we drove APCs and we guzzled bratwurst. We visited the Bundeswehr and were impressed by the Leopard tank and the German Officer's English. 'Auf Wiedersehen,' Laing risked. 'Auf Wiedersehen, und danke schon,' added Dun to prove that he deserves an O level pass.

On the final exercise we won 16-18. It was Escape and Evasion centred round old Hitler's Tower again, where we had tea. 'Do you want to buy a headset, very cheap?' Parker had combed the whole area for lost equipment with success. Then we had to get back to camp without being caught. The Jocks caught just under half of us. Eighteen beaming faces announced they had got through the net. 'I was caught though, and it's not fair,' a black-faced bootless F. Macmillan moaned. Everyone else thought it was very funny.

'Some of the Dollar guys helped them to catch some of us.' Cumming was in threatening mood. Still, off he went for tea, and nobody could understand why a Dollar cadet was howling on the ground clutching his leg and neck.

The night before we left, Lt.-Col. Scott-Elliott, the C.O. of the Argylls, thanked us for coming and gave us an Argyll Shield.

The time had flashed past and it was the 21st July. Even before the crack of dawn we were up. McEwan put his velvet jacket on again as a sign that it was time to go home. 'It's going to be a rum journey home,' Cumming muttered, 'and it could have been a rum camp!'

'What about the lavatories?' the O.C. asked. 'Oh there were flush ones at the Swimming pool,' Bradshaw said, relieved.

'And the mugs, and the pillows, and all the rest?'

'Oh, we forgot about all that.'

The lorry journey to Hamburg was hell in the pelting rain, but we did get there on time.

'Who are those girls waving at, on the quay,' Mr Dutton asked hopefully as the boat left Hamburg. 'Just some of my cousins seeing me off,' Hay smiled.

Oh I'm tired,' yawned Sgt. Hinshaw, and he climbed into his bunk and slept for nineteen hours.

CELLARDYKE SEA QUEEN

On the 3rd July eleven boys from Strathallan School and 'Arthur' set out in the mini-bus to the seaside town of Cellardyke and its neighbouring towns of Pittenweem and Anstruther. After discovering that we had left the packed lunches at School, we decided that we would have to rely on the hospitality of some of the locals for our lunch. This, however, did not prove a major setback and after eating a hearty meal provided by the local people, we set about the day's task of decorating the town. The business of stringing up flags, constructing floats and arranging stalls took up most of the afternoon and while this was being done, three other members began decorating the fishing boat in which the Sea Queen was to be transported from Anstruther to Cellardyke.

During the procession itself the boys collected money for the Cellardyke Improvement Fund, eventually raising £350.00. After the Sea Queen had been crowned and the ceremony had finished, we were provided with light refreshments in the Church Hall. Having eaten well for the second time that day, we returned to the sea front and having taken down the decorations returned to School after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

On behalf of all those present, we would like to thank the local people for their kindness and hospitality.

M. T. Manson.

A. T. Henderson.

VISIT TO OCHIL TOWERS SCHOOL

Since January the Social Services have rendered their services to Ochil Towers School in Auchterarder, Ochil Towers being a school for deprived children from various places in Scotland; they base their teaching on Steiner's philosophy of life in its true form.

On arrival at the school it was noticeable that the grounds had not been attended to for some time. Our first task was to clear

an area of trees to afford space for the building of garages. This wood was then cut up and stacked, to be used as the school's supply of firewood. Other jobs included the building of a rockery under the stern eye of our Foreman (self-voted), Bob Garside. Much of our time was taken up in the clearing of flower beds and lawns that had become overgrown, and in the extension of the front lawn to cover part of the drive which had subsided.

We ended the year in the same way as we started—in the shifting of several tons of 'Roga's rollway sleepers'!

We would like to extend our thanks to all the staff at Ochil Towers for their kindness and generosity.

D. P. A. Graham.

J. P. Genasi.

R.N.L.I., KINGHORN

On Sunday, 30th May, David Ferguson (ex Social Services and Strathallan Old Boy) handed over the inshore lifeboat to the Kinghorn Branch of the R.N.L.I. The money was collected through a sponsored relay race from Strathallan to Fettes College, Edinburgh, in 1975. The School kindly gave £400 to make up the full £1,000 which was required, and the Social Services have since paid part of this back—mainly from the proceeds of a raffle held on Speech Day. This cheque was presented to the Chairman of the Kinghorn R.N.L.I. by the Headmaster. A sponsored bed-push to raise the remainder of the £1,500 was cancelled due to police objections.

Kinghorn on the Fife coast was one of the first places in Britain to operate an inshore lifeboat. The station was set up in 1965 and since then they have had two boats. The Institution relies entirely on charity to provide equipment and meet maintenance costs and the crew is voluntary and unpaid, except for a motor mechanic. The boat was named after the late Alick Mackay, ex-coxswain of Broughty Ferry lifeboat who came to Strathallan last year to accept the cheque on behalf of the R.N.L.I. It was gratifying to see his wife and son present at the presentation. Colonel W. J. M. Ross accepted the boat on behalf of the R.N.L.I.

The boat was developed by the R.N.L.I. from designs originating in the late 1960s. It is semi-inflatable and made of heavy duty rubber enabling it to move at high speeds across rough water. It has a maximum speed of 40 knots and is equipped with a VHF radio. The R.N.L.I. at Kinghorn are called out about forty times each year. A commemorative scroll, designed by Iain McGregor, was presented to the coxswain of the boat, Harry Robertson.

MEY.

Our thanks to David Ireland of Kirkcaldy for permission to publish his photograph of the Lifeboat presentation ceremony



Social Service at Strathallan has lain fallow this session in terms of involvement in new projects.

Kippen House, Dunning, a children's home under the former Perth County Council was reopened in September as an assessment centre under Tayside Regional Council. Children who had committed various offences were under observation for psychological and medical assessment. Mr Ian McCreadie, the Superintendent of the centre, invited senior boys to participate in this venture at Kippen, teaching the children academic subjects at a very basic level together with sport and many other activities. Unfortunately, after only a few months, under pressure from neighbouring landowners, the Assessment Centre was closed by the Regional Council and our link with Kippen was broken.

Paper collection and log cutting for the Senior Citizens of the area continued throughout the year. A joint Carol Service with Kilgraston was presented in the Kilgraston Chapel for the Senior Citizens. The end of term Cheese and Wine Party held after the School Carol Service was again a success.

Other projects undertaken are described in detail below.

J.B.



This scroll bears the wishes of the masters and boys of Strathallan School to the crew of the Kinghorn inshore life-boat 'Alick Mackay' and the hope that their courage, skill and endurance against the perils of the Deep may be an everlasting fire kindling the hearts of men and an inspiration to future generations.

Presented by Strathallan School to the **R.N.L.I.** Kinghorn at a ceremony on Sunday the thirtieth day of May, nineteen hundred and seventy six.



R.N.

Cox: D. R. Newton
C.P.O.: T. J. Blaxter

P.O.: W. R. Ferguson
P.O.: P. J. Holland

The strength of the Section was fifty-five at the beginning of the Winter Term.

All cadets who attended camps and courses gave a good account of themselves and the Fleet Tender cruise on the Clyde in the beginning of September 1975 was as valuable and instructive as usual. Officers and Cadets on board H.M.F.T. CAWSAND met Skipper Robertson for the first time with some apprehension and several wondered if he would have the initial impact of Skipper Coull. All was well, however, and an exciting week ensued—highlights being the rescue of Captain and crew of a submarine anchored in Rothesay Bay who had missed the last boat when 'Strath.' nobly came to the rescue, and the untimely assistance of the mate, George, when we nearly ran down the Clyde Ferry which we unwisely passed at rather close quarters. H.M.S. NEPTUNE as usual made its excellent facilities available.

The team which represented the School at the annual C.C.F. (R.N.) Regatta at Chatham was strong but dogged by ill luck. With the wind force 7 gusting 8 on the afternoon of the first day, racing came to an abrupt end—very abruptly in the case of our A.S.C. crew who had the unnerving experience of their mast snapping whilst they were in the lead. The following day produced flat calm and a foul tide—conditions more suited to the pulling races for which we would have started at least co-favourites had they not been cancelled to allow some of the previous day's sailing to go ahead.

Field Day was held as usual at H.M.S. COCHRANE and involved cruises on a Fleet Tender and visits to both H.M.S. CALEDONIA and the Seamanship School. To Captain H.M.S. COCHRANE and C.P.O. Gent of C.A.C.T.O. our grateful thanks.

As we have attended H.M.S. COCHRANE annually now for some years we are going to change training programmes this year with a visit to the R.N. Squadron based at R.A.F. Lossiemouth giving a full insight into Coastal Command with particular emphasis on the active rescue unit and, it is hoped, flying experience for some cadets.

At the end of October we were visited by the Naval Member J.C.E. who gave us a good 'going over.' All cadets and N.C.O.'s worked together with considerable enthusiasm which Commander Walton commented on when he paid Strathallan the compliment of being a 'taut ship.'

Eighteen cadets were rated A.B. and thirteen gained Naval Proficiency this year. Our Coxswain and Senior

N.C.O.'s all qualified for Advanced Proficiency under Camps/Courses regulations although as yet no boy has undertaken the navigation exam set by H.M.S. DRYAD—time in the section is just not available.

During the Summer Term we were faced with the usual preparations for Guard and Sunset Parades for G.I. and Speech Day. Inevitably this cut in to valuable sailing time both on the Tay and the pond.

Much more use was made of the pond area for both canoeing and sailing and once again we are grateful to Mr Goody and to Sub.-Lt. Clayton for not only their excellent instruction but also the excellent maintenance of all boats.

Through the good auspices of C.P.O. Heaton we 'inherited' a second A.S.C. dinghy from one of the Edinburgh schools. Once this boat is fully equipped it should make a considerable difference to the number of boys able to train.

The bonus of a visit from the Naval Member is of course that considerable attention is given to all the R.N. huts and at this stage in time we have a Seamanship Room complete with Sail Trainer; Navigation Room with fully operational Clyde Estuary model and, as there just happened to be enough wood left over from the play set, a Boat Hut which boasts canoe racks and rigging shelves.

The motor boat is coming off dry dock and will be operational on the pond during available time in both winter and spring terms.

We have had assistance from H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN throughout the year, an initial visit to the section by the Staff Officer, Lieutenant-Commander Johnston was followed by another by Lt.-Cdr. Fairbairn, the Schools Liaison Officer, who instructed the Proficiency Class. C.P.O. Jeffreys, when he was able to visit Strathallan was particularly helpful with parade training.

General Inspection was, in many ways, rather chaotic. The alterations forced upon the Inspecting Officer's timetable by weather conditions meant that all training on the Tay had to be cancelled and thus sailing and canoeing on the pond area was rather overmanned.

Guard and Sunset parades were of a high standard and the Navy cadets had obviously benefited from the enthusiastic training of Cox. Newton and C.P.O. Blaxter.

Twenty new cadets are joining the R.N. Section which is being led in the 1976/77 session by the following team:

Coxswain: C. R. M. Smith.

P.O.'s: R. A. Cunningham, D. T. Hay, H. M. Pearson.

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During the Winter term we concentrated on Proficiency examination work. As usual all the instruction was given by the N.C.O's and it is to their credit that our examination results at the end of the term were exceptionally good. 14 candidates sat Part III and all passed; 8 obtained Distinctions and 4 obtained Credits. 19 candidates sat Part II and only one failed; 9 candidates obtained a Distinction and 5 reached Credit standard.

Apart from examination work, we sent a few cadets over to R.A.F. Turnhouse for Air Experience Flying in Chipmunks. For Field Day the section was divided into three groups: one group visited R.A.F. Lossiemouth, one group went to R.A.F. Turnhouse for A.E.F. and the third group stayed at School for training on the primary glider.

During the Easter term our programme consisted mainly of general interest lectures, films and flying at Turnhouse. We also competed in the Assegai Shooting Trophy but this year we only managed to come 37th out of a total of 73 schools.

We had a visit from Squadron Leader A. D. K. Campbell, R.A.F. (O.S.), who gave us some excellent aerial photographs of the School taken from a Hunter. Flight Lieutenant C. Allison, C.I.O., came over from Dundee to talk about careers in the R.A.F.

Also during the Easter term we were delighted to hear that Under Officer R. F. Wilson had been awarded the A.O.C's Certificate of Good Service, one of ten cadets in the country to be given this award and the only one in Scotland. A special parade was organised for Wilson to receive his Certificate from Group Captain J. C. Hunter, R.A.F. Turnhouse.

At half-term I took two cadets to R.A.F. Kinloss. They enjoyed some gliding experience at Milltown and they were also most fortunate in that they were given a Nimrod flight shadowing the fishing fleet around Iceland.

Easter camp this year was held at R.A.F. Valley, Anglesey. It was rather disappointing mainly because the programme was a bit impracticable but Warrant Officer Willox would no doubt disagree; he enjoyed an exciting half-hour trip in a Hunter much to the envy of everybody else on the camp.

As usual the Summer term programme was concerned

with preparation for the General Inspection and Speech Day retreat parade. This year the inspecting officer was Air Vice Marshall B. G. Locke and so the Air Force Section felt that something special was demanded. Unfortunately, the weather was bad and, for various reasons, this resulted in our two most important activities having to be cancelled. We had intended organising a fairly extensive security exercise and we had also arranged for a helicopter from 22 Squadron, R.A.F. Leuchars to take part in a rescue operation. In spite of these set-backs the day was generally felt to be a success and luckily the primary glider was unaffected by the weather.

As far as other activities are concerned, this year has been very successful. Two cadets, Corporals Inglis and Muir, completed their gliding at Arbroath during the Easter holiday and four other cadets hope to do their gliding training at Lossiemouth during the Summer. Cdt. Gardner will also be doing his Flying Scholarship during the Summer vacation.

It only remains for me to thank all N.C.O's for their loyalty and support during the past year and to wish all the leavers all happiness and success in their future careers.

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& THE ROYAL NAVY



RAVE REVIEW

'Hey kid! Yeah, you! Come over here, will you? I got sump'n to show you, sonny, that you won't wanna miss.

'Know anythin' 'bout the Bible, son? Well if ya do, you'll know that it says right there in the Good Book, it says: "Thou seest the birds of the field, who neither soweth nor reapeth. And yet they hunger not. Surely God lookest after Man likewise?" Yep, that's what it says.

'Now watch this piece o' paper real close, sonny. When I throw it over the railing, it'll fall to the ground, but not a bit o' harm'll come to it, 'cause God steadies it with His hand to keep it safe. You see that, don't ya, sonny?

'Now, kid, what d'you think'd happen if one of us jumped over? Surely God values us higher'n a scrappy bit o' paper! And if He does all that for some stupid paper, think how He'll help us down! Tell you what—you just hop over the edge here, and I'll nip down from the fifth to the ground floor, and meet you on the street. How's about that then, kid? Think of the great time you'll have on the way down!

'Okay, all set? I'll help you get going. Right, see you on the street, kid. Bye!

'Hey lady, what's all the fuss about? It's a free country, ya know! Know anythin' 'bout the Bible, lady?"

P. A. S. Gelzer, V A

OSPREY

Unclasping the rugged rock,
Throwing out his copper coloured wings at a point unseen.
Surging forward to make the act complete,
Harnessing his head in a downward position between the span of
To catch a glimpse of unwary creatures of the sea, [mighty wings.
A fin at first but then a sight of what is to become his scrappy meal.
A clean jump clear of the water to disappear and reappear.
The Osprey at this, hovers with legs dropped and talons at the ready.
He drops at a set time from thirty feet or more, breaking the back of
Clawing through flesh to the bone, securing the grip, [the victim,
Emerging from the blood-stained water throwing up a shower of spray.
He makes the crossing back along the bay up to a red-stained perch,
Pecking at the carcass to rid it of the meat.
After this deed is done all is silent until another meal is to be had.

D. P. J. Ward, Illc

PARADISE LOST

(with apologies to the late John Milton)

Peace. The cup of dark brown liquid steams on its prescribed window ledge. Below, the packet of Ginger Nuts lies opened with a couple of biscuits lying non-chantly at its mouth. Outside, through the somewhat dirty window, rain falls in the gloom of twilight. The eyes lower and prepare to devour the mass of rubrics and small print of a certain rather right-wing daily paper.

