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(L. A. Stewart)

EDITORIAL

We see from the past that even the most persuasive and eloquent debaters have been unable to overcome the forces of bigotry. Cicero may have been a magnificent speaker but he was still unable to persuade his limbs to step down off the rostrum, and even Socrates could not turn the hemlock into wine. Of course, the immediate reaction to these classical allusions is to cry out against the suppression of free speech typical of the barbaric past and to muse, with some smugness, on the liberalism of today.

But in many ways those spokesmen in the past who suffered for their beliefs must have felt more happy than the writers of today; at least they could be sure that some attention was given to their words; whereas today perhaps we do not so much tolerate radical writers as ignore them.

This disregard for the writers is reflected all through our society and the old aphorism, holding the pen to be stronger than the sword, is everywhere being seen to be unsound. When Joe McGahey made speeches claiming that miners should be paid more he was ignored, but when he takes the action of calling a strike Downing Street thinks very highly of him. In a society where attention is only paid to those who use a pick-axe rather than a pen it is not surprising that people resort to action rather than argument.

It is perhaps particularly important that we do not develop this tendency of venerating action over ideas at a place where values and ideals are being formed. A great danger of the public school system is that the pupils may fail to evolve their own ideas because the outward actions — traditions, fagging, sport and the like — are taken as a substitute for real thinking. Pupils must be given the opportunity to mature by questioning the values of their environment, and boarding schools provide the conditions where young people can do this without doing any great damage to themselves or society. This protection is a great advantage of the public school system but at the same time the free expression of thought, rather than a blind acceptance of things as they are, must be encouraged. Perhaps we must be careful not to substitute the good ideals, which resulted in our various traditions, for the traditions themselves.

With the installation of a television set in House junior common rooms in September, the Sixth Form Hall no longer takes on the role of a weekend picture house for the middle and junior schools. The new system has its obvious advantages: convenience, availability, comfort, but one cannot help but feel that the right attitude is not really being adopted towards television watching. The whole question of the place of T.V. inevitably arises.

We would be among the last to want restrictions on viewing reduced to "good", "proper" or purely "educational" programmes. However it is strikingly obvious that T.V. is rather too convenient. For many it is the ideal answer to a wet winter's afternoon — a good old relaxing film, but the old idea of switching on the box and then looking to see what is on seems to be the case more often than not.

What is disappointing is that activities seem to suffer as a consequence. The popular Science Society has had disappointing attendance and on the cultural side of the school, the Music and Debating Societies have had poor audiences. Surely it must be realised that these activities are being thought up, performed or organized by members of the school, some of whom cater for the "minority interests" anyway. It is deplorable that an internal debate should attract less than thirty boys, while hundreds sit gawking at the box. We feel that priorities are wrong somewhere. Boys ought to make more effort to support activities which are being arranged, after a great deal of hard work by other boys. Surely these sorts of activities are vital to the school — they must not be allowed to degenerate through discouragement or apathy. (See page 88).

In our last edition changes were promised, and some of these will already have become apparent. No doubt there will be some who disapprove of change in any guise and others who think we have not gone far enough. To the latter we simply say this: if "The Strathallian" is to be a literary magazine there must be a supply of material, and regrettable though it might be this office has not been swamped by the average Strathallian's desire to rush into print. Moreover, it is our firm belief that a school magazine must remain a record, for unless it is there is none.

Notes

Mr. R. N. Johnson has retired from the position of Editor-in-Chief of "The Strathallian". We record our thanks to him for his work over the past seven years.

The School is now linked to the mains water supply (or is the Lady's Well supplying Perthshire?).

All Houses now have television sets in commonrooms.

A recording was made of the Carol Service.

The choir also gave the world première performance of "Davie the Giant Killer", by Mr. Ball and Mr. Monteith. The school hit the bright lights of show-biz when this was recorded by the B.B.C. in July.

Trust Houses Forte, disguised as Gardner Merchant, are now responsible for all our catering. Keep up the good work, Miss Smith.

Congratulations to Mr. N. R. Colquhoun on his marriage to Miss Rosemary Colville

to A. G. MacFarlane and A. D. G. Mackenzie on playing for the Scottish Schoolboys rugby team

to W. D. McIntosh on his selection for the London Scottish Junior XV

to A. C. McArthur on playing for the Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI

and to Mr. Smith on getting a new minibus.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors now has his own board — installed in the School entrance hall.

The shirts worn by Mr. Hamish Dawson (O.S.) when playing for Scotland at rugby can now be seen in the gymnasium entrance hall.

J. T. Moffat (O.S.) won the British Universities Golf Championship at Sandwich.

A. J. Harvey-Walker (O.S.) has been playing regularly for Derbyshire, and has scored his first Championship century.

Mr. John Cochrane (O.S.), Concorde's co-pilot, won the Derry and Richards Memorial Medal for his "outstanding contribution to the Concorde development programme".

The dog population seems to be getting larger, but smaller and longer, if you know what we mean.

After the end of the power restrictions the School bought a generator.

We had two dances with Kilgraston and one with St. Leonards this year. There have been complaints about the increased amount of mail.

Two new awards were made this year. The Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music was presented on Speech Day; and the Rowan Cup for Athletics Standards was presented by Mr. Rowan on Sports Day.

The 1st XI square was hors de combat during the Summer Term.

The changes to Riley House under Phase I of the Development Appeal programme have been completed.

There were 356 boys in the School in the Summer Term. No girls this time.

THE STAFF

Four new members of the Staff joined the School at the beginning of the year. Mr. M. Barratt has taken over the Housemastership of Freeland and has joined the English Department. Mr. D. J. Kay teaches Modern Languages and is a House Tutor in Riley. Mr. B. J. Gregory and Mr. J. B. Brown have joined the Maths. Department. Mr. Gregory is a House Tutor in Riley, and Mr. Brown injected new life into our Social Services side.

No members of the Staff left this summer, but it has been announced that Mr. C. P. Hewson will retire from the Housemastership of Riley House in July 1975. He will be succeeded by Mr. M. J. E. Wareham.

CHAPEL NOTES

The following were confirmed into the Church of Scotland on 10th March, 1974: C. H. Baxter, G. I. Bennet, D. P. Benzie, D. D. Cramond, P. A. C. Cameron, H. K. Currie, T. H. Duff, D. F. Ferguson, J. A. E. Fingland, J. F. Fyfe, W. G. S. Garvie, N. M. Headrick, S. L. Hill, D. G. Inglis, T. A. Inglis, G. L. F. Inglis, D. T. Kennedy, R. S. F. Leishman, D. S. Lowden, H. B. Niven, A. I. Pate, R. V. E. Pearce, C. W. Picken, C. S. Russell, G. R. Steele and R. F. Vodgt.

Into the Episcopal Church on 17th March, 1974: D. A. Cameron, N. R. Constable, N. E. Cope, S. J. Newing and A. D. G. Widdowson.

Preachers included the Right Rev. Michael Hare-Duke (Bishop of St. Andrews), the Very Rev. Lord MacLeod of Fiunary, the Very Rev. T. T. Irvine (Dean of St. Andrews), the Rev. Professor E. P. Dickie, the Rev. Professor J. A. Whyte, the Rev. E. H. Best and the Rev. John Philipose (all of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews), the Rev. Douglas Nicol and the Rev. Gordon Strachan (both of St. Ninian's, Crieff), the Rev. Allan Young (St. John's Kirk, Perth), the Rev. Douglas Lister (Largo), the Rev. Ian Miller (Madderty), the Rev. Finlay Macdonald (Menstrie), the Rev. Uist Macdonald (Aberdalgie), the Rev. Walter Learmonth (Ceres), the Rev. Raymond Winter (Chaplain of Loretto), the Rev. Alastair Montgomerie (Chaplain of Gordonstoun), the Rev. David Huie (Naval Chaplain, Rosyth), the Rev. Stewart Lamont (BBC Religious Broadcasting Department), the Headmaster and the Chaplain.

After long delays caused mainly by the printers, we eventually introduced the new hymn books (Church Hymnary — Third Edition) in March. About time, too, for the old books had mostly become rather disgracefully tatty. We are now gradually extending our repertory. The singing remains pretty good and most of the visiting preachers are much impressed.

Collections for a variety of good causes averaged £9.57 (excluding services attended by a lot of generous parents). This works out at about 2½p a head for boys and staff combined.

We are very grateful to Mrs McCallum and her helpers for the flowers each week in Chapel.

W.N.M.

Speech Day 1974

Speech Day took place this year on Friday, 7th June. Despite the petrol shortage the City Hall, resplendant in its new decor, was filled with the usual amount of spectacular head-dresses. The guest speaker was Ian MacArthur, Esq., M.A., M.P.

The Chairman of the Governors had the unenviable task of giving an apologia for the appeal fund to finance the building of a new house. As he pointed out, Strathallan has become a major Scottish public school only by continued improvements, and, if Strath-

allan is to remain in this position this pressure to progress must be maintained. There are many at Strathallan who agree with him; the world is changing so quickly that conservatism cannot possibly succeed.

The Headmaster began his speech with the academic news of the past year; pointing out that despite appearances these are the important issues. He mentioned the continued high pass-rate in 'A' and 'O' level examinations and told us that the experiment allowing members of the Upper Sixth to sit Scottish 'Highers' proved so

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rewarding last year that the plan has been extended. Highers will now become a permanent feature of the Sixth Form course.

He then turned to the political threat facing the public schools. He asked why the Government was directing so much of its energy against public schools while neglecting State schools. But despite the danger he thought that "we can look forward to five years — and I firmly believe more than five — of comparative tranquility in this respect."

This theme of the political threat to public schools was taken up by the guest speaker, Mr MacArthur. His speech was a powerful condemnation of the threat to individual liberty posed by the Labour Party's scheme to abolish public schools. Although he was perhaps preaching to the converted, he outlined the justification which anyone doubting the fundamental morality of the public school system should know. "Once all education is in the grasp of the State," he said, "there are certain risks to the political freedom which we now enjoy."

The concert followed the speeches. The standard was once again high and it seemed unfortunate that it had to be so short. I personally feel it is a pity to reduce the time allowed for one of the main musical events in the school year quite so severely, particularly when music in the School is thriving.

After lunch, parents were met with a number of activities. The art this year showed more originality in style and technique than has been seen in the School for some years. The success of the results varied.

The pipe band blew with a great deal of passion throughout the afternoon while various exhibitions and concerts were also shown.

As is usual on a Speech Day we defied the laws of nature and had sunset at five o'clock. I am always deeply touched by the display of poetic faith shown when "Sunset Sir" is solemnly declared while the sun beats down. But so it was and so ended another Speech Day.

T.S.L.

SPEECH DAY PRIZES : JUNE 1974

The Smith Cup for Captain of School	F. G. R. Gillanders
The Houston Prize for All Round Merit	F. G. R. Gillanders
Dux	A. N. Hartley (in absentia)
The William Tattersall Art Prize	R. M. Hamilton
The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings	T. S. Ling
The Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music	F. G. R. Gillanders
French	G. Herdman
German	P. D. Hunter
English	T. S. Ling
Geography	C. M. Drysdale
History	T. S. Ling
Mathematics	D. A. Cameron
Economics	T. S. Ling
Chemistry	D. A. Cameron and R. P. Kerr
Biology	R. T. Lewis and M. J. MacDonald
Physics	D. A. Cameron
Art	D. L. Young
Geography Field Work	L. A. Stewart and M. P. Thomson
Biology Project	C. H. Baxter
History Essay	P. D. Hunter
Economics Essay	T. S. Ling

SIXTH FORM LECTURES: 1973-74

Once again, we express our very sincere thanks to a number of gentlemen — their names are listed below — who most generously gave 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.

Hew Lorimer, Esq., R.S.A.: *The National Trust for Scotland*.

Major David H. Butter, M.C., J.P.: *The Lord-Lieutenancy*.

Dr. P. W. F. Gribbon: *Exploring Greenland*.

A. Duncan Miller, Esq.: *Planning in Local Government*.

R. P. MacLellan, Esq., C.B.E., J.P.: *The Problems and Opportunities Facing Industry*.

Sheriff H. F. Ford: *The Sheriff Court*.

A. MacDonald, Esq.: *Social Welfare Operations*.

Bernard Gilchrist Esq., M.A.: *The Scottish Wildlife Trust*.

Ian A. Gilmour, Esq., M.B.E.: *The English-Speaking Union*.

L. A. Bassett, Esq., B.Sc.: *Careers*.

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

Salvete

Autumn Term 1973

L.VI — Hamilton R. M. (N).

V — Eastwood M. (F).

