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EDITORIAL

Editorial time . . . what DID happen last year? Girls in the School for the first time . . . No 'flu epidemic . . . No summer . . . new striprooms started . . . new teaching block started . . . it all seems so long ago.

'Precisely' I hear you say, 'why is the magazine so late this year?' Rather than offer an excuse I offer a complaint: some of the material contributed this year came in very late indeed and without material there is no magazine.

However, of the magazine itself - it is 12½% bigger than usual with a greater emphasis on photography - which is very popular in the School just now. I only hope that some of the material having matured in cardboard casks for many moons means that the result may be enjoyable and to everybody's taste.

It only remains to thank contributors (late or not); congratulate ourselves on finishing the task and heave a sigh of relief that the Strathallian is out at last.



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'The secret with courting couples is to keep them on the move.'

Au Revoir

Mr R. A. L. BURNET

Bobby Burnet joined the Staff of Strathallan in September 1951 as an English Master and for the last 29 years it has been 'home' for Bobby and Bunty and their family, until their retirement to St. Andrews in July 1980. They have, of course, like most Strathallan families done the rounds of dwelling houses, starting off down the road at Pitkeathly Wells, but ever since the School has owned it, they have lived at Coven Trees.

There can be no boy (or girl, now) who has been taught by Bobby—even the little Riley newboy who wept because he did not have a lady teacher—who has not been impressed by his love of and devotion to Shakespeare and Chaucer in particular.

Bobby has filled almost every post possible in a School. He has been games coach, Head of Department, Housemaster, Second Master and even acting-Headmaster. In his time here he has played almost every sport against the boys, including rugger, though he has wisely limited his recent active participation to the Masters' golf match, and no mean player either. He even became our archaeologist-extraordinary!

Though we hope that girls will become an ever more important factor at Strathallan, it was of course their daughter Margaret who was the first real 'Strathallienne.' It was typical of Bobby and Bunty that when girls did come and in the initial years were to be housed with Masters' families, that they immediately asked to have two girls to stay with them, and very lucky the two were.

Bobby gave his last sermon as a member of Staff on the 29th June. Both he and his father preached many times at Strathallan, and ever since their inception, Bobby has been a representative Elder at the Confirmation Services. His broadness of mind in participating in Episcopal Communion services in Chapel as well as being responsible for the preparation of the Church of Scotland ones has done much to add to the uniqueness of Strathallan worship.

As they leave in July 1980 there is not a single member of the School who was even born when Bobby and Bunty gave up their responsibilities as Housemaster and wife of Nicol House. Since those days Bunty has probably been known best to the boys who have been interested in dramatics. How many Gilbert and Sullivan choruses has she tried to 'feminise'? How do you do a gavotte? Shall we risk the

Can-can? But her work and influence in the School have been like Bobby's—everywhere. Perhaps even a bachelor Headmaster does know how to get some more 'oasis,' or where the candles or poppies come from, but I'm not sure. The wonderful success of the fete in 1979 was due very largely to the enormous amount of work put in by Bobby and Bunty.

The changes that have taken place in Strathallan in every way since 1951 are well-known, and no Headmasters could have achieved this progress without the sheer hard work, sound teaching, loyalty and devotion of some long-standing members of Staff. To many of us Bobby and Bunty have been the personification of these qualities.

The thanks of generations of Strathallians, colleagues and their wives, and Governors goes to them both, together with our best wishes for their retirement, which I know will be a very active one.

T.C.G.F.

Mr GORDON WEST

On Speech Day this year the audience heard what was said by many to be the best concert given by the School choir and orchestras. But perhaps only those on the platform were aware of the painstaking hours of rehearsal, and perhaps even fewer realised that this was not a year of particular musical strength. Once again G.W. had made silk purses out of sows' ears.

Gordon West came to Strathallan in 1951, and when he became Director of Music two years later he began to lay the foundations of what is now an established fact of Strathallan life: that boys with no particular musical background can be brought to a level of expertise that they did not believe possible, and that through this they can come to enjoy good music and share that enjoyment with others.

The music teacher is in a different position from many of his colleagues. He must instruct, but he must not dampen enthusiasm or his cause is lost. He teaches the individual, and he alone takes the whole School. Congregational practice may not be everyone's favourite half hour, but the reputation of Strathallan singing has gone far. It has brought pleasure to countless visitors to our Chapel services, it has been praised in the High Kirk of St. Giles.

Notes

For over twenty years I have sat under G.W.'s baton. He tells someone he will be playing a solo, never expecting a refusal—and to the best of my knowledge never getting one; he drives himself to the point of exhaustion at G. & S. rehearsals. He is attentive to the last detail: 'Clarinets, isn't that a B flat in bar 31? We will try it again.' And again . . . and again.

We all have our weaknesses, and I take my hat off to those generations who have somehow managed to decipher G.W.'s notices. We will miss his shambolic room, where by some miracle he knows where everything is. We shall miss the everchanging shades of green in his gown.

Mathematicians will testify to G.W.'s scholarship. For my part I am proud to have had this humble and essentially shy man as a colleague and friend.

We wish him a long and happy retirement, and we are glad that his association with the School will continue.

D.A.R.W.

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THE NEW GIRLS' HOUSE

Work has now begun on this House which is to be built in two phases. Phase I consists of married accommodation for the Housemaster/mistress and a Tutor's flat, together with a number of Common Rooms and 30 single Study/bed-rooms for the girls.

As from September 1981 girls will be admitted into the Third Forms and above; direct entry into the Sixth Form will continue and the completion of Phase II will provide for a total number of 75 girls.

Enquiries should be made directly to the Headmaster.

It has been quite some time since the School has welcomed as many as four new members of staff at the beginning of a school year: such was our pleasure at the start of this September.

Mr Tansley, who was Director of Music at Ridley College in Canada, has replaced Gordon West in the post here at Strathallan. Mr Tansley has had previous experience at Tonbridge School and we look forward to new developments in the Music Department under his leadership with the help of his new Assistant, Alistair Auld. The youthful combination of voice, keyboard and orchestral instruments promises to be exciting, and we are confident that they will succeed in the daunting task of continuing where Gordon West and Robert Greenhill left off. Robert Greenhill in the short time he was here made a valuable contribution to Riley where he was House Tutor and gave considerable enjoyment to the whole School through his organ recitals in Chapel. Gordon West's contribution to the School over the years must be recorded at greater length than is allowed in these notes and I am very grateful to colleagues who have written in full elsewhere on both Gordon and Bobby Burnet; here we need only to record our deep felt gratitude for this can never be said too often. We are delighted that Gordon is still with us on a part-time basis, and that Bobby Burnet is already dashing between the golf courses of St. Andrews and Elie and the University library where he is pursuing a life-long research project. Mrs Burnet is temporarily having a rest but no-one can imagine that this will be the state of things for long. We have no doubt that very soon Bunty will be taking on many, if not quite all of the activities which took up so much of her energy here and for which the School was a richer place.

Mr Barrett—not to be confused with Mr Barratt—has come directly from Cardiff University to replace Mr Burnet in the English Department and to help with rugby and the D. of E. Scheme.

Mr Law has come directly from Cambridge to replace Mr Summers who left the Maths Department two years ago. He is attached as House Tutor to Riley, helps with games and is preparing to take over School shooting. Mrs Bonsell and Mr Lowdon kindly stepped in to see the Maths Department through a difficult year and we are most grateful to them for all their help.

To Mrs Tansley and daughters, and to Mrs Barrett we add a further word of welcome and hope that their stay in Forgandenny will be a long and happy one.



Chapel Notes

Dear Reader,

If, searching for high entertainment, your eye happens to light upon these humble lines, let not disappointment drive you hence without your having dwelt upon this thought: can what happens throughout the year in praise and music, in prayer and preaching, in reading and reflection, be summarised at all? How dull the Chapel Notes must seem—sandwiched between *summa cum laude* honours and sporting chronicles: the recitation of the year's Preachers, the tabulation of a clutch of Confirmands. The Chapel itself is rather like this, all year long. It stands quietly in the heart of our community, watching parents gather their young, hearing the track-shod feet of innumerable athletes running outside its walls, silent witness to the great trek to morning classes, and the hastier tramp of the released heading for lunch. Yet at its heart is still—The Word; in its silent womb is still a different kind of peace; from its open windows can still be heard the diapason of the Organ and the hymns of those who are carried beyond themselves and their immediate concerns. And who can presume to measure the effect of these things?

As Chaplain I would like to record the overwhelming debt so many of us have to Mr Gordon West, our former Head of Music. His bearing and his whole approach to Chapel Praise were a deeply eloquent ministry which will remain with us for a long time. We welcome Mr Tansley warmly: his eagerness and enthusiasm have already become infectious.

I record with great appreciation the magnificent gift of a new Lectern Bible, from the father of one of our Confirmands. I think he would prefer anonymity. But his gift will enrich many, after his own sons have left school.

We cannot adequately thank Mrs Bobby Burnet for all her help with special Chapel occasions, and with the weekly flowers. Nor can I thank sufficiently her husband, whose administration of Communion as an Elder of the Church of Scotland will remain in my memory. Mr Philip Hewson continues to organise the monthly Episcopal Communion with quiet and self-effacing efficiency: we are grateful to him. And we are all in the debt of Dean Thurstan Irvine, who prepares the Episcopalians for Confirmation, and whose celebration of the monthly Eucharist continues to be marked by his superb little four-minute addresses, hitting the spot every time.

The following were confirmed in Chapel on Sunday 2nd March 1980:

Members of the Church of Scotland—K. L. Biggart, T. J. Coard, I. M. Crawford, Susan T. Douglas, W. M. Downie, A. J. Dunbar, Lorna G. Frame, Carla G. R. Gilmour, R. G. Grant, W. R. Hamilton, G. B. Hedges, M. W. Lightbody, T. F. McClung, G. E. McClung, P. J. McKee, Morag J. McMinn, C. A. McLeod, S. M. Megson, M. K. Moore, P. D. Niven, G. C. R. Powrie, A. M. Randell, Sally J. Rutherford, R. J. Semple, A. O. Shepherd, B. A. Shepherd, J. A. Thompson, S. Waller, P. G. C. Watson, J. G. F. White, P. J. Wilshaw.

Members of the Episcopal Church in Scotland—A. F. R. Galashan, A. G. Jennings, J. W. J. Logan, Karina T. McTeague, C. W. H. Murphy, D. J. M. Reynolds, D. A. Robson, Wendy D. Rogers, D. M. Spens, M. R. C. Stroyan, W. S. E. Young.

The Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane confirmed the Episcopalian candidates, and preached the Sermon.

The following preached in School Chapel through the year:

The Rev. John Lusk, The Rev. Anthony Montgomery, The Rev. W. N. Monteith, The Rev. Professor J. M. McEwen, The Very Rev. Dean Irvine, The Rev. J. A. Trimble, The Rev. Ian Miller, The Rev. G. Stewart Sharp, The Rev. Tom Burt, The Rev. George Buchanan-Smith, The Rev. Maxwell Craig, The Rev. Gordon Stewart, The Rev. Ladd Fagerson, Fr. John Michael (S.S.F.), The Rev. Andrew Knock, The Rev. Professor James Whyte, The Rev. Howard Haslett, Mr R. A. L. Burnet, The Headmaster, and the Chaplain.

A.A.S.R.

FREELAND HOUSE

There are occasions in writing these reports when one feels more like a politician than a schoolmaster. One subtly sifts and selects material worthy of inclusion and discreetly discards facts that are not. The full story of a year can never be reduced to mere statistics of course but when they are impressive, it does no harm to start with them!

So here goes: in the Spring term all but eleven of the sixty-five members of the house were actively involved in a winning team as we won both the Senior and Junior Games Circus and shared the Cross-Country with Leburn. In the former skilful team selection, but more particularly the enthusiasm of N. A. Stone-Wigg, D. F. Herd and P. G. Macdonald ensured that no effort was wasted.

The Cross-Country is one of the best, if not the most popular house competition simply because every performance counts. There were outstanding individual runs from G. J. Forbes, R. G. Grant, G. S. B. Corbett, A. J. M. Crawford and G. J. Fairweather, but it was the all-round strength particularly of the middle team that ensured our success. Fairweather along with A. S. Anderson and D. W. Brown (defeating his brother in the final!) also won Boxing medals in the Spring term.

Other statistics make good reading: an undefeated Hockey League XI (Goals for: 25/against: 1) Forbes and T. J. Morton putting them in at one end, C. M. Steedman keeping them out at the other. The latter also ensured that our Choral activities did more than provide internal amusement for the gym audience. We did not win (here we go again!) but four points behind an outstanding Simpson team represents a major achievement and almost due reward for those involved.

What else? Ski-ing: runners-up with the Morton brothers and G. K. Smith making excellent runs, the Rugby League XV voraciously led by J. F. Campbell and D. M. Spens, pipped at the post by Leburn and the Hockey XI happy to share the cup with an ominously powerful Nicol side.

And so to the summer: T. F. McClung, A. O. Shepherd, G. S. B. Corbett all gained half-colours for cricket, our athletes threatened more seriously than for some years to

strike gold in the sports. In the end they were a good third, but there had been notable individual efforts to get that far (the cast list apart from P. G. Macdonald and J. A. Houson-Craufurd being much the same as the Cross-Country). Our golfers came close but not close enough despite a 66 from A. M. Bisset who deservedly retained the Stroke-play Cup. On the other hand the sailors, after all last year's dramas, made sure this time: the brothers Bisset along with M. J. Hamilton and D. M. Kane proving invincible pairings.

Finally and most importantly to the academic statistics: A. M. Bisset, C. M. Steedman and C. A. J. Baillie won major prizes whilst George Russell completed a notable hat-trick for the house by becoming the third Cambridge scholar of the last three years. He goes to Churchill College in October.

So much for the statistics, now for the facts! The pool table, a touch worn perhaps, is still playing well, the television picture varies as much as the quality of the programmes; bridge, golf and fishing are still popular, so too is cycling—there were times when the lower study corridor looked more like a branch of Halford's than a supposed academic centre! Last, but not least, the age old pursuit of walking has become very popular with senior members of the house, exploring the hitherto unknown beauties of our countryside. I wonder why!

All in all it has been a year with a particularly friendly atmosphere in the house and here we have been much aided by the helpful interest of our new House Tutor, Mr Proctor. And once again a large band of prefects had the right mix of humour and determination to ensure everybody, or almost everybody, turned up on time without being too upset at doing so. Neil Stone-Wigg was an outstanding Head of House and Douglas Brown a hard-working deputy: to them and all our leavers go our thanks and very best wishes for the future.

Head of House:

N. A. Stone-Wigg

Deputy Head of House:

J. D. Brown

Prefects:

A. M. Bisset

J. F. Campbell

D. F. Herd

P. G. MacDonald

D. M. Spens

G. J. Forbes

T. F. McClung

House Colours:

N. A. Stone-Wigg

P. G. Macdonald

T. J. Morton

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D. F. Herd

A. M. Bisset

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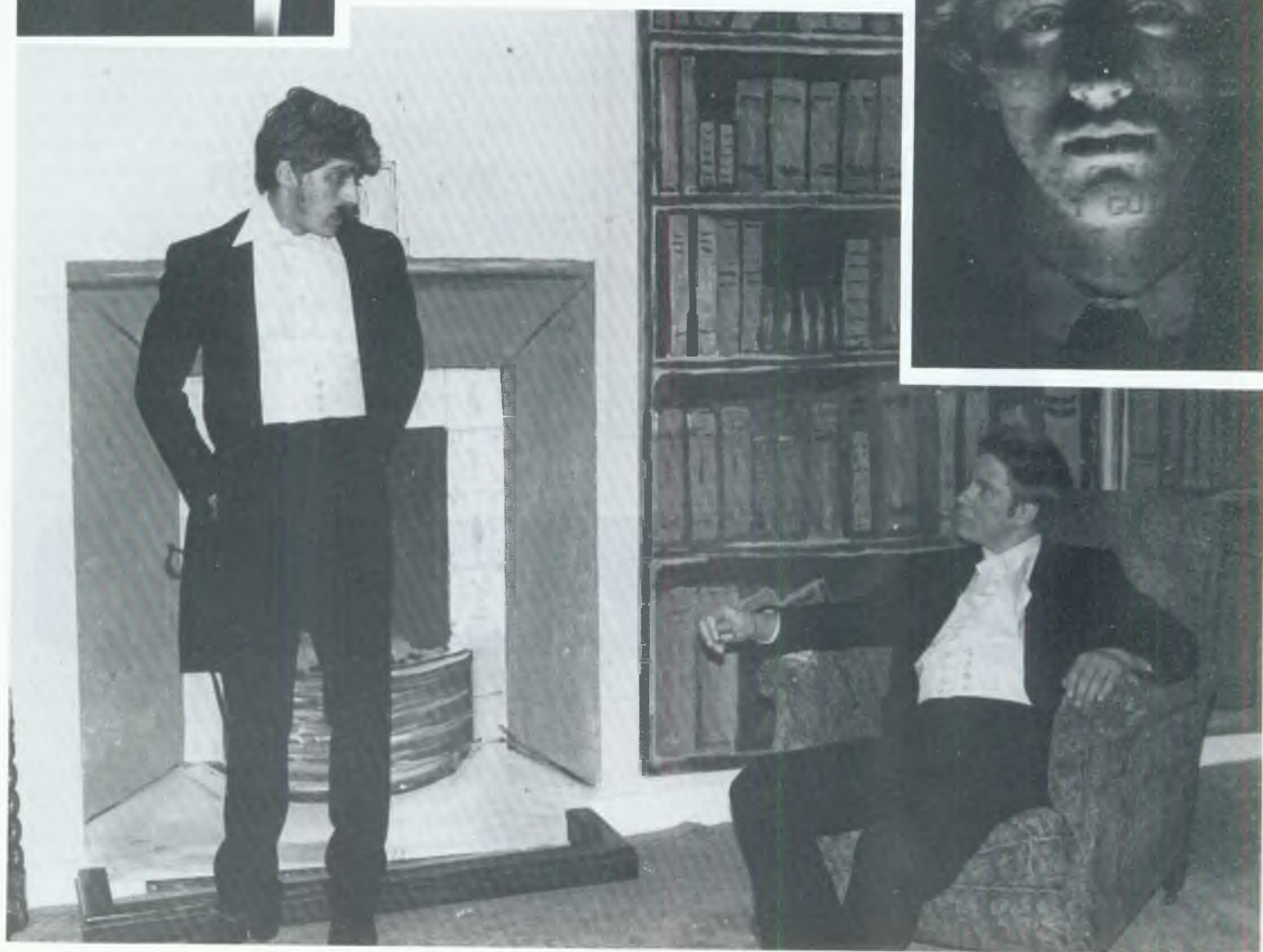
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LEBURN HOUSE



My first year of 'instant' Housemastering has passed very pleasantly and my feelings and those of my family also are that the advantages of living on the spot outweigh the disadvantages. The soundproofing of our new abode has been put to the test and has not been found wanting I am relieved to report, the only loophole being the chimney which produces a few weird hi-fi beats from time to time!

In a moderately successful year on the games scene we staggered our efforts so as to achieve one notable team victory per term. In the Autumn it was the Senior League XV, ably led by I. L. Johnson, who deservedly triumphed, conceding only three points in the whole competition. The well disciplined and hardworking pack had a lot to do with this success as did R. S. J. Eglington at full-back who had an exceptionally safe pair of hands and made many a telling break. In the Spring term the cross-country team shared the honours with Freeland in a very close run affair which was only resolved when the bold I. L. Johnson and G. N. Gillies completed the course, some way behind the mainstream it has to be said, to claim the vital 36th place in the senior race! It was, in fact, an excellent all-round team effort which made a half share of the cup possible but P. K. Reid and C. H. Broadley are to be especially congratulated on winning the middle and junior races respectively. Peter Reid went on to complete a great double by winning the School individual cross-country trophy at the end of term. The Summer term success was a cricket one I'm delighted to say, the junior XI winning an excellent final against Nicol by 28 runs. The team showed a lot of character as they battled their way to victory against a side which had beaten them fairly comprehensively in an earlier qualifying round. In an exciting finish it was only when A. G. Reid bowled N. H. McKee that victory was assured for the latter had batted extremely well and looked capable of steering his side home. Reid was 'man of the match' but essentially it was a team victory. It is worth recording that seven of this side were in the Junior Colts XI at the end of the season and this is very encouraging for the future. In fact, the juniors in general have shown up well on the games field over the year and I have high hopes that the talent at this level in the House will develop and prosper in the years ahead.

Other noteworthy sporting performances must include the boxing feats of A. G. Reid and D. E. Uprichard, both of whom won medals, and the success of the basketball teams in the indoor 'circus.' We struggled in certain 'fields'—tennis, golf, squash, sailing and ski-ing come to mind—but D. J. Watson swam his heart out to keep our senior team afloat and D. E. Uprichard did likewise at the junior level. It is nice to report that hockey is on the up at long last and the trend looks likely to continue.

Unhappily, the Music Cup has departed from the shelf after a stay of five years. Our Music Maestro, Ian Johnson, did a first class job in the arrangement and production of the orchestral piece and having won this difficult section of the competition, it was disappointing to come only third in the choir section. Not to worry: we have had a good run and Simpson were worthy winners. However, not all things musical were lost for Graeme Dobbie won the Senior Piping Cup.

Still on cultural matters, the School play 'Pygmalion' was probably as near as we will ever get to a House play with A. A. Thomson and R. K. Dobbie playing leading roles, N. L. McDougall and C. J. Cracknell supporting ones, and G. W. A. Truter hovering around. All did well in a most successful production.

On the academic front it is sad to relate that neither Blair McDougall nor Sandy Knight managed to gain a Cambridge place following the entrance exams in November but, nevertheless, I'm sure both will do well in their University courses at Edinburgh and Bristol respectively. We have two more Cambridge contenders in Fran Galashan, next term's Head of School, and Ian Johnson who will be having a 'go' in the autumn. We wish them the best of luck when the time comes.

The pool table which was acquired just before Christmas has proved to be a very popular addition to the lower common room facilities. Such was the demand for green baize time that two juniors were compelled to play at midnight on one occasion! J. R. Thain was the first time winner of the Pool Cup.

Finally, my thanks to the prefects for their help and support during the year and to all who have contributed in one way or another.

We wish the leavers success and happiness in the future and hope they will keep in touch.

Head of House: A. F. R. Galashan.

Deputy Heads of House: J. B. McDougall and G. Dobbie.

Prefects: G. N. Gillies, I. L. Johnson, S. McCallum, T. S. Stewart, D. J. Watson.

Captains of Sports and Activities:

Rugby: T. S. Stewart.

Hockey: D. J. Watson.

Cricket: D. J. Watson.

Athletics: A. F. R. Galashan.

Cross-Country: A. F. R. Galashan.

Music: I. L. Johnson.

Boxing: D. J. Watson.

Shooting: A. A. Thomson.

Squash: S. W. Murchie.

Swimming: D. J. Watson.

Sailing: N. L. McDougall.

Ski-ing: A. A. Thomson.

House Colours: A. F. R. Galashan, G. Dobbie, I. L. Johnson, S. McCallum, R. S. J. Eglington, D. J. Watson.

H.C.A.

NICOL HOUSE

Following a man who has smoothly penned these notes and wisely guided Nicol boys (one for each day of the year, he tells me) for the last 18 years is not easy. So I hope readers will excuse any clumsiness of style, and omissions of achievements.

What are my first impressions? Favourable, generally, but with one or two reservations (more of these later).

It has certainly been a successful sporting year. The supreme individual performance was Ronald Duncan's winning of the British Open Downhill Ski-ing and his subsequent selection for the British National team. We came near to a triumvirate of internationalists. Lindsay Mackay was on the verge of the Schoolboy Rugby XV and David Rourke reached the final Scottish Hockey trial. House teams won five cups and, with more luck with the weather, injuries and the 'Royal and Ancient committee,' might have won five more. At various times eight boys played for the First XV. Our Senior League team was therefore weak but the Junior side played with great spirit to win the cup. The Indoor Hockey trophy was comfortably won and, with seven 1st XI players, the outdoor side looked all set to win the final. But, like the annually doomed House Rugby, the weather had the last word. The Ski team—including local U16 champion Grant White—romped home, as did the Squash side ably led by colours Graeme Mackenzie and Hamish Reid. James Galloway's shooters gave us another cup, and we look forward to Lloyd Gordon persuading someone that there ought to be a Clay Pigeon competition.

After these successes we became expert at being second. The boxing slipped from our grasp by a single point and we were runners-up in cross-country (with Alistair Wood second in the junior race), and in swimming despite the efforts of colours Pat Hooper, Richard Bain and Michael Howe. Junior cricket looked another likely capture, but although Neil McKee turned in a splendid performance, the absence of one bowler took its toll in the final.

John Coleman had a successful 1st XI season but the senior house cricket competition fell victim to something else (we're not sure what). Technically, that cup is still ours. Finally we came second in both athletics standards and finals. Our middles and juniors led by Graeme Mackenzie and Neil McKee (Victor Ludorum by a street) were strong, but lack of talent and application by some seniors let us down in spite of Malcolm Cuthbertson's efficient organisation. I promised not to mention the golf again, so I won't!