The crescendo of clicking heels in the corridor and the door opens. A hockey stick is hurled against the wall with a clatter and track shoes are dropped on the floor with the sort of noise track shoes tend to make when dropped on floors. The 'study-mate' stands in the middle of the room, legs astride and hands plunged in pockets. He goes out, leaving the door ajar.

More clicking in the corridor: a red-haired gent appears. 'Hi Jahn! Reading the paper in prep? Typical! Today's?—oh, I've read it.' This nondescript youth—having received, in reply to his catechism, a superior glance backwards—plants himself down on the other chair and places his feet upon the box on which I am sitting. Response being nil, he gets up and goes out, shutting (at least) the door noisily.

I sigh with relief—the biscuits are intact. Taking a sip of coffee, I prepare to commence reading. Enter the study-mate who opens the cupboard door—with a squeak—looks at the empty shelves for some seconds, then shuts it again. He spots the coffee and the biscuits: both are ravaged with a generous output of decibels. He sits in his chair and looks despondently at the heap of junk—books, jotters, graphs, papers, Punches, dissection kits, biros and hockey team-lists—in his place. 'Must do some chemi. tonight.'

The door bursts open: a stocky youth hirples in. 'I'm knacked after that football today—stupid game. Any coffee?' I alleviate my conscience condescendingly. Hockey is discussed by the other parties. The door opens again. 'Hi, lads.' A rather curly-headed individual with a West-coast accent enters. LEAGUES hockey is discussed. (Meanwhile the biscuits have been decimated). A dusky gentleman saunters in gesticulating. He immediately opens the cupboard door (with a squeak). 'Right on. I—I . . . any biscuits?' The heart plummets as he notices the brown discs scattered all over the rug covering the desk. Having now reduced the edibles to single figures, he leaves—taking my now empty mug with him. Another neighbour drops in, wearing a pair of blue ski-boots and wielding a pair of home-made skis dangerously. These are admired for some time, after which they leave.

During these distractions, two more persons unrecognised have arrived and the topic of conversation swings more to next year's first fifteen. Several heads have

appeared round the door. 'Express?' 'Done the English?' 'Scotland I Denmark I' 'French Dictionary?' 'Oh!' 'Bundles tonight' 'Keep the noise down' 'Scotland 2 Denmark 2.'

By this time the paper—as yet unread—has disappeared. So have the Ginger Nuts. So have I.

J. M. Waldie, U VI

THE ABYSS

From a world of happiness and light
They push us into a pit, deep and frightening
Amidst the stifling atmosphere and darkness
The dazed begin to climb.

Grasping desperately for footholds on slimy walls
Sharp edges slash arms and legs, bone deep
So many slip and fall forever
While we continue upwards.

Through sweat, exhaustion and aching hearts
The eyes adapt to dark, devoid of light
And lungs to the heavy fetid air
A lot do not, unable to survive.

Struggling for half a decade, we reach the lip
Then suddenly, fresh air and blinding light
Too many changes for bodies to adapt to
And they wonder why we're damaged temporarily
While others bear the scars for life.

D. R. M. Park, U VI

LAMU AWAKENING

Unravaged island in the sun,
Where time fades away the longer you stay.
Dawn chorus breaks in the new day
Warped shutters blistered by the sun let in rays of light,
Revealing my near empty room, as though after a fight.
Ants march across the floor and out the door.
My landlord Amu will want his rent,
Money which is long since spent.

I sit on a warming white wall
Listening to the aerial birds call,
Watching the tide at the sway.
There's a native girl selling flowers on a tray,
Idling away the hours,
Staring at the anchored dhows.
It's too hot to think
It's too much for a drink.

The midday sun a blistering inferno ablaze,
Shimmering, to a haze,
Piercing like a Moslem's eye,
Across white sands and pale blue sky
Reflecting its intensity off sands and stone.
Each barefoot step, like a walk into the unknown.
My saviour and prison—a solitary palm tree.
Remembering how blind I was before I was free
I gaze at the ocean, hugging the shade.
The daily ferry on the horizon begins to fade,
Heading towards no-man's land
Where only Allah has command.

Aimlessly wandering through narrow streets, without a care.
The odour of exotic spices and fruits waft in the air.
In the crowded alleyways Moslems meet.
A sanctuary from the afternoon heat.
I watch the Africans barter and trade
In Lamu cloths, exquisitely handmade.
Parlour shops play oriental sounds
Inviting, to those who browse around.

Eastern winds gently breeze away the balmy calm
Transcending outwards from Lamu to Islam.
I lie on a roof top—it is still warm,
Watching the silent, submerging sun's form.
The mosque calls Allah's children to prayer.
In the dimming light I realise I am now aware.

R. J. H. Wilson, U VI



Orpheus in the— Underworld—

Orpheus from the underworld of the pit as seen by
A. T. Henderson

This year the School undertook the task of performing Offenbach's comic operetta 'Orpheus in the Underworld.' Based, loosely, on the tale from Greek mythology, it tells how Pluto, king of the underworld, steals Orpheus' wife, Euridice, and how Orpheus attempts, unsuccessfully, to regain her. The operetta, in three acts, commences in a shepherd's garden, where Euridice is expecting her boyfriend. By chance, Orpheus arrives at the same place searching for his ladyfriend and the ensuing dialogue opens the act with a promise of plenty of 'spice,' to quote the libretto.

Unfortunately, due to a mistake on—dare I say it—Offenbach's part, the first act tended to drag somewhat, though noble efforts on the parts of Mrs Fairbairn as Orpheus' mother, and Andy Magill as Pluto livened up the proceedings. The second act was markedly improved, however, and opened with the entire 'Olympic team' asleep on Mt. Olympus, except for a drunken Mars played by Richard Voigt, a fatigued Venus—McKenzie-Smith—and Cupid, admirably portrayed as a precocious but loveable infant by Gregor Powrie.

The operetta continued to gain impetus all the time with excellent performances by Don Gillanders as Jupiter, Steve Newing as Styx and Mrs Gray as Euridice. These were backed up with great enthusiasm by the rest of the cast, though it was debatable at times whether they were singing at, with, or against the orchestra who, through it all, produced a sound not unlike that originally intended except for one or two minor additions in the way of harmony notes and the occasional gap where one that should have been wasn't. The scenery, by courtesy of the Art department assisted by the Mathematics department, and the costumes were up to their usual high standard and despite last-minute technical faults in the electrical department, the lighting effects were admirable, as was the make-up.

Thus the end result was a satisfying performance, and, on behalf of the cast and orchestra, I would like to thank Mr R. N. Johnson and Mr G. West for making it all possible.

and Orpheus from the Olympian heights
of the stage as experienced

by T. J. Blaxter

On the first night we play cards, probably with shaking hands. Aces come and go, viewed with hardly a glance; it is easy to cheat. After all it is the First Night. The smell of grease-paint. The careful, nervous groups gathering round the first nymph with eye shadow, giggling. Someone goes wild with black paint. Thus are we all bearded. The costumes, simple and colourful, seem quite in context.

The apoplectic assistant-producer pants redly at us.

And, suddenly, faintly, beyond closed and carpeted doors, a tremulous note sounds. The overture; it has begun.

At last we go on, signalled down stairs by police-like stage hands. (They never get a mention and do a wonderful job).

The first song banishes all anxieties leaving a glow of pride. I don't suppose it is particularly inspiring but it helps us, the chorus.

Those crooks we waved at the endless sea of audience break as we rush on again in well-intentioned chaos.

The audience is quiet: a laugh on the stage means quite a lot to a ham.

We melt into the shadows, and, missing out the muffled middle step, which creaks, run up the stairs to join an endless queue for dry sandwiches and orange juice. It is cold back here.

Someone just has to go to the lavatory and catches an amazed Calliope, partially décolleté, changing nearby.

The hours of rehearsal (not enough for the producer) seem to pay off. We go over simple entrances a hundred times, and still get them wrong.

Scenery moves by magic down on to the stage.

Someone is transformed into a large and untidy drunkard (maybe not much of a transformation).

Open mouth

Wave with upstage hand

Watch smearing make-up

Oh God! Another squashed crown

Who's got his stomach

You! Make-up

Words, find my words.

The audience at least like the dance pieces; only a few of the cast appreciate the 'blues' piece. A nice loud end note to the curtain call, not quite right.

Funny how depressed one feels now it's all over. It's dark outside and raining; how did that happen. Well, we're back on earth and it's time for cold cream and bed.

MUSIC NOTES

At the beginning of the year the orchestra felt strongly the loss of Mr Begbie as leader and Finlay Macadam promoted from the second violins at first was rather overawed by his new position as leader. But he warmed to the task and backed up strongly by Adam Henderson he has given a very good lead to the strings. The orchestra, young and inexperienced for the most part, undertook the accompaniment to 'Orpheus and the Underworld' with some trepidation but in the end they acquitted themselves very well.

The choir this year has been distinguished by the strength of its altos which has resulted in a much fuller sound than in some previous years. This has come over well in St. John's Kirk and at St. Giles' in Edinburgh. The opportunity to sing in these buildings is one which we value highly. Particularly suitable for and successful in St. Giles' was Schutz's 100th Psalm with its echo choir which sang from the organ gallery. The Cantata Choir has also been good this year and is particularly to be congratulated on having mastered the modern idiom of Mr Ball's 'E tenebris . . . in lucem,' the title of which perhaps describes the progress of the choir's understanding of the music. They gave, accompanied by a select group of players from the orchestra, a very good performance.

The third orchestra of last year moved up en bloc to become the second orchestra of this year and under the direction of Mr Ball has made great strides. Its personnel will probably remain stable for next year after which some of its members will probably find their way into the School Orchestra. During the Easter term a wind band was started for the first time. This was rehearsed by Mr Ball and had enthusiastic support. Unfortunately it was difficult to fit into the Summer programme of musical activities and it has not yet been heard publicly. It is to be hoped that it will be heard in the course of the next School year.

In the Winter term, at the suggestion of the Headmaster, a small number of boys gave a recital of music in the Saloon interspersed with readings by a group of girls from Kilgraston. There was a select invited audience of staff, wives and friends of the School, and afterwards the Headmaster invited performers and audience to refreshments in his drawing room. The evening was much enjoyed and we hope it will be possible to repeat the idea.

At the end of the Summer term the School had the honour of being asked to do a 'Sunday Half-Hour' and a service in the series 'Word for Living.' In the latter the choir provided the music and in Sunday Half-Hour the whole School took part singing seven hymns and Mr Ball's 'Magnificat.' The recording took place on the last Wednesday of term. There was some apprehension that making the recording might be a long and arduous task but, in the event, although the heatwave was at its height, Stewart Lamont, who organised the recording session for the BBC, was very pleasant to work with so that although it was very hot work everyone enjoyed making the recording.

G.W.

The following boys passed Associated Board Music Examinations:

MacLachlan D. A. C., Organ—grade 5 (Merit); Viola—grade 4.
 Johnson I. L., Piano and Theory—grade 5.
 McPhail J. M., Flute—grade 4.
 Muir A. A., Oboe—grade 4.
 Macmillan F. A., Oboe—grade 4.
 Yellowlees M. J., Oboe—grade 4.
 Jones J. N., Trumpet—grade 4.
 Mitchell G. W., Theory—grade 3.
 McPherson N. W., Theory—grade 3.
 Wood K. W., Oboe—grade 3 (Merit).
 Kingan D. S., Euphonium—grade 3 (Merit).
 Dewhurst C. H., Horn—grade 3.
 Peddie P. R., Trumpet—grade 3; Piano—grade 1.
 Doig R. J. S., Piano—grade 3.
 Harrison C. R., Viola—grade 3 (Merit).
 Grant E. M., Trombone—grade 3.
 Steele B. W., Piano—grade 2.
 Postlethwaite H. R., Piano—grade 2.
 Gow J. T., Piano—grade 1.

Johnston G. T., 'Cello—grade 1.
 Barrie J. G. O., Piano—grade 1.

Anthems sung in Chapel during the past year have been:

Creation's Hymn (Beethoven); Lord for Thy tender mercies' sake (Tye); Gloria in Excelsis (Haydn); Psalms 47, 67, 96 and 100 from 'Psalms for Today' (Herbert Chappell); The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley); O, Valiant Hearts (Ball); O, Bone Jesu (Palestrina); And the Glory of the Lord (Handel); Sleepers Awake (Mendelssohn); Lift up your heads (Mathias); Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from Service in G (Stanford); Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert); Christ is arisen (Hessley); 100th Psalm (Schütz); Father all Holy (Barrett-Agnes); Kyrie from Missa Brevis (Britten); Credo from Sainte Cecile Mass (Gounod); Magnificat (Barry Ball).

MELODIE TO MODERN

The Cantata Choir, Director: Barry Ball.
 Organist: Gordon West.
 The 20th Century Music Group.
 The Strathallan Quintet.

Elgar's 'Ave Verum' introduced the programme and Andrew Mackenzie-Smith, solo treble, sang with clarity and confidence.

Mozart's *Clarinet Quintet I* thoroughly enjoyed and David Newton gave a most professional performance of what seemed to be a difficult and demanding piece. There followed an interesting dramatic dialogue, 'The Pharisee and the Publican' by Schutz. I don't think I would have particularly enjoyed it but for the excellent soloists—Andrew Magill, tenor, and Gavin Crowe, bass. They certainly made the performance. Barry Ball then played an organ solo, 'L'apparition de l'église éternelle' by Messiaen. Throughout, the rhythmic drum beat played on the pedals engendered a contemplative mood.

Stravinsky, I fear, is an acquired taste and I doubt if many of the audience would have enjoyed his 'Miniatures.' Perhaps the professionals can enjoy such music but the layman would have difficulty in understanding the unusual techniques that Stravinsky employs.

The first performance of Barry Ball's 'E tenebris . . . in lucem' was, I think, well received. The first movement, written in the style of Stravinsky and based on some verses from Psalms 25 and 130, was rather dreary but then so were the Psalms. The second and third movements were much brighter and more lively and the choir obviously enjoyed performing them. It's difficult for an amateur to judge a piece of music heard for the first time but I think a member of the choir sums up my feelings when he said that after you've heard it a few times it begins to grow on you.

PAB

SPEECH DAY

The Headmaster, concluding his speech in which he had welcomed our distinguished Guest of the Day, Mr Robin MacLellan, C.B.E., J.P., and reported on his first year at Strathallan suggested that 'intellectual curiosity can take us up many a cul de sac but, properly disciplined, it widens our experience and sharpens our sense of direction.' This proved to be a singularly apt conclusion in that it represented also the theme of Mr MacLellan's sparkling address the highlight of which was perhaps for many the splendid example of lateral thinking shown in the examination of the many ways of determining the height of a skyscraper using a barometer (but only once to measure barometric pressure).

The Governors, Headmaster (and Chaplain) seem to have lost none of their traditional touch when it comes to organising Speech Day weather. After the morning's proceedings in the City Hall parents and guests were able to spend a pleasant afternoon visiting the School; touring

the exhibitions and watching the various displays. The afternoon concluded in traditional fashion with the Pipe Band of the C.C.F. Contingent beating the retreat on the Lawn.

Prize winners were:

The Smith Cup for Captain of School	G. J. F. Crowe
The Houston Prize for All Round Merit	G. J. F. Crowe
Dux - - - -	A. R. Cochrane
The William Tattersall Art Prize -	G. L. H. Kinder
The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings	F. G. Macadam
The Robert Barr Memorial Prize	
for Music - - -	N. J. C. Parker
Modern Languages (French & German)	J. M. Waldie
Geography - - -	A. W. B. Magill
History - - - -	G. J. F. Crowe
English - - - -	J. M. Waldie
Mathematics - N. L. Gardner &	J. G. Leishman
Economics - - -	D. R. M. Park
Chemistry - - -	N. L. Gardner
Physics - - - -	J. G. Leishman
Art (Pottery) - - -	K. W. Willox
History Essay - - -	G. A. M. Gerrard

The Great Strathallan 'Flu Epidemic

Thursday 22nd January 1976; just another day—for most people. However, within Strathallan School. . . .

This day saw the first inauspiciously large batch of boys admitted to the Sanatorium. The patients were suffering from headaches, vomiting, and shivering. From then on the numbers swelled alarmingly. The San. was quickly filled, followed by the reserve 'Upper' San., then by the old Masters' Dining Room and eventually, at the height of the epidemic, all the Leburn dormitories—including their extra beds. This added up to a peak of at least 110 patients at one time. In most cases recovery took 4-5 days; but some lingered for two weeks. Effectively the School came to a near halt until Monday 9th February, when the 'flu finally burnt itself out, with 169 victims to its name.

The School owes a lot to all those who assisted in the running of the San., a job made even more difficult by Sister Fairbairn's absence with a bout of pneumonia. Mrs Plizka, Sister Macdonald, Mrs Rankine, Mrs Glimm, Mrs Sharp and all those master's wives who helped deserve special praise for their efficient and selfless services.

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PIPE BAND

Perhaps the best bit of news was the introduction of the new kit which arrived just in time for the Summer Term's engagements.

Hopes were not high when the first practice of the Spring came about but the spirit was not lacking and a very young band soon became very good. The drummers, all of whom are in the fourth form, were eager and keen to put on an impressive appearance.

Speech Day went very well indeed. The band played twice during the afternoon and managed to capture the attention of all who were within earshot of the Lawn.

The first outside engagement was Blackford Highland Games. It was a dreadful day but, as the papers said 'the band brought a little life into the rain-dampened proceedings.'

In the East of Scotland band competition we managed a very creditable 5th place. The new kit seemed to be a great help here even though the winning band wore jerseys!

With the loss of only one piper, the hopes for next year are very good. Henry Gray leaves after four years good service to the band.

The results of the competition were as follows:—

DRUMMING: Senior: C. B. Campbell.
 Runner-up: N. J. Voigt.
 Junior: G. G. Baird.
 Runner-up: K. T. Noble.

PIPING: Senior: D. M. N. Gillanders.
 Runner-up: C. J. Caithness.
 Junior: R. E. Belcher.
 Runner-up: A. C. Fairbairn.

CHANTER PRIZE: P. G. McDonald.

Once again we give hearty thanks to Messrs. Murray, Wilson and Henderson who have devoted so much of their time to the band.

DMNG

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Judging by attendances throughout the winter term, the society is in good heart. For one reason or another the Music Room was filled on most Saturday evenings with ever eager and occasionally elephantine dancers. Certainly some of the steps produced had more in common with scrum practice than the dance floor, but most people managed to get to the right place at the right time and had a great deal of fun in so doing.

St. Andrew's Night provided the traditional climax to the term's efforts. The Convent initially made life difficult for us by arriving rather later than normal, but after that all went well; the demonstration team danced the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Mrs Murray led the singing of familiar songs whilst her husband played the pipes the way they should be and our own Pipes and Drums finished the evening in fine style.

Grateful thanks are due to Andrew Magill and several other seniors who did much to improve the general standard of dancing and also to Messrs. Barker, Clayton and MacLeod for contributions electrical and artistic, so essential to the enjoyment of the evening. But most of all we should like to thank the residents of the Convent without whose continuing support the whole exercise would lack colour, point and charm.

MB

T. S. LING (1968 74) managed a 2.II in his Economics Tripos Pt. I.

On the Decca label try 'Revels Weird and Wild' by the Spriguns featuring the fiddle of Tom Ling (Riley/Ruthven 1968-74). Mr Williams claims to have the agency on this disc. Rumour has it he's getting a cut too!

Theatre visit 'The Long and the Short and the Tall'

The first theatre visit of 1976 was to Willis Hall's 'The Long and the Short and the Tall' at the MacRobert Arts Centre, Stirling. A very creditable performance by an experienced cast served well to entertain the entire party. Despite a slightly shaky start, probably due to this being the first night of the production, the players presented us with an admirable display of confident and enthusiastic acting.

The play itself, by times tense and witty, deals with the prospect of a patrol of five inexperienced British soldiers in the Malayan jungle, led by a couple of seasoned veterans. After capturing a Japanese soldier and finding themselves seemingly in the middle of the Japanese Army, we see the gradual development of their true characters and their attitudes towards war. A very dramatic finale, including the death of virtually the entire cast, concluded a very worthwhile and entertaining evening.

DTH & CBB

Parties of 40 or more also attended performances of Henrik Ibsen's 'Hedda Gabler' at Dundee Repertory Theatre and of Ray Cooney and John Chapman's 'Not Now Darling' at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre. Both visits, though widely differing in character, were equally well enjoyed but, unfortunately, pressures of material upon space prevent us publishing more detailed appreciations.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

We started off the year with a series of dark-room demonstrations so that all new members were given a practical experience of developing and printing, and although the use of the dark-room tapered off slightly towards the end of the Summer term, there was a good deal of activity during the previous two terms. Members of the 3rd form provided an enthusiastic contingent throughout the year and thanks must be given to Brabbs, Guion and Widdowson for their hard work in keeping the dark-room in order during the Spring term.

The competition and exhibition, although more limited in scope than usual, were of a better standard than last year. The competition was split into three sections: landscape, portrait and school life. Our thanks to the 'Strathallian' for donating the prizes.

Apart from buying a new safe-light filter we made few purchases apart from the usual chemicals and paper. However, the enlarger lens was dismantled and now produces better results. On the whole the society has 'developed' well this year and I wish next year's office bearers the best of luck.

Finally, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to Mr Gray and to Donald Gillanders, without whose invaluable help and backing throughout the year the society could not have flourished.

RKL

COMPETITION WINNERS:

- Landscape - R. K. Linton.
- School Life - D. M. N. Gillanders.
- Portrait - D. J. Fletcher and
N. A. MacLeod.

1976 OFFICE BEARERS:

- Chairman - H. M. Pearson.
- Treasurer - A. J. H. Locke.

Was it purely coincidence?

- (1) The Strathallan School Rain Dancing Society was founded on the last week of April 1976.
 - (2) The wettest May for years was registered by the Strathallan Meteorological Office.
 - (3) No meetings have been held during the Summer vacation.
- Keep on Dancing!?

The pond was stocked this summer with 300 fish, 6 dinghies, 3 canoes, unspecified quantities of weed and various bodies. Mr Cowie claims with some bitterness to have caught only two fish. Guion was even unluckier—he only caught a crab.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

Once again there was a very full programme of films and lectures for the large number of Young Farmers—140 boys having joined the Club. There were two lectures, one in the Winter and one in the Spring Term, the first delivered by a deer farmer from Auchtermuchty and the second by two Young Farmers who had visited Canada. There were two 'Farmers' Forums' which were also very popular. The first panel consisted of Old Strathallians and the second of parents.

Three visits were also organised. The first to a fish farm; the second to the A.I. Centre at Scone and the third to the Highland Show. These were all enjoyed by those who went.

On the practical side and by kind permission of Mr P. Marshal, parties of boys went to Dalreoch Farm, Dunning, on Sunday afternoons during the Winter and Spring Terms to fence off an area and plant trees in it. It was there that Andrew Peddie was presented with the prize for winning the Better Countryman Competition in 1975.

ABP

We are Children of Instinct

Slaves of the Future

And Prisoners manacled to the chains of the Past

SHOOTING

The leavers at the end of last year left an almost unchanged 'A' team for this year. However, a completely new 'B' team had to be found. It turned out that members were far too inexperienced and the 'B' team was consequently disbanded.

Early in the winter term the 'A' team lost to Rannoch. The rest of the term was taken up in shooting the postal B.S.S.R.A. competition, in which we came 5th (with only four points separating 2nd and 6th positions).

In the spring term no postal competition was shot (due to an oversight concerning the date of entry), but the House competition took place. Ruthven won the cup.

C. R. M. Smith was awarded the individual shooting cup for having the best average in the previous term's B.S.S.R.A. competition.

In the summer term the 'B' team was reformed (to give a future 'A' team). The 'A' team did quite well in the B.S.S.R.A. competition and beat the Old Strathallians (again).

The following shot for the 'A' team:—

Smith, C. R. M., Henderson, A. T., Macadam, F. G.,
Cameron, I. D., Magill, A. W. B., McEwan, G. J.

The following shot for the 'B' team:—

Griffiths, Ross D. T., Pearson, H. M., Campbell,
Dewhurst, Livingston, Crichton, M. -M.

The following were re-awarded their shooting colours:—

Henderson, A. T., Macadam, F. G., Cameron, I. D.,
Smith, C. R. M., Magill, A. W. B.

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science society

Regular Saturday night meetings have been held during the past year although competition with television has taken its toll and relatively few members have attended regularly. This is a pity because a number of excellent modern films have been shown during the year. In the Easter term we usually invite a few outside speakers and arrange one or two visits. Unfortunately the 'flu epidemic upset this part of the programme. Next year we want to inject more life and vigour into the Society and a good programme is already being planned. However, in the final analysis we can do little without the active support of our members.

PAB

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

As in previous years, we express our very sincere thanks to those named below for so generously giving of their time to come to Strathallan to talk to the Sixth Form about aspects of public affairs in which they are closely involved.

Gordon D. Robertson, Esq.

A. Duncan Millar, Esq.

Dr Elizabeth Rogers
Professor Douglas Gifford
Robin P. MacLellan, Esq.,
C.B.E., J.P.

Sheriff H. F. Ford
M. A. Payne, Esq.
L. A. Bassett, Esq., B.Sc.
J. H. Leveson, Esq., B.Sc.(Econ.),
F.C.I.S., M.B.C.S., M.B.I.M.

The Transition from School to
University.
Regional Government in
Scotland.
The Environment.
South America.
The Problems of Industry.

Law, Government and Justice.
Enjoying the Countryside.
Planning for Careers.
Mr Leveson presented a Manage-
ment Exercise entitled
'Margaret Brooke.'

DEBATING SOCIETY

Again this year we had four debates: one was internal, two were with Kilgraston, and the highlight of the year was the competition at Kilgraston which also involved Dundee High School and St. Leonard's. All of these occasions were thoroughly enjoyable and there has been a steady improvement in the speeches throughout the year.

The first debate with Kilgraston took place in the Winter Term when A. R. Cochrane was still Chairman of the Society. He and P. A. S. Gelzer opposed the motion that 'Pollution is too high a price to pay for industrial efficiency.' Both spoke well and the motion was overwhelmingly defeated.

The next debate was an internal one and was chaired by Head of School, Gavin Crowe. R. K. Linton and M. E. Young proposed the motion that 'Pop festivals should be discouraged' and despite some sterling opposition from A. R. Cochrane and Q. J. Davidson and the stout attacks from the 'far out freaks' in the shape of S. J. Newing and D. A. R. Munro, R. K. Linton's closing speech, and the faithful support of Mr R. D. G. Powrie with his umbrella, carried the motion convincingly.

We then had another debate with Kilgraston. The topical motion, 'The Sex Discrimination Act is an unhelpful piece of legislation' was proposed by R. K. Linton and a new member of the Society, D. M. N. Gillanders. The stubborn chauvinism of the Strath. contingent and the effect of the mild 'double entendres' of Gillander's speech soon persuaded the girls and the motion was carried convincingly.

The last occasion was the competition. R. K. Linton and P. A. S. Gelzer were able to convince the audience that total selfishness was not the attitude prevalent in society today, as the St. Leonard's girls proposed. The other debate was entitled 'Small is beautiful' and throughout the evening some very valid and amusing points were made.

I would like to thank Mr Young for arranging the competition and indeed for his invaluable help throughout the year.

electronics club

This year has been a successful one for the club, in which there has been a high demand for membership. Members have been able to build almost any kit that they desired and this has meant a wide variety of gadgets being constructed. Projects this year included fuzz boxes, amplifiers, intercom, and a reaction timer. An interesting display was organised for Speech Day 1976, and this provided an insight into the work of those in the Club.

BWS

CARPENTRY

The past year has shown a resurgence of interest in the woodwork department of the School.

Willingly adherents to the crafts saw the numbers swell to some 90 participants. With such enthusiasm, the Speech Day display was a commensurate success.

Among the items shown were some unusual examples of wood turning. Riley boys showed a penchant towards bedside cabinet making and their exhibits were much admired. There were many articles on display even although a great number of finished products had already been taken home throughout the year.

The Senior School proved their interest in things more academic by producing some fine bookcases and filing cabinets. Leisure moments were represented by garden furniture, bird boxes and skis. The mundane world of the kitchen was not forgotten, where a number of well-turned rolling pins drew much interest from the ladies present.

As can be imagined from the foregoing we are indebted to Mr Robertson for the keen interest and hard work which he has devoted. We are happy to say that he has agreed to stay with us for some time to come.

Thomas Finlayson

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CRICKET

The First Eleven finished with a worse than average season, which possibly wasn't unduly unexpected in view of the resources at the beginning of the term. The batting never got going early on, most people's techniques being insufficiently sound to cope with the deviating ball on wet and green wickets which were all too common for the first half of the season. Without a good start it took some time for anyone to get any confidence once the wickets became better, and it wasn't until the penultimate match of the season that N. C. St.J. Yates recorded the first 50—and that must be a rather dismal record of some sort. The inability of the First Eleven to get runs was matched by their inability to hold catches, and there were several games in the second half of the season when even the simplest of chances was going down. These two handicaps were enough to make our inexperienced bowling attack look very moderate at times. When looking at the averages it would be as well for the reader to remind himself that most of the wickets taken (particularly by the spinners) had to be 'taken twice.'

The first game of the season, against Crieff C.C., was not a very auspicious start. The attack was hit unceremoniously to the short boundary on The Lawn, and then the batting failed dismally. How one longs for the days when the boot was on the other foot! The Occasionals' fixture was drawn, N. Yates and D. Inglis setting the foundation for a reasonable score, and D. Hay wafting his bat made a quick 26 not out.

Our first major fixture was against the Edinburgh Academy, and a curious game it turned out to be. Most of the Academy batsmen showed some aggressive shots but not one of them settled to make a substantial score. This was to be the pattern of the game. The scoresheet shows that eleven batsmen got into double figures, but only one proceeded beyond 20. The Academy batted as if they had been batting before on harder and faster wickets, and uppish shots to mid-on and mid-off and edges were the main reasons for their getting out. Nevertheless, 120 was a winning score. K. Peddie was out early on, and although Yates and Sim started to retrieve matters, Sim was far too impetuous and soon went for a wide ball of full-length which he put straight to extra cover. One felt that it was a, unnecessary way to be out, and Yates was back in the pavilion shortly before that.

Despite an innings of some concentration by Yellowlees, all other resistance was short lasting.

The Perth Academy game saw some changes in the side. A. O. Inglis was brought in to open, and proved that he could stay in for some time. The whole of the game was played in rain which varied between downpour and drizzle. In the circumstances Perth Academy bowled and fielded very steadily, taking two excellent catches. If they had not been hampered with a wet ball one feels that run-getting might have been much more difficult. In reply, Perth Academy made 43 for seven wickets, having started at a brisk pace and then Cumming, in his first game for the Eleven knocked the heart out of the batting with 5 wickets for 9 runs. Some of it was short, but some of it was obviously rather quicker than the Academy middle order had seen before. However, they were able to hang on for a draw.

A draw, too, was the result of the game with Dundee University Staff, but a very different kind of draw. At one time 29 for 5 (Cumming and Macpherson doing the damage) the Staff were able to retrieve the situation. At first the School did not take up the very generous declaration, but a fine bit of hitting by Hay who was ably supported by A. O. Inglis put us almost within reach of a win.

The Fettes' game was an anti-climax, and a repeat of the old story. Batting first on a wicket that was giving a bit of movement, but nothing unduly worrying, the early batting collapsed comprehensively to some slow-medium bowling. Both Yellowlees and Yates were out to shots that they would not, I feel, care to remember—cross-batted wipes against the new ball, and deprived of a sane start the innings declined to five wickets for three runs with every prospect of the match's being over well before lunch. In fact some later resolution with some rather generous spin bowling helped the innings along sufficiently for it to be over 12 minutes before lunch. After lunch Fettes had little difficulty in scoring the runs required, and for the second year running the Fettes game was over well before 3.30.

After the above debacle, the Loretto game provided a pleasant surprise. Loretto batted first on a wicket that was probably not as fast as they are wont to playing on. Nevertheless they did bat rather badly, indeed, suicidally, and after Cumming had taken three wickets in fairly rapid succession, Sim, coming on instead of Hay, took two in two balls. The innings therefore went into decline and at lunch the score was 94 for 8, and of these, Crawford, who had batted with great restraint and sense was 51 not out. After lunch the School bowlers gave away rather too many runs and Loretto

went to 117, Crawford eventually being bowled round his legs by Graham. Still 117 was a score that the School batting had never looked like reaching in previous matches.

The School innings went off to a bad start, Peddie being out l.b.w. in the first over. A. O. Inglis and D. Sim took the score to 29, Sim scoring 25 of these runs, but the thrashing style doesn't suit Sim, nor can he sustain it, so that just when he looked like hitting the attack to ribbons he got out. However, on this occasion the middle order stuck more carefully to their task and Whitaker finished off the game with a huge straight six off the bowling of his opposite number, Crawford. This was the first win over Loretto for some years.

Mr C. B. E. Somerville kindly sent over an eleven from the West of Scotland, and once again we had the pleasure of playing against several familiar faces. G. McLellan captained the side and modestly put himself in very late in the order so that he hadn't time to score his usual fifty which he claims I say is always scored off the edge. Well, there weren't any off the edge this time. The wicket was a bit two-paced and the School were perhaps fortunate to restrict the opposition's total to 133, a generous target. In the event McLeod proved to be a bit swift, although, as so often happens, the wickets fell at the other end. In the face of two idiotic run-outs the opposing captain had a difficult time keeping the game open. D. Inglis made 41 and Smellie 19 before being one of the run out victims.

It is hard to say why the Dollar Academy game is such a dour one, but it always is and this one was no exception. Certainly the Dollar bowling tended to be a shade on the defensive side, although one felt that Spowart deserved more than the three wickets that he did get, several drives not going to hand. It was the usual story of the School batting—a poor start followed by retrenchment by Hay and Smellie. Ogilvie and Cumming then hit around to some effect, putting on 40 in an unfinished partnership for the last wicket. It was, alas, one of those partnerships that ruined the declaration, and Dollar were content to play for a draw, which they achieved comfortably.

The match against the Strathallian Club gave us another surprise result. I hope that Strathallians reading this report will note that the Club has had great difficulty in the past few years in finding an eleven, and it must be particularly galling for the organiser of the side to find that only too often there are several old colours watching from the boundary on Founder's Day. Nevertheless, the side raised this year was reasonably strong, although it could have

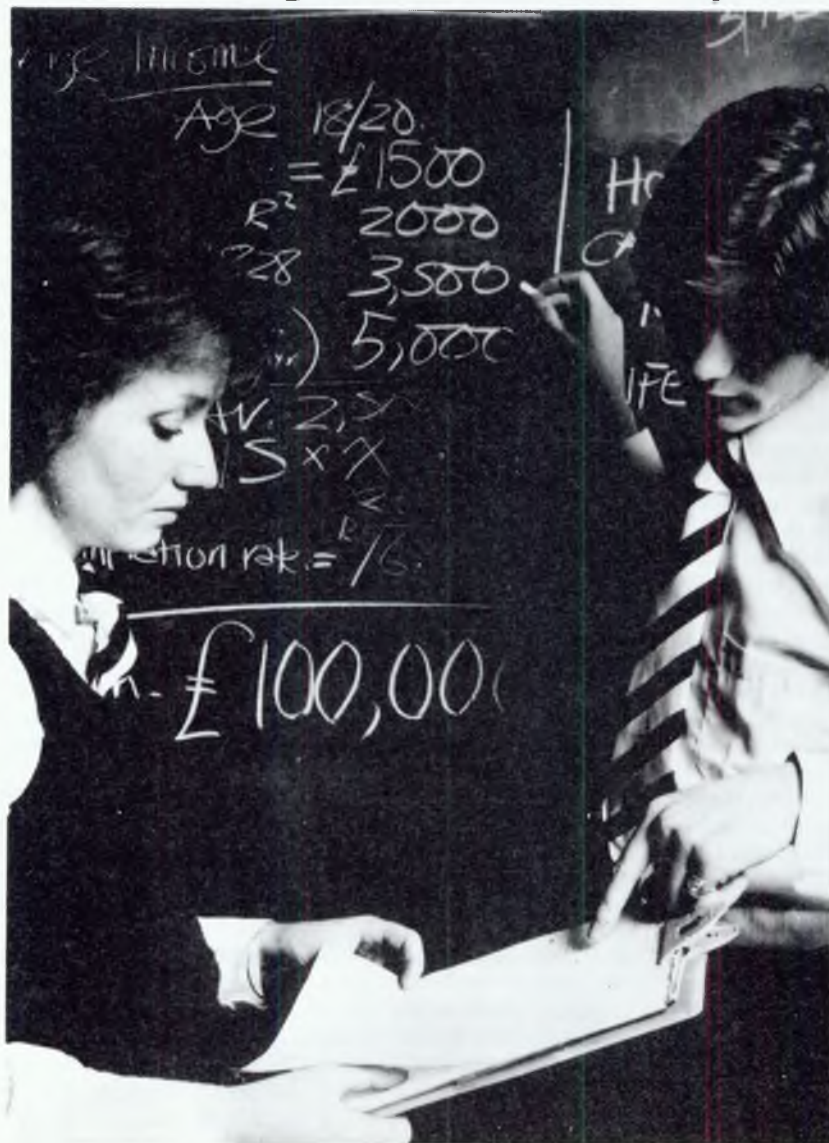
done with the annual twenty or thirty from Donald Turner. The School batted first and against a bowling attack consisting of Alastair Hay, Norman McKenzie, Peter Walker and Stuart Lowden, not to mention David Currie, temporarily out of retirement and on a short holiday from South Africa, many would have bet on the side not reaching 136. However, Sim, Inglis, and Whitaker all chipped in with reasonable innings and 136 was reached. Alan Lambie gave the Club a resounding start with some inimitable strokes, but Cumming got two early wickets—those of Lambie and of David Nicol (just when the latter was beginning to get settled, too). Further disasters were to strike. Tares got one to move sharply and had J. Ford out leg before, and Peter Walker ('I'm having a run of low scores, you understand') having been dropped second ball allowed the ball to hit his wickets third ball. After this Tares and Graham were a little too much for the tail, and only David Currie provided any resistance. He was going well when given out padding up to an off-break, which suggests that if you must retire you should make sure that the laws haven't changed when you make a come-back.

The Merchiston match on the following Saturday was a disappointment. Merchiston batted first and batted as one ought to in an all-day match. They got off to a quiet, but confident start, and the catches started to go down (about eight were to go down during the innings). After lunch, the fielding got even more ragged—I counted fourteen runs scored off Graham's bowling that went through fielders' legs! It is difficult to bowl a line and length when that kind of thing goes on without apparent reprimand, and both Graham's and Tares' bowling suffered. The batting, however, prospered and Merchiston proceeded without difficulty to 171.

The School innings never settled to run-getting. Of the early batsmen, only Yellowlees scored any runs of consequence and the remainder of the early batsmen, with the exception of Smellie, got out to the leg-spin bowling of Knight. Certainly Knight got some turn and had some flight, and one wouldn't want to detract from his figures, but 5 for 83 rather than 23 might have been a more realistic return.

After this fixture there were a series of club games. Mr du Boulay kindly brought up a good side with plenty of strokeplayers. In fact both Graham and Tares bowled well to restrict them to 154-5 declared. By now the School tactics had become established as spin from both ends as a means of getting wickets rather than the lavish employment

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of military medium. When the School batted they faced a gentleman by the name of Woolley who was quite the briskest and straightest bowler that was to be met this season: three leg-befores and two bowled bears testimony to this. The School innings was distinguished by a nice little innings from W. MacDonald, playing his first game for the First Eleven. The next day, incidentally, he made an even nicer 36 for the Occasionals against Michelin Men. This knock was followed by a 39 from D. Hay which was full of rustic charm mixed with brute aggression. The stroke for a near six over extra cover from a fast ball pitched on middle and leg is one that I shall always remember.

The Grange bowling on the following week was much more charitable. The first wicket put on 53, riches indeed! At this point Baird, on his first appearance, chopped a ball onto his wicket and was out for a nicely constructed 16. Yellowlees was promptly run out without facing a ball, but Yates, who was fed an enormous amount of long-hops outside leg stump plundered his way to 76, the first fifty of the season, which was nearly followed by a second, from D. Inglis, the acting captain who scored 46. Sim also hit to some effect, and although being dropped on the boundary twice, hit a quick 28. In all the School scored 130 runs in one and a quarter hours and were thus able to declare at tea. Grange lost early wickets, but some catches were yet again dropped and so the visitors escaped with a draw.

The final match of the season was against Trinity College, Glengalmond, who had been carrying all before them. However, the wicket provided at Glengalmond by Bill Dennis was such a good one that it would have needed collective folly by one of the sides to lose. Neither side was so inclined in this needle match. With the captain still off games and Tares too the side was perhaps a little understrength. Coll. batted first and were not troubled by our opening attack, and in fact it was Sim who made the first breakthrough when S. MacCaulay drove round and over a ball of full length. We had to wait a long time for further success. Stevenson, who had been dropped off a simple chance to long-leg at five, had made a nicely constructed 61 when he drove uppishly at a ball from Hay and was well taken at mid-on by A. O. Inglis. Shaw, the replacement for Tares, bowled adequately but not, of course, with the same accuracy, and Graham was bowled a shade too long. 214 was not an unreasonable target, though the School batting lacked the confidence to go for it. A. O. Inglis and Yates gave us a quiet but effective start, and saw off the opening bowlers. A bit of leg-spin was introduced into the attack and this was dealt

with as unmercifully as Knight's in the Merchiston match had been dealt with timidly. Anything short Yates despatched to the area between mid-wicket and fine leg with relish and completed a good 58. A. O. Inglis had one or two good leg-drives before being caught at the wicket hooking at a short ball. Thereafter Yellowlees dominated the proceedings with a ferocious display of batting. In three successive balls the leg-spinner coming on for another try was hit straight for four, onto the pavilion roof for six and through extra cover for four. Then, Gordon who had been quietly wheeling away as medium pace change was despatched over long-off for six. Unfortunately time ran out before Yellowlees could complete what would have been a very fine fifty.

The season, then, ended on a more encouraging note. Several players appeared for the First Eleven, and although the season had its disappointments in that some potential run-getters remained potential run-getters and in that the bowlers never got the required support in the field things do not look too bleak for next year.

The Second Eleven had an average season, and the Third Eleven, initially led by Newing and later by Hinshaw, who had considerable personal success with bat and ball, made up for lack of skill with boundless enthusiasm. At times it was difficult to know where the side was coming from; in the match against Glengalmond, for example, they were led by someone officially on summer hockey, and had two senior colts, one of whom, M. Ross, has been unlucky not to get into the Senior Colts proper, although his left-arm medium has been welcome to the thirds, and an athlete (which is some consolation to the athletes for a regular 3rd XI player taking the Junior Victor Ludorum on Sports Day—yes, there was a junior colt in this side, too!).

The Senior Colts were, without doubt, the best eleven in the School this year. A. Baird made a mountain of runs, and even cats might be interested to get hold of the secret of the longevity of his innings. He had one game for the 1st XI and one for QNCC, acquitting himself well in both. He and Brewster gave the Colts some consistent starts so that some of the lower order talent, including W. D. W. MacDonald and A. W. Ferguson, just did not get the opportunities for playing long innings. The bowling, too, was full of promise. Jackson, the captain, bowled seam-up effectively, as did Ferguson. Watt was probably under-bowled, and J. E. McIntosh looks to have promise as an off-spinner.

The Junior Colts got off to a bad start with an early mis-

match between them and Rannoch. Still, even good sides have their off-days (just say Sion Mills to a West Indian). This side eventually reversed its fortunes to the point where they beat Fettes, had a good draw against Merchiston and then, chasing 204 against Glenalmond, beat them by 3 wickets. D. Ogilvie was the chief run-getter, but A. MacLeod is sure to get runs in the future. The wicket takers appear to have been Watson and Bain.

This year the Senior House Matches were suspended because there just wasn't enough time to play them, and the Junior House League, bedevilled by rain, was won by Leburn in the last round of matches.



1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING	INNS	N.O.	H.S.	RUNS	AV.
D. T. Hay	11	2	39	180	20.00
R. I. Whitaker	11	3	39*	159	19.87
N. C. St. J. Yates	12	0	76	231	19.25
D. G. Inglis	12	1	46	197	17.99
M. J. Yellowlees	10	1	48*	143	15.88
A. O. Inglis	7	0	27	102	14.57
I. G. Ogilvie	7	2	28*	68	13.60
D. Sim	12	1	28	141	12.81
D. A. Smellie	10	0	39	119	11.90
A. J. Tares	12	5	12	58	8.28
K. A. D. Peddie	8	0	19	59	7.42

BOWLING	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV.
A. J. Tares	125	23	307	23	13.34
A. H. Cumming	102	30	229	17	13.47
D. Sim	40	8	119	8	14.87
D. T. Hay	123.4	25	344	16	21.50
D. P. A. Graham	95	23	286	13	22.00
R. A. McPherson	51	16	148	5	29.60

Also played: A. C. B. Baird, J. B. Callander, R. H. Gardiner, W. D. W. McDonald, W. M. Potts, A. K. Shaw.
Colours were awarded to: Hay, Graham, A. O. Inglis, Yellowlees, Cumming.
and re-awarded to: Whitaker, D. G. Inglis, Yates, Tares.

RESULTS

1st May v. Crieff C.C. (Home)

Crieff 184 – 5 (dec.); Strathallan 76.

Lost by 108 runs.

6th May v. Strathallan Occasionals (Home)

Strathallan 163 – 5 (dec.) (Yates 37, D. G. Inglis 29* Hay 26*).

Strathallan Occasionals 147 – 6. **Match Drawn.**

8th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Home)

Edinburgh Academy 120 (D. Sim 3 – 13; D. T. Hay 3 – 40;

R. A. McPherson 2 – 42).

Strathallan 97 (M. J. Yellowlees 23).

Lost by 23 runs.

11th May v. Perth Academy (Home)

Strathallan 108 – 6 (dec.) (A. O. Inglis 27, R. I. Whitaker 24).

Perth Academy 43 – 7 (A. H. Cumming 5 – 9). **Match drawn.**

13th May v. Dundee University Staff XI (Home)

Dundee University Staff XI 116 – 8 (dec.) (A. H. Cumming 2 – 19, R. A. McPherson 2 – 22).

Strathallan 112 – 6 (D. T. Hay 37). **Match drawn.**

22nd May v. Fettes (Home)

Strathallan 50.

Fettes 51 for 3 (D. T. Hay 2 – 22, R. A. McPherson 1 – 16).

Lost by 7 wkts.

27th May v. Loretto (Home)

Loretto 117 (R. B. Crawford 66, A. H. Cumming 4 – 37,

A. J. Tares 3 – 31, D. Sim 2 – 12, D. P. A. Graham 1 – 13).

Strathallan 122 – 6 (R. I. Whitaker 34 n.o., D. Sim 25,

A. O. Inglis 21, D. A. Smellie 20).

Won by 4 wkts.

3rd June v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI (Home)

C. B. E. Somerville's XI 133 – 7 (dec.) (A. J. Tares 3 – 40).

Strathallan 98 – 8 (D. G. Inglis 41). **Match drawn.**

10th June v. Dollar Academy (Away)

Strathallan 169 – 9 (dec.) (D. A. Smellie 39, D. T. Hay 34,

I. G. Ogilvie 28, D. G. Inglis 20).

Dollar 66 – 2. **Match drawn.**

12th June v. Strathallian Club XI (Home)

Strathallan 136 – 7 (dec.) (R. I. Whitaker 39 n.o., D. Sim 26,

D. G. Inglis 20, A. J. Hay 3 – 21, D. J. S. Currie 2 – 20,

N. D. McKenzie 2 – 30, S. D. Lowden 1 – 21).

Strathallian Club 109 (D. J. S. Currie 26, A. J. Tares 5 – 38,

A. H. Cumming 3 – 29, D. P. A. Graham 2 – 16).

Won by 27 runs.

19th June v. Merchiston Castle (Away)

Merchiston 171 – 4 (dec.) (A. W. Milne 49, D. T. Hay 2 – 54,

A. H. Cumming 1 – 20, A. J. Tares 1 – 38).

Strathallan 75 (M. J. Yellowlees 23, Knight 5 – 23).

Lost by 96 runs.

26th June v. Michelin Men (Home)

Michelin Men 154 – 5 (dec.).

Strathallan 113 – 8 (D. T. Hay 39, W. D. W. McDonald 26).

Match drawn.

3rd July v. Grange C.C. (Home)

Strathallan 197 – 8 (dec.) (N. C. St.J. Yates 76, D. G. Inglis 46, D. Sim 28).

Grange C.C. 106 – 8 (D. T. Hay 3 – 23). **Match drawn.**

6th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (Away)

Glenalmond 214 – 6 (dec.) (A. J. G. Stevenson 61, A. K. Shaw 2 – 56, D. P. A. Graham 2 – 60, D. Sim 1 – 19, D. T. Hay 1 – 40).

Strathallan 156 – 4 (N. C. St.J. Yates 58, M. J. Yellowlees 48 n.o.).

Match drawn.

2nd XI

8th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Home)

Strathallan 100 (A. O. Inglis 24).

Edinburgh Academy 101 – 3. **Lost by 7 wkts.**

27th May v. Loretto (Away)

Loretto 68.

Strathallan 69 – 9. **Won by 1 wkt.**

19th June v. Merchiston Castle (Home)

Merchiston 103.

Strathallan 59 (McPherson 25). **Lost by 44 runs.**

6th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (Home)

Glenalmond 232 – 4 (dec.).

Strathallan 43. **Lost by 189 runs.**

3rd XI

8th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Home)

Edinburgh Academy 106.

Strathallan 107 – 9 (Hinshaw 26, McDonald 25, Benzies 20).

Won by 1 wkt.

27th May v. Loretto (Away)

Loretto 97 (Hinshaw 4 – 33, Ross 3 – 28).

Strathallan 100 – 7 (Taylor 20 n.o., Hinshaw 20).

Won by 3 wkts.

10th June v. Dollar Academy (Away)

Dollar 159 – 8 (dec.).

Strathallan 88 (Hinshaw 44).

Lost by 71 runs.

19th June v. Merchiston Castle (Home)

Merchiston 94 (Cleland 4 – 60, Ross 3 – 18).

Strathallan 38.

Lost by 56 runs.

6th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (Home)

Strathallan 87.

Glenalmond 39 (Hinshaw 6 – 14, Cleland 4 – 25).

Won by 48 runs.

COLTS

8th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Away)

Edinburgh Academy 132 – 4 (dec.).

Strathallan 128 – 5 (McDonald 36, Brewster 31).

Match drawn.

22nd May v. Edinburgh Academy (Home)

Strathallan 111 (Baird 79).

Edinburgh Academy 39 – 9 (Ferguson 5 – 13).

Match drawn.

27th May v. Loretto (Home)

Loretto 84 (Ferguson 6 – 29, Jackson 4 – 18).

Strathallan 86 – 6 (Baird 42).

Won by 4 wkts.

10th June v. Fettes (Home)

Strathallan 142 – 1 (dec.) (Baird 83 n.o., McDonald 32 n.o.).

Fettes 105 – 6 (McIntosh 3 – 18, McDonald 3 – 19).

Match drawn.

18th June v. Merchiston Castle (Away)

Strathallan 156 – 5 (dec.) (Baird 35, Ferguson 29 n.o., Brewster 29).

Merchiston 79 (Jackson 4 – 15).

Won by 77 runs.

6th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (Away)

Strathallan 172 – 3 (dec.) (Baird 67, McDonald 47 n.o., Brewster 33).

Glenalmond 131 – 6 (Jackson 3 – 30). **Match drawn.**

JUNIOR COLTS

29th April v. a Rannoch XI (Home)

Strathallan 9.

Rannoch 10 – 2. **Lost by 8 wkts.**

8th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Away)

Strathallan 50.

Edinburgh Academy 51 – 4. **Lost by 6 wkts.**

27th May v. Loretto (Home)

Loretto 78 (Inglis 3 – 9, Watson 3 – 17).

Strathallan 64. **Lost by 14 runs.**

10th June v. Fettes (Home)

Fettes 76 (Bain 5 – 15).

Strathallan 78 – 9 (Ogilvie 25). **Won by 1 wkt.**

19th June v. Merchiston Castle (Away)

Merchiston 174 – 6 (dec.) (Watson 3 – 30).

Strathallan 108 – 5 (Ogilvie 49 n.o., MacLeod 26).

Match drawn.

6th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (Away)

Glenalmond 204 – 9 (dec.) (Bain 6 – 71).

Strathallan 208 – 7 (Ogilvie 45, Fellowes-Prynn 41, MacLeod 35, Bain 28). **Won by 3 wkts.**



GOLF

As far as the team is concerned the match and competition results over the year were rather disappointing but, even so, there have been some good individual performances and the standard of golf at the top of the team is better than for a number of years. The first three of the league side—P. A. Hill, W. D. Gibson, and D. T. Hay—are returning next term, so that we should be all set to mount a strong challenge in next year's circuit.

P. A. Hill did his own circuit in the summer and did well to reach the quarter finals of the West of Scotland Boys, and the fourth round of the British Boys at Sunningdale, where he was beaten by the eventual winner. W. D. Gibson came good towards the end of the summer term and besides winning the Club Championship he beat the Glenalmond number one convincingly over the Cairnies Course.

The new Headmaster turned out to be a golf architect in disguise, and already new tees and greens are being prepared in order to convert the existing 6-hole New Course into 9 holes. None of the greens will be sited on games pitches, so that it will be possible to work on them during the winter months and so improve their standard. Some of the new holes will be exciting and challenging, offering the courageous quite a lot to think about, but at the same time allowing the average School golfer to play within his limits. It is unlikely that the whole course will be ready by next summer but, with luck, part of it will be operational.

Finally, a word of thanks to Willie Gibson for all his conscientious work as Secretary, and to Peter Hill for helping with the administration and course maintenance.

RESULTS

Stocks Cup (Perthshire Schools competition) played at Glenalmond on 14th September 1975—6th out of 7—3 round aggregate—261 (85, 86, 90).

Aer Lingus qualifying round played at Stirling G.C. on 29th March 1976—13th out of 16—3 round aggregate—274 (90, 91, 93).

PERTSHIRE SCHOOLS LEAGUE

v. Auchterarder Secondary School	Halved	2 - 2 (Auchterarder).
v. Pitlochry High School	Won	4 - 0 (Auchterarder).
v. Glenalmond	Lost	3 - 1 (Auchterarder).
v. Morrison's Academy	Lost	2½ - 1½ (Crieff).

OTHER MATCHES

v. Merchiston	Won	4½ - 1½ (Ladybank).
v. Masters	Lost	6 - 2 (Ladybank).
v. Glenalmond	Lost	5 - 3 (Cairnies).

House Competition : Ruthven.
Club Champion : W. D. Gibson.

League Team:

P. A. Hill, W. D. Gibson, D. T. Hay, S. J. Newing, G. D. Robb.

MOUNTAINEERING

Our first expedition took us to Glencoe in November where we climbed Buachaille Etive Mòr, starting from Lagangarbh. After two and a half hours we were on the summit in a biting cold wind which froze the water in our bottles and hastened our descent to the valley.

In December we hoped to climb Ben Lawers but, having traversed Bheinn Ghlas, we experienced tremendously strong winds and were obliged to curtail the day by losing height before returning to the Land Rover.

Our trip to Drumochter in the New Year was again curtailed by adverse conditions. After climbing Geal Charn and A'Mharconach we headed down to the valley in near white-out conditions. Inevitably glorious sunshine broke through as we reached the Land Rover.

June saw us in the Cairngorms. Our Saturday evening stroll took us up Cairngorm itself before camping at the Milehouse. The summits of Geal Charn (different from the one mentioned above), Sgòr Gaoith and Càrn Ban More were achieved in remarkably different conditions—bright, warm, sunlight, hailstorm and mist.

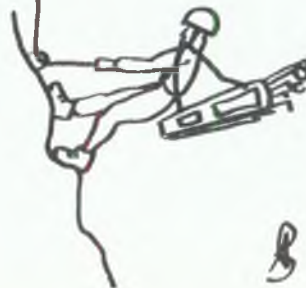
The final expedition of the year was based in Glen Nevis over and extended weekend. Blistering heat hampered our progress but eventually we achieved our objectives of Sgùrr A'Mhaim, Am Booach, Stob Coire A'Chairn and An Gearanach. Our route up Ben Nevis began at Steall Cottage and took us via the Càrn Mòr Deare arête to the highest point in Britain.

A further two munros, Ben Vorlich and Stuc A'Croin, were climbed on an adventurous training camp (C.C.F.) at Lochearnhead, making a total of 15 munros in the year.

Throughout the year the climbing wall has been used regularly with some skill.

On behalf of all those who took part in these activities I would like to thank Mr Comins for sacrificing his spare time with such enthusiasm.

D.G.



SAILING

The School pond has been put to its full use this season and a large part of the sailing has been done there. This not only means that there has been more interest in the club but also that the boys have been able to sail in their own time during Activities and on Sundays and without the problems of tidal waters.

We were only able to arrange three sailing matches and unfortunately of these three the Glenalmond fixture was cancelled owing to the lack of wind.

The first fixture was against Loretto on our home waters of the Tay and the final result was the exact opposite of last year's. The wind throughout the afternoon was very changeable. The racing was close and competitive and consequently the day was enjoyed by all.

Result: Race 1 1. Jacoranda (Loretto)

2. Strath I (Loretto)
3. Heidi (Newton & Morton)
4. Ajax (Loretto)
5. Strath II (Blaxter & Muir)
6. Popeye (Ferguson & Walker)

Race 2 1. Jacoranda (Ferguson & Walker)

2. Strath II (Loretto)
3. Ajax (Newton & Morton)
4. Strath I (Blaxter & Muir)
5. Heidi (Loretto)
6. Popeye (Loretto)

Loretto 19½ Strathallan 21½ Lost by two points.

Our next fixture was against Rannoch on their waters but unfortunately the wind proved rather strong to begin with and consequently everybody capsized either before or during the first race which was abandoned. After a few postponements we dared to attempt another race. Of the four boats only which started, Ferguson and Walker won with Newton and Morton finishing third to give Strath. a win by 2½ points.

Ferguson and Newton represented the School at the Scottish Schools' Championships held on Loch Earn at Half Term. They suffered the misfortune of capsizing through gear failure in the first race and against strong opposition they were never able to make up the leeway. There disappointment will no doubt have been tempered by the knowledge that in this mixed class race none of the Enterprises even with the benefit of their yardstick handicaps came anywhere near the winning Hornets.

The House sailing competition, which was held on the

last Thursday of term, proved to be a very entertaining day. In between the swimming and the sun-bathing there were two very competitive races with the result in doubt until the very last minute. The wind freshened during the afternoon to a steady breeze. Simpson and Ruthven shared the cup, both having achieved a first and a second place.

Result: Race 1 1. Strath I (Simpson)

2. Ajax (Ruthven)
3. Strath II (Leburn)
4. Heidi (Nicol)
5. Popeye (Freeland)

Race 2 1. Ajax (Ruthven)

2. Strath I (Simpson)
3. Popeye (Nicol)
4. Strath II (Leburn)
5. Heidi (Freeland)

Ruthven 2½ pts; Simpson 2½ pts; Leburn 7 pts;
Nicol 7 pts; Freeland 10 pts.

Sailing colours were awarded to D. R. Newton.

WRF

SWIMMING

This year swimming has centred around the strong junior team that has developed over the last few years. Matches against other schools have been limited by competition from other sports but the junior team has swum well despite this.

Life-saving has been very active under the guidance of Mr Kay; 53 passes being gained at Bronze Medallion level and 6 Teachers' Certificates being awarded.

The interhouse swimming matches were the most competitive for many years. Prior to the final relay, Leburn, Ruthven, Freeland and Simpson were all in close contention. It was eventually Leburn who clinched the title by a very narrow margin and thus broke the Simpson stranglehold of previous years.

INTERHOUSE RESULTS

BACKSTROKE

Junior	1. McLean (R) 37.2	2. McGillivray (R)	3. Shaw Stewart (L)
Middle	1. Callander (R) 1.19.0	2. Stewart (F)	3. Hamilton (F)
Senior	1. Willox (L) 1.20.0	2. Russell (F)	3. Smith (F)

BREASTSTROKE

Junior	1. Nicolson (L) 39.7	2. McDonald (F)	3. Watson (L)
Middle	1. Russell (S) 1.25.7	2. Lamb (S)	3. Waterbury (L)
Senior	1. Pearson (S) 1.17.1	2. Waldie (S)	3. Russell (F)

BUTTERFLY

Junior	1. Bain (N) 14.2	2. Phillips (R)	3. Nicolson (L)
Middle	1. Russell (S) 32.3	2. Macadam (L)	3. Lamb (S)
Senior	1. Powrie (S) 30.8	2. Pearson (S)	3. Cuthill (F)

FREESTYLE

Junior	1. Bain (N) 31.1	2. Crawford (F)	3. Shaw Stewart (L)
Middle	1. Callander (R) 1.04.9	2. Waterbury (L)	3. Macadam (L)
Senior	1. Willox (L) 1.02.7	2. Powrie (S)	3. Cuthill (F)

SUMMER HOCKEY

In my opinion the summer hockey team this year was one of the most successful in the last few years, only being beaten once all summer.

Our first match against Inverleith was abandoned but eventually, with just two weeks to go before Half Term, our season got under way. We went away to play Edinburgh Academy on a cold wet day. After some delay play began on a pitch that resembled the Cairngorms more than it did a hockey pitch. Considering the condition of the pitch the only tactic worth employing was to hit the ball up the middle and try and cash in on the defence's mistakes. After ten minutes of play Currie flicked the ball over the heads of the defence, taking them by surprise and leaving the goal at MacLeod's mercy. The second goal was similar in that it came from another high ball over the defence which Crowe collected on the right wing and scored with a well-placed shot.

Our next game was two days after Half Term against Rannoch. We fielded an inexperienced side. After a first half of very little skill but a lot of effort from both sides the score remained at 0-0. Then late on in the game Rannoch took a well deserved goal. It looked as though it was the end for Strathallan until Gibson scored a last-minute equaliser.

Then came the big one on the Saturday after Half Term against the Old Strathallians. This was a very strong and talented side. We were right up against it and the final result looked obvious right from the bully-off. With the old boys' superior speed and stickwork they put on a lot of pressure but despite this could only score once in the first half through an individual effort by C. Hay. The first ten minutes of the second half had the same look about it as the first half. Then the old boys began to slacken off slightly giving us a chance to get this goal back. However just as we began to apply the pressure D. N. F. Pennie scored a good goal to put the Old Strathallians two up. Anything that happened from then on was a mere formality but the forwards did go on trying and Gibson came close to scoring on several occasions. Then to rub the salt deeper into the wound C. D. Reekie scored the old boys' third goal.

Our next match was against Grange and this game every-one was confident of winning. The way the forwards started off it looked as though we were going to have a field day. Goals came from MacLeod, Holland (2) and Gray (2), after a lot of good work between the halves and forwards. Unfortunately Grange always managed to stay

within striking distance and as a result the final score was 5-5.

On the last Saturday of term—a scorching hot day—we played the Barbarians. To say the least we were not very well prepared and it looked as though we were in for a tanning. Early on it was the Barbarians who applied all the pressure but it was the School who, through Hinshaw, came the closest to scoring. In the second half the Barbarians did eventually score and also hit the post. They applied a lot of pressure to try and secure their win. Then came the surprise of the day. Eastwood hit a long ball up the field through which Hinshaw scored a well deserved goal making the final score 1-1.

Currie and Hinshaw deserve special mention for their efforts throughout the season.

The following played for the Summer Hockey XI:
A. T. D. Brewster, J. Currie, H. J. P. Gray, P. J. Holland, G. D. Robb, M. D. Kirk, G. T. Wordie, M. F. Eastwood, D. L. Hinshaw, W. D. Gibson, N. A. MacLeod and were awarded their colours. G. J. F. Crowe and D. T. Hay also played.

ATDB



athletics

We had only twelve Seniors this year and without any good middle distance men we had to use Middles instead, notably Barr and Lamb. We also managed to prise D. T. Hay from the grasp of cricket so that he could run in the 800m against Loretto.

The first match of the season was against Edinburgh Academy in Edinburgh, on a warm day with a very light breeze. We did quite well considering the lack of training—we had only been back for two weeks. The Seniors only lost by two points but the Middles performed less well, winning only the Long Jump, High Jump and Javelin. For the Seniors Foottit won the 400m in a personal best of 53.3. Voigt won the Long Jump in a personal best of 5m 59.5. Linton and Powrie also had personal bests in the High Jump and Javelin respectively.

Our second match against Loretto was an open match. We won every event except the High Jump; thus the match was ours by a considerable margin. Foottit won the 200m and 400m; Knox the Shot Putt and the Discus; Hay the 800m in a personal best of 2m 6.7 secs. The 1500m was a very close race with Parker winning in 4:38.2 and Lamb third in 4:42.6.

The next match against Fettes College in Edinburgh took place in very bad conditions. It rained all the time and it was very cold as it had been in the previous week making training impossible. The Senior match was won by 6 points with Foottit winning the 100m, 200m and 400m and the relay team recording a personal best of 46.7. Park had a personal best of 40m 20cm in the Javelin whilst Knox registered personal bests of 12m 82cm in the Shot Putt and 41m 83cm in the Javelin. After some disagreement it was finally found that we had won the Middles match by 3 points.

The match against Glenalmond was cancelled due to very heavy rain, which was disappointing as it was potentially a most exciting match.

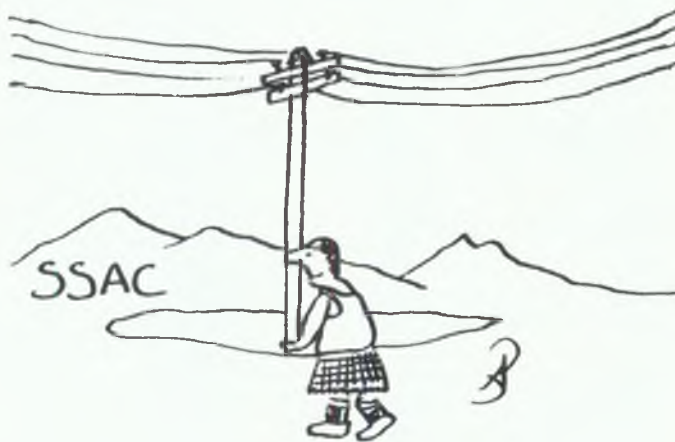
The last match of the season was away against Rannoch. The long journey up was not very pleasant and having the match so soon after Half Term it did not appeal to many people. Rannoch fielded a very good team and with our Seniors winning only the 400m and 1500m strode to victory by the handsome margin of 58 points. Although we did not get the points there were a number of personal best performances: Foottit 11.0 in the 100m and 5m 70cm in the Long Jump; Powrie 55.4 in the 400m and Park 10m 59cm in

the Shot Putt. The Middles did better, managing to win three events: Headrick the 200m and Knox the Shot Putt in a personal best of 13m 25cm and Discus in 36m 25cm. Hunter and Galloway had personal bests in the Long Jump and 100m respectively.

It was rather disappointing to end the season with such a heavy defeat but a lot of the Middles were in their first year, so they should improve greatly by next year.

The following were awarded their colours: H. J. M. Foottit, R. D. G. Powrie, J. G. Leishman, B. W. Parker and S. B. Knox.

HJMF



PITREAVIE REPORT

Ten boys took part in the Scottish Schools athletics meeting at Pitreavie. The Middles had a mixed day. Galloway was eliminated in the heats of the 200m as was the relay team but B. W. Parker finished 4th in the 1500m in a personal best time of 4:30.0 whilst S. B. Knox had a splendid day finishing second in the Discus and third in the Shot Putt.

Of the Seniors Leishman was eliminated in the heats of the 100m but Foottit managed a 4th place in the 400m. Once again we just failed to win the 17-19 relay. Our time of 46.7 in the heats was the fastest and our hopes were high. The year before we had come 2nd and this year we hoped to win. But this was not to be; our time of 46.0 was not good enough to beat Kelvinside Academy and thus our hopes of victory will have to wait until next year!

HJMF

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Event	Class	1	2	3	Time/Distance
100m	Junior	Ogilvie	Fairley	Romaniec	12.1 secs
100m	Middle	Headrick	Galloway	Yellowlees	11.5 secs (record)
100m	Senior	Foottit	Powrie	Cuthill	11.5 secs
200m	Junior	Fairley	Romaniec	Bradshaw	26.3 secs
200m	Middle	Headrick	Galloway	Smith	24.7 secs
200m	Senior	Foottit	Powrie	Leishman	23.2 secs
400m	Junior	Romaniec	Ogilvie	Bradshaw	60.4 secs
400m	Middle	Headrick	Galloway	MacIver	54.5 secs
400m	Senior	Foottit	Hay	Voigt	52.9 secs
800m	Junior	Fairley	Bain	Ogilvie	2m 24.3 secs
800m	Middle	Parker	Barr	Lamb	2m 10.1 secs
800m	Senior	Hay	Magill	Gardiner	2m 06.9 secs
1500m	Junior	Laing	Stewart	Houston	4m 59.5 secs
1500m	Middle	Parker	Lamb	Barr	4m 32.0 secs
1500m	Senior	Hay	Gardiner	Gardner	4m 28.4 secs
High Jump	Junior	McDougall	McPhie & Prosser		1m 47cm
High Jump	Middle	Headrick & Callander		Millar	1m 65cm
High Jump	Senior	Cameron	Linton	Gardiner	1m 66cm
Long Jump	Junior	Phillips	McDougall	Bain	4m 40cm
Long Jump	Middle	Galloway	Smellie	Yellowlees	5m 00cm
Long Jump	Senior	Gardiner	Foottit	Voigt	5m 89cm
Discus	Junior	Hyne	Fairley	Turnbull	26m 31cm
Discus	Middle	Knox	Parker	Stewart	35m 93cm
Discus	Senior	Gillanders	Cuthill	Gardner	31m 71cm
Javelin	Junior	McIntosh	Fairley	McDougall	32m 75cm
Javelin	Middle	Knox	Yates	Muir	44m 80cm
Javelin	Senior	Cuthill	Cameron	Park	38m 88cm
Shot	Junior	McIntosh	Bain	McPhie	9m 84cm
Shot	Middle	Knox	Cunningham	Parker	13m 58cm
Shot	Senior	Cameron	Powrie	Park	11m 84cm
Relay 4x100m	Junior	Ruthven	Leburn	Nicol	50.7 secs (record)
Relay 4x100m	Middle	Leburn	Nicol	Ruthven	46.8 secs
Relay 4x100m	Senior	Simpson	Leburn	Ruthven	47.1 secs

Inter-House Competition	Winners	: Ruthven.
The Rowan Cup for Standards	Winners	: Ruthven.
Victories Ludorum	Junior	: A. E. Fairley (R).
	Middle	: D. J. Headrick (L).
	Senior	: H. J. M. Foottit (S).

TENNIS NOTES

Tennis flourishes. There have been occasions when all six courts, the practice-wall and the Sports Hall were all busy at the same time.

The team was G. J. F. Crowe (Captain), A. B. Caithness, C. G. Caithness, K. W. Macmillan, C. R. M. Smith and R. F. Wilson. Apart from a 3 - 6 loss to Merchiston (they were good but our team was sadly off form that day) they won all their matches, beating Edinburgh Academy 6 - 3, Fettes 5 - 4, Dollar 5 - 2 (when rain finally stopped play), Glenalmond 7 - 2 and the Old Strathallians 6 - 3. A good reward for encouraging captaincy and a lot of hard practice. They also had an enjoyable afternoon of mixed doubles at St. Leonards.

Four of the team are due to return next year, so prospects are bright. There are several other promising players in the School but unfortunately (from the tennis point of view) most of them are promising cricketers too.

The House Competition was won by Freeland, and the Singles by A. B. Caithness who beat K. W. Macmillan in a good final.

W.N.M.

VALETTE

DECEMBER 1975

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Cochrane, A. R. (F), *c/o 7 Kyle Crescent, Loans, Troon, Ayrshire, KA10 7EZ.* Came 70³; III; School Prefect; Economics & History Prizes 75; Orchestra; Cdt.(Army).

UPPER SIXTH

McLelland, K. C. S. (R), *Wester Housebyres, Melrose, Roxburghshire, TD6 8BW.* Came 71³; III; Orchestra; Cdt. (Army).

Wallace, C. J. (L), *Kincapple, St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9SH.* Came 71³; III; House Prefect; XV 75; Choir; Ldg. Cdt. (R.A.F.).

LOWER SIXTH

Goodfellow, R. D. (L), *Cairnton House, By Arbroath, Angus.* Came 71³; II; Orchestra; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Mulroney, P. C. (N). Came 75³; LVI; XV 75.

V

Ferries, G. W. P. (F), *The Central Africa Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 5598, Malawi.* Came 69³; I; Cdt.(Army).

MARCH 1976

LOWER SIXTH

Schneeberger, C. J. (L), *33 Thorn Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.* Came 72³; III; P.O.(R.N.).

JULY 1976

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Crowe, G. J. F. (S), *Carig Dhubh, Craig-na-Araidh, By Pitlochry, Perthshire.* Came 71³; III; Head of School; Head of Simpson; Head Librarian; Choir (Leader); Orchestra; XV 75; Hockey XI 75-76; Tennis 71-76 Capt. 75-76; Smith Cup; Houston Prize; History Prize.

UPPER SIXTH

Blaxter, T. J. (R), *Birch Hill, Achnacreebeag, N. Connel, Argyll.* Came 71¹; III; House Prefect; Choir; Sailing 75-76; C.P.O.(R.N.).

Cameron, P. A. C. (F), *Moorlands, Tannoch Drive, Milngavie, Dunbartonshire.* Came 69³; I; XV 75; Athletics 74-75; X-Country 74; Orchestra; Social Services.

Ferguson, W. R. (S), *Easdale, Gryffe Road, Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire.* Came 71³; III; Sailing 73-76 Capt. 76; Ski-ing 73-76 Capt. 76; P.O.(R.N.).

Fletcher, D. J. (L), *Moray Lodge, Croftamie, Glasgow, G63 0EU.* Came 71³; III; William Tattersall Prize 75; Social Services.

Gardner, N. L. (L), *Rua Rui Barbosa 1552, Apt 701, 79100—Campo Grande, MT. Brasil.* Came 75¹; LVI; House Prefect; Athletics 75-76; X-Country 75-76; Mathematics & Chemistry Prizes 76; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Garside, R. M. (F), *20 Forest Grove, Glasgow Road, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, KA3 1UP.* Came 72¹; III; House Prefect; Cdt.(Army).

Hinshaw, D. L. (S), *Victoria Hotel, Prince's Street, Perth.* Came 69³; I; XV 75; Summer Hockey XI 76; Choir; Sgt.(Army).

Holland, P. J. (S), *Rockfield, Pier Road, Tarbert, Argyll.* Came 71²; III; House Prefect; XV 75-76; Hockey XI 75-76; P.O.(R.N.).

Inglis, D. G. (R), *Dalachy Farm, Aberdour, Fife.* Came 69³; I; School Prefect; Head of Ruthven; XV 75-76; XI 75-76; Squash 75-76; Sgt.(Army).

Kirk, M. D. (F), *Manderley, Mount Tabor Road, Perth.* Came 68³; I; School Prefect; Head of Freeland; Summer Hockey 74-76; Choir; Cpl.(R.A.F.).

Leishman, J. G. (L), *10 Blairdenon Crescent, Falkirk, FK1 5PE.* Came 73³; V; House Prefect; Senior Science Librarian; X-Country 74-76; Athletics 75-76; Flt. Sgt.(R.A.F.).

Linton, R. K. (L), *25 Bowfield Road, West Kilbride, Ayrshire.* Came 71³; III; House Prefect; Librarian; Editor 'Strathallian'; Rugby Coach; Athletics 75-76; Flt. Sgt.(R.A.F.).

McGregor, I. C. (S), *34 Polwarth, Hyndland, Glasgow, G12 9TX.* Came 71¹; III; House Prefect; Choir; Sgt.(Army).

MacLeod, N. A. (R). Came 74¹; LVI; Summer Hockey XI 76; Choir; Flt. Sgt.(R.A.F.).

McPherson, R. A. (L), *3 Broom Cliff, Newton Mearns, Glasgow.* Came 71¹; III; House Prefect; XV 76; XI 74-76; Social Services.

Magill, A. W. B. (R), *31 Raith Road, Fenwick, Ayrshire, KA3 6DB.* Came 71¹; III; School Prefect; XV 76; Hockey XI 75-76; Squash 75-76 Capt.; Golf 74-76 Capt.; Shooting; Basketball; Choir; Flt. Sgt.(R.A.F.).

Munro, D. A. R. (N), *7 Wester Coates Gardens, Nr. Roseburn, Edinburgh.* Came 69³; I; School Prefect; Head of Nicol; Hockey XI 76; Summer Hockey 74-75; Choir; Flt. Sgt. (R.A.F.).

Nairn, R. V. (S), *105 Ayr Road, Newton Mearns, by Glasgow*. Came 72²; III; Golf 76; Cpl.(Army).

Newton, D. R. (L), *Fairlie Cottage, Fairlie, Ayrshire*. Came 69³; I; House Prefect; Capt. Fishing; Chairman Science Soc.; Sailing 74-76; Choir; Orchestra; Coxswain(R.N.).

Newing, S. J. (N), *Box 7, Flat 7, 84 Avenue de Broqueville, Woluwe St. Lambert, Brussels 1200, Belgium*. Came 71³; III; School Prefect; Golf 74-76; Choir; Orchestra; P.O.(R.N.).

Park, D. R. M. (R), *103 Craigiebuckler Avenue, Aberdeen, AB1 8PB*. Came 71³; III; House Prefect; XV 75; XI 74-75; Athletics 76; X-Country 76; Economics Prize 76; Social Services.

Powrie, R. D. G. (S), *c/o Bahrain Petroleum Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 497, Awali, Bahrain*. Came 69³; I; House Prefect; XV 75-76 Vice-Capt.; XI 75; Athletics 76; Swimming 72-76; Captain of Boxing 75-76; Basketball 74-76 Capt. 75-76; C.S.M. (Army).

Russell, C. S. (F), *c/o 18 Clydesdale Avenue, Netherton, Wishaw*. Came 71³; III; House Prefect; XV 76; Summer Hockey XI 76; Choir; L/Cpl. Pipe Band, L.S.(R.N.).

Steedman, H. W. R. (F), *9 Dalmore Crescent, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire*. Came 69³; I; House Prefect; Ski-ing 76; Orchestra; Choir; Sgt.(Army).

Voigt, R. F. (R), *Greenacres, 49 Viewlands Road, Perth*. Came 69²; I; House Prefect; Athletics 73-76; X-Country 76; Basketball 75-76; Sgt.(Army).

Whitaker, R. I. (L), *The Leys, 18 Falcon Road, Bingley, Yorkshire, BD16 4DW*. Came 71²; III; Deputy Head of School; Head of Leburn; XV 73-76 Capt. 76; XI 74-76 Capt. 76; Hockey XI 74-76; Art Prize; Social Services.

Willox, K. W. (L), *83 Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry, Angus*. Came 72¹; III; House Prefect; Swimming 72-76 Capt. 76; X-Country 75; Art Prize 76; W.O.(R.A.F.).

Wilson, R. F. (R), *White Lodge, Blackford, Auchterarder, Perthshire, PH4 1RF*. Came 70³; III; School Prefect; Tennis 73-76; Choir; Orchestra; Stage Manager; R.A.F. Certificate of Good Service 76; Under Officer (R.A.F.).

Wilson, R. J. H. (F), *Woodlands, 4 Linkwood Road, Burnham, Buckinghamshire*. Came 72¹; III; House Prefect; XV 75; Social Services.

LOWER SIXTH

Cochrane, G. K. (L), *40 Lanton Road, Newlands, Glasgow, G43 2SR*. Came 72³; III; Squash 75-76; X-Country 74; L/Cpl.(Army).

Davidson, Q. J. (L), *Ferndean, Bellfield Road, Kirkintilloch, By Glasgow*. Came 72³; III; Orchestra; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

McDonald, G. B. (S), *Wales Estate, West Bank, Demerara, Guyana*. Came 73¹; III; XV 76; L/Cpl.(Army).

Lothian, C. J. K. (L), *Maryculter House, Maryculter, Kincardineshire*. Came 75³; LVI; Social Services.

Naismith, A. B. (R), *43 Larchfield Avenue, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire*. Came 72³; III.

V

Barr, A. W. (N), *Duisdale, Lochgilphead, Argyll*. Came 73³; Athletics 76; L.S.(R.N.).

Bonthron, M. W. A. (S), *North British Hotel, Edinburgh*. Came 73³; Cdt.(Army).

Currie, J. (N), *4 Lower Bourtree Drive, High Burnside, Rutherglen, Glasgow*. Came 70³; I; XV 75-76; Hockey 76; X-Country 74; Summer Hockey 74-76; Social Services.

Finlayson, T. M. D. (S), *15 Montrose Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow, G61 3JY*. Came 72³; III; XV 75-76; Choir; Carpentry; Cpl.(Army).

Gelzer, P. A. S. (R), *274-6, Ching Nien Zu, Taiwan 700, R.O.C.* Came 74³; IV; X-Country 76; Orchestra; Assistant Editor 'Strathallian'; Cdt.(Army).

Gray, H. J. P. (N), *Auchrennie, Carnoustie, Angus, DD7 6LU*. Came 72³; III; Hockey XI 76; Sgt. in Pipe Band.

Lamb, D. C. (S), *5 Briar Grove, Forfar, Angus*. Came 74³; IV; Swimming 74-76; X-Country 75-76; Athletics 76; Cdt.(Army).

Pringle, R. J. L. (F), *23 Broompark Drive, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 3DX*. Came 73³; III; Sailing 76; L.S.(R.N.).

Whittingham, A. W. G. (S), *Old Felton, Felton, Morpeth, Northumberland*. Came 73³; III; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

IV

McDonald, W. D. W. (S), *Burnside, Craigellie, Lonmay, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire*. Came 74¹; III; XI 76; Cdt (Army).

III

Ward, D. P. J. (F), *St. Anne's, Cash Fews, Strathmiglo, Fife*. Came 76¹.

II

Barrie, J. G. O. (Ri), *Milton Villa, Abbey Road, Auchterarder, Perthshire*. Came 74³; I; Scholar; Choir.

Seriniyom, A. (N), *82 Ridgeview Road, Whetstone, London, N.20*. Came 75³; II.

I

Coull, R. I. (Ri), *c/o Goose, 46 Torbrex Road, Stirling*. Came 75³; I.

Craft, G. D. (Ri), *c/o Dudgeon, 11 West Maitland Street, Edinburgh, EH12 5DS*. Came 75³; I.



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1976

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THE PRESIDENT: 1975/76

Eric Gillanders was the first of a long line (nine to date) to grace the halls of Strathallan. He claims his 1925/28 school vintage makes him the Club's oldest President ever. At School he played for the XV, avoided cricket whenever possible and got the necessary Oxford and Cambridge exams with a supreme effort.

After an engineering apprenticeship in Edinburgh and reading Chemistry and Paper manufacture at Heriot Watt, Eric went into the papermaking industry and joined his present firm in 1939. Government contracts and commanding the local Home Guard—apparently just as hilarious as TV's 'Dad's Army'—occupied the early part of the War years, but he finally managed away to the Navy and had a good war at sea.

Since the War Eric has been involved in War Pensions work (an Area Chairman for over 20 years) which was recognised with the award of the M.B.E. in 1969. An enthusiastic Rotarian, he is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Kirkintilloch.

Our President's interest in people is matched by a consuming passion with things mechanical. Apart from his job where he has been General Manager of Universal Pulp Containers Limited since 1965, he tinkers about with vintage cars, boats and motor cycles. Three sons, one of whom, Fergus, was School Captain, and the youngest is still at Strathallan, and one daughter, had to live with unfinished assemblies and spare parts literally strewn throughout the home. They wonder if Eric is the only Strath father to have taken his son back to school on a motor bike!

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A. S. Cook

SECRETARY (ANGLING SECTION):

D. A. Biggart

1975 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Forty-Second Annual General Meeting of the Club took place on Saturday, 22nd November, 1975, in the Station Hotel, Perth. The President, Mr J. H. Smith, was in the Chair and 24 members attended.

The Council's Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1975 were approved and 58 new Life Members and 1 new Ordinary Member were elected.

Mr Eric C. Gillanders was elected President of the Club for the ensuing year. Mr Victor S. Lowden was elected Vice-President.

Dinner followed and was attended by 75 Strathallians and their guests. The speakers were:

Mr W. A. G. Jack
The President
The Headmaster
The Vice-President
Mr W. K. Waive.

1976 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Saturday, 11th December, 1976, at 6.30 p.m. in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

The President, Mr Eric C. Gillanders, and the Vice-President, Mr Victor S. Lowden, retire at this time and are not eligible for re-election to their respective offices.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr Donald I. Turner, retires at this time, and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Messrs. J. M. Low and D. R. Nicol retire from the Council by rotation and are not eligible for re-election until after the expiry of one year.

The Club Trustees, Messrs. D. W. Lewis and A. S. Headrick, retire at this time and offer themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Mr W. M. Nairn, C.A., and Mr C. M. Biggart, C.A., retire at this time. Mr W. M. Nairn offers himself for re-election. Mr C. M. Biggart does not seek re-election.

In terms of Article 11 of the Constitution, nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, two Honorary Auditors, two Club Trustees and three members of Council, must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary not later than 3rd December 1976. Of the three nominations for members of Council, one must be a member who left School not less than fifteen years previously, and one must be a member who left School during 1976.

In terms of Article 45 of the Constitution, notice is hereby given that the following Resolutions will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting, namely:

- (1) 'that Clause 32 of the Constitution be deleted and the following Clause substituted:

"Subscriptions. The subscriptions shall be as follows:—

- (a) Ordinary Members (annual) £5-00
(b) Life Members £25-00

An Ordinary Member joining within 12 months of leaving School shall on making a single payment of £20 be deemed to have paid annual subscriptions for the year of admission to membership and the five financial years following consecutively

thereafter. An Ordinary Member may, after he has paid 5, 10 or 15 years' annual subscriptions, become a Life Member by a single payment of £18-75, £12-50 or £6-25 respectively. Honorary Members may give subscriptions or donations but such subscriptions or donations shall be purely voluntary."

- (2) 'that Clause 34 of the Constitution be altered by deleting the words "to the sum of £30" and substituting the words "such sum as the Council may approve".'

Members who have any motion they desire to be placed on the Agenda (other than a motion under Article 34 or 45 of the Constitution) must notify the Hon. Secretary of the terms of their motion not later than 3rd December, 1976.

1976 ANNUAL DINNER

It has been decided to hold the 1976 Annual Dinner in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow, on 11th December, 1976, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. following the Club's Annual General Meeting. It is hoped that the change of venue will encourage a greater number of Strathallians to attend, as, sadly, attendances have been falling over the past few years. A formal circular will be issued in due course inviting ticket applications and members are reminded that guests are very welcome. Tickets will be obtainable from Bob Stocker, 11 Crown Terrace, Glasgow, G12 (Bus. 041-221 4166—Home 041-339 9019).

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE—
SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1976
ALBANY HOTEL, GLASGOW**

LONDON BRANCH:

The London Branch Dinner is to be held on Thursday, 23rd September, 1976, in the Caledonian Club. The President and the Headmaster hope to attend this function. The Branch Secretary, David Anderson, 194/200 Bishopsgate, London, EC2 (Tel. 01-283 676) is always glad to hear from London-based Strathallians and hopes that they will not hesitate to get in touch with him.

1976 DINNER DANCE:

A highly successful evening was held in the Excelsior Hotel, Glasgow, on 16th January, 1976, under the convensership of Michael Low, who is to be congratulated on a very enjoyable function. It is hoped, however, that more younger members and their guests will be able to attend this very reasonably-priced function in 1977. The date has been arranged in order to avoid the problem of diaries being fully booked over the festive season.

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE—
18th MARCH, 1977
EXCELSIOR HOTEL, GLASGOW**

ANGLING SECTION REPORT 1975/76

In August 1975 we went to Butterstone Loch and before the boats had made the top end of the Loch, and indeed before two latecomers had even arrived, Donald Turner had landed a trout weighing $1\frac{1}{4}$ lbs, and that was good enough to win him the competition.

Our last competition of the 1975 season was at the Lake of Menteith and again one fish was enough to win the competition—Alastair Fingland being the expert on this occasion.

Willie Nairn was the Club Champion with 9 trout weighing 11 lbs 15 ozs, and he also won the John Hall Salver for the heaviest trout of the season—2 lbs 5 oz. The runner-up was David Biggart with 13 trout weighing $9\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. He also won the Fingland Trophy for the best catch at the Lake of Menteith—5 trout— $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

The Club Captain, Eric Watt, won the Archie Glen Trophy for the best basket at Loch Awe. His catch of 6 trout weighing 21 lbs 3 ozs was a Club record. On the subject of records, the total catch for the season—95 trout weighing 82 lbs 14 ozs—was a record, as was the total attendance for the season—75.

Eric and Pat Watt laid on an extremely good party for us in February and all who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Robin MacGregor was appointed Captain for the 1976 season which started off with a visit to Loch Awe where we caught 25 trout weighing almost 14 lbs. Iain Headrick with 4 trout weighing 2 lbs 5 ozs was the winner.

At the Lake of Menteith in May we again took on Scotland's leading anglers, the Phoenix Angling Club. We only managed to capture 5 trout weighing 5 lbs 12 ozs but this was 4 more than the opposition. Iain Headrick was again top rod with 2 trout weighing 2 lbs 3 ozs.

Willie Nairn was unable to fish for either side because as a member of the Phoenix Angling Club he was in Ireland as Captain of Scotland's trout fishing team—an honour of which we fellow Strathallians can be justly proud, even if Scotland could only win the wooden spoon.

Loch Leven in June produced 12 trout weighing 17 lbs 14 ozs. Lindsay Young won the competition and probably as a result the Club Championship with 4 trout weighing 6 lbs 5 ozs.

For the Match against the School we had a record turnout—15 each side, including the Headmaster, David Pighills. The day was very hot and sunny. Dr. George Balfour seemed to spend more time swimming than fishing which was probably very sensible as the total catch at the end of the day was exactly the same as at the start.

It was a great pity that the fish were not more co-operative because the rumours spread by the Headmaster to the effect that he was no angler would undoubtedly have been proved to be false. As it was, his casting abilities gave us every reason to hope that he will join us again next year with much more satisfactory results.



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GOLF SECTION REPORT 1975/76

QUEEN ELIZABETH CORONATION SCHOOLS TROPHY 1975

Attendances at our Competitions continue to grow which would seem to indicate that the members enjoy our activities. Any Club member who wishes to join in our pleasures would be made very welcome. You can never be too young or too old. Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, David Biggart, 307 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 (Tel. 041-221 7206).

- Team 1. J. T. Moffat
I. Q. Jones
2. R. Williamson
D. Whyte
3. A. S. Cook
D. I. Turner.

We were drawn in the first round against Old Lawrentians to be first off the tee at 8.00 a.m. This frightened the entire Strathallian Team badly; however, fortunately Old Lawrentians withdrew giving us a bye to the second round where our opponents were George Heriot's F.P's.

The rain had been falling steadily all morning and by the third tee the course was declared waterlogged and closed. We were instructed to resume our games the next morning at 8.00 a.m. Since those from the West had made no arrangements to stay in the East, I know of one body which elevated itself at 05.30 hours. Our first couple won by 5 and 4; our second couple by 4 and 2; and our third couple playing against Heriot's strongest pairing were all square at the 15th, when the games in front made it unnecessary to continue further.

Dollar Academicals were our next opponents but in view of the failure of the weather the previous day, and the necessity to make up the lost time, the organisers decided to play this round over nine holes. The first couple lost 2 and 1; the second couple had a notable win at the first extra hole; the third couple having been one down with three to play managed to get the game to extra holes, losing at the first extra hole.

We were not disgraced since the combined handicaps of the six Dollar Academicals amounted to five!

MATCH v. GLASGOW ACADEMICALS—9th MAY 1976—TURNBERRY, AYRSHIRE

Our first Club Match against Glasgow Academicals was a great success in every respect except the most important—that of winning. The team consisted of eight players playing foursomes in the morning and four ball matches in the afternoon. The Strathallian team was as follows:—

- Team 1. Allan Cook
Andrew McInroy
2. Hamish Dawson
Russell Thomas
3. Robin MacGregor
Max McGill
4. Norrie Stevenson
David Anderson.

At lunch we were showing a small deficit, the first pair having won and the fourth halving, teams 2 and 3 losing. However, contrary to expectations we did not lunch well and we lost all of the four ball matches in the afternoon.

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A most enjoyable day was had by all and thanks in particular to David Anderson and Andrew McInroy who travelled from Edinburgh to take part.

A return match has been arranged at Gleneagles for Sunday, 15th May, 1977, to avenge our defeat.

GUTHRIE REID SALVER—PRESTWICK— SUNDAY, 6th JUNE 1976

Only eleven players attended the outing on a bright breezy day and enjoyed the hospitality of Prestwick. There were only five scores returned, the winner being Robin MacGregor with 84 less 7 (77). It is reported by the organiser of the day that no players were lost, even although some of the four ball friendly games during the afternoon were on the course for an inordinate length of time.

BOGIE TROPHY AND JOHNSTON TROPHY

These are still on offer for this year but your Secretary is arranging for these to be played for, perhaps at Gullane during October. The membership will be circularised in due course.

Full particulars of the Golf Section can be obtained from the Secretary, Allan Cook, 'Dalrishaig,' East Lennox Drive, Helensburgh (Tel. No. 0436 3717).

NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

ANDERSON, D. A. (1968/72) presently working at Lloyds' Bank, Paddington.

BALFOUR, Dr. G. W. (1926/34) has been elected a Fellow of the British Medical Association and is Chairman of the Borders Area Medical Committee.

BALFOUR, G. W. (1960/68) returned from the Argentine in 1975 and is now farming at Greta Green.

BENNET, A. J. (1969/73) is studying Biochemistry at Stirling University.

BLACKLAWS, F. W. (1944/47) is currently principal music teacher at Banchory Academy.

BROWN, P. G. (1964/67) is now living in New Zealand.

BURNETT, J. M. (1965/70) is presently Group Accountant with Marley Tile Co. Ltd., after graduating B.A.(Hons.) in Business Studies in 1975.

CAMPBELL, A. D. K. (1955/59) has been promoted to Flt. Commander No. 41(F) Squadron flying the Phantom FGR 2.

CAMPBELL, K. L. I. (1966/72) has graduated B.Sc. with II(i) Honours in Zoology from the University of Aberdeen.

CHALMERS, G. A. (1968/72) has graduated B.Sc. with II(i) Honours in Chemistry from the University of Aberdeen.

CRAWFORD, G. M. (1966/69) now Personnel Manager, North British Hotel, Glasgow.

- DAVIE, J. P. F. F. (1963/66) is a schoolmaster at Lathallan.
- DOW, J. A. (1931/35) has now moved to London as Regional Director with Hiram Walker International in London.
- DINNEN, G. S. (1964/69) is on a second tour of the Far East with Kuala Belait and Bandard Seri Begawan until mid-1978.
- ELDER, R. A. (1968/73) presently working with National Westminster Bank in London.
- FIELDING, N. (1964/71) has graduated B.A.(Cantab.)—Barrister at Law and is presently working for Arthur Anderson & Co., Chartered Accountants.
- FINLAY, M. J. (1967/72) is presently working for an advertising firm in London.
- GRANT, E. P. (1968/71) is presently with New Zealand Shipping Company in Auckland, New Zealand.
- GRAY, M. A. R. (1946/50) has been living in Hong Kong since 1974 and is engaged in the production and creating of electronic processes.
- HAY, A. J. (1970/75) is presently working in Lloyds Bank, Craven Road, London.
- HERBERT, J. D. (1963/71) is presently studying at Brunel University.
- HERBERT, R. C. (1965/73) is presently studying at Brighton Polytechnic.
- HUNTER, P. D. (1968/74) is reading English at Downing College, Cambridge.
- INGLIS, G. E. F. (1972/74) is studying agriculture at Craibstone College.
- INGRAM, J. W. D. (1966/70) is an Immigration Officer at Heathrow Airport, London.
- JAMIESON, R. M. (1970/75) is reading Mathematics at Glasgow University. His brother Ian has completed his 3rd year studies in Electronics and Engineering.
- KERR, R. I. M. (1951/58) is presently with Camera Balcons Limited, Bristol, in general management.
- LABAND, P. A. K. (1962/66) has been recently appointed Portfolio Manager with the Abbey Life Assurance Company.
- LANGFORD, M. W. (1968/73) is presently working in Lloyds' Bank, Maida Vale, London.
- LEWIS, P. N. (1968/73) is presently a trainee Chartered Accountant with Messrs. Watson & Galbraith, Glasgow.
- LING, T. S. (1967/74) is studying at Downing College, Cambridge.
- LOCKHART, G. A. (1967/72) has recently married and is in his fourth year at Cambridge, studying Architecture.
- LOW, D. R. D. (1965/71) led the Combined Oxford and Cambridge University skiing course in Italy over Christmas. His brother, I. A. D. Low (1967/74) will have completed his first year at Magdalene College, Cambridge.
- LUNAN, T. K. (1964/71) is presently with an executive employment agency in London.
- MAGEE, K. S. S. (1969/74) is studying History at Stirling University.
- MAGEE, C. C. S. (1970/75) is presently studying business organisation at Heriot Watt University.
- MUIRHEAD, A. J. (1964/69) has graduated LL.B.(Edin.) and has been appointed a Partner with Stirling, Eunson & Ferguson, Dunfermline, from 1st April, 1976.
- MCLEOD, T. R. (1966/71) is now teaching in a preparatory school in Malvern.
- McKEE, D. J. (1969/74) is studying Applied Science at the Royal Military College of Science, and also taking basic training with the T. & A.V.R. Intelligence Corps.
- McKENNA, W. B. (1929/34) has been appointed Chairman of the Children's Panel, Strathclyde Region.
- McKENZIE, A. D. G. (1969/73) was chosen to play rugby for the Barbarians on their Easter tour and is currently playing with Highland.
- McKENZIE, N. D. (1962/69) has recently taken an H.N.D. in Agriculture and spent three months on farms in New Zealand.
- McINTOSH, W. D. (1976/74) is serving his apprenticeship with Coats Patons Limited and also playing rugby with West of Scotland. He has represented the 1st XV.
- PATON, A. C. (1963/67) M.B., Ch.B., H.R.C.P., has a research appointment at Glasgow University and is based in the Western Infirmary.
- PATON, R. C. (1961/66) B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., is at present the holder of a Medical Research Council Scholarship at Aberdeen University.
- PEARSON, A. P. (1970/75) entered the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, in May 1976.
- PHILIP, Dr. R. G. M. (1948/53) has recently attended the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists in Mexico City and is living in Freeport, Bahamas. Both he and Dr. Jason McCarroll would be glad to hear from any other Strathallians passing through the Bahamas.
- POWRIE, R. A. D. (1966/74) was commissioned 2nd Lt. in March 1976 and is joining the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders in October 1976.
- ROBERTSON, C. J. (1967/71) has been appointed Engineering Assistant in the Highways Department, Hertfordshire County Council after graduating B.A.(Hons.) at Magdalene College, Cambridge.
- ROSS, G. McE. J. (1964/69) has graduated M.B.Ch.B. from the University of Aberdeen.
- SCOTT, D. A. (1960/65) is presently teaching Physical Education at Dulwich College, London, after taking B.Ed. at Exeter University.
- SMITH, G. E. (1968/72) is moving to Guatamala in August 1976 with the Alpha Peace Foundation and has obtained B.Sc.(Hons.) in Mathematics.
- SPROAT, R. W. (1963/70) is presently with Bamfords Limited, Uttoxeter, Staffs.
- STARK, R. C. (1968/72) is reading Archaeology and Anthropology at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- STRACHAN, R. M. S. (1969/74) is presently with Lloyds' Bank, Old Bond Street, London.
- TARGOWSKIE, E. G. M. (1972/74) has been admitted to the Faculty of Advocates. He is presently taking a post-graduate degree of LL.M. at Edinburgh.
- TAYLOR, M. C. (1969/73) has been appointed Esquire to Father, M. E. Taylor, Knight of the Order of St. John.
- WATT, A. G. (1970/75) is presently with Lloyds' Bank, Cox's & King's Branch, London, and plays rugby for the Bank.
- WINGATE, N. S. T. (1964/67) is working as a yacht shipper in European waters having obtained an RYA/DTI Yachtmasters (Offshore) Certificate.
- WHYTE, D. A. S. (1967/72) has been appointed at a Geography Post at Bristol Grammar School.
- WILSON, P. M. (1963/68) is presently studying Environmental Systems Engineering at Clemston University, South Carolina, U.S.A.
- ...not only but also...
- CHRYSTAL H. J. A. (1966/71) has been awarded the degree of B.A. in Business Organisation by Heriot-Watt University.

McNEE J. C. M. (1970/72) has graduated with 1st Class Honours in Prehistory and Archaeology at the University of Sheffield and is going to take up a Ph.D. Scholarship at the Australian National University, Canberra.

MOFFAT S. A. (1967/73) has obtained his Diploma in Aviation from the College of Air Training at Hamble, and armed with his Commercial Pilot's Licence and Airlines International Transport Pilot's Licence is now under contract to British Airways as a Second Officer.

PYLE G. J. (1968/72) has been awarded a 2.II Honours degree by the School of Agriculture of the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

WILLIAMSON R. J. (1964/70) has been awarded the degree of B.Sc. in Town Planning by Heriot-Watt University.

MARRIAGES:

- BALFOUR, G. W. (1960/68) to Miss Sheila E. Rankine on 24th January 1976.
- DAVIE, J. P. F. F. (1963/66) to Miss Fiona Halliday in July 1975.
- MUIRHEAD, A. J. (1964/69) to Miss Diana Margaret Scoffom on 5th October 1974.
- McKENZIE, N. D. (1962/69) to Miss Joanna Mackay on 29th May 1976.
- SCOTT, D. A. (1960/65) to Miss Nichola Costeloe on 5th April 1975.
- SMITH, G. E. (1968/72) to Miss Angela McKenzie on 8th January 1976.
- TAYLOR, M. C. (1969/73) to Miss Ann Marie Caig on 9th April 1976.
- WHYTE, D. A. S. (1967/72) to Miss Susan Jones on 10th July 1975.

BIRTHS:

- AITKEN, G. R. (1961/68) to Mr & Mrs G. R. Aitken, a son, Steven Damian, on 21st August 1975.
- CALDWELL, G. S. (1957/60) to Mr & Mrs G. S. Caldwell, a son, Gavin Beaton, on 27th May 1976.
- FRASER, E. A. (1954/61) to Mr & Mrs E. A. Fraser, a son, Scott Alexander, on 14th March 1976.
- TURNER, D. I. (1955/62) to Mr & Mrs D. I. Turner, a daughter, Kate, on 10th September 1976.

DEATHS:

- DOW, S. (1921/25) 15 Mariscat Road, Glasgow, on 2nd September 1976.
- FERGUSON, G. (1929/35) Craigdarroch, Kirkbank Road, Burntisland, Fife, on 18th August 1976.

FERGUSON, T. M., (1916/17) Earland Farm, Blair Drummond, O.B.E. by Stirling, on 31st January 1976.

LAMOND, G. T. (1941/45) Loriston Hotel, Ballater, Aberdeenshire, in September 1975.

LUMSDEN, R. B., (1914/18) 3 Inverleith Avenue South, T.D., M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh, in 1973. F.R.S.E.

PATON, W. T., (1931/35) Culligran, Maybole Road, Ayr, C.B.E., T.D., on 10th February 1976. F.I.O.B.

SNEDDON, R. A. (1917/20) Sarsfield, Glasgow Road, Perth.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The Hon. Secretary requests that Strathallians notify him promptly on all changes of address, in order to save the Club unnecessary postage costs and confusion.

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ADVENTUROUS TRAINING—ARRAN 3-9 SEPTEMBER 1976

'Arran—The Holiday Isle' we saw on posters on the way to our hut: we wondered.

On our first day we climbed Goatfell, the island's highest mountain at 2,866 feet, imperially speaking. During the next three days we climbed most of the major peaks on the island, and saw the most magnificent scenery. Each night we were given a (relatively) free rein and most people disappeared into Brodick or went fishing. Our last full day was devoted to our own pursuits—one enterprising threesome cycling round the northern (hilly) half of the island. The day ended with a tour of Brodick Castle. Of the fourteen cadets, only two could not manage all the walks and all camped out for one night.

Messrs. Pearson and Barratt deserve special mention for their efficient handling of the camp and Mr Pennie showed great enthusiasm on all the walks, proceeding with the agility and athleticism of a mountain goat. We mustn't forget Mr Henderson who kept the home base flag flying, our stomachs filled and consequently our spirits up.

Despite a twelve-hour wait for our ferry back, owing to inclement weather in the Clyde, the party left the isle on the ninth, feeling rather tired, but fully satisfied with their most enjoyable visit.

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CLYDE FLEET TENDER

September 8th-14th 1976

When we arrived at HMS NEPTUNE, Faslane, all clean and fully kitted out, we were warmly greeted by Master-at-Arms Winter and given a large meal. We all thought of what lay ahead and ate as though it were our last meal. (At that time it might have been, as what lay ahead was a mystery). Soon we were shown our home for the week and to those who had been on this camp the previous year it was the pleasant sight of the FT CAWSAND which was the boat we had the year before.

After a short call at Greenock we found ourselves lying alongside in Rothesay harbour for the first night. Soon after establishing when to be back on board all set off for shore leave except for the two unfortunate souls who had to stay on board to keep watch—as was to be the system for every night during the week. The next morning we awoke to the howl of a great wind and the toss of large waves. We radioed Greenock Control and found that the whole of the Clyde Estuary was in the grip of a Force 9! For some mysterious reason we decided to stay in port that day which was a great disappointment. However, Lt. MacLeod brightened things up by saying that the wind was expected to drop to Force 5 later and so a night steam was possible. It was to be so and at 2100 hrs we slipped and headed up the Kyles of Bute and up Loch Fyne to Ardrishaig in Loch Goil for a 3-hour cruise.

Next morning we slipped early and made up Loch Fyne to Inveraray where we put in for lunch before setting off down Loch Fyne stopping at Tarbert for the night. The following day the weather had turned foul as it had been threatening to do the previous afternoon. However, we braved the sea and then beat the wind by going back through the Kyles heading in the general direction of Rothesay. We had a bit of extra time so we decided to pass Rothesay and go round the Great Cumbrae but had to turn back when, in the heavy weather, a life raft went overboard, inflated but remained attached to the boat. It took a while to bring aboard but we were just glad to manage. We returned to Rothesay for the night to find the Clyde Cruising Club in port after a day's racing so there were many familiar Strath. faces about.

Sunday we slipped latish and set off up the Kyles again via Lochs Striven and Ridden but this time stopped at Tighnabruaich for an hour or so. Then we set off again and eventually ended up in Ardrishaig again for the night. Next day was our last full day's sailing so we decided to make it a

good one. We went down to Arran, ran the measured mile then set a course for the Cumbrae Pass and on to Largs. We berthed but had to set off almost immediately as, unfortunately, the ferry was coming. We made for Greenock where after a look at the American submarine base in Holy Loch we berthed for the night and the civilian crew (Cyril, George, Les, John, Archie and Donald) got ashore to their own homes for the night.

At 0645 we arrived back at Faslane to be greeted again by Master-at-Arms Winter who laid on a hearty breakfast and sent us back to School after a most enjoyable week in which we all (hopefully) learnt navigation, helmsmanship and an understanding of the sea.

R.R.M.

GOLF RESULT

Perthshire Schools Competition
played over the Trinity College course, Glenalmond.
1st Perth High School.
5th Strathallan.

RUGBY RESULTS

September 18th:

1st XV v. Strathallian Club (H)	11 - 20 (2 tries, 1 penalty)
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September 21st:

1st XV v. Perth Academy (H)	9 - 0 (3 penalties)
Colts XV v. Perth Academy (H)	21 - 0
Junior Colts XV v. Perth Academy (A)	54 - 0
Minor Colts XV v. Perth Academy (A)	14 - 0

September 25th:

1st XV v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (A)	3 - 28 (1 penalty)
2nd XV v. Edinburgh Academy (H)	4 - 0 (1 try)
3rd XV v. Edinburgh Academy 4th XV (H)	42 - 0 (3 goals, 6 tries)
4th XV v. Edinburgh Academy 5th XV (H)	16 - 14
Colts XV v. Edinburgh Academy (A)	3 - 12
Junior Colts XV v. Edinburgh Academy (A)	13 - 12
Minor Colts XV v. Edinburgh Academy (A)	6 - 46

CONGRATULATIONS to . . .

Mr V. S. Swain on his marriage to **Miss Fiona Sinclair** on August 7th 1976.

Mr and Mrs J. B. Brown on the birth of their son Alan Stuart on January 25th 1976.

Mr and Mrs A. L. K. Dutton on the birth of their daughter Susannah on October 4th 1976.

Mr and Mrs T. S. Goody on the birth of their son Timothy David on October 16th 1976.

EDITORIAL

'This is a funny place for an editorial' we hear you cry. So it may be. There are some new features to this edition of the Strathallian—or perhaps you hadn't noticed. Rather than draw your attention to them or apologise for them at the outset and thereby condition your response we thought we'd like you to react unaided. Well, go on then, wake up and react!

Seriously though, trying to make the magazine readable and indeed enjoyable whilst retaining the essential features of a school journal is a fairly exacting task for the successful accomplishment of which we would welcome your criticisms and suggestions. You will notice that we do not carry a 'Letters to the Editor' feature. This is very simply because the Editor doesn't get any letters. Before you reach for pen and vitriol however please remember that we are already familiar with the wit of those who might otherwise suggest centrespread pull-outs for adorning study walls; blank spaces for doodling and tequila-flavoured paper so please keep your ideas as practical as possible. From Old Strathallians we would be glad to hear what aspects of school life you feel are not adequately dealt with and which receive too much attention. The same applies to those of our readers still at School, but for you there is also the opportunity of doing something about it. If you are interested in journalism or the printing business then this is where to start. No reasonable offer of help will be refused.

We would also like to take this opportunity of thanking our contemporaries for receipt of their 'rival publications.'

The membership of the Editorial Board has fluctuated rather but the following can take any credit that is going for the production of this year's Strathallian:

A. T. Henderson, J. M. Waldie, R. K. Linton,

A. K. Shaw, D. M. N. Gillanders, P. A. S. Gelzer.

The Advertising Manager was B. J. Ball Esq., and the Editor, who accepts all the blame was J. F. Clayton Esq.