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FETE



No account, however full, could do justice to all the hard work and generosity which went into making the day the success it was. The sun shone, parents, old boys and friends came in large numbers, and the target of £10,000 was achieved. The atmosphere on the day and the reports which have since filtered back were in themselves sufficient reward to those who had been working quietly throughout the winter in preparation. Nevertheless the Governors and I would like to add our own warm 'thank you' to all those who gave us their help and support, and particularly to Mr and Mrs Burnet, Mr Cowie, the Hon. Treasurer, and Robert Wilson.

Mr Cowie has kindly prepared a draft account which we hope people will find of interest; he apologises for any omissions but adds frankly we never really expected quite such an undertaking!

C.D.P.

FOUNDERS DAY/FETE SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 1978

This year the School decided to take on a venture which it has only undertaken once before and that was in the 1960's—a fete was planned with the aim of raising funds for an Activities Centre comprising new metal- and wood-work shops. After some calculations and an assessment of what the day would be like the cash target was set at £10,000. The event was also to take the place of Speech Day and to incorporate a slightly diminished Founder's Day programme with contests between the School and Strathallian Club only in cricket, hockey, tennis and squash.

Fortunately, previous experience made the Herculean task of organisation slightly easier. However, a lot of co-operation and patience was going to be needed as new ideas had to be thought out and some of the old ones up-dated.

Slowly things began to take shape and what had previously been an assortment of vague ideas became concrete facts. Contributions began to pour in from parents, old boys and friends of the School and it was clear that quite a range of different stalls would be practicable and as even more gifts came fetewards the Strathallian Prize Draw looked even more handsome and the same applied to the proposed auction.

On Friday 2nd the stalls and tents were erected—all waited with anticipation for the next morning to see what was going to fill them.

The mystery was soon to be solved for the boys and it was solved for the parents after having heard the official Opening Ceremony which included the presentation of the Governor's Speech Day prizes. Mrs Hoare cut the tape and things were under way. All were catered for in some way including the children who had the prospect of a Children's Corner, the Keltie Model Railway, Pony Rides and the sideshows. These last were an immediate attraction and many sold out very quickly with the big stalls taking over in popularity when this happened. The day also heralded the premiere of the School Film to boys and parents and proved to be a popular attraction. Competitive events tended to attract the fathers with special attention paid to the target golf—otherwise known as Mission Impossible, Mr Barratt?—and to clay-pigeon shooting.

A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all and, as the indicator scale showed outside the counting office, the afternoon was a roaring success. Our target was reached and, as Mr Hoare suggested at the start of the proceedings, the School received an extra day's holiday.

R.R.McL.

DIDN'T WE DO WELL?

This is the way the money came. Net receipts are arrived at after deducting Stock Purchases, Preliminary Expenses and Fete Outlays.

| Item | Gross Receipts | Net Receipts |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Donations - - - | £423.00 | £423.00 |
| Prize Draw - - - | 4,288.33 | 3,057.65 |
| Lambs—Deep Freeze - - - | 1,220.10 | 1,220.10 |
| Auction Sale - - - | 976.25 | 926.25 |
| Tombola (1) - - - | 375.80 | 375.80 |
| Tombola (2) - - - | 372.50 | 322.50 |
| Drink Bars - - - | 1,435.58 | 177.59 |
| Bottles - - - | 305.84 | 255.84 |
| Cake - - - | 268.00 | 218.00 |
| Candy/Mugs - - - | 837.24 | 265.71 |
| Kitchen/Bathroom - - - | 323.19 | 255.21 |
| Work - - - | 342.37 | 304.92 |
| Tins/Books/Cook Book - - - | 386.58 | 216.58 |
| Antiques - - - | 472.90 | 222.90 |
| Bits & Pieces - - - | 778.73 | 778.73 |
| Bric-a-Brac - - - | 113.06 | 113.06 |
| Produce/Preserves - - - | 416.13 | 366.13 |
| Prints/Table Mats - - - | 243.00 | 132.18 |
| Side Shows/Target Golf/Clay Pigeons | 737.85 | 374.25 |
| Pony Rides - - - | 18.70 | 18.70 |
| Ice Cream, etc. - - - | 173.93 | 68.91 |
| Barbecue - - - | 218.30 | 38.49 |
| Curries - - - | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Eastern Bazaar - - - | 176.29 | 176.29 |
| Car Mats - - - | 58.50 | 58.50 |
| World Cup Tea Towels - - - | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| Records - - - | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| Bank Deposit Interest - - - | 65.11 | 65.11 |
| | <u>£15,209.00</u> | <u>£10,589.12</u> |

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| Less Expenses | | |
| Printing & Postages - - - | £111.96 | |
| Postages, etc., Mr R. F. Wilson - - - | 92.32 | |
| Side Shows erection - - - | 40.00 | |
| Marquees - - - | 35.00 | |
| Transport - - - | 57.72 | |
| Sundry Items - - - | 87.05 | |
| | | <u>424.05</u> |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Net proceeds - - - | £10,165.07 |
| 1/8/78 Transferred to School Bank Account - - - | £10,000.00 |
| Balance at Credit of Current Account with Clydesdale Bank, St. John Street, Perth - - - | 165.07 |
| | <u>£10,165.07</u> |

R. G. Cowie, Fete Treasurer,
30th September, 1978.



Editorial

It is hard to cast one's mind back over the events of the past year, and it seems quite futile to attempt such a task in the editorial; save to say that whilst trying to make the magazine readable and enjoyable and at the same time retaining the essential features of a school journal we hope a reasonable medium has been reached.

Regrettably the year has been marred by the loss of several figures with close links to the School, but it is to be hoped that the natural resilience of Strathallan will prevail.

As in previous years it had been hoped to include contributions other than reports from within the School, but again the response was disappointing.

We hope to have covered a fairly wide spectrum of activities and features and the Board would be grateful for any suggestions concerning innovations to the existing format and content of the magazine, especially from Old Strathallians. Conversely, if there are features which readers feel are necessary then we would be glad to hear about them.

It only remains for me to thank the Board, or 'literary consultant advisers' as they like to think of themselves, for their efforts in producing the magazine.

Having failed to incorporate the usual urbane wit and elegance discernible in most good editorials, the magazine should perhaps be left to do the rest of the talking . . .

G.M.S.

GOVERNORS

Mr J. Harry Allan having served his three-year term (1974-77) as Strathallian Club member on the Board stands down and is replaced by Mr R. M. D. Grant.

Messrs. W. S. Pate and J. W. Dinsmore, F.R.I.C.S. were elected to membership of the Board on March 12th 1977 and May 20th 1978 respectively.

Professor D. H. N. Spence, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S.E. of the Department of Botany at the University of St. Andrews was nominated on May 25th 1978 as successor to the late Professor Robinson.

Staff Notes

At the end of the School year 1977/78 we said good-bye to three members of staff: Else Pope, John Mitchell and Keith Hosking. We thank them for their help and they leave with our very best wishes for the future.

John Mitchell was with us for only a year; as well as starting a Computer Club, he was occasionally to be seen welding discarded school bed frames into skate-board ramps.

Else Pope in the two years with us will be remembered for her unflinching cheerfulness and the fascinating range of home produce—from goats' milk to crabapple jelly—which appeared on the Common Room table.

Keith Hosking, after two years, decided he must return to Australia. In his short space of time he helped with shooting, rugby, re-established a flourishing D/E Scheme, as well as being resident House Tutor in Riley and teaching an over full timetable.

Joining the School this September are G. D. Ironside and A. J. S. Summers. Mr Ironside is a scholar of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and is coming into his first teaching post following a post-graduate year at Durham. He is joining the Mathematics Department, will be attached to Freeland House and is taking over the D/E Award Scheme and School tennis. Mr Summers also comes into his first teaching post. After taking a degree at St. Andrews, he completed a post-graduate year at Moray House, Edinburgh. He becomes resident Tutor in Riley and will be helping with all games, including bridge!

CHAPEL NOTES

A great deal of serious thinking continues to go on up and down the land on the role of the School Chapel in an age when the open profession of Christian faith is apparently in serious decline. Somehow the actual reality of Chapel worship seems to me to confound the cynics, and to confirm the conviction that growing boys and ageing Staff more than ever need a quiet and simple place in which they can be led together to worship God and to find a restored perspective on the purpose of life. The effectiveness or value of what goes on in Chapel largely defies analysis; and statistics (such as the number of Confirmands) mean very little. The bush still burns, and is not consumed.

On March 5th we continued the innovation of last year with a joint Confirmation Service.

The following were confirmed as members of the Church of Scotland:—W. G. De G. Allingham, A. M. Booth, R. J. Brewster, C. R. D. Chatwin, D. N. M. Craik, A. J. Cunningham, I. F. Gerrard, D. Guthrie, E. W. Hamilton, D. J. Headrick, D. F. Herd, D. G. L. Hume, R. C. Inglis, R. S. M. Lawson, C. M. McGillivray, S. McCallum, A. C. S. Macphie, D. J. H. Megson, R. J. W. Morton, S. W. Murchie, A. I. Nicolson, I. A. Niven, F. W. Niven, J. S. Richardson, S. D. Simpson, G. R. Smith, H. A. S. Stewart, A. J. E. Turner, D. J. Watson, and Jennifer C. Williams.

The following were confirmed as members of the Episcopal Church by the Bishop of St. Andrews:—C. H. Dewhurst, R. K. Dobbie, G. M. Durno, R. S. J. Eglington, P. W. Fellowes-Prynne, N. H. A. MacGregor, R. H. Morris, H. A. Rankine, and R. A. Stone-Wigg.

The following preached in the Chapel during the year:—The Right Reverend Michael Hare-Duke (Bishop of St. Andrews), The Very Rev. Dr. John A. Fraser, The Very Rev. Thurstan Irvine (St. John's Episcopal, Perth), the Rev. Robin Buchanan-Smith (formerly Chaplain of St. Andrew's University), the Rev. George Buchanan-Smith (Fettes), the Rev. Professor J. K. S. Reid (formerly of Aberdeen University), the Rev. Ian Miller (formerly of Madderty, and once Chaplain, Strathallan), the Rev. Uist Macdonald (Aberdalgie), the Rev. Stewart Sharp (Forgandenny), Brother Colin Wilfred (Society of St. Francis), Mr John Mercer (Headmaster, Belmont House), the Rev. A. A. Orrock (Queen Victoria School, Dunblane), the Rev. Howard Haslett (Edinburgh Academy), Mr Murray Earl and Mr James Grayson (post-graduate students, New College, Edinburgh), the Rev. W. McDonald (Dunblane), the Rev. William B. Johnston (Colinton), the Rev. Norman Macpherson (Blairgowrie), the Rev. Allan Young (St. John's Kirk of Perth), the Rev. Harry Hopkins (Monifieth), the Headmaster and the Chaplain.

The Chaplain would very much like to thank the following for their great help throughout the year:—The Very Rev. Dean Irvine, for preparing the Episcopal Candidates and for leading the worship at Episcopal Communion in such a relevant and compelling way each month; the Organist and Choirmaster for their enthusiastic leadership of the Praise throughout the year; Mrs Burnet and her helpers for providing the Chapel flowers every week; and, not least, Mr C. P. Hewson for his faithful and untiring organisation of the Episcopal Communion arrangements each month.

A.A.S.R.

DAVID SIM



David died in Glasgow on 21st August as a result of a car accident near his home in Stewarton.

No accident could have been more cruel in its timing for he had just completed a highly successful school career and was about to embark on a Business Studies course in Glasgow before joining his father in the family business.

David spent seven years at Strathallan and always gave the impression of enjoying every one of them. He had many talents, not least his considerable gifts on the games field where his quick eye and perfect timing made him an outstanding member of so many teams. He gained his school colours in rugby, hockey and cricket. And if he was not a scholar in the classroom, he knew all about hard work and thoroughly deserved the four Higher passes that came his way this year.

As a popular Head of Freeland he was a happy mixture of humour and firm efficiency which did so much to bring the best out of others. Indeed he represented so much that is good about Strathallians—an open, cheerful manner added to utter commitment in everything he did.

We shall all miss him, but none more so than his devoted family. A happy home life was something he never failed to appreciate; it was all part of his kind and genuine charm. To his father, mother and three sisters we extend our deepest sympathy in their grievous, untimely loss.

M.B.

**L. STUART SCOTT,
M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.S., R.C.P.S.(Glas.).**



It was with a subduing sense of personal loss that all who knew him learned of the death of Dr L. Stuart Scott, almost a year ago now, on October 8th 1977. In the course of a highly distinguished medical career many honours came his way, and perhaps none greater than in 1961, when, in recognition of his research work in the field of fertility, he was elected a Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences.

And yet you would never have guessed that Stuart had achieved this world-wide recognition, because his humility was perhaps the most striking feature of his character. This, allied to an overflowing friendliness, a genuine concern for others, an acute mind, and, not least, a delightful humour, salted with wit, made his company highly prized by hosts of people.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Betsy, his son, Peter, and his daughter Frances and her family, in their great loss.

R.A.L.B.

Dr Scott was at Strathallan from 1935 to 1938; he was President of the Strathallian Club in 1963-4, and the nominated Governor for the Club from 1964 onwards, until he became an elected Governor in 1968.

**ARTHUR JOHN SHAW
AN APPRECIATION**



It is with great regret that we record the death on 16th January, 1978, of Arthur John Shaw who was affectionately known to many Strathallians over a period of 23 years.

'Arthur John' or 'A.J.S.', as he was commonly referred to, was born in London in 1904 and spent his childhood in Switzerland, returning to Britain at the age of twenty. He came to Strathallan to teach Modern Languages—principally French and German—in 1927 and left in 1950. Within that period he carried progressive responsibilities as Head of Language Department, Senior Master and, for a short time (1948/49) Acting Head Master. His commitment and dedication to the school contributed significantly to its successful transition from the private creation of Harry Riley to a major Scottish public school, and he played an indispensable part in keeping things going during the difficult days of the 1939/45 war (during which the founder died). He became skilled in the art of compiling timetables and he may well be remembered by many as the possessor of a virtually unforgeable signature!

His many enthusiasms and interests found expression outside the classroom. Many of today's flourishing school societies owe their existence to his interests (among others) in photography, music and debate. He took charge of the Scout troop and of the Officer Cadet Corps (which later became the School's A.C.F.). He contributed to school concerts, taught himself to play the cello for the school orchestra, and produced a number of plays for the Dramatic Society of which the most outstanding were, perhaps, 'Journey's End' and 'Night Must Fall.' Operettas by Gilbert and Sullivan and by Edward German were also produced, staged and costumed under his direction. He pioneered school trips to the Continent—on a small scale with 'H.R.' before the war and rather larger parties as soon as post war conditions allowed—and many boys owe to him their first experience of the joys of foreign travel.

Mr Shaw will be remembered as a man of outstanding character and personality who, although a disciplinarian, was always able to maintain a very happy and easy atmosphere in his classes.

GEORGE B. SMITH, T.D.,
an Honorary Governor of Strathallan,
died on 20th November, 1977.



By his death, we have lost a true and staunch friend—one whose connection with and interest in the School stretches back over a period of more than fifty-seven years.

The second of the nine Smiths so far to be educated at Strathallan, George made his mark both in the classroom and on the playing fields. Retaining his interest after he left, he became one of the first members of the Old Boys' Club, and was elected President for the year 1935/36.

When the war came in 1939, as a T.A. Officer he served for the duration, seeing action in France, India and Burma, and was demobbed with the rank of Major. On his return to this country in 1946, his reputation as a Strathallian was such that he was invited to become one of the original Governors of the School. Those early years on the Board were fraught with many difficulties and indeed, were the most significant in our history. It is without doubt that it is entirely due to the far-sighted and sagacious approach George and his fellow Governors applied to the many problems which confronted them then, that we now have the solid foundations of the successful School we know today.

As Chairman during the years 1956/58 he was aware that our reputation was beginning to grow, and when he retired from the Board in 1971 after a quarter century's devoted service it must, I am sure, have given him immense satisfaction to realise that his work had indeed been worthwhile, and that he had been one of those who had played no small part in furthering the success of Strathallan. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the wellbeing of the School, he was elected an Honorary Governor.

An astute business man, he was Managing Director of his family firm, Smith Brothers of Dundee; former President of the Scottish Retail Drapers Association; Deacon of the Glovers' Trade; a member and director of the Dundee Chamber of Commerce, and a Trustee of Dundee Savings Bank. As a sportsman, he was an above average rugby player, a skier who gained his 'silver,' an indefatigable climber who knew the tops of most, if not all of the Munros, and a keen and good golfer who was made Captain of his Club. He had a kindly, friendly nature, was generous to a fault, and by his habit of taking a genuine interest in other people, found himself the friend of many. It is perhaps a revealing facet of his character to know that when recurring ill-health forced him to retire from active business, and from most of his sporting pursuits, he did not complain. Outside his business, his main interests lay with his close-knit family, and with Strathallan, and as we pay tribute to him now, we also extend to that family our sincere sympathy at their loss.

PROFESSOR N. H. G. ROBINSON

It is with sadness that we report the death, on March 9th 1978, of another of our Governors, Professor N. H. G. Robinson.

Born at Troon in Ayrshire, Professor Robinson was educated at Ayr Academy and the Universities of Glasgow, Oxford and Edinburgh where he graduated B.D. in 1939; and he was ordained in the same year to the parish of Sandsting in Shetland. In 1943 he was called to the South Church, Fraserburgh. Then in 1948 he was translated nearer to his Ayrshire roots to the High Kirk in Rothesay in Bute.

The two books he published in 1950 and 1952 on Christian ethics, 'Faith and Duty' and 'The Claims of Morality,' for which he was awarded the Glasgow D.Litt., made an academic appointment only a question of time; and in 1954 he was appointed to the Chair of Divinity in Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, a post which he held (along with the deanship of the Faculty) till 1956, the year in which his third book 'Christ and Conscience,' appeared. He was the natural successor to the St. Andrews Chair of Systematic Theology, being appointed in this same year. In 1964 Professor Robinson was awarded the Doctorate of Divinity ('honoris causa') and in the same year he was nominated for his first three-year term as Governor of the School. In 1967 he succeeded Professor Dickie in the old Chair of Divinity when it was integrated with the Systematics Chair.

Professor Robinson was in his fifth consecutive term as nominated Governor.



Salbete

January 1978

III—Baird, H. D. W. (L); Barlas, R. J. (N);
Bell, S. R. (L); Davies, A. J. (F); Fraser, A. G. (R);
Glennie, A. D. S. (R); Murphy, C. W. H. (F);
Shepherd, A. O. (F); Thompson, J. A. (R);
Watson, P. G. C. (R).

April 1978

III—Tyser, W. P. (L).
I—Buchanan, A. C. (Ri); Tosh, A. (Ri).

September 1978

UVI—Pottie, A. G. M. (S); Russell, G. T. (F).
LVI—Hardie, F. A. G. (F); Hutcheson, A. M. (N);
Mackay, W. L. (N); Reid, H. A. H. (N).
V—Wimpory, S. G. (N).
IV—Bernard, S. G. (L); Stevenson, A. M. (N).

III—Alberti, M. W. (R); Allingham, M. J. de G. (S);
Barrowman, J. M. T. (R); Beckman, J. N. (F);
Beech, L. J. (L); Bruce, N. E. J. (F); Clark, W.
M. (S); Galloway, J. W. (N); Gibson, C. J. (S);
Harley, I. J. G. (N); Jarlow, K. J. (L); Law, C. M.
(L); Lewis, J. C. (S); McCarroll, C. S. (F);
McClung, G. E. (F); MacNeill, J. A. (R); Menzies,
C. J. (S); Panton, C. J. (S); Philp, G. R. (N);
Randell, A. M. (L); Reay-O'Neill, J. H. (L);
Sedgwick, G. T. W. (L); Shepherd, B. A. (F);
Stevenson, G. W. (N); Stroyan, M. R. C. (F);
Suri R. (R); Verden-Anderson, G. D. (N); Watson,
B. C. (L); White, J. G. (N).

Riley

II—Clayton, G. V. F.; Ellis, C. N. M.; Irvine, J. A.;
Sinclair, R. A. M.; Truter, G. W. A.

I—Baird, R. D.; Bannerman, C. M.; Crombie, D. M.;
Dawson, R. D.; Drysdale, D.; Fuller, J. C. C.;
Kilpatrick, N. D.; Lawson, D. A.; Low, L. M.;
Lyll, G. D.; McCarroll, J. M.; McEachern, S.;
MacLean, P.; MacLellan, A. R.; Morrison, K.;
Nicolson, I. I. L.; Orr, K. F.; Philp, S. J.; Shanks,
H.; Smith, R. M.; Tether, N. J.; Truter, R. H. J.;
Williams, R. H.

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It could be said (it has been) that 'our climate is nearly perfect, it is the weather that is so awful.' Weather happens every moment, whilst climate takes time to develop.

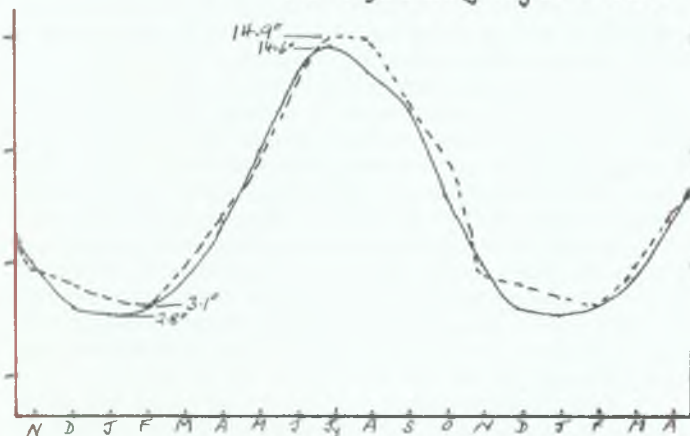
At School daily readings have been taken for ten full years and whilst this is not long enough on its own to assess a climate on our very changeable part of the atmosphere, it does provide an excuse for your honorary observer to make comparisons with long-term (35 years) figures taken in the city of Perth which lies only a few miles to the north-east.

In a region of hills and valleys such as occurs locally, comparison between one place and another is not always satisfactory: precise position and aspect can affect temperatures and rainfall appreciably, as well as the other elements of weather. Further, comparison between a builtup area (Perth) and a rural one (us) is also bound to reveal differences—roadways, buildings and traffic each affect air movements, temperatures and humidity.

However, not to be daunted, comparisons are going to be made. The graphs show the 35-year Perth averages for precipitation and temperature with the local Forgandenny 10-year averages superimposed.

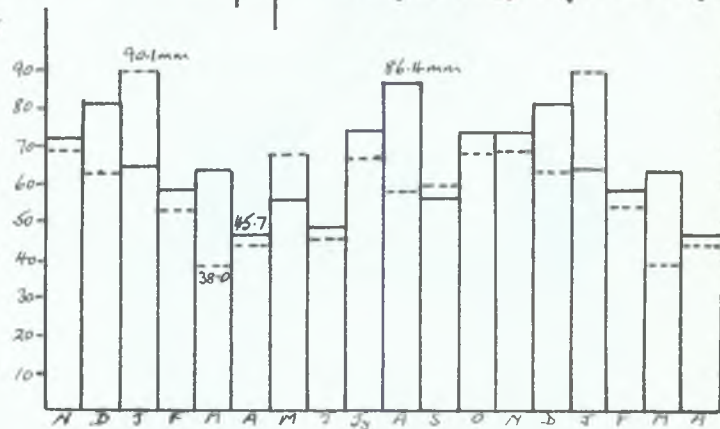
MEAN AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURES

Key: — The Perth City 35 year means
 ---- The Forgandenny 10 year means °C



AVERAGE MONTHLY RAINFALL TOTALS

Key: — The Perth City 35 year averages
 ---- The Forgandenny 10 year averages mm



- The observant amongst us will notice a number of features:
- that monthly average temperatures have recently been higher, except in early summer and early winter;
 - that the range of temperature (the difference between the warmest and coldest months) has remained the same. In other words, recent winters have been milder and our summer warmer;
 - that the total rainfall is lower by 60mm (over 2");
 - that this decrease has occurred in the second half of the year;
 - that, nonetheless, springs (March and April) have been drier;
 - that

but that's enough I think, as you can see for yourself!

Incidentally, the graphs may look slightly unfamiliar. The more observant will have noticed that they run from November onwards. The point is that climate is continuous, and while January to December calendar has its uses, it does create an artificial beginning and ending for climate. Where the graph should start is debatable, but I feel justified in going as close as possible to the 'Grower's Year' (Napier Shaw) which starts on 6th November. Thus as the graph runs onwards from November until the space runs out it is possible to see the trends for complete seasons: winter (November-April) and summer (May-October); and it is still possible for the traditionalists to see the conventional year by blocking off the extra months!



FREELAND

In a year of such heady success, it is difficult to know where to start. One had always felt that with so much sporting talent at the top of the house and a fair bit scattered elsewhere, that this would be the year of the yellow. And so it proved.

One is often told that house reports are only for the faithful and so on that assumption I shall attempt to pay due tribute to the many fine achievements over the year assuming that those who are not interested will find their excitement elsewhere.

The house holds all three hockey cups at present, including the new indoor one presented by Willie Gibson. The outdoor final was a thrilling affair with hot-shot Sim scoring the vital goals against Nicol. I. F. Gerrard and A. W. Ferguson both did an enormous amount on and off the field to ensure our success, as did R. A. R. Whyte with the League XI.

After a lengthy stay the boxing cup departed, but not before sterling performances from J. T. Hughes and A. M. Smith had done their best to prevent it. C. M. Cunningham was school captain of boxing. The juniors also did well with cross-country winning their section outright and likewise in the games circus which does so much to while away the winter hours of the so-called Spring Term. The seniors won their group for the second year running.

Rugby was well to the fore this year: the senior league XV ably led by J. M. Hunter and inspired by his and R. A. Smith's electric bursts, managed to win their cups on goal average just as the juniors marginally lost theirs in the same way. There were many good contributions at this level, notably from I. M. Crawford, R. G. Grant and T. F. McClung.

To complete the winter picture, the senior squash cup almost inevitably stayed where it is, thanks to the efforts of R. A. Stone-Wigg and others, as did the individual cup—this time the winner being Ferguson. The shooting cup after two years of near misses also returned with particularly excellent scores from C. H. Dewhurst and J. M. C. Livingston.

As if this was not enough, the summer also had some pleasant surprises: the swimming cup (when it can be found!) after several disputes was shared with Ruthven and here D. M. S. Stewart skilfully managed his resources. The tennis cup with the Stone-Wiggs almost inevitably to the fore was won more convincingly than ever against our old rivals, Leburn; perhaps it will be their turn next year. Finally in the week of that marvellous Open Championship we too had our success on the golf course. A. M. Bisset was runner-up in the school stroke play and thanks to the efforts of J. C. Herd, E. W. Hamilton and D. J. M. Reynolds, we also won the house competition.