Academically we have our stars too. We hope all will be downhill again for Ronald Duncan in his bid for a Cambridge place next term, and we are expecting outstanding O level results from Bruce Guthrie and Peter McKee. George Stevenson won the IVA form prize and between them Robin Sinclair and Neil McKee cleaned up most of the IIIA prizes. Peter McFarlane was our resident mathematical champion and computer fanatic. Art and pottery were good. In David Reid, Charles Guthrie, Robin Sinclair and Colin Ellis we have the makings of a colony. But, although we had notable orchestralists in Alan Hutcheson and John Kingan, music was weak. We came a clear fifth in the House competition and had only one angel in the choir. Three years ago no less than a third of the House was in orchestra or choir. Has study five's stereo turned us tone (or even stone) deaf? Fortunately there is a fair crop of young instrumentalists so the future may be brighter.

Thus we have come to the reservations. Litter, half cups of coffee and used Pot Noodles abounded and the plumbing behaved mysteriously too often. Now that the grey walls have been enlivened by the Boyd Ratcliff memorial collection there is even less excuse for such little pride in the surroundings. There is a bit of a Nicol tradition here which will have to be broken. More worrying is the lack of respect for other people's property. Lending willingly is a virtue, 'borrowing' without permission is decidedly not, and there has been too much of the latter.

I am grateful for the support of the prefects, but moments of unreliability from some of them have made it that much harder to solve the problems outlined above. My special thanks go to Scott Turnbull who, by his efficiency, enthusiasm and hard work, has helped me find my way through my first year. To all of them and the other leavers I wish happy and successful careers.

J.N.F.

Head of House: S. R. Turnbull.

Prefects: G. R. Brown, A. J. Cunningham, R. J. Duncan, A. J. P. Hooper, A. M. Hutcheson, W. L. Mackay, G. F. G. Mackenzie, N. W. McPherson, J. C. Turnbull.

Captains of Sport, etc.

Rugby: W. L. Mackay.

Hockey: S. R. Turnbull.

Cricket: R. J. Duncan.

Athletics: M. S. Cuthbertson.

Basketball: A. J. P. Hooper.

Swimming: A. J. P. Hooper.

Boxing: A. J. P. Hooper.

Cross-Country: G. F. G. Mackenzie.

Squash: G. F. G. Mackenzie.

Ski-ing: R. J. Duncan.

Golf: G. R. Brown.

Tennis: A. M. Hutcheson.

Sailing: P. A. McFarlane.

Shooting: J. W. Galloway.

Music: A. M. Hutcheson.

House Colours

S. R. Turnbull, G. R. Brown, A. J. Cunningham, W. L. Mackay, A. J. P. Hooper, G. F. G. Mackenzie, D. J. Rourke.

DOG HOUSE!



RUTHVEN HOUSE

In a year when the last of those who inhabited the 'old' Study Block disappear, it is perhaps appropriate to begin this report with a word about our premises. What have we learned? The average life of a coathook is about a term; latch door handles are not Potts proof (what is?); the Prep. Room should have been bigger; everything said in the Brewing Room is audible in the Housemaster's study (but not vice versa I am assured); Cheryl Ladd rules, OK? Outside the Common Room we now have an attractive painting of 'The Cuillins, from Loch Alsh,' by Lachlan Stewart. Lachie was in Ruthven, as many will remember, and the painting came from his recent exhibition at the Torrance Gallery.

Coming back to the Prep. Room, it is inevitable that twenty-four boys in a fairly small area create some problems, but it is no excuse for the occasional outbreak of petty theft. This is a problem in virtually every school I know, even though some choose not to talk about it, but it is nonetheless deplorable.

The outward success of the House this year has rested more with the individual than with teams, but we retained the Swimming Cup, and—dare I say it?—the Rowan Cup for Standards for the seventh successive year. Our athletes did us proud indeed, winning the Cup on Sports Day. We fancied our chances for the Rugby Cup, but for the third year running the competition was ruined by the weather. Nevertheless eight of the House played for the 1st XV, six for the 1st XI, and three for the Hockey XI. Andrew Fairbairn, incidentally, was the only boy in the School who played for all three, as well as being Pipe Major. Talking of piping (official terminology!), we had nine members of the Pipe Band, and Murray McGillivray, Michael Bullard and Michael Gee all won individual competitions. At opposite ends of the House we had 'blood and guts' winners in Colin Houston (Senior Cross-Country) and Mitchell Steel (Boxing).

On Speech Day Gary McLean was our only academic prizewinner, for French, with Colin Houston winning the Houston Prize for All-Round Merit, but an analysis of individual orders shows a sharp increase in the number of BS's and S+ 's awarded, which perhaps proves you can fool some of the people all of the time!

We produced our fair share of leaders: Philip Fellowes-Prynne was Captain of Rugby, Colin Inglis Captain of Hockey, Willie Baird Captain of Shooting (succeeding Colin Inglis), and Colin Houston Captain of Boxing.

As to internal leadership, the prefects this year have done a very good job, both in control and by example, and I thank them all for their work. I must make special mention of Colin Houston. He has been an outstanding Head of House, and on Sports Day, after the adjudicators had shown us why the Maths Department needs a computer, he was fittingly declared Victor Ludorum. A former House Tutor assures me that there was no connection, but the arrival of the Red Arrows at that moment did seem appropriate.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House	C. J. E. Houston	
Deputy Head	R. C. Inglis	
Prefects	A. C. Fairbairn	
	P. W. Fellowes-Prynne	
	G. C. McLean	
	P. P. Genasi	
	C. M. McGillivray	
	M. C. Phillips	
	D. B. Walker	
	S. R. Watt	
Captains, etc.	Rugby	P. W. Fellowes-Prynne
	Hockey	R. C. Inglis
	Cricket	R. C. Inglis
	Athletics	C. J. E. Houston
	Boxing	C. J. E. Houston
	Swimming	G. C. McLean
	Cross-Country	C. J. E. Houston
	Ski-ing	C. J. E. Houston
	Shooting	R. C. Inglis
	Sailing	A. G. Fraser
	Tennis	G. C. McLean
	Golf	G. C. McLean
	Squash	A. C. Fairbairn
	Music	C. J. E. Houston
House Colours were awarded to—C. J. E. Houston; R. C. Inglis; A. C. Fairbairn; G. C. McLean; M. C. Phillips.		



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If a house is to be judged by its prefects, then 1979/80 can certainly be declared a vintage year for Chateau Simpson. Angus MacLeod and his men deserve a great deal of credit for running an efficient, successful and, for the most part, happy house.

The old study block is not an architectural masterpiece. The arrival of the new tuckshop has not been accompanied by a horde of public spirited wombles. The study corridor windows have suffered more than their fair share of meteorite attacks. Popular entertainments like Dallas, The Proms and Wimbledon have all unaccountably been affected by snowstorms and the common room chair which is both comfortable and indestructible is not available on the open market. Nowhere is perfect, but at least we can look forward to the new strip rooms' ready supply of hot water. It says a lot for the morale of Simpsonites that they have not allowed these irritations to get them down.

This year Simpson has more than played its part in School life. Angus MacLeod has combined the roles of Head of School and Captain of Cricket to great effect, and has had a trial for Worcestershire.

Patrick Lee and Colin Harrison have been outstanding string players. George Johnston has been a soloist in Chapel and elsewhere on a number of occasions, and Hamish Rankine has captivated his audiences on the piano. I was delighted that George Johnston inspired his men to victory in the Music Cup—a competition which requires not only talent but a preparedness to take time off to practise at a busy time. Rather less finesse is required to win the Boxing Cup and credit goes both to the medal winners, Clive Bargon—a skilled performer, Russell Kilpatrick and Mike Allingham, as well as to all the others who volunteered to take part. The Spring Term also saw spirited performances by the Rugby XV, outclassed by Ruthven, and the Hockey XI who nearly shocked the star-studded Nicolites. As in so many house activities, Ken Maclachlan proved an inspiration and well deserved his Hockey colours. There were also a large number of talented players coming up through the house who will soon make their mark in the 1st XI. On the squash court Alasdair Taylor proved to be one of the most talented players that the School has had for a long time, and the junior team duly retained the Cup.

It was also very pleasurable to swim against Cairnies, Glenalmond—even if we did need a few guests—and afterwards we were royally entertained by the Wainwrights.

The Summer Term is the best of the year, although perhaps those facing the examiners with ten unread notebooks would not agree. This year it certainly brought its rewards. George Johnston, Colin Harrison, Patrick Lee and Peter Peddie won Speech Day prizes. Gregor Powrie broke new ground by winning a place in the Scottish National Youth Theatre. Mike Allingham and Russell Kilpatrick represented the North at both rugby and cricket, while Mike went on to be capped by Scotland as well as winning his 1st XI colours. Richard Graham broke the School record in the High Jump reaching virtually his own considerable height. Graham Roger won the Middle Victor Ludorum, while other creditable athletic performances were put up by Ashley Harbert, Moray Hulme, Tom Johnston and Graham Read. Steve Megson defeated a formidable opponent to win the Tennis Cup and then helped his colleagues to do the same in the House matches. Lastly on the sporting front, we contrived to win the Golf Cup—at the second attempt—and just failed to retain the Sailing Cup.

On a lighter note Angus MacLeod officially and Ken Maclachlan unofficially, proved to be accomplished after-dinner speakers, and Glen Allingham broke his bed.

I think that we are very lucky to have Mr Langlands as House Tutor, and his help, enthusiasm and interest are a great asset.

Lastly I would like to say goodbye and thank you to all the leavers. Patrick Russell and his men have a lot to live up to next year.

Head of House	C. A. MacLeod
School Prefect	K. I. Maclachlan
House Prefects	G. T. Johnston
	S. M. Megson
	P. R. Peddie
	S. D. White
	M. Agnew
	W. G. deG. Allingham
	P. D. Russell
	B. M. Goodbourn
	A. S. Harbert

House Colours:
C. A. MacLeod
K. I. Maclachlan
G. T. Johnston
S. M. Megson
P. R. Peddie
S. D. White
M. Agnew
R. C. Graham

N.T.H.DuB.

THORNY SHADES

Senior Girl: Susan Douglas.

This is the very first report to appear in the *Strathallian* on the activities and achievements of the members of the girls' house, Thorny Shades. Looking back on the year that has passed since our arrival, the time seems to have flowed by at two different speeds; in general it has simply flown past, but then, when we think of all that has happened and of all the changes that have occurred, a year seems barely long enough to fit in everything.

In the field of sport, we were excluded from rugby and cricket—for obvious reasons. However, we have participated, with varying degrees of success, in squash, tennis, badminton, ski-ing, sailing, cross-country running, shooting, hockey and basketball. Despite our small numbers, not to mention our relatively small stature, we have entered House teams for ski-ing, shooting and cross-country running. The results were as bad as expected but, at any rate, we will have hopefully set the precedent for future years. In addition we competed against other schools at tennis, badminton, squash, ski-ing and cross-country. We experienced modest successes in our tennis and badminton matches but, sadly, could not repeat the results in squash. However, the one area in which we did do reasonably well was the Scottish Schools Athletics Association Cross-Country Run at Heriot Watt University. In this race our team of six, the whole of the Upper Sixth, finished in second place. Admittedly this was out of only two teams but we are hoping for first place next year! A mention goes to Lorna Frame who has undoubtedly contributed most to team sports within the House and to Clarissa Rowe for jumping out of aeroplanes and gaining a place in the School Shooting Team.

Apart from the sporting aspect of life here, which we have discovered is a major part of 'Strath,' the girls have also been involved in other activities. The majority of us joined the typing course and a few girls have taken a great deal of interest in Social Services. The Lower Sixth girls played a prominent part in the School Play 'Pygmalion' making it a complete 'Strath' production and providing a little necessary

female 'know-how' with the make-up. A special mention must go to Barbie MacLaurin who portrayed the leading character, Eliza Doolittle, so professionally. We have also added a further sphere to entertainment here with the hosting of a couple of dinner parties and parties for the boys and an afternoon tea for the masters.

In between all this frivolity and high expenditure of energy in various sports there has still, surprisingly, been time for work—with results to be proud of. In the Lower Sixth Lindsay Naylor and Sally Rutherford have continually distinguished themselves and in the Upper Sixth both Morag McMinn and Clarissa Rowe won prizes on Speech Day; for Chemistry and Modern Languages respectively. Clarissa Rowe will also be staying on next term to sit her Oxford examinations.

The year has most definitely not been without its amusing and embarrassing incidents. Naturally, there was an abundance of 'difficult' moments which are inevitable when a small group of girls invade an all-male domain. However, possibly the most memorable of these episodes was the 'nicking of the knickers' when certain articles of clothing were spirited away from the girls' washing line and festooned around the tennis courts and hung from the light fittings in classrooms. And, of course, there was the mysterious and inexplicable 'Thorny Shades Disease'—a mass of spots on the hands, that seemed to inflict itself on the poor unfortunate girls (could it be that we are sweeter?).

On the whole this year as 'guinea pigs' has been relatively successful and enjoyable for us all, not only academically but socially too. We now feel ourselves to be a true part of Strathallan but this integration has only been made possible by the help and co-operation of everyone in the School. However, thanks go, in particular, to our Housemaster and mistress: Mr and Mrs Fairbairn; our House Tutors: Mr and Mrs Brown; Mrs Carratt for her help with our games and to all the masters and wives who were prepared to house girls and to help us to settle in so well.

Karina McTeague.



RILEY HOUSE

In a year which has seen little change in other respects, a good deal of this space must be devoted to the changes in personnel on the Riley staff, for, apart from the Housemaster and Miss Macintyre, there will be a completely new team to look after the House in September. The most important change has been in the role of Matron. Miss McAra, who had made such a popular and efficient start, was given an offer she couldn't refuse and left us in May for a more responsible, better-paid post nearer her home. In addition, Mr Greenhill, who had also proved to be popular and efficient, found that a year at Strathallan was enough. Finally, Mr Dutton, who has been an invaluable assistant to me for the last few years and has coached the cricket with great skill, has decided he can serve the cause better by not being tied down to a House tutor's position. These are all understandable decisions in their own ways, but collectively they leave gaps which will be hard to fill successfully.

The most important of these gaps was created by half-way through the summer term with Miss McAra's departure. The efforts made by everybody to cover this gap were admirable. Mrs Williams looked after day-time affairs and my wife the evening and early morning business, and both coped excellently with the awesome tasks which they faced. Miss Macintyre did a marvellous job coping with the extra load on the laundry side, although everybody was so helpful that she often actually had less to do than when we had a full-time Matron. Above all, the boys were, on the whole, very co-operative, and there is no doubt that the standard of bedmaking and cleanliness actually improved during the interregnum.

Although there has been only one major change in facilities, it is a change of very great significance. A new boiler has been installed in the horrible little room below the strip-room, so that Riley's heating can be kept going when the School (i.e. classroom) heating is switched off during evenings and at weekends. I have no doubt whatsoever that this will be a very popular improvement with the boys—although it is my impression that, with the rapid turnover of boys in Riley, improvements are not always appreciated beyond the first year. I have even been asked when the commonroom accommodation is going to be improved . . .

In every other respect, it has been a moderately successful year, with one notable exception, music. We have always been proud of the fact that we have contributed so many fine trebles and altos to the choir in the past, but this year, for some reason, there was a severe dearth of good singers, so much so that the choir was eventually greatly reduced in personnel, and the House music competition was abbreviated—to its benefit, some may think. On the other hand, there were quite a few good instrumentalists to be found, and Angus Macdonald was particularly promising on both piano and violin. On the sport side, we had a fair Rugger season—well, we won three matches, which is as good a statistic as we have ever achieved. Nigel Kilpatrick was a highly promising No. 8, and there were several other useful players, but we again were short on weight compared with all but one of our opponents, and we tended to play with more pluck than luck. Our best performance was probably against Ardvreck, who had an outstanding season. They did very well at cricket, too, and inflicted on us one of our few defeats. This was an average cricket team, which had a good captain in Stuart Hamilton, a fine but unlucky batsman, a very talented performer in Nigel Kilpatrick, even if he never quite made the best use of his talents, and greatly improved players in Roderick Baird, a batsman, and Kenneth Orr, a bowler.

There were one or two innovations this year: a cricket match against a touring school from England, Mowden Hall, whom we also entertained for two days: a Prep. Schools Hockey Day, which was a six-a-side tournament on our pitches. (Only eight schools took part in the inaugural year, but it is hoped and expected that, after some initial success, more schools will participate in future. Lathallan, not unexpectedly, were the first winners, and very worthy ones, too): a 1st form cricket match against Craigclowan: and golf for Riley. This last was particularly popular.

There were two other aspects of Riley life that pleased me. The gardening standard was very much better than before, and there were several well-planted, attractive gardens competing for the prizes at the end of term: and the work, generally, was good. Of course, not all boys work as hard as they might (who does?), but, for the first time since I became Housemaster, there was nobody in the House that was constantly having to be urged or chivvied to do more work, and the order sheets almost always made encouraging reading. Best of all, Sean McEachern had his scholarship increased—a good effort in competition with the Prep. Schools. They are not all highly intelligent, modern Riley boys—but as long as they do their best, there is not too much wrong with them.

M.J.E.W.

RESULTS

RUGBY

Sept. 29th v. Rannoch	(A)	Won	46-0
Oct. 6th v. Fettes Junior School	(H)	Lost	8-10
Oct. 13th v. Belmont House	(A)	Lost	0-38
Nov. 3rd v. Croftinloan	(H)	Won	13-0
Nov. 10th v. Craigflower	(A)	Lost	8-19
Nov. 24th v. Clifton Hall	(A)	Lost	3-20
Nov. 27th v. Ardvreck	(H)	Lost	0-26
Dec. 1st v. Morrison's	(H)	Won	34-0

HOCKEY

Mar. 1st v. Fettes Junior School	(H)	Lost	1-2
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CRICKET—1st XI

May 10th (A)	RILEY 78 (S. McEachern 29). NEW PARK 67 (N. D. Kilpatrick 7 for 27). Won by 11 runs.
May 20th (H)	RILEY 79 for 3 dec. (N. D. Kilpatrick 47). LATHALLAN 80 for 6. Lost by 4 wickets.
May 24th (H)	CROFTINLOAN 53 (R. S. Hamilton 4 for 10; N. D. Kilpatrick 4 for 19). RILEY 58 for 2 (N. D. Kilpatrick 33 n.o.). Won by 8 wickets.
June 24th (H)	RILEY 53, FETTES JUNIOR SCHOOL 55 for 2. Lost by 8 wickets.
June 28th (H)	MOWDEN HALL 84 for 9 dec. RILEY 86 for 1 (R. D. Baird 59 n.o.). Won by 9 wickets.
July 1st (A)	RILEY 87, ARDVRECK 90 for 5. Lost by 5 wickets.
July 3rd (H)	RILEY 147 (A. R. MacLellan 45; N. D. Kilpatrick 28), CLIFTON HALL 63 (K. F. Orr 5 for 15). Won by 84 runs.
July 5th (H)	RILEY 143 for 5 dec. (R. D. Baird 82; R. S. Hamilton 35), ST. NINIAN'S 77 for 7 (R. S. Hamilton 4 for 14). Match drawn.

CRICKET—2nd XI

May 10th (H)	RILEY 102 for 5 dec. (H. Shanks 27), NEW PARK 27 (S. Oliver 5 for 2). Won by 75 runs.
July 1st (H)	RILEY 122 for 7 dec. (J. M. McCarroll 27), ARDVRECK 82. Won by 40 runs.

Other Match

June 20th (H)	RILEY FORM I 109 for 4 dec. (D. F. Lennox 26 n.o.; S. Oliver 25), CRAIGCLOWAN 26 (P. D. Rochow 7 for 3). Won by 83 runs.
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ATHLETICS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Time/ distance
100m	Orr	Kilpartick	Bannerman	13.15 (rec.)
200m	Orr	Kilpatrick	Bannerman	28.4
400m	Orr	Kilpatrick	Tether	62.3 (rec.)
800m	Orr	Kilpatrick	Bannerman	2.31.9 (rec.)
1500m	Orr	McCarroll	Bannerman	5.19.6
High Jump	Kilpatrick	Bannerman	McLachlan	1m27
Long Jump	Bannerman	Orr	Kilpatrick	4m30
4x100m	Big Dorm	Drumfinn	Islay	58.3
Victor Ludorum: K. F. Orr.				

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RUGBY

This has not been a good season as far as the first XV are concerned. Before the season started a number of early or unexpected leavers had made inroads into the possible team and, once again, injuries have not helped. The captain, Philip Fellowes-Prynn, and vice-captain, Tom Stewart and many others had enforced lay-offs and at one stage we were playing our fourth choice full-back. It is, of course, easy to make excuses but at the end of the day it is a team game and there must be full co-ordination and commitment and I am bound to say that on a number of occasions this was lacking. Thus we ended the season with the following figures:

Played: 17; Won: 6; Drawn: 1; Lost: 10.

Points for: 146; Points against: 202.

The Old Boys match (10-19) did not suggest that things were going to go against us in the following weeks. Two tries by Graham Dobbie and Graeme McKenzie suggested that there was some attacking potential and the School pack played determinedly against a strong Old Boys eight. However, the signs of a satisfactory season very quickly disappeared when we lost to both Perth Academy (3-4) and Rannoch (4-7) soon afterwards. It is of no consolation that I knew and the boys knew that we could and should have beaten both sides. What made things worse was that Colin Houston, a very promising centre, had to be taken off during the Perth match and was out for most of the season and Graeme McKenzie, our other first choice centre, did not play again after the Rannoch match. Both matches had been lost due to very shoddy tackling, which made unpromising and unimaginative attacks into dangerous situations, and not enough determination on our part to go forward.

It was with some trepidation that we made the long journey to Dumbarton for the Keil match. It was a very different side both in terms of personnel and attitude and although a number of chances were missed the 25-9 victory was most welcome. Auchterarder seemed a more welcoming place on the return journey. Apart from minor adjustments it was much the same team that faced Fettes.

Although we were able to dominate the scrum, the line-out and, in particular, the loose were very much in favour of the opposition—the lack of ball in the loose meaning that we were constantly struggling against second and third phase moves. For the most part the defence was sound but a certain inexperience was shown on the part of one or two of our new additions. However, a very good try by Graham Dobbie showed just what the backs could have done with more good possession but the result (7-21) was a true reflection of the play.

The same side faced Glenalmond a week later and after a very hard-fought game came through victorious (9-0) with three penalties by Mark Phillips. During the week we had done a lot of work on the loose play and this seemed to make a big difference but with Philip Fellowes-Prynn out for more than half the game it was a very determined do-or-die performance from the remaining fourteen. This was followed by another good victory against Loretto (13-6 with tries by Andrew Fairbairn and Bruce Montgomery) to end the half on a much better note.

Unfortunately we let things slip against Merchiston (9-15), a game we should have won and this, in retrospect, tended to lead to something of a reaction in the second half of term. Although everyone performed very creditably against the much-vaunted Edinburgh Academy side, 3-16 was a fair result and we almost allowed Gordonstoun to slip out of our reach (10-10) then losing to Dollar (4-10) and Stewart's-Melville (3-32), the latter being one of our worst defeats for some time.

However, there was something of a revival towards the end of term. A sound all-round performance with Mark Phillips scoring eleven points brought a 15-6 victory against Kelvinside. This was followed by a 12-4 victory against Glasgow Academy in a well-contested match. The very versatile and industrious Angus Thomson got the first try and Colin Houston and Mark Phillips showed their class and pace in the centre with two excellent tries.

A most enjoyable tour to Durham rounded off the season. The first match was against Mill Hill, on tour from London, and we played on a good surface at one of the University grounds. It looked as if we would have the match tied up when Simon Morton touched down after some good back play and a penalty put us further into the lead. However, the forwards were not dominating and Mill Hill were allowed to get well into the game. Two tries by Glen Brown and Angus MacLeod brought the score to 15-9 but it was with some relief that we heard the final whistle. It was a pity that

an appalling and unplayable pitch (Angus MacLeod was later reported drifting down the Wear in a sea of mud) and one or two refereeing errors robbed us of at least a draw against Durham School. Lindsay Mackay deserves special mention for an outstanding performance in this match; it was a great pity that he just missed selection for the Scottish Schoolboys side.

First XV colours were awarded to: P. W. Fellowes-Pryne, T. S. Stewart, W. L. Mackay, M. C. Phillips, J. B. McDougall and G. Dobbie.

Of the other senior teams, the 4th and 5th XV's had more than satisfactory seasons. The Senior and Junior Colts did not fare so well but the Minor Colts (led by D. A. Biggart) again took the award for the most successful side. At this level the School will be sorry to lose the coaching expertise and enthusiasm of Mr McKenzie who has, in fact, contributed very ably and willingly in a number of sports. In addition, we lost the services of a rare commodity—a sporting musician—Mr Ball; we wish both of them success in their new ventures. Fortunately we gained on the coaching side Mr Proctor and Mr Langlands, both of whom have already shown their ability and enthusiasm.