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Riley — Anderson H. G.; Brown G. R.; Campbell J. F.; Crawford I. M.; Duncan R. J.; Fairbairn A. C.; Foulds G. P.; Hamilton T. N.; Houston C. J. E.; Johnson I. L.; Macdonald P. G.; Mackay N. J.; MacLachlan K. I.; McArthur P. J.; McDougall J. B.; McFarlane P. A.; McGillivray C. M.; McLean G. C.; Niven F. W.; Peddie P. R.; Postlethwaite K. F.; Rankine H. A.; Reid N. J.; Robertson R. D.; Steedman C. M.; Strachan N.; Widdowson R. D. W.; Wylie A. S.

Spring Term 1974

III — Bigham R. S. (N); Gregor K. E. (S); Jones J. N. (N); Kinder G. L. H. (S); Smellie D. A. (N); Van Dongen H. H. (F).

Summer Term 1974

III — Ferguson S. A. (R); Herd J. C. (F); Richardson J. S. (N); Stewart J. P. (L).

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- Stewart L. A. (R). Came 66³. I. Geog. Field Work
Prize 74. XV 73-74. XI 73. Cpl. Pipe Band.
*Tulach Ard, Balmacara, Kyle of Lochalsh, Ross-
shire.*
- Strachan R. M. S. (R). Came 69³. III. Golf 72-73.
Cpl. Army.
61 Carlogie Rd., Carnoustie, Angus DD7 6EX
- Thomson M. P. (L). Came 71³. V. Geog. Field
Work Prize 74. L/Cpl. Army.
48 Lawmill Gardens, St. Andrews, Fife.
- Wallace W. D. R. (L). Came 69³. III. XV 72-74.
Cpl. R.A.F.
Kincapple, St. Andrews, Fife.
- Wighton A. A. (S). Came 69³. III. Ath. 70-74.
Orch. Sgt. R.A.F.
10 Tanburn Place, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada.
- Cramond D. D. (N). Came 69³. I. Cdt. R.A.F.
34 Hamilton Place, Perth.
- Currie H. K. (R). Came 71². III. L/S. R.N.
Burnside Farm, Stanley, Perthshire
- Inglis T. A. (R). Came 69³. I. Cdt. Army.
Dalachy Farm. Aberdour, Fife.
- Kennedy, Lord David T. (L). Came 68³. I. Cdt.
Army.
Cassillis, Maybole, Ayrshire.
- Lyburn G. W. (N). Came 68³. I. Orch. Cdt. Army.
South Gask Farm. Coupar Angus, Perthshire.
- Paisley J. (F). Came 69³. I. Orch. Cdt. Army.
Easthall Farm. Cupar, Fife.
- Paton D. P. (S). Came 71¹. III. Cdt. Army.
*Beauly, Hazelwood Rd., Bridge-of-Weir, Ren-
frewshire.*
- Pearce R. V. E. (N). Came 71³. III. Cdt. Army.
Cappagh House, Askeaton, Co. Limerick, Eire.
- Picken C. W. (F). Came 71³. III. Cdt. R.N.
10 Longbank Rd., Ayr.
- Robb J. A. (L). Came 69³. I. Orch. Cdt. Army.
*Stelling Croft, Leazes Lane, Hexham, Northum-
berland NE46 3AE.*
- Steel L. B. (F). Came 70³. III. Sh. 74. Soc.
Services (Cdt.).
48 Albany Drive, Lanark. ML11 9AF.
- Thomson D. G. (L). Came 71³. IV. L/Cpl. Army.
48 Lawmill Gardens, St. Andrews, Fife.
- Warden N. S. (F). Came 70². III. Cdt. R.A.F.
*47 Ross Avenue, Inglis Barracks, Millhill,
London N.W.7.*
- Wilson J. A. M. (R). Came 71³. III. Cdt. Army.
*Highlands, Rue des Cateaux, Trinity, Jersey,
Channel Islands.*

III

- Barbour H. M. (Ri). Came 72³. II
Hoolets' Bield, Bridge-of-Earn, Perth.
- Millar M. (F). Came 73³. III.
4 Drumsheugh Place, Edinburgh.
- Robertson I. R. (R). Came 71³. I.
1 York Road, North Berwick, East Lothian.

I

- Robertson R. D. (Ri). Came 73³. I.
72 Neville Rd., Darlington, Co. Durham.

House Reports

FREELAND

After having been told on arrival that this might well be a lean year for Freeland, as a result of so many leavers the previous year, it is pleasing to record that it has been anything but. Certainly there is no need for an extension to the House sideboard as yet, but there have been many creditable per-

formances and a reasonable amount of silver earned.

The Rugger XV, ably led by D. L. Young, played with great enthusiasm and no little courage and were not disgraced in losing to the powerful Leburn side. Ruthven's greater all-round skill eventually proved too much for us in the Hockey Cup,

but they too were made to work for their triumph. Perhaps the Leagues were more to our style. Certainly at times one felt one was watching some sort of hurling/shinty combination rather than hockey. Maybe the pitches determine the methods, but whatever else, the League Cup was the end result. Neither did our boxers lack determination, for the cup was not won by weight of entry alone. Seven of the House reached the final, of whom N. G. Macdonald and A. H. Cumming were successful. Our musicians, despite the efforts of Adam and Cochrane, won few marks from the experts, but gave the Music Room audience some highly original entertainment with their unusual interpretations !

Many of the best efforts, however, were seen in the more minor sports : runners-up in Golf, Squash and Pre-Service, winners of the Tennis and Sailing Cups. There have also been some notable achievements on the school front : R. P. Kerr won the Chemistry prize, D. L. Young and D. S. Lowden were members of XV, E. A. Ferguson of the Hockey XI, A. W. Adam gained his Squash colours and was a member of the Tennis VI along with K. W. Macmillan and C. R. M. Smith. R. K. Shedden, A. K.

Shortreed and C. S. Russell were regulars in the Pipe Band.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr Raine and Ewan Ferguson for all their help and support. It has been a highly interesting and rewarding first year ; after ten years in the South one had hoped to find Scottish humour and determination unchanged by modern habits ; it was good not to be disappointed.

Head of House : E. A. FERGUSON.

House Prefects :

J. S. MILNE, G. R. STEELE, R. P. KERR,
A. W. ADAM.

Captains of Sport :

Rugger, Cross-Country,

Athletics :

Boxing :

Hockey, Cricket, Swimming :

Golf :

Squash, Tennis :

Shooting :

Skiing, Sailing :

Music :

D. L. YOUNG.

R. K. SHEDDEN.

E. A. FERGUSON.

D. S. LOWDEN.

A. W. ADAM.

L. B. STEEL.

G. R. STEELE.

A. R. COCHRANE.

House Colours :

A. W. ADAM, J. S. MILNE, G. R. STEELE,
D. J. DEWAR, D. S. LOWDEN, K. J. SHANNON,
R. K. SHEDDEN, D. L. YOUNG, C. W. PICKEN.

M.B.

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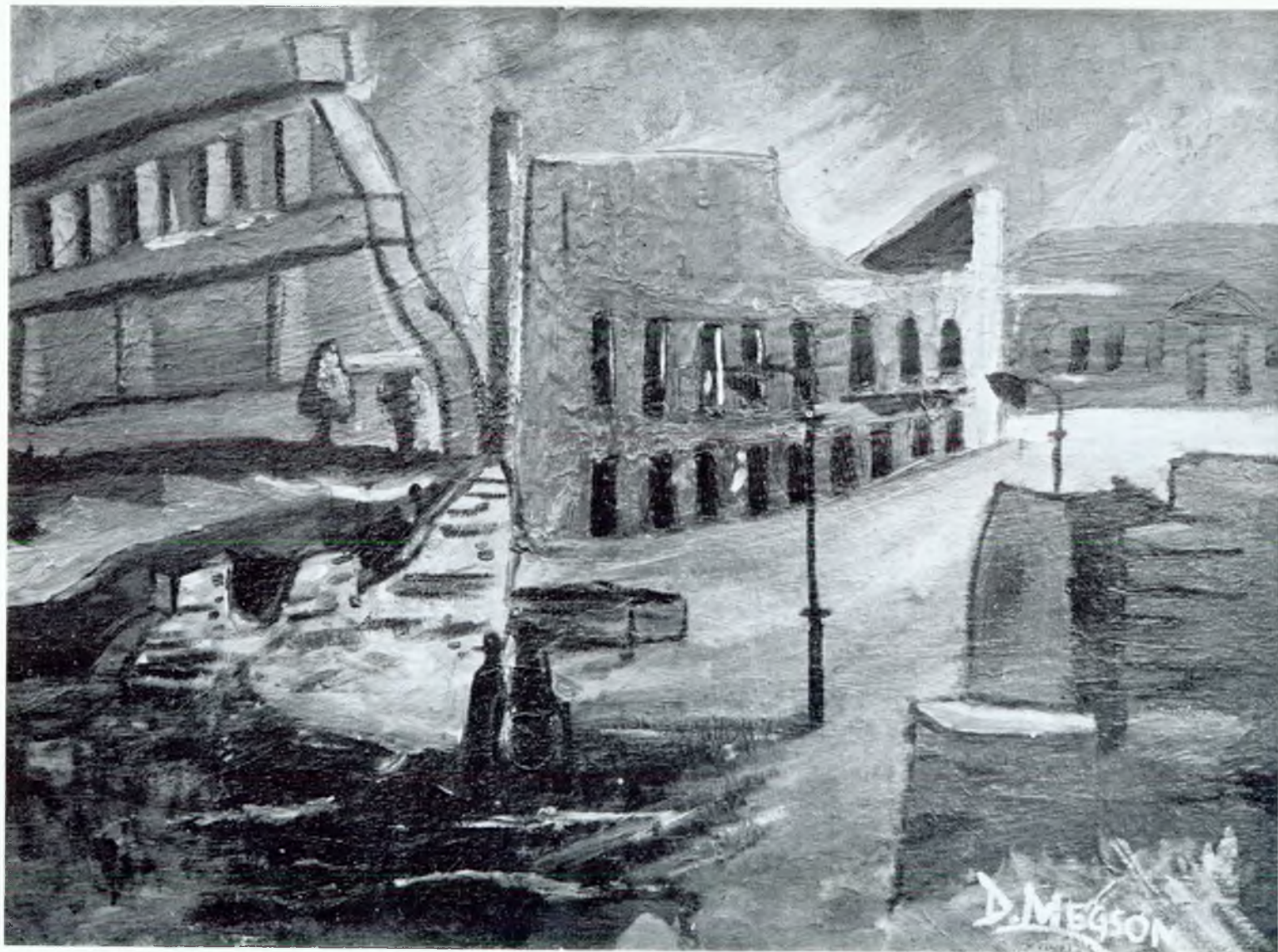
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LEBURN

The Leburn House report has tended to mention in the past the various significant milestones in the development of the new House. Now we are five. There is perhaps nothing particularly remarkable about this fact in general terms, but it does mean that the original fifteen new boys who came to create Leburn have now all left. So in some ways it is a nostalgic end to the year, but on the other hand it signifies that the House is through its formative years and has taken shape and perhaps is not even thought of as the "new House" any more. There is just one more fact to record on the physical nature of the House — the unoccupied room which was originally intended to be for the use of another House is in the process of being completed and will become the main House common room. This will allow Third and Fourth Formers to have the present common room to themselves. A further notable event this year has been the marriage of Mr Colquhoun to Miss Rosemary Colville during the summer holidays. We wish them both every happiness for the future.

With a healthy intake of most welcome new boys we started the year with sixty-four members of the House. The major House activities during this term were the Leagues Rugger, and the Junior XV won their competition in fine style whilst the Senior XV gave a good account of themselves. The Head of House and Captain of Rugger, W. D. McIntosh, was selected to play for the London Scottish Schoolboys XV, and C. G. Caithness and R. J. W. Morton were awarded Form Prizes at the end of term. Ewan Rowell and Donald Ross left at Christmas and with no new boys in January the accommodation situation eased slightly.

The Easter Term sees a spate of inter-House competition. The Senior XV lost narrowly to Ruthven after extra time in the final whilst the Junior XV departed in the first round. The performance of the Juniors in the boxing was most pleasing. W. D. R. Wallace did a fine job as captain, and P. A. Hill, C. G. Caithness, G. M. Templeton and C. J. Schneeberger are particularly to be congratulated on winning medals. D. R. Newton led the musicians and with so many young performers representing the House our position of third was encouraging. In

the cross-country competition there were several fine individual performances, notably from R. G. Galloway (Junior), C. J. Wallace and R. L. Kirkland (Middles), N. I. Schneeberger — who captained the team — W. D. G. Cameron, K. A. Robertson and N. M. Headrick (Seniors). The House came second overall. S. N. Vivian captained the squash team. Whilst the Juniors won their competition with ease the Seniors did less well than one could reasonably have expected. N. Menzies led the skiers and on balance can be well-satisfied with third position. A particularly good individual achievement was N. I. Schneeberger's success in the individual foil competition. J. F. Fyfe captained an experienced shooting team which again won the competition.