'Are you finished?' the impartial reader—if there are any left by this stage!—might say and the answer is 'not quite.' There were several notable academic successes. E. M. Grant and R. A. Smith won numerous prizes and M. C. S. Smith the Art prize, whilst Ferguson and Whyte also featured on the

honours board. But without doubt the major achievement of the year was Evan Grant's highly merited Open Scholarship to Cambridge.

How he, Smith, M. A. O. Dun, I. F. Gerrard and many others also found time to perform in a combined house play, the examiners may in time inform us. Whatever else we once again combined happily with Nicol and it was pleasant to be associated with an activity whose prime aim was enjoyment, though those who suffered the many hours of anxious rehearsals in the Vlth Form hall and elsewhere might be excused for feeling otherwise! The play's artistic merits or lack of them are recorded elsewhere.

So ends, or almost ends, the diary for the year. Yet if one asked any average member of the house what was his most notable event, the answer would almost certainly be the arrival of the pool table. And they might be right; it was by no means an uncivilizing influence!

We say goodbye this year to a large number of leavers: we will miss their many contributions, but above all we will miss their humour which has lightened many a dull day. I thank Bryan Steele, David Sim and Richard Stone-Wigg for all their efforts in keeping them cheerful and organised—or comparatively organised—and wish them all good fortune in the future. Likewise to Mr Brian Raine who has been House Tutor for eight years and is now seeking a well earned rest. His interest, advice and unselfish help over the years have meant much. We shall miss him too.

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| HEADS OF HOUSE: | B. W. Steele, D. Sim. |
| DEPUTY HEAD OF HOUSE: | R. A. Stone-Wigg. |
| PREFECTS: | C. M. Cunningham. |
| | D. M. S. Stewart. |
| | R. A. R. Whyte. |
| | J. M. Grant. |
| | E. M. Grant. |
| | R. A. Smith. |

CAPTAINS OF SPORT AND ACTIVITIES

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|------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Rugby: | A. W. Ferguson. | Squash: | R. A. Stone-Wigg. |
| Hockey: | A. W. Ferguson. | Cross- | |
| Cricket: | D. Sim. | Country: | I. F. Gerrard. |
| Athletics: | R. A. Smith. | Swimming: | D. M. S. Stewart. |
| Boxing: | C. M. Cunningham. | Tennis: | R. A. Stone-Wigg. |
| Ski-ing: | C. A. J. Baillie. | Shooting: | C. H. Dewhurst. |
| Golf: | A. M. Bisset. | Sailing: | J. M. Grant. |
| Music: | R. A. Smith. | | |

HOUSE COLOURS: A. W. Ferguson, I. F. Gerrard, D. Sim,
C. M. Cunningham, J. M. Hunter,
R. A. Smith, R. A. Stone-Wigg,
R. A. R. Whyte, D. M. S. Stewart.

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LEBURN

We reached a full complement of 68 by the end of the year—a House record achieved without really trying and one which we hope will stand for some time! Certainly the balance within the House has been more even than in recent years and the increase in the Sixth Form numbers is an encouraging and healthy feature.

We suffered some disappointments on the games side and unfortunately a few items of hardware slipped from our grasp, but they are regarded as being on loan rather than lost! The cross-country in particular was a very close affair and we were just edged out by Ruthven after the Middles and Seniors, running with great determination (Galloway won the Senior race), so nearly won the day following a rather inept performance by the Juniors. However, amongst the disappointments there were successes as well—the Junior league XV and the Junior squash team did very well and kept the flag flying. Yet again we won the Music Competition and it is extremely pleasing to record the strong

music tradition in the House continues. We had our share of individual successes on both work and games fronts—R. A. Gardner won an Aberdeen University Bursary, A. B. Caithness completed a hat-trick of wins in the School tennis competition, R. G. Galloway won the School cross-country cup and J. P. Stewart won the golf club championship.

And now for an update on the changes which have taken place and are taking place in Leburn. In the study block there is now an inside door through to the games room—a great help—and the demolished cleaning cupboard is now re-sited under the stairs. The cloakroom, which was never used properly, is being converted into a four-man study and the corridors and games room are being carpeted during the summer holidays. Due to a major reorganisation our strip rooms have been 'taken over'—Mrs Pliszka's new empire—and are now located in a succession of smallish rooms down a 'new' corridor near to the back door.

Another change, this time of personnel, is the departure of Mr N. T. H. Du Boulay who has been appointed House-master of Simpson. I am most grateful to him for his help over the last three years and trust that the excellent grounding he has received will stand him in good stead! We wish him well in the future. Next year Mr Swain and Mr Dharsi are joining us and will be sharing the tutoring responsibilities.

Finally, my grateful thanks to Robert Galloway, who has been an excellent Head of House, and the rest of the prefects for all their help during the year, and to all who have contributed in one way or another. We wish the leavers all luck and success.

HEAD OF HOUSE: R. G. Galloway.

PREFECTS: A. B. Caithness, C. G. Caithness,
A. G. Norval, R. J. W. Morton,
D. W. D. Ritchie, J. D. McIntosh,
J. B. McDougall.

CAPTAINS OF SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Rugby, Music and Tennis: A. B. Caithness.
Cross-country and Athletics: R. G. Galloway.
Hockey and Squash: J. D. McIntosh.
Shooting and Ski-ing: G. J. McEwan.
Cricket: E. F. Jackson.
Boxing: C. G. Caithness.
Swimming: A. I. Nicolson.
Sailing: R. J. W. Morton.

HOUSE COLOURS: G. R. Millar, J. D. McIntosh,
C. G. Caithness, A. G. Norval,
R. J. W. Morton.

H.C.A.

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NICOL HOUSE

House Captain: M. J. Yellowlees.

School Prefect: J. M. Turnbull.

House Prefects: K. D. Evans, A. H. McLaren, I. G. Ogilvie, D. A. Smellie, I. H. Walker, R. H. Morris, R. M. Mitchell.

Modestly, on moving into the new House, we did not put up a shelf for cups, for they were scarce at the time, but Summer Term '78 ended in a shower of silver. D. Bain started off with a surprise win in the Piping, both the Seniors, in a new six-a-side competition, and the Juniors won the cricket cups, and on Sports Day we did excellently to snatch the Athletics Cup from Ruthven's baton-grasp. D. Smellie had a wonderful last day at School, proving that orange-juice at the Leavers' Dinner is well worth it, for he ran almost everyone else off their feet and won the Senior Victor Ludorum Cup and a host of medals. D. Ogilvie did much the same for the Middles also being Victor Ludorum, and G. MacKenzie was awarded the Junior Cup too, but being better at Maths than J.B.B.'s calculator nobly gave it up to Roger of Simpson. Still he was runner-up. Congratulations to all those who contributed to our winning all these competitions. Earlier in the year the best combined effort yet seen from the Juniors won them the boxing cup, and F. Benzies was sure the ski-ing cup was safe, though flu prevented the competition from taking place. Sadly, when our hopes were higher than for some years the rugger competitions were not played either.

It has also been a year of many individual successes. M. J. Yellowlees, our House Captain, who has been an outstanding example of dedication in sport not only to the House but to the School, represented Scotland versus Wales, Ireland and England in Hockey, and played for The Rest versus The Southern Schools Cricket XI. He gave some very good performances in the School XV and both XI's. Rumour had it that J. M. Turnbull appointed him official 'School Bully' at the end of the Spring Term, but no-one believed it.

D. A. Smellie played for the Scottish Schoolboys XV versus France, Wales and England, and featured on the TV Match of The Day.

D. Kingan won a Bursary to Aberdeen University to read Forestry and in addition played many solos on the euphonium for the orchestra—a rather less rude noise than N. Scott on the tuba. The orchestra will miss both of them—and the 1st oboe—very much.

In the Easter Term Mr Barratt produced 'Witness for The Prosecution' presented by Freeland and Nicol, and N. Scott made a very convincing double-sex-change. M. Ross publicly declared he never touched cigarettes, R. MacLeod was on the right side of the Law for a change, and other Nicol boys who took part were D. Guthrie, D. Smellie, D. Bain, I. Ogilvie, P. Hooper, A. McLaren and R. Morris. M. Elkins was in charge of lights and sound. For some unknown reason all the intelligent lawyers were played by Freeland Boys.

F. Benzies, R. Duncan and M. Yellowlees had a particularly good ski-ing season, all doing well in the County School Championships. Benzies became the Scottish C.C.F. champion and Duncan missed most week-ends, training with the Espoir Squad.

Many boys helped with the fete but noticeable amongst them was Kaliph Evans once again making an especially valuable contribution in collecting money. I don't know why he was never in charge of the Lines money.

I. Ogilvie, F. Benzies and J. M. Turnbull, not being the usual members of the Cantata Choir must have made all the difference in the Nicol All-Male Choir for the Foggy-foggy Dew part of the Music Competition.

P. McArthur probably had the record for breakage charges, though G. Brown found the lockers sturdier than expected for karate-chops and he thanks the Masters who scribed for him during the 'O' level exams.

I. Walker ends a span of thirteen years of Walker brothers in Nicol, and the three MacKay brothers, of whom A. L. and N. J. left this year survived eight. Our deepest sympathy went to G. G. Baird on his family bereavement in his last term here.

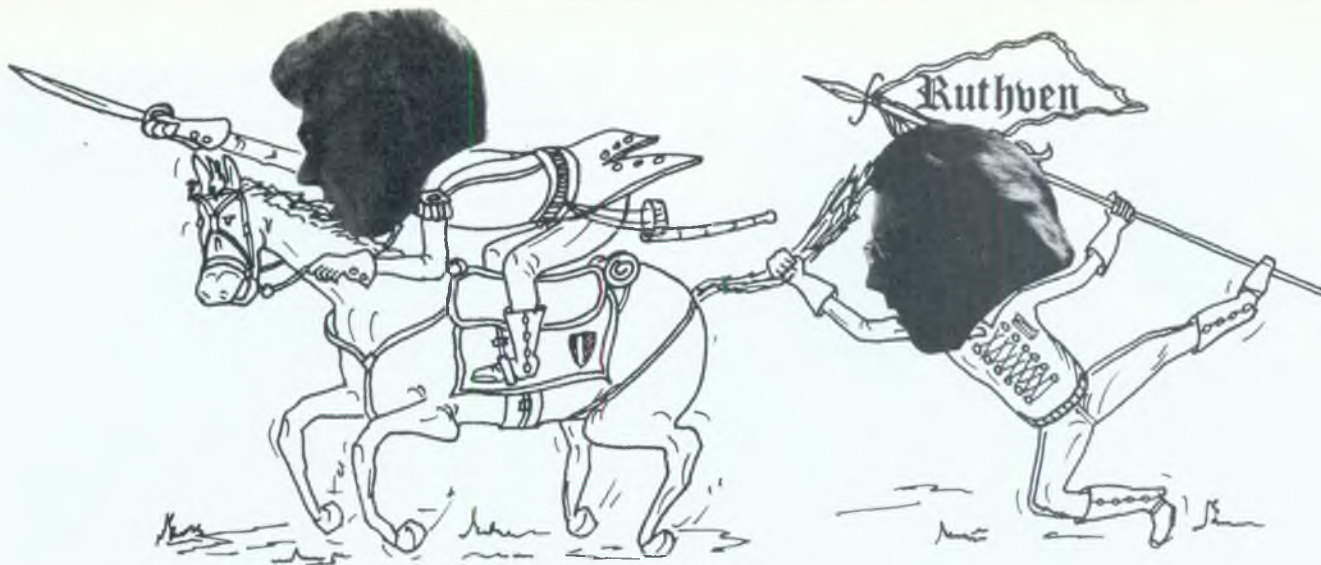
The improvement in I. Ogilvie's French accent after the Rugger tour was not markedly noticed, and he still prefers beer. A. McLaren finished the term by giving an excellent example of what I hope next year's haircuts will be like, though the coiffure of J. Fraser and Co. Ltd., was not so greatly admired.

The year has seen considerable changes. The Illrd form have helped with self-service meals, and carpets, curtains and cupboards are making the dormitories more homely.

There is still some way to go in regard to the attitude to other people's and School property, and care and pride in looking after one's own. But generally the House continues to be very happy in the new premises, and we have had a successful year.

The thanks of all those who are staying goes to all the Leavers who have contributed so much to games, work, music and friendship.

T.C.G.F.



The second year in the new premises was inevitably less eventful than the first, or at least the novelty value had worn off. Nonetheless, we continue to see changes, perhaps the most permanent of which has been the laying out of the gardens around the House. While the work is not yet complete, and obviously it will be a few years before the new trees and shrubs reach maturity, it is already clear that the final effect will be very pleasing. Not only the eye but also the feet have been relieved, by the resurfacing of the approach paths.

Internally there have been few changes apart from the beginnings of wear and tear, but we have benefited from gifts of a new toaster and of new easy chairs for the Common Room, for which we are very grateful. In addition, and thanks to a concerted effort by boys and parents, the billiard table has been completely refurbished.

Academically we have won no major prizes, but it was pleasing to see some fifteen awards for coming Top of the Set, a dozen or so distinctions, and a form prize. This is hard evidence of good work, but there are still two or three in each of the bottom three years who not only waste too much of their own time but make it doubly difficult for others.

Inter-House rugby was a victim of the weather and we were unable to defend the Cup in a year when, as they say, we fancied our chances; but we were well represented in School sides, particularly in the 1st XV; and this high representation was equally true in hockey and cricket. Our runners and athletes again did us proud, once again taking the Cross-country Cup and—for the fifth successive year—

the Rowan Cup for Standards. In the School Sports we were a close second, and there were many fine individual performances. We won the Sailing Cup with a team unchanged from last year, and our swimmers did particularly well to share their trophy.

The strength of the House this year has undoubtedly been in the Sixth Form. Bruce Biggart and Alistair Inglis have been first-class Heads of House, and we have had a grand body of prefects. But virtually all the seniors, prefects or not, have really pulled their weight. This is very good to see, it is an excellent example to the juniors, and there is every prospect that the same will be true in the coming year.

HEAD OF HOUSE: C. B. Biggart (Autumn Term).

A. O. Inglis (from January).

PREFECTS: D. S. Muir, D. S. Gall, W. M. Potts,
I. R. Robertson, R. G. Walker, G. A. Watt,
A. A. Muir, A. C. B. Baird.

HOUSE COLOURS: C. B. Biggart, A. O. Inglis, W. M. Potts,
I. A. Henderson, R. G. Walker,
G. A. Watt, A. C. B. Baird, A. A. Muir.
CAPTAINS, etc.

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Rugby: | A. O. Inglis. | Ski-ing: | C. J. E. Houston. |
| Hockey: | A. O. Inglis. | Shooting: | I. R. Robertson. |
| Cricket: | A. O. Inglis. | Sailing: | D. S. Muir. |
| Athletics: | A. A. Muir. | Tennis: | D. H. Prosser. |
| Boxing: | W. M. Potts. | Golf: | J. B. Callander. |
| Swimming: | J. B. Callander. | Squash: | W. M. Potts. |
| Cross- | | Music: | I. R. Robertson. |
| Country: | W. M. Potts. | | |

D.A.R.W.



SIMPSON

It scarcely seems twelve months since I last sat down to pen the House report. This in itself is probably a good sign—it's only the bad years which pass slowly, and while this year has not been an outstanding one it has in most respects been a thoroughly satisfactory one.

The Christmas term once again saw a large influx of juniors—48 of the House were below the sixth form—but most found their feet rapidly. The only disappointment was that with such large numbers to choose from our junior league rugby team never really got together, and it was left to the seniors to make a valiant attempt to win the cup, being defeated finally only by the mathematical machinations of the Games Committee. David MacLachlan cheered us by first obtaining a place at Magdalene College, Cambridge, on his 'A' level results and subsequently being awarded an Exhibition—this was the first open award gained by a member of the House in recent years and was particularly praiseworthy. I hope that it won't be the last.

The weather in the first half of the Spring term once more brought the circus into operation—while the 'Entry of the Gladiators' would not always have been appropriate music, we were not always the clowns either. Many took part, and all gave of their best. In the cross-country races, Graham Roger won the junior, and Angus MacLeod was second in the middle—the seniors may be congratulated on their packing! The hockey season found many in School teams, but in the House compe-

tition we failed to take our chances. Fists were used legally in the boxing ring, Patrick Russell, Angus MacLeod and Brian Goodbourn winning medals (the last apparently having persuaded his final opponent that it wasn't worth appearing), while the captain of boxing, Malcolm McGregor, appropriately finished up with a broken nose, although it must be admitted that this was not caused by pugilistic activity. The musicians continued to demonstrate that we are not without talent in that direction—one of these years we'll actually win the competition.

Last year I had a nightmare at the thought that the senior cricket competition might be resurrected. This year the thought became the deed and yet another trophy disappeared, although not without a fight despite the fact that the rules had to be slightly 'adjusted' to enable us to even produce a team. Robbie Brewster and Angus MacLeod won places in the first XI, and the latter is to be congratulated particularly on being selected for the Scottish U16 XI. The option system allowed others to play games they enjoyed, and parachuting came into vogue, although as Bill Graham and David McConchie were in ground floor studies practice had to take place at the other Strathallan. In what time remained a fair amount of work was apparently done and it was good to see Carl Crone, Richard Lester, Douglas Megson and Colin Harrison all collecting 'Speech Day' prizes. The only disappointment at the end of the year was to find that but two cups remained, both won by individuals—Charles Foster's for junior squash and Graham Roger's as junior Victor Ludorum. Things can only improve!

This is the last House report I shall write, and I come to the end of my term with some sadness. Being a Housemaster is a rewarding experience, but the Housemaster is only one cog in the machine. What success, satisfaction, happiness has come to the House in the past six years is due to the efforts of the members of the House, and I would like to offer my thanks to all who have contributed in any way in that time. My particular thanks go to Mr Ford for his invaluable assistance, and as Mr Du Boulay takes over, he has my best wishes for the continued well-being of the House.

HEAD OF HOUSE: M. A. Russell.

PREFECTS: C. A. Crone, R. H. Lester, I. D. MacDonald,

D. J. H. Megson, M. H. J. Ramsay, A. J. E. Turner.

CAPTAINS, etc.

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Rugby: | I. D. MacDonald. | Ski-ing: | W. G. Allingham. |
| Hockey, | | Tennis, | |
| Cricket: | R. J. Brewster. | Squash: | D. J. H. Megson. |
| Athletics, | | Cross- | |
| Swimming, | | Country: | H. R. Laing. |
| Music: | M. A. Russell. | Sailing: | M. H. J. Ramsay. |
| Boxing: | W. M. McGregor. | Shooting: | D. G. F. Griffiths. |
| | | | A.M.P. |



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RILEY

Every year in every school sees changes of various sorts take place. We are no exception, and I feel it is fair to say that in the summer of 1978 we have had, structurally at any rate, more than our fair share of change and, we hope, improvement. As I write, these changes are being put into effect and it is not yet possible to say how much will have been attained by the time the boys will have returned in September, but progress has been swift and one can be optimistic with reasonable confidence. Already completed has been the carpeting of another dormitory (Islay) and the curtaining of all of them. Doubts had been expressed about the desirability of this from a disciplinary point of view, but the advantages have been great. Aesthetically the effect is most pleasing, the dormitories have become more homely and less stark, prospective parents have been duly impressed and in the summer the boys have gone to sleep literally

hours earlier than in previous years—thus, in fact, making dormitory misbehaviour less rather than more likely. Not, of course, that the school film has not occasionally been proved accurate!

Much the greater alteration is taking place in the Common Room area. We have now taken over the offices that have hitherto been the domain of the Bursar and his staff, giving us, in effect, three more rooms, with a wall partially knocked down between the old model room and the office nearest to Riley. Thus the Common Room becomes a Games and Assembly Room. It has been repainted, the windowsills have been re-covered and the floor varnished. The lockers have been removed and a partition has been installed, giving an ante-room where boys may hang their coats and change their shoes. The two rooms adjacent to the old Common Room now become locker-rooms, the present Secretaries' office will become a TV-cum-radio-cum-record-player room (not all at the same time, I hope and pray!), and the present Bursar's office will become a Model Room. The snooker table will proceed from the library to the Common Room, and the library will thus revert to being a quiet room for reading and study. The advantages of all this should be considerable. The whole place will have a much more civilised appearance and feel, to which I am sure the boys will respond, and there will be so much more room for the boys in the winter months. We are extremely grateful to the Headmaster and the Governors for making the necessary funds available.

A change of personnel is not such a happy one. Mr Hosking is leaving after two years to return to his native Australia. With his quiet, conscientious, good-humoured and hard-working approach, he will be a very difficult man to replace. We wish him all the best for the future.

I commented in these pages last year about the modern boy's reluctance to accept responsibility, and my ominous words were sadly proved true to such an extent this year that we indulged in the Summer Term for a spell in the experiment of trying to cope with no Dorm Heads at all. This was only moderately successful, and not sufficiently so to warrant a repetition, but it was an interesting period nonetheless, in which the work of at least one of the boys involved improved noticeably. I have only one point to add to what I wrote last year—most of the best Dorm Heads of the past were third year boys who remained in Riley, and were therefore that much more mature. Nowadays all Riley boys go up to the Senior School after second year.

Russell Kilpatrick was Captain of all three major sports, a notable achievement, and enjoyed quite a mixture of success and failure. The hockey team won all its matches, and played some good hockey in a year where the general standard was not high. The rugby season was again a good deal better than the results indicate. Fettes and Clifton Hall were too good for us, and we were too good for Belmont House, but otherwise there were some exciting matches in which the better side did not always win (or draw!). Indeed, the XV put up its finest performance in the game against Lomond, who in their first year of existence had slightly overestimated the task facing them and included three 14-year-olds in their team. We really played well to hold them to 16-12, with Michael Hamilton and Alasdair Taylor outstanding as they were for most of the season. The cricket season was very disappointing, as it must be when you win the first four matches and fail to win any of the next four. One or two of the team seemed to lose interest a bit after the first defeat, but this charge could not be levelled at Russell Kilpatrick, who always did his best even if he does still have rushes of blood to the head, or at Alec Reid, who proved the most promising of the younger brigade. Finally, I would like to pay two tributes here—to Ardvreck, for giving a capital team performance against us on the day, and to Mr Dutton, both for his hours spent with the cricket team and for his excellent assistance generally within the House.

In the course of the summer term strange new oases of horticulture could be seen sprouting around both Riley courtyards. A gardening boom had struck, and living garden gnomes were to be seen planting our seeds, separating plants, wielding (and breaking) watering-cans and, most frequently standing and watching the plants grow. What started as an experiment slowly and reluctantly accepted, had ended as a source of great enthusiasm and something to give an interest to non-cricketers. If such enthusiasm could be shown in every aspect of school life, we would not have much cause to worry in the future.

M.J.E.W.

RESULTS

RUGBY

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|----------|-------|
| October 8th | v Fettes | (H) Lost | 0-28 |
| October 15th | v Belmont House | (A) Won | 27-12 |
| October 18th | v Lomond | (A) Lost | 12-16 |
| November 5th | v Ardvreck | (H) Lost | 7-10 |
| November 19th | v New Park | (H) Won | 7-6 |
| November 26th | v Clifton Hall | (A) Lost | 0-18 |

HOCKEY

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|------------|---------------|---------|-----|
| March 9th | v Craigflower | (H) Won | 2-1 |
| March 18th | v Fettes | (A) Won | 2-0 |
| March 21st | v New Park | (H) Won | 3-0 |

SKI-ING

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|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 2nd | Prep. Schools Ski Race (Glencoe). Team place 6th. (G. D. E. Baillie, D. C. MacLellan, A. E. J. Wood, K. McLachlan). |
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CRICKET

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 13th | RILEY 94 LOMOND 30 (R. W. N. Kilpatrick 5 for 7) Won by 64 runs. |
| May 16th | RILEY 48 NEW PARK 18 (A. G. Reid 5 for 4) Won by 30 runs. |
| May 20th | RILEY 112 (R. W. N. Kilpatrick 51) LATHALLAN 82 (A. S. Anderson 5 for 25, R. W. N. Kilpatrick 5 for 32) Won by 30 runs. |
| May 30th | BELMONT HOUSE 55 (A. S. Anderson 5 for 26) RILEY 57 for 0 Won by 10 wickets. |
| June 17th | RILEY 69 for 7 dec. CRAIGFLOWER 72 for 6 Lost by 4 wickets. |
| June 24th | CROFTINLOAN 64 RILEY 58 for 7 Match drawn. |
| June 28th | CLIFTON HALL 68 RILEY 64 Lost by 4 runs |
| July 4th | ARDVRECK 151 for 8 dec. (R. W. N. Kilpatrick 5 for 43) RILEY 37 Lost by 115 runs |

ATHLETICS

| Event | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Time/Distance |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 100m | Churchill | Fairbairn | MacLellan | 13.6" (record) |
| 200m | Churchill | MacLellan | Fairbairn & McLachlan | 28.1" |
| 400m | Churchill | MacLellan | Kilpatrick | 65.0" |
| 800m | Churchill | Fairweather | McLachlan | 2' 32.9" (record) |
| 1500m | Churchill | Fairweather | MacLellan | 5' 16.0" |
| High Jump | Churchill | McLachlan | Fairbairn | 1m 33 |
| Long Jump | Fairbairn | Kilpatrick | Wood | 4m 40 |
| 4x100m | Islay | Glencoe | Drumfinn | 58.4" |

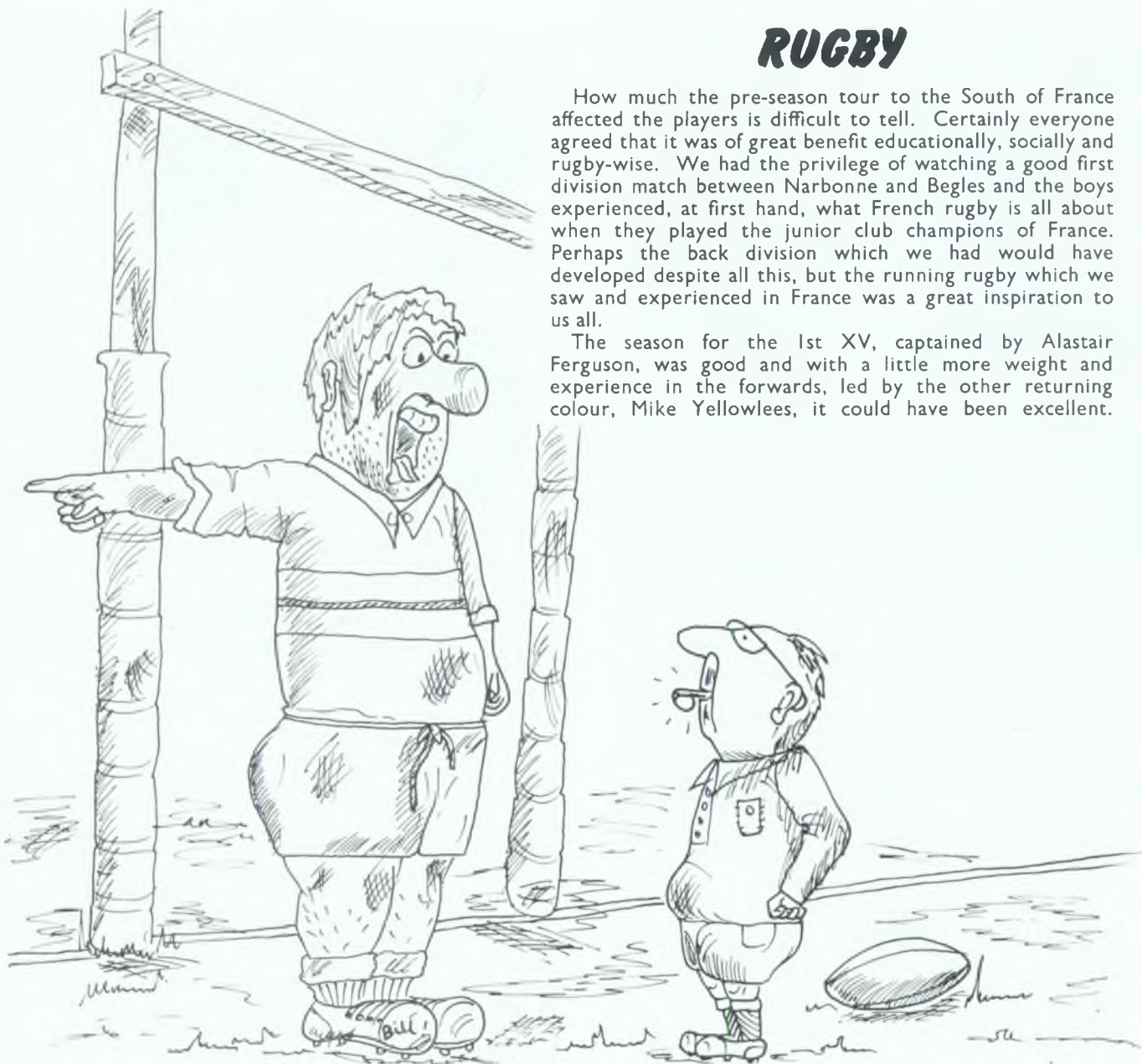
Relay

Victor Ludorum: C. R. Churchill.

RUGBY

How much the pre-season tour to the South of France affected the players is difficult to tell. Certainly everyone agreed that it was of great benefit educationally, socially and rugby-wise. We had the privilege of watching a good first division match between Narbonne and Begles and the boys experienced, at first hand, what French rugby is all about when they played the junior club champions of France. Perhaps the back division which we had would have developed despite all this, but the running rugby which we saw and experienced in France was a great inspiration to us all.

The season for the 1st XV, captained by Alastair Ferguson, was good and with a little more weight and experience in the forwards, led by the other returning colour, Mike Yellowlees, it could have been excellent.



Injuries were not bad overall but they happened to key players at awkward moments. There was not the usual trepidation for the match against the Strathallian Club, the 1st XV having met several budding 'Spangheros' and 'Svengalis.' Tries by G. Millar, on the wing, and A. Inglis, in the centre, showed to good advantage the running and handling of the backs. M. Yellowlees added a try and a penalty and Smellie a conversion. This was the first win over the Old Boys for some years and it did morale a lot of good. The first few School matches were now to produce an abundance of tries.

After a disastrous first half against the much improved Perth Academy the team picked itself off the floor and scored 23 points in the second half, M. Yellowlees and G. Millar each getting two tries and D. Stewart and A. Ferguson one each. Outstanding features already emerging were the powerful running of G. Millar, the ferocious drive of M. Yellowlees and the immaculate, adventurous running of A. Ferguson. Rannoch were not as strong as they had been in the previous two seasons but the game was by no means as much a walk-over as the score-line suggests; certainly, the forwards did not dominate as much as we would have liked but it was good to see the backs scoring ten tries (Millar 4, Smellie 2, Ferguson 2, Ogilvie and Baird one each). Keil, as usual, were no easy side to beat but this time we were well in control from the moment Dave Sim made a superb break followed by a well-timed pass to put Millar in for a try and but for some very scrappy play the score-line would have been much more presentable.

The first real opposition of the season was a very powerful and experienced Fettes side. In the first half the XV rose to the occasion—a beautiful try by Millar and two penalties by Smellie gave us a ten point lead at half-time. Unfortunately over-confidence and a lack of concentration on our part and weight and experience beginning to tell from the opposition meant that the initiative swung to the Fettes side as the score-line moved to 10–18. Another superbly constructed try by the backs, scored this time by the right wing Smellie, made the score 14–18. Chances were there to be taken in the gruelling last quarter but having missed them we conceded another try to Fettes in an enthralling game.

A very sad loss before the Glenalmond match was the Captain with a broken thumb and without his steadying influence over the backs we allowed the opposition too

much space in the backs, gave them twelve points and thereafter were never really in the game. However, having had a little more time to work out the problems which had confronted A. Baird our reserve full back, there was more confidence to face Loretto. This proved to be a very tough game and the pack, with newcomers E. Grant and A. Caithness, had to work overtime to produce the much needed ball. At half-time we were 4–0 ahead through a try by Sim but a lot of good ball and many scoring opportunities were wasted. I. Ogilvie who played consistently well at scrum half throughout the season was having an exceptionally good game. As we have found in the past Loretto never give up and only a match-saving covering tackle by Millar kept the score at 10–6.

The Half-Term break was just long enough to allow the return of Ferguson for the Merchiston match and the backs, with excellent prompting from scrum-half Ogilvie, returned to their most scintillating form. The only dampener on the 22–6 victory was that Millar had broken his thumb and was to miss most of the remaining matches. Smellie, who was later chosen to represent Scottish Schoolboys, got a hat-trick of tries and Millar and Ferguson scored one each.

In the first half against Edinburgh Academy it did not seem that we had the same XV on the pitch and with a score-line of 4–19 at half-time, gloom and despondency were spreading over the Strathallian supporters. The second half was to see the forwards playing some of their best rugby in winning the ball and supporting the backs. With ten minutes or so still to play the score was 18–19 but unfortunately, although chances were created, we did not finish well—the pressure was a little too frenetic and players cut back inside rather than use gaps outside.

On a rather bleak day the only inner warmth to be gained was the satisfaction of a 14–3 victory against Morrison's Academy. Certainly our front row and in particular Biggart and Grant will want to forget this bruising battle! The biennial trip to Gordonstoun proved to be as enjoyable as ever socially and as successful on the field. However, a 22–7 victory was poor recompense for the overall superiority, particularly in the first half. This match did show how well Potts had been developing as a line-out specialist and the previous games had seen the latter and Henderson developing their supporting and ball-winning roles in the loose. Yellowlees once again showed great determination throughout and scored two tries. In retrospect it may well have been our poorish play in the second half which set the mood for the Dollar Academy game. In

addition, Ferguson was injured and our stalwart hooker Biggart and the much-improved loose-head prop Grant were required to present themselves for an academic exercise. Whatever it was this was a badly played game on our part and Dollar received very gratefully all the chances offered to them.

After having to watch such a dismal display it was good to see such a contrast for the final school game against Glasgow Academy. Apart from Biggart it was the full 1st XV:

Ferguson, A. W.*; Millar, G. R.*; Sim, D.*; Smellie, D. A.*; Cunningham, C. M.; Ogilvie, I. G.*; Grant, E. M.; Gerrard, I. F.; Henderson, I. A.*; Potts, W. M.*; McIntosh, J. D.; Yellowlees, M. J.*; Caithness, A. B.; Muir, A. A.

(those marked with an asterisk and Biggart were awarded full 1st XV colours).

Grant scored the first try from a line-out melee and then Cunningham, the fly half, got his first try of the season and it was well worth waiting for—side-stepping and swaying like a palm tree through the defence it was a try of which even Barry John would have been proud. Inglis then made an intelligent break and sold a dummy to score. In the second half support play showed the overall strength of the side and McIntosh, who showed himself to be a more than capable and thinking forward, was there to support the deceptively quick and elusive Sim and score. Millar and Ferguson also added tries each and Smellie kicked two conversions and one penalty.

Once again the Sevens went into action and my thanks this year must go to Dave Smellie and Ian Ogilvie for their help in organising practices. We were defending the cup won last year at the Perth Academy Sevens and did extremely well, losing 12-6 to Stewart's-Melville in the final, considering that the side included two Colts and two 2nd XV players.

As for the remaining sides it was good to see the 3rd and 4th XV's having a better season under Mr Ball and Mr Hoskin. I would like to thank the latter on behalf of the Club for his valuable time spent on coaching and photographing—we wish him well on his return to Australia. The Senior Colts coached by Mr Barratt proved to be the most successful side with M. C. Phillips as their captain. He and his backs were able to make good use of the ample ball provided by a mobile and capable pack and the score-line against suggests a determined defence in which D. Ogilvie was outstanding. Both Junior and Minor Colts had disappointing seasons—we hope that there will be plenty of late developers here!

My thanks must go once again to all the masters who have encouraged and coached at all levels throughout the season. In particular this year I would like to thank all those who do not take first games and yet manage to get enough enthusiasm and expertise coming through; 'B' XV fixtures are now a permanent feature of the list and their success depends very much on the coaches. In addition, for their continuing efforts behind the scenes, thanks to Mrs Plizka, Mr Spence and all their helpers.

NOTE.

The School and the Rugby Club would like to thank the Carswell brothers for their kind donation of a scrummaging machine. This is most essential and will be of great benefit throughout the School.

B.R.

RUGBY RESULTS

1ST XV

School Matches

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| v Perth Academy | won | 31-7 |
| v Rannoch School | won | 60-0 |
| v Keil School | won | 24-0 |
| v Fettes College | lost | 14-22 |
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | lost | 0-21 |
| v Loretto School | won | 10-6 |
| v Merchiston Castle School | won | 22-6 |
| v Edinburgh Academy | lost | 18-19 |
| v Morrison's Academy | won | 14-3 |
| v Gordonstoun School | won | 22-7 |
| v Dollar Academy | lost | 9-27 |
| v Glasgow Academy | won | 31-0 |

Club Match

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| v Strathallian Club | won | 17-12 |
|---------------------|-----|-------|

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|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|
| Schools: | Played 12 | Won 8 | Lost 4 |
| | Points for: 255 | Points against: 118 | |
| All matches: | Played 13 | Won 9 | Lost 4 |
| | Points for: 272 | Points against: 140 | |



The game against Loretto reaches a thrilling climax watched by two men and a dog.



The Strathallian Club, however, brought along rather more supporters than usual.

2ND XV

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| v Edinburgh Academy | lost | 6-20 |
| v Queen Victoria School 1st XV | lost | 6-12 |
| v Fettes College | lost | 6-45 |
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | lost | 0-26 |
| v Loretto School | lost | 3-26 |
| v Merchiston Castle School | won | 10-7 |
| v Morrison's Academy | won | 36-6 |
| v Aberdeenshire Colts | won | 44-0 |
| v Glasgow Academy | won | 13-4 |
| Played 9 | Won 4 | Lost 5 |
| Points for: 124 | Points against: 146 | |

3RD XV

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| v Rannoch School 2nd XV | won | 12-4 |
| v Fettes College | lost | 0-21 |
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | lost | 0-8 |
| v Loretto School | lost | 0-17 |
| v Merchiston Castle School | won | 37-6 |
| v Edinburgh Academy 4th XV | won | 14-6 |
| v Dollar Academy | won | 11-0 |
| v Glasgow Academy | won | 7-0 |
| v Perth High School 1st XV | won | 12-4 |
| Played 9 | Won 6 | Lost 3 |
| Points for: 93 | Points against: 66 | |

4TH XV

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| v Queen Victoria School 2nd XV | won | 38-0 |
| v Fettes College | lost | 4-14 |
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | lost | 0-26 |
| v Loretto School | won | 24-0 |
| v Edinburgh Academy 5th XV | won | 35-0 |
| v Dollar Academy | won | 19-0 |
| v Glasgow Academy | won | 50-0 |
| Played 7 | Won 5 | Lost 2 |
| Points for: 170 | Points against: 40 | |

5TH XV

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| v Loretto School | won | 22-3 |
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | lost | 6-16 |
| v Glasgow Academy | won | 14-12 |

6TH XV

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | lost | 4-16 |
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SENIOR COLTS XV

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| v Rannoch School | won | 32-0 |
| v Perth Academy | won | 31-0 |
| v Keil School | won | 7-0 |
| v Fettes College | won | 13-3 |
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | lost | 0-32 |
| v Loretto School | won | 46-6 |
| v Merchiston Castle School | won | 40-0 |
| v Edinburgh Academy | won | 22-0 |
| v Gordonstoun School | won | 15-6 |
| v Dollar Academy | won | 40-0 |

Played 10 Won 9 Lost 1

Points for: 246 Points against: 47

JUNIOR COLTS XV

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| v Edinburgh Academy | lost | 0-28 |
| v Perth Academy | won | 34-18 |
| v Rannoch School | lost | 12-13 |
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | lost | 12-24 |
| v Fettes College | lost | 0-28 |
| v Loretto School | lost | 6-7 |
| v Merchiston Castle School | lost | 0-28 |
| v Queen Victoria School | won | 6-4 |
| v Dollar Academy | won | 30-0 |
| v Glasgow Academy | lost | 0-12 |

Played 10 Won 3 Lost 7

Points for: 100 Points against: 162

MINOR COLTS XV

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| v Edinburgh Academy | lost | 10-25 |
| v Perth Academy | won | 54-3 |
| v Rannoch School | lost | 8-12 |
| v Trinity College, Glenalmond | drawn | 8-8 |
| v Lathallan | won | 26-6 |
| v Fettes College | lost | 4-34 |
| v Loretto School | lost | 9-15 |
| v Merchiston Castle School | lost | 4-18 |
| v Queen Victoria School | won | 32-0 |
| v Glasgow Academy | lost | 4-12 |
| v Dollar Academy | won | 38-8 |

Played 11 Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 6

Points for: 197 Points against: 141



Racing-Club Narbonnais

NARBONNE '78

'Narbonne!' shouted Rich Morris at 6 o'clock on Saturday morning as the train slowed and pulled to a halt in Carcassonne. Fortunately the resulting barrage of abuse was drowned by the train pulling away and half an hour later we staggered out of the train at Narbonne. On arrival at the 'Maison des Jeunes et de la Culture' (M.J.C.) we were told that fifty ballerinas were also in residence—again. This news was greeted by groans and moans—of elation, ecstasy and expectation and an instinctive calculation from Jerry, 'That's two and a half each.'

We decided to invade 'Narbonne Plage' after lunch and enjoyed a magnificently hot afternoon there or thereabouts. Tam Stewart and Mr Swain were both very trigger-happy with their trusty cameras. Was it just that it was a nice day for taking photographs or could the fact that several young ladies had relieved themselves of the top

halves of their bathing attire have any bearing on the matter? After tea/dinner back at the M.J.C. the rest of the day (and most of the following morning) were spent exploring Narbonne. Eventually everyone found their way to the second floor.

So, suitably prepared, we set off on Sunday evening for our match against Canet which despite very hot weather we won 21-4. After the apres-match speeches by our host and B.R. (in a French dialect characterised by a prominent Durham accent) and a sizeable meal, avoiding what may be politely described as a wine-tasting session against the clock, most of us wandered either round Canet with a band of merry Frenchmen or back to the cafe—the customary place of rest during the tour. Eventually we all returned to the M.J.C. for a disco—a disco packed with bizarre entertainments! Writhing Richard Smith doing the 'Dead Fly' in the middle of the floor and J.D. treating us to an 'uggy' in the middle of 'Brown Girl in the Ring.'



We decided to go to the beach on Monday and accordingly the weather changed for the worse—the wind whipping up the sea into huge waves. However, undaunted, Callum among others went for a swim and obviously overjoyed with the fine weather decided in true Gallic spirit to go 'back to nature' and promptly had his trunks snatched out of his hands by the waves for his troubles. While he was

still in this unfortunate position a young lady passed by and copied his example not fifty yards down the shore. So our roving reporter, camera in hand, edged along the beach with about as much subtlety as a T-34 battle tank but the young lady, obviously on her guard, was heading for the showers before you could say 'Tractor.' Meanwhile as Callum frenziedly waded up and down the shallows Andy discovered that oranges make a much nicer noise than cricket balls when they strike. In the evening the heavens opened but we all enjoyed an action-packed thriller of a film at the M.J.C. starring—yes, you've guessed it—Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. On Tuesday we travelled to Carcassonne, then to a closed swimming pool at Lezignan where Philip Prynne discovered that large soft tomatoes are better than oranges. I doubt if Al Henderson will ever forgive him.

On Wednesday, because we were playing at Sigean in the evening (we lost 0-7) and so couldn't go to the beach, the sun came out again. There was a barbecue after a reception at the town hall where we had our fill of bangers of both types—the French team took a fancy to throwing fire-crackers all over the place. On Thursday four went back to Canet to sample some more of their hospitality and B.R. with V.S.S. and two of the more cultured members of the party visited a wine wholesaler to see around and to learn how to TASTE wine. Friday, unfortunately the last day, was spent trying to scrape together the odd centime to buy presents which we had all promised to take back. Even the famous 'Credit Mitchell's' liquid assets were beginning to run low. In the evening after Narbonne Cadets beat us 24-0 there was a reception at the M.J.C. followed by the French idea of a Scottish meal—sausage roll and chips (wine too of course).

A last few beers on the Boulevard and that was our French holiday over. B.R. and V.S.S. were presented on the bus to the station with Narbonne R.C. T-shirts for having risked their sanity in coming with us; trying to control us; translating for us and trying every morning to get us all up for breakfast (an impossible task!). We arrived in Paris, virtually broke, at breakfast time and even the eight francs needed for breakfast was beyond most of us. So we spent our time scouring the pavements for francs and trying to find peaches small enough to afford. Almost at the stage of grovelling in dustbins we set off for Dieppe and the ferry to take us back to sunny Britain.

J.B.M.

HOCKEY

Snug in the Sports Hall indoor hockey flourished throughout the winter. The new House competition created much interest. Freeland, under vociferous captaincy, proved easy and worthy winners. Through the kindness of Dennis Hay we were able to play the occasional 'real' game at Bell's Sports Centre, and represent the public schools in an inter-district tournament. In the latter we faced experienced opponents but learnt the techniques quickly enough to manage a creditable third place.

After such a cruel winter for games it seemed impossible that the outdoor season would suffer too. But, despite the vested interest of the master i/c weather, the rains came and a third of the School fixtures were cancelled. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th XI's were particularly badly hit, but when they did play the results were good. The Senior Colts XI was a competent side and, although not having the striking power of recent years' teams, lost only one fixture. There was no shortage of skill at Junior Colts level, but lack of determination to win meant a mixed season. Drive was not lacking in the Riley XI and a fine 100% record was the result.

The 1st XI suffered least from cancellations and proved an exceptional side. M. J. Yellowlees, A. W. Ferguson and I. F. Gerrard all got Scottish Schoolboy caps, and R. J. Brewster was also invited for preliminary training. For Scotland and the School Yellowlees' hitting power (not, despite rumours, directed at fellow Strathallians) was a feature of every game, and his combination with Ferguson's reliable hand-stopping produced many fine corner conversions. Brewster's sound tactical play alongside Yellowlees at full back meant that the goalkeeper, J. D. McIntosh, was seldom under pressure, but what he had to do he did well.

The wing-halves, A. O. Inglis and A. C. B. Baird, were similar players, not speedy but with good positional sense and sound in the tackle. Ferguson's ability to dominate midfield was a key factor in the side's success. He always seemed to have time to control the ball, beat an opponent and redirect the attack. The forwards' ability to score hinged on D. Sim's direct approach and accuracy. The heavy grounds did not suit I. F. Gerrard's and R. A. Stone-Wiggs delicate stickwork but both had fine games. The young wingers, H. R. Laing and D. L. Ogilvie, developed well in such experienced company.

At first a 2-4-4 formation, with Ferguson and Sim in midfield, was employed. There was no difficulty in overcoming a disappointing Watson's side in the opening fixture but against Loretto this pattern worked poorly. Not until late in the game did we begin to create chances and although a draw was a fair result it was a sub-standard performance. A remarkable goal by Stone-Wigg from the bully-off, without an opponent touching the ball, got us off to an excellent start against Gordonstoun. Another from Ferguson put Strathallan in control by half-time, but, as so often in hockey, concentration slipped and, although by the end we were asserting ourselves again, a well-taken short corner by Gordonstoun made the game tense for much of the second half.



THE UNBEATEN 1st XI

In the matches so far good openings were made but insufficient forwards were in the circle to shoot, so against Perthshire five forwards were tried with the burden of centre-half falling on Ferguson. Five goals were scored and, despite our conceding more than usual, the play was enterprising and enjoyable. Thorny Shades was waterlogged for the Fettes match and we were forced to play away for the fourth successive year. Despite the ground disadvantage Strathallan romped home with a skilful display which overcame the heavy ground. Four goals by half-time was a measure of the dominance achieved. Fettes got one back in the second half, but Sim's third goal set the seal on our best win for some years.

Heavy rain looked likely to ruin our next game with a touring side from Christ's College, Cambridge. At first only indoor matches were attempted, and our experience of local rules proved too much for the visitors. But strong winds and bouts of sunshine dried the pitch enough to make a late start possible. An early goal gave us first-half control but the talents of one or two of the undergraduates were too much for us in the second half and a converted corner gave them a well-deserved draw. We were pleased to give such a pleasant group hospitality and hope it will not be long before they come again.

The 1st XI season ended with another new fixture against Harris Academy. This was played on the excellent Dundee University 'blaze' pitch. Once Strathallan had adapted to the fast surface and recovered from conceding an early goal, some disciplined, aggressive hockey was played. Sim collected another hat-trick and Harris was overwhelmed. What an asset an all-weather pitch would be at Forgan-denny!

The term was fittingly concluded by retention of the Perth Academy Six-a-Side Cup. With Gerrard in remarkable scoring form the 'A' team comfortably reached the final and demonstrated the value of a goalkeeper in this type of hockey when penalty strokes decided the trophy after a 0-0 draw with Perth Academy.

The credit for such a successful season goes to the senior players who have, without exception, been keen to improve their individual skills by hard practice, willing to take advice and, above all, determined to win. My particular thanks go to Yellowlees for good leadership and remarkable personal performances, to Gerrard for organising the indoor sessions so well and to Brewster for efficient secretarial work. All hockey enthusiasts thank Matron and Sister for tolerating so many mud-spattered shirts and overnight visitors, and all those foolhardy masters who tooted a flute so willingly.



Mike dares **anyone** to come any nearer!

RESULTS

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|------|
| 1ST XI | | | |
| v George Watson's College | Away | Won | 10-0 |
| v Loretto | Away | Drawn | 1-1 |
| v Gordonstoun | Home | Won | 2-1 |
| v Perthshire H.C. | Home | Won | 5-3 |
| v Fettes | Away | Won | 5-1 |
| v Christ's College, Cambridge | Home | Drawn | 1-1 |
| v Harris Academy | Away | Won | 6-2 |
| 2ND XI | | | |
| v George Watson's College | Away | Won | 17-0 |
| v Loretto | Away | Won | 3-1 |
| v Lendrick Muir | Home | Won | 8-1 |
| 3RD XI | | | |
| v Loretto | Away | Drawn | 1-1 |
| v Perth High School | Home | Won | 2-0 |
| SENIOR COLTS | | | |
| v Loretto | Home | Drawn | 1-1 |
| v Gordonstoun | Home | Won | 2-0 |
| v Fettes | Away | Lost | 0-1 |
| v Harris Academy | Away | Won | 1-0 |
| JUNIOR COLTS | | | |
| v Loretto | Home | Lost | 1-3 |
| v Lathallan ('A' XI) | Away | Won | 5-1 |
| v Fettes | Away | Won | 2-1 |
| v Fettes ('A' XI) | Away | Lost | 2-3 |
| OVERALL RECORD (including Riley House) | | | |
| Played 23; Won 16; Drawn 4; Lost 3; Goals for 82; Goals against 23. | | | |
| (13 matches were cancelled). | | | |

TEAMS

1ST XI

M. J. Yellowlees* (Captain), R. J. Brewster* (Secretary), J. D. McIntosh*, I. F. Gerrard*, R. A. Stone-Wigg*, A. W. Ferguson*, A. O. Inglis*, D. Sim*, A. C. B. Baird*, H. R. Laing†, D. L. Ogilvie†.

*Colours. †Half-colours.

2ND XI

A. J. E. Turner (Captain), C. A. Crone, C. R. Taylor, J. M. Grant, R. C. Inglis, I. A. Niven, K. C. Burton, R. M. Mitchell, I. G. Ogilvie, A. C. S. Macphie, C. M. Cunningham, A. C. Fairbairn, G. M. Strommen, J. B. McDougall, J. B. Callander, J. M. McPhail, P. J. Macdonald.

3RD XI

J. B. Callander (Captain), G. R. Brown, D. H. Prosser, A. C. Fairbairn, G. M. Strommen, R. A. Smith, J. B. McDougall, A. A. Muir, E. W. Hamilton, D. J. Bain, C. B. Campbell, A. S. E. Henderson.

SENIOR COLTS

K. I. MacLachlan (Captain), J. C. Foster, K. Knox, K. W. A. Wood, G. F. G. Mackenzie, A. J. Cunningham, N. W. Macpherson, G. C. Maclean, D. J. Rourke, M. Agnew, C. A. Macleod, C. J. E. Houston, A. S. E. Henderson, D. J. Watson.

JUNIOR COLTS

G. B. Hedges (Captain), V. Patidar, P. K. Reid, C. J. Cracknell, P. D. Niven, J. A. R. Coleman, D. A. McLaren, T. J. Coard, M. W. Lightbody, B. D. Montgomerie, M. J. S. Hulme, G. Roger.

HOUSE MATCHES

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|---------|---|
| Preliminary round | Nicol | 4 | Simpson | 1 |
| Semi-finals | Nicol | 4 | Ruthven | 3 |
| | Freeland | 6 | Leburn | 0 |
| Final | Freeland | 4 | Nicol | 3 |
| HOUSE LEAGUES | won by Freeland | | | |

SKIING

Compared to last season, the season 1977-78 can be described as a success.

It did not seem however that we would set the heather and rocks on fire after a somewhat disappointing performance in the British Schools' Race at Hillend in December. Out of the thirty teams competing, we could only manage 13th place. Individual placings were as follows: Ronnie Duncan 22nd, Frank Benzie's 44th, Tony Baillie c.80th, while Mike Yellowlees fell on his second run. All sorts of excuses arise (hired skis, hangovers, it was raining) but the truth is that only Ronnie had had experience racing on plastic.

The New Year trip to Leysin was a success, but a warning to everyone—don't go by coach to London. Pinball and a mug of tea at 4 a.m. is not much fun. The highlight of the holiday was no doubt the cheese fondue, after which most people showed their appreciation to the chef. However the ski-ing was better. Most people had never ski-ed in powder before which provided a lot of laughs. There are even some enthusiasts who claim that ski-ing the powder in the kilt adds a whole new dimension to the word—exhilaration.

However, while we were having fun wee Ronnie 'Boris' Duncan was performing extremely well in the British Junior Championships in Courmayeur. He was 6th in the Giant Slalom, 2nd in the Slalom and 3rd in the Combined Result. He performed consistently throughout the season except in the East of Scotland Junior Championships, when, after winning the Slalom, he fell in the Giant Slalom.

In the Scottish Schools Race at Cairngorm we did not perform well and only managed 9th place. The next week, however, we were determined to put on a better display in the Army Championships. Indeed we did. Entered as a cadet team we took on and beat the best that the Army could produce. Corporal Benzie's and Cadet Duncan were first and second respectively and we won a very handsome pot for being 1st Cadet Team.



'Where's he gone? ...'



'... where's who gone?'

In the Perthshire Schools Race we entered a Senior and Under-16 team, eager to regain the titles we disappointingly lost last year. The Senior team all performed well except Tony Baillie who wanted to be remembered as the only racer to miss the last gate. Ronnie had the fastest time of the day while Frank Benzies and Mike 'S.B.' Yellowlees came third and fourth. Needless to say we won the Senior event. Colin Houston won the Under-16 individual title but his team narrowly failed to regain the team trophy.

The forecast of wicked climatic conditions was the principal reason for the cancellation of the House Race. The trophy therefore remains with Nicol upon whom the pundits and bookmakers were quoting odds unlikely to attract any but the wealthiest of punters.

Frank S. Benzies.



One of the few editorial perks is being able to sneak in lunatic pictures of oneself celebrating Hogmanay in Leysin.



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INTER-HOUSE BOXING

As usual the training took place under the gloves of Mr Henderson in the winter term and the competition was staged in the first half of the spring term. After a few muffled announcements the bouts got under way and brought to us some very good boxing in the preliminary rounds with some very plucky performances from Levick, Mennie, Wallace and Anderson. The determination of the boxers in the final was shown up with only two bouts going the full distance. Here again there were some outstanding boxers in Dajani, MacLeod, Hughes, Mackenzie and Smith.

I would like to thank Mr Burnet for presenting the prizes, the judges for judging, the seconds for seconding, the boxers for boxing and Mr Henderson for the tremendous effort and time he put into making the competition a success.

Individual Winners:

| | | |
|--------------|---------------------|-----|
| Mosquito | Smith, A. M. | (F) |
| Fly | Hughes, J. T. | (F) |
| Bantam | Turnbull, W. J. C. | (N) |
| Feather | McFarlane, P. A. | (N) |
| Light | MacLeod, C. A. | (S) |
| Light-Welter | Cracknell, C. J. | (L) |
| Welter | Goodbourn, B. M. | (S) |
| Light-Middle | Cuthbertson, M. S. | (N) |
| Middle | Russell, P. D. | (S) |
| Light-Heavy | Mackenzie, G. F. G. | (N) |
| Heavy 'B' | Raeside, S. D. | (N) |
| Heavy 'A' | Dajani, S. N. | (L) |

Team results:

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| 1. Nicol | 65 pts. |
| 2. Simpson | 45 pts. |
| 3. } Freeland | |
| 3. } Leburn | 41 pts. |
| 5. Ruthven | 35 pts. |

C.M.C.

SQUASH

Players:

R. A. Stone-Wigg*, Capt.
A. W. Ferguson*
I. F. Gerrard*
N. A. Stone-Wigg*

J. D. McIntosh*
W. M. Potts
J. B. Callander*

*Colours.

We entered three major competitions this year: the Dundee and District League, the Perth and Dundee Districts Knock-out Competition and the Colinton Schools Competition in Edinburgh.

DUNDEE DISTRICT LEAGUE

Out of our first nine matches we were beaten only twice, each time by Grange 1 by 2 matches to 3. The rest, against comparatively weak opposition, we won 5-0. This put us at the top of the league with 140 points compared to Grange, our nearest rivals with 132 points. With one match remaining we had only to win one game to clinch the league. However, our final match against Forthill coincided with a hockey match and four of our original team had to be substituted. The result was disastrous. All lost 3-0 leaving us with 140 points. Grange won comfortably and joined us with 140 points. We had now lost three matches and with Grange only losing two they were declared champions.

PERTH, DUNDEE AND DISTRICT COMPETITION

This was a great success with Strath. winning all the first round matches 5-0. In the semi-final we beat North Fife 4-1 and in the final beat Forthill 3-2.

COLINTON SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Being forty miles from Edinburgh we cannot enter the Edinburgh League and thus miss the greater competition that the Edinburgh Schools get. Against much stronger opposition than is usual we did well to come seventh out of sixteen.

House Champions: Senior: Freeland.
Junior: Leburn.

Individual Champions: Senior: A. W. Ferguson.
Junior: J. C. Foster.

R.A.S.-W.

Cross~Country

Captain: R. G. Galloway.

The season started off with a match just after Half Term against Barnard Castle School, a touring Yorkshire school team, in which we lost heavily. But in our second match we won a triangular fixture against Keil and Rannoch, which was in fact our only overall win. Galloway won his race and there were good performances from Roger in the under-15's and MacLellan in the under-13's. The next match was also a triangular match against Kelvinside Academy and Kirkcaldy High School which we lost by one point to Kirkcaldy. Morris and Galloway ran exceptionally well enabling the Senior team to win.

The Scottish Schools Championship was held on March 11th at Heriot Watt playing fields under rather slippery conditions. Determined running from Galloway (29th) and Turnbull (79th) placed Strath. 11th out of the 22 schools competing. Following the Scottish Schools we competed in a triangular match against Merchiston and Edinburgh Academy in Edinburgh. We lost despite some good individual performances, particularly by MacLellan who gained first place in the under-13's race.

The cross-country trophy race was run for its second year at the end of term. Galloway won in a record time of 43 minutes 27.1 seconds with Morris and MacLeod 2nd and 3rd respectively.

This ended a rather mixed season overall which was by no means bad but disappointing in comparison to last year's.

The Inter-house cross-country results were:

| Seniors | Middles | Juniors | Overall |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 Leburn | Ruthven | Freeland | Ruthven |
| 2 Ruthven | Leburn | Nicol | Leburn |
| 3 Nicol | Simpson | Simpson | Freeland |
| 4 Freeland | Nicol | Ruthven | Nicol |
| 5 Simpson | Freeland | Leburn | Simpson |
| | | | R.G.G. |



'It ain't half deep mum.'



'Don't just lie there—dig yourself out!'

SHOOTING

As a result of a large proportion of the 'A' team leaving last summer a new team had to be built up. After just losing to the Old Boys, who had a large number of ex-Shooting Captains, we did well to beat Rannoch in the Winter Term.

'A' and 'B' teams were entered for the B.S.S.R.A. postal competition both finishing third in their respective leagues.

In the Spring Term the House Shooting Competition took place, Freeland winning the cup.

The individual shooting cup was awarded to I. R. Robertson for having the best average in the B.S.S.R.A. competition.

The following shot for the 'A' team:

W. A. G. Baxter, C. H. Dewhurst, M. J. Elkins, A. O. Inglis, and I. R. Robertson.

The following shot for the 'B' team:

C. W. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, E. M. Grant, D. G. F. Griffiths, R. C. Inglis, K. W. Knox, J. M. C. Livingston, D. A. Walker, R. G. Walker.

C. H. Dewhurst is appointed Captain for the 1978-79 season.

W. A. G. Baxter, C. H. Dewhurst and M. J. Elkins were awarded their shooting colours.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The most noticeable improvements in training this year have been the enormous amount of sailing that has been done, the initiative of the battlecraft section under N.C.O's and the increased use of the primary glider that has been launched a record number of times. The R.N. Section has been thrilled with the new launch.

We have been particularly lucky in the boys who have been in charge of the Corps—Under Officer Galloway (R.N.), P.O. Russell (R.N.), C.S.M. Yellowlees (Army) and W.O. Smellie (R.A.F.). They have been very well supported by their subordinate N.C.O's. Pipe Major C. Caithness has been in charge of the Band.

In the colder months Presentations were given by the Royal Engineers, the R.C.T. Lecture team and the Golden Lions. Just about everything went wrong with the projector for the Golden Lions, but eventually a frightening film of Free-fall parachuting was shown, and apparently was received with enthusiasm because there was an epidemic of parachute jumping at Strathallan Airfield in summer led by Cadets Boyd and McConchie. Sheriff Gimson also kindly lectured on the War in S.E. Asia and we were privileged to see his unique drawings done in a P.O.W. Camp.

For the first time we entered a team in the Army Ski Championships and won the C.C.F. race. Benzies and Duncan were 1st and 2nd in the individual race. I hope this will be repeated. M. Yellowlees also went on the R.A. Rugby tour in B.A.O.R.

The Scottish Schools Band Competition was held at Strathallan on the 16th of June on a lovely day, when the winning Band turned out to be Glenalmond. The Lower VIth 'volunteered' to do all the chores and did them very well. My thanks also goes to the Officers who did all the difficult liaison jobs and marks, to the Judges from the S.P.B.A. and the Army, including our friend R.S.M. Scott of 36 C.T.T., and to Mrs Burnet who presented the prizes. As in the Glasgow competition we were unplaced and our best achievements were Piper Fairbairn and Cpl. Campbell who were each 5th in the individual Piping and Drumming respectively.

Camps and courses have been very well attended and have included H.M.S. MERCURY, R.M. Poole and Lympstone, H.M.S. COCHRANE, sea-time in H.M.S. REPTON and in the Western Isles and the Channel, a F.T. in the Clyde, Malta, Gutersloh, R.A.F. Wyton, 38 Engineer Regiment Ripon, and Arran. W.O. Smellie and Cpl. McLaren are specially to be congratulated on passing their Advanced Gliding Certificate at Arbroath.

For me, and perhaps for others, the height of the year came on 19th May, when Lt. General Sir David Scott-Barrett, G.O.C. Scotland, carried out the Inspection. His bubbling enthusiasm and interest brought the best out of everyone. He inspected and

chatted to the Guard and the Pipes and Drums, saw that Sgt. Morton's telephone network really functioned, told Cadet Dobbie how to cook sausages, made Cpl. McIntosh bring down fire on Mr Pennie's tractor, got Cadet Durno immediately obedient and wet, tried to get P.O. Russell to soak his Staff Officer, but failed, argued with Cpl. Graham on how to survive, sent the glider up—and down—foxed Cpl. Crone's mapreading skill, went down the Tay in the Harbourmaster's launch, saw the sailing, and after attending the Sunset Parade he addressed the Contingent.

In his report he pointed out several areas for improvement in a constructive way, but he also wrote:

'I was very pleased with Strathallan School C.C.F. . . . I particularly liked the attitude of quick-thinking resourcefulness of all the boys when faced by a series of unexpected challenges—they certainly are developing leadership qualities, have a sense of fun, and speak out well . . . I would like to congratulate all Officers and Cadets for giving me such an impressive, stimulating and encouraging glimpse of the future, and I only hope that a few of the boys in future years will be able to serve for some period of their lives as Officers in our Regular or Volunteer Forces, or in our major Voluntary Organizations.'

We have a lot to live up to next year.

T.C.G.F.



We are indebted to the 'Perthshire Advertiser' for permission to reproduce the above photograph of Lt.-General Sir David Scott-Barrett conducting his General Inspection.

How to get a Commission in the Regular Army.

There are a number of different ways, Regular and Short Service Commissions either direct through Sandhurst, or after a short Sandhurst course having graduated from University, Polytechnic or Colleges of Technology.

Army Scholarships

Up to 60 Scholarships are awarded annually to allow boys to remain at school, where facilities exist for Advanced level study to qualify for entry to Sandhurst or for Undergraduate Cadetships. Candidates must be between 15 years and 5 months and 16 years and 5 months on the 1st January for the Spring competition and on the 1st July for the Autumn competition. Selection is by interview. Maximum value of the Scholarships is £260 tuition fee and £125 maintenance grant.

Welbeck College

Candidates for one of the technical corps are given two years' VIth Form education and enter Sandhurst on successful completion. Candidates must be up to GCE 'O' level standard in English, Mathematics, Science (preferably Physics) and some other subjects of which Chemistry and a foreign language are desirable. They must be between the ages of 15 years and 9 months and 17 years and 2 months on the 1st January or the 1st September, the dates of entry to the College.

School Entry

Candidates between the ages of 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 20, must have five GCE passes (or equivalent), to include English language, Mathematics and either a Science subject or a foreign language. Two of these passes should be at Advanced level (or equivalent). Candidates who are not Army Scholars nor Welbexians must pass the Regular Commissions Board.

Undergraduate Cadetships

Cadetships are open to anyone who is over 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ and expects to graduate before his 25th birthday. Candidates must have

been accepted, or already be at a University, Polytechnic or College of Technology and must pass the Regular Commissions Board. Successful candidates will be granted a Commission on probation and will be paid £2,161 per year, plus tuition fees. After graduation you're granted a Regular Commission.

Undergraduate Bursary

Candidates to whom an award is made will be granted a bursary amounting to £900 per year to supplement any L.E.A. grant awarded. This will be effective while you study at a University, Polytechnic or College of Technology. On completion of your degree course you will be granted a three-year Short Service Commission at a salary of £4,249 plus a gratuity of £1,950 tax free if you leave after three years.

Graduate Entry

Graduates with Degrees in most subjects can be granted a direct Regular Commission, or a Short Service Commission. Graduates normally under 25 years of age on application appear before a Selection Board and if successful are eligible for a Commission at full Regular Army rates of pay - Antedate of Seniority is allowed, and is dependent on the class of Degree.

Short Service Commissions

Candidates must have at least five GCE 'O' level (or equivalent) passes, to include English language. Age limits are 18 to 26 for most Arms on entry. A Short Service Commission is initially for three years and may be extended up to eight years. A gratuity of £1,950 tax free will be paid if you leave after three years.

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



Schools Liaison Officer
Army Headquarters Scotland
Edinburgh EH1 2YX

Although it is not a part of the C.C.F. officially, I should like to express our deepest gratitude, thanks and respect for the way Keith Hosking has run the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme while he has been here. He has given enormous encouragement and confidence to so many boys, as well as providing them purposeful occupation and fun. I have never known anyone organise so much with so little fuss. Our warmest best wishes go with him for the future.

T.C.G.F.

R.A.F. SECTION

W.O. B. W. Steele.

W.O. D. A. Smellie.

F.Sgt. A. O. Inglis.

F.Sgt. R. A. Gardner.

F.Sgt. D. S. Muir.

F.Sgt. W. W. Graham.

Sgt. J. S. Thomson.

Sgt. H. H. Van Dongen.

Cpl. D. G. L. Hume.

Cpl. D. W. D. Ritchie.

Cpl. H. R. Postlethwaite.

Cpl. G. L. H. Kinder.

Cpl. A. H. McLaren.

During the Christmas Term we concentrated on R.A.F. Proficiency work and, although I was quite pleased with the effort put into this by the lecturing N.C.O's, the results were disappointing. 23 cadets sat Proficiency Part III and 16 passed, two with credits and one with a distinction. 21 cadets sat Proficiency Part II, 18 passed, 6 with credits and two with distinctions. This was not up to our usual standard and in the resit examinations held in March three out of six cadets passed Part III and one out of three passed Part II.

Field Day was held in October and, although the weather was disastrous, the cadets enjoyed their day out, some at Turnhouse, some at Leuchars. Both stations went to a lot of trouble to lay on an interesting programme and, although the day was literally a wash-out, the programme was well organised.

During the Easter Term, F.Sgt. Crook from R.A.F. Turnhouse ran an N.C.O. Cadre; the primary glider was in operation under F.O. Ball and we also arranged various lectures and films. Captain Barratt from the Army Section looked after the recruits as usual and I would particularly like to thank him for the excellent work that he has been doing now for some years in training our new entry in the rudiments of map reading, orienteering and drill. We certainly couldn't manage without this help and I think it is unlikely that anybody could do it more effectively.

Easter Camp this year was held at R.A.F. Wyton near Huntingdon and seventeen boys attended. It was rather disappointing and not very well organised but this was mainly due to the fact that the station was involved in an exercise. Some boys found it rather amusing to be on an R.A.F. station 'at war' and, as one boy summed it up afterwards, 'it wasn't as bad as I expected.' Six boys went to R.A.F. Gutersloh in Germany and I am very grateful to Lt. A. L. K. Dutton for taking charge of the party at very short notice. This, I gather, was an excellent camp and a detailed account appears elsewhere in the magazine.

Gliding is still very popular with the boys and Lindsay Hume successfully completed his course at Arbroath during the Easter holiday.

The highlight of the Summer Term was, of course General Inspection Day. I was very pleased with the contribution of the R.A.F. Section to what must have been one of the most successful G.I. days in recent years. Good weather helped but, even so, everybody seemed to make the extra effort that contributed to the overall success of the day. This was particularly important this year as we had less time for preparation. Sgt. Bill Graham effectively convinced the General that he really did know something about survival and that it wasn't just(sic) for the General. Sgt. Russell Gardner made a good flight in the primary glider although perhaps his landing was less commendable. The R.A.F. Section was also involved in a compass exercise, first aid demonstration and dinghy training in the School swimming pool. The Section was also represented in the Guard and in the Retreat parade and once again, although the standard was not exceptionally high, the right attitude prevailed and this is more important than anything else.

During the half-term weekend three boys decided that they would like to try parachute jumping at Strathallan airfield near Auchterarder. This is a civilian course, the cost is very reasonable and I have a feeling that this activity is going to become very popular in the future.

Finally I should like to thank all the N.C.O's for their help during the past year and to wish those who are leaving all success in their future careers. I should also like to thank F.O. Barry Ball for all the time and effort that he has put into running the primary glider and, of course, our very grateful thanks to F.Sgt. Jim Crook, R.A.F. Turnhouse, whom we no longer treat as a visitor to the School but as an integral part of the Section.

P.A.B.

R.A.F. CAMP IN GERMANY

The camp was at R.A.F. Gutersloh, a station situated in the centre of the Northern Plains on the outskirts of one of Germany's richest towns, Gutersloh—sixty millionaires live there.

The station was an active one only sixty miles from the Inner German Border—a mere seven minutes flying time from the potential enemy. There were three squadrons of aircraft there: 3 and 4 Squadrons, each with Harriers and 18 Squadron with Wessex helicopters. Unfortunately no flights were available in Harriers but many did Search and Rescue training with 18 Squadron and a lucky few had trips in the co-pilot's seat. Activities on the station included visits to the armoury, range, A.T.C., the Royal Army Intelligence Corps and the assault course; experiencing the 'R.A.F. Regimental Delight' of marching through a stagnant pond while an officer takes the salute; and several inter-flight sports contests.

We were able to visit Gutersloh on a few occasions, once on a shopping expedition, but more important on two evenings to sample the Pilsener. In addition there were several bus trips: to a market town called Paderborn; to the Mohne Dam; to Externsteine, a huge face of rock into which Dominican monks hewed out a chapel in the eleventh century; and to a monument to a German warrior, nick-named Herman the German, who led the force which expelled the Romans from Germany. However, perhaps the most interesting visit, unfortunately marred by the weather, was to the Inner German Border, separating the East



1. Border post of the D.D.R. 2. Barbed wire fence constructed in 1952 (now only visible in some places). 3. Control strip, 10m wide. 4. Metal mesh fence. 5. Automatic spring guns. 6. Mine field. 7. Control strip 6m wide (ploughed and harrowed). 8. Trench (up to 2m deep). 9. Border signalling system (telephone). 10. Observation tower (wood). 11. Observation tower (concrete). 12. Dog runs. 13. Screens in front of houses. 14. Trip wires for alarm system. 15. Concrete observation shelter. 17. Concrete trail for control vehicles. 18. Banks of floodlights.



from the West. To see the 'defensive' constructions on the Eastern side is indeed a sobering experience. One can not help but wonder what kind of a State has to go to such lengths to keep its citizens in its country.

The messing and accommodation was very good throughout our stay. The majority of service personnel and all the sections did their utmost to make us feel welcome and to help us enjoy ourselves. It made a pleasant change not to be treated as an inconvenience and was the final touch in making the camp a most enjoyable and interesting experience.

B.W.S.

R.N. Section

Under Officer: R. G. Galloway.

Coxswain: M. A. Russell.

Petty Officers: J. M. Grant, I. A. Robertson,
R. G. Walker, J. G. Pollock.

The year started with a very good result at the annual C.C.F. Regatta at Chatham. Strathallan came fifth overall. This experience, as well as the use of the School pond all year round for sailing gave the section a particularly strong team. The sail-trainer in the Seamanship Room proved a splendid aid in teaching theory and when the summer season started a number of cadets gained theoretical knowledge before applying it to practical training under the watchful eye of Sub-Lieutenant Clayton.

Field Day took place on possibly the wettest day of the year. The first group of cadets went with S/Lt Clayton to 45 Commando at C.T.C.R.M. CONDOR at Arbroath and the second group with Lt MacLeod to H.M.S. COCHRANE and H.M. Dockyard at Rosyth. The dry(!) slope ski-ing at Arbroath proved one of the highlights while a training cruise on a fleet tender on the Forth was an interesting experience for the new entry cadets.

In October the R.N. Section said goodbye to an old and valued friend, C.P.O. Jeffries from H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN. After visiting Strathallan for over twenty years he was leaving to enjoy his retirement. It was therefore appropriate that after training so many guards at Strathallan he should be invited to inspect one. The youngest cadet in the Section—O. S. Barcroft—presented 'Jeff' with an engraved silver salver and goblets.

Commander Hardie R.N.R. visited the School for the last time as Captain of H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN in November. A Guard was drawn up in his honour. He also watched a sailing display and listened to lectures given by Advanced Proficiency candidates. Commander Hardie was largely responsible for the excellent assistance given by Tay Division R.N.R. in recent years. This close liaison will surely continue as his successor, Commander Picton, promised when he paid the School a brief visit recently.



The 'Role of the Navy' lecture was given this year by Captain Turner R.N.(Retd.) the Schools Liaison Officer. An interesting lecture was also given by the Golden Lions parachute team.

A fitting climax to the hard work put in over the year by the Section was the General Inspection by Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barratt, K.B.E., M.C. The R.N. Section put up a fine show with sailing on the River Tay and the School pond and a good showing at the Retreat ceremony. General Scott-Barratt was not satisfied with just looking at well-rehearsed exercises. First of all he asked what the discipline was like within the Section. On command, proving the point, A. B. Durno had no hesitation in leaping over the side of his sailing dinghy fully clad! The second event proved to be touch and go. The General wanted his burly Aide-de-Camp transported across the pond via the 'Death Slide.' However, complications arose when it was seen that the gentleman in question was in full kilt dress and that the slide had only been tested by a lightweight—A.B. Barcroft. Fortunately all went well (though only just) and there was no big splash—to the evident disappointment of the onlookers including, one suspects, the General himself!

Several cadets went on camps and courses at H.M.S. CALEDONIA, H.M.S. COCHRANE, R.M.T.U. Polle, The Mudhook Schools sailing week, R.M.A.S. DENMEAD,

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ROYAL NAVY

H.M.S. MERCURY and H.M.S. DAEDALUS. Congratulations go to Coxswain Pollock on passing the Advanced Navigation course with such a high mark.

Various visits and weekend trips occurred during the year such as in H.M.S. SHETLAND at Rosyth and H.M.S. REPTON from Dundee.

A.B. and Proficiency examinations were up to standard and several senior cadets qualified for Advanced Proficiency.

The Section was extremely fortunate in being one of the few schools to be given a new Cheverton Champ motor boat, moored on the River Earn by courtesy of Mr Charles 'Chuck' Hay of Easter Rhynd. The boat has been used on every occasion that tide permitted and some 60 hours were logged during the summer term on C.C.F. afternoons and at weekends. It is hoped to continue using 'Pentaren' on every possible occasion that weather permits.



Another acquisition was a Bosun dinghy which had added flexibility to our sailing 'armada'—making Strathallan certainly one of the best equipped schools boat-wise.

Thanks are due especially to S/Lt Clayton and Mr Goody for their tireless efforts with sailing and boat maintenance, P.O. Clark of H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN for all his work with motor boat moorings, etc., Lieutenant-Commander Bryden for splendid co-operation from our Parent Establishment and F.C.P.O. Curle for all his assistance.

Promotions:

Coxswain: J. G. Pollock.

Petty Officers: I. A. Haggart, R. R. MacLeod, M. A. McNeill.
R.R.M., J.G.P. & T.J.M.

R.M.A.S. DENMEAD CLYDE FT 23-29 AUGUST 1978



H.M.S. BROADSWORD.

John & Norman.

Away Gemini!

This year's course started with a very pleasant surprise for those who had been before. On arrival at Faslane S/Lt Clayton and I rounded the corner expecting to see the familiar sight of the old FT CAWSAND. However, it was not to be and we were confronted with the delightful sight of a larger and more luxurious vessel, R.M.A.S. DENMEAD. Thinking this to be good enough fortune for one day we were greeted with even better news informing us that we did not have to cock for ourselves (farewell to CAWSAND'S smokey coal stove), we had a deep-freeze, christened K9 by Muir, and a permanent supply of boiling water, also a shower and bath were available and to top it all we had more power amounting to 2 knots extra speed. Apart from the obvious advantages this was an excellent set-up as it gave more chance to enjoy the sea and to practice navigation which, naturally enough, were the main objectives of the course.

All were eager to set off and after victualling at H.M.S. NEPTUNE we set off late on the Wednesday afternoon steaming for Rothesay but went via the Cumbrae Pass to make it a worthwhile sail. Apart from the two hands left on board to keep watch all went ashore to 'case the joint' for any subsequent visits.

The next day we headed through the Kyles of Bute then South through Inchmarnock Water and Kilbrannan Sound around the southern tip of Arran and back up the eastern shore to Brodick arriving in mid-afternoon. This was only a short stop as we

slipped Brodick at 2000 hours for a night exercise in which we sailed up the Clyde to Gourock where we turned and headed back to Rothesay the log showing that we had run very nearly 100 miles in the last 24 hours. The mission had been successful though one tends to wonder how many Skelmorlie Banks there are when after the Navigator assures us that we have already passed it, appears on our port bow!

The weekend was now upon us and stories were floating around about how the sailor's reputation of a girl in every port was going to be enhanced that night. We headed south then west around Bute to Skipness where we anchored off-shore and lowered the Gemini roaring ashore to the fascination if not consternation of both the family enjoying a paddle and the courting couples. Our arrival in Tarbert, with S/Lt Clayton amazing the Skipper (and maybe himself) by bringing us through the narrow channel and alongside a crowded harbour wall without incident, was soon followed by the establishment of a 'French Connection' as I'm sure AB's Elkins and Potts will agree!

After a bleary awakening and many complaints at leaving we set sail on Saturday for Campbeltown. The day being once again blessed with blue skies so rare elsewhere and for the rest of the summer we decided to go the long way via Largs thereby completing our second circumnavigation of Arran and catching further glimpses of the soon-to-be HMS BROADSWORD on acceptance trials and sundry basking sharks in Inchmarnock Water.

After a good run ashore we decided on Sunday to do our good deed for the day and so sailed for Ailsa Craig with the Sunday papers for the lighthouse keepers. Hove to in the lee of the impressive rock face S/Lt Clayton and his intrepid crew once again took to the Gemini for their second invasion of the week. The lighthouse keepers were very pleased to see us and all but one of the party managed the climb up to the old watch tower before returning on board and, at the urgent request of our Petty Officer, making for Brodick! Pausing long enough for a brief and uneventful stroll ashore and a visit by an eminent Strathallian we continued to Rothesay sighting yet more submarines and even a whale en route. The shore-leave party appeared to enjoy the disco, despite the competition of the submariners.

Monday was to be our last full day's sailing and so we went via the U.S. nuclear submarine base in Holy Loch and Blairmore to Greenock.

Early on Tuesday morning with the crew back from their night ashore the cruise ended as we sailed back to Faslane. Thanks to Skipper Alfie Gallacher and his merry band we had all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves as well as having learnt much about basic seamanship and navigation.

R. R. MacL.

SOCIAL SERVICES—1978

The Social Service group continues to thrive due to the unstinting effort of the boys involved. We are fortunate at Strathallan in that our seniors who come from many different backgrounds adapt so well in so many varied situations. This year has been no exception. The projects we have undertaken and completed throughout the year showed not only their capabilities in communication with young and old, but also their practical skills in many fields. Some of the projects and their results are described below:

VISITS TO MURRAY ROYAL—Throughout the year a group of six boys from the Social Services have been visiting the Murray Royal Mental Hospital each week to 'entertain' the patients. The activities we took part in were cards, dominoes, snooker, table tennis, putting, taking the patients for walks in the hospital grounds, conversation and occasionally taking them to the hospital canteen for a cup of tea. During our first visits they seemed very remote and unfriendly, but once they got to know us they became quite friendly and seemed to look forward to our visits and were always sorry to see us leave. Most of us enjoyed our visits and we did feel we had gained some satisfaction from our meetings with the patients.

D. Kingan, G. Smith.

PAINTING OLD FOLKS' HOUSES—Three senior boys undertook a redecoration programme during the Winter and Spring terms. Our first job was for an old lady who lived on the top floor of a tenement building in the middle of Perth. We painted one room which was a sitting room cum kitchen. Our second job was for a man whose wife had run off and left him with five children was more difficult and right from the start we had problems with thin paper and the thickness of the paste (we papered one wall in about six hours!). We also decorated a bedroom and the toilet. The family seemed pleased with the end result, apart from the fact that their cat, called Blackie, miraculously turned white! The last job we undertook in Perth was in Rannoch Road. In the sitting room we had to paint the roof dark brown and the walls a lighter colour; however, we ended up painting the walls and the ceiling with dark brown gloss and the lady did not seem worried about it; in fact, she seemed to like it! The great thing about this job was the fact that we were given our lunch there. When we eventually finished she was determined to pay us and she donated £70 to Social Service funds.

I. Ogilvie.

DECORATION OF KILRENNY CHURCH, ANSTRUTHER—During the latter half of the Spring Term several boys from the Social Services gave up their Sundays on several occasions to travel to Anstruther and paint the interior of Kilrenny Church. A monstrous task? Certainly it was the biggest redecoration undertaking yet achieved by the Social Services group. The Church itself was originally built sometime prior to the Reformation but has since been restored and added to, the tower and steeple being the only remains of the original building. Situated about half a mile outside Anstruther, it commands a fine view over the surrounding coast and countryside. The interior of the church consisted of the main ground floor as well as a gallery upstairs. Using hired scaffolding, the majority of the interior was given its first coat and during the subsequent weeks two coats were applied throughout. We apologise sincerely to those ladies of the congregation who had to scrub the paint off the surrounding woodwork, let alone the pews and floor! Our grateful thanks go to the Rev. and Mrs McNab for their patience and to the members of the congregation for providing us with such sumptuous lunches. The end result was very pleasing and surprised even some of our more experienced painters! Lastly thanks to Mr Brown for the efficient though sometimes hazardous transport. I can safely say the job was enjoyed by all those who participated.

J. M. Grant.



We thank William F. Flett of Anstruther for permission to reproduce his photograph of our Church Decorators.

VISIT OF BOYS FROM ANDREW THOMSON CENTRE, ELGIN—The Social Services invited five boys from the Andrew Thomson Assessment Centre in Elgin to stay and use the facilities of the School. The boys were brought down by their Superintendent, Mr McCreadie, for the weekend starting 26th May. The Social Services split themselves into groups in order to look after the visitors in shifts—swimming in the pool, sailing, tennis, snooker, 5-a-side football and, of course, television were laid on for them. Initially we found communication a little difficult but as soon as Ian Gerrard arrived, all fears of communication were overcome. The highlights of the weekend were the barbecue and the visit to St. Andrews. The barbecue was held in Mr Brown's garden, members of staff being invited as well, and it was a great success; we are also indebted to the scintillating conversation of a certain History Master! Our trip to St. Andrews was perhaps the really outstanding event of the weekend—the response from Messrs. Potts, Scott and Callander for the trip was surprisingly enthusiastic (I wonder why!). The visit included a trip to the beach in the morning and Craigtoun Park in the afternoon. The weekend was very successful and enjoyed by all. I think the boys from Elgin gained an insight of what Public School life really is like and not the false impression that they had conjured up before their visit; we also learned a little about life in Assessment Centres.

K. D. Evans.



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The Orchestra this year has been notable for the strength of its woodwind and brass sections and, as a result, assorted groups of wind instruments have carried the performances at the various recitals and concerts that have taken place, rather than the Orchestra as a whole. In fact, as there was no concert on Speech Day, due to the Fete, the Orchestra and the Concert Band have only been heard publicly once—at the Informal Concert. The strings have been relatively inexperienced but have been gathering strength for the future. The Second Orchestra has some promising material in it which will be promoted next year.

Wind groups and soloists played at the Headmaster's Musick in the Music Room in November to a select audience and very much appreciated the refreshments which the Headmaster provided in his drawing-room afterwards. Unfortunately the recital of music at St. John's Kirk, Perth, had to be cancelled at the last moment due to the 'flu' epidemic which at that time was involving about a third of the School. Many of the items which were to be performed, however, were heard at St. Giles' Cathedral in the summer.

The Choir has been quite a good one. The greater part of the music that has been performed has been Latin choral music and this has given an extra dimension to the learning of the music, particularly for the trebles, some of whom knew no Latin at all in the initial stages.

In the Easter Term the choirs of Strathallan and Kilgraston combined to perform Haydn's 'Heiligmesse' for the Jubilee Concert in the Chapel. The resulting combination, which included members of the staff in all sections, numbered 120 and was the largest choir yet to have sung in the Chapel. At the concert itself the Choir responded magnificently and the confident support of the professional and semi-professional members of the Orchestra contributed greatly to the response.

In the summer term the Choir gave in St. Giles' Cathedral what was probably the first performance in Great Britain of the Te Deum by the Bohemian composer, Anton Reiche, a piece of music that deserves to be better known. Finally, later in the term, the Cantata Choir sang a piece of music in a very different idiom—the Faure Requiem.

Details of the programme of concerts and recitals are given below.

G.W.

INFORMAL CONCERT Friday, 9th December, 1977 8 p.m., Gymnasium

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Orchestra | Grand March from 'Aida' | Ver |
| Piano Solo | Impromptu in E flat | Schu |
| (I. L. Johnson) | | |
| Concert Band | Prepare Ye the Way } from 'Godspell' | |
| | Turn Back, O Man } | |
| | Eye Level | |
| Orchestra | Three pieces from the 'Water Music' | Hanc |
| | Bourrée—Pomposo—Air | |
| Euphonium Solo | 'To Music' | Schu |
| (D. S. Kingan) | The Jockey | Teas |
| Second Orchestra | Italian Suite | Barry |
| | Verona—Venezia—Firenze | |
| Pipes and Orchestra | The Dark Island | |
| (C. G. Caithness | The Road to the Isles | |
| & G. Dobbie) | | |
| Tenors & Basses | Three American Folk Songs | |
| | Drill Ye Tarriers | |
| | Dark as a Dungeon | |
| | Sixteen Tons | |
| Orchestra | Three pieces from 'Pictures at an Exhibition' | Musse |
| | Promenade—Bydlo—The Great Gate of Kiev | |

THE HEADMASTER'S MUSICK Saturday, November 5th—8 p.m.

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| Woodwind Group | Five Dances from The Danserye (1551) | Tielman S |
| Euphonium Solo | (i) An die Musik | Schubert |
| | (ii) Nacht und Träume | |
| | (iii) Der Alpenjäger | |
| Clarinet Solo | (i) Adagio from 2nd Clarinet Sonata | Barry Ball |
| | (ii) A Truro Maggot | Philip Bro |
| Brass Group | 'Quartet for Brass' | Einar Olaf |
| Piano Solo | Two Moments Musicaux Op. 94 | Schubert |
| | (i) No. 6 in A Flat major | |
| | (ii) No. 4 in C Sharp minor | |
| Woodwind Group | Seven short Hungarian Songs | Bela Barto |
| Clarinet and Flute | Gymnopédies | Erik Satie |
| Woodwind Group | Rondo from Divertimento | Mozart |
| | in F K 213 | |

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society sadly retains a cult following rather than achieving mass popularity. Membership was down on last year and although 'flu accounted for some low attendances in the spring term, the turn-outs could have been better. Most seniors seem to be totally uninterested whilst juniors squeal about actually having to pay to listen to 'classical' music. However, unless there is a response from present members of the School, funds will simply not be available in the future to try and attract some 'recognised' performers for concerts. Nevertheless, the seven concerts held this year were all of a high standard and much appreciated by those who did attend. The first concert was the traditional Members' Concert with members of the School Orchestra performing music by Finzi, Bizet, Handel, Haydn, Teasdale, Beethoven and Schubert. Very high standards were achieved by Sarah Fairbairn on clarinet, John McPhail (flute), Dave Kingan (euphonium) and Ian Johnson on piano. For our second concert we were lucky to have the Scottish Wind Quartet (the woodwind principals of the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra) with us once again. They played music by Gordon Jacob, Haydn, Malcolm Arnold and a Wind Quartet (1st performance) by an *avante garde* composer going by the name of Barry Ball. Mr Morrison again impressed us with his skill on the clarinet in Mr Ball's *Sonatina No. 1* for clarinet and piano. The winter term's concerts ended on a high note with a capacity audience for 'Percussion Plus.' This comprised Roy Sheddon on drums, Graham Robb on bass guitar, and Heather Corbett on vibraphone and xylophone. The music ranged from Bach to the Beatles and proved to be very popular indeed. The four spring term concerts started with Clive Swansbourne, a pianist, performing a programme including Bach, Schubert, Ravel and Chopin. This was followed by the Music Staff Concert where Mr West and Mr Ball played a Bach Double Piano Concerto, Mr Black played piano music by Faure and Mozart, Mr Ball performed Liszt's 'Funerailles' and we heard the first performance of Mr Ball's second sonatina for clarinet and piano with Mr Morrison being the soloist. A fortnight later Robert and Mary Fleming (violin and mezzo-soprano and clarsach respectively) gave a recital of Scottish music and works by Mozart, Dvorak, Sarasti, Yssaye and Haydn. The Edina Quartet ended our season on February 25th, entertaining us with music by Brahms. On behalf of Ian Robertson and myself I would like to thank Mr Ball for arranging the concerts and all the performers for giving up their time to take part.

R.A.S.

THE JUBILEE CONCERT

One of the best performances of a choral work that I have heard since I have been at Strathallan, was given in the Chapel on Saturday 18th March, when the combined choirs of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Kilgraston and Strathallan sang Haydn's 'Heiligmesse.' The occasion was a concert given in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee appeal, which was organised by the local committee.

The evening began with a performance of Dvorak's 'The American,' played by members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra led by Oliver Butterworth. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Butterworth to Strathallan, whose strong playing was a delight to listen to, and of course the 2nd violin Mary Rae is well known to us all. She, Mary Breatnoch (viola) and Winifred Beeston (cello) have given several exciting concerts to the Music Society previously, and this was another excellent performance, filling the Chapel with the tuneful music of the work.

They then joined up with Barry Ball at the organ to swell the orchestra for the 'B Flat Mass.' The orchestra, composed of local players including some of our own instrumental teachers, was conducted by Gordon West and, led by Oliver Butterworth, they played beautifully and sympathetically.

The choirs, which included one or two members of Staff and wives, caught the contrasting moods of seriousness and light-heartedness particularly well. 'The Gloria' took me immediately back to my own choirboy days, and I personally was enthralled all through till the rousing finale of the 'Dona nobis pacem.'

The soloists were Bridget Doogan, Sally Stephen, Sarah Fairbairn, Alistair Caithness, Rory MacLeod and Bob Morton, and their sensitive singing added greatly to the performance.

It was a great pity that more parents and boys could not be present, for the invitations were mainly taken up through the Jubilee Committee and the size of the Chapel limited the number who could be invited.

I may have been starry-eyed that evening but I felt that both parts of the concert reached standards that we were privileged to hear and in the second half, one that was most creditable, especially considering the difficulties of rehearsal for two Schools with contrasting time-tables and flu epidemics; the final performance reflected great credit not only on the performers but also on our own Music Staff and Joan Peutherer of the Convent who trains their Choir.

Major David Butter, the Lord Lieutenant, expressed his private thanks to many of the performers after the concert and £100 was sent to the Silver Jubilee Appeal.

T.C.G.F.

THE CANTATA CHOIR CONCERT

June 10th, 1978

As a first-time visitor to Strathallan School, and indeed to Scotland, I really had no idea what to expect when I was invited to attend this concert in the School Chapel.

The evening opened with the 1st movement of Mozart's *Clarinet Trio*. Since the acoustic properties of the building were very live the performers were wise to play the work at a somewhat slower tempo than that indicated in the score. Even so, acoustic problems still remained; the pianist coming through very strongly and the poor viola player being barely audible. However despite these difficulties the players kept fairly well together and gave a satisfactory performance.

I had been most impressed with the playing of the clarinetist, Miss Sarah Fairbairn, in the Mozart and was pleased that the second item on the programme was a movement from the *Clarinet Sonata* by the English composer Arnold Cooke. Any problems with acoustics seemed to have been solved here since Miss Fairbairn and her accompanist, Mr Barry Ball, positioned themselves quite close together. It was clear that the performers had a very clear understanding of the work and a sense of sympathy with each other since the performance was finely balanced and well controlled, the phrasing being well shaped.

After the brief interval the main work in the concert was performed. This was the *Requiem Mass* by Gabriel Faure. Very often this work is performed by a large choir but on this occasion the choir barely numbered thirty. I have rarely heard such a young choir sing a religious work so well, and was very moved by the experience. The opening of the work set the standard for the performance; the beautifully controlled pianissimo phrases and the clear-cut diction together with the good balance maintained by the different sections of the choir set the atmosphere very well. The rapport between the choir and their conductor was very much in evidence in the way they responded to his every signal. If there was any weakness in the choir at all it was the rather harsh tone produced by the basses on occasion.

The solo items in the work were also sung by boys from the School. Alastair Caithness has a mature and strong voice and capably handled the baritone solos. Jamie Fairbairn had the daunting task of performing the well-known treble solo 'Pie Jesu.' For the most part he sang it well and full marks to him for his self-control when he encountered problems in the second section of the movement and his surmounting of these problems. One final word of praise for the organist, Mr Gordon West, who accompanied the work very well.

Judging by the amount of applause given by the audience after each item the concert was very much appreciated by all who attended. I for one should certainly like to hear these young performers again.

B.C.

STRATHALLAN SCHOOL CHOIR and ORCHESTRA

ST. GILES' CATHEDRAL

21st MAY—6 p.m.

Suite of Almands and Galliards arranged for woodwind, brass and string groups.

Euphonium Solo—Romance from Tuba Concerto

Suite of Hungarian and Slovakian songs arranged for woodwind and brass groups from Bartok's piano pieces.

PART II (Choral)

Te Deum Laudamus (from Te Deum in E major)

In Te, Domine, Speravi.

Anthony Holborne (1599)

R. Vaughan Williams

B. Bartok

Antonin Reicha

(1770-1836)

The following anthems were sung in Chapel during the year:

To Deum Laudamus (Malcolm Williamson); Subdue us by Thy Goodness (Bach); I will praise Thee, O God (Barrett-Ayres); Lift up your heads (Matthias); Turn back O Man (Holst); God be in my head (Dalby); Sleepers awake (Bach); Turn Thy face from my sins (Attwood); Gloria in Excelsis, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus Dei and Dona nobis pacem from Heilige Messe (Haydn); Now the green blade riseth (Easter Carol); Now Jesus Christ the Son of God (Bach); Christ is Arisen (Hassler); Te Deum Laudamus (Anton Reicha); Sanctus from Requiem (Faure); Make a joyful noise (Herbert Chappell); Sanctus from Requiem (Mozart); To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love (Barry Ball); Jubilate Deo (Barry Ball).

The following passed Associated Board Music Examinations:

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| Johnson, I. L. | Piano | Grade 7 (Merit) |
| Harrison, C. R. | Viola | Grade 6 |
| Smith, R. A. | Clarinet | Grade 5 |
| Hedges, G. B. | Piano | Grade 5 |
| Rankine, H. A. | Theory | Grade 5 |
| Eglington, R. S. J. | Theory | Grade 5 |
| Peddie, P. R. | Theory | Grade 5 |
| Mitchell, R. M. | Flute | Grade 4 |
| Wood, K. W. A. | Oboe | Grade 4 |
| Headrick, D. J. | Bassoon | Grade 3 |
| Lamont, J. C. | Trombone | Grade 3 |
| Young, W. S. E. | Horn | Grade 3 |
| Smith, D. I. | Theory | Grade 2 |
| Anderson, A. G. | Piano | Grade 1 |
| Long, C. D. | Theory | Grade 1 |
| Sime, K. J. | 'Cello | Grade 1 |
| Brown, D. W. | Theory | Grade 1 |

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| Greta, typist to Sir Wilfred | | | | D. J. M. Reynolds |
| Carter, Sir Wilfred's Chief Clerk | | | | D. Guthrie |
| Mr Mayhew, a solicitor | ..... | ..... | ..... | R. R. MacLeod |
| Leonard Vole | ..... | ..... | ..... | M. S. Ross |
| Sir Wilfred Robarts, Q.C. | ..... | ..... | ..... | R. A. Smith |
| Inspector Hearne | ..... | ..... | ..... | M. A. O. Dun |
| Romaine | ..... | ..... | ..... | N. W. J. Scott |
| Clerk of the Court | ..... | ..... | ..... | D. A. Smellie |
| Mr Justice Wainwright | ..... | ..... | ..... | E. M. Grant |
| Mr Myers, Q.C. | ..... | ..... | ..... | C. W. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton |
| Warder | ..... | ..... | ..... | I. G. Ogilvie |
| A Policeman | ..... | ..... | ..... | A. J. P. Hooper |
| Dr Wyatt | ..... | ..... | ..... | A. H. McLaren |
| Janet Mackenzie | ..... | ..... | ..... | I. F. Gerrard |
| Mr Clegg, a laboratory assistant | ..... | ..... | ..... | R. H. Morris |
| The Other Woman | ..... | ..... | ..... | Q. C. F. Livingston |

Other parts played by:

D. J. Bain, C. H. Dewhurst, A. N. W. Hyne,

J. M. C. Livingston, N. A. Stone-Wigg.



From the moment that the curtain rose on an interesting and evocative set, the audience sensed that an evening of very good entertainment was in store and the entry of Sir Wilfred Roberts, Q.C., played by R. A. Smith, encouraged them in their expectations. This key part was well sustained throughout and was undoubtedly one of the main strengths of the production.

The plot unfolded at a good pace and we were introduced to the enigmatic Romaine (N. W. J. Scott). This part was extremely well done and indeed the whole plot hinges on the subtlety of this performance. Scott brought to it just the right air of mystery and his appearance later in the play as the blonde stranger was exciting and very convincing. At this point it must be said that the costume and make-up of the female characters were outstandingly good and this was again vital to the unfolding of this complex and often wordy plot.

In an evening where there were many good performances, it is impossible to ignore the humour and inventiveness of I. F. Gerrard as Janet—a performance which gave delight to parents, staff and boys and provided excellent light relief.

The court-room scene will remain in the memory for some time to come.

The play was very well constructed and costumed and the concentration and demeanour of the actors made one imagine that they were members of the invisible jury.

The judge (E. M. Grant), the Clerk of the Court (D. A. Smellie), the Inspector (M. A. O. Dun), Mr Myers, Q.C. (C. W. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton), the Solicitor (R. R. MacLeod) and not least, M. S. Ross as Leonard Vole, all gave good performances which added up to a very good evening's entertainment.

M. E. B. Burnet.

PRODUCTION

Set designed by:

T. S. GOODY, Esq.

Stage Managers:

J. M. GRANT and H. R. POSTLETHWAITE

Set painted by:

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R. A. STONE-WIGG.

Stage Hands:

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P. J. STEWART, J. C. HERD.

Lighting and Sound:

M. J. ELKINS.

Properties:

J. D. BROWN, C. M. STEEDMAN.

Make-up and Costumes:

T. J. MACLEOD, Esq., Mrs M. BARRATT,

Mrs K. GLIMM, Mrs B. RAINE.

Mrs T. C. G. FAIRBAIRN,

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Producer:

M. BARRATT, Esq.



Activities

There have always been boys who have been active, even hyperactive, participants not only in the School's principal and predominantly sporting activities but also 'on the fringe.'

By no means would one wish to lament the progress which has seen the advent of such material benefits as television in every house, snooker and pool tables, more, and more comfortable studies and extending brewing facilities. However, under the twin opiates of caffeine and 'rately' increasing numbers had turned to the sweet delights of fa . . . comparatively . . . niente.

With this in mind a determined effort has been made both to broaden the range of activities offered and, by gentle coercion where necessary, to increase the number of participants—particularly among citizens of the junior and middle schools. The scheme only began in earnest at the start of the academic session. Yet even now connoisseurs of this section of 'The Strathallian' may note the modest increase in the variety of activities represented. The Editors anticipate a positive deluge of reports at this time next year. The prospect is exciting. Will rain-dancing make a come-back?

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

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

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| D. S. Erskine, Esq. | The National Trust for Scotland. |
| John Robertson, Esq. | The Role of Sotheby's. |
| D. J. Withrington, Esq., M.A., M.Ed. | The Transition from School to University. |
| Robert T. Blair, Esq., O.B.E. | Reorganization of Local Government. |
| Professor R. W. Snell | The North Sea Oil Industry. |
| Andrew Leach, Esq. | Wine. |
| J. Allan Stewart, Esq. | The Problems Facing Industry Today. |
| L. A. Bassett, Esq. | Planning for Careers. |
| James Milne, Esq. | The Role of Trade Unions Today. |
| | S.C.P. |

THE YOUNG FINANCIERS CLUB

The Young Financiers Club was started towards the end of the Spring Term 1978. It runs as an activity in the same parallel terms as that of the Young Farmers Club. At first the Club attracted a rather bewildered following although there are now about twenty dedicated members. Finance can be a specialised topic and thus the Club in many ways is a discussion group.

The activities of the Club will concern investment analysis with imaginary money in the Stock Exchange. Individual members compete against each other in a school competition and the members will group together to enter national Stock Exchange competitions. There will be research into financial institutions such as banks, insurance, discount houses and the functions of the Bank of England. Films and visits relating to financial topics are being arranged.

The philosophy of the Club is to combine concentrated research with enjoyable learning. It also encourages people to read the financial pages of the papers. The Club is only small although boys wishing to pursue careers in accountancy, stock broking banking and insurance and many other professions may join a club relevant to their choice of career. The younger members of the Club may also find that they would like eventually to pursue some aspect of this field in a professional capacity.

S.D.S.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY VISIT

After a shaky start in organisation and a lot of help from Mr Young, a party of LVI boys formed to go to Edinburgh University Open Day. There was a keen interest and each boy arrived eager to go and ready armed with a battery of questions with which to bombard the faculty they were aiming for. It was a beautiful day and the University was seen at its best while invaluable personal contact was gained. All returned after a tiring day with a better understanding of the University and its mechanics and their minds made up as to whether or not that was the place for them.

R.R.MacL.

Vlth FORM THEATRE VISITS

'Mrs Warren's Profession' at Dundee Rep.

'Mrs Warren's Profession' is one of George Bernard Shaw's 'Plays Unpleasant,' so labelled because they were designed to make the audience face up to unpleasant truths about Society. Shaw's work as a socialist had been to demonstrate that 'decent society' and its morality rested upon an underworld of misery and exploitation and was inextricably rooted in it. However, that life in a brothel was preferable to the grinding misery of life in a factory was a fact too 'indelicate' even to contemplate in 1894, and so the play was banned. The play both acts as a commentary on moral attitudes at the turn of the century and is relevant to life today; human beings are today fragmented into huge urban batteries of isolated individuals and thus the choices confronting Mrs Warren and her daughter are still with us, in essence. This penetrating production did full justice to Shaw's caustic wit and the fine cast enabled everyone to appreciate this powerful but witty comment on human exploitation.

R.A.S.

'Othello' at Perth Theatre.

On the 21st of February a group of Vlth Formers attended a performance of 'Othello' at Perth Theatre. The play ultimately succeeded as the futility of jealousy, which Iago raised in Othello by his machinations and devious ploys, was thrust forcefully towards the audience who were perceptive of and responsive to the common human reaction of jealousy. Othello justly earned our sympathy; Iago our resentment and hatred yet, Maurice Reeves, as Iago was magnificent in his portrayal of the Machiavellian sinister character who drove Othello to destroy Desdemona and finally suicide after the discovery of his folly. On the whole the evening was appreciated by those who had the measure of experiencing such a compelling tragedy.

J.S.T.

'While the Sun Shines'—Terence Rattigan, at Pitlochry Festival Theatre.

The bus to Pitlochry was full of people happy at the prospect of an evening away from the School. However, no-one was certain whether the humour of a comedy written during the war would be appreciated by our party: at least there were to be two intervals. In the event the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole audience even though there were times when uproarious laughter was generated by jokes that, perhaps, were not quite intended by Mr Rattigan!

Evan Grant.

DISCUSSION AND DEBATE

After an absence from the scene of a year the Debating Society re-emerged in the form of D.D. during the winter term. A committee was formed and in conjunction with Mr Young the rusty wheels of organisation began to turn again. The first meeting was in the form of a discussion on the theme 'Co-education at Strath; Strathalliennes, should there be more of them?' It was thought that a female presence should be introduced and so the scene was graced with the attendance of some girls from Kilgraston. Some interesting points were made and some amusing possibilities considered. The meeting made an encouraging start for the Club.

The next event was a return of hospitality by Kilgraston who invited us to a debate on their home ground. The Strathallan speakers were Rory MacLeod and Steven Ferguson who convincingly defeated the motion 'That there is too little freedom of speech in Britain.' This worked into quite a heated argument and the experience gained and enjoyment led us to start thinking of more debates. We were invited to a debate at Dundee High School but unfortunately this would have been after the end of the Easter term. However the invitation was good news in that it showed that it had become known that we were on the debating circuit again and recognised as a Club.

The year was brought to a climax and suitable close when we took part in a debate/dance at Dollar. The boys of Strathallan, Dollar and Queen Victoria's and the girls of Dollar, Kilgraston and Morrison's met for this occasion. The motion was 'That this House believes that there is a time and place for everything' and six good speeches were heard with Strathallan speaking against the motion but unfortunately being defeated. The dance that followed was most enjoyable and many useful links were forged as I'm sure Messrs. Burton, Taylor and Strommen will agree. This has moved us to take some action along the same lines and wheels are in motion already to organise a similar event in the winter term of '78.

May I take this opportunity to thank the committee of Alastair Cuthbertson, Don Guthrie, Steven Ferguson, Calum Campbell, Ninian MacGregor, Keith Brown and Graeme Strommen, who have all helped over the year? Thank you.

R.R.MacL.

FISHING

This year saw an improvement in the Club—the issuing of 'Strathfish' cards. Various comments were to be heard as to the originality of the name, but the name stuck. Later in the term we even held weekly meetings of 'Strathweed,' who had to deal with the superabundance of weed and other objects in the pond. 'Strathweed' was an elite bunch of naughty 3rd-formers who persisted in talking during prep. in both the Ruthven and Freeland Common Rooms.

As for the fishing match, I understand that we lost—mainly owing to last-minute decisions of certain elder members who preferred to go into Perth rather than to Lake Menteith (or Lake Billy as it is affectionately called by some). Next year, if all the Sixth Form team members are banned from Perth we will beat the Old Boys.

D.M.S.S.

STRATHERAMA

The impetus came from the top but it was not long before Metro-Galloway-Monteith, like the Strathallian-piloted Concorde of the film's opening sequence, soared under its own power.

Under the critical scrutiny of technical adviser, Mr Donald Gray, the camera crews were soon scouring the four corners of the Strathallian kingdom for likely material.

The object was to record on 16mm celluloid life at Strathallan and the achievement has been to reproduce for those not fortunate enough to experience it and for those who would nostalgically relive it the rich technicolour all-action kaleidoscope of activity which is 'Strath.'

Problems there were—needless to say. Indeed there were times when the proverbial one-eyed man would have been welcomed with open arms. The result is considerable success—it may not be de Mille but it's not Keaton either.

After critical appraisal from the Common Room the Head wisely decided to take the film for a short pre-release tour of the provinces (Singapore and Hong Kong) before its much acclaimed British premiere at the Fete where it played to packed and enthusiastic houses—and that on the one hot day of last summer.

It's good 'U' certificate family entertainment and if you feel it should be at a cinema near you contact the Headmaster.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The Y.F.C. continues to prosper with 151 members this year.

The first visit of the year was to the Horticultural Research Institute near Dundee, which proved to be a very enjoyable trip.

We had three talks in the winter term: Mr Nicolson talking about the veterinary profession; Mr Allison on the Deer Society in Scotland and Mr Simon Fraser of McDonald and Fraser, Auctioneers, who brought with him a film concerning the production of beef.

The annual 'Stump the Yokel' competition was held at the end of the winter term. It was a very entertaining evening with Neil Hamilton telling us how to castrate a wedder! Alistair McLaren won with Andrew Baird second.

In the spring term Miss Audry Fenton gave us a very interesting talk on her recent visit to Italy.

The stock-judging competition was held in the summer term at Kinnaird Farm by kind permission of Mr Hamilton. The winner was Neil Hamilton (no relation!) with Scott Turnbull beating elder brother Mark for second place. Also in the summer term there was the annual visit to the Royal Highland Show.

Although a team was entered for the soil assessment competition we had to pull out due to School commitments. It is hoped in future to enter this competition regularly.

I.A.N.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Twenty-five boys from Form III commenced their Bronze Award work after the necessary exclusion of many would-be entrants. Their exclusion is unfortunate, but the organisation of courses and expeditions does not allow for everyone wishing to join to do so. The ones who did join were able to participate in courses run by the Tayside Police, Tayside Fire Service, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.

Electronics was added to the range of hobbies which this year also included shooting, squash, piping, art, riding and agriculture.

During the Summer Term all boys had a weekend practice expedition and then spent another weekend on their Qualifying Expedition. Once these expeditions are assessed nearly all will have gained their Bronze Award.

During the year over thirty Bronze certificates were awarded to boys who joined the Award Scheme in the previous year and some of these have gone on to Silver standard. These boys have recently completed their Qualifying Expedition which requires a journey over three days, camping out for two nights. One group chose to cycle 100 miles, another to walk through the Cairngorms from Braemar to Aviemore, another to walk from Glen Clova to Balmoral and other groups successfully walked 50 miles through hills and around lochs. Several Silver certificates will be awarded in the near future and already some boys are planning to commence working for the Gold Award.

Mr G. Ironside is to take over the organisation. He will be ably assisted by Mr V. S. Swain.

K.R.H.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year the membership was the highest for several years with average attendances up by a large amount. The VIth Form Hall was ideal for showing the films and the time of Friday nights seemed to suit most people.

Visits were to the Tullis Russell Paper Mill and to a bookbinders, Dunn and Co. in Falkirk. Both were enjoyed by all those who went.

A.B.C.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

This year the Club had over thirty members from the Sixth Form and as a result two teams were fielded on alternate weeks. The season consisted of four home games, one away game at the Convent and the two St. Andrew's Night Dances. There were some good performances from certain individuals and although we couldn't match the girls' footwork we used our height and weight superiority to our advantage.

Robert Galloway's outside broadcast cameras filmed one session in the Music Room, but as yet no Oscars have been awarded.

Twenty boys were invited to the Convent to take part in their St. Andrew's Night celebrations and although the pitch was somewhat crowded, everyone managed to enjoy the dance. In turn we invited a bus-load of girls to a return fixture in honour of the same cause and held in the Dining Hall. With over one hundred participating the dance went well. A special feature involved the Headmaster and Mr Raine demonstrating how Scottish Country Dancing should be done—in the north of England.

Thanks must be given to Mr Barratt who coached us and organised the dances; Miss Pollock and her girls; Mr MacLeod and all involved in preparing the dance hall, and the Ian Anderson Trio for their lively music on St. Andrew's Night.

Reay Whyte.

COMPUTER CLUB

This new activity which was started in the summer term by Mr Mitchell has got off to a good start due to his great enthusiasm.

The standard reached was quite high and by the end of the term the boys were using the Dundee University computer for a wide variety of purposes such as graph plotting and picture drawing.

M.H.G.



CRICKET

Only two players were worthy of recognition this year—M. J. Yellowlees, the Captain, and C. A. MacLeod. Both ended the season with distinction, Yellowlees being selected to play for The Rest against the Southern Schools at Eastbourne and C. A. MacLeod being selected to play for the Scottish Schools under-16 Group against Wales.

The 1st XI record was not outstanding, wins being recorded against Dollar, the Strathallian Club and Glenalmond, and losses coming against Dundee University Staff and Edinburgh Academy. Mainly the failure arose from the fact, which was forecast, that no-one, apart from Yellowlees, could score runs consistently. Several ought to have done so, but they didn't. Indeed such was the lack of evident form that no fewer than twenty people appeared at one time or another for the team. The bowling, too, was far from steady and some shockingly short and wayward medium pace bowling was offered by several different bowlers, and we had to rely on the two contrasting types of left-arm spin of G. M. Strommen and C. A. MacLeod. Both, fortunately, were capable of bowling long spells, and if one wasn't getting wickets the other was.

Both were awarded their colours, the only two players to receive them this season. No half colours were awarded.

AVERAGES (qualification: 100 runs or 10 wickets):

| | Inns. | N.O. | Runs | H.S. | Av. |
|------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| M. J. Yellowlees | 12 | 3 | 594 | 138* | 66.00 |
| D. Sim | 8 | 2 | 200 | 82* | 33.33 |
| C. A. MacLeod | 7 | 1 | 115 | 62* | 19.16 |
| A. C. B. Baird | 12 | 1 | 183 | 47* | 16.63 |
| | O. | M. | R. | W. | Av. |
| G. M. Strommen | 122 | 39 | 324 | 24 | 13.50 |
| C. A. MacLeod | 108 | 33 | 245 | 17 | 14.41 |
| D. Sim | 66 | 18 | 182 | 10 | 18.20 |

The following appeared for the 1st XI:

M. J. Yellowlees, D. Sim, A. C. B. Baird, G. M. Strommen, C. A. MacLeod, R. J. Brewster, R. C. Inglis, A. O. Inglis, E. W. Hamilton, D. L. Ogilvie, W. A. G. Baxter, R. A. Stone-Wigg, J. B. Callander, E. F. Jackson, D. J. Watson, D. J. Bain, W. M. Potts, J. D. McIntosh, G. R. Brown, S. A. Ferguson.

v. Q.N.C.C. This fixture was arranged at short notice to take the place of the Crieff game which was abandoned. The School batted first and slowly leaving Q.N.C.C. with very little time to go for the runs.

SCHOOL 134 M. J. Yellowlees 44, G. M. Strommen 20

Q.N.C.C. 103-8 S. K. Dharsi 65, D. J. Watson 3-19

v. Occasionals. Again the School batted first and slowly. Yellowlees contributed a good innings before being dismissed, as usual, by J. N. Ford. The School attack was shattered by N. T. H. Du Boulay and S. K. Dharsi and the Occasionals nearly won despite being given only 35 overs batting.

SCHOOL 171-6 (dec.) M. J. Yellowlees 88, R. C. Inglis 24, G. M. Strommen 23*

OCCASIONALS 169-7 S. K. Dharsi 52, N. T. H. Du Boulay 68.

v. Dundee University Staff. Yellowlees failed. One need hardly say more.

SCHOOL 115 A. C. B. Baird 36.

DUNDEE UNIVERSITY STAFF 116-2.

Lost by 8 wickets.

v. M.C.C. The M.C.C. middle order struggled a bit against the bowling of MacLeod and Strommen. Both completed 22 over spells broken by lunch. The reply was fairly slow. The openers had no real answer to Foot although both stayed in for about seven overs each. Thereafter, Yellowlees scored a good 80 not out including a fine six onto The Law. Unfortunately the only support came from an unconvincing and slow 27 by E. W. Hamilton.

M.C.C. 171, C. A. MacLeod 5-54, G. M. Strommen 4-77.

SCHOOL 134-5, M. J. Yellowlees 80*, E. W. Hamilton 27. Match drawn.



v. Fettes. Yellowlees, following his innings of 80 against M.C.C. the previous day, dominated the School innings once again, this time with an innings of 138*, the Fettes moderate attack being plundered. But once again it was the same story: there was no-one taking advantage at the other end.

A wicket falling first ball of the innings made Fettes even more resolute about a draw and they were able to hold out comfortably, Orr being unfortunate not to get the second hundred of the match.

SCHOOL 208-7 (dec.), M. J. Yellowlees 138*, D. Sim 23.

FETTES 141-6, R. J. Orr 99*, D. Sim 3-30.

Match drawn.

v. Loretto. The Loretto innings proceeded by fits and starts eventually reaching a respectable total.

The School reply was poor. An early wicket was lost and then MacLeod and Yellowlees took the score to beyond fifty. Wickets fell quickly shortly after tea and the last pair were left to play out time.

LORETTO 172, G. M. Strommen 4-52, C. A. MacLeod 3-41

SCHOOL 141-9, M. J. Yellowlees 35, R. A. Stone-Wigg 31,

D. L. Ogilvie 23.

v. Strathallian Club. The Club was a bit thin on batting and long on bowling. However, with the match being played on the Paddock the School were able to get away with some chancy shots. For the first time in the season two people made a score in the School innings and neither was Yellowlees. Baird, struggling to find form, scored 47 not out and Sim contributed a very fluent 50. The Club got away to a shaky start and only some good batting by James McDonald and Donald Turner raised the score to a respectable total. Unfortunately the wiles of the beer tent and clay pigeon shooting played havoc with the middle order.

SCHOOL 160-2 (dec.), D. Sim 58*, A. C. B. Baird 47*

STRATHALLAN CLUB 93, J. S. P. McDonald 23,

D. I. Turner 21.

Won by 67 runs.

v. Dollar Academy. A very fast 100 by Yellowlees and a rather streaky 50 by MacLeod saw the School into a good position and a young Dollar side resisted but without avail.

SCHOOL 201-1 (dec.), M. J. Yellowlees 100*,

C. A. MacLeod 62*

DOLLAR 49, G. M. Strommen 3-3, D. Sim 4-16.

Won by 152 runs.

v. Edinburgh Academy. Inept batting against the ball that tended to lift ensured that the School were swiftly and efficiently annihilated by the Academy. An entertaining innings by Hill exposed, cruelly, the limitations of our bowling.

SCHOOL 61, D. Sim 21, R. C. Inglis 20.

EDINBURGH ACADEMY 63-0, D. C. Hill 50*

Lost by 10 wickets.

v. Merchiston. On a very wet wicket Merchiston proceeded inevitably to 181, several batsmen being out attempting to drive. The catching was better than it has been for some years at Colinton.

The loss of two quick and unnecessary wickets before tea ensured that no reply was possible. However, Sim played the best innings he has ever played, a majestic 82, and both A. C. B. Baird and C. A. MacLeod resisted stoutly.

MERCHISTON 181, W. A. G. Baxter 5-44,

D. L. Ogilvie 3-31.

SCHOOL 120-7, D. Sim 82*

Match drawn.

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v. Michelin Men. Another unconvincing performance by the School. Set a reasonably easy target, Yellowlees was criminally run out by one who shall be nameless, and only a bright knock at the end by D. L. Ogilvie made the score look a bit closer. In the end the School was saved by the rain—and the umpire some might add.

MICHELIN MEN 163, G. M. Strommen 4-46.

SCHOOL 107-9.

Match drawn.

v. Glenalmond. This was a game that swung first in one side's favour and then the other's. Both sides got off to good starts. At one point Glenalmond were 70-1 and School 85-1. Both sides contrived to get themselves out against steady bowling. In particular the School batting varied between extreme caution and wildness. Fortunately Glenalmond were unable to keep both ends shut. There was some good bowling from Strommen and MacLeod, and Johnston had a good 24 over spell for the opposition.

GLENALMOND 127, C. A. MacLeod 4-30,

G. M. Strommen 4-24.

SCHOOL 128-8, M. J. Yellowlees 49, A. C. B. Baird 26.

Won by 2 wickets.

So the season ended on a good note. One wonders, though, where all the runs are coming from next season. My thanks particularly go to Mr Dharsi and to all those other masters who spent long afternoons taking cricket.

2nd XI.

The 2nd XI was better than usual, but no consistent batsman appeared.

'A' XI

v. Perth Academy.

PERTH ACADEMY 21-0.

Match abandoned.

v. Fettes.

FETTES 154-7 (dec.), D. J. Watson 4-45.

SCHOOL 104, A. O. Inglis 21.

Lost by 50 runs.

v. Loretto.

SCHOOL 99, J. D. McIntosh 33, W. M. Potts 22.

LORETTO 68, S. A. Ferguson 3-6, W. M. Potts 6-17.

Won by 31 runs.

v. Edinburgh Academy.

SCHOOL 128, T. R. Fellowes-Pryne 24, D. J. Watson 39.

EDINBURGH ACADEMY 85, W. A. G. Baxter 6-26.

Won by 43 runs.

v. Glenalmond.

GLENALMOND 116, D. J. Bain 5-39.

SCHOOL 82, R. A. Stone-Wigg 31*

Lost by 34 runs.

3rd XI.

The waifs and strays had mixed fortunes, but some enjoyable cricket was played, and, as always, some unlikely recruits joined the cause.

v. Fettes (A).

SCHOOL 51.

FETTES 54-1.

Lost by 9 wickets.

v. Loretto (A).

LORETTO 59.

SCHOOL 61-7.

Won by 3 wickets.

v. Dollar Academy (A).

DOLLAR 61.

SCHOOL 63-5.

Won by 5 wickets.

v. Edinburgh Academy.

EDINBURGH ACADEMY 46.

SCHOOL 47-3.

Won by 7 wickets.

v. Glenalmond (H).

SCHOOL 119.

GLENALMOND 120-6.

Lost by 4 wickets.

SENIOR COLTS.

The Senior Colts were weakened by the removal of MacLeod to the 1st XI, but they battled on, often slowly. On the whole they were able to get sides out, but their batting was slow and sometimes brittle. However, there is some talent there.

v. Edinburgh Academy (H).

EDINBURGH ACADEMY 93, R. J. Duncan 4-16.

SCHOOL 17-1.

Match abandoned.

- v. Perth Academy (H).
SCHOOL 34.
PERTH ACADEMY 29, C. A. MacLeod 5-15.
Won by 5 runs.
 - v. Fettes (H).
SCHOOL 133-6, C. A. MacLeod 31, S. R. Watt 24.
FETTES 52-9.
Match drawn.
 - v. Loretto (H).
LORETTO 104, R. J. Duncan 4-32, D. J. Rourke 3-29,
S. R. Watt 3-16.
SCHOOL 92-5, G. C. McLean 50*, D. J. Rourke 27*
Match drawn.
 - v. Edinburgh Academy (A).
EDINBURGH ACADEMY 77, R. J. Duncan 4-20,
S. R. Watt 3-26.
SCHOOL 78-7, B. D. Montgomery 20.
Won by 3 wickets.
 - v. Merchiston (A).
MERCHISTON 114-7 (dec.), R. J. Duncan 5-38.
SCHOOL 91-4, S. R. Watt 30, D. J. Rourke 22*
Match drawn.
 - v. Glenalmond (A).
GLENALMOND 156-6 (dec.), S. R. Watt 4-47.
SCHOOL 76, D. J. Rourke 25.
Lost by 80 runs.
- JUNIOR COLTS.**
- v. Edinburgh Academy.
EDINBURGH ACADEMY 57, D. A. Robson 5-19.
SCHOOL 58-4.
Won by 6 wickets.
 - v. Perth Academy.
SCHOOL 120-6 (dec.), J. A. R. Coleman 57*,
D. A. Robson 41.
PERTH ACADEMY 24, J. A. R. Coleman 3-7
A. D. Shepherd 4-5.
Won by 96 runs.
 - v. Fettes.
SCHOOL 73.
FETTES 76-7, A. D. Shepherd 3-18.
Lost by 3 wickets.
 - v. Loretto.
LORETTO 43, D. A. Robson 3-7, P. J. Wilshaw 4-6.
SCHOOL 46-3.
Won by 7 wickets.

- v. Edinburgh Academy.
EDINBURGH ACADEMY 141, D. A. Robson 5-45.
SCHOOL 90, M. J. S. Hulme 21, G. B. Hedges 23*
Lost by 51 runs.
- v. Merchiston.
SCHOOL 151-8 (dec.), G. Roger 35, G. B. Hedges 34*
MERCHISTON 139-6, D. A. Robson 3-18.
Match drawn.
- v. Glenalmond.
GLENALMOND 77, J. A. R. Coleman 5-24,
D. A. Robson 4-24.
SCHOOL 78-4.
Won by 6 wickets.

STRATHALLAN OCCASIONALS

A somewhat undistinguished season in which we left a trail of grateful batsmen in our wake. 170+ seems to have been about our run-getting mark. Anyone interested in the tour is advised to contact R.N.J. now.

RESULTS

- v School
SCHOOL 171-6 (dec.)
OCCASIONALS 169-7, N. T. H. Du Boulay 68; S. K. Dharsi 52
- v Dundee University Staff
OCCASIONALS 195-3 (dec.), S. K. Dharsi 108; M. J. Yellowlees 56*
UNIVERSITY STAFF 172-9
- v Michelin Men
OCCASIONALS 177-5 (dec.), S. K. Dharsi 94
MICHELIN MEN 174-5

Tour

- v Wessex Stags
OCCASIONALS 176-6 (dec.), N. T. H. Du Boulay 64
WESSEX STAGS 174-8
- v Old Cliftonians
OLD CLIFTONIANS 225-6 (dec.)
OCCASIONALS 171-5, M. J. Yellowlees 67
- v Corsham
CORSHAM 196-8 (dec.)
OCCASIONALS 156-6
- v Mid-Somerset XI
MID-SOMERSET XI 213-8 (dec.)
OCCASIONALS 196-6, S. K. Dharsi 89*; N. T. H. Du Boulay 62
- v Dorset Rangers
DORSET RANGERS 235-6 (dec.)
OCCASIONALS 164-4; M. J. Yellowlees 66*
- v Denstone Wanderers
DENSTONE WANDERERS 261, R. C. B. Mole 5-61
OCCASIONALS 181, R. C. Inglis 49; P. M. Hamilton 49

Tennis



The tennis team enjoyed their most successful season for several years. With six players having had previous first team experience a strong pool of players was available and this strength in depth gave us the edge over the opposition. After a good win over Edinburgh Academy at the start of term, confidence was high and the season ended with us having won six matches out of six.

The team also enjoyed another afternoon's tennis at St. Leonard's, followed by a dance in the evening. This is a fixture that certainly generates enthusiasm—even the croquet team went into training.

Our thanks to Mr Monteith for returning to School and helping out during the week.

Team members: A. B. Caithness (Capt.), C. G. Caithness, N. A. Stone-Wigg, S. M. Megson, D. J. H. Megson, D. H. Prosser, M. Devlin.

Results:

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| v Edinburgh Academy | won | 8-1 |
| v Gordonstoun | won | 5-1 |
| v Loretto | won | 2-1 |
| v Merchiston | won | 5-4 |
| v Glenalmond | won | 8-1 |
| v Rannoch | won | 3-0 |

A.B.C.

Meanwhile from the Rev. W. N. Monteith we hear:

As far as it went, a clean sweep at last. The Fettes match was cancelled by rain, and the Old Strathallians were too keen to support the Fete to produce a team; but apart from that we won all our matches.

A. B. Caithness and C. G. Caithness, the first pair, played to narrow margins of error, which was impressive when things went well and disastrous on the rare occasions when they didn't. The second pair, N. A. Stone-Wigg and S. M. Megson, playing intelligent, unorthodox tennis, went through the season without losing a match or even a set—no mean feat. And the third pair, D. J. H. Megson and D. H. Prosser, without doing anything spectacular, kept getting the ball into court and contributed a lot of useful points. M. R. A. Devlin also played in two matches.

The courts are not too good; perhaps their use for winter hockey practice has something to do with it. Not many school courts are good in these expensive days but the number of bad bounces on ours is getting a bit embarrassing in home matches.

Winner of House Competition: Freeland.

Winner of Singles Championship: A. B. Caithness (L).

GOLF

from the Captain of Golf we hear that:

'The School got off to a good start for the season, being fourth out of twenty-six schools in the Aer Lingus competition at Ladybank in early April. John Richardson had a creditable 78.

'Hopes were high for the Merchiston match, but we went down heavily, 5-1 at Ladybank.

'In the Perthshire League we were beaten once, by a strong Morrison's side, and drew with Auchterarder. Good wins were had against Perth Academy, Bredalbane Academy and Pitlochry High School. In this league the team was: J. P. Stewart, A. M. Bisset, J. S. Richardson and G. R. Smith.

'The Masters' Match was enjoyed by all, especially F. S. Benzie and D. A. Smellie who recorded two good wins over masters who may wish to remain anonymous!' (Yes, please—Ed.)

—whilst from the Secretary the news differs only slightly:

'At the beginning of the summer term the A.G.M. was held as usual—J. P. Stewart was elected Captain and J. S. Richardson Secretary.

'The School team entered numerous competitions, the first of which was the Stocks Cup held at the Cairnies, Glenalmond in September. It was a bad day for Strathallan as two of our four-man team had No Returns! However, in the Aer Lingus area qualifying round held at Ladybank we did much better, coming sixth out of twenty-four teams, and in our section of the Perthshire Schools' League we came second, which was our best effort yet. We played 'friendly' matches against Merchiston, Glenalmond and the Masters but won only the last.

J. P. Stewart played for the Perthshire-Kinross Schools team against the Angus Schools and also won the School Club Championship. Freeland won the House Competition with Nicol coming second. The Handicap Competition was won by D. J. M. Reynolds—a commendable achievement for a third former.'

Results:

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----|----------------|
| ✓ Perth Academy | Won | 3-1 | (Auchterarder) |
| ✓ Auchterarder | Halved | 2-2 | (Auchterarder) |
| ✓ Bredalbane Academy | Won | 3-1 | (Tay Castle) |
| ✓ Morrison's Academy | Lost | 0-4 | (Crieff) |

Other matches:

| | | | |
|---------------|------|-------|------------|
| ✓ Merchiston | Lost | 1-5 | (Ladybank) |
| ✓ The Masters | Won | 4½-1½ | (Ladybank) |
| ✓ Glenalmond | Lost | ½-7½ | (Cairnies) |

Team: J. P. Stewart, J. S. Richardson, A. M. Bisset, G. R. Smith, J. M. McPhail (J. C. Herd, F. S. Benzie, D. A. Smellie).

SWIMMING

The House swimming took place on Thursday May 25th and was won jointly by Freeland and Ruthven, the results being as follows:

| | Seniors | Juniors |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Backstroke | W. M. McGregor (S) | H. A. S. Stewart (L) |
| Breaststroke | P. G. MacDonald (F) | D. J. Watson (L) |
| Butterfly | J. B. Callander (R) | D. J. Watson (L) |
| Freestyle | D. J. Bain (N) | G. J. Forbes (F) |
| Medley Relay | Nicol | Leburn |
| Freestyle Relay | Ruthven | Ruthven |
| 1—Freeland and Ruthven (56 pts.); 3—Nicol (55 pts.); 4—Leburn (53 pts.); 5—Simpson (29 pts.). | | |

Our first School match was on the 28th May away against Glenalmond. We were beaten 86-60 by a strong Glenalmond side despite their disqualification in the senior medley relay.

The next match was to have been against Loretto, but we were unable to get transport down and our pool was out of order.

The last match of the year was against St. Leonard's, Strathallan supplying an 'A' and a 'B' team who swam with and against the 'B' and 'A' teams respectively from St. Leonards. The Strathallan 'A' and St. Leonard's 'B' teams won by 65-57.

In general the pool was often in demand especially during the hot weather immediately after half-term. Unfortunately the pool had to be closed for the last fortnight of term due to filter trouble.



SUMMER HOCKEY

Judged solely by results, this was a disappointing season, for the first XI managed only one win and one draw in seven matches. Our first match against Morgan F.P., a much more experienced and skilful side, brought a heavy defeat, but it did appear that we had learned some lessons for when we went to Fettes a fortnight later a good team performance resulted in a convincing 5-1 win. Against Glenalmond a very even match in which we'd just got our noses in front was abandoned when the heavens opened, and in the annual encounter with the usual strong Old Boys side we avoided defeat for the first time for many years. Indeed one school of thought suggested that if the umpires had not shortened the game to ensure their lunches, the rapidly tiring Old Boys could well have been beaten—certainly we were playing well.

After Half Term though, the team just didn't click. Glenalmond deservedly beat us 2-0 in the rearranged match, Edinburgh Academy just squeezed home 3-2 in a somewhat physical match, and Grange and Barbarians taught us the usual lessons.

However, not all is gloom and despondency. The first part of the season showed the potential and it is encouraging to think that more than half the team will return next year. The second XI, who continued their match against Glenalmond when the first XI abandoned, managed to get the ball through, under or over the water into the opposing goal seven times, and enthusiasm was so great that a third XI, having been offered a match against Glenalmond (which they lost 3-2), insisted on a return. Unfortunately, they lost that by the same score, but both games were much enjoyed.

Finally, it can be said that even when obviously facing defeat, as against the strong club sides, the team never gave up trying to play constructive hockey—much of the credit goes to Ian Gerrard who led the side with energy and enthusiasm throughout the season.

1st XI from: C. A. Crone*; I. A. Henderson; I. A. Niven*; A.S.E. Henderson; A. J. E. Turner*; A. W. Ferguson; K. I. MacLachlan; K. C. Burton*; A. C. S. Macphie; J. M. Turnbull; R. M. Mitchell; I. F. Gerrard*; H. R. Laing*.

*Summer Hockey Colours.

SAILING

On the domestic scene the Club has thrived. We welcomed sixteen new members to take the total number to thirty-six. Our fleet of Enterprises—now eight strong—has also risen with the purchase of 'Vital Spark.' Extensive use of the Navy Section boats, particularly for training purposes has proved valuable, especially with the number of absolute beginners in the Club. Most of these are now capable of handling a boat if with only limited expertise. It has, however, been unfortunate that because of unfavourable tides not many people managed to get to the Tay very often and have had to be happy with the pond which, as the term progressed, became emptier of water and fuller of weed.

There has also been a great and welcome increase in the amount of racing done by the Club with a number of crews sailing in the Perth Sailing Club points series. Two crews also sailed in the Club's Spring Regatta in early May. We did not do outstandingly but the practice was invaluable.

School matches were sailed against Rannoch and Glenalmond away and Loretto at home. At Rannoch we were narrowly beaten despite Scott Muir coming 1st in the first race and 'Wilbur' McFarlane winning the second. Against Loretto and Glenalmond we were outclassed and beaten easily and convincingly.

The following sailed in the School teams: R. G. Walker, D. S. Muir, W. G. McFarlane, C. J. E. Houston, W. M. McGregor, I. A. Haggart, G. A. Watt, P. A. McFarlane, K. V. S. Grant and G. Guthrie.

The House Sailing Competition was sailed on the Tay on July 7th in good winds.

1st Race Ruthven II (R. G. Walker, D. A. Walker).
Leburn II (D. W. D. Ritchie, A. G. Norval).
Simpson II (W. M. McGregor, W. G. deG.

Allingham).

Nicol II (J. S. Fraser, G. Guthrie).
Freeland II (M. A. O. Dun, D. M. Spens).

2nd Race Nicol I (W. G. McFarlane, P. A. McFarlane).
Freeland I (J. M. Grant, S. B. Bisset).
Ruthven I (D. S. Muir, C. J. E. Houston).
Simpson I (M. J. Ramsay, D. J. Usherwood).
Leburn I (R. W. J. Morton, I. A. Haggart).

Winners: Ruthven.

R.G.W.

Athletics



ATHLETICS

It has been a season of mixed success this year with some outstanding achievements from our Senior team but the Middle team in general being much less productive of good performances. It is a little worrying for me to think of our prospects for next season but with effort and determination I am sure I can remain positive in mind.

Our first match of the season against Loretto was Open and ended in a comfortable victory for us, winning by 44 points. Smellie won the 100m, 400m and Long Jump in 11.4", 54.3" and 6m14 respectively. Headrick won the High Jump with a personal best of 1m71 and Ferguson won the 1500m in 4'41.1".

The next match against Fettes College, with both Senior and Middle teams competing, was tough competition. It produced several outstanding performances and Smellie's skills again came to light. He equalled the School Record in the 100m with 11.0" and again won the 400m and Long Jump. Voigt did well to come second in the 800m in 2'09.4" and Smith won the 200m in 24.3". In the Middles T. S. Stewart won the 1500m in 4'50.0" and K. H. Muir won the Javelin with a personal best of 39m44. A close match which was unfortunately lost by 9 points.

Our next match against Rannoch, was immediately after Half-Term and was away. The Seniors managed to win this match by a fair margin of points but unfortunately with a restricted choice of Middles, we lost overall by 11 points. Smith won the 200m in a personal best of 24.1" and Hunter had a good day winning the 400m and Shot Putt with personal bests of 53.2" and 10m55 and also coming second in the 200m with another personal best of 24.3". In the Middles, T. S. Stewart won the 1500m with a personal best of 4'48.6" and McDougall came second in the Shot also with a personal best of 11m26.

The last match of the season against Glenalmond at home was also the hardest. However, it produced several personal bests. In the Seniors, Smellie had gone from strength to strength setting up a new School Record in the Long Jump with 6m37, winning the 400m with a personal best of 52.9" and also winning the 100m in 11.3". Ferguson also obtained a personal best in the 1500m by coming second with a time of 4'27.3". The relay team just lost in a good time of 45.5". In the Middles Fairley came second in the High Jump with a personal best of 1m55, Phillips won the Long Jump with another personal best of 5m64 and Gray won the Discus with a throw of 35m95. Overall the match was lost by 39 points.

The Scottish Schools Athletics Championships at Pitreavie supplied us with four medals. Only the two relay teams had entered and although the Middles were eliminated in the heats, the Seniors went on to finish third in the final in 44.9"—a very commendable performance. The team: Smith, Headrick, Hunter and Smellie each received a bronze medal and a standard badge.

Colours were re-awarded to R. A. Smith and awarded to: D. A. Smellie, J. M. Hunter, A. W. Ferguson and J. B. McDougall.

D.J.H.

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

| Event | Class | 1 | 2 | 3 | Time/Distance |
|--------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 100m | Junior | Mackenzie | Lightbody | Smellie | 12.6" |
| 100m | Middle | Ogilvie | Fairley | McDonald/Houston | 10.9" (record) |
| 100m | Senior | Smellie | Smith, R. A. | Sim/Headrick | 11.2" |
| 200m | Junior | Mackenzie | Lightbody | Smellie | 26.9" |
| 200m | Middle | Ogilvie | Fairley | McDonald | 25.0" |
| 200m | Senior | Smellie | Smith, R. A. | Galloway | 24.5" |
| 400m | Junior | Mackenzie | Roger | Coleman | 60.7" |
| 400m | Middle | Ogilvie | Fairley | Galashan | 54.7" |
| 400m | Senior | Smellie | Voigt | Hunter | 52.5" |
| 800m | Junior | Roger | Coard | Taylor | 2' 24.2" |
| 800m | Middle | Laing | MacLeod | Forbes | 2' 12.0" |
| 800m | Senior | Voigt | Ferguson, A. W. | Turnbull | 2' 10.0" |
| 1500m | Junior | Roger | Coard | Gillanders | 5' 07.0" |
| 1500m | Middle | MacLeod, R. R. | Stewart, T. S. | Houston | 4' 39.7" |
| 1500m | Senior | Ferguson | Turnbull | Brewster | 4' 31.8" |
| High Jump | Junior | Roger | Lightbody | Gillanders | 1m51 |
| High Jump | Middle | Fairley | Fairbairn | Ogilvie | 1m52.5 |
| High Jump | Senior | Voigt | Headrick | Inglis | 1m74.25 |
| Long Jump | Junior | Lightbody | Roger | Tyser | 4m90 |
| Long Jump | Middle | Cuthbertson | Laing | MacDonald, P. G. | 5m13 |
| Long Jump | Senior | Smellie | Smith, R. A. | Hunter | 6m52 (record) |
| Discus | Junior | Hedges | Wilshaw | Rose | 26m40 |
| Discus | Middle | Gray | McDougall | Hyne | 32m18 |
| Discus | Senior | Stewart, J. P. | Stewart, D. M. S. | Cunningham | 28m19 |
| Shot | Junior | Hedges | Coleman | Thompson | 9m72 |
| Shot | Middle | McDougall, J. B. | Graham | Gray | 11m66.5 |
| Shot | Senior | Yellowlees | Callander | McLaren | 10m37 |
| Javelin | Junior | Wilshaw | Hedges | Coleman | 30m15 |
| Javelin | Middle | McDougall, J. B. | Muir, K. H. | Beano | 44m21 |
| Javelin | Senior | Hamilton | Muir, A. A. | Yellowlees | 40m43 |
| Relay 4x100m | Junior | Nicol | Ruthven | Simpson | 52.5" |
| Relay 4x100m | Middle | Leburn | Simpson | Nicol | 49.4" |
| Relay 4x100m | Senior | Freeland | Nicol | Ruthven | 46.5" |

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| Inter-House Competition | Winners | : | Nicol |
| The Rowan Cup for Standards | Winners | : | Ruthven |
| Victories Ludorum | Junior | : | G. Roger (S) |
| | Middle | : | D. L. Ogilvie (N) |
| | Senior | : | D. A. Smellie (N) |

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VALETE

DECEMBER 1977

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

- Biggart, C. B. (R), *Slioch, Duchray Road, Aberfoyle, Stirlingshire*. Came 1970²; I; Head of School; Head of Ruthven; XV '76-77; Captain of Fishing; 'O' Levels Prize; English, Economics and Economics Essay Prizes. Sgt.(Army).
- MacLachlan, D. A. C. (S); *Steadings, Oving, Nr. Aylesbury, Bucks*. Came '71³; I; Dux '78; Biology Prize; Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music; Open Exhibition (Magdalene, Cambridge); Choir; Orchestra; 4th XV; Sgt.(R.A.F.).
- Steele, B. W. (F), *18 Lyall Crescent, Millfield Estate, Polmont, Stirlingshire, FK2 0PL*. Came 1970³; I; Head of Freeland; Chemistry/Research Prize; Orchestra; School and Cantata Choirs; Drama; Operetta; W.O.(i/c R.A.F.).

V

- Baird, G. G. (N), *Mains of Dun, Montrose*. Came 1975¹; III; 4th XV '77; 3rd XI '76; L/Cpl.(Band).

- Mackay, A. L. (N), *The Old Rectory, Iping, Midhurst, W. Sussex*. Came 1972²; I; 3rd XV '76-77; Cpl.(Band).

- Millar, G. R. (L), *Cuil & Glassie Farms, Strathtay Road, Aberfeldy, Perthshire*. Came 1974³; III; Athletics '76 & '77 (colours); Cross Country '75; XV '77 (colours); L/Cpl. (Army).

- Strachan, N. (F), *64 Forest Road, Aberdeen*. Came 1973³; I; Golf '77; A.B.(R.N.).

IV

- Dunbar, R. F. (L), *18 Devonshire Terrace Lane, Glasgow, G12 0SJ*. Came 1974¹; I; Junior Cross Country; Choir; Operetta; 2nd Orchestra; Cdt.(Army).

JULY 1978

UPPER SIXTH

- Benzies, F. S. (N), *The Loaning, Meikle, Perthshire*. Came 1973³; III; XI '75, 2nd XI '76, 3rd XI '77; Ski-ing '76-78 (Capt. '77-78); Golf '78; A.B.(R.N.) then Social Services.

- Caithness, A. B. (L), *The Red House, 16 Queens Terrace, St. Andrews, Fife*. Came 1973¹; III; School Prefect; Head Librarian; XV '77-78; Cross-Country '77 & '78; Tennis '74-78 (Capt. '78); Basketball '76; Golf; Choir; School Film; Cpl.(Army).

- Caithness, C. G. (L), *The Red House, 16 Queens Terrace, St. Andrews, Fife*. Came 1973³; III; House Prefect; Tennis '74-78; Cross-Country; Choir & Cantata Choir; Pipe Major (Band).

- Crawford, C. J. K. (L), *Pringleton House, Borgue, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4SG*. Came 1971³; I; 3rd XV '77-78; Choir; 2nd Orchestra; Cpl.(Army).

- Crone, C. A. (S), *33 Mayfield Avenue, Liddesdale Estate, Stranraer, or Via Augusto Vera 19, Rome 00142, Italy*. Came 1976³; LVI; House Prefect; 4th XV; Hockey 2nd XI; Summer Hockey XI '77 & '78; Economics and Geography Fieldwork Prizes; L/Cpl.(Army).

- Cunningham, C. M. (F), *c/o Gray MacKenzie Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 210, Bahrain, Arabian Gulf*. House Prefect; Capt. Boxing; XV '77-78; Athletics '76-78; Hockey 2nd XI '76-78; Social Services.

- Dun, M. A. O. (F), *10 Courtenay Gardens, Upminster, Essex*. Came 1971³; I; 2nd XV '77; Drama; Social Services.

- Elkins, M. J. (N), *42 Harwood Avenue, Bromley, Kent, BR1 3DU*. Came 1973³; III; Shooting; P.O.(R.N.).

- Evans, K. D. (N), *c/o Miss Bain, 47 Craigie Avenue, Dundee, or Sepang Estate, Sepang P.O., Selangor, Malaysia*. Came 1973²; III; House Prefect; 3rd XI; Social Services.

- Fellowes-Prynn, T. R. (R), *33 Darras Road, Ponteland, Northumberland*. Came 1973¹; III; 4th XV '75-78 (Capt. '77-78); 3rd XI; Sgt.(Army).

- Gall, D. S. (R), *'Chowra,' 38 Glasgow Street, Helensburgh, Strathclyde, G84 8DA*. Came 1973³; III; House Prefect; 2nd XV '77-78; 3rd XI '76-78; Scholar; Choir; Drama; Social Services.

- Galloway, R. G. (L), *East Balmirmer, by Arbroath, Angus*. Came 1973³; III; Head of School; Head of Leburn; 2nd XV '76-78; Cross-Country '74-78; Athletics '74-78; School Film; U/O.C.C.F.(R.N.).

- Gardner, R. A. (L), *Rua 53, No. 217, 79100 Nova Campo Grande, M.T., Brazil*. Came 1977¹; LVI; 3rd XV '77-78; Biology Project Prize; Bursary to University of Aberdeen; Flt.Sgt.(R.A.F.).

- Gerrard, I. F. (F), *16 Salisbury Place, Arbroath, Angus*. Came 1971³; I; 2nd XV (Capt.) '77; XV '77-78; Hockey XI '77-78; Summer Hockey XI '77-78 (Capt. '78); Squash; 2nd XI '76; Scottish Schoolboys Hockey '78; Drama; Cdt.(R.A.F.) followed by Hockey Coach to Illrd Form.

- Graham, W. W. (S), *120 Cleves Quad, Nitshill, Glasgow*. Came 1974²; III; Cross-Country; Adventurous Training; Parachuting; Flt.Sgt.(R.A.F.).

- Grant, E. M. (F), 'Lyndale,' 29 Hamilton Avenue, Glasgow, G41 4SE. Came 1974³; IV; House Prefect; Scholar; Open Scholar to Magdalene, Cambridge; Maths, Physics and Chemistry Prizes; Dux; XV '77-78; Drama; Cpl.(Army).
- Grant, J. M. (F), Anmer Estate, P.O. Box 300, Kiambu, Kenya. Came 1973¹; III; House Prefect; Hockey 2nd XI; 4th XV; Stage Manager; P.O.(R.N.).
- Griffiths, D. G. F. (S), 62 Culduthel Road, Inverness, IV2 4HQ. Came 1973¹; III; Shooting; Cpl.(Army).
- Henderson, I. A. (R), Buccleugh Hotel, Hawick, Roxburgh, Borders, TD9 9NR. Came 1973³; III; XV '77-78; Summer Hockey XI '78; 3rd XI; Part-time Social Service; L.S.(R.N.).
- Hume, D. G. L. (S), Mains of Carmyllie, Arbroath, Angus, DD11 2RJ. Came 1976 ; LVI; Basketball '76-78; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- Hunter, J. M. (F), Taborbank, Mount Tabor Road, Kinnoull, Perth. Came 1971³; I; Athletics '75-78; 3rd XV; Orchestra; Sgt.(Band); Social Services.
- Inglis, A. O. (R), Inch of Arnhall, Edzell, Angus. Came 1973³; III; School Prefect; Head of Ruthven; XV '77-78; XI '77-78; Hockey XI '77-78; Flt.Sgt.(R.A.F.).
- Kinder, G. L. H. (S), Symington House, Biggar, Lanarkshire. Came 1974¹; III; Art Prize; William Tattersall Art Prize; Orchestra; Wind Group; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- Kingan, D. S. (N), Bengairn, New Abbey, Dumfries, DG2 8BY. Came 1973³; III; Maths Prize; Bursary to University of Aberdeen; Orchestra; 5th XV '76-78; Summer Hockey 2nd XI '76-78; L.S.(R.N.).
- Lester, R. H. (S), Rowantreehill, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire. Came 1973¹; III; House Prefect; Biology Prize; 4th XV; Cpl.(Army).
- MacDonald, I. D. (S), P.O. Box 198, Chingola, Zambia. Came 1977¹; House Prefect; Squash; 3rd XV; Social Services.
- McLaren, A. H. (N), Westridge, 456 Perth Road, Dundee. Came 1971³; I; House Prefect; 2nd XV; Gliding; Stage Electrician; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- Megson, D. J. H. (S), P.O. Box 42607, Nairobi, Kenya. Came 1973³; III; House Prefect; Tennis '77-78; Cross-Country '75; Art Prize; William Tattersall Art Prize; L.S.(R.N.).
- Morton, R. J. W. (L), Red House, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire. Came 1973³; III; House Prefect; Sailing; 3rd XV; Choir; Sgt.(Army).
- Muir, D. S. (R), Cuilvona, Aberfoyle, Stirlingshire. Came 1970²; I; House Prefect; Sailing '76-78 (Capt. '77); 4th XV; Choir; Stage Manager; Flt.Sgt.(R.A.F.).
- *Norval, A. G. (L), 64 Bonhard Road, Scone, Perthshire. Came 1971³; I; House Prefect; Sailing '76-78; Riley Scholarship; Choir; L.S.(R.N.).
- Ogilvie, I. G. (N), Barns of Craig, by Montrose, Angus. Came 1970³; I; House Prefect; XV '76-78; XI; Hockey 2nd XI; Junior Squash; Ski-ing; Soccer (Capt.); Drama; Social Services.
- Postlethwaite, H. R. (F). Came 1973³; III; Cpl.(R.A.F.). All other details withheld.
- Potts, W. M. (R), 9 Abbotshall Drive, Cults, Aberdeen, or P.O. Box 26, Nandi Hills, Kenya. Came 1973¹; III; House Prefect; XV '76-78; XI '76-78; O.S.(R.N.), then Social Services.
- Ramsay, M. H. J. (S), The Old Manse Hotel, Duthil, Carrbridge, Inverness-shire, PH23 3ND. Came 1971³; I; House Prefect; 6th XV; Sailing; Army, then Social Services.
- Ritchie, D. W. D. (L), Hornend, 51 Cheney Street, Eastcote, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 2TA. Came 1971³; I; House Prefect; Cross-Country '73 & '78; Sailing; Choir; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- Robertson, I. R. (R), 1 York Road, North Berwick, East Lothian, EH39 4LS. Came back 1976³; LVI; (see also Vol. 10 No. 2 & Vol. 11 No. 1); House Prefect; Shooting '76-78 (Captain); 2nd XV; Leader of Orchestra; P.O.(R.N.).
- Scott, N. W. J. (N), 11 Hepburn Gardens, St. Andrews, Fife. Came 1973³; III; Summer Hockey XI; 3rd XV; Choir; Orchestra; Drama; Social Services.
- Sim, D. (F). Came 1971³; I; School Prefect; Head of House; XI '75-78; XV '76-78; Hockey XI '78; Social Services.
- Smellie, D. A. (N), 'Criffel,' Roebank Road, Beith, Ayrshire, KA15 2DT. Came 1974¹; III; House Prefect; Scottish Schoolboys XV '77-78; XV '76-78; XI '76-77; Athletics '78; School and Cantata Choirs; W.O.(R.A.F.).
- Smith, G. R. (L), East Mains of Craichie, Forfar, Angus. Came 1971³; I; Golf; R.A.F., followed by Social Services.
- Stewart, D. M. S. (F), c/o Royal Insurance Co. Ltd., Balmes 49, 3^o, Barcelona, Spain. Came 1971³; I; House Prefect; XV '77-78; Swimming '73-78; Basketball '76-77; Fishing '76-78 (Capt. '78); Choir; Social Services.
- Stone-Wigg, R. A. (F), c/o Sugaroi Estate, Ganni Ltd., Private Bag, Naro Moru, Nr. Nanyki, Kenya. Came 1973³; III; School Prefect; XI; Hockey '77-78; Squash '76-78 (Capt.); 3rd XV; L.S.(R.N.), then Social Services.
- Turnbull, J. M. (N), Boghall, Kingsbarns, St. Andrews, Fife. Came 1974³; IV; School Prefect; Cross-Country '75-78; Summer Hockey XI '77-78; Soccer XI; Cpl.(Army), then Social Services.
- Turner, A. J. E. (S), 13 Sinclair Terrace, Wick, Caithness, KW1 5AD. Came 1971³; I; House Prefect; Hockey XI; 3rd XV; Social Services.
- Van Dongen, H. H. (F), 218 London Road, Burpham, Guildford, Surrey. Came 1974¹; III; 4th XV; Flt.Sgt.(R.A.F.).

Walker, D. A. (R), 51 Dirleton Avenue, North Berwick, East Lothian. Came 1973³; III; Sailing; Basketball '75-77; 3rd XV; Librarian; L.S.(R.N.).

Walker, I. H. (N), 15 Dalhousie Road, Barnhill, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, Tayside. Came 1971³; I; House Prefect; 4th XV; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; Cpl.(Army).

Walker, R. G. (R), 51 Dirleton Avenue, North Berwick, East Lothian. Came 1973³; III; House Prefect; XV; Sailing '75-78 (Capt. '78); Basketball '76-77; P.O.(R.N.).

Watt, S. R. (R), 5 Manley Terrace, Station Road, Liskeard, Cornwall. Came 1974³; IV; House Prefect; XV; Sailing; 3rd XI; Basketball '74-75; Exhibitioner; Head Science Librarian; Choir; Drama; Cpl.(Army).

Whyte, R. A. R. (F), Ravensdale, Salen, Aros, Isle of Mull, Argyllshire. Came 1972³; II; House Prefect; 2nd XV; 2nd XI; Summer Hockey 2nd XI; Soccer XI; Geography Prize; Country Dancing; Army, then Social Services.

Yellowlees, M. J. (N), Duiness, Aberfeldy, Perthshire. Came 1971³; I; School Prefect; Head of Nicol; Hockey XI '76-78 (Capt. '78); Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI; XI '76-78 (Capt. '78); Cricket for The Rest v. Southern Schools; XV '76-78; Capt. Royal Artillery Schoolboys Touring XV; Ski-ing '76-78; Houston Prize; Riley Scholarship; Choir; Orchestra; Editor 'Strathallian'; Sgt.-Major(Army).

LOWER SIXTH

McFarlane, W. G. (N), 3450 Burnett Drive, Murraysville, Pa. 15668, U.S.A. Came 1971³; II; Swimming '73-78; Sailing '77-78; 3rd XV '77-78; L.S.(R.N.).

Stewart, J. P. (L), 8 Windsor Place, Stirling, FK8 2HY. Came 1974³; III; Captain of Golf; Athletics '78; Golf '77-78; 2nd XV; L/Cpl.(Army).

Taylor, C. R. (L), 439 Hermosa Avenue, N. Vancouver, V7N 3B9, B.C., Canada. Came 1972³; I; Hockey 2nd XI (Capt. '78); 2nd XV; L/Cpl.(Army).

V

Anderson, H. G. (R), 46 Strathearn Road, West Ferry, Dundee. Came 1973³; I; A.B.(R.N.).

Bain, D. J. (N), 158 Ashgrove Road West, Aberdeen. Came 1975¹; III; XI '77-78; Swimming; 3rd XV; Drama; Cpl. (Band).

Booth, A. M. (L), Mains of Ardestie, Monifieth, Dundee, Angus. Came 1975²; III; Summer Hockey 3rd XI; Cdt.(Army).

Brabbs, I. T. (S), The Bower, Monkton, Prestwick, KA9 2PG. Came 1975²; III; Fishing; Summer Hockey 3rd XI; A.B. (R.N.).

Brown, K. C. (S), 16 St. Ternans Road, Newtonhill, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire. Came 1974³; III; Summer Hockey; 3rd XV; L.S.(R.N.).

Cook, M. D. (S), Portnellan Lodge, Crianlarich, Perthshire. Came 1975³; III; Ski-ing; S.Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Crocket, A. D. (F), Blackhill Farm, Moscow, Galston, Ayrshire. Came 1975³; III; A.B.(R.N.).

Dewhurst, C. H. (F), Woodend, Madderty, Crieff, Perthshire. Came 1974³; III; Shooting '77-78 (Capt. '78); Choir; Orchestra; L/Cpl.(Army).

Fraser, J. S. (N), Moncrieffe Arms Hotel, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire. Came 1975³; III; Cdt.(Army).

Guion, H. W. G. (S), 9 Douglas Street, Kirkcaldy. Came 1974³; III; Cdt.(Army).

McArthur, P. J. (N), Wellfield Farm, Strathmiglo, Fife. Came 1973³; I; 3rd XV; Pipe Band.

Mackay, N. J. (N), The Old Rectory, Iping, Midhurst, W. Sussex. Came 1973³; I; Cross-Country; 4th XV; Cdt.(Army).

Meikle, A. J. (F), Mains of Airleyweight, Bankfoot, Perthshire, PH1 4AN. Came 1975³; III; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Wrightson, T. A. (N), Lych Garth, Church Lane, Newton-u-Roseberry, Cleveland. Came 1976³; III; Fencing; Cdt. (Army).

IV

Drysdale, A. T. G. (R), 14 Warren Road, Guildford, Surrey. Came 1977³; III; O.S.(R.N.).

Wood, K. W. A. (L), 6 Beaully Crescent, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire. Came 1974³; I; Junior Scholarship; Choir; Orchestra; Senior Colts XI (Hockey); A.B.(R.N.).

III

Knox, K. W. (N), Laigh Kyleston, Dunure Road, Ayr. Came 1976³; III; 'B' Shooting; Senior Colts Hockey; Junior Colts Rugby.

Lamont, J. C. (R), Glendale, Abernethy, Perth. Came 1975³; I; Scholar; Second Orchestra.

II

Forsyth, R. J. A. (Ri), The Stile House, Deddington, Oxfordshire.

I

Baillie, G.-D. E. (Ri), Chemin de la Fontanettaz, 1012 Pully, Vaud, Switzerland.

What I enjoyed most at Strath:

... Drinking in my study ... beating
J.F.C. 10 and 8 ... taking the
Mickey ... beating Ruthven at
Hockey Leagues ... beating Ruthven
at anything ... drawing a ship-of-
the-line in History 'O' Level and still
passing ... having a single study ...
Mmmm—I give up ... Sunday
morning lie-ins ... rugby ... friend-
ship ... watching R.N.J.'s one-man
show on Dining Room duty ...
smashing rubbish off-spinners ...
getting the wicket of a Scottish inter-
national ... sports ... winning cups
... cockroaches in strip-rooms ...
girls' schools ... my stereo ...
Saturday nights ... bread ... learning
to sail ... giving up Latin after 8
years hopeless study ... power cuts
... giving nasty little boys in shorts
lines ... playing 3rd XI cricket
matches away.

Parting Messages:

Keep Jack in
a job ... James—enjoy your Ox-
bridge Term ... finish the painting
yourself ... get stuck in ... make
the 2nd XV and get two booze-ups
... I bequeath the window in my
study; it has been broken since I
moved in two years ago ... don't
panic ... never be irrelevant ...
You can't beat the system—I know
'cos I tried ... watch out for the
black dogs ... Freeland strip-rooms
are quite safe ... will the person who
'borrowed' my Swiss Army Knife
please return it ... black dogs mean
danger ... you could have kicked
me out years ago ... Finlayson's is
the cheapest pint around.

What I will miss least:

Getting
caught drinking in my study ...
boiled Carafino ... being repeatedly
run out when I was on 40 odd ...
saluting my housemaster ... waiting
three hours for a two minute 'phone
call ... splinters in 'leavers'
floors ... after effects of business
dinner ... keeping Heinz in buses ...
... people being sick on buses ...
strange pieces of paper stating the
obvious ... Campbell's stereo ...
woolly thinking ... sitting, re-
paper ... gnomes ... sitting, re-
sitting, re-sitting, re-sitting, re-
sitting my Maths 'O' Level ... Vlth
Form Bar ... getting caught.

Letters to the Editor

c/o Harrisons Lister Engrg. Ltd.
84, Jalan Ampang,
P.O. Box 1007,
Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia.

FETE ACCOMPLI—BUT WAS THAT ALL?

As six o'clock came the people left. The Fete had been blessed with generosity, hard work by staff and boys, good weather and success. All will have been reported elsewhere, the Fete showed substantial profit which was, of course, the prime objective. This was not, however, the only achievement.

There was a very noticeable increase in the attendance of Old Boys at 'Founder's Day'; support from Old Boys for the Prize Draw (about £2,800 I gather) was very gratifying; and parents and Old Boys were brought together in a congenial atmosphere.

There has been a tendency in recent years for the Strathallian Club to appear to be rather dormant—reflected in relatively poor attendances at what few Club occasions there are—and for the Club and the School to have grown slightly apart. Our Club should have a lot to offer its members—granted that there are geographical problems—and we have now proven that there is plenty of interest throughout the Club membership.

Dare one suggest that the Club should now be prepared to take advantage of the large re-kindled interest and try to expand its activities. Here, of course, the geographical spread of membership causes problems. However, we do have a large concentration of Old Boys—and boys and parents—in the Glasgow area (and I might add that I am not a Glaswegian) and it would be shameful if we could not take advantage of this to develop the Club.

Would it not be possible for the Club to gather and develop this enthusiasm and set a target to create its own premises around which to develop social—and even sporting—activities for its members and friends?

It is often said that one must speculate to accumulate; the School has done both recently with great success. The Club should be able to do likewise. So why not?

A Strathallian.
(name and address supplied).

Dear Sir,

Wednesday 26th April 1978 was a memorable day for some parents living in and near Kuala Lumpur, including one former Strathallian, and whose sons are currently at Strathallan.

On that day we met the Headmaster who spent one day in Kuala Lumpur in the course of a visit to the Far East.

The highlight of Mr Pighills' visit was the screening of the recently completed film about the school. This really is an excellent film, and all concerned with the production of it are to be heartily congratulated. No other medium could so well publicise the many facets of life at Strathallan, and show the wide range of activities and interests available to the boys, both inside and outside the classroom.

I hope that it will be possible to borrow a copy of the film, and at some future date, show this to a wider circle of people in this country.

Despite the many changes that have taken place in the school, the film brought back fond memories to one who was at Strathallan during Harry Riley's days.

Yours sincerely,
A. J. S. ANDERSON.
(1938-44).

STRATHALLIAN CLUB



THE PRESIDENT: JIM McINTYRE

Jim McIntyre, the thirty-ninth President of the Club, hails from Wigtownshire. A dairy farmer, he was at Strathallan during the war years 1939/1944, becoming a house prefect in Simpson and performing with no little distinction on the sports field, being two years in the 1st XV and Athletics Champion in 1944. His talent on the cricket field, however, was apparently recognised, but briefly.

Having a notion to become a regular soldier, he was selected from school to do a short University Course for potential officers at Queen's College, Oxford, and was commissioned into the 12th Royal Lancers in 1946. Service in Palestine (1946/1947) followed but the call of his native land proved too strong it appears, and, having got soldiering out of his system, he decided finally that farming was the career for him. Demobbed in 1948, he became a farm manager to the Earl of Stair for five years, before buying his present farm, Barbeth, in 1956, where he has a herd of 120 milking cows. No 'lying-in' of a morning at Barbeth!

Never one not to take an active interest in matters, he served on the Council of the National Farmers' Union of Scotland from 1962 to 1973, and was President in 1969/70. He is currently on the Executive Council of the Scottish Land Owners' Federation and has been a member of the Dumfries & Galloway Health Board since its inauguration in 1972.

An ardent curler, he still follows rugby with great enthusiasm and in his day he captained Wigtownshire R.F.C. for two years. It is purely coincidental that he relinquished the captaincy shortly before marrying Hilma in 1953, and they have three children—Helen, Karen and Ian (Strathallan 1968/75).

A cheerful character with a warm and friendly personality, there are few dull moments when Jim is around. Not surprisingly, he is much in demand as a witty and accomplished after-dinner speaker. During his year of office he has provided a strong hand at the Council's helm and has put his facility for clear and original thought to telling effect in the Club's interest.

Hon. Presidents:

D. J. Bogie
J. B. M. Cowan
C. D. Pighills

Hon. Vice-Presidents:

W. N. S. Hoare
A. D. D. McCallum

President:

J. A. McIntyre

Vice-President:

J. W. Dinsmore

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer:

D. I. Turner

Council Members:

Retiring 1978—
J. N. Cochran, A. C. MacArthur
Retiring 1979—
R. S. Peters, P. G. Dunley, R. K. Linton
Retiring 1980—
J. Paton, R. F. Wilson, D. M. N. Gillanders

Hon. Auditors:

W. M. Nairn, D. F. Fairbairn

Trustees for the Club:

D. W. Lewis, A. S. Headrick

Club Member of the Board of Governors:

R. M. D. Grant

Secretary, Golf Section:

A. McInroy, 5 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12

Secretary, Angling Section:

D. A. Biggart, Taylor & Ireland, C.A.,

307 West George Street, Glasgow, G2

Secretary, London Branch:

David Anderson, 37/39 St. Andrew's Hill, London, EC4V 5DD

1978 ANNUAL DINNER

Following previous successes, it has been decided to hold the 1978 Dinner in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

A circular will be issued inviting ticket applications and it is hoped that members and their guests will turn out in strength. Tickets will be obtained from Glen Dunley, 16 Bainfield Road, Cardross, Dunbartonshire.

1977 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Forty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Club took place on Saturday, 26th November, 1977, at 6.30 p.m. in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow. The President, Mr Victor Lowden, was in the Chair and 32 members attended.

The Council's Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1977, were approved and 55 new Life Members were elected.

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

Dinner followed and was attended by 86 Strathallians and their guests. The speaker on this occasion was Mr David Mason.

1978 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Saturday, 25th November, 1978, at 6.30 p.m. in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

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

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

Messrs. J. N. Cochran and A. C. McArthur retire from the Council by rotation and are not eligible for re-election until after the expiry of one year.

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

In terms of Article 11 of the Constitution, nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, two Honorary Auditors, and three members of Council, must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary not later than 17th November, 1978. Of the three nominations for members of Council, one must be a member who left school not less than fifteen years previously, and one must be a member who left school during 1978.

Members who have motion they desire to be (other than a motion under Article 34 or 45 of the Constitution) must notify the Honorary Secretary of the terms of the motion not later than 17th November 1978.

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motion not later

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE—
SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1978
ALBANY HOTEL, GLASGOW**

1978 and 1979 DINNER DANCES

The 1978 Dinner Dance was held in the Kintyre Suite, Central Hotel, Glasgow, on 20th January, and although the numbers attending were small, it proved a most enjoyable evening for those Strathallians and their guests who were present.

A similar function has been arranged for 26th January, 1979, in the Central Hotel, Glasgow, and Ross Peters is once again in charge of the arrangements. It is earnestly hoped that Strathallians will endeavour to attend this event with their guests.

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE—
FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1979
CENTRAL HOTEL, GLASGOW**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.W. Forsyth'.

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GOLF SECTION REPORT 1977/78

Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Barnton Trophy 24th September 1977

Strathallan Team Jamie Moffat, Richard Williamson,
Andrew McInroy, Gordon Lowden,
Ian James, Stuart Lowden.

Our opening round was against Dame Allan's Old Boys, Pairs 1 and 2 (for this game Pair 1 was Richard Williamson and Stuart Lowden) both had very bad starts, being 3 and 4 down respectively after five holes. However, both couples rallied to record a 2/1 win and a half respectively. Pair 3 had an impressive 5/4 win.

Our next round was 9 a.m. on Monday morning. Stuart Lowden had dropped out to make way for Jamie Moffat who had just returned from sunny Spain. Our opponents were Lorretonians who are one of the strongest teams in the tournament. Our first pair lost at the 17th against sub-par golf from Peter Bucher and Fraser McCathie. Our second pair did not play well at all and lost 3/2 in a game which might easily have had a different result. Our third pair were all square on the 17th tee when the games in front finished and they settled for a halved game. We lost $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

Our only consolation from this was that Lorettonians reached the final—only to lose to Glasgow High School.

Autumn Meeting at Douglaston

27th November 1977

This outing, which was the morning after the Annual Dinner, had to be cancelled due to snow and severe frost. This was particularly unfortunate as about fifteen souls had 'arisen from the dead' so to speak, and were there on time—in body, if nothing else.

Match v. Glasgow Academicals at Turnberry

14th May 1978

Strathallians won this annual fixture on a lovely sunny day at Turnberry. The morning round on the Arran was almost a clean sweep with Strathallians winning $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. However in the afternoon, following a rather premature victory celebration at lunch-time, we were held 2-2 on the Ailsa. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed a superb day at Turnberry and we all look forward to next year's match, hopefully at Gleneagles.

Grafton Morrish Trophy—Scottish Qualifying Round, Prestwick

16th June 1978

Our second attempt to qualify for this competition was somewhat of a disaster. We finished last by a long way out of four teams. The leading two being the ones to qualify. We had some difficulty in raising the team of six and the conditions on the day were atrocious. On top of that, we have to beat Lorretonians and Watsonians, so it is not easy to qualify at the best of times.

Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Barnton Trophy 23/24/25 September 1978

Our team for this year's competition was as follows:

1st pair Jamie Moffat, Rich Williamson.

2nd pair John Monteith, Andrew McInroy.

3rd pair Gordon Lowden, Ian Jones.

Following a bye in the first round, we faced up to Merchiston in the second round. Jamie and Rich were well below their best and succumbed 6/5 to Alastair Sym and Gordon Russell. John and I also played below our standard against the Zuill Brothers and lost 6/5 to par-equalling golf.

Our third pair of Gordon and Ian had been up against it playing Barry Laird and Peter Burt. Merchistonians opened 4 3 3 (par-birdie-birdie) and by the 8th tee were 3 up. Our senior team member (Gordon) then decided that the team was faring so badly that he would have to provide some inspiration. Merchistonians had no answer to the ensuing hole-in-one!

Although this came too late to inspire pairs 1 and 2, it certainly did inspire Ian and Gordon. They staged a great fight back and won on the 18th green, going round the course in an approximate 68. After 15 years of this competition, Gordon and Ian reckon on having lost only 4 times—and having beaten amongst others the Brodies, Ian Carslaw and others.

It must be said that these three Merchiston couples have formed the mainstay of a team which has won the Halford Hewitt twice and the Queen Elizabeth Trophy three times recently.

Angling '77-'78

Our last report for the Magazine ended in mid-stream 1977.

We paid a first visit to Loch Arklet in August 1977 and despite being denied the use of outboard engines because of idiotic water rules, we managed to row about and catch 10 trout. David Young, son of the venerable Lindsay, was the winner.

The attendance at the Lake was poor. Only 8 attended but the catch was extremely good—51 trout weighing 34 lbs—with the winner, Bill Buchanan, catching no fewer than 13.

The competition put Hugh Stewart, who did not attend, and who had a substantial lead, into third place in the Club Championship behind the winner, David Biggart, and Lindsay Young.

Our team of David Biggart, Stuart Biggart, and Willie Nairn, reached the final of the Scottish Club Championships for the first time and finished in seventh place, out of a total entry of 140.

The Annual Party was held near Beith in a most tastefully converted cowshed—the home of Ross and Sandra Peters, who entertained us in grand style. Ross Peters had been elected Captain at the Annual General Meeting. It is the Captain's privilege to decide which feat would merit the award of the John Hall Salver, and it had been decided that it should be awarded to the Captor of the Heaviest Fish.

In March 1978 we visited the River Tay where in 1971 a 17½ lb salmon had been captured. Ross captured a 17½ lb salmon plus one of 10 lbs and this seems to win the Hall Salver.

At the Annual General Meeting it was agreed that from Season 1978 we should decide the Championship not on the weight of trout caught but by the number of points won. Briefly this means six points for a win, down to one point for a sixth place (always provided six persons catch fish).

We have always been anxious for young members to join our ranks hoping that by fishing with us they will ensure the continuing existence of the Angling Club and of course benefit from the experience of older members.

Charlie McGhee, who left school recently, won the competition at Loch Awe and Stuart Biggart, son of the Secretary, not only won at the Lake, but had the heaviest basket in the match against the Phoenix. Loch Leven, however, proved more difficult when experience or something landed the miserable total of 5 trout—all caught by the 'elderly' lead by Willie Nairn, with a fish of 2 lb 12 oz. Bill Buchanan had the best catch at the Lake in July when he caught 3 trout weighing 1 lb 14 oz which was adjudged to be heavier than Stuart Biggart's 1 lb 14 oz. With two competitions still to be fished, Stuart Biggart has 15 points with Charlie McGhee and Lindsay Young on 10. Could this be the year of youth?

Against the Phoenix Angling Club we recorded a surprising victory. They caught 27 trout weighing 21 lb 11 oz against our 20 trout weighing 21 lb 5 oz, but owing to a difference in the number of anglers on each side, the catch counted double.

Against the School we redeemed last year's disaster by catching 11 trout weighing 6 lbs 11 oz while the School caught 7 trout weighing 4 lbs 4 oz. The winner of the Reel presented for the best boy's basket went to Robert Ferguson—a fourth former.

Our Competitions continue to be well supported and we collected three new members this year, one fresh from School, and two others who cannot perhaps be classified as quite so fresh.

I have to record with deep regret the death of Dr Leslie Steven. Leslie was a founder member—Captain in 1967, and shared the championship in 1964. He was delightful company in a boat and will be sadly missed by his many angling friends.

NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

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| C. E. ALLARDYCE | 1943/48 | President of Scottish Cricket Union 1978. |
| G. C. ARCHIBALD | 1964/69 | Working in Belgium for an international firm of Pension Consultants. Would be pleased to hear from any Strathallians who may pass via Brussels. |
| A. G. BALFOUR | 1963/69 | Teaching music at Brechin High School. Organist and choirmaster of Brechin Cathedral. Conductor of Montrose and Forfar Choral Societies. Orchestral member of the Amateur Operatic Societies in Brechin, Kirriemuir and Alyth. |
| R. BALFOUR | 1962/66 | Now a senior pilot and in charge of Bristow Helicopters in Sumatra and living in Singapore. |
| R. F. BAXTER | 1955/59 | Recently visited Sydney and was refreshingly entertained by Jimmy Linn and Graham Gordon. |
| A. R. BRASH | 1962/67 | Now researching in Pharmacology in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. |
| D. G. BRASH | 1964/68 | Recently assumed as a partner of Morison & Co., Solicitors, Edinburgh. |
| E. J. COULTER | 19—/62 | Now working near Perth, Western Australia. |
| M. W. H. CRAN | 1963/70 | Promoted to Captain with the Royal Scots. |
| W. G. DRYSBROUGH | 1950/56 | Recently appointed as Farm Manager with Welbeck Estates Company Limited, Worksop, Notts. Would welcome contact from Strathallians in that area. |
| N. L. GARDNER | 1975/76 | Presently in second year of Engineering at Cambridge. |

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| C. S. Y. GILLANDERS | 1961/68 | Working in Marine Insurance & Re-insurance Broking for C. T. Bowring & Co. Ltd. Sings as a tenor with the London Philharmonic Choir. |
| K. W. GILLANDERS | 1961/68 | Moving to South America in November to work. |
| C. S. GRANT | 1965/71 | Assistant Farm Manager in Valencia, Venezuela. |
| A. N. HARTLEY | 1967/73 | Now finished final year of B.Sc.(Hons.) Course in Physics & Electronics at St. Andrews University. Starts work with Mars Money Systems (Slough) in August 1978. |
| Q. HARTLEY | 1962/69 | Has now left Fisons to be assistant treasurer (UK) for a large American firm. Still living in London. |
| B. de la HAYE | 1969/73 | Promoted to Lieutenant in November 1976 and posted to Aberdeen as Training Platoon Commander for two years. |
| N. HEADRICK | 1970/74 | Graduated LL.B. Dundee University and presently serving apprenticeship with Wright Johnston & Mackenzie, Solicitors, Glasgow. |
| R. C. HERBERT | 1966/73 | B.Sc. (Pharmacy), M.P.S., having graduated from Brighton Polytechnic in 1977. After working in Brighton General Hospital for post-graduate year, has recently been appointed to Eastbourne District General Hospital. |
| S. L. HILL | 1971/75 | Presently trainee manager with Harduns (Contractors Tools) Limited—part of the SGB Group. |
| P. J. HOLDEN | 1969/72 | With the Bank of Scotland, Pitlochry Branch. |

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| D. M. HOLMES | 1965/70 | B.Sc.(Hons.) Chemical Engineering and now taking M.B., B.S., at Welsh National School of Medicine in final year. | A. D. G. MACKENZIE | 1970/74 | Has spent one year in New Zealand and has taken a Diploma in Agriculture at Lincoln College, Christchurch, and now farming in Easter Ross. Has played rugby at both club and representative level in New Zealand. |
| D. G. JENKINS | 1964/69 | Now owns a restaurant in Auckland, New Zealand. | K. W. MACMILLAN | 1972/77 | Taking M.A. Course in Accountancy and Economics at Dundee University. University Students' Squash Champion 1978. |
| T. E. F. JENKINS | 1958/63 | Teaching in Auckland, New Zealand. | J. I. McMILLAN | 1955/58 | Working in Sydney, Australia with Morrison & Partners, Architects. He has passed on news of Ian Lochrie and Jimmy Thorburn. |
| ALAN G. JOHNSTON | 1956/61 | Appointed Managing Director of C.M.T. Transport Services (Scotland) Limited —main Scottish distributor for Fiat trucks. | J. L. W. PARKER | 1956/61 | Appointed Consultant Physician at St. George's Hospital, Lincoln, and would like to hear from any Strathallians in that area. |
| R. L. KIRKLAND | 1970/75 | Commissioned into Corps of Royal Engineers and recently promoted Lieutenant. Completed tour of Northern Ireland and currently in Hamlyn, West Germany. Has represented the Army in athletics and the Corps in rugby and hockey. | R. A. D. POWRIE | 1969/76 | Serving in Osnabruck with the Argyll & Sutherland H. |
| J. W. LINN | 1956/61 | Now Chief Executive with Private Equity and Finance in Sydney, Australia. He reports that Graham Gordon and Ian Gray are in splendid form! | J. L. PRINGLE | 1963/69 | Served C.A. apprenticeship with Peat Marwick Mitchell, Chartered Accountants, and now Chief Accountant with Morrison Knudsen-Shand in Paisley. |
| K. MAGEE | 1969/74 | Taking History Course at Stirling University. | C. J. ROBERTSON | 1967/71 | Moved from Hertfordshire County Council to join Fairclough Civil Engineering Limited and presently working on A9 Kingussie Bypass. |
| A. G. MARSHALL | 1965/72 | Recently joined Imperial Tobacco (Imports) Limited as a territory salesman in Oxford area. | A. I. ROBSON | 1966/73 | In final year of Dentistry at Newcastle University and would be pleased to hear from any Strathallians in the Newcastle area. |
| J. B. MELVILLE | 1956/63 | Deputy Manager of Central Hotel, Glasgow, after five years with North British Hotel, Edinburgh. | W. D. SIMPSON | 1942/47 | Now principal Sales Engineer at British Aerospace Dynamics, Stevenage, Herts. |
| J. T. MOFFAT | 1964/69 | Appointed Director of A. T. Mays Motors Limited in December 1977. | | | |
| J. A. MONTGOMERIE | 1928/32 | President-elect of the Downing College Cambridge Association 1977/78. | | | |

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| G. E. SMITH | 1968/72 | His first play is due to be staged later in the year by The Other Company Repertory Theatre touring Angus and Perthshire, as part of Dundee Young Playwrights Festival. |
| R. W. SPROAT | 1963/70 | Now working in the family business of Agricultural Engineers in Castle Douglas. |
| H. W. R. STEEDMAN | 1969/76 | Studying for degree in Accountancy and Business Law at Stirling University. |
| M. C. TAYLOR | 1969/73 | Serving with the Royal Engineers in Hong Kong. Member of the Combined Services Rugby Union and went on tour to the Philippines last September. |
| P. J. TULLOCH | 1959/63 | Recently joined Deacon Construction Limited as Senior Contract Manager/Director designate. |
| N. F. WALLACE | 1963/67 | Working for a firm of Quantity Surveyors as a technical translator in Paris. |
| R. I. WHITAKER* | 1970/75 | Opened a Reproduction Furniture Centre at Haverthorpe and playing first team hockey for Ben Rhydding Hockey Club in the Yorkshire League. |
| A. L. WEARMOUTH* | 1965/69 | Chief Accountant with Clydepak Limited, Rutherglen, Glasgow. |
| P. McL. WILSON | 1963/68 | Glen Dunley tells us that he is studying for a Ph.D. in Environmental Systems Engineering at Clemson University in South Carolina. |

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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

ENGAGEMENTS

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| A. N. HARTLEY | 1967/73 | to Miss Helen Dodge on 26th April 1978. |
| J. T. MOFFAT | 1964/69 | to Miss Louise Duvall on 8th November 1977. |
| M. B. N. PATERSON | 1960/65 | to Miss Anne Duncan in December 1977. |
| R. I. WHITAKER | 1970/75 | to Miss Carol R. Smith. |

MARRIAGES

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| JAMES W. LINN | 1956/61 | to Miss Susie Kitto on 28th April 1978. |
| D. G. BRASH | 1964/68 | to Miss Elizabeth Jane Ross on 30th July 1977. |
| A. G. FERGUSON | 1965/70 | to Miss Alison M. Brough on 3rd December 1977. |
| R. W. SPROAT | 1963/70 | to Dr Lois M. E. Millar on 3rd September 1977. |
| K. C. TINDAL | 1959/65 | to Miss Janetta MacArthur on 8th October 1976. |

BIRTHS

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| G. C. ARCHIBALD | 1964/69 | To Mr & Mrs Archibald, a daughter, Catherine, on 13th April 1978. |
| I. BORLAND | 1957/62 | To Mr & Mrs Borland, a daughter, Amanda Barbara, on 28th September 1977. |
| J. R. T. BRUCE | 1964/69 | To Mr & Mrs Bruce, a daughter, Jill Frances Mary, on 27th April 1977. |
| J. R. MARSHALL | 1957/61 | To Mr & Mrs Marshall, a son, David Roberts, on 17th January 1978. |
| J. I. McMILLAN | 1955/58 | To Mr & Mrs McMillan, a son, Gavin Ross, on 30th March 1978. |

DEATHS

CHARLES W. MACLAY, F.R.C.S. died in Cape Town, South Africa, on 12th April 1978. In recent years he had been Lecturer in Anatomy at the University there. He was at Strathallan from 1926.

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ARRAN '78

We arrived on Arran on Friday 1st September and were greeted by the sight of Goat Fell swathed in mist. We were then transported to the hut by Land Rover where we sorted ourselves out and had the first of many huge meals a la Henderson.

Both groups' first walk was a stroll up Goat Fell then descending by way of North Goat Fell.

The original plan for Sunday, a walk round the Bhein Bhramein and Bhein Bhraec ridge, was cancelled due to bad weather. It was eventually decided to walk east from Lochranza to the sea, then follow the shore round as far as the Forestry Commission track. The day cleared up quite quickly, giving us several hours of sunshine.

On the Monday Group A under Mr Barratt ascended Cir Mhor via Glen Sannox, home of 'the worst bog in Scotland,' then going over the Castles; over the Witches' Step and going down Suidhe Fearghus to the bottom of Glen Sannox where they camped overnight. Meanwhile Group B with Mr Pearson and Mr Reid walked round the Ben Nuis and Beinn Tarsuinn ridge returning to the camp at Brodick.

On Tuesday Group B did the Cir Mhor route whilst Group A did the Ben Nuis ridge, both groups walking in mist and rain. Due to the excesses of the weather Group B unanimously decided to return to Brodick rather than camp out—to the disgust of Group A.

Wednesday was our free day, some hardy souls cycling to Lamlash, some playing golf, but most content to do as little as possible.

To our horror the next day, instead of a 'short map-reading exercise,' we were taken to Glen Sannox where we climbed a neighbouring ridge in extremely high winds. Fortunately it was also dry and provided an opportunity for a bit of scrambling.

After being aroused at 6.00 a.m., with furious last-minute packing before breakfast, we left at about 7.30 with the barracks being left spotless after an exhausting cleaning session.

I'm sure everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. They were: Baillie, C. A. J., Forbes, G. J., Hamilton, E. W., Macdonald, P. G., Dobbie, G., Galashan, A. F. R., Gray, M. H., Reid, P. K., Craik, D. M. N., Duncan, R. J., Guthrie, D., Guthrie, G., Macpherson, N. W., McGregor, W. M.

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'STRATHALLIANA'

Ideal as presents or as mementos of your alma mater may we suggest the following Strathalliana:

Coffee mugs: £1.00 each.

Prints of the School (viewed from the Law) by T. J. MacLeod, D.A.,

Director of Art: £1.00 each.

The prints are available post free but for obvious reasons of fragility and expense we cannot supply coffee mugs by post.

Contact the Headmaster's Secretary.

MIKE YELLOWLEES has been selected for the Dragons Cricket Tour of India over Christmas and the New Year.

ALLAN A. CHALMERS is now running The Dam Inn, S. Slochan, B.C., V0G2G0, Canada, a haven for gourmets, powder skiers, salmon fishers and white-water nuts. He invites intending followers of university catering courses to contact him.

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