Once again our thanks go to Craig Young and the kitchen staff, Sister and Mrs Pliszka for ministering to our needs.

B.R.



RUGBY RESULTS

1st XV

School Matches

v. Perth Academy	lost	3-4
v. Rannoch	lost	4-7
v. Keil	won	25-9
v. Fettes	lost	7-21
v. Glenalmond	won	9-0
v. Loretto	won	13-6
v. Merchiston	lost	9-15
v. Edinburgh Academy	lost	3-16
v. Gordonstoun	drawn	10-10
v. Dollar Academy	lost	4-10
v. D. Stewart's & Melville	lost	3-32
v. Kelvinside Academy	won	15-6
v. Glasgow Academy	won	12-4
v. Mill Hill	won	15-9
v. Durham School	lost	4-14

Club Matches

v. Old Strathallians	lost	10-19
v. Edinburgh Wanderers Colts	lost	0-20

Schools: Played 15; Won 6; Drawn 1; Lost 8.

Points for: 136; Points against: 153.

All matches: Played 17; Won 6; Drawn 1; Lost 10.

Points for: 146; Points against: 192.

2nd XV

v. Perthshire Colts	won	20-4
v. Queen Victoria School 1st XV	lost	10-27
v. Fettes	lost	3-7
v. Glenalmond	won	9-8
v. Loretto	lost	3-14
v. Merchiston	won	6-4
v. Edinburgh Academy	lost	3-18
v. Kelvinside Academy	won	12-4
v. Glasgow Academy	drawn	3-3
v. Perthshire Colts	lost	12-15

Played 10; Won 4; Drawn 1; Lost 5.

Points for: 81; Points against: 104.



3rd XV

v. Rannoch 2nd XV	won 22-14
v. Fettes	lost 0-24
v. Glenalmond	lost 0-46
v. Loretto	lost 0-21
v. Merchiston	drawn 0-0
v. Edinburgh Academy	lost 6-7
v. D. Stewart's & Melville	lost 0-24

Played 7; Won 1; Drawn 1; Lost 5.
Points for: 28; Points against: 136.

4th XV

v. Queen Victoria School 2nd XV	won 44-0
v. Fettes	lost 0-34
v. Glenalmond	lost 6-30
v. Loretto 5th XV	won 3-0
v. Edinburgh Academy 5th XV	won 22-0
v. Kelvinside Academy	won 20-10
v. Glasgow Academy	won 19-7

Played 7; Won 5; Lost 2.
Points for: 114; Points against: 81.

5th XV

v. Rannoch 3rd XV	won 22-0
v. Glenalmond	lost 4-17
v. Loretto 6th XV	won 23-0
v. Glasgow Academy	won 34-0

Played 4; Won 3; Lost 1.
Points for: 83; Points against: 17.

6th XV

v. Glenalmond	lost 0-9
v. Merchiston	lost 9-10

Senior Colts 'A' XV

v. Rannoch	won 33-4
v. Perth Academy	won 10-4
v. Keil	lost 9-35
v. Fettes	lost 0-42
v. Glenalmond	lost 3-6
v. Loretto 4th XV	lost 0-18
v. Merchiston 4th XV	won 16-0
v. Gordonstoun	lost 7-12
v. Dollar Academy	won 12-8

Played 10; Won 5; Lost 5.
Points for: 103; Points against: 141.

Senior Colts 'B' XV

v. Fettes	lost 0-40
v. Merchiston 5th XV	won 10-4
v. Glenalmond	won 3-0

Played 3; Won 2; Lost 1.
Points for: 13; Points against: 44.

Junior Colts 'A' XV

v. Perth Academy	won 56-0
v. Rannoch	drawn 10-10
v. Glenalmond	lost 0-20
v. Fettes	won 17-4
v. Loretto	lost 13-15
v. Merchiston	lost 10-14
v. Edinburgh Academy	lost 4-22
v. Morrison's Academy	drawn 4-4
v. Glasgow Academy	won 12-0

Played 9; Won 3; Drawn 2; Lost 4.
Points for: 126; Points against: 89.

Junior Colts 'B' XV

v. Fettes	lost 10-14
v. Merchiston	lost 3-23
v. Glenalmond	lost 4-10
v. Glasgow Academy	won 22-0

Played 4; Won 1; Lost 3.
Points for: 39; Points against: 47.

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Minor Colts 'A' XV

v. Rannoch	won	42-0
v. Glenalmond	drawn	10-10
v. Fettes	won	24-14
v. Lathallan	won	8-6
v. Loretto	won	36-3
v. Merchiston	lost	0-8
v. Edinburgh Academy	lost	8-9
v. Dollar Academy	won	21-0
v. Morrison's Academy	won	53-0
Played 9; Won 6; Drawn 1; Lost 2.		
Points for: 202; Points against: 50.		

Minor Colts 'B' XV

v. Perth Academy 'A' XV	won	14-0
v. Merchiston	won	6-0
v. Glenalmond	won	4-0
Played 3; Won 3.		
Points for: 24; Points against: 0.		



BOXING



'Excuse me!'

There was a good turn-out of voluntary boxers for training on Monday and Wednesday evenings in the Winter Term and by the time IVth formers were added the number of boxers for the competition swelled to just over 90.

In the early bouts Bargon in Light-Welter, McKee in Middle, Fairweather in Light-Middle and both Biggart and Steel in Welter were distinctly impressive, with the latter two offering the promise of an exciting confrontation. Although losing, plucky performances were put up by Gibson—who with Biggart put up one of the best fights of the whole competition—Reay O'Neill and Drummond.

In the finals there was a good bout in the Mosquito weight between the Brown twins, although the red and blue sashes they wore were the only way of telling them apart! Bargon won the Light-Welter convincingly and in the Welter weight Steel proved too strong and quick for Biggart after both had reached the finals in style. In the Middle weight McKee had reached the finals by stopping all his opponents inside the distance but in Maconald almost met his match. The best performance in these the last boxing finals at Strathallan it was a close decision with a majority verdict going to McKee.

The weight winners were:

Mosquito: Brown, D. W. (F).
Fly: Uprichard (L).
Bantam: Reid (L).
Feather: Harley (N).
Winning House: Simpson.

Light: Anderson (F).
Light-Welter: Bargon (S).
Welter: Steel (R).
Light-Middle: Fairweather (F).

Middle: McKee (N).
Light-Heavy: Allingham (S).
Heavy 'A': Kilpatrick (S).
Heavy 'B': Tyser (S).

C. J. E. Houston.



CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: A. F. R. Galashan.

It was obvious from the onset of the season that this would not be a record breaking year. The seniors had seemed more anxious to avert persistent hounding by Mr Brown rather than having any true-felt inspiration. Perhaps if the next School film was 'The loneliness of the long distance runner' conscription might then be averted! This lack of talent at the top did not spoil the fun which only seniors can achieve from this cruel punishment and it was pleasing that even those people who did not qualify for the 'A' team got a taste of competition when, for instance, we ran an 'F' team at Kelvinside. This is a real idea by Mr Brown, and perhaps might be encouraged in other sports in the School.

Later in the season our ranks were swelled by some rather more talented runners—particularly Antoine Baillie and Peter Reid.

The middles were generally better but faced stiffer opposition. Consistently good results came from the two Biggarts, A. J. and K. L. with Wallace and Reynolds on the horizon.

The juniors and under-13's ran throughout the season—Orr, Wood, Broadley, MacLellan and Lawson performing consistently well in the two respective age groups.

The Scottish Schools Championship at Heriot-Watt was a surprise! We entered teams in all age groups but in the end of the day it was the senior girls who took a silver medal: an excellent performance for a team previously thought rather lethargic! Karina McTeague and Wendy Rogers took 18th and 19th places. Baillie also had an excellent race coming 34th in the senior boys with the senior team coming 14th.

Baillie was awarded colours at the end of the season and Peter Reid won a shortened trophy race.

Our thanks go to Mr Brown and other members of staff for their assistance during the season.

Results:

v. Perth High v. Perth Academy	3rd
v. Kelvinside v. Glasgow Academy v. Keil	4th
v. Glenalmond v. Rannoch	3rd
v. Balwearie High v. Kirkcaldy	3rd
v. Loretto v. Merchiston	2nd

Inter-House Competition

I=F	3=R	5=S
I=L	4=N	6=T

A. F. R. Galashan.





STRATHSKI SEASON 1979/80

Starting off last year with the '79 Scottish Schools artificial slope championships, the team consisted of a hesitant Scott Turnbull, a press-ganged Colin Houston and the experienced Ron Duncan and Kenny Biggart. The experienced members led the way by falling leaving Colin little option but to outdo them by injuring himself—luckily not seriously. Scott put in a good run and repeated this feat on the second run inspiring Kenny to do the same. Ron finished, again with a commercial break to inspect the matting, but even so we qualified for the British Championships in which we redeemed ourselves by finishing in 9th place after some practising on Sundays.

Off the plastic and onto the snow. During the Christmas holidays Grant White and Ron Duncan were respectively racing in the British Junior Championships and racing with the British

Junior Team. Grant had a bad start in that he arrived in Courmayeur on Hogmanay—the after-effects must have lasted until the racing. Ron with the junior team and a diet of 6 a.m. runs fared better coming first in the British Downhill Championships which yielded a splendid trophy and a £300 training grant. Then followed a second place in the Lowlander Championships and races at Les Arcs with the Citadin Team and at Madonna di Campiglio in the European Junior Championships. The result of these forays was exciting for the spectators—seven falls in downhill resulting in a pair of bent skis on each occasion; three pairs of skis broken and one pair stolen and two broken crash helmet visors; one pair of skis broken in giant slalom. The summing up—‘the best experiences of my life, so far.’

Back to the home season. This was good for the Ski Club with the largest number of participants ever—over two-thirds of the School. There was a regular service to Glenshee with two buses going up every Sunday and on certain weekends three buses carrying 150 skiers. Though the snow was not of the quality it might have been, the last Sunday was brilliant after a fall of powder snow and one feels that a good time was had by most.

Now to the members of Strathski Racing Team, sponsored by no-one and equally recognised by everyone, if not for their ski-ing maybe it's their good looks. Still the snow season was better than the plastic, in that the 'A' team managed to win the C.C.F. trophy again. In fairness it must be pointed out that only one member of the team failed to make intimate acquaintance with the course by rubbing his face in the snow! The course preparation was something I will remember for a long time. We came over the top of the hill to see, in the bowl below, about 500 soldiers making a piste. The method was, as a Brigadier put it: ‘You just take about 50 pongos and then march them up and down the hill until the snow is hard.’ The snow being soft and dry they marched for about an hour. The team, in a remarkable display of common sense and idleness sat higher up and had a grandstand view of this intriguing spectacle, finishing their lunch before going down to give a hand.

The result in the Perthshire Schools was not spectacular with only the U16 teams distinguishing themselves by taking 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th places. The Open team recorded a respectable 2nd place in their event whilst our U14's and, for the first time, girls enjoyed the competitive experience and will doubtless be back for more.

In the Scottish Schools qualifying race the 'B' team was extremely unfortunate to lose Grant White before the start when he was mown down by an out-of-control overweight. We are happy to report that the resultant knee injury, which required

hospital treatment, has since healed. The team fought their fate and were only 0.6 seconds from qualifying for the Final. In this event Ron Duncan finished second whilst the team took yet another 9th place—as last year and as at the British Schools. Gordonstoun again took both the team and individual titles.

Arguably the main event of the season was the Inter-house race. The habitual extreme conditions prevailed at the top of the course set by Ron Duncan and made marginally less suicidal by Messrs Banks and Clayton. Nicol at last managed to get their hands on the trophy recording a good 14-second win over Ruthven with the individual top places going to R. J. Duncan (22.4); T. J. Morton (30.2); S. R. Turnbull (30.6) and S. W. Morton and J. G. F. White (both 31.2).

The juniors distinguished themselves in their enthusiasm and numbers on the junior circuit and will this season be the mainstay of the squad. The results in national circuit races were not outstanding but some good results were had in seed-point races.

A new dimension has been added to the Club in the form of Thorny Shades select challenging for the Inter-house and also a team going forward for the Perthshire Schools' race.

Colours were awarded to: C. J. E. Houston, S. R. Turnbull and R. J. Duncan.

The Butchart Tankard went to R. J. Duncan and the Inter-house Trophy (the Greig Cup) to Nicol.

The teams were:

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

'B' Team: T. J. Morton, S. W. Morton, K. L. Biggart, J. G. F. White.

U16 Squad: J. G. F. White, G. V. F. Clayton, A. J. M. Crawford, D. C. MacLellan, G. K. Smith.

U14 Team: A. R. MacLellan, B. M. Dodds, C. M. Bannerman, D. D. Stirling.

Girls Squad: Lorna Frame, Barbie MacLaurin, Gail Wishart, Carla Gilmour, Wendy Rogers.

Trophies: C.C.F. Race, Team and Individual;

Perthshire Schools U16, Team and Individual.

Hope for the future: in the Scottish Schools artificial slope event on 24th September this year the School team (with all due respect depleted by other commitments) of J. G. F. White, E. R. Gilyead, G. V. F. Clayton and G. K. Smith did well to finish seventh with two of the team having stops for close inspection of the mat. Robin Gilyead's individual 7th place augurs well.

R. J. Duncan.

(Who has been too modest to mention his own selection for the British Men's Alpine Team—just reward for which congratulations from all of us.—J.F.C.).



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HOCKEY

Senior indoor hockey started enthusiastically in September, but the response from juniors was poor. This was a pity as the Sports Hall provides the ideal opportunity to learn the basic skills so vital to good hockey. After the inter-house competition, won narrowly by Nicol, a team was prepared for the first Scottish Schools Tournament in Bell's Sports Centre in January. R. C. Inglis, D. J. Rourke, C. J. E. Houston and G. R. Brown got some useful practice in playing for the third-placed Perth District side the previous day. In the Schools Competition we were unlucky to come up against the eventual winners in our second match. Our speed and aggression were good but accurate, lifted shots were lacking and the limitations of the modified Sports Hall game exposed. The standard of schools indoor hockey in Scotland is improving rapidly and we are in danger of being left behind.

After a dry winter hopes were high for a good outdoor season but the 1st XI started poorly losing first to an experienced Morgan F.P. side and then disastrously to Perth Academy. After only a couple of practices we looked disorganised against Morgan and couldn't defend effectively against the through ball. On a perfect pitch Perth Academy were outplayed everywhere except in front of goal. We had at least three times as many shots and corners as the opposition but couldn't reply to a well-taken goal by their talkative striker (who didn't quite last the game!). The match with a strong Perthshire XI was just what we needed to sort out the problems. Fast, controlled hockey enabled us to dominate the first half and we were unlucky to only score once and unluckier still to concede a goal on the stroke of half-time. In the second half Perthshire began to press but a fine individual effort by Houston put us ahead again. With a minute to go our defence failed to spot a man running from deep behind a free hit and Perthshire equalised.

The skilful interplay we had built up in Perth was of no use at Loretto. Their pitch was bumpy and one end sloped savagely. The best tactic was to hit hard and straight and hope defenders would miss. Before we had thrown off 'busitus' Loretto did this far better and were quickly two goals up. We came more into the game in the second half but cohesion between halves and forwards was lost, an injury to Houston brought us down to ten men and we seldom looked like drawing level. Back at home on a soft pitch against Fettes we were quickly into our stride with a fine deflected goal by Rourke from a smartly taken near-post free hit by MacLachlan. Fettes were strong in mid-field but their forwards, despite getting and missing a stroke, weren't penetrative. Some crashing short corners from Mackenzie unnerved their defence and, although only one more goal came, Strathallan dominated the last 15 minutes with fine attacking hockey. The good form continued two days later against Gordonstoun. Three goals in the first half, followed by four more in the second saw us to a record win over a public school side. Turnbull had a marvellous match scoring five times to establish an individual scoring record. The last game of the term was played on an all-weather surface against a strong Harris Academy side. A bitter wind prevented much cohesive play. Harris were behind at half-time but deservedly equalised with a stroke late in the game and only fine keeping by Campbell kept them from going ahead.

A gloriously sunny Easter weekend was spent at King William's College, Isle of Man. There were some hardships: six hours each way in the minibus (with and without Mackenzie), the captain's inability to pour champagne, and (for some) proper English bitter, but the winning of the Castleton Brewery Tankard and the immense hospitality made up for everything. The tournament was international. A young and noisy Dutch club side was easily overcome, despite some marvellous goalkeeping, by our experience and speed. We scraped a draw with a skilled and noisier Campbell College, Belfast team. Liverpool College representing England were soundly beaten and then the locals, who threatened to run us off our feet in the first 15 minutes, were dissected with some of the best play by a Strathallan side. Fifteen goals were scored, nine by David Rourke, who played with immense flair and drive throughout despite his other interests.

For a coach it was a pleasing season. We started poorly but came good through several players playing above themselves at vital times and the willingness of all to work for

each other. Brown began as goalkeeper on the strength of his fast reactions but the stronger, safer kicking of Campbell was eventually preferred. Fairbairn overcame relative immobility by good positioning and hard hitting, and Mackenzie looked like developing into a fine all-round player with almost 'animal-like' power at short corners. Cunningham and McPherson held left midfield together with skill and hard work but were a little lacking in attacking power. Inglis played soundly on the right, well supported by the tireless MacLachlan who improved with every game. Turnbull and, on occasions, Agnew showed fine stickwork at the front but it was Rourke's aggression and determination which was the vital factor in our good performances. On the wings Coleman had developing natural ball-playing ability and had he had the pace of Houston on the right our attack might have been more successful. Rourke, Inglis and Houston all attended national training and played for the District side, Rourke eventually reaching the final Scottish trial.



Under new, stern and bearded management the 2nd XI continued to flourish. Unbeaten again this season they scored 25 goals and conceded only one. This side has only lost once in the last four years. Below this level results were not so good. The 3rd and 4th XI's managed only one win between them. The Senior Colts had some good individuals, started strongly but faded a little in the last few games. The Junior Colts also had their stars but their results were not outstanding. It is essential that these younger boys work harder at the basics in the winter term if Strathallan hockey is not to decline.

Riley House was dogged by wet weather but fortunately it was fine for a new venture—A Prep. Schools Hockey Day. About 50 boys and girls from 7 schools with varying experience of the game received coaching, took skills tests and played in a six-a-side tournament. Lathallan took the shield with a fine win over Belhaven. It was an exhausting day for players, coaches and umpires but we hope to repeat it next year with more schools participating.



My thanks go to all who helped to organise this day and all the rest the short, but busy, season. Coaches get their reward through the success of their teams, but it is those apparently ageless masters who trek out to Mud Flats to take junior D games and leagues, and Matron who tolerates mucky 1st XI shirts and overnight visitors, who deserve the most praise.

J.N.F.

RESULTS

1st XI

v. Morgan Academy F.P.	Lost	1-3
v. Perth Academy	Lost	0-1
v. Perthshire H.C.	Drew	2-2
v. Loretto	Lost	0-2
v. Fettes	Won	2-0
v. Gordonstoun	Won	7-0
v. Harris Academy	Drew	2-2
v. Randywyck H.C.	Won	6-0
v. Liverpool College	Won	4-0
v. Campbell College	Drew	1-1
v. King William's College	Won	4-1

2nd XI

v. Rannoch	Won	4-0
v. Perthshire H.C.	Won	5-0
v. Loretto	Won	3-0
v. Fettes	Drew	1-1
v. Perth H.S.	Won	4-0
v. Harris Academy	Won	8-0

3rd XI

v. Rannoch	Lost	1-3
v. Loretto	Lost	0-1
b. Fettes	Lost	0-4

4th XI

v. Loretto	Lost	1-2
v. Fettes	Won	4-3

Senior Colts

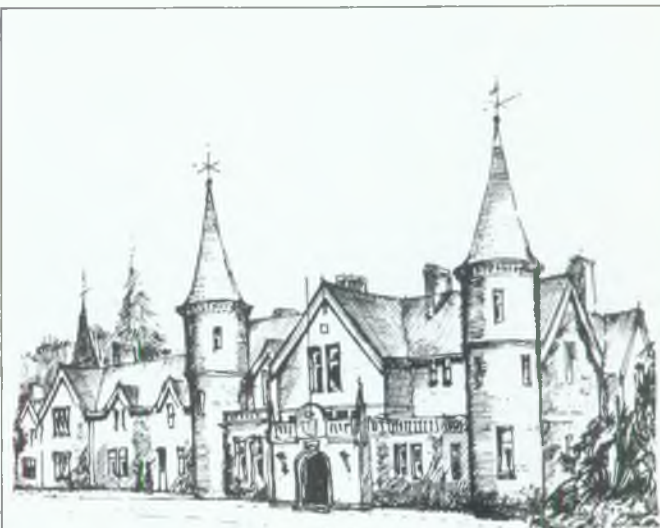
v. Perth Academy	Won	3-1
v. Harris Academy	Won	5-1
v. Loretto	Won	2-0
v. Fettes	Lost	0-3
v. Fettes ('B' XI)	Lost	1-3
v. Gordonstoun	Drew	2-2

Junior Colts

v. Perth Academy	Won	3-0
v. Harris Academy	Lost	1-3
v. Loretto	Lost	2-3
v. Loretto ('B' XI)	Lost	3-5
v. Fettes	Won	2-1
v. Fettes ('B' XI)	Won	8-1
v. Lathallan ('B' XI)	Drew	1-1

Overall Record

Played 35; Won 17; Drew 6; Lost 12.
Goals for 93; Goals against 50.



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House Matches

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	Nicol	1	Simpson	0
	Freeland	2	Ruthven	0

Final not played—pitch unfit.

House Leagues

Won by Freeland (100% record).

Teams

1st XI

R. C. Inglis* (Capt.), A. J. Cunningham* (Sec.), C. J. E. Houston*, S. R. Turnbull*, D. J. Rourke*, K. I. Mac-lachlan*, A. C. Fairbairn*, G. F. G. Mackenzie†, J. F. Campbell†, J. A. R. Coleman, N. W. McPherson, M. Agnew. Also played: G. R. Brown, N. A. Stone-Wigg.

*Full colours †Half colours.

2nd XI

N. A. Stone-Wigg (Capt.), G. R. Brown, M. G. Hulme, B. Hedges, D. Brown, B. D. Montgomery, M. Lightbody, G. C. McLean, D. Watson, P. Macdonald, C. A. Macleod, M. Agnew, J. F. Campbell.

3rd XI

A. A. Thomson, P. L. Muir, A. M. Potts, W. Baird, R. C. Graham, D. B. Walker, A. O. Shepherd, K. H. Muir, T. J. Morton, N. J. McCarroll, R. S. J. Eglington.

4th XI

A. Harbert, D. I. Smith, K. S. V. Grant, S. M. Megson, A. M. Cameron, P. A. Mcfarlane, C. R. Mennie, C. Crack-nell, R. J. Duncan, T. J. Coard, A. M. Stevenson, S. R. Watt.

Senior Colts

C. J. Panton, G. J. Fairweather, C. S. McCarroll, K. S. Smellie, S. R. Bell, M. J. Allingham, C. R. Churchill, R. W. N. Kilpatrick, G. S. B. Corbett, G. M. Archer, A. M. Smith, G. Roger, R. J. White.

Junior Colts 'A'

D. W. Brown, J. N. Fairbairn, E. McIntosh, A. G. Reid (Capt.), R. A. Bain, G. R. Terret, G. V. F. Clayton, J. A. Houson Craufurd, A. N. Taylor, D. J. Lawson, N. H. McKee, D. S. Paterson, C. N. Burnie.

Junior Colts 'B'

G. I. Montgomery (Capt.), C. J. Gibson, D. C. McClellan, A. L. V. Russell, D. E. Uprichard, D. A. G. McMurray, J. A. McIntyre, D. S. Paterson, A. Crawford, D. A. Biggart, H. McCall-Smith, T. W. Johnston.

STOP PRESS!

Former secretary Donald Hay has played for the Scottish senior side, and ex-captain Mike Yellowlees for Scotland U21.

SQUASH

At a time when squash is being described as the fastest growing sport in Britain, it is pleasing to be able to confirm that as far as Strathallan is concerned the game is certainly booming.

This year we decided to join the Men's Division III in the Dundee and District League as well as the usual Junior League. The overall results of the Senior V in terms of matches played, won and lost, have been a little disappointing, but when one appreciates that twelve of the twenty-two matches went to 3-2, of which we won 6 and lost 6 then it becomes clear how closely fought the majority of them were. Also, it should be remembered that most of our competitive squash is played against club sides and it is no disgrace to lose against seasoned campaigners. We gained invaluable experience, and so everyone in the team improved considerably over the year.

In the Scottish Schools Championship we came a commendable fifth out of sixteen teams. The week was enjoyed by the selected few (N. A. Stone-Wigg, G. F. G. Mackenzie and A. N. Taylor) and has become over the years a weekend to look forward to. N. A. Stone-Wigg, the winner of the Vivian-Fairlie Cup, represented Tayside Region V in the Scottish Inter-Regional under-19 Championship.

In the Dundee & District Junior League, we finished second to Grange Country Club against whom we lost by the narrowest of margins. Our Junior Champion, A. N. Taylor, lived up to his reputation by inflicting heavy defeats on juniors and a few sleepless nights to Numbers 3 and 4 in the Men's League. Allingham, Corbett, Kilpatrick and McKee excelled in the junior house matches.

Inter-House Winners: Senior: Nicol.

Senior Champion: N. A. Stone-Wigg.

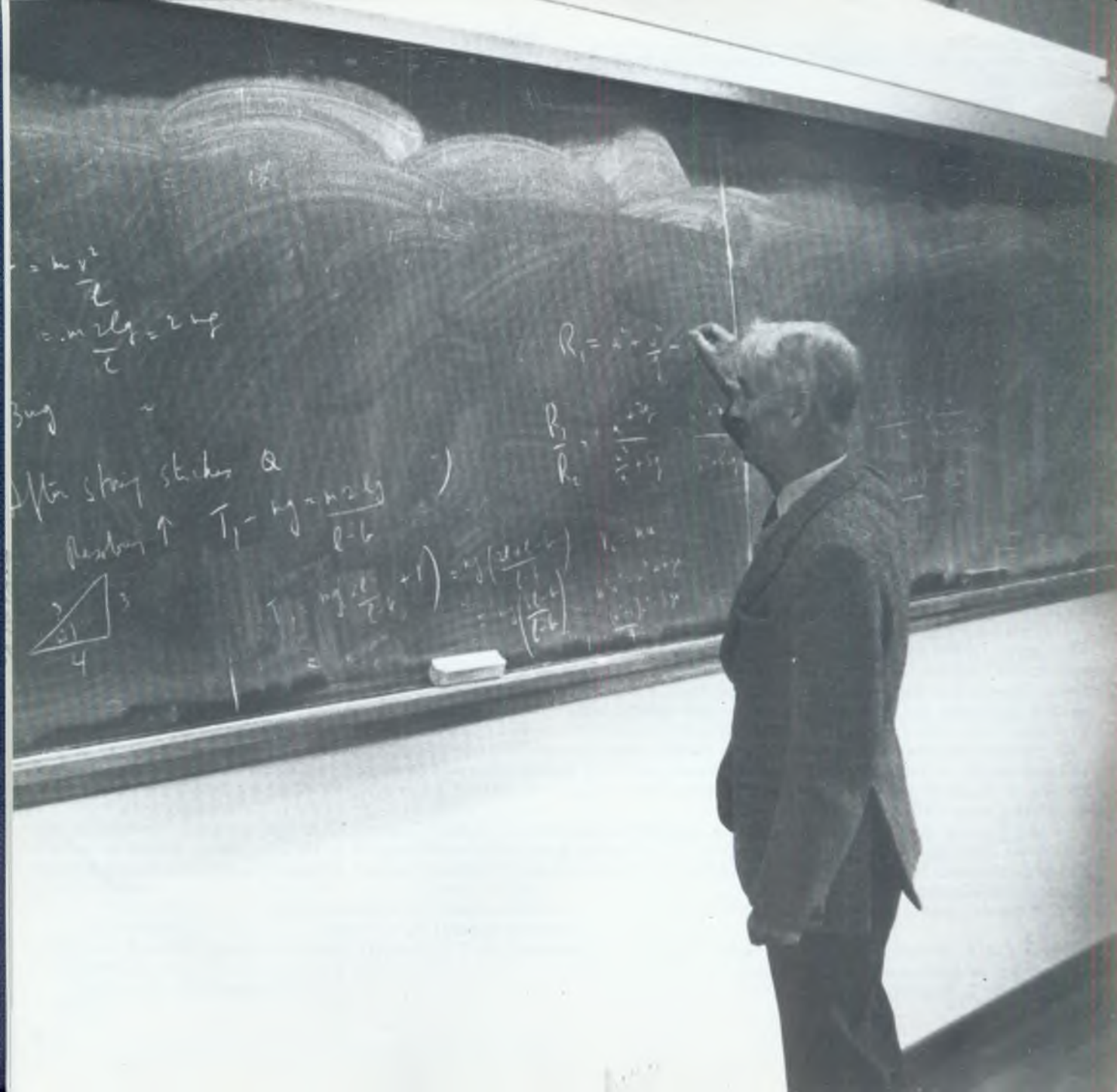
Junior: Simpson.

Junior Champion: A. N. Taylor.

Team: (1) N. A. Stone-Wigg; (2) A. N. Taylor; (3) G. F. G. Mackenzie; (4) G. B. Hedges; (5) H. A. H. Reid.
all of whom were awarded colours.

Also played: G. R. Brown, R. C. Inglis.

S.K.D.



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$$= m g \left(\frac{2l - b}{l - b} \right)$$

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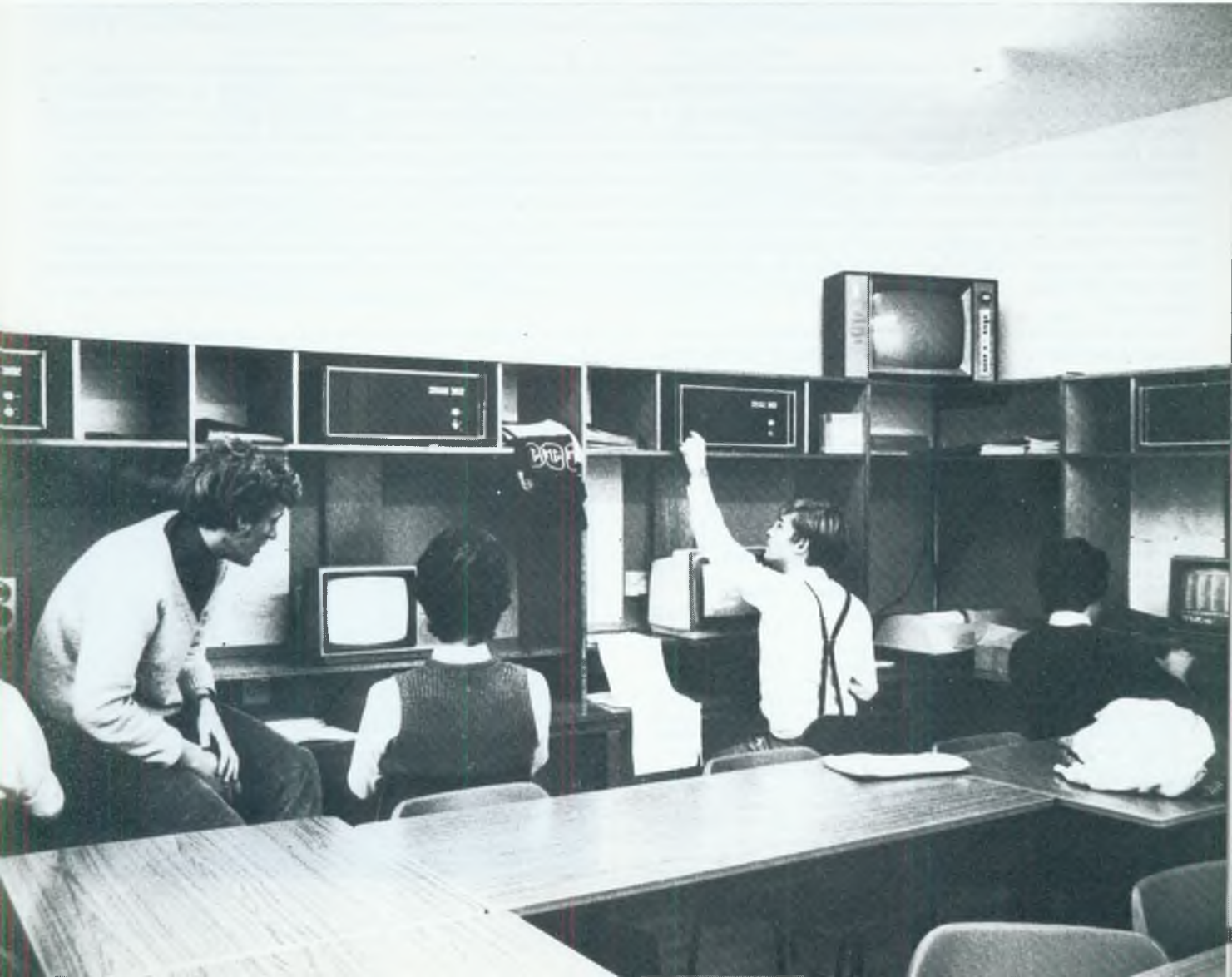


The Old...

...and the new.



After all computers don't make mistakes, do they?



MUSIC NOTES

The year has been a good one instrumentally, but not chorally.

The Choir started the year with 16 basses, 8 tenors, 12 altos, but the 29 trebles were very lacking in the ability to sing high notes and could seldom carry the melodic line of the anthems performed in chapel adequately. At one time, it was thought that some of the Vlth form girls might have filled this deficiency and given the Choir a new look as well as a new sound. However, it turned out that they were, too, lacking power in the high notes. The situation was eventually resolved by reducing the size of the Choir for anthems to 8 trebles, 3 altos, 2 tenors and 2 basses. This Choir was of a more suitable size for singing in the confined space of Dunkeld Cathedral (rather than the 70 or so who have been accustomed to sing in St. Giles' in Edinburgh) where we had been asked to perform at the end of May. The change had the advantage that the full number of tenors and basses were able to gain some experience of singing in three or four parts.

The Orchestra began with a completely new woodwind section (with the exception of its very staunch supporter Mr Williams). The new players, though young, made rapid progress and with the addition of the Doctor's daughter, Katriona Forsyth on the bassoon, and her friend, Sarah Lavers, on the oboe, were soon playing as a very competent woodwind group. The brass group made great strides under the direction of Mr Anderson, our new brass instruments teacher, although they were not always at their best in performance due to the nervousness which so often seems to affect the lip muscles of brass instrument players. The strings, who had changed their personnel very little since the previous year, produced quite a pleasant sound when playing on their own particularly in the Concerto for two violas which they performed at the Headmaster's Musick. Unfortunately, most of the violinists are leaving this year and a new string section will have to be built up. But the Second Orchestra performed very well on Speech Day and in it there are a number of promising junior violinists. These, with some new boys coming next year who are known already to be violinists should make the nucleus of a future string section. This is perhaps the place to offer our congratulations to Colin Harrison, our violinist who is not leaving, and who once again has been chosen to play for the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland who are holding their course this summer here at Strathallan.

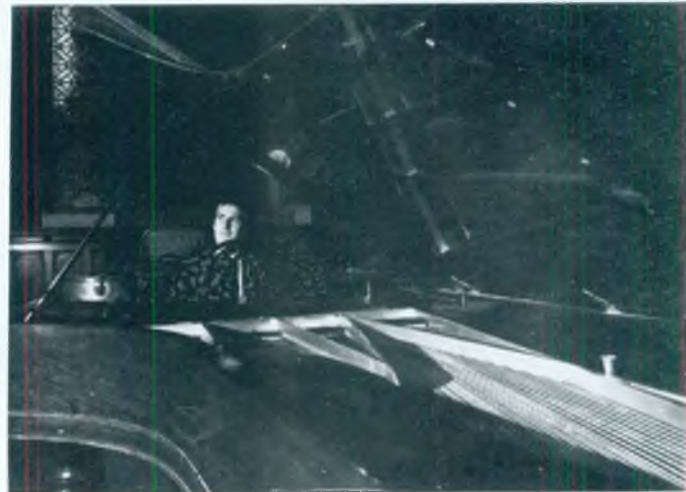
During the year we have said goodbye to Mr Ball who came in 1972 and as Assistant Music Master has run the wind band and second orchestra and has written much enjoyable music for the choir and School to sing. He left to become Director of Music at King's School, Chester, where we wish him every success. Mr Greenhill took his place but his stay has been all too short. Our best wishes go to him for the future.

G.W.

INFORMAL CONCERT

11th December 1979

Orchestra	Czech Rustic Dance	Smetana
Violin Solo	Czardas	Monti
(P. Lee)		
Brass Group	Eye Level	
Bass Solos	Ma Curly-headed Babby	Clutsam
(Mr Craig Young)	Matelot from 'Sigh no More'	
Orchestra	2nd Movement from 'Military' Symphony	J. Haydn
Piano Solo	1st Movement Italian Concerto	J. S. Bach
(Ian Johnson)		
Woodwind Group	The Entertainer	Scott Joplin
Second Orchestra	Au clair de la lune	French
	All through the night	Welsh
Orchestra		
Strings only	Arietta	Frantisek-Tuma
(Viola Solo: C. R. Harrison)		
Full Orchestra	Vltava	Smetana
Tenors & Basses	Four Negro Spirituals	
	I want to be ready	
	Steal away	
	Go down Moses	
	Standin' in de need of prayer	
Orchestra	Jubilee Toy Symphony	Joseph Horovitz



THE HEADMASTER'S MUSICK

3rd November 1979

Strings	Studenten—Music Suite No 1	Johann Rosenmuller
	Courant—Allemande—	
	Courant—Ballo—Sarabande	
Brass Group	Prince of Denmark's March	Jeremiah Clark
Violin and Piano	Sonata No. 5 in F 'The Spring'	L. van Beethoven
	First movement	
Woodwind Group	Divertimento in F	Joseph Haydn
	Presto-adagio—Menuetto	
	and Trio—Presto	
Voices and Strings	Three Scherzi Musicali	Monteverdi
	Non così tosto io miro	
	Dolci miei sospiri	
	O Rosetta	
Viola and Piano	Sonata in E minor for 'cello	J. Brahms
	First movement	arr. Lionel Tertis
Brass Group	Lord, for Thy tender	John Hilton
	mercies' sake	
	In our deep vaulted cell	H. Purcell
Piano solo	Warum	R. Schumann
	Italian Concerto	J. S. Bach
	First movement	
Two Violas and	Concerto in G major for	G. P. Telemann
Strings	two violas and strings	
Woodwind Group	Le Point du Jour	arr. Anthony
	Greensleeves	Baines
	The Hungarian Grenadiers	

NORTH CHURCH, PERTH

9th March 1980

Choir	'Credo' from St. Cecilia Mass	Gounod
Woodwind Group	Four Dances	Gervaise
	Basse Danse	
	Pavan	
	Gaillard	
	Allemande	
	1st Minuet and Trio from	Mozart
	Serenade in E flat K375	
Small Choir	'The Pharisee and the Publican'	Schutz
	Solo tenor: G. T. Johnston	
	Solo bass: Mr Craig Young	
Piano Solo	Allegretto in E flat	Schubert
I. L. Johnson	(No. 2 of 3 Klavierstucke (1828))	
Strings	Arietta from Partita in	Tuma
	Solo viola: D minor	
C. R. Harrison		
	Little Suite	Kenneth Platts
	Alla marcia—Andante—Allegro	
Choir	O Sing unto the Lord	Purcell
	Solo bass: Mr Craig Young	
Violin Solo	Sonata No. 6 in E minor	Handel
P. Lee	Adagio—Allegro—Largo—Allegro	
Brass Group	Canzona	Frescobaldi
Woodwind and Strings	Notturmo No. 2 in C	Haydn
	1st movement—Allegro	
Choir	Si iniquitates observaveris	Wesley
	'Nunc dimmittis' from	Stanford
	Service in B flat	

DUNKELD CATHEDRAL

25th May 1980

Concerto in A minor for violin and strings	Vivaldi
1st movement—Allegro	
(Solo violin: P. Lee)	
Aria for solo tenor, violin, viola and continuo	Buxtehude
Was mich auf dieser welt betrübt	
(Solo tenor: G. T. Johnston)	
The Pharisee and the Publican	Schutz
for small choir and tenor and baritone solo	
(Solo tenor: G. T. Johnston)	
(Solo Baritone: Mr Robert Greenhill)	
Ballet du Roy Pour Sonner Après	Praetorius
for brass group	
Sonata No. 3 in A minor for viola	Vivaldi
arranged from 'cello sonata	
largo—allegro—largo—allegro	
(Solo viola: C. R. Harrison)	
Aria for baritone and TTBB chorus	Mozart
'O Isis and Osiris' (from 'The Magic Flute')	
Choruses and duet from	
Eine kleine Freimauer kantate	Mozart
(Solo tenor: G. T. Johnston)	
(Solo baritone: Mr Robert Greenhill)	
Concerto in C for two flutes, horns and strings	Haydn
(Solo flutes: G. K. Wallace & J. N. Fairbairn)	
Allegro in C No. 3 of 3 Klavierstucke (1828)	Schubert
(Solo piano: I. L. Johnson)	
Ave Verum	Elgar
'Like as the Hart' for small choir and organ	Howells
Divertimento for woodwind group	Haydn
Allegro—Minuet I—Adagio—Minuet II—Presto	
Five Hungarian Folk Songs	Bartok
arranged for woodwind group	
Te Deum for unison voices	Malcolm Williamson

SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

Orchestra	A Saturday Overture	Kenneth Platts
Piano Solo	Polonaise in A Flat	Chopin
I. L. Johnson	(The Heroic)	
Second Orchestra	Eccosaie	Schubert
Tenors and Bases	The 'Anvil' Chorus from	Verdi
	'Il Trovatore'	
	'Speed your Journey' from	Verdi
	'Nabucco'	
Violin Solo	Czardas	Monti
P. S. H. Lee		
Orchestra	Bergamesca from 'Ancient	Respighi
	Airs and Dances'	

Anthems sung by the Choir this year have been:

Thou visitest the earth (Green); Subdue us by Thy goodness (Bach); Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake (Tye); Turn back, O Man (Holst); Declare His honour (Purcell); Sleepers Awake (Bach); O Lord our Governor, and, Blessed is He, from Psalms of Today (Chappell); And the glory of the Lord (Handel); Nunc Dimmittis in B flat (Stanford); Credo (Gounod); Ride on in majesty (Williamson); Christ is Arisen (Hassler); Te Deum (Williamson); Up my soul (Bach); Ave Verum (Elgar); Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams); The Pharisee and the Publican (Schutz); Agnus Dei, from Missa Brevis (Britten).

PIANO RECITAL

by **WALTER HAUTZIG**

13th March, 1980

Capriccio 'On the departure of his beloved brother'	J. S. Bach
(a) Arioso Adagio	
'A loving attempt of the friends to keep him from going on his journey'	
(b) Andante	
'A suggestion of various things that could befall him in a strange land'	
(c) Adagio Assai	
'A lament of the friends'	
(d) Andante con moto	
'The friends see that it must be, and say Farewell'	
(e) Aria di Postiglione	
(f) Fuga all imitazione della cornetta di postiglione	
Three Moments Musicaux	Schubert
14 Valses	Schubert
Danzas Argentinas	Ginastera
(a) Danza del viejo bojero - Dance of the Old Herdsman	
(b) Danza de la moza donosa - Dance of the charming girl	
(c) Danza del gaucho matrero - Dance of the crooked cowboy	
Nocturne	Chopin
2 Valses	Chopin
Polonaise in A flat major	Chopin

On the departure of Mr Ball, the Music Society, which had been quivering gently for a few years, sank quietly into oblivion virtually unnoticed. However, to prove that the School is not totally Philistine, we were privileged to welcome the famous American pianist Walter Hautzig.

My first impression of the man was that he was an exceptionally human human, and those who met him afterwards heard him talk not about the virtues of the different editions of the Chopin 'Polonaises' but of basketball. This quality came through well in the introduction to the pieces, delivered with sparkle and imagination. Unfortunately, the first piece, Bach's 'Capriccio on the departure of his beloved brother' did nothing to gratify Mr Hautzig's technique or musicality. This was musical presentation of the first rank, but the piece was eminently forgettable and a poor choice to begin the programme.

Better things soon arrived, however, in a group of Schubert 'Moments Musicaux' and 'Valses.' Mr Hautzig played these with great verve and showed us why these are the only pieces currently available to British record collectors.

Ginastera's three 'Danzas Argentinas' were both amusing and musical as short sketches. In fact our guest succeeded well in presenting wit in music, a most difficult thing to do, and the Spanish nature of the pieces well suited the pianist's temperament.

Chopin was essentially a poetic composer and unfortunately Mr Hautzig is a little too extrovert, even brazen, in his approach to this composer. However, the capacity audience in the Music Room was able to enjoy (and did so judging by the number of 'encores') some old favourites and to admire Mr Hautzig's 'formidable octaves' in the central section of the Polonaise in A flat major Op. 53.

C. R. Harrison.

The following have passed Associated Board Music Examinations:

C. R. Harrison:	Viola Grade 8 (Distinction)
I. L. Johnson:	General Musicianship Grade 6 (Distinction)
G. B. Hedges:	Piano Grade 6; Theory Grade 5
Q. J. Livingston:	Theory Grade 5
B. D. Waller:	Piano Grade 5
J. N. Fairbairn:	Flute Grade 4 (Merit)
G. K. Wallace:	Flute Grade 4 (Merit)
J. McLaren:	Piano Grade 4
M. B. Gee:	Piano Grade 3
K. J. Jarlow:	Flute Grade 3 (Distinction); Theory Grade 3
T. W. Johnston:	Clarinet Grade 3 (Merit)
D. W. Brown:	Piano Grade 1
J. H. Chapman:	Piano Grade 1
G. J. Lawson:	Piano Grade 1
D. E. Uprichard:	Piano Grade 1 (Merit)
A. E. J. Wood:	Piano Grade 1

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Drama

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Mr Doolittle

Angus Thomson
Sally Rutherford
Barbie McLaurin
Neil McDougall

Pickering
Mrs Pearce
Freddy
Mrs Eynsford-Hill

Robert Dobbie
Gail Fitzpatrick
Charles Cracknell
Pussy Wilson

Miss Eynsford-Hill
Bystander
Taxi Driver
Bystander &
Parlour Maid

Lindsay Naylor
Gregor Truter
Robert Ferguson
Gail Wishart





THEATRE

As usual, the theatre was fairly popular, with six visits for the VIth Form:

Romeo & Juliet (Perth); *Wise Child* (Dundee); *The Cocktail Party* (Perth); *Night & Day* (Stirling); *The Importance of Being Ernest* (Pitlochry); *King Lear* (Stirling University).

All the plays were enjoyable—Stoppard's 'Night and Day' was excellent—with a full West End cast. 'Wise Child' was very amusing and well received. 'The Importance of Being Ernest' was, on the other hand, a bit of a disappointment.

'King Lear' was staged by the Stirling University Drama Society—'SUDS.' The Lower VIth English sets took a Wednesday off and spent the whole day as guests of the University. The morning was spent in an enjoyable party atmosphere partaking in what was termed 'relaxation therapy' but was better described as fun and games. The actors used the relaxation therapy regularly to loosen up before rehearsals.

Having being loosened up we went for lunch and having been both loosened up and nourished we watched the play—which was excellently done. Although the cast was entirely amateur, the production was very professional indeed. The lighting, music and acting were all of a very high standard.

SUDS followed up their production by visiting the School for a discussion of the play—which was quite helpful for the 'A' Level candidates studying it. The whole exercise was fun, entertaining and educational. All those at Stirling who gave us their time and attention have our vote of thanks, as does Mr Barratt who organised the theatre visits with the help of Gary McLean.

P. D. Russell.



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For the stage Green Room:

ladies' and gentlemen's period clothes;

all accessories:

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COMBINED CADET FORCE



I personally feel that this has been an excellent year for the CCF and I would straight away like to thank the Officers and Cadets for their loyalty, co-operation and hard work.

This year we have introduced a few new ideas in an effort to generate a bit more enthusiasm and also to show the boys that, through the medium of CCF, a number of interesting and constructive activities can be done even on a Friday afternoon.

The Contingent Commander's Parade was held in the Easter Term, a mistake I fear, because we only just got away with it. There was a slight fall of snow during the morning and this made the parade itself pretty unpleasant and the march-past extremely difficult. I invited Wing Commander Colin Bidie, AFC, RAF(Ret'd), Senior Schools liaison Officer, to inspect the Contingent and I think he was pleased with the overall turn-out and the determination to put on a good show despite the weather.

The Summer Term was very busy preparing for General Inspection. This year we were fortunate to have the Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Baird, as inspecting officer and, for the first time for many years, we devoted a whole day to the occasion. The Admiral's car was escorted up the main drive to the front of the School by motorcycle outriders. The Pipe Band and the Guard of Honour, made up of cadets from all three sections, was drawn up for inspection. The Admiral then looked at Naval training on the Tay, making his way down river in the pinnace kindly lent for the occasion by HMS *Camperdown*. After lunch there was a full inspection of training on the campus. This year I think there were more activities than ever before, in fact, afternoon tea had to be abandoned and even then it was not possible to see everything. In addition to all our usual training, the Naval Section have now acquired some canoes, they have also built a model harbour complete with signal flags and radio controlled ships at Coventrees Pond. The RAF have now formed an electronics wing, a group of boys are making

radio-controlled aircraft and we also have a small group who have become most proficient in aircraft recognition. The RAF Section also rebuilt the Assault Course by the School Pond. The Army Section now include motorcycle training and maintenance and, needless to say, this is very popular.

The Day ended with Retreat Parade for the whole Contingent on the Lawn and this made a very impressive end to the occasion.

The week before G.I. Day we had a visit from Commander M. Fulford-Dobson, RN; Naval Member JCE, and this was deliberately arranged as a sort of dress rehearsal. We were delighted to see Commander Fulford-Dobson and his visit was most useful because he made some constructive criticisms but, at the same time, gave tremendous encouragement to everybody.

During the course of the year we have had a number of interesting visitors. The GOC Scotland and Northern Ireland, Lt. General Sir Michael Gow, came and spoke to the NCO's on 'Leadership.' I was very glad that he was able to meet a few of the senior boys over dinner. Commander Duvivier dropped in by helicopter and gave an illustrated talk on his career, to date, in the Royal Navy. A few boys were also given trips over the School in his helicopter. The RAF Presentation Team gave a really professional lecture on the role of the RAF and I think everybody agreed that it was the best lecture we've had at the School. Finally, Sports Day ended on a spectacular note with a display by the Red Arrows. Although the weather was bad the performance was breath-taking and I'm sure many people will remember this occasion for many years to come. In case anybody should wonder how Strathallan managed to get both the RAF Presentation Team and the Red Arrows in one year then I must record that it was all arranged by Wing Commander Bidie who has taken a tremendous amount of interest in the School and to whom I would now like to offer our very grateful thanks for helping to make this a memorable year for the CCF.

P.A.B.

R.N. Section

This year the establishment of the RN Section was raised to 75 cadets. In September we welcomed two new officers: Sub.-Lt. Goody and Sub.-Lt. Glimm. Sub.-Lt. Goody has always been invaluable in the past with sailing and it is with great pleasure that we will now officially have his expertise. Sub.-Lt. Glimm is to be responsible for swimming and canoeing and two canoes and a training boat have been purchased. We hope as a section to build our own canoes and we were fortunate in being able to buy a canoe mould from Trinity College, Glenalmond. With our new officers and larger section a much greater range of activities is possible and provided we are not obliged to spend too much time on official parades, the cadets should have more time for both river and sea training.

At the end of September Lt. MacLeod took a team of senior cadets to the CCF Regatta at HMS *Pembroke*, Chatham and the Strathallan 'wasps' gave a good account of themselves while unfortunately not winning any races. With the regatta in mind, Sub.-Lts. Clayton and Goody this year had the ASC on the Tay for river as distinct from pond training. As luck would have it the 1980 Regatta was cancelled due to defence cuts.

The annual Field Day was as usual a great success, HMS *Neptune*, HMS *Cochrane* and RM *Arbroath* giving the cadets a first-class day's training. It must be stressed how much importance the RN Section attaches to the Autumn Field Day fulfilling as it has done for many years a vital role in both basic and advanced training. We all hope that this will continue.

As always the winter term provides the time necessary for instruction for AB and Proficiency exams. We are grateful, as always, to FCPO Curle and CPO Scott for their invaluable help.

A feature of this year has been the number of inspections and presentations, besides the visits by the Royal Corps of Transport and the Royal Engineers we had a Contingent Commander's Parade on 1st February, followed by the 'Role of the Navy' lecture on 20th February. This latter was given by Lt. More of the Dundee RN Careers Office. The undoubted highlight of the year was the excellent lecture given by Commander Du Vivier who arrived in a Wessex V helicopter; several cadets were able to have a short flight which proved most popular.

The Summer Term is always the busiest and this year was no exception. Knowing that an RN Inspection followed the visit of the Naval Member JCE, Commander Fulford-Dobson, in May all officers and cadets had a busy time. An exciting training programme included a signals exercise with model boats on Coventrees Pond—grateful thanks to Mrs Clayton for making such excellent signal flags, sailing regatta on the Tay and practical exercise in the School pond area. The Naval Member spent all day at Strathallan and his visit acted as a rehearsal for General Inspection.



There was considerable interest by all sections of the CCF in the Naval Member's visit because it was thought possible that if he was impressed by our cadets and facilities it might be on the cards that we would be selected for consideration for a small Royal Marines detachment as part of our CCF.

The Naval Member's visit went very well as did the Inspection by Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland Vice-Admiral T. H. E. Baird. The entire CCF put a great effort into making this a real success.

This has been a good year for camps and courses. Cadets attended the shooting courses at Barry Buddon and HMS *Cochrane*, sailing at HMS *Caledonia*, Submarine Acquaint at HMS *Dolphin*, RN Acquaint at Portsmouth, adventure training at Garelochhead, overseas camp at Gibraltar and adventurous training on Arran. Sub.-Lt. Glimm was Divisional Officer at RM Poole Canoe Course and Lt. MacLeod attended the RAF Lyneham camp during Easter. During the summer, Sub.-Lt. Clayton was again a Sailing Instructor at HMS *Raleigh*, Lt. MacLeod was at BRNC Dartmouth and Sub.-Lts. Clayton and Goody took 12 cadets on the Fleet Tender *Denmead* on the Firth of Clyde.

We are particularly grateful to Lt.-Cdr. Bryans of HMS

Droxford for providing valuable sea time.

Once again we are grateful to Perth Harbour Trust and to Captain Cantlish, the Harbour Master, for providing berthing facilities for our Cheverton motor boat which has gone well during the season. Tay Division RNR is always helpful and we look forward to having their Commanding Officer, Commander Picton, to inspect the CCF shortly.

It is with considerable satisfaction that we welcome a Royal Marine unit as part of the RN Section. To Sub.-Lt. Glimm, who is to run it, we wish every success.

As a section we are affiliated to HMS *Lindisfarne* of the Fishery Protection Squadron based at Rosyth. Lt. Rice and Sub.-Lt. Alabaster have visited Strathallan and we look forward to a close liaison with the ship and a considerable amount of sea time.

We are all delighted to welcome back FCPO Curle after his long illness and as is always the case, realised just how much we missed his help and encouragement.

Promotions 1980/81:

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Petty Officers: F. R. Bowie, M. G. Goodbourn, J. W. J. Logan, P. A. McFarlane, P. J. McKee, D. J. M. Reynolds, D. N. Taylor.

T.J.M.

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ARMY SECTION

This has not been the easiest of years. An officer strength of 25% of establishment and a change of Cadet Training Team conspired to produce a rather fraught September and October. However the new Training Team (from Stirling) gave valuable help, even though we had to share them with Dollar, and the four cadet sergeants, MacDonald (later CSM), Genasi, Megson and Turnbull got on with the training of their sections in a thoroughly responsible way. The credit for most of the Proficiency successes during the year must go to them, and I am most grateful to them for the hard work they put in.

Friday afternoons tend to be rather routine (most of the Section could probably chant 'Recruits—Rothesay Pier 1400, Battlecraft—Armoury 1400, Signals—Corps Palace 1400), but routine does get broken by Field Day, Inspections, Camps. Field Day this year saw us visiting the Infantry Depot at Glencorse, where an interesting day's programme was arranged by the training staff. Those cadets who weren't aware of the existence of any weapon other than the 303 rifle were soon initiated into more modern designs; those who were blasé about assault courses discovered that new types of obstacle are still being devised; those who prided themselves on their command of language had their education broadened when attacking the regular enemy in the afternoon!

The General Inspection allowed the Section to demonstrate various aspects of the training carried out during the year. Recruits showed that they could (or couldn't) walk ten metres on three different compass bearings without getting lost, signallers efficiently kept track of the Admiral's progress (but were too embarrassed to tell him that that was what they were doing), the battlecraft section carried out their attack exactly in the manner Sgt. Turnbull and I had predicted they would (much to our relief), some went into battle on bikes (motorised, cadets for the use of), and others welcomed the opportunity to wear less formal dress for orienteering and assault course. A good report was a just reward for the effort expended.

Who wants to spend the first week of the summer holidays at camp? Not very many, to judge from the comments as the coach sped down the A1 towards Proteus in Nottinghamshire. Seven days later it was being agreed that perhaps it hadn't been too bad after all and perhaps they'd think about coming another year (particularly if I could arrange for contingents with girls to be there the whole week instead of for just a few days). Military training (section

attacks, night patrols, shooting) was mixed with more adventurous stuff (rock climbing, canoeing, raft building). No-one got lost on the orienteering course (not permanently anyway), rafts successfully crossed the Welbeck lake, even if the passengers got a little damp in the process, climbers found just how contortible the human body is, and night patrollers discovered that while they had the fun of crossing rivers on rope bridges, officers were denied this pleasure and were obliged to use a concrete footbridge. The only thing lacking was time for rest. Various inter-contingent competitions were held during the week—the fact that most of the Strathallan cadets were recruits was to our disadvantage but enthusiasm went some way to compensating for lack of size and we gave a good account of ourselves. Capt. Dutton has my thanks for rediscovering his army allegiance for the week, and Cpl. Coard proved a tower of strength as the senior cadet.

A.M.P.



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During the Christmas term, a start was made on the Proficiency examination work and once again, this was organised by the N.C.O's. The examination was taken at the end of term and the results were very good. On Field Day in October, most of the Section either visited Lossiemouth or Turnhouse, a few boys accompanied the R.N. Section to Rosyth. During the year, several boys completed their gliding proficiency at Arbroath but sadly we were unsuccessful in a number of applications for flying scholarships. The Summer term was mainly concerned with preparations for G.I. Day and this year we had more activities than ever before. A small group of boys rebuilt the Assault Course and this provided an excellent training facility. Other groups were concerned with aeromodelling, aircraft recognition and electronics. The Primary Glider was also in operation. The Summer term ended on a spectacular R.A.F. note with a superb display by the Red Arrows. I felt this year that everybody really made a tremendous effort to get the most out of the summer term training activities and I would particularly like to thank all the N.C.O's for their hard work and co-operation – it made all the difference. My apologies for the R.A.F. Section report being rather brief this year but Captain Dutton's illness has meant that certain detailed information on the activities of the Section has not been available in time for publication.

P.A.B.

***The
Red
Arrows***



Social Services

We maintained our links with Perth and the local community service with flag collections, raffles, old folks' teas, etc.

This year the social services team became involved in a new experiment teaching rehabilitation patients at Murray Royal Psychiatric Hospital, results achieved at Strathallan and Perth Grammar School being compared. Initially it began as a small group with individual teaching of three patients at Strath. However, after a term it was decided that the patients, who were receiving basic tuition in Maths and English, were not responding too well away from their home environment. Thus after Christmas a more ambitious programme involving a dozen patients and 'teachers' began at the Murray Royal.

Although this started quite promisingly, it soon became obvious that the patients were neither learning much from our Friday afternoon labours, nor making the contact with us personally that it was hoped would occur.

At a final meeting we were told that in fact our patients had not been expected to respond. It was very sad that we seemed to achieve so little in constructive work although the experience we received in working with the patients at the Murray Royal was invaluable. Some cases did show signs of promise although in retrospect maybe these were just hopeful illusions. We tend to think that had the afternoons been better organised, in that patients appeared regularly, and had we been given better guidance in our approach and method, the experiment might have been more successful. But in the result, for the would-be professors, the pool table in the Murray Royal proved quite an attractive alternative to teaching, and for the patients, a few seemed to find the girls' legs more interesting than the lessons!

We would hope that this sort of experiment could go on in future because it has definite possibilities for rewarding and constructive work and whereas this year it proved something of a failure with better guidance and the right type of patient it could be enjoyable and useful for all concerned.

Susan T. Douglas.

TENNIS

Team: 1st Pair: N. A. Stone-Wigg & S. M. Megson.

2nd Pair: A. M. Hutcheson & M. W. Lightbody.

3rd Pair: M. Stone-Wigg & S. Phillips.

Colours were awarded to N. A. Stone-Wigg and S. M. Megson. H. A. H. Reid and C. M. Steedman also played.

The team this year was quite inexperienced, and as a result did not do at all well in their matches. The first pair of Stone-Wigg and Megson played another excellent season winning all their matches—until the last one against Loretto which they lost: the first match they have lost in the past three years of playing together!

The courts this year were worse than ever before and everyone is eagerly looking forward to the new surfacing which is coming shortly.

We also lost against the Strathallian Club on Founder's Day when the old boys fielded their strongest team for about seven years.

If the new courts are ready by next year this should create enthusiasm and raise the team's standard to what it should be.

Individual Senior Tennis Cup: S. M. Megson.

Inter-House Cup: Simpson.

N. A. Stone-Wigg.

SHOOTING

Thanks to Mr Pollard's regular trips to the range, five times a week, shooting continues. This year the 'A' and 'B' teams were entered for the Autumn and Spring leagues but unfortunately, with few experienced shots around, neither team did very well.

The annual inter-house shooting competition saw the cup move to the Nicol shelf.

The individual shooting cup was awarded to R. C. Inglis for the best competition average.

Shooting colours were awarded to W. Baird, L. W. Gordon, J. W. Galloway and re-awarded to A. C. Fairbairn.

The 'A' team consisted of: R. C. Inglis, A. C. Fairbairn, W. Baird, L. W. Gordon, J. W. Galloway, C. J. E. Houston.

The 'B' team consisted of: J. F. Campbell, A. A. Thomson, Alistair P. Johnston, S. Bell and W. R. Hamilton.

W. Baird is appointed captain for the 1980/81 season.

R. C. Inglis.

Cricket

The First Eleven had a moderately good season, winning three games, losing one, drawing the remainder. Angus MacLeod once again proved to be a shrewd captain and we shall miss his strategies and wry humour next year. The fact is that he had a very young side to cajole along—eight will be back next year—and lack of success can be put down to inexperience. One of the troubles seems to be that so many boys with potential fail to realize it in their final year: they just run out of form or never even get into the eleven and are not interested in making the effort to apply themselves to those techniques which make the difference between success and failure in a game like this. Another problem, perhaps more intractable, is the lack of opportunity to make big scores in that year or two between Senior Colts and the First Eleven. There are just not enough Second and 'A' Eleven fixtures available, which is not for want of trying. One also has to say that net wickets will have to improve as well if the junior games are going to produce consistent batsmen. It was interesting to see how much better several junior players batted in the Junior House Match final held on the lawn than they have in matches generally and it was interesting, too, to see some of the flaws in their technique that could be put down to keeping deliberately out of the line during practice sessions.

What, then, about the various sides? Angus MacLeod, as mentioned above, captained the First Eleven shrewdly but found wickets much harder to come by. Early in the season he did not bat as well as he did in 1979 and he ended this year by bowling fewer overs. One suspects, too, that his reputation had got around and batsmen were a great deal more suspicious of him. Although he bowled 14 overs fewer he also had 100 runs fewer scored off him, and that argues that here were a lot of opposing batsmen not willing to take chances. The other bowlers also lacked penetration. Steven Watt bowled too wide from the stumps and slanted too much down the leg side. Michael Allingham also had difficulty in bowling a line and was not particularly impressive. Angus Shepherd was never allowed to bowl much of

his off-spin and John Coleman was just plain unlucky and deserved many more wickets than he got. David Robson looks a useful prospect for next year if he can retain line and length.

The batting was a little bit more consistent. Grant Corbett proved that schools' cricket is all about staying in, Michael Allingham despite four fifties has yet to produce a series of convincing innings against school sides, John Coleman got into the twenties five times but then got himself out or the match ended—on each occasion he was batting well. Everyone else struggled a bit. Colin Inglis lost form from May to July and devised several novel ways of getting out unluckily. Had he played all the season as he did at Glenalmond our record might have been different. Fraser McClung frequently assured us that he would have got runs if only we had sent him in earlier and not just for a last minute slog. Steven Watt produced two or three moderate scores but was too often playing forward too soon along the wrong line.

The Second Eleven had a mixed season and did not seem to be a place where batsmen could find any form. Similarly, the 'A' XI polished off the opponents very quickly, leaving no room for big scores. The Senior Colts, too, were short of consistent run-getters. Only G. McClung and R. Kilpatrick topped the hundred aggregate and no one registered a fifty. The Junior Colts won more than they lost and there was a good spirit and keenness in the game generally. Much seems to have relied upon the individual performances of P. McKee and A. Reid, but they both received admirable support in the field, and there are others in the game capable of making runs and taking wickets. The side rounded off the season with a satisfyingly crushing victory at Glenalmond.

There were three strongish teams in the Junior House Competition, and Leburn, who man for man had more skill, beat Nicol in the final.

RESULTS

3rd May v. Crieff C.C. (Home).

Strathallan 138–5 dec. (R. C. Inglis 35, M. Allingham 55).

Crieff 137–7 (S. R. Watt 3–42, A. O. Shepherd 2–23).

Match drawn—just!

8th May v. Dundee University Staff (Away).

Dundee University Staff 128–5 dec.

Strathallan 131–3 (M. Allingham 52, G. Corbett 30,

J. Coleman 24).

Won by 7 wickets.

24th May v. Fettes.

Fettes 179 (C. A. MacLeod 4-45).

Strathallan 60.

Lost by 119 runs. After the fall of some early wickets the innings lost its way and we meandered to defeat. The Fettes' bowling was steady, but bad batting lost this match.

29th May v. Loretto.

Loretto 150 (J. Coleman 4-36, C. A. MacLeod 3-34).

Strathallan 150-9 (S. R. Watt 43, C. A. MacLeod 43, J. Coleman 28).

Drawn. Having prised Loretto out in good time, this ought to have been a win. Some incredibly inept batting in the final twenty overs ensured that it wasn't.

14th June v. The Edinburgh Academy.

Strathallan 112 (M. Allingham 36).

Edinburgh Academy 32-4.

Having never quite come to terms with the lively bowling of Fraser-Darling and Scott, we managed to put two of the Academy's batting stars back in the pavilion. Bad light and then heavy rain brought matters to a close shortly before tea just when it looked as though we were going to have another of those interesting matches which this fixture often provides.

15th June v. Strathallian Club.

Strathallian Club 147-6 dec. (R. Brewster 25, D. Bell 35, H. Parker 56*).

Strathallan 121-4 (M. Allingham 33*, J. Coleman 29*, C. A. MacLeod 20).

The early wickets of K. Frost (run out) and D. Currie (positively the last appearance in this country, alas!) meant that R. Brewster and D. Bell had to retrieve the situation. This they did well and H. Parker collected a pleasant fifty. The game ended up fairly even. The Club side was: K. Frost, D. Currie, R. Brewster, D. Bell (Capt.), H. Parker, A. Tares, F. Benzie, S. Ferguson, N. McKenzie, D. Wallace, J. McIntosh.

21st June v. Merchiston (Away).

Merchiston 166 (D. A. Robson 5-32).

Strathallan 112-4 (G. Corbett 43*, J. Coleman 21*, S. Watt 20).

Drawn. A strong wind made bowling difficult and wickets were difficult to come by. Robson had a satisfactory debut. The loss of three quick wickets just as the innings was beginning to gain momentum meant that a draw was inevitable. Corbett batted through the innings and faced 179 balls in getting his 43 not out.

5th July v. R. N. Johnson's XI (Home).

Strathallan 136-9 dec. (Allingham 50, Coleman 25).

R. N. Johnson's XI 58 (MacLeod 5-13).

Won by 78 runs.....ouch!

6th July v. MCC (Home).

MCC 175-4 dec. (MacLeod 4-47).

Strathallan 96-3 (Corbett 36*, Allingham 21*).

Drawn. Having batted for 58 overs, MCC were only able to bowl 48 and never opened up the game. Corbett again carried his bat—this time 36 in 144 balls.

8th July v. Glenalmond.

Glenalmond 143 (Coleman 4-38).

Strathallan 94-3 (Inglis 33*, MacLeod 20*).

Drawn. Again the innings lost momentum in just the wrong places, but Glenalmond batted 57 overs, which says something for the tightness of our bowling, whilst they only bowled 34 overs.

The game against the Occasionals was washed out—twice!

1st XI AVERAGES

	Inns	N.O.	Runs	H't	Avg.
M. J. de G. Allingham	10	3	334	71*	47.71
J. A. R. Coleman	9	2	153	29*	21.85
G. S. B. Corbett	11	2	169	43*	18.76
C. A. MacLeod	10	2	132	20*	16.50
R. C. Inglis	9	1	130	35	16.25
T. F. McClung	8	2	91	30*	15.16
S. R. Watt	9	0	130	43	14.44

Also batted: A. O. Shepherd 1*, 2; R. A. Ferguson 8*, 4; G. Roger 13, 1*, 0; A. C. Fairbairn 1, 0, 4*, 3; G. M. Archer 10; G. C. McLean 2*, 0; G. Dobbie 4, 0, 8; D. A. Robson 0*. M. J. S. Hulme also played.

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg.
C. A. MacLeod	175	21	306	26	11.76
D. A. Robson	40	12	91	7	13.00
A. O. Shepherd	47	5	147	10	14.70
M. J. de G. Allingham	75	13	201	10	20.10
J. A. R. Coleman	102.2	20	285	11	25.90
S. R. Watt	84	18	236	9	26.22

Also bowled: R. C. Inglis 8-1-23-2; T. F. McClung 7-3-22-0. Colours were awarded to: S. R. Watt and M. J. de G. Allingham and Half Colours to: J. A. R. Coleman, G. S. B. Corbett, T. F. McClung and A. O. Shepherd.



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'A' XI

- 13th May v. Perth Academy.
Perth Academy 26 (Coleman 5-12, A. O. Shepherd 3-2).
Strathallan 27-4.
Won by 6 wickets.
- 20th May v. Morrison's Academy.
Strathallan 137-2 dec. (G. Archer 33, R. A. Ferguson 49*, J. Coleman 31*).
Morrison's 85-6 (Allingham 4-20).
Drawn.
- 17th June v. Dollar Academy.
Dollar 26 (Robson 4-7, Allingham 4-11).
Strathallan 27-0.
Won by 10 wickets.

2nd XI

- 17th May v. R. N. Johnson's XI.
Strathallan 161 (Watson 66*).
R. N. Johnson's XI 110-3.
Drawn.
- 24th May v. Fettes.
Strathallan 64 (McLean 30*).
Fettes 67-3.
Lost by 7 wickets.
- 29th May v. Loretto.
Strathallan 10-0.
Abandoned—rain.
- 21st June v. Merchiston.
Merchiston 90 (Watson 7-29).
Strathallan 92-5 (Eglinton 21, Roger 28).
Won by 5 wickets.
- 8th July v. Glenalmond.
Strathallan 53-9 dec. (Ferguson 20*).
Glenalmond 54-9 (Watson 5-18).
Lost by 1 wicket.

3rd XI

- 10th May v. Edinburgh Academy.
Edinburgh Academy 89 (Wilshaw 5-15, Watson 4-25).
Strathallan 43.
Lost by 46 runs.
- 24th May v. Fettes.
Strathallan 83 (Watson 28).
Fettes 86-4 (Tyser 3-30).
Lost by 6 wickets.

- 27th May v. Loretto.
Strathallan 68 (MacLachlan 22).
Loretto 71-8 (Watson 7-29).
Lost by 2 wickets.
- 14th June v. Edinburgh Academy.
Strathallan 58-3.
Abandoned—rain.
- 21st June v. Merchiston.
Merchiston 63 (Watson 5-9, Reynolds 3-7).
Strathallan 66-2 (Niven 36*).
Won by 8 wickets.
- 8th July v. Glenalmond.
Strathallan 42.
Glenalmond 43-4 (Rourke 3-9).
Lost by 6 wickets.

Senior Colts XI

- 10th May v. Edinburgh Academy (Home).
Edinburgh Academy 153 (McClung 5-14, Churchill 3-11).
Strathallan 28.
Lost by 123 runs.
- 20th May v. Morrison's Academy 2nd XI (Home).
Strathallan 110-9 dec. (Bullard 41).
Morrison's 114-5.
Lost by 5 wickets.
- 24th May v. Fettes (Home).
Fettes 161-5 dec. (McClung 3-48).
Strathallan 109-6 (McClung 47).
Drawn.
- 29th May v. Loretto (Home).
Strathallan 98 (Kilpatrick 43).
Loretto 72 (Kilpatrick 5-17, Churchill 5-25).
Won by 26 runs.
- 17th June v. Dollar Academy 3rd XI (Away).
Strathallan 104-5 dec. (McClung 33).
Dollar 64 (Kilpatrick 8-23).
Won by 38 runs.
- 21st June v. Merchiston (Away).
Merchiston 118 (Kilpatrick 6-31).
Strathallan 108-7 (Kilpatrick 49).
Drawn.
- 5th July v. Glenalmond (Home).
Strathallan 89 (McClung 27).
Glenalmond 91-2.
Lost by 8 wickets.

Junior Colts

10th May v. Edinburgh Academy.

Strathallan 140 (McKee 86*).

Edinburgh Academy 92 (Reid 3-24, McKee 3-41).

Won by 48 runs.

20th May v. Morrison's Academy.

Morrison's 46 (Reid 6-31, McKee 3-10).

Strathallan 49-3 (Chapman 21, McKee 23*).

Won by 7 wickets.

24th May v. Fettes.

Fettes 56 (Reid 5-15).

Strathallan 44 (McKee 27).

Lost by 12 runs.

29th May v. Loretto.

Strathallan 31-1.

Abandoned—rain.

Junior Colts 'B' (v. Loretto) 16-1.

Abandoned—rain.

21st June v. Merchiston.

Merchiston 131 (McKee 5-41).

Strathallan 105 (Russell 27, Burrows 22).

Lost by 26 runs.

8th July v. Glenalmond.

Glenalmond 11 (Reid 5-5, McKee 5-6).

Strathallan 13-0.

Won by 10 wickets.

The return fixture against Edinburgh Academy was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

OCCASIONALS CRICKET

The 1980 season was relatively successful, although two attempts to play games against the School were both thwarted by rain. The tour provided an opportunity to meet several old friends. The last two games were particularly exciting since the opposition on both days looked like getting the runs until late in the day—indeed, Denstone Wanderers at 85-0 looked to be cruising home until the persistent line and length of Richard Mole and Angus MacLeod triumphed aided by some fine catches and sharp fielding. Angus MacLeod bowled very well all the week capturing 21 wickets in five games. John Coleman's cricket

improved throughout the week all round—an opening bowling spell had Old Cliftonians in all sorts of trouble, a 33 on a green Milton Abbey wicket was worth many more runs, and some sharp fielding at Wellington helped to keep Denstone Wanderers in check. Graham Searle and Nick Du Boulay were consistent with the bat, and Robert Proctor took 15 wickets. One of the sad aspects of the tour was that except for the last game we had to field at least one and sometimes two guest players. The fact is that as the more elderly members drop out, younger replacements are not forthcoming. Three boys from this year's 1st XI came, but there were no representatives from recent past 1st XI's.

Occasionals' ties can be purchased from me at £2.10. Anyone wishing to go on tour or play in home games should contact me at the School.

R.N.J.

RESULTS

Home games:

v. Perth Farmers.

Occasionals 179-7 dec.

Perth Farmers 153.

Won by 26 runs.

v. Cupar.

Cupar 188.

Occasionals 125-4.

Drawn.

v. Dundee University Staff.

Occasionals 223-5 dec.

Dundee University Staff 144-7.

Drawn.

Tour games:

v. Wessex Stags.

Wessex Stags 75 (R. Proctor 3-7, A. MacLeod 4-26).

Occasionals 76-6 (F. McClung 20, G. Searle 17).

Won by 4 wickets.

v. Old Cliftonians.

Occasionals 241-7 dec. (T. Lawson 99, N. Du Boulay 43).

Old Cliftonians 141-9 (J. Coleman 4-31).

Drawn.

v. Corsham.

Corsham 208 (R. Proctor 6-55).

Occasionals 156-9 (G. Searle 24).

Drawn.

v. Mid Somerset.

Mid-Somerset 184 (A. MacLeod 4-63).

Occasionals 120-4 (N. Du Boulay 42, G. Searle 24).

Drawn.

v. Dorset Rangers.
Occasionals 183-7 dec. (G. Searle 49, J. Coleman 33).
Dorset Rangers 167 (A. MacLeod 6-51).
Won by 16 runs.

v. Denstone Wanderers.
Occasionals 166 (N. Du Boulay 51, R. Mole 20).
Denstone Wanderers 144 (A. MacLeod 5-33, R. Mole
5-42).
Won by 22 runs.



SWIMMING

The swimmers had their ups and downs—but unlike in recent years we are pleased to report that the number of stoppages of the training due to technical problems was down and the number of swimmers and fixtures was up. We would probably have had even more regular attendants if the chemicals which were added so generously to the water of the pool allowed people to enjoy a swim without subsequent inflammation of eyes and nose. (On the positive side it must be mentioned that the sales figures for protective goggles have risen sharply in Mr Henderson's sport-shop).

The session provided many an exciting competition, the Games Circus being the first major round of contests. It was once again fought with great determination and produced a number of excellent individual results. The final score was as follows:

Juniors:	F 91	L 95	N 140	R 141	S 94 points
Seniors	F 136	L 103	N 79	R 120	S 123 points

The Inter-House Swimming in February followed a slightly different pattern, with every House being represented by one swimmer in each event and the winner being decided on timings alone rather than on placings. The score was:

Juniors	F 10	L 21	N 31	R 35	S 22 points
Seniors	F 29	L 14	N 20	R 33	S 24 points

Also in February was our first match of the year against Glenalmond—always regarded as our main and natural adversary. And we were beaten—54 points to their 81 didn't look too good, even if the individual events had been very close indeed. Next on the list was Pullars Amateur Swimming Club from Perth who had just competed with and won against Glenalmond. We were therefore rather pleased when we managed a 62:86 win. It gave us just enough confidence to face Glenalmond for a return match on home ground. Thanks to our secret weapon (the chlorine in the water) we swam to a 69:71 victory.

The highlight of the season must, however, have been the 'friendly' versus/cum St. Leonards. Although we now have girls of our own some of whom even come along to training sessions to brighten up the dull work, the influx of ladies attracted once again a number of boys who had been extremely careful throughout the year not to appear too keen on swimming. To even things out a bit, we mixed the teams, combined St. Leonard's—Strathallan A and B teams gave us a very spirited performance which the spectators enjoyed.

I should like to express my thanks to all who supported the swimming all through the year, and congratulate A. J. Taylor, M. Alberti, M. Howe, G. Powrie and R. Bain on winning their colours.

A. J. P. Hooper.

SAILING CLUB

As usual, the Sailing Club this year was well equipped, both with their own boats and some Navy boats. All of the boats were put to frequent use and the 14' Bosun was refurbished. There were reasonable tides most of the year and we were often at the Tay, with occasional points races and other series at Perth Sailing Club.

The inter-school competitions started well when we convincingly beat Glenalmond at home, but we were soon set back by a Loretto, also at home. The Rannoch match, played away, was cancelled shortly after the first lap as only one boat had remained upright. We have a promising year next season as the racing team will not be affected by school leavers.

Outside of the School's usual sphere, two boats were entered in the Scottish National Enterprise Championships at Loch Tummel. Here P. A. McFarlane with M. G. Goodbourn came

30th and S. B. Bisset with N. L. McDougall came 32nd; these results were better than expected because of the excellent standard of competition. P. McFarlane with M. G. Goodbourn were also entered in the Scottish Schools Enterprise Championship at Loch Earn, where a 3rd place was won.

Also sailing for the School were: A. Bisset, I. Harley, M. Hamilton, D. Kane, and F. Phillip.

The results of the House sailing were:

1st Helms:

1. S. Bisset Freeland
2. P. McFarlane Nicol
3. G. Allingham Simpson
4. A. Fraser Ruthven

2nd Helms:

1. M. Hamilton Freeland
2. J. Logan Simpson
3. P. Watson Ruthven
4. A. Cameron Leburn

Retd.: N. McDougall Leburn Retd.: I. Harley Nicol
The final order was: Freeland; Simpson; Ruthven; Nicol; Leburn P.McF.

SUMMER HOCKEY

The 1980 season turned out to be both a busy and successful one. Eleven matches were played at various levels, producing seven wins, two draws, two defeats, and fifty-seven goals.

The 1st XI got off to a good start by holding a strong Morgan side to a 3-3 draw—my pleasure at this was tempered only by the thought that many of the opposition would be returning at the end of term masquerading as the Barbarians and thirsting for revenge. My fears of retribution were duly fulfilled! During the season all school opponents were beaten, as were the Old Boys (who suffered from a superfluity of players but a lack of a goal-keeper), while Grange were the first team to lower our colours after an exciting game. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the term was that after a number of lean years there were forwards who proved adept at scoring goals—they were well supported by an experienced and skilful half-back line. The full backs' position and speed of turn on occasions left something to be desired, although they dealt quite happily with school opposition—I'm sure that when they were beaten, they were merely giving Campbell a chance to show off his undoubted goalkeeping talents.

'A' XI's played against Merchiston, who are just restarting hockey and found us too experienced, and Rannoch, where we scraped home by a rather fortuitous goal. In this latter game, the conditions prevented our using our superior skill, which should have brought a more comfortable victory.

2nd and 3rd XI's were both played against Glenalmond—if the hockey wasn't of the highest class, there was plenty of enthusiasm and a fair amount of skill, auguring well for the future.

1st XI: J. F. Campbell*, B. Hedges, W. L. Mackay, J. D. Brown*, A. J. Cunningham*, K. I. MacLachlan (capt.)*, N. W. McPherson*, T. J. Morton*, S. R. Turnbull*, D. J. Rourke*, M. Agnew*.

(*Summer Hockey colours).

Results:

v. Morgan Academy F.P.	3-3	'A' XI v. Merchiston	12-0
v. Fettes	3-0	v. Rannoch	1-0
v. Glenalmond	1-0		
v. Grange	4-6	2nd XI v. Glenalmond	2-0
v. O.S.	4-2		
v. Edinburgh Academy	5-1	3rd XI v. Glenalmond	3-3
v. Barbarians	0-4		

A.M.P.

GOLF

Appointments: Captain: A. M. Bisset.

Secretary: A. A. Thomson.

This was the season to be, as we had a very strong team only losing one of last year's league players. To back this up there was some excellent scoring by the younger members of the team in the trials at Dunning G.C.

In the winter term matches, the Stokes Cup and Aer Lingus, we improved on last year's performance, but we were still a few shots behind the winners. In the Perthshire League we were confident that we could beat Morrison's but things did not go right for us on the day, losing two matches on the last green and consequently finishing second in the League.

There were the usual friendly matches against Merchiston, the Masters and Glenalmond (not so friendly!). In the Merchiston match we were severely weakened by the call of examinations, this showing up in the result. There was a tremendous upset in the match against the Masters. The boys were comprehensively beaten, they claim for the first time in five years. Neither could we repeat our last year's winning performance against Glenalmond.

A. M. Bisset won the School Club Championship for the second year. There was a replay of the House competition at Dunning G.C. (where it is anticipated that the fixture will be held in the future). The winners were Simpson.

League Results:

v. Auchterarder (at Auchterarder)	halved	2-2
v. Crieff H.S. (at Crieff)	won	4-0
v. Morrison's (at Auchterarder)	lost	1-3
v. Pitlochry H.S. (at Pitlochry)	won	3-1
v. Breadalbane—w.o. as a result of industrial action.		

Final position: 2nd.

Other matches:

v. Merchiston (at Ladybank)	lost	1-5
v. The Masters (at Ladybank)	lost	1-3
v. Glenalmond (at Cairnies)	lost	2½-4½

Team: A. M. Bisset, G. R. Brown, D. J. M. Reynolds, K. I. MacLachlan, C. W. H. Murphy, H. C. Kirkpatrick, A. A. Thomson, G. S. B. Corbett, F. S. Macmillan.

A.M.B.

BASKETBALL

Captain: A. J. P. Hooper.

Vice-Captain: W. L. Mackay.

With only two returning from last year's successful side, the early season practices were conducted with many new faces on hand. As had been the practice in previous seasons, several of the rugby players were recruited to provide size and stamina, although of the trio of Fairbairn, Fellowes-Prynn and Graham, only the latter had any basketball experience. Once again we were able to combat lack of experience by intimidating size and strength and consequently not once throughout a rigorous schedule were we even matched in rebounding prowess.

Most of the scoring threat had to come from the two returning players Hooper and Mackay; however, this was generally satisfactory and with several good contributions from new players, Ong and Eglinton, we were on the right side of the score more times than not.

Several new fixtures with State Schools had been set up during the previous season when our team had been powerful, but now we were faced with renewing these matches with a far greener team. On the whole, the results were very pleasing and on the way to a 15 won and 7 lost record, we notched victories over the likes of Perth City Club, Brechin High School, St. Saviours High School and a very satisfying win over the successful Dundee P.E. Staff. We also suffered occasional setbacks at the hands of such perennial powers as Menzieshill of Dundee, Musselburgh of Edinburgh and National Tournament finalists, Dunfermline High School. All these matches were close two-way contests with victory usually falling due to a greater experience of the State Schools rather than lack of ability by Strathallan.

Because of our growing reputation, we were admitted entry into both Tayside and Scottish Cup tournaments—the latter for the first time in our short history. We did not reach the final in either tournament but lost a close game in Dundee to eventual champions, Menzieshill, in the local championship, and falling to Boroughmuir in the quarter finals of the national tournament at home by only one point. We did, however, enhance our reputation as a good school side in the sport and many rival coaches seemed to feel we were unlucky not to be more successful at tournament level.

Our disappointment in failing in two such competitions was offset, however, by victory in our second Strathallan

Invitation Tournament—a one day knockout format with all the local Perthshire schools, including rival Glenalmond, who we were matched against in the first round. We won 37–21 but it was never close, in front of a noisy home crowd. The final against Perth Academy was almost an anticlimax with the home team overconfident and the visitors showing a lot of fight—we eventually held on for a 30–26 win.

By the end of the season we had come together as a team and would have been very successful in seasons to come. However, once again almost all are leaving this year so that Coach Mr J. Brown and next year's Captain will have another rebuilding job to do.

Team	G.P.	Pts.	Avg. P.	H.G.	PF/D	Ave. F
A. J. P. Hooper (C)	22	573	26.0	44	49/1	2.23
W. L. Mackay (VC)	20	254	12.7	34	36/1	1.80
J. Ong	22	90	4.0	16	20/0	0.22
R. C. Graham	21	53	2.5	10	16/0	0.80
R. S. J. Eglinton	22	50	2.3	14	9/0	0.43
A. C. Fairbairn	21	48	2.3	6	26/0	1.24
D. N. M. Craik	22	40	1.8	6	17/0	0.77
P. W. Fellowes-Prynn	20	20	1.0	6	29/1	1.53
M. H. Gray	19	6	0.3	4	2/0	0.11
G. W. D. Reynolds	19	0	0.0	0	2/0	0.11

Team	22	1134	52.9	79	206/3	9.4
Opponents	22	894	40.6	63	166/0	7.5

G.P.	Games played.	W	L	T
Pts.	Points scored.			
H.G.	High game of the Season.	15	7	0
PF/D	Personal fouls/disqualifications.	7	15	0
Ave. F	No. of fouls per game.			

A. J. P. Hooper.

To organise 'minor' sport on a successful, competitive basis at School is a difficult task and looking back at the Basketball Club's early days, when we had two or three fixtures per year, it would have been hard to imagine Strathallan as one of the leading schools in Scotland at senior schoolboy level—a place it holds today.

We have always been fortunate in having the boys who have persevered Thursday by Thursday practising lay-ups and set shots in order to improve their standard and also to have Captains who have led their teams so enthusiastically.

I feel I must acknowledge this year's Captain, Pat Hooper, who has excelled on court and led our team to so many victories through his skill as a player and discretion as Captain. It has been an exciting season for both players and

coach and we would be the first to acknowledge the support we have had from the 'fans' who have cheered us on in such a vociferous fashion throughout the season.

J. B. Brown.



ATHLETICS

That this season has not been our best is reflected by the poor results. With a very few exceptions we did not seem to have any competitors able to excel. The notable exceptions were R. C. Graham and G. J. Fairweather who took the School records in the High Jump (1m81) and under 17 800m (2' 6") respectively. We were also missing numbers in the under-17's which meant that some athletes were somewhat overworked and also that selection was limited. Against the very strong competition offered in other schools, they stood little chance.

Our opening match against Loretto was a good start though poor opposition somewhat exaggerated the significance of our victory. MacDonald won both sprints and Forbes dominated the 400m. The relay team made an unfortunate debut with a baton drop.

Edinburgh Academy are always very strong and this year their middles seemed more like robots. The seniors lost narrowly by four points but the middles went down by a near maximum margin of 85-36. A marginally better perspective is obtained when considering that in many events the Edinburgh middles performed better than their senior counterparts.

Fettes is always a closer affair—until this year that is! The seniors did badly, losing by 21 points and the middles (relatively better) by 41 points. Houston and Phillips were the only senior winners and Fairweather the only middle.

Our match against Glenalmond continued the trend of improving middles and worsening seniors. Winning seniors were Graham (High Jump and Discus) and Cuthbertson (Long Jump) whilst Fairweather and Wilshaw registered wins for the middles.

R. C. Graham at last got the School High Jump record at Merchiston with 1m81—a new Merchiston All Comers Record. Merchiston's N. Bevens dominated the afternoon in the sprints with all his races won really without trying—hardly surprising from a Scottish Schools internationalist. Raeside won the discus at 36m06. Although our middle sprinters were beaten we took a double 1st and 2nd in the middle distance events.

Our last match against Rannoch saw the seniors losing by 9 points and the middles by 30. Again it was in the middle distances that we were stronger with wins from Galashan, Baillie and Biggart, A. J.



Results

v. Loretto	Won	67-40
v. Edinburgh Academy	Lost	94-147
v. Fettes	Lost	90-152
v. Glenalmond	Lost	99-142
v. Merchiston	Lost	104-138
v. Rannoch	Lost	100-139

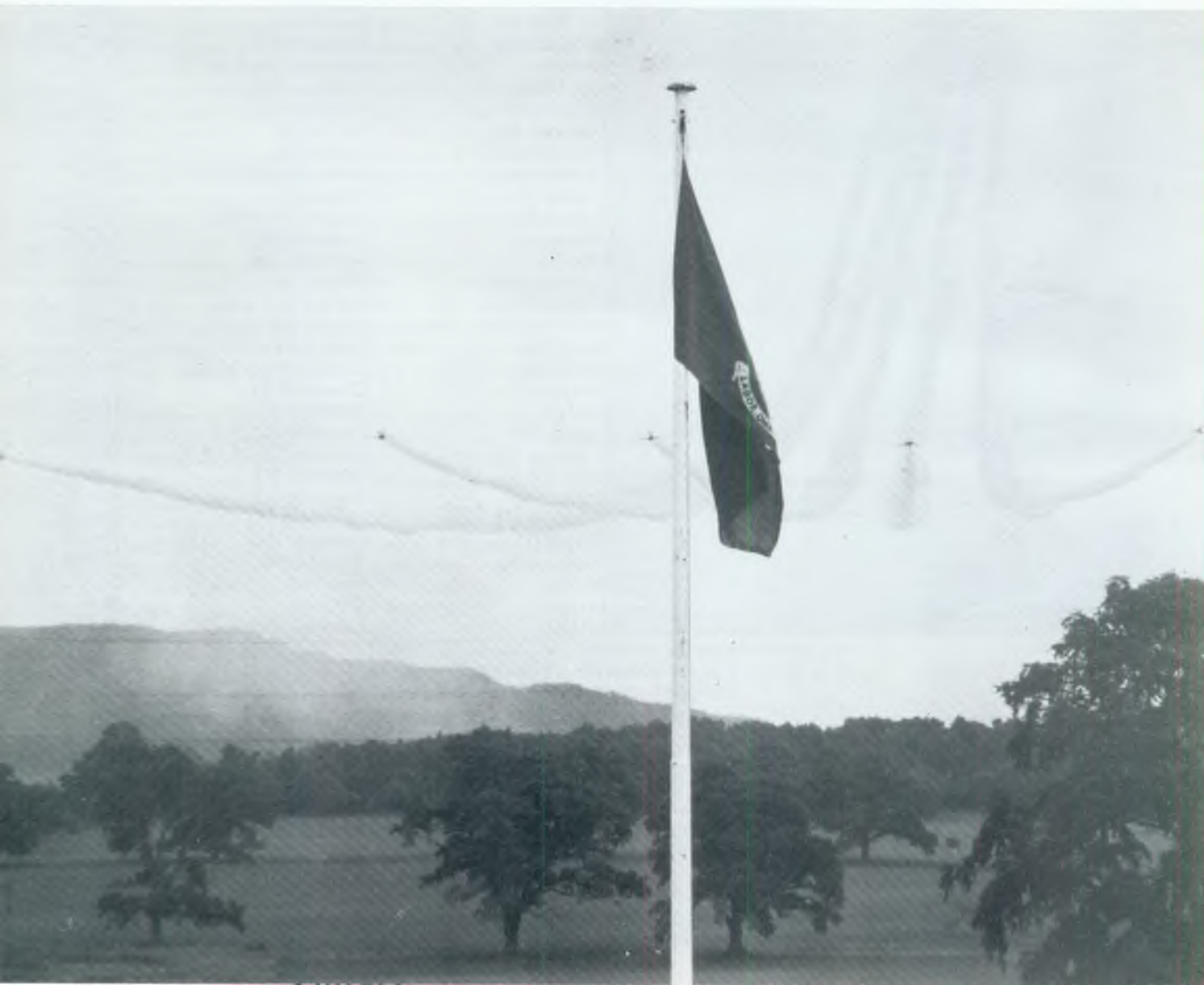
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SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Event	Class	1	2	3	Time/Distance
100m	Junior	Houison-Craufurd (F)	Dixon (L)	Biggart (R)	12.9"
100m	Middle	McKenzie (N)	Law (L)	Smellie (N)	11.85"
100m	Senior	McDonald (F)	Houston (R)	Harbert (S)	11.6"
200m	Junior	McKee (N)	Steel (R)	Wood (N)	26.0"
200m	Middle	Lightbody (R)	McKenzie (N)	Smellie (N)	24.5"
200m	Senior	Houston (R)	McDonald (F)	Harbert (S)	24.0"
400m	Junior	McKee (N)	Steel (R)	Houison-Craufurd (F)	58.1"
400m	Middle	McKenzie (N)	Roger (S)	Coleman (N)	55.0"
400m	Senior	Forbes (F)	Harbert (S)	Galashan (L)	54.5"
800m	Junior	Biggart (R)	Crawford (F)	Stirling (F)	2'33.2"
800m	Middle	Roger (S)	Fairweather (F)	Taylor (N)	2'12.6"
800m	Senior	Forbes (F)	Galashan (L)	Stone-Wigg (F)	2'11.2"
1500m	Junior	McKee (N)	Wood (N)	Biggart (R)	5'9.4"
1500m	Middle	Roger (S) and Fairweather (F) dead heat		Biggart, A. J. (R)	5'32.6"
1500m	Senior	Houston (R)	Watson (L)	Turnbull (N)	4'37.4"
High Jump	Junior	Callander (R)	Read (S)	Johnston (S)	1m35
High Jump	Middle	Roger (S)	Lightbody (R)	White (S)	1m62
High Jump	Senior	Graham (S)	Cracknell (L)	Craik (N)	1m70
Long Jump	Junior	McKee (N)	Houison-Craufurd (F)	Russell (N)	4m92
Long Jump	Middle	Lightbody (R)	Smith (F)	Tyser (L)	5m33
Long Jump	Senior	Gray (L)	Phillips (R)	Cuthbertson (N)	5m61
Discus	Junior	Steel (R)	Johnston (S)	Crawford (F)	28m05
Discus	Middle	Hedges (L)	Rose (S)	Wilshaw (R)	31m63
Discus	Senior	Graham (S)	Raeside (N)	Thomson (L)	34m70
Javelin	Junior	Callander (R)	Crawford (F)	Houison-Craufurd (F)	24m51
Javelin	Middle	Coleman (N)	Roger (S)	Wilshaw (R)	33m74
Javelin	Senior	Fairbairn (R)	Morton (F)	Thomson (L)	40m36
Shot	Junior	McKee (N)	Crawford (F)	Callander (R)	10m24
Shot	Middle	Hulme (S)	Hedges (L)	Coleman (N)	10m19
Shot	Senior	Gray (L)	Fairbairn (R)	Raeside (N)	10m15
Relay 4x100m	Junior	Nicol	Ruthven	Freeland	52.5"
Relay 4x100m	Middle	Nicol	Ruthven	Simpson	48.4"
Relay 4x100m	Senior	Freeland	Ruthven	Leburn	46.7"

Inter-House Competition Winners: Ruthven
 The Rowan Cup for Standards Winners: Ruthven
 Victories Ludorum Junior: N. H. McKee
 Middle: G. Roger
 Senior: C. J. E. Houston

Sports Day 1980





Pipe Band



As usual we played at the School St. Andrew's Night celebration. This went very well and I was encouraged by the performance.

P/M Fairbairn and Cpl. Brown played at the Kilgraston St. Andrew's Night—but not to much effect!

In the Easter Term we played at the opening of the 2nd Ladies' World Curling Championships. At this function we did very well and again I was encouraged by the co-ordination between the pipes and drums.

A lot of practice went into the set we played at the Ice Rink and our rather basic competition set was neglected.

In the Summer Term we were not placed at the Glasgow competition. However, M. Gee was the deserved winner of the junior championship with M. J. Bullard being the runner-up. I would like to congratulate them both on an excellent performance.

At the Edinburgh competition, held at Fettes, we were last, with no distinction in the solo event. We also did badly in the drill and turnout competition.

Although we fared badly as a band in competitions, the standard of individual piping was much higher than it has been over the past two years. The thing that brought us down in competitions was lack of unity between piping and drumming.

Unfortunately we were invited to no external functions this summer and we didn't even have Speech Day to show how well we can play our other sets.

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

School Competition Results:

Chanter: D. W. Brown.

Junior Piping: M. J. Bullard.

Senior Piping: G. Dobbie.

Junior Drumming: K. F. Orr.

Senior Drumming: C. M. McGillivray.

Most Improved Learner Piper: C. J. Menzies.

A. C. Fairbairn.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The number of members decreased this year to 120. Films were shown throughout the year although the selection is small and tends to repeat itself. We are looking forward to joining new film libraries.

Lectures are difficult to arrange and Mr Nicolson, a laboratory vet, gave quite an enlightening lecture. Mr Main of the Agricultural Training Board also gave an interesting lecture.

A number of visits to the Perth Bull Sales and Royal Highland Show were arranged as was a visit to Edinburgh College of Agriculture.

Special thanks must be given to Mr I. J. Galloway of Scotbeef who organised a fascinating visit to his abattoir in East Kilbride. After the visit he generously entertained us with samples of his steak, which went down very well.

J. C. Turnbull.

STRATHFISH

The fishing at Strathallan thrived again this year. For this much of the credit must go to the kind parent who supplied the 'digger' for clearing and enlarging the pond.

The competition was an outright win by the Strathallian Club who collected 15 fish whilst the boys managed only 5—as many as Mr Biggart! Thanks must go to Glen Allingham who attempted to clear some of the weed during the latter part of the term. I hope his 'A' level results match up to the splendid results in the pond.

J. F. Campbell.

BRIDGE AND CHESS CLUBS

Attendance at these two clubs was rather sparse, no doubt due to potential members feeling that their standard was not high enough. Never fear—all are welcome, from absolute novices to experts; practice and a willingness to learn can increase both performance and enjoyment.

Unfortunately there was no competitive bridge this year, for the two tournaments we hoped to enter both took place during school holidays. A chess team was entered for the first time in the Dundee and District Schools League, Strathallan being represented by N. A. Stone-Wigg, J. T. Barcroft, B. Guthrie, P. J. McKee and M. B. Gee. We discovered (to our cost) the strength of chess in the Dundee schools, but the experience of playing against such strong opponents cannot have done anything but good, and at least we escaped defeat in two of our matches!

A.M.P.

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

We express our very sincere thanks to the gentlemen named below for so generously giving up an evening to come here to talk to the Sixth Form about aspects of current affairs in which they are closely involved:

I. C. Massie, Esq., M.A.: Industrial Relations Today.

R. J. Wheeler, Esq.: The Role of the Zoo in Society.

Dr. W. G. Ferrier, B.Sc., Ph.D.: The Transition from School to University.

C. H. K. Corsar, Esq., T.D., J.P., D.L.: Voluntary Service.

David Fleming, Esq.: The Need to Communicate.

W. A. Dunlop, Esq., F.R.San.A., M.Inst.S.W.M.: Food Hygiene.

T. Huxley, Esq.: Aspects of Countryside Conservation.

James Provan, Esq., M.E.P.: The European Parliament.

L. A. Bassett, Esq., B.Sc.: Planning for Careers.

S.C.P.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year the popularity of this society has increased vastly. The numbers present at meetings was considerably higher than those of recent years. In fact, at one meeting 117 members were in attendance, the largest number ever to attend since the society was started.

Subscriptions stayed the same as last year and, consequently, the society's funds have dwindled due to the rising cost of postage.

There was just one visit organised this year, to the John Moncrieff glassworks in Perth, which 30 members were able to attend. Attempts to secure a visit to a mine failed; but this is a possibility for next year.

S. M. Megson.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Despite the fact that our dancers were, on the whole, inexperienced, the Country Dancing again thrived this year. This was partly due to having real girls for the practices and so the custom of using coloured and blue jerseys to distinguish between the sexes was partly abolished.

Both the evenings, here and at Kilgraston went extremely well and almost without incident. The dance band was excellent, despite having been reduced from a trio to a duo, and the Pipe Band supplied superb tunes during the break. A great night was had by all and my thanks must go to the boys and both sets of girls for their hard work in making the night a great success. Haste ye back next year.

J. F. Campbell.



FIELD CLUB

Although our School is situated in the heart of Scotland's countryside, at the gateway to the Highlands, it is surprising that our pupils, who come from all corners of the globe, know so little of the Scottish culture, both past and present.

In an effort to overcome this dearth of knowledge, the Field Club was formed with three main avenues of study—the history, geography and geology of Scotland: a vast task to undertake, but a challenge accepted by a dozen senior pupils this session. Their experiences are related below:

J. B. Brown.

Excursion to the Fife Coast

Amid a flurry of clean denims, big boots (two pairs of yellow wellies included) and not forgetting the geology hammers, our party boarded the Land Rover on the last weekend of February. The Strath lunch left everyone prepared for a hair-raising drive for which Mr Brown is renowned. Unfortunately the lovely sunny weather disappeared as soon as we left the gates.



The party of eight soon arrived at St. Andrews on the Fife coast. We quickly deposited our bags at the Craigmore boarding house and proceeded to view the second largest cathedral in Great Britain. Founded in 1160 and consecrated in 1318, the cathedral was by far the largest church in Scotland before its destruction at the Reformation. The adjoining priory was likewise the most important monastic foundation of its time. Although ruined, the sheer size of

the cathedral gave us something to ponder. We were not surprised to find that after the construction there remained insufficient money to decorate the interior and this was, in fact, done 100 years later. After looking at the ruins we ascended St. Regulus Tower adjacent to the cathedral and although St. Andrews was shrouded in mist, the old street pattern could be seen from here surrounded in places by the old town wall. After careful counting, the guide book was found to be correct in the number of steps to the top—147 in all.



As the party moved on, Mr Brown suddenly declared 'Prynne and Frame have disappeared!' Somehow they must have been slower coming down the stairs and were obviously counting the steps more carefully!

We then visited the mine at St. Andrews castle which was founded in 1200 as a fortress and principal residence of the Bishops of St. Andrews. The 'bottle dungeon' and 'secret passage' (a mine and counter mine of 1546) are notable features. While on the ruined walls Wendy slipped and was left hanging by one arm. However, Mr Brown soon hauled her to safety. Our evening was then free!

Next day after a hearty breakfast, we visited Boghall Farm by courtesy of Mr I. Turnbull, an Old Strathallian. We gained a great deal of information from Mr Turnbull's talk including the fact that, owing to the weather, Britain's seed potatoes are nearly all grown in the cooler regions of Northern England and Scotland. We were shown how mechanised farming has become the norm with tractors of all types, potato sorters, grain dryers and fertilisers and we were most interested in all we saw. After returning to the farmhouse to sample Mrs Turnbull's delicious scones, we were joined by Mr Swain and Spot.

We then moved on to the Scottish Fisheries Museum in Anstruther, keeping very rigidly to the prepared schedule. There was a great deal on display, the theme being mainly focused on fishing village life of the past. We were able to see many old photographs, posters, models, etc., together with complete room displays with dressed dummies attired in costumes of the 19th century. After seeing various sea creatures from the area in an aquarium we walked around



Anstruther harbour and clambered over several fishing vessels, finally moving on to see the Pittenweem Fishing Fleet. The packed lunches ended up being eaten by the seagulls!

The last item on our programme was a guided tour to see the geology of the St. Andrew's coastline, Dr MacGregor of the University leading the party. The ancient volcanics were pointed out to us being in the form of volcanic necks and structures of various kinds, and Dr MacGregor explained the formation of the rock strata along the coastline. He was a most interesting speaker and told us of the various types of erosion the area has suffered over the years due to man as well as to natural processes.

We returned to Strath feeling that we knew a little more about life on the Fife coast and its surrounding area, both today and in the past, having enjoyed our trip immensely.

P. W. Fellowes-Prynne & L. G. Frame.

Excursion to Ben Vorlich.

In the Summer Term we travelled to Ben Vorlich via Dunning, Crieff and St. Fillans, finally arriving at the South side of Loch Earn in mid-morning.



We took a couple of hours to make the ascent which gradually turned from a gentle track into a narrow winding steep path on a rock-covered slope. From the Munro we could see Stae Poly in the distance and the Grampians stretching out towards the horizon.

The descent took us along a ridge and down a track to rejoin the minibus.

P. G. C. Watson.

We've moved . . . it was the weather you know, we didn't like it there

A Stevenson Screen and its associated instruments are affected by the proximity of buildings and trees. With the building of the new classrooms we had to be moved. An acceptable alternative site was available opposite Room 2 and in some respects it is an improvement in that it is more exposed to the prevailing influence from the south-west. At the same time it is similar enough for the new readings to be comparable with those of the last $12\frac{1}{2}$ years—or so say the boys at the Met. Office who, after all, own 'our' climatological station. An additional bonus is that I can keep my beady eyes on it from the new Geography Department Emporium.

It is two years since I last reported to you. As nobody seemed to notice my absence from the last *Strathallian* I could not risk complete obscurity, so here we go again!

To continue where I left off. 1978 gave us yet another good autumn following a disappointing summer, but December turned very wet (much of it was snow) and rather cold. That was the prelude to 'the' winter of early 1979. In this the average temperature for January and February was 0°C compared with a normal average of 3°C —cold indeed. Summer time seemed disappointing (again) but was, in fact, 'average'—immigrants from the south be warned! Autumn 1979, like so many in recent years, was warm but this time it was wet, and winter started in a similar vein.

In spite of popular belief, January 1980 was cold—the second coldest in our thirteen years of records. No-one believed me at the time (sob!)—but then half the country don't believe Bert Ford either! However, most of you—and I—found March miserable: colder than the mild February and wet with it. Then followed the finest spring since my missionary commitment to the North started. April and May were warm and very dry, sunny too although we do not have a sunshine recorder.

I decline to comment on summer 1980 . . . ! But you can have the figures:

	<i>Normal</i>	<i>1980</i>
June: Temperature	13.2°C	13.3°C
Rainfall	48 mm	113 mm
July: Temperature	14.6°C	13.8°C
Rainfall	74 mm	64.2 mm
		N.F.P.

SPEECH DAY

As always, Speech Day was held in Perth City Hall. This year's occasion was a shortened version, with the usual afternoon activities at School being done away with. Much of the atmosphere of previous years was lost but the move proved, on the whole, popular with distant-living parents and students.

The proceedings in the City Hall were opened by the Chairman of the Governors who was followed by the Headmaster giving his customary outline of the year's events and of plans for the future.

The Guest of the Day was to have been Lord Mansfield – but unfortunately affairs of State called for his presence elsewhere. All was not lost, however, and he was represented by his charming wife Lady Mansfield. Exhorting us to imagine her with a 'blue beard' (in which we all failed miserably!) Lady Mansfield read her husband's speech. We are indeed indebted to her for attending the speeches and giving out the prizes – especially at such short notice.

Prizewinners were:

The Smith Cup for Captain of School
The Houston Prize for All Round Merit
Dux
The William Tattersall Art Prize
The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings
The Robert Barr Memorial Prize for
Music

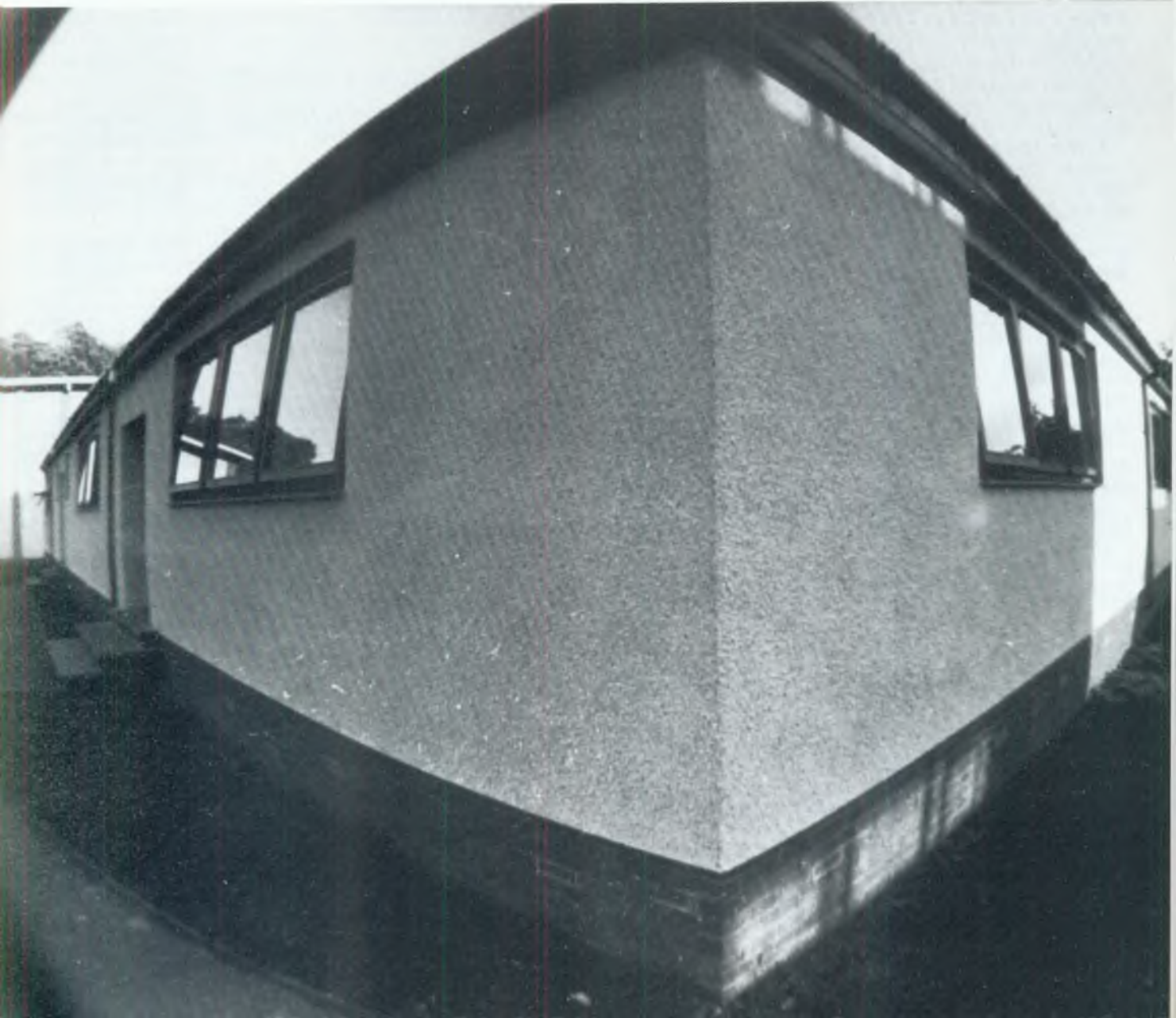
C. A. MacLeod
C. J. E. Houston
G. T. Russell
G. T. Johnston
C. R. Harrison

I. L. Johnson and
P. S. H. Lee

Geography
History
English
Mathematics
Chemistry
French
Physics
Biology
Art
Economics
Modern Languages

C. M. Steedman
I. L. Johnson
I. L. Johnson
R. C. Inglis
Morag McMinin
G. C. McLean
A. F. R. Galashan
P. R. Peddie
C. A. J. Baillie
A. M. Bisset
Clarissa Rowe

The new Mathematics and History Departments



DECEMBER 1979

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Knight, A. L. (L), *Lim's Mill, Clifton, by Newbridge, West Lothian*. Came 1972³; I; Exhibition; Chemistry and Physics Prizes; Cpl.(R.A.F.).

McDougall, J. B. (L), *15 Muirhall Terrace, Perth, PH2 7ES*. Came 1973³; II; Head of Leburn; XV '78-'80; Athletics '78-'80; Squash V; 2nd XI's Hockey and Cricket; Scholarship; Choir; Sgt.(Pipe Band).

Russell, G. T. (F), *Lea Farm, Cardross, Dunbartonshire, G82 5EW*. Came 1978³; UVI; School Prefect; Scholarship; Choir; Orchestra.

UVI

Hardie, F. A. G. (F), *Drumglas, Croftamie, by Glasgow, G63 0HG*. Came 1978³; LVI; 2nd XV; L/Cpl.(Army).

V

Barlas, A. D. (N), *Home Farm, Craig, Rhynie, Aberdeenshire*. Came 1977¹; IV; 5th XV; Cdt.(Army).

Dagg, M. G. M. (L), *Crailling Tofts, Kelso, Roxburghshire*. Came 1977²; III; Cross-Country; Athletics; Cdt.(Army).

McLaren, D. A. (N), *Classloch Farm, Kinross*. Came 1974³; I; 3rd XV; Summer Hockey XI; Cricket 3rd XI; Squash Junior V; Cdt.(Army).

Saydeh, M. S. (L), *P.O. Box 1636, Amman, Jordan*. Came 1977³; IV; 5th XV; Basketball; Cdt.(Army).

IV

Clark, W. M. (S), *c/o City Corp. Int. Bank Ltd., P.O. Box 548, Manama, Bahrain*. Came 1978³; III; Cdt.(Army).

Lewis, J. C. (S), *Northcote, Pansport Road, Elgin*. Came 1978³; III; OS(R.N.).

II

Crombie, D. M. (Ri), *P.O. Box 570, Bahrain*. Came 1978³; I.

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LVI

Dawson, K. C. (R), *2 Sutherland Avenue, Pollockshields, Glasgow, G41 4JH*. Came 1974³; I; Librarian; Athletics; Cross-Country; Choir; L/Cpl.(Army).

Muir, P. L. (R), *Woodlands, 6 Meadowbank Lane, Prestwick, KA9 1RX*. Came 1977¹; III; XV '79; Choir; Social Services.

V

Bernard, S. G. (L), *60 Oriole Crescent, Singapore 11*. Came 1978³; IV; A.B.(R.N.).

Boyd-Ratcliff, G. T. (N), *The Orangery, Durward's Hall, Kelvedon, Essex*. Came 1976²; III; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

IV

Reay O'Neil, J. H. (L), *Glen Lodge, Slaley, Hexham, Northumberland*. Came 1978³; III; Cdt.(Army).

III

Terret, G. R. G. (F), *The Golden Lion, Lower Briggate, Leeds, Yorkshire*. Came 1977³; I; Riley Scholarship; Minor Colts XV; 2nd Orchestra.

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Agnew, M. (S), *1 Cairnlee Avenue East, Cults, Aberdeen*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV; Hockey XI; Swimming; L/Cpl.(Army).

Allingham, W. G. de-G. (S), *Craggie Farm, Nairn, IV12 5HY*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; 5th XV; Choir; Sailski; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Baillie, C. A. J. (F), *Fontanettaz 21, 1012 Pully, Vaud, Switzerland*. Came 1976³; IV; Cross-Country; Athletics; Ski-ing '76-'80; Cpl.(R.A.F.).

Bisset, A. M. (F), *Sea House, Elie, Leven, Fife*. Came 1975³; - III; House Prefect; Captain of Golf; 3rd XV; Golf '77-'80; Sailing '79-'80; Economics Prize; P.O.(R.N.).

Brown, G. R. (N), *c/o Mrs J. Clark, 25c Wilson Street, Airdrie, Lanarkshire*. Came 1973³; I; House Prefect; XV; Hockey XI; Golf; Squash; Cpl.(Pipe Band).

Brown, J. D. (F), *35 Eastwood Drive, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire*. Came 1974³; II; House Prefect; 5th XV; Summer Hockey XI; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Campbell, J. F. (F), *Cartrel, Lady lleene Road, Tarbert, Argyll*. Came 1973³; I; House Prefect; Captain of Fishing; 4th XV; Hockey XI; Shooting 'B'; Cpl.(Pipe Band).

Craik, D. M. N. (N), *16 Ballonie Street, Evanton, Ross-shire*. Came 1975¹; III; 3rd XV; 3rd XI Hockey; Sgt.(R.A.F.).

Crawford, I. M. (F), *P.O. Box F1066, Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas*. Came 1973³; I; Cross-Country; 6th XV; Choir; Cpl.(R.A.F.).

Cunningham, A. J. (N), *Rosbank, 76 Spylaw Bank Road, Colinton, Edinburgh, EH13 0JD*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Hockey XI '79-'80; Summer Hockey XI '78-'80; Choir; L.S.(R.N.).

Dobbie, G. (L), *Roshan, 4 Queens Crescent, Falkirk*. Came 1975³; III; School Prefect; XV '77-'80; Cricket XI; Choir; Sgt.(Pipe Band).

Douglas, Susan T. (T), *Craig-na-laoigh, Dunecht, Skene, Aberdeenshire, AB3 7DD*. Came 1979³; UVI; Librarian; Badminton; Squash; Cross-Country; Social Services.

Eglinton, R. S. J. (L), *11 Blackhill Drive, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, G84 9AF*. Came 1975³; III; Basketball '77-'80; Tennis; 5th XV; Drama; Opera; Choir; Orchestra; Sgt.(R.A.F.).

- Fairbairn, A. C. (R), *Cloandene, Forgandenny, Perthshire*. Came 1973³; I; House Prefect; XV; Hockey XI; Cricket XI; Shooting; Basketball; Pipe Major.
- Fellowes-Prynn, P. W. (R), 33 *Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; Captain of XV; Captain 2nd XI Cricket '79 & '80; Basketball; Cpl.(Pipe Band).
- Frame, Lorna G. (T), *Braemore, 154 West Main Street, Darvel, Ayrshire, KA17 0EZ*. Came 1979³; UVI; Badminton; Cross-Country; Ski-ing; Squash; Tennis; Strathallian Editorial Committee.
- Genasi, P. P. (R), *B.O.L.A.M. Ltd., P.O. Box NI262, Nassau, Bahamas*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Cross-Country; Sgt.(Army).
- Gillies, G. (L), 14 *Westgate, Crail, Fife*. Came 1976¹; III; House Prefect; Athletics; 3rd XV; Social Services; L.S.(R.N.).
- Graham, R. C. (S), *Somerset, Kinnoull Terrace, Perth, PH2 7DJ*. Came 1974³; I; Captain 2nd XV; Athletics; Basketball; Shooting; Hockey 3rd XI; Drama; Opera; Choir; Cpl. (Army).
- Grant, K. V. S. (F), *P.O. Box 300, Kiambu, Kenya, E. Africa*. Came 1975³; III; Sailing; Hockey 3rd XI; P.O.(R.N.).
- Herd, D. F. (F), *P.O. Box 80, Gaborone, Botswana*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; Golf; Captain 5th XV; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; L.S.(R.N.).
- Hooper, A. J. P. (N), 9721, *Digging Place, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760, U.S.A.* Came 1977³; V; House Prefect; XV; Cross-Country; Captain Swimming; Captain Basketball; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- Houston, C. J. E. (R), *Heatherknowe, Rowantreehill Road, Kilmacoll, Strathclyde*. Came 1973³; I; Head of Ruthven; XV; Hockey XI '79 & '80; Athletics; Squash; Ski-ing '77-'80; Sailing '78 & '80; Shooting '76-'78; Captain of Boxing; Midlands U19 Hockey XI; Houston Prize; Choir; Coxswain (R.N.).
- Hutcheson, A. M. (N), 4 *Stewart Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee*. Came 1978³; UVI; House Prefect; Tennis; Cross-Country; 4th XV; Orchestra; Cdt.(R.A.F.).
- Inglis, R. C. (R), *Inch of Arnhall, Edzell, Angus*. Came 1975³; III; School Prefect; Captain Hockey XI; Cricket XI; Captain 3rd XV; Captain Shooting; Squash; Mathematics Prize; F/Sgt.(R.A.F.).
- Johnston, G. T. (S), *The Latch, Ranfurly Place, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, PA11 3DR*. Came 1974³; II; House Prefect; Head Librarian; 4th XV; William Tatersall Art Prize; Cantata Choir; Orchestra; Drama; W.O.(R.A.F.).
- Lee, K. K. K. (F), *P.O. Box 446, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia*. Came 1979¹; LVI; Captain of Badminton; Choir.
- Lee, P. S. H. (S), 31 *Lorong Merlimau, Off Jalan Telok Pulai, Kelang, Selangor, W. Malaysia*. Came 1979¹; LVI; Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings, Robert Barr Memorial Prize; Orchestra.
- McCallum, S. (L), *Ailsa Bank, 104 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; Athletics; Cross-Country; 3rd XV; Fencing '78-'80; Choir; U.O., C.C.F.(R.A.F.).
- MacDonald, P. G. (F), *c/o Standard Bank, Treasury Square Branch, P.O. Box 90170, Mombasa, Kenya*. Came 1973³; I; House Prefect; Swimming '76-'80; Athletics; 2nd XV; Drama; Choir; C.S.M.(Army).
- McGillivray, C. M. (R), *Prinlows House, Leslie, Fife, KY6 3BT*. Came 1973³; I; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Hockey 3rd XI; Drum Sgt.(Pipe Band).
- Mackay, W. L. (N), 10 *Point House Crescent, Isle of Bute*. Came 1978³; LVI; House Prefect; XV; Basketball; Summer Hockey XI; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- MacLachlan, K. I. (S), *Steadings, Oving, Nr. Aylesbury, Bucks*. Came 1973³; I; School Prefect; XV; Hockey XI; Golf; Captain Summer Hockey XI; Orchestra; Cdt.(R.A.F.).
- McMinn, Morag J. (T), 38 *Alloa Road, Carron, Falkirk*. Came 1979³; UVI; Major Scholarship; Chemistry Prize; Badminton; Cross-Country.
- McTeague, Karina T. (T), 8 *Cleveden Road, Glasgow, G12 0NT*. Came 1979³; UVI; Cross-Country.
- Meek, R. D. (S), 1 *Eversley Crescent, Winchmore Hill, London, N.21*. Came 1979¹; LVI; L.S.(R.N.).
- Megson, S. M. (S), *P.O. Box 42607, Nairobi, Kenya*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; Tennis '77-'80; Exhibition; Sgt.(Army).
- Mitchell, G. C. (F), 4 *Neidpath Road East, Whitecraigs, Glasgow G46 6TS*. Came 1975³; III; Cross-Country; 5th XV; Stage Manager; Cdt.(R.A.F.).
- Morton, T. J. (F), *Craigden, Glenfoot, Abernethy, Perthshire, PH2 9LT*. Came 1975²; III; XV; Summer Hockey XI; Ski-ing; Fishing; D. of E. Silver; Cdt.(Army).
- Murchie, S. W. (L), *c/o Texaco, Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad, West Indies*. Came 1977¹; IV; 2nd XV; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; Cricket 3rd XI; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- Ong, J. S. C. (F), *P.O. Box 177, Kota-Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia*. Came 1979¹; LVI; Badminton; Basketball.
- Peddie, P. R. (S), *Coal Farm, St. Monans, Fife, KY10 2DQ*. Came 1973³; I; House Prefect; 5th XV; Biology Prize; Drama; Choir; Orchestra; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- Phillips, M. C. (R), *Nerak, Westwood Avenue, Stranraer, Wigtownshire*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; XV; Athletics; Cdt.(Army).

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Reid, H. A. H. (N), *West Kintrocket Farm, by Brechin, Angus*. Came 1978³; LVI; Squash; Tennis; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Reid, N. J. (L), *23 Ethiebeaton Terrace, Monifieth, Angus*. Came 1973³; I; XV; Choir; Cdt.(Army).

Rogers, Wendy D. (T), *17 Mapledene Road, Scone, Perth*. Came 1979³; UVI; Cross-Country; Drama; Social Services.

Spens, D. M. (F), *The Old Manse, Gartocharn, by Alexandria, Dunbartonshire*. Came 1976¹; III; House Prefect; 3rd XV; Sailing; P.O.(R.N.).

Steedman, C. M. (F), *9 Dalmore Crescent, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire*. Came 1973³; I; Tennis; Squash; 4th XV; Geography Prize; Opera; Drama; Choir; Orchestra; P.O.(R.N.).

Stewart, T. S. (L), *Gunhill, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; XV '78-'80; Athletics '77-'80; D. of E. Silver.

Stone-Wigg, N. A. (F), *P.O. Box 314, Nawasha, Kenya*. Came 1974³; III; Head of Freeland; Tennis '76-'80, Captain '80; Squash '78-'80, Captain '80; Hockey 2nd XI; Athletics; 4th XV; Sgt.(R.A.F.).

Turnbull, S. R. (N), *Boghall, Kingsbarns, St. Andrews, Fife*. Came 1974³; II; Head of Nicol; XV; Hockey XI; Ski-ing '78-'80; Sgt.(Army).

Watson, D. J. (L), *80 Avoir Drive, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 3JG*. Came 1975³; III; House Prefect; XV; Cricket XI; Hockey 2nd XI; Swimming; Choir; Sgt.(R.A.F.).

White, S. D. (S), *27 Mournipea, Auchtermuchty, Fife, KY14 7BU*. Came 1974³; II; House Prefect; 5th XV; Social Services; L.S.(R.N.).

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Long, C. D. (F), *Inver, Heughfield Road, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire*. Came 1974³; I; 5th XV; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; Cdt.(Army).

Muir, K. H. (R), *8/3 Whistlefield Court, Bearsden, Glasgow*. Came 1974³; I; 2nd XV; Athletics; Junior Basketball; Choir; D. of E. Silver; P.O.(R.N.).

Potts, A. M. (R), *9 Abbotshall Drive, Cults, Aberdeen, AB1 9JJ*. Came 1977¹; III; 4th XV; 3rd Hockey XI; 3rd Cricket XI; L/Cpl.(Army).

V

Biggart, K. L. (R), *Burley, Watt Road, Bridge of Weir, PA11 3DN*. Came 1975³; I; Ski-ing '75-'80; Athletics; Cross-Country; Drama; D. of E. Silver; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Chalmers, D. G. (S), *Shawend View, Kilsyth, by Glasgow, G65 0PZ*. Came 1977³; III; Junior Colts B XV; Cdt.(Army).

Cairns, S. A. (N), *6 Sandwick Road, Medway Park, Singapore 0513*. Came 1979³; Senior Colts XV; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Davies, A. J. (F), *62 Pitcairn Crescent, Hairmyres, East Kilbride, Glasgow, G75 8TP*. Came 1978¹; III; L.S.(R.N.).

Kingan, J. J. (N), *Bengairn, New Abbey, Dumfries, DG2 8BY*. Came 1977³; III; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; Orchestra; Cdt.(Army).

Kirkpatrick, H. C. (S), *Home Chase, Broadoak, Heathfield, E. Sussex*. Came 1976³; III; Golf; 3rd XV; Hockey 3rd XI; Choir; L.S.(R.N.).

McCarroll, N. J. (F), *P.O. Box N4342, Nassau, Bahamas*. Came 1976³; III; Junior Squash; 3rd XV; Hockey 'A' XI; L/Cpl.(Army).

MacDonald, R. H. (F), *c/o 20 Boturich Drive, Balloch, Dunbartonshire*. Came 1974³; I; 2nd XV; Athletics; Shooting; Junior Swimming; Choir; Orchestra; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Niven, P. D. (L), *Pitlivie Farm, Carnoustie, Angus*. Came 1975³; I; Hockey 3rd XI; Cricket 3rd XI; Cdt.(Army).

Reynolds, G. W. D. (F), *22 Sandringham Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 5DU*. Came 1976³; III; 5th XV; L.S.(R.N.).

Rose, W. A. B. (S), *Culblair House, Dalcross, Inverness-shire, IV1 2JJ*. Came 1977³; III; Senior Colts XV; Athletics; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Seriniyom, A. (S), *26 Totteridge Lane, Whetstone, London, N20 9QH*. Came 1979³; V; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Taylor, G. C. (N), *Middlebank Farm, Errol, Perthshire*. Came 1975³; I; Athletics; Cross-Country; Senior Colts XV; Cdt.(Army).

III

Bryson, H. C. (L), *The Albany Hotel, Bridge Street, Fordingbridge, Hampshire*. Came 1979³; III.

Burnie, C. N. (N), *3 Ronald Street, Lerwick, Shetland*. Came 1977³; I.

Dixon, C. I. M. (L), *Badarroch, Fairy Glen Road, Spinningdale, Sutherland*. Came 1979³; III; Minor Colts XV.

Gee, M. B. (R), *95 Atholl Road, Pitlochry, Perthshire*. Came 1979³; III; Pipe Band; Winner Individual Junior Piping, West of Scotland 1980.

McIntyre, J. A. A. (S), *Logan Mains, Ardwel, Stranraer, DG9 9ND*. Came 1978³; II.

Read, G. M. S. (S), *Whinrigg, Aldour, Pitlochry, Perthshire*. Came 1979³; III.

Smith, K. A. (L), *36 Kaldoorie Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong*. Came 1979³; III.

II

McCarroll, J. M. (Ri), *P.O. Box N4342, Nassau, Bahamas*. Came 1978³; I; Riley Hockey and Cricket; Choir.

Strathallian Club



The President – HAMISH DAWSON

James Cooper Dawson, known to all as Hamish, has maintained the line of distinguished Presidents of the Club set by his predecessors. Hamish followed his elder brother to Strathallan in 1939 and remained until 1942. He was a sound student. He was also an enthusiastic participant in all sports and achieved particular success as a swimmer. He represented the School in the 2nd XI and the 2nd XV giving no hint, it is understood, of the honours to follow.

It was not until after he left Strathallan that his full potential in rugby was realised. He gained a war-time Blue while at Oxford University in 1943/44. While a member of Glasgow Academicals he won twenty Scottish Rugby Caps between 1948 and 1953. Out of many notable performances for Scotland, one of the most memorable to those present must undoubtedly be the victory over the formidable Welsh side at Murrayfield in 1951.

Hamish qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1948 and since then has chosen to spend his working life in manufacturing industry. With his wife Dorothy and their son Andrew, who was born on Christmas Eve 1979, he now lives in Mauchline. His sporting interests are varied. He is a regular golfer at Prestwick, of which Club he is a past Chairman of the Committee. He also served as a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club Championship Committee between 1976 and 1980. Although ski-ing seems now in the past, he is still extremely active at curling, shooting and stalking, achieving notable success in all of these sports.

Hamish served as a Governor of the School between 1972 and 1976. During his term as President of the Club he has been most active in maintaining the close links between the School and Old Strathallians. We are grateful for the benefits to the Club from his term of office and trust that he will continue his close association with the Club and School in future years.

1979 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The forty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Club took place in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 24th November, 1979, at 6.30 p.m. The President, Mr J. W. Dinsmore, was in the Chair and 32 members attended.

The Council's report and accounts for the year ended 30th September 1979, were approved and 79 new life members were elected.

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

STRATHALLIAN ANGLING CLUB REPORT

The 1980 Season, our Twenty-Second, was not terribly productive but it still produced a better than average catch with the second best average weight of 13.56 ounces.

As usual, some hardy souls went to Kenmore in mid-March to fish both river and loch, but unlike the last two years they produced the to be expected catch zero.

In April we went to Loch Awe. The weather was not very encouraging, indeed it was so stormy that three members went home and three others went to another loch. The 9 remaining sturdy souls had a fairly productive day, catching 20 trout with the Secretary catching 7 trout weighing 4 lbs to win the competition and also the Archie Glen Trophy.

In May at the Lake of Menteith, we engaged in combat with our friends the Phoenix Angling Club who again defeated us to thus square the series at 10½ wins each. Our best rod was James Marshall with a very nice basket of 5 trout weighing 5 lbs 14 ozs. This was the best catch of our Season at the Lake and won James the Fingland Trophy.

Loch Leven was as usual not really worth while – when are we going to have a really good evening there? Only one trout was caught, the Secretary being the lucky man catching a 1 lb 10 oz trout.

We had a very pleasant but hard day at the Lake in July when we entertained a party of boys from School under the care of our old friend Bob Cowie – when are we going to get a Master who fishes?

We had 18 trout weighing 12 lbs 4 oz and the School had 5 trout 3 lbs 2 oz. Our best basket was the Secretary with 5 trout weighing 3 lbs 13 oz.

Loch Fitty in August should have produced trout but only 8 were caught with Robin Turner, who had 2 trout 2 lbs 2 oz, beating his wee brother by two ounces and winning his first ever competition.

Our last competition of the Season was held at the Lake of Menteith in September when we caught 23 trout weighing 19 lbs and for the fourth year in succession the winner was Stuart Biggart with 4 trout weighing 2 lbs 15 oz.

1979 was the year of the child in our angling circle and I was bold enough to suggest that 1980 would be different, happily it was.

The Secretary with 22 points was Club Champion with Stuart Biggart, Runner Up with 17 points exactly the reverse of 1979. Lindsay Young ended up in 9th place with

4 points while David caught fish but did not collect any points. Willie Nairn let the oldsters down by collecting no points while Robin had one.

We engaged in our usual angling activities in the outside world.

Stuart Biggart represented the Club in the 'National' Championship and caught just as few fish as David Biggart who represented the Phoenix Angling Club.

On 1st July three pipers from School under the command of Lance Corporal Duncan Biggart piped off the Centenary 'National' which was first held on 1st July 1880. The Club was well represented in this important event organised by the Centenary Convener, David Biggart. Willie Nairn fished as a past President, Lindsay Young represented the Club, Iain Headrick represented Pollokshields Angling Club and David Biggart qualified under several headings. The last named was the only one of our members to have any luck – catching a 2 lbs trout.

We improved our position in the Inter Schools Competition at the Lake by finishing a good third. Our team was Stuart Biggart, Bill Buchanan, Jack Turner, David Vost and Lindsay Young.

George Balfour represented the Club in the Inter City Competition and he, together with Stuart Biggart and Robin Turner, represented us in the Scottish Club Championship which was won by the Phoenix Angling Club whose team included David Biggart. The total entry for the Competition was 191 clubs.

The Biggart combination of Stuart and David represented the Club in the Glasgow Inter Club Competition at the Lake of Menteith and as in Season 1979 the Club ended up in second place out of 13 clubs taking part.

Seven years ago I took over the job of Angling Section Secretary on a temporary basis. For various reasons the Section was in a sorry state but I am now happy to hand over to Jack Turner, a keen and enthusiastic body. It would be nice to think that this is due to the Secretary but the Secretary can only exist with the help and co-operation of the members and that has certainly been more than forthcoming and we can hold our end up in any angling company. The best feature of the Club at present time is the number of young members and under the new and keen young Secretary this state of affairs will surely continue for years to come. Why not come along and join us regardless of age?

David A. Biggart, Secretary.

STRATHALLIAN GOLF CLUB

Queen Elizabeth Schools Trophy 22nd-24th September 1979

The team for the Q.E. of 1979 was: Jamie Moffat and Richard Williamson (both scratch), Peter Hill and Kenneth Grant (scratch and 3), and Ian Jones and Gordon Lowden (3 and 2).

Our team was strong on paper but, following a bye in round one, we lost 2-1 to Aberdeen Grammar School F.P., who also had a strong team. The first pair won 1 up, but pairs 2 and 3 both lost by 1 hole. The game results were as close as possible, and it was unfortunate that the result was against us.



Strathallian Golf Team – Queen Elizabeth Trophy 1980

Peter Hill	Andrew McInroy	Ian Jones	Kenneth Grant	Jamie Moffat	Richard Williamson
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Autumn Outing 1979

This was fixed for Turnberry on 7th October, but with only 3 players wishing to play it was cancelled.

Grafton Morrish 1980

Again we failed to qualify. This year 5 teams competed for 3 places in the finals – and we came 4th = ! The standard is very high in Scotland. Kelvinside Academicals were leading qualifiers with 96 points from 3 Stableford four-somes – with no strokes allowed. Our 82 points was the sixth highest total in the whole of England (out of 85 schools) and we would have won 2 out of 6 qualifying regions!

Queen Elizabeth Trophy 27th-29th September 1980

This year's team was Jamie Moffat and Peter Hill (both scratch), Ian Jones and Kenneth Grant (2 and 1), and Rich Williamson and Andrew McInroy (scratch and 4).

We had a completely reshuffled team, which for the first time for many, many years had not included Gordon Lowden, who must be the longest serving member of the Golf Team.

Again we had a bye before meeting Ayr Academicals in round 2. Pairs 1 and 3 won 4/2 and 2/1 respectively, whilst pair 2 lost 1 down. It was a good result and we were hopeful for the following round against Lorettonians.

On paper our team was a lot stronger than Lorettonians, but in foursomes, handicaps have little bearing on the play. This time pairs 1 and 3 lost 5/4 and 2/1 respectively, whilst pair 2 won 2/1.

I felt that we had an excellent chance of beating Lorettonians, and most other teams in the competition, but it was not to be. However, we have a young team and one day we are going to get it all right.

Autumn Outing 1980

Ten of us were due at Gleddoch Country Club on Saturday 25th October, but on the Friday night the continuous rain flooded the course, which was then closed. So for the second year in a row our outing was cancelled.

During 1980 an effort was made to establish interest by the old boys in the golf club, and as a result there are now 50 paid up members in the Club. Members who do not pay by bankers order should send £1 for 1981 to the Secretary, Andrew McInroy, 5 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EP.

Any old boy who wishes to join up should also contact the above.

NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

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| J. W. B. ANDERSON | 1962/66 | Has recently acquired a business in the Glasgow Fruit Market. | A. D. G. DUNCAN | 1963/70 | Is working at Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy. |
| C. H. B. BAXTER | 1968/74 | Has graduated M.B., Ch.B. in July 1980, is currently working at Stirling Royal Infirmary and moves to Stratford-on-Avon in February, 1981. | J. C. FERGUSON | 1958/63 | Has been appointed Consultant Surgeon at Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. |
| J. M. BAXTER | 1964/71 | Is researching at Dundee University. | D. S. GALL | 1973/78 | Is reading Mechanical Engineering at Glasgow University. |
| A. J. BENNET | 1972/77 | Is presently working offshore, Norway in the Oil Industry. | N. L. GARDNER | 1975/76 | Has started training as a Field Engineer with an Instrumentation Company in the Oil Business. |
| G. W. V. BIRNIE | 1957/62 | Has been climbing in the High Atlas Mountains. Is teaching in Morayshire and continues to play hockey with North District. | G. A. M. GERRARD | 1970/77 | Has graduated B.A. (Hons-Upper Second) at St. David's, Lampeter, and is President of the Student's Union. He has supervised several archaeological sites in England and Wales. |
| A. D. K. CAMPBELL | 1955/59 | Is Squadron Leader, Air Plans, Tri-national, Tornado Training Establishment at R.A.F. Cottesmore in Leicestershire. | F. G. R. GILLANDERS | 1967/74 | Has recently been appointed as First Lieutenant on a Minehunter based at Rosyth. |
| J. P. CAPPON | 1958/64 | Is working with the Meat and Livestock Commission as Senior Sheep Specialist for the South West Region. | K. C. GRANT | 1970/75 | Is in his final year of a post graduate course in Marketing at Strathclyde University. |
| G. A. R. CARVER | 1959/64 | Is a partner in the Cambridge Management Planning Consulting Firm in Toronto. | I. S. GRAY | 1954/61 | Is in Hong Kong and has been appointed an Executive Director of Container-Care Ltd. |
| M. W. H. CRAN | 1963/70 | Is now 2i/c of Junior Soldiers Company, Miltonbridge, Near Penicuik. | M. J. HARROLD | 1968/75 | Has graduated M.A.(Hons) at Dundee University and has been appointed Flight Operations Controller for the Aberdeen Station of Air Anglia. |
| G. L. F. CROWE | 1971/76 | Has graduated LL.B. and is working in Glasgow. | A. J. HAY | 1970/75 | Is working in the Security Department of Lloyds Bank and has played hockey for the Bank in the premier division of the Kent/Sussex Hockey League. |
| M. I. M. DAWSON | 1960/65 | Is Bursar of the Rapid Results College in Durban. | B. G. de la HAYE | 1969/73 | Continues as Training Officer (Captain) at Scottish Infantry Depot, Bridge of Don. |
| C. H. DEWHURST | 1974/78 | Is working for a well-known Shipping Company in London and plays cricket and rugby for Crieff. | I. G. HEARD | 1967/72 | Is now living and working in London, but hopes to move to Rotterdam soon. |
| M. A. O. DUNN | 1971/78 | Has entered his final year of H.N.D. Business Studies Course at Crewe and Alsager College. | S. L. HILL | 1971/75 | Has now joined A. E. Russell Limited as Sales Executive for Central and Northern Scotland. |

D. M. HOLMES	1965/70	Qualified M.B., Ch.B. in July 1979 and won the John Maclean Medal for Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Now completing house appointment in South Wales.	A. I. PATE	1970/73	Has qualified as a Chartered Accountant and is now working in Dublin.
R. L. KIRKLAND	1970/75	Is still in Farnborough with the Royal Engineers and has played rugby for the Army and Hampshire.	M. B. N. PATTERSON	1960/65	Has been appointed General Manager of Frasers in Aberdeen.
R. J. LAWSON	1965/69	Is working as a G.P. in Peebles and hopes to have a working holiday in Australia before looking for a Practice.	A. P. PEARSON	1970/75	Has completed a short service commission in the Gordon Highlanders and is now working as a Management Trainee with De Beers.
J. G. LEISHMAN	1973/76	Is continuing to research for a Ph.D. in Glasgow.	H. R. POSTLETHWAITE	1973/78	Is reading Engineering at Aberdeen University and is President of the Archery Club, a Committee Member of the Photography Club and the Photographer of the Aberdeen University students' show.
R. H. LESTER	1975/79	Is in the second year of a B.Sc. Biological Science Course at Wolverhampton Polytechnic.	A. G. M. POTTIE	1978/79	Is reading for a B.Sc. at Strathclyde University.
P. N. LEWIS	1967/73	Has been admitted as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and has been appointed a Financial Accountant of Proctor Schwartz in Glasgow.	A. I. ROBSON	1966/73	Is studying for his F.D.S. Part I degree and is a qualified Northumberland Rugby Union referee.
A. G. MARSHALL	1965/72	Is now a Regional Marketing Salesman for the London South area with Imperial Tobacco (Imports) Ltd. Because of injury he cannot continue playing rugby and is becoming a coach and referee.	R. L. SETTLES	1961/68	Is Head of English and Latin at Dulwich College Preparatory School and has been playing qualifying matches for M.C.C.
K. L. McKENZIE	1959/64	Is currently looking after prestige customers for Seegrum U.K. in central London.	K. J. SHANNON	1968/75	Is serving with the Household Cavalry, Mounted Regiment.
J. T. MOFFAT	1964/69	Has been appointed a Director of A. T. Mays Limited the Travel Agents.	R. A. SMITH	1972/78	Is reading Law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and gained an Athletics Blue in 1980.
J. B. MORTON	1968/72	Is a Claims Inspector for National Farmers Union in Glasgow.	R. C. STARK	1955/62	Has been posted by Shell to Sarawak, Malaysia, as Head of Underwater Maintenance.
D. R. NICOL	1967/73	Has qualified as a Chartered Accountant and is playing squash for Glasgow Academics.	H. W. R. STEEDMAN	1969/76	Has graduated B.A. in Economics and Computer Science from Stirling University.
N. J. C. PARKER	1975/77	Is commencing work as Research and Development Engineer in Kettering.	R. A. TAYLOR	1956/61	Is now living in Durban.
			N. F. WALLACE	1962/66	Is occasionally seconded to French Engineers.
			J. M. WILSON	1974/78	Is Conference Manager at the Grand Hotel, St. Helier, Jersey.

Engagements

A. J. BENNETT	1972/77	To Miss E. S. Aitken.
J. P. CAPPON	1958/64	To Miss Richender Cox.
C. R. D. CHATWIN	1975/79	To Miss Trudi D. Roberts.
P. M. LEWIS	1967/73	
A. I. PATE	1970/75	To Miss Helen M. M. Wilson.
N. J. C. PARKER	1975/77	To Miss Janice E. McCaig.
A. P. PEARSON	1970/75	To Miss Judith Orr.
D. L. YOUNG	1970/75	To Miss Patricia Jane Scott.

Marriages

J. W. B. ANDERSON	1962/66	To Miss Amanda J. Heywood on 8th September, 1979.
A. D. G. DUNCAN	1963/70	On 23rd August, 1979.
T. M. D. FINLAYSON	1972/76	To Miss Lesley Clark at the Crown Church, Inverness, on 27th September, 1980.
F. G. R. GILLANDERS	1967/74	To Miss Caroline M. Johnston in September, 1980.
I. S. GRAY	1954/61	To Miss Jane McKay, on 11th July, 1980, in Sydney, Australia.
B. G. de la HAYE	1969/73	To Miss Deborah Brodie, on 12th July, 1980.
R. J. LAWSON	1965/69	To Dr Sheena McVicar, in April, 1978.
J. SCOTT	1950/57	To Miss Elspeth Mary Topping, on 21st March, 1979.

Births

J. R. T. BRUCE	1964/69	To Mr & Mrs Bruce, a daughter, Emma, on 18th April, 1980.
G. A. R. CARVER	1959/64	To Mr & Mrs Carver, a son, Cameron Alexander, on 4th August, 1978.

B. G. CLARK	1956/64	To Mr & Mrs Clark, a son, Euan Robert (by adoption).
A. W. CROWE	1965/69	To Mr & Mrs Crowe, a son, Daniel, on 29th August, 1979.
J. C. DAWSON	1939/42	To Mr & Mrs Dawson, a son, Andrew Hannah, on 24th December, 1979.
M. I. M. DAWSON	1960/65	To Mr & Mrs Dawson, a daughter, Emily Kathleen, on 11th March, 1980.
R. J. LAWSON	1965/69	To Dr & Mrs R. J. Lawson, a son, Ruairidh, in February, 1979.
K. L. McKENZIE	1959/64	To Mr & Mrs K. L. McKenzie, a daughter, Katherine, on 8th September, 1978.
J. T. MOFFAT	1964/69	To Mr & Mrs J. T. Moffat, a daughter, Laura Louis, on 19th March, 1980.
M. B. N. PATTERSON	1960/65	To Mr & Mrs Patterson, a son, Andrew John Neill, on 2nd November, 1979.
N. F. WALLACE	1962/66	To Mr & Mrs N. F. Wallace, a daughter, Suzanne, on 1st October, 1979.

Deaths

J. H. FORREST	1917/19	29a Keir Street, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire.
R. INGRAM- BROWN	1925/29	45 Dinmont Road, Shawlands, Glasgow.
J. K. MCGREGOR	1939/43	99 Seafield Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
J. RUSSELL		Barmore, 54 Pettycur Road, Kinghorn, Fife.
J. F. C. WATERSON	1934/39	Westdene, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire.