Somewhat surprisingly, even with K. A. Robertson's vociferous leadership, we also reached the final of the House hockey competition — again against Ruthven. The odds were never really in our favour. The representation on School teams had always appeared to be good until it came to the hockey season when it emerged that there was no one in the Junior Colts team and a similar situation occurred with the cricket. This, if nothing else, provides a stimulating challenge for the future!

The Summer Term appears to become more and more hectic. With the Seniors returning to be faced immediately with Highers and with all the various activities and festivities plus 'O' and 'A' levels at the end of term there is very little breathing space for anyone. Despite minor irritations it is to everyone's credit that in retrospect all seems to have gone smoothly and with the minimum of disruption. The Senior members of the House and particularly the Prefects helped enormously with their attitude. In the Summer Sports, W. D. G. Cameron had a very successful sailing season and the House came third in the senior cricket, swimming and sailing competitions and second in the tennis. Our one team success was the Pre-Service competition. The performance of the House in the new Standards competition was very pleasing and there were some excellent individual performances, particularly from R. L. Kirkland (Middle Victor Ludorum) and R. G. Galloway who had three "firsts" on Sports Day.

On Speech Day, G. A. Herdman and M.

P. Thomson received prizes, and at the end of term A. B. Caithness and J. S. Thomson were awarded Form prizes. G. A. Herdman also won a Distinction prize. R. L. Kirkland was awarded an Army Scholarship during the term.

And so the year ended. It has been a sound year in most respects and there have been some very satisfactory performances in many fields. To some extent the more obvious talent appears to have been with the Seniors but with the right attitude there is plenty of potential lower down and one hopes that they will see to it they emulate the performances of the last few years.

The Prefects this year have been, in addition to W. D. McIntosh: E. C. Rowell, N. I. Schneeberger, G. W. Linton, J. F. Fyfe, J. E. McIntosh and J. W. Lyburn, and in the latter part of the summer term: N. E. Cope, R. L. Kirkland and N. Menzies.

House Colours this year have been awarded to: G. W. Linton, W. D. R. Wallace, J. E. McIntosh, N. I. Schneeberger, K. A. Robertson and A. C. Lawrance.

We wish all our leavers throughout the year every happiness and success in the future. Head of House next year will be N. E. Cope.

F.S. McN.

NICOL

House Captain : M. G. EVANS.

House Prefects :

M. I. PATTERSON (left Dec. 1973), D. E. REID,
D. T. COCHRANE, N. D. FRASER, D. J. M. HEARD,
A. H. McKAY, A. D. G. WIDDOWSON.

This year we have not had many boys in the first team in the major sports—Carmichael and Widdowson in the XV, Cochrane, Fraser and Widdowson in the XI, and only Heard D. in the Hockey XI—and so our success in the Senior competitions was very small. We did best in cricket. In almost every other sport Heard and Reid have made very notable contributions. Our sporting strength has lain among the Juniors, who won the Cricket Cup convincingly, and who reached the 2nd round of the Rugby competition with a team mainly comprised of boys under fourteen-and-a-half. They won the Junior relay on Sports Day. Congratulations to Knox on becoming the Junior Victor Ludorum, after including two School records in the Junior discus and

shot on his way there. All these results promise very well for the future. The skiers took second place to a strong Ruthven team, and again we are building up hopes for the future. The only other cup we won was the Junior Piping, blown for by Lyburn B. I am very pleased that we are keeping up a strong tradition in the pipes and drums. We have been well represented among the Senior members of the R.N. and R.A.F. Sections of the Corps.

The Wombles' song made a great hit at the Music Competition, though their enthusiasm for tidying up litter has not been noticeable—perhaps all the "Wombles" were studyholders. A long-nailed McKay and a portly Widdowson were two of the stars in the Mikado, while a bald Jamieson was in the chorus.

On Speech Day, Lewis and Hamilton won prizes for Biology and Art respectively. The number of excellent pictures painted by many members of the House has been particularly impressive. Congratulations to McKee on his provisional award of a Scholarship to Shrivenham.

More Fifth Form boys are leaving this term than usual, and with the IVa system being changed, we shall probably only have four members of the LVI next year. The problems arising from this small number are obvious.

No fewer than seven of the leavers have already had brothers in the House and many of their parents have had long associations with the School. To all leavers—and by the time you read this we will actually know who they all are—I wish every happiness and success.

As a certain figure stumped down the drive for the last time with his kit-bag over his shoulder, full of snares and bagpipes, the rabbits of Strathallan gave a sigh of relief.

T.C.G.F.

House Captains of Sport :

Rugger and Swimming :	D. E. REID
Cricket :	D. T. COCHRANE.
Hockey and Athletics :	D. J. M. HEARD
Squash and Tennis :	N. D. FRASER.
Boxing :	C. C. D. CARMICHAEL.
Cross-Country and Sailing :	M. G. EVANS.
Shooting and Music :	R. S. F. LEISHMAN.
Skiing :	D. P. BENZIES.

RUTHVEN

Where does one start? The House has enjoyed such a successful year that it is difficult to get away from a report akin to a local newspaper item. You know, pack as many names in as possible — it sells more copies. It would be hard not to mention individual achievements, but in searching for some sort of theme to introduce this catalogue, I think I can honestly say that this has been a very happy year, particularly at the top of the House. Friendship and co-operation have been very apparent among the Seniors, and this atmosphere has permeated throughout, and I hope it will continue to be the pattern.

And so to statistics.

On the academic front the House won sixteen of the prizes and awards presented on Speech Day. F. G. R. Gillanders won the Smith Cup for the Head of the School, the Houston Prize for All-round Merit, and the Robert Barr Music Prize; T. S. Ling won the English, History, Economics, and Economics Essay Prizes, plus the Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings; D. A. Cameron won the Maths., Physics and Chemistry (shared) Prizes; P. D. Hunter won the German and History Essay Prizes; C. M. Drysdale the Geography Prize; C. H. Baxter the Biology Project Prize; and L. A. Stewart shared the Geography Field Work Prize. On a more humble level, but equally worthy, B. W. Parker won the 4C Form Prize.

In sport our reputation has not slipped, and we won the Rugby Senior House Matches, Rugby Senior Leagues, Athletics, Standards (the Rowan Trophy), Skiing and Golf. We had five Colours in the Rugby XV, five in the Hockey XI, and three in the Cricket XI; and we provided the captains of Cross-Country, Shooting, Sailing (all A. M. Grant), Skiing and Fishing (both I. A. D. Low), A. D. G. Mackenzie and A. G. MacFarlane played for the Scottish Schoolboys Rugby XV and Mackenzie subsequently toured Rhodesia with the "Thistles". In the Scottish Schoolboys Athletics Championships Mackenzie won the javelin Gold Medal and the shot Silver Medal, and Ling took the Silver in the 200 metres. A. M. Grant won the Individual Shooting Cup.

But what has given me most pleasure was our winning of the House Music Com-

petition, the manner of our winning it, and the general interest in music in the House. Of course there must be natural talent, and the fact that we mustered over half the School Orchestra was very much a matter of luck. But this cannot be said of the Choir, where again we had a large and very enthusiastic contingent. (The absence of the entire prefectorial body on musical occasions might have created more problems than it did). I. A. D. Low drilled choir and orchestra to a point where the opposition was left far behind, and one could forget about points and simply enjoy the music. Frankly, I wish this last could be the case in more spheres. I have already mentioned individual music prize-winners. Let me add that Low and Ling took leading roles in "The Mikado", and that Hunter and Low often played the organ in the parish churches of Forgandenny and Forteviot, as well as at morning prayers in Chapel. Alas, many of our musicians are due to leave, and our pre-eminence is over; but it was good to see and hear the solo performances of K. C. S. McLelland (oboe) and D. M. N. Gillanders (mandolin) further down the House.

In the Corps, too, we have been well represented up top, with Low as Under-Officer, Drysdale i/c the R.N. Section, and Grant i/c the R.A.F. Section. L. A. Stewart and the Gillanders brothers have piped with success, and C. B. Robertson retained the Senior Drumming Cup.

Back to the theme.

The impetus given to social service by the arrival of Mr Brown has met with an excellent response in the House, with R. F. Wilson in the van, if that is the correct term; and the willingness to co-operate and help each other has been there all the time. Five Senior relay teams? (I didn't know we had that many Seniors, let alone willing ones). But success comes from example, and I couldn't have asked for a better set of prefects; and F. G. R. Gillanders in his second year as Head of House has by common consent been an outstanding Head of School.

I fancy a few lean years lie ahead, trophy-wise, and the non-Ruthven reader who has stayed thus far with this trumpet-blowing will perhaps have a cynical smile on his face next year. We shall see.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House : F. G. R. GILLANDERS.
Deputy Head of House : I. A. D. LOW.

House Prefects :

A. M. GRANT, T. S. LING, C. M. DRYSDALE,
P. D. HUNTER, C. H. BAXTER, D. H. PATE,
D. F. FERGUSON.

Captains, Etc.:

Rugby :	F. G. R. GILLANDERS.
Hockey :	T. S. LING.
Cricket :	A. J. HAY.
Athletics :	T. S. LING.
Boxing :	A. D. G. MACKENZIE.
Swimming :	C. B. ROBERTSON.
Cross-Country :	A. M. GRANT.
Skiing :	I. A. D. LOW.
Shooting :	A. M. GRANT.
Sailing :	A. M. GRANT.
Tennis :	D. F. FERGUSON.
Golf :	R. M. S. STRACHAN.
Squash :	D. F. FERGUSON.
Music :	I. A. D. LOW.

House Colours :

F. G. R. GILLANDERS, T. S. LING,
A. D. G. MACKENZIE, L. A. STEWART,
A. G. MacFARLANE, A. M. GRANT, I. A. D. LOW,
A. J. HAY, D. F. FERGUSON.

SIMPSON

September saw the arrival of eleven new faces in the House, bringing our strength up to sixty, and although Hartley and Jeffrey left us at Christmas, the former becoming an early victim of the industrial three-day week, two more new arrivals in January ensured that we remained comfortably (?) full. Everyone settled down in anticipation of a year very much like those that had gone before but rapidly discovered that the unpredictable does tend to occur — who would have guessed for example that the most popular visit of the year would be to the orthopaedic department of a hospital? Nairn started the fashion early in the rugger season, Graham McDonald held the record for the longest stay, while Brewster just managed to get on the plaster bandwagon while at C.C.F. camp. Others, too numerous to mention, also contributed to the radiographers' feeling that they were overworked. For a bit of medical variety, Ferguson, Andrew Peddie and Buchanan

apparently set out to prove that appendicitis was infectious.

If the amount of "Silvo" needed for polishing trophies may be used as a criterion of success, then this has been a very successful year, for although the athletics and boxing cups slipped from our grasp, the latter only being decided during the last few finals, others have come our way to replace them, so that the shelf now carries cups for Junior rugger, cross-country, squash, swimming and cricket. The most pleasing aspect of these successes is that they reflect the efforts of a large number of members of the House and not just those of a few star sportsmen, although it would hardly be fair not to mention particularly the final cricket match, in which the efforts of "hat-trick" Hinshaw (with the ball) and Arkless (with the bat) swung the game decisively at critical moments. Our opponents were so bewildered that even when the cup was presented they couldn't believe that it wasn't rightfully theirs! In addition, Buchanan, Crowe and Grant won individual cups, for piping, tennis and golf respectively, to swell the collection.

The end of the year is always tinged with sadness, as a number go through the gates for the last time as schoolboys — to them go our best wishes for the future and thanks for the contributions they have made to the House in their years here; at the same time, we look forward to welcoming the new boys and hope that, by the time these notes appear, the strangeness of their new surroundings will have worn off.

A.M.P.

Head of House : R. A. D. POWRIE.

Prefects :

R. D. BUCHANAN, A. N. HARTLEY,
A. C. McARTHUR, J. S. P. McDONALD,
R. McGREGOR, D. D. MacKENZIE.

Captains, Etc.:

Rugby :	A. D. BAXTER.
Hockey, Cricket :	J. S. P. McDONALD.
Athletics :	A. A. WIGHTON.
Cross-Country :	C. C. S. MAGEE.
Boxing :	A. C. McARTHUR.
Swimming :	G. I. BENNET.
Squash :	R. A. D. POWRIE.
Tennis, Music :	R. D. BUCHANAN.



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Music

The past year has been a good one musically. Both Orchestras, Choir and Special Choir have been of quite a good standard and have undertaken a substantial amount of work.

The Orchestra's main task during the year was to accompany "The Mikado" and this it did with a fair amount of confidence due, in no small part, to a number of seasoned players who had played three years before in "H.M.S. Pinafore".

At the end of last year all the bass section of the Orchestra left and it looked as though this section would be particularly weak this year. In the event, however, some of the gaps were filled unexpectedly and, in fact, it has not been a source of weakness. At the end of this year we shall lose a large number of our first line players—violin, flute, clarinet, trumpet—who have led their respective sections for several years. The Second Orchestra, however, is large this year and contains many promising players. We hope that promotions from it will lead to the First Orchestra's speedy recovery from its losses.

The Choir has had a large number of good trebles, especially those in the Second Form. The latter with a fair number of experienced tenors and basses have formed the core of Mr Ball's Special Choir which has been able to undertake the learning of Fauré's Requiem and Schubert's Mass in G with relative ease when there has been much other musical work to be done. The altos, although rather tentative at the beginning of the year, eventually found their feet and became quite reliable.

The Choir, as a whole, has given its weekly anthems, a list of which is given elsewhere, and this term gave the first performance of Mr Ball's "Pop" Cantata—"Davie, the Giant Killer". This was a great success at St. Giles' in Edinburgh and we are looking forward to making a recording of it for the B.B.C. in St. John's Kirk, Perth, at the end of the term.

Programmes of concerts and recitals which have taken place are given below.

G.W.

Anthems sung by the Choir during the year have been:

Non nobis Domine (Quilter); Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake (Tye); Sanctus from "Harmoniemesse" (Haydn); Pie Jesu, Agnus Dei and Sanctus from Requiem (Fauré); Lo, round Thy throne (H. Ley); Declare His honour (Purcell); Sleepers Awake (Bach); Sing unto the Lord (Purcell); Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat (Stanford); Laudate nomen Domini (Tye); Hear Lord (Tchaikowsky); Nunc Dimittis (Francis Jackson); O Praise God (B. Ball); All Praise to Him (Georg Wagner); Now Jesus Christ the Son of God (Bach); Kyrie and Gloria from Mass in G (Schubert); Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams); Jesu, Joy of man's desiring (Bach); Sing we merrily (Batten); Jubilate Deo (B. Ball).

The following boys have passed Associated Board Music Examinations:

Low, I. A. D., Grade 6, Piano.

MacLachlan, D. A. C., Grade 5, Piano and Theory.

Fingland, D. R. I., Grade 5, Theory.

Henderson, A. T., Grade 5, Theory and Grade 4, Violin.

Widdowson, A. D. G., Grade 4, Horn (distinction).

Cope, N. E., Grade 4, Trumpet.

Robb, I. N., Grade 3, Trumpet.

Lyburn, G. W., Grade 3, Trumpet.

Goodfellow, R. D., Grade 3, Trumpet.

Yellowlees, M. J., Grade 3, Oboe.

Johnson, I. L., Grade 3, Piano.

Steele, B. W., Grade 2, Theory.

Voigt, N. J., Grade 2, Piano.

Gerrard, G. A. M., Grade 1, Piano.

Niven, I. A., Grade 1, Piano.

Steedman, C. M., Grade 1, Violin.

Robertson, I. R., Grade 1, Violin (distinction).



FRENCH CHORAL AND ORGAN MUSIC

Given on 1st December 1973
in the School Chapel

The concert began with three pieces played by Barry Ball on the Chapel organ. The acoustics rarely do justice to organ solos but, on this occasion, the contrast between the delightful little Prelude by Franck and the stirring and ever-popular Widor Toccata were superbly demonstrated.

The soloists and Special Choir gave a balanced and sensitive performance of the Fauré Requiem. Pie Jesu, sung by Elizabeth Regan in a clear and soft voice, was particularly moving. The use of a soprano soloist for "In Paradisum" was unusual but most effective.

It was very pleasing to see so many visitors in the Chapel and we felt that the Audience was most appreciative of the efforts of all those taking part in this delightful evening of Church music.

P.A.B.

Elizabeth Regan — Soprano

Craig Drysdale — Baritone

The Special Choir

Director: Barry Ball

Accompanist: Gordon West

Programme:

Toccata	<i>Boellmann</i>
Prélude	<i>César Franck</i>
Toccata	<i>Widor</i>
Requiem	<i>Gabriel Fauré</i>

— Introit et Kyrie

— Offertoire

— Sanctus

— Pie Jesu

— Agnus Dei

— Libera Me

— In Paradisum

INFORMAL CONCERT

Friday, 7th December, 1973

8 p.m. — Gymnasium

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| 1. Orchestra | Humoresque | <i>Tchaikowsky
arr. Dodgson</i> |
| 2. Trebles and Altos | Three Christmas Carols
(a) Hasten now ye shepherds
(b) Silent Night
(c) Cowboy Carol | <i>Puerto Rican
Franz Gruber
arr. Sargeant</i> |
| 3. Violin and Guitar
T. S. Ling and
R. D. Buchanan | Three groups of Scottish Country Dances | <i>Traditional</i> |
| 4. Brass Group | Come all ye roving rangers
I'm on my way to California
Festival Prelude | <i>Traditional
arr. G. F. McKay
Paul Koepke</i> |
| 5. 2 Mandolines and
Strings
R. D. Buchanan and
D. M. N. Gillanders | Second movement from Concerto for two mandolines | <i>Vivaldi</i> |
| 6. Solo Clarinet and
Orchestra
F. G. R. Gillanders | Traüme | <i>Wagner</i> |
| 7. Second Orchestra | Processional March
El Tanguillo | <i>Gluck
Jurey</i> |
| 8. Orchestra | Two Russian Pieces
(a) Romance
(b) Playaska | <i>Maykapar arr. Dodgson
Napravnick arr. Dodgson</i> |
| 9. Solo Violin
T. S. Ling | Sonata in F
Allegro — Largo — Allegro | <i>Handel</i> |
| 10. Tenors and Bases | Three Kings
Two South American Folk Songs
(a) Cansado estoy de vivir
(b) Pollerita | <i>Cornelius

Argentinian
Bolivian</i> |
| 11. Orchestra | March: Crown Imperial | <i>Walton</i> |

SCHOOL, CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

at

St. John's Kirk, Perth

6.30 p.m. — 10th February, 1974

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| Organ Voluntary | Music from Richard III | <i>Walton</i> |
| Congregation | Psalm 100 | <i>arr. Vaughan Williams</i> |
| Orchestra | Suite of Dances from "Terpsichore" | <i>Praetorius
arr. G. West</i> |
| Choir and Strings | "O Sing unto the Lord" | <i>Purcell</i> |
| School and Choir | Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat | <i>Stanford</i> |

Orchestra	Three Russian Pieces (a) Humoresque (<i>Tchaikowsky</i>) (b) Romance (<i>Maykapar</i>) (c) Plaska (<i>Napravnik</i>)	<i>arr. Dodgson</i>
Organ Interlude	Psalm Prelude	<i>Howells</i>
Congregation	"Jerusalem"	<i>Parry</i>
Organ Voluntary	"Crown Imperial"	<i>Walton</i>

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

at

St. Giles' Cathedral

6 p.m. — 12th May, 1974

Cantata in popular style	"Davie, the Giant Killer"	<i>Barry Ball and Bill Monteith</i>
Hymn 279	"Thine be the Glory"	
Hymn 413	"Jesus, shall reign"	
Orchestral Voluntary	Suite of 4 dances from "Terpsichore"	<i>Praetorius</i> <i>arr. G. West</i>
	Courante I-II-I; Gavotte I-II-I; Narrentanz; Bourrée I-II-I	

MUSIC SOCIETY

Thursday, 6th June, 1974

6 p.m. — Chapel

CHAMBER AND CHORAL MUSIC

1. "God be in my head" *Martin Dalby*
2. "Allegretto" from E Quintet, K 452 *W. A. Mozart*

The Strathallan Quintet

Fergus Gillanders — Clarinet
Kenneth McClelland — Oboe
Bill McCleary — Bassoon
Andrew Widdowson — Horn
Barry Ball — Piano

3. Mass in G *F. Schubert*

Treble Soloists: Fergus Macmillan & Colin Straiton

Tenor: Trevor Goody

Bass: Andrew Widdowson

The Special Choir

Director: Barry Ball

Organ: Gordon West

The Special Choir, under their conductor Barry Ball, began the concert by singing Martin Dalby's short, beautifully harmonized setting of "God be in my head". The performance was a composed and well balanced introduction to the concert.

The allegretto from the E flat Quintet, K. 452, is the most genuine and mature Mozart one can imagine, with rather a problematic combination of wind instruments. This is a piece of music requiring from each player a great deal of readiness in musical ensemble playing and much personal technical skill. The Strathallan Quintet played this most ambitious choice convincingly throughout, actually getting better towards the end, particularly as far as the clean sonority was concerned. The acoustics in the Chapel proved, unfortunately, rather merciless for these kinds of instruments — the blurring unduly disturbing the

appreciation of this joyous example of Mozart's musical elegance. The Quintet undoubtedly consists of skilled players who seem to be well suited to this rather special field of music.

Schubert's youthfully fresh "full-sized" Mass in G major formed the most significant part of the concert. The choir sang very fluently, responding readily to the conductor. The dynamics and speeds were carried out sensitively; this showed particularly well in the Gloria and in the beautifully dexterous part-singing in the fugal section of the Sanctus. Also the careful pronunciation of Latin throughout the Mass is worth mentioning. The very wordy Credo was a good example of this.

The task of singing the strenuous soprano solos was wisely divided between two young soloists, Fergus MacMillan and Colin Straiton, who together managed to perform them admirably, though understandably here and there a slight flatness was evident. This minor factor is of no great significance, as their singing was very assured.

In the Benedictus the two soprano soloists were joined by Mr Trevor Goody, tenor, and Andrew Widdowson, bass. Both sang their parts cleanly with great accuracy, their voices forming an enjoyable combination. Andrew Widdowson's lower register is very promising, being unstrained and having an unusually fine colour and strong volume.

The original string orchestra accompaniment was played this time on the organ by Mr West. He gave the choir an excellent support.

Very few choirs, if any, are completely free of the "sin" of being slightly out of tune here and there. It is generally known among choir conductors that the tenors and the basses have certain difficulties within the choir, tending to cause flatness in general at times. The Special Choir also suffered from this slightly during both pieces which were sung. However, the fact that such a work as a complete Latin Mass was performed in the middle of a summer term shows how seriously the choir has taken this challenge.

R.L.M.G.

"THE MIKADO"

It is a bold person who undertakes to produce Gilbert and Sullivan for the amateur stage. One of the major drawbacks of attempting one of these vigorously perennial comic operas is that their style has been firmly stereotyped, and any alterations are likely to draw cries of anguish from the Gilbert and Sullivan lovers, a body sufficiently large and influential enough to have been awarded a whole night at the Proms to themselves. This last gives us a clue to another reason why one should be wary of producing one of the Savoy Operas. The fact is that the main feature of them rests in a series of musical *pièces de resistance*, some witty and gay, some parodic, and all demanding a high standard of singing. Most of them are memorable and have taken their place in middle class popular culture. But if the music is not up to the mark, then the plot will not save a production.

The average Gilbert and Sullivan plot is a poor thing, especially when it is compared to the convolutions and intrigues of a Pinero or a Feydeau farce. It is sometimes saved by a satirical vein — "Pinafore", for example — but "The Mikado" wants even this. Set in Japan — a Japanese setting was topical at the time — it is a hotch-potch of romantic fantasy which would have been equally at home in Ruritania, and the working out of the plot depends upon the niggling interpretation of law for its comic reversals. The recipe is a common one in Gilbert and Sullivan, but lacks the subtlety and the labyrinthine progress so necessary for farce, and lacks the moral seriousness of genuine comedy. Only the very best of singer-actors are going to make something of such an insubstantial pageant which relies for its effect not upon suspense but upon tuneless music, sparkling costumes, colourful

scenery, and ingenious patter songs ingeniously sung and dreadfully dated. Essentially this is musical entertainment perhaps more akin to pantomime than drama; it is an art form which can amuse us, but it can hardly engage our emotions.

Unfortunately, mistaking the nature of this musical entertainment led the cast as a whole into some blunders which, one feels, firmer direction would not have allowed. There were six performances (one could argue that this was too many anyway) and four of them admitted the introduction of unsubtle local allusions. These allusions, not the same every night, on the whole got laughs. The final two performances did not admit the introduction of local allusions, and no-one had the wit or had given much thought to working in more than the occasional wider contemporary reference. The result was that there were very few laughs and there were the inevitable mutterings from the cast about bad and unresponsive audiences. Such complaints were ill-judged. Performances are not graded according to the amount of applause that is given, no matter how much television would have us believe it. The discrepancy in audience reaction can be accounted for quite simply. First, the principals who had been introducing unscripted remarks in the earlier performances should have realised that Gilbert's jokes were not being so well received. Second, they should have been working on the timing of Gilbert's jokes instead of being so intent on introducing their own material. The result was that although the patter songs might have been amusing in the final two performances, they were not polished enough to evoke laughter or sheer delight (an audience reaction the cast do not seem to have taken into account), nor were they, in some instances, even word perfect, which argues less than total concentration by some of the participants. The lack of appreciation of audience psychology showed itself, too, in the policy for encores. "Here's a how-de-do" was well-rehearsed and achieved a certain slickness and imaginative business which some of the other items had not reached. There was a fluidity of movement, seen also in "The Flowers that bloom in the spring" but seldom elsewhere, but who decided that the audience should be bludgeoned into three encores of the trio whether called for or not?

The casting of this comic opera must



I. A. D. Low and Frances Lynch

have been difficult, since there was not quite enough talent to go round. In the event the stage was held by Katisha, Ko-Ko and Pooh-Bah. Katisha's presence was never less than powerful, and the only flaw in her performance was on the final night when, ill-advisedly, she seemed to decide to sing too loudly and over-act too much. Compared to Katisha the Three Little Maids — Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing and Peep-Bo — sounded rather thin and their entry trio never quite became totally audible and never had quite enough attack. Thereafter they improved, particularly Yum-Yum, and both she and Pitti-Sing contributed to successful renderings of the madrigal "Brightly dawns our wedding day", an item which was an aural if not visual pleasure. Miming bell-ringing is all right in a Gang Show; one felt that it was ill-conceived here. One asks if it was necessary, if it added anything to the meaning, and one has to conclude that it did not. I am sorry to say that this was not an isolated instance of what seemed to be inessential action.

Ko-Ko was, one felt, a great success. To some extent he is his own enemy in that once he is onto a joke or a piece of business he will not let go, but he had the ability to sing and to move about the stage fluently. He brought the right element of clowning to the part, and was able to contribute totally to it with gesture, facial expression and intonation. Being made up as a Japanese does not, of course, help the all-important

mobility of face movements necessary for the good actor, and if there are limitations here they have to be compensated for by intonation of the voice — many of the cast did not have this flexibility and relied on sawing the air with a hand. Ko-Ko, however, was never at a loss from his entry with an outsize sword to his being hauled around by Katisha in "There is beauty in the bellow of the blast". His "Willow, Tit Willow" struck the right note of humorous pathos, and "As some day it may happen" proved extremely popular when certain persons Gilbert had overlooked also appeared on his "little list".

To all this Pooh-Bah was an admirable foil. He was, perforce, almost immobile (in this instance an asset), and adopted a voice of studied pomposity, without quite catching the know-all nature of this character. Nevertheless many people liked this particular performance, and it was a triumph over the physical handicap of a broken leg sustained early on — not in rehearsals.

Good tenors are hard to come by and this Nanki-Poo, valiantly as he tried, was not quite the answer, I fear. He strained on too many of the high notes, many of which come in his very first song, and thereafter one listened to him too consciously. It has to be said, too, that the delivery of his speeches was rather flat, so that all in all he was not a very convincing Mikado's son. But then the interpretation of The Mikado was odd, too. One has become used to a rather bulky rich bass delivering "My object all sublime", and here we had it said, Rex Harrison-fashion, by a Mikado who looked and sounded for all the world like a character from a Noel Coward musical who had got into the wrong theatre by mistake. One does not blame the actors concerned; if one plays a second row forward at full-back one must be prepared for some curious results.

The limitations of the school stage are only too apparent to those who have used it: insufficient wing-space, inflexible lighting, an alarming rake and a sound-deadening proscenium arch. Happily the principals were able to overcome these handicaps, although once or twice they got out of the front of house spots. The chorus does not have the advantage of mobility and I think it could be said that the girls managed to overcome the handicap of limited movement

better than the boys. They usually seemed much more lively. All credit must be given, too, to the producers for managing to get this large chorus on to and off stage with the illusion that there was yards of room on each side of the stage and with the even more important illusion that the individual members had been doing something before they came on, and were going to do something when they went off. There was no detectable switching on or off, which would have marred the production.

The sets, too, were admirable in their simplicity—interesting to look at during the overture and not distracting during the performance. The lighting, too, struck the right balance, although it was perhaps a little too yellow-toned at the beginning of the second act. By all accounts the stage management side was run incredibly efficiently.

All that remains to be commented on is the orchestra. We have a mature orchestra, and its members learned early the art of playing without drowning the singing. Night after night they gave a disciplined performance, and for them it must have been a valuable experience since they are more used to playing one-off items. There were one or two hitches — a bassoon's plumbing went wrong, for example — but they were not noticeable as such, and the balance over-all was as good as it has ever been.

THE CAST :

Nanki-Poo	R. A. D. Powrie
Pish-Tush	T. S. Ling
Pooh-Bah	A. D. G. Widdowson
Ko-Ko	I. A. D. Low
Yum-Yum	Elizabeth Regan
Pitti-Sing	Monica MacDonald
Peep-Bo	Sarah Ogilvie
Katisha	Frances Lynch
The Mikado	A. H. Mackay

Chorus :

Fiona MacDonald, Katrina Verden-Anderson, Claire Bruce-Jones, Lucy Cox, Loretta Marchi.
 Mary Blackwell, Barbara Cockburn, Jane MacKellaig, Geraldine Malone, Joanne Marshall.
 A. A. Bird, D. F. Ferguson, R. L. Kirkland, A. W. B. Magill, N. Menzies, C. P. Milne.
 K. J. Crawford, R. M. Jamieson, I. McFarlane, N. I. Schneefberger, C. R. M. Smith, C. J. Wallace.

Orchestra :

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 Violins : P. D. Hunter, D. H. Pate, C. H. Baxter, Bridget Spurgin, D. R. I. Fingland, J. Paisley, A. T. Henderson, F. G. Macadam.

Viola : D. M. N. Gillanders.
 Cellos : Mrs A. Stowell, H. W. R. Steedman.
 Double Bass : D. A. Cameron.
 Flutes : N. R. Colquhoun, Esq., J. A. Robb.
 Oboe : K. C. S. McLelland.
 Clarinets : F. G. R. Gillanders, D. R. Newton, S. J. Newing.
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 Percussion : A. A. Wighton, D. A. C. MacLachlan.
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 Deputy Artistic Director : T. S. Goody, Esq.
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 Stage Manager : R. F. Wilson.
 Stage Hands : A. D. Baxter, D. G. Inglis,
 A. G. MacFarlane, J. I. McIntyre, L. A. Stewart,
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Social Services

The Social Services Group at Strathallan undertook a large and varied programme of events during the session and made a valuable contribution, both financial and practical, to the community. A committee of ten boys, two representatives from each House, helped organise the programme. More than half the boys at School participated in one or more of the projects, described below by boys involved. Some tasks were undertaken with enthusiasm, some required a little persuasion, but our goal was always reached. Thanks go to all the boys who helped in the group's work during the School year.

J.B.B.

Folk Concerts

The first concert was held in the Murray Royal Mental Hospital in Perth on 2nd March. Those participating were the famous Tank Top Trio, Chinky Milne, Wettermore Magee, and the Crumby Yank, the comedy pair Péte Robertson and Paddy Wilson, Junky Buchanan and Tom Ling supplied some Scottish Reels on their bag-pipe and fiddle. A chorus of Riley boys completed the ensemble. We were also invited to perform in Bridge of Earn at a concert for the senior citizens. The concert took the same form with some additions and some removals. Both concerts were thoroughly enjoyed by the respective audiences who voiced their praise. They enjoyed our performances almost as much as we enjoyed performing.

A.A.W.

Paper Collection

On the first Saturday of each month three boys, accompanied by Mr Brown, take the Land-Rover and collect used newspapers in the village of Forgandenny and the surrounding district. The papers are sold for recycling to the printers and the proceeds go to the Dunbarney Senior Citizens Association to give the old folks in the district a summer outing and Christmas party.

A.D.G.M.

Hospital Visiting

Hospital visiting has become a regular part of the Social Service Group's activities

during the past year. A dozen boys visit Bridge of Earn Hospital each Friday afternoon to visit the old folk there. During the winter the visits have been spent playing dominoes or simply chatting while in the summer we have taken the old folk for walks around the hospital grounds whenever the weather has permitted. Due to lack of time we have not been able to make as many visits as we should have liked to other wards.

D.T.C.

Conservation at Scone

Alternating Fridays from the usual hospital visiting we began litter collection and basic conservation in the outskirts of Perth at Scone. Perth County Council willingly supplied a dustcart and driver and other essentials such as gloves and boots. The work was centred round a badly misused burn filled with discarded junk from a nearby housing estate. Our object was achieved on a large stretch of the burn to the delight of the neighbouring householders and the Sanitary Inspector. Other areas where we helped were Scone Woods and some lay-bys near Scone.

C.S.S.M.

Snow Clearing

Three times during the Easter term when snow lay on the ground, a small group of eight boys, armed with shovels and brushes, set off for Forgandenny Village to clear snow from the paths of houses. The route followed was from Rose Cottage along to the Village Hall, and then along the main road and up the road towards Drumfinn. About 40 paths were cleared of snow each time and many of the villagers expressed their gratitude for this service.

I.A.D.L.

The Sponsored Relay

The Sponsored Relay eventually took place on the afternoon of Sunday, 5th May, having been postponed three times since January due to inclement weather. The relay was run on the athletics track at School

and involved teams of four boys running round the track as many times as possible within half-an-hour. Boys were sponsored individually per lap, which meant most of the sponsors were letting themselves in for deeper bankruptcy than they had realised. After many complete team drop-outs and adjustments, 128 boys ran, which was 32 teams. In addition to this there was the unbelievable "All Time Greats"—Mr McNamara, Mr Reed, Mr Ball and Mr Brown. Most boys and masters achieved a monumental five or six laps on this (for once) hot, sunny day. Riley House boys deserve a mention here for their enthusiasm and their excellent total of £109 collected from their sponsors. The proceeds, which totalled £372, are to go towards assisting one or two girls from Swaziland in their nursing training.

D.S.F.

Blackford Highland Games

The Blackford Highland Games were held at Blackford outside Auchterarder on 25th May. The funds raised from the Games are used to finance the Senior Citizens' Summer Outing. As last year, the School took a group of boys to the games to run side-shows, which this year included a very popular bottle-smashing stall. An additional item run by the school was a prize draw for a gallon bottle of whisky. Two thousand tickets were sold and £100 raised. After expenses were paid, the total amount donated for the Summer Outing was £80.

R.F.W.

Cellardyke Sea Queen Festival

Friday, 5th July — Having been forewarned of the occasion half-an-hour beforehand it was a mad rush to the Land-Rover to arrive at Anstruther as quickly as possible. On arrival it was found that we had been hired as steeple-jacks to climb over the roof-tops attaching flags to chimney pots and other impediments in order to welcome the Sea Queen who was arriving by boat at Cellardyke harbour the next day. With the weather as it was, we all felt danger money was in order but this was not to be and in lieu of this we were

given an excellent meal by the local people.

The day, despite the weather, was enjoyed by all and our only hope was that the Cellardyke Sea Queen would have more favourable weather for her landing at the harbour the next day.

W.D.W.

Saturday, 6th July — This operation involved a trip to Cellardyke, nearby Anstruther. Five boys set out and arrived to assist in various ways. Some of the flags had to be re-hung due to the storm the night before (fortunately, the weather had changed for the better). Stages were erected, barriers prepared, and attractions such as raffles and bottle stalls were set up. In the afternoon we accompanied the Sea Queen procession through the town, rattling collecting tins and accosting not only pedestrians but also motorists and shopkeepers for an offering. We were all amazed by the friendliness and community spirit of the local people, especially the fishermen.

In the evening there was a dance where we also assisted, however we spent most of the evening dancing with some of the most friendly womenfolk in the land. We arrived back at School absolutely exhausted, after a very busy but most enjoyable day with the people of Anstruther and Cellardyke.

M.E.

Football v. Friarton

There were two matches against the boys from Friarton. The first match was a very close game with the School winning 2-1 by a late goal. Both teams were quite evenly matched and therefore changes took place when the sides met again a few weeks later. This was a more skilful and exciting match and the final result was 4-3 to Friarton, winning by a goal in the last minute.

Both games took place at Friarton, but as the referee said, "We do not have many 'away' matches". Both teams enjoyed the games and we particularly enjoyed the tea afterwards.

D.J.M.H.

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“Current Climate”

The Editor has asked for “some weather”. That will not be denied him — he may have as much as he likes — but this correspondent is only able to offer “climate”.

Climate involves history, i.e., events which have already taken place. And after 7½ years the documents drawer is bulging. If we cared to do so we could show that our weather — er, climate — is highly variable. But perhaps you knew already . . . ?

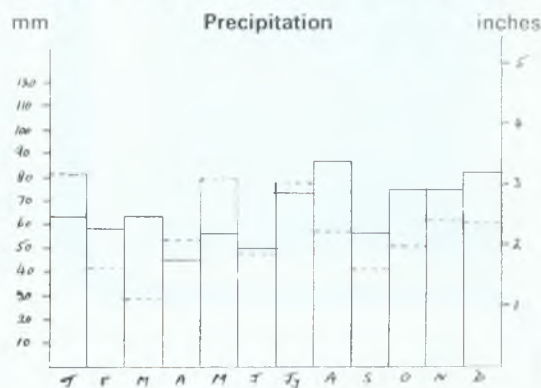
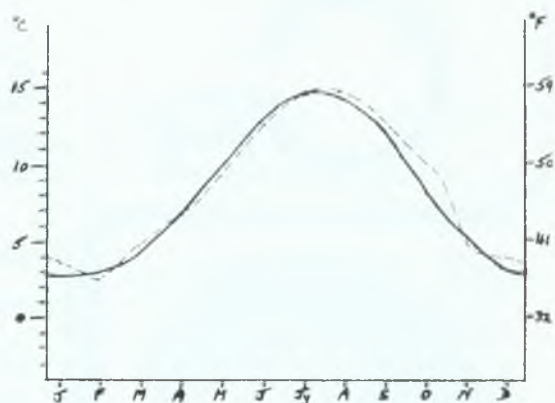
The last report in the Strathallian recorded drought conditions. Just after submission of it to your Editor of course, the following month (July) was wet (4½ inches)! However, the remainder of the year was dry once more, and during 1973 instead of the average 31 inches we received only 20! And this followed 1972 which was 5 inches short and 1971 which was 4½ inches. These abnormal figures between 15% and 35% from average occurred consecutively in a part of the world where climate, though highly variable, is more normally within 10% of the average.

1974 has seen a more normal rainfall, and most of us may be thankful for that — at least those wretched prefects may bath again . . . except when oil is short, but that is another tale.

We do not show any real improvement in the element many people would like, viz. sunshine and temperature. They remain close to normal, except that during winter they were remarkably mild. Perhaps a graph — Editor asked for “pretty drawings” — would paint the picture better

A comparison between the long-term (35 years) Perth average temperatures and precipitation and the 6-year (1968-73) averages at Strathallan School.

Temperatures



Key:

Solid Line — Perth
Broken Line — Strathallan

Some Heresy and a Request

Was the education provided by Harry Riley a bit one-sided? Or is it that the Old Boys who turn up at Founder's Day and the Annual Dinner tend to represent one side of the education which Harry Riley provided? Any public school is likely to send most of its Old Boys out into a number of allied careers — business, accountancy, law. It will also produce a good number of farmers and doctors. But at other public schools, in my opinion, there are careers that seem to be a great deal more strongly represented than at Strathallan and, if we exclude those

boys who have been here since the big expansion in the early nineteen-fifties, I find I just about never run into a Strathallian artist, actor, musician, schoolmaster, university lecturer or researcher, author, or in fact any career which a practical Yorkshireman like Harry Riley might think that the world could do without too many of. No, that would not apply to teaching, but it could be valid for the others.

So I am being contentious? Actually I would be delighted if an Old Boy would

write in and show me that I am talking nonsense, because I am being contentious for a purpose. There is, you see, a fearful dearth of source material about the early years of Strathallan School. Let me ask a question. Is there a single biography, autobiography, or any published book of any sort that contains a description of the School's early years or of one pupil's time here? I know of none at all, which says something either about the school or about my ignorance.

Take Term One, for instance. No Old Strathallian can possibly have reached the age of eighty. Is there anyone reading these words, from one end of the country to the other, who can say, "I was at Strathallan in Term One", and then, preferably, add "And I am prepared to write and tell you about it"? If there is or if any reader can contact one, will he please try to see that some record is got down on paper of the start at Bridge of Allan? When I came here to teach I was told the story of how Harry Riley went to his headmaster and demanded a rise in pay. It was refused. So he said "In that case, I will start a school down the road and put you out of business", which he did. Well, that story is, I gather, totally untrue. So what did happen?

We are not all that better off as we go forward to the early years at Forgandenny. From that epoch we meet some well-known Old Boys who still visit us, but they too, apparently have not put down their memories on paper.

So now we come to the request. I want some help in making a collection of Memories and Things. The former can include "What Harry Riley told us about the founding of the School", "What it was like at Bridge of Allan", "What it was like to move the establishment some thirty miles to

Forgandenny", "What the teaching was like, what the social and sporting life was like", anecdotes of "That time he caught us drinking whisky after lights-out", or even, at its lowest, "That trick we played on matron with that frog". So will some of those who were at the School in Harry Riley's time please go to a typewriter or adopt a clear round hand and get something down on paper between now and when next year's Magazine is published? There cannot be more than I am happy to accept; it will all belong to the School and will be kept carefully for future study. Some of it will go into the next few Magazines, I hope.

Secondly, Things. While you are ransacking your minds, will you also have a go at that trunk in the attic? Will you please send me at the School address any old calendars, timetables, photographs, manuscripts (if necessary, with "Not To Be Published Till Nineteen-Ninety" on them) which you are prepared to give the School or at least lend for me to make a reproduction of? Obviously the things that will be found in the Strathallian, first published in 1926, are less desirable. As the flood of material flows in — I hope — I will twist the Headmaster's arm until he gives me cupboards to keep it in and, if it is justified, a display cabinet for some of it to go on show. In next year's Magazine I hope to tell you whether the response was miserable or truly magnificent. Meanwhile, remember that most public schools have either got their earliest history down in writing or lost it for ever. There is still time for you spritely lads of less than eighty to help me gather it. Do not oblige the twenty-first century to make a half-mythical King Arthur out of Harry Riley.

Denis Young.

There's No Such Thing as H₂O!

A lot of schoolboys have difficulty in writing chemical formulae, but I imagine that everybody would be able to name H₂O. Sadly, as the years go by, Science becomes more complicated and all those well-established facts we learnt as schoolchildren have to be looked at again in a rather different light.

In 1969 a curious article appeared in the

journal "Physics Education".* It concerned an experiment performed by a Tanzanian schoolboy on the making of ice-cream. He found, quite by accident, that if he used hot milk for making his ice-cream it froze more rapidly than if he used cold milk. That's ridiculous — everybody knows that a hot thing takes longer to cool down than a less hot object. That's elementary physics or,

you may even say, common sense. Obviously the boy had made a mistake. Yet, try it for yourself. Fill the ice-tray of your refrigerator with water at 20°C (slightly warm). Now fill another tray with boiling water and put both of them into the freezing compartment of the refrigerator at the same time. You will find that the hot water begins to freeze first, in fact, in less than half the time it takes for the cooler water to begin freezing. Well, you can repeat this any number of times and you always get the same result, the hot water freezes first. We've done it at Strathallan, so it must be fact! How can you explain it? Many scientists have tried but, as yet, there is no final answer. However, there are one or two clues concerning the structure of the water molecules themselves which may help us to answer this problem.

Most of you know from your elementary physics that water has peculiar properties. Ice floats on water, but it should sink because when liquids solidify they usually become more dense, that is, the molecules pack more closely together. Place a bottle full of water into the refrigerator and when the water freezes the bottle is likely to break. This is nothing to do with the fall in temperature affecting the glass. It is due to the fact that when water forms ice it expands, although one would expect it to contract as the molecules pack more closely together. And this is the point, they don't pack closer together. When the water molecules form ice they link together into a more open structure, that is, there is an expansion rather than a contraction in volume. Now let us see how this may help us to answer the problem. Try to picture the water molecules at 20°C. They are clustered together into aggregates all loosely held together, but, in a semi-organised state (the scientists will know that this is due to hydrogen bonding). As the temperature falls these aggregates have to break up before the molecules can clip together to form the special open structure of ice. Now consider water at 100°C. There are no aggregates, the molecules are moving around in total disorganisation, and as the

temperature falls it is easier for these molecules to clip together into the special structure of ice, than it is if they were in a semi-organised state in the first place. Perhaps an analogy will help. Supposing you have a jigsaw puzzle and somebody has clipped together many of the pieces in the wrong sort of way. Is it not easier to do the jigsaw if all the pieces are unclipped and at random than if you first have to unclip all those pieces that have been put together incorrectly? Well, it's something to think about. It may even stimulate some clever chap to write a critical reply pointing out any fallacy in the above argument.

In 1970 an article appeared in the Scientific American on a new form of water, superwater or polywater. This is made by distilling ordinary water under special conditions, and it has very unusual properties; it is a sticky liquid, much denser than ordinary water and has a boiling point of 500°C. The Russians first described it, then the Americans did a lot of work on it, and I even saw an article on how to prepare it in the school laboratory. Some people thought it might be present in living cells, and there was even the suggestion that it was present on Venus. Then came the bombshell. Somebody had the temerity to suggest that there was really no such thing as superwater, and that all these curious properties were due to the presence of impurities. The evidence for this is now fairly conclusive and the scientific world is now quietly trying to forget its excitement over the discovery of this new form of water.

Now, to return to the title of this article. Water is a vitally important substance; every chemical reaction that takes place in our bodies does so in a watery medium. It seems unlikely that water is composed of single H_2O molecules randomly distributed. Some sort of organisation of the water molecules is highly probable and the degree of organisation will be affected by the temperature.

P.A.B.

*Physics Education, volume 4, number 3, May 1969.

Ecology at Kindrogan Field Centre

Between six and seven p.m. on a Wednesday, the five of us arrived at the Field Centre, near Pitlochry, in the first week of the Easter holidays. Here we were greeted by Mr Brian Brooks, a naturalist of some repute, decked out in wiry plus-fours, size twelve brogues and a large black beard. On the first morning, nine a.m. prompt, we were confronted with the question, "Is a pond an ecosystem?" The pregnant silence was shattered by a shrill voice, that of Mary, one of the girls from Sevenoaks. She decided that we should visit the nearby pond, and the rest of the day was spent dabbling in the shallows, after which we analysed our captives back in the modern laboratories. After our first taste of ecology we retired to our apartment, centred in the midst of the female wing.

The next day we spent taking random samples of *Calluna Vulgaris* and *Blechnum Spicant*, in a much disputed random fashion. From a nearby cutting at the side of a path we were able to examine the cross section of the common or garden highland podsol.

Day three saw us studying forestry in the nearby plantations. Using clinometers and guesswork, perhaps more of the latter, we measured the heights of two hundred

Sitka spruce and Japanese larch trees. Sitka spruce, being small and spiky, was a very unpopular tree by ten p.m. on Saturday.

On the day of rest we took ourselves to the Loch of the Lowes to study the human pressure problems on the indigenous flora and fauna of this beautiful loch. Taking results on printed sheets, we estimated that over five thousand specimens of *Homo Sapiens* migrate annually to the breeding grounds of the osprey. The evening was spent in discussion of how the loch could be exploited from industrial, commercial and conservational points of view.

For the next two days we tackled our own projects, in which we chose a problem and by fieldwork and experimentation we drew our conclusions and put these forward in group discussions.

Throughout our stay we enjoyed the comforts of a luxurious ex-hotel. The food was scrumptious, expertly served by novice waiters — ourselves. If Murray managed to wake us up in time we got our packed lunch for the day. We returned home after a hard but enjoyable week to fritter and waste the last three weeks of our holidays in most unscientific fashion.

D.F.F.

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(L. A. Stewart)

A CROWD OF PEOPLE

A crowd of people in a street.
Jostling, barging and pushing,
Like bees in a hive.
People going into shops to get away from the mob
But to no avail.
The ship is packed like the street,
Jammed together like pickles in a jar.
There's shouting, babies crying for their mothers,
Lost in a crowd of people.

Out on the pavement again.
Waiting in a bus queue,
Lining up like prisoners in a yard.
The bus comes in a crowd of cars and vans,
The people rush forward in a frightening surge,
Like a crowd in a football ground.
Get on the bus and grab a seat at a window,
Looking out at the crowds of people,
Jostling, barging and pushing,
Like rats in a rat race.

C.G.C.
Form III.

THE

A strange word, "The",
No apparent meaning,
Yet without it
I could not have written this
Because there would have been nothing to write about.

R.D.B.

WHERE

Where is the drop of rain
That fell to the ground
An hour ago?
Where is the ship
That sunk
A year ago?
Where is the Comet
That was seen
A century ago?
Where is the unknown person
That died?
Does anyone know?

R.D.B.

WHY I HATE MATHS

Maths is so boring,
It's simply deploring
It makes one so sad,
When, in a test you do bad.

You have to write, and to measure,
There's simply no pleasure
In working, all day long.
Then finding you're wrong.

To take maths is a crime,
A complete waste of time
All the maths is the same
It should have the same name
Of the Most Boring subject in the world.

G.C.M.
Form I.

NOT MAN BUT FLOWER

Pain, pain is not new to me,
Pain: the physical, the mental, the emotional,
All is known.

Lord, why must we all suffer to live?
Why the anguish?
Why the deceit?
Why the distress?
Is the world so complex?

Plants live: where is the pain in flowers?
Is it night?
Is it frailty?
Is it beauty?
Let us all be as fine as the blossom.

The world is beautiful, it is filled with flowers,
Beauty contests pain,
Why are people not flowers?

A.M.G.

A FATHER SHOWS HIS SON THE ROCK

Strong man that can pull t'blade
From out the rock of tradition. But look,
Here's an auld lad, no doubt come
To show his strength to his admiring son.

"But give us a pull there.
Aw, that's jammed in mighty tight.
Just look at that edge, boy! What an incision
I could make with that sword;
I could hack up the umbilical cord
That ties us to the past
With no end of precision.
Ee, but it won't budge, you know—
Tight as my old lady.
One more try and we'll go.
OOOO no. I'll never do it;
We'd best be getting home".

This man's as daft as ah the others,
The silly old coot.
If he'd a looked he'd a seen
That what were keeping it in
Were in fact his own bloody boot!

T.S.L.

CONFESSION

All the words of the poets
Can't change the hemlock of our age into wine.
All the claims that all will be well
Is like expecting a dog to stay
When a bitch in heat passes by.
However, if I'm honest I suppose I must confess
That these thoughts don't bother me.
I have one or two pints and I couldn't care less
About the political situation in Botswana,
And after eight or nine
Even the state of the nation
Seems more
 Secure
 than
 mine.

T.S.L.

ANON

'Twas a silly sort of craze which took Strathallan by surprise,
The reaction was amusement of the older and the wise,
"For a passing fancy only is this rather crazy thing";
But that didn't halt the progress of the fiendish fircone king.

It started with some scatterings of fircones round the school,
Near the tuckshop, over Rothesay Pier, and round the swimming pool;
Now I didn't really notice them until one night I said:
"There's a pile of these dashed fircones at the bottom of my bed!"

There now arose within the school a serious disunity,
While some were angered, others laughed and favoured pure impunity,
But we really thought the school would hire a full-time paid detector
When a fircone jammed the innards of the Williams Room projector.

These scattered cones (their fame had spread) attracted much attention;
A versified apology, their great and sad pretension,
Was ripped down from the notice-board worth scarcely half a laugh
With its "subtle" tactful references to members of the staff.

Now Autumn's coming pretty fast, when pinetrees shed their cones,
We're rather apprehensive here, it's a feeling in our bones,
That the fircone king has left us now—there's been no trouble since—
We only hope he hasn't left behind a fircone prince.

Societies

BRIDGE CLUB

We must all thank Mr Young for his unfailing effort to try and teach us the elements of "How to play Bridge". It got off to a most encouraging start but, sadly, due to complexity, many failed in their attendance. This, however, must not be blamed entirely on Mr Young, who through all his efforts failed to pierce the skulls of some.

The remaining few, plus many more experienced players who had neglected the first lessons, now went on to some of the more difficult hands in Bridge. Bidding was a constant problem to those beginners who still strove, and played the cards reasonably well having finished the bidding.

Time was short and so, sadly, progress was halted to a certain degree. However, we must again thank Mr Young for devoting his time to teaching some of us the rudiments of Bridge.

J.M.G., M.A.O.D.

DEBATING SOCIETY

We had six debates this year and the standard of debating was on the whole considerably higher than during the past few years. It is pleasing to be able to report that there was no shortage of volunteers among the senior boys to come forward and speak, but are there no younger members at the School willing to come forward and have a shot? Perhaps they don't realise the satisfaction that can be gained from taking part in a good debate. This may be a self criticism, for all but one of our debates this year were against outside schools, to which there is normally a limit on the number of places available and these tend to go to senior boys. I hope my successor will try and organise more internal debates than there have been during the past few years.

We made a return to the English Speaking Union Debating Competition this year after a break last year. The first round was held in October at Morrisons Academy, Crieff. Powrie and Rowell spoke for the motion that "This house welcomes recent oil developments in Scotland." Both the speakers particularly enjoyed doing the pre-

paration of their speeches and as a result produced two good speeches. They both had strong arguments which they presented with the necessary conviction. Powrie did a good summing up and he put the final nail in his opponents' coffin when he squashed many of their arguments for not welcoming oil by telling them that he lived in an Arab oil producing country and knew about oil development from first-hand experience. Strathallan won the motion conclusively when a show of hands was asked for. The judges thought our speeches were good enough to win us a place in the second round.

Unfortunately, the date of the second round coincided with Rowell's Cambridge Entrance exams, so a second speaker had to be found. There was no shortage of volunteers and an internal debate was arranged to select the best speaker. Ling and Hunter proposed that 20th century civilisation was in decline. They were opposed by Low and Kerr. The speeches from the opposition were not particularly outstanding. A bit more time and effort given to preparation would have made all the difference. Hunter, who spoke first for the proposition, gave a clever and humorous speech. To strengthen his argument he produced a poster of the well-known "Bovver Book", asking if it was not a decline in civilisation when people went around wearing these lethal weapons. His speech continued in a humorous vein which was appreciated by the audience. Hunter's delivery was smooth and fluent but the stuff of his argument was rather superficial. Ling had obviously done a considerable amount of preparation for his speech as many of his historical references were outside the history syllabus. This debate was the first opportunity for many of the younger members of the School to take part in a debate. A lot turned up and made useful contribution. The motion was carried. It was not an easy task choosing between Ling and Hunter to speak in the E.S.U. Competition. Hunter was eventually chosen because of his fluent speaking style.

The second round of the E.S.U. Competition took us to Perth Grammar School when we debated that a benevolent dictatorship is better than a corrupt democracy.

Strathallan spoke for the motion against Morgan Academy. Speaking in the second debate of the evening, Powrie and Hunter delivered two good speeches which contained strong logical arguments. They did not win a place through to the next round. Strange perhaps, because they were the only pair to speak about the actual motion before the house. The other teams forgot completely about benevolence and corruption and argued another motion that "a dictatorship is better than a democracy". There is a strict time limit in this debating competition. However, the pair that were judged as the best both spoke over the limit: one for one minute, the other for two. We did win the vote from the floor, which, unfortunately, is completely divorced from the judging.

Our next debate was just after the beginning of the Spring term at Kilgraston where the motion before the house was "Tradition hinders development". This debate was very poor by comparison with our other debates. The speeches were extremely weak. Mackay's speech was completely irrelevant. Unfortunately, Widdowson, the other speaker, broke his leg the day before the debate and was unable to attend. His speech was read by someone else who should have read it through at least once before the debate. Contributions from the floor were also of a very poor standard. The motion, proposed by Strathallan, was defeated.

In February we were invited to St. Leonard's School along with Dundee High School and Kilgraston. The motion "that this house is grateful for the oil crisis" was debated twice. Dundee High School and Kilgraston, and St. Leonard's for the motion against Strathallan in the form of Powrie and Hunter. Powrie spoke first for the opposition. He dealt mainly with the economic and industrial effects of the oil crisis. There was no humour in his speech. The facts were put over in a strong logical way. Hunter, on the other hand, delivered a very humorous and witty speech. His aim was to break down and ridicule the arguments that were obviously going to be put forward by the opposition on subjects such as "How nice it will be to go for a walk without dirty, noisy motor cars racing past", and this he did admirably. The contributions from the floor were of a particularly high standard. Some of them were very clever and witty,

others provided good material for further argument and thought. If time hadn't been so short we could have continued to debate the motion for quite a while longer. The motion was, surprisingly, carried. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and our thanks go to St. Leonard's.

The last debate of the year was in March against Queen Victoria School, Dunblane. Mackenzie and Steele of Strathallan proposed that it is impossible to keep sport and politics apart. This was a first time venture for both of them as principal speakers but they had often made contributions from the floor in other debates. Mackenzie spoke first. His speech contained much of his own brand of cynicism and wit, which was lost on most of those present. Steele's speech contained a lot of spontaneity, drawing on the previous speech of the opposition. He also managed to inject a little humour into the proceedings. The standard of the contributions from the floor was poor but experience was gained and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The motion was carried.

The first question asked when a bus of boys return from a debate is always, "Who won?" The people who ask that would expect me to give my record of the year's activities as played 6, won 3, lost 2, drawn 1 (the internal debate, where there were no losers). Debating, however, is not a sport but a cultural pursuit. Winning is not the prime objective. Enjoyment and satisfaction are the aims here. Judged on those lines, this year can be regarded as having been a good one.

R.A.D.P.

ELECTRONICS CLUB

At the beginning of the year there were eighteen new people wanting to join the Club. Only twelve, however, could be accepted as a result of shortage of space and various other reasons.

Progress was, however, slow, as the various things needed to start work — soldering irons, components, etc. — were not available. As a result, quite a number of members got fed up and gave up.

Throughout the Spring and Summer terms, however, the remaining members of the Club have continued working on various things — radios, inter-coms., etc.

At the moment J. M. Dove is trying to make a radio which will probably never work.

J.F.J.S.

FISHING CLUB

As in the two previous years, fishing was very enjoyable for the first half of term. Two hundred and fifty new fish, and a few older and longer specimens, gave good sport up till half term, but due to constantly dry, bright weather, the level of the pond came down, as did the number of fish willing to take. However, about 40 fish were taken from the pond, the largest of which was a 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. fish, in very good condition, killed by S. N. Vivian.

Plans are being considered for the draining of one half of the pond so that some of the silt which has been deposited, and has shallowed the pond considerably, may be removed. It is hoped that this, accompanied by a year of fairly light stocking, say 80 fish, should improve the fishing.

Once again the match against the Old Boys was held at the Lake of Menteith, on Saturday, 29th June. A rather remarkable day's fishing was enjoyed by everyone, and a total of 59 fish, weighing about 35 lbs., was caught by the party. The match was won by the School with 34 fish at 20 lbs. to 25 fish at 15 lbs. for the Old Boys. Credit must be given to the Biggart family, who managed to land 35 of the fish between three of them — but, of course, they do practically live on the Lake!

I would like to thank the Old Boys for forking out for such an extravagant outing and lavish meal, and wish them luck in future years.

I.A.D.L.

MUSIC SOCIETY

A few people have asked me recently what exactly the Music Society is. Do you have regular meetings? Are there office-bearers? In fact, although we are the oldest Society in the School (sic, will the alliterate S.S.S.S. please note) we do not rely on clubbish rubbish or a set constitution. The elaborate system of Mr G. Marshall's presidency inevitably and unavoidably broke down. It proved unnecessary when it was found that all the work could be

done efficiently and quickly by just a couple of boys. Partly to blame however were the apathetic and disappointingly small audiences, who did not warrant a very active Society. It is a pity that concerts are not better attended but we do admit they have been quite respectable this year.

This was seen at the concert given by Alan Wilkinson and Janet Gare: there were just the right amount of people in the Music Room, and their recital, which included the Beethoven "Kreutzer" and Bartok's 1928 Rhapsody, was greatly appreciated. It was good to welcome them back to Strathallan.

The second concert of the Winter Term was given under our arrogant auspices (we lent our Hon. President to conduct). This was an evening of French choral and organ music, the main work being Faurès Requiem. A fuller report appears elsewhere. Perhaps though the acoustics (again due to the audience) were really quite good and can be mentioned here.

Our only concert in the Mikado orientated Spring Term was given on the last night — not just to relax performers in The Mikado. Joe Lozowy and friend gave quite a good concert, although we felt it might have been more varied. Nevertheless, Joe Lozowy's skills were shown to his pupils and non-pupils alike.

The Speech Day concert, because of the pressure of other commitments was performed by only four boys. T. S. Ling gave an exciting and extremely fine performance of the Finale from the Dvorak Sonata. I. A. D. Low and P. D. Hunter played the slow movement from Shostakovitch's Piano Concerto op. 101, which we felt the audience appreciated. F. G. R. Gillanders gave a fine performance of Poulenc's Romanza for clarinet and Lefevre's Rondo, both of which showed his mastery on his instrument. Among other items was the song "The Two Grenadiers", in which all took part and which ended the concert. This is the only event of Speech Day surely for which the organizers hope there will be bad weather. As usual, the Music Room became very Proms-like as the afternoon progressed!

Next term, A. D. G. Widdowson will be helping the Secretary, from whom he will take over after Christmas.

P.D.H.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This is a society which has been little heard of over the last five years but at last it seems to be growing more popular. The number of members has increased by about 100% since the beginning of this year.

As far as the year goes it has hardly been uneventful and it is hoped that there are signs of better things to come.

It is appreciated, I think, that photography is not a cheap hobby and it is rather surprising how we manage to exist on 50p per person for a year's membership!

There were nasty moments at the beginning of the year as our chemicals seemed to be running out faster than they could be made (by Mr Barker—for a price!). Could it have been that someone liked making pretty crystalline stains on the floor?

The Summer Term has undoubtedly, and not really surprisingly, been the most active term and has been made most memorable by the donation of a glazing machine. This has most kindly been given to us by Mr I. Joy of St. Andrews, who, after buying himself a new machine, wondered if the old one could be put to use elsewhere. The machine cannot really be referred to as old seeing that it is still in very good condition. We cannot really thank him enough for this gift as it will be of great value to the Society for many years to come.

The annual competition (which has not been held for five years) took place before Speech Day and the photographs were judged by a panel of masters who kindly gave up part of a week-end to carry out the laborious task of picking the three prize-winning photographs.

The competition showed up the most active members of the Society and five of them managed to enter a total of seventy photographs.

The exhibition, arranged by A. C. McArthur and A. I. Pate, was held on Speech Day in the dining room. The large number of club photographs was swelled by those from people outside the Society and they added a welcome touch of colour. We thank them for their contributions.

The annual general meeting was held before the end of the Summer Term. During



(D. M. N. Gillanders)

it the prize-winners were awarded their respective prizes, office-bearers and House representatives were elected and various points concerning the removal of art room desks and how to economise on chemicals were discussed.

Mr Croy's ideas and enthusiasm have been greatly appreciated since he took the post of President, and I thank him for his help. I also thank R. A. D. Powrie for his help as Treasurer.

Competition Prize-winners :

- 1st Prize : D. M. N. Gillanders.
- 2nd Prize : N. I. Schneeberger.
- 3rd Prize : A. I. Pate.

Office-bearers for 1974-5 :

- Chairman : A. I. Pate.
- Treasurer : A. C. McArthur.

House Representatives :

- Freeland : ———
- Leburn : A. I. Pate.
- Nicol : M. J. Elkins.
- Ruthven : D. M. N. Gillanders.
- Simpson : A. C. McArthur.

N.I.S.



PIPE BAND

The loss of only one piper from the previous year along with subsequent additions gave rise to a large and good Band this year.

The first performance of the year was at St. Andrew's Night where the Band showed its potential with a very fine performance. Enthusiasm dwindled in the Spring Term, but when Summer came the Band got down to harder practice and hopes were high.

P/M. Buchanan took appendicitis two days before the General Inspection and was out of action until the day of the East of Scotland Competition. Sgt. Gillanders stepped in at short notice and much credit should go to him for the large amount of effort he put in during Buchanan's absence.

The Band played well at General Inspection, and again the following day at the

Blackford Games where everyone enjoyed themselves.

At Glasgow the Band gave their best and were very narrowly beaten by Dollar into second place out of four bands. Here the drummers came first, and in the individual piping Shedden, Gillanders and L. H. Stewart came second, third and fourth respectively.

Just two weeks later, shortly after half-term, was the second major band competition, held at Glenalmond. Again the Band gave of their very best, but were only placed seventh of the nine bands competing.

As usual, the Band played at Speech Day on three occasions, at Abernethy, and also at Dunbarney, a new engagement. At each of these engagements the Band played well and had an enjoyable time.

The Solo Competition was held on Tuesday, 9th July, and the results were as follows :—

Senior Piping Cup : Winner, R. D. Buchanan ;
Runner-up, F. G. R. Gillanders.

Senior Drumming Cup : Winner, C. D. Robertson ;
Runner-up, C. S. Russell.

Junior Piping Cup : Winner, B. J. D. Lyburn ;
Runner-up, D. M. N. Gillanders.

Junior Drumming Cup : Winner, J. N. Julier ;
Runner-up, D. G. F. Griffiths.

Chanter Competition : Winner, A. C. Fairbairn ;
Runner-up, J. F. J. Shearer.

Once again many thanks go to Mr Murray and to Drum Major Wilson for giving up their time to come and give their helpful tuition, and to Mr Henderson for all the time and effort he put into the Band throughout the year.

R.D.B.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year has been one of mixed success and disappointment. Although starting well, with the introduction of T.V. into each House Dr. Who soon began to take its toll. The numbers — or perhaps lack of numbers — at some meetings made it obvious that people were more interested in The Daleks than "good" films (of course they were good — I chose them !) such as "The Dawn of an Industry". However, "The Cigar Story" and "Guinness for You" proved more popular.

At least one faithful person turned up to every meeting, Mr Barker — well, what use is a projector without someone to operate it? In fact, on one occasion he was almost alone.

We did, in fact, have a very full programme of films — too full : we had to send some back without a screening. We also had three excellent and very popular lectures. These were delivered by Dr W. G. Ferrier on "Lasers" (he brought one with him and demonstrated it), Dr. P. Gibbon, who demonstrated the properties of liquid air, and Dr. I. S. McIntock on "Applications and Hazards of Radioactive Materials".

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N.M.H.

THEATRE VISITS

During the first half of the Spring Term the newly revived Sixth Form Society made its first trip to the theatre ; Mr Barratt took twenty-three boys to see Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men", at Perth. For many members this was a first visit to the theatre, which is perhaps a sad reflection on the cultural activity in the School. However, this should be rectified in the future if the Society continues.

The keen reception which the next theatre visit was given suggests that there is a lot of support for such a society. In the Summer Term we went to see a less serious play, "Lloyd George knew my father".

This is a social comedy by William Douglas-Home which is well worth watching. By ridiculing the habits of the aristocracy, one half of the audience laughs because they do not wish to show their ignorance of such a society, while the other half laughs at the others.

The Sixth Form Society looks like developing into a popular group, and, who knows, it may even become more popular than the Young Farmers' Club, trips to the bull sales being replaced by trips to the theatre.

T.S.L.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

Dictatorial appointment resulted in a disastrous flop for the Club which this year enrolled over a third of the Senior School, an all time record, far exceeding last year's increase which itself was the biggest increase in any Young Farmers' Club in the East of Scotland region.

Bad organisation ruined the film programme for the Winter Term and only one film was shown — on pigs. Total disaster was averted by a visit to the Artificial Insemination Centre in Perth and a visit from the local Vet., Mr McRae, who gave us an exceedingly enlightening talk on Pre-War Swine Vesicular outbreaks in Perth.

Half-way through the Winter Term, Mr Ford, at the helm, was duly informed about the mutiny of his crew, but luckily competent replacements were found, and the outlook brightened slightly when a full Spring Term film programme was announced.

The choice of film was restricted because of the necessity of advanced bookings. The films at the beginning of the term, courtesy of Unilever, didn't wash! However, as the term went on, the films improved. Showing clips of James Bond movies with Powerboat racing, in the guise of Young Farmers, provided the biggest attraction.

Mr McRae was good enough to come and talk to us again and a Farmers' Forum

consisting of Messrs. Hamilton, Strang and Fotheringham, all local farmers, came to Strathallan and became involved in a deep discussion on the merits of both the Massey Ferguson 135 and the Ford 4000. Our thanks to them, and we hope to have a repeat performance some time soon.

Hoping to make up for lost production next year.

C.C.S.M.

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Combined Cadet Force

The new uniforms are slowly being issued and by the beginning of the September Term both the Navy and Army Sections will be in the correct pullover order. We regret very much the Navy's decision to change from the well-known sailor's hat to a floppy blue beret, and think that they have lost a great deal. While the heavy-duty pullovers are excellent and smart, they are doubtfully warm enough for an October Field Day, and they are not practical for Fieldcraft.

The Field Day activities on 5th October 1973, were very varied and each Section had successful outings, which included sea training at Rosyth, bridging and orienteering at Cultybraggan, and visits to Leuchars, Turnhouse and Scone.

Proficiency results in all three Sections have been excellent, with a particular improvement in the R.A.F. section. Driving and first-aid have been included in their training programme.

The General Inspection was carried out on 24th May by Colonel P. N. R. Stewart-Richardson, M.B.E., Col. G.S. at U.K.L.F. He was met by a Guard of Honour under W.O. Grant of the R.A.F. Section, and he saw boatwork, pond training, signals, camouflage and fieldcraft exercises, glider, vehicle maintenance, sailing, climbing, orienteering, first aid and shooting, before the final Beating of Retreat, commanded by Cox. Drysdale and P/M Buchanan. U/O Low was in general charge of the training. At tea he met some fifteen or so Senior boys who are interested in going into some branch of the Services. I was extremely pleased with the turn-out and bearing of the cadets throughout the day.

Congratulations to Kirkland on gaining an Army Scholarship and to McKee on winning a provisional civilian Scholarship to Shrivenerham.

Camps and courses for all three Sections were particularly successful this training year, and on behalf of the Army Section I wish to record my thanks to the Commanding Officer of 29 Commando Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, for welcoming us to the Royal Citadel, Plymouth, so warmly.

We were particularly grateful to Captain David McFadden for organising the energetic and profitable training and to W/O Bailey for keeping us all in proper order. On our way to camp we visited R.A. Larkhill Preview Day, where we were met by Capt. Ronald Smith (OS).

We welcomed Capt. M. Barratt to the Army Section in September, who, as a Scotsman, has quickly adapted to being a kilted Officer. As usual, we have been most grateful to C.P.O. Heaton, R.S.M. Dannels and the Training Team and H.Q. Air Cadets Scotland for their help and encouragement throughout the training year.

T.C.G.F.

29 COMMANDO LIGHT REGIMENT, ROYAL ARTILLERY

Snatches of conversation heard between 11th and 20th July, from — well you guess.

"We will leave by bus at 20.30 — I'm afraid you haven't got sleepers — and get all your luggage out at Euston. Then we'll go by tube to Waterloo, and we catch the 07.28. Now, you change at Basingstoke, and reach Salisbury at . . ."

"Welcome to the Royal Artillery Larkhill Day. The Band of the Junior Leaders Regiment . . . The R.A. Foxhounds . . . The motor-cyclists of the Royal Artillery . . . The firing display you are about to see . . . Watch the guns . . . The glider will loop-the-loop . . . The new light gun has not been seen in public display before . . . Watch the guns . . ."

"Now after tea we leave by bus, and change at Westbury, wait for an hour, and we don't get to Plymouth till about midnight".

"My name is Captain McFadden. I am your course Officer. Welcome to the Royal Citadel. You will be carrying out Commando training for the next week."

"Right, Gents. I am Sergeant Major Bailey, okay. You are cadets of Strathallan

School, yeah! I tell you what to do, and you do it, Gents. Then we'll get on fine. Combat suits, boots, gaiters, move".

"This is the scramble course. Last year two soldiers were washed away down the river. Killed outright. You are going to follow me round the course . . ."

"Welcome to the Bickleigh rope course. We shall start at the Death Slide. Absolutely safe. Keep holding on. Only ninety feet".

"I'm not going down that, that's for sure. I'm afraid of heights".

"What, you the last one are you?"

"Can I go down again, please, Sir?"

"This is the rope across the river. Demonstration, please, Bombardier Bird. You merely hook your leg over the rope, and crooking your arm outstretched, you revolve round the rope".

"Right, Gents. You were three minutes late. When you are told to do something, you do it. End of story. When you go out this evening you report back to the Guard Room".

"I wish they'd get the Army Catering Corps at School!"

"The orienteering course has nine points. Take the bearing and count your paces carefully . . ."

"Left hand file into the first vehicle, move".

"The demonstration that you are about to see is a combined helicopter and marine movement . . ."

"The evacuation of the gun positions by helicopter has taken only 22 minutes . . ."

"Your stick kneels close to the helicopter, and if you don't keep your head down, it's chips for tea. End of story. Where does number five go? — you!"

"Cock the gun, press the trigger, apply the safety catch. Now to strip the SLR, Gents, you first remove . . ."

"I am Warrant Officer Barlow. I am in charge of the Range, and anyone who doesn't do what I say gets a size-10 boot up the . . . You have a lethal weapon in your hand. Twenty-five rounds at the target, fire. The pistol is not an accurate weapon — a whole lot of cod's, James Bond and cowboys. You know better because you've fired it. Five rounds at the LEFT-hand target . . ."

"On our own assault course, you go through the tunnel, into the water tank . . . any volunteers?"

"My wrist is rather sore, Sir".

"You will see Lance Bombardier Brady having a little fight with the P.T. Sergeant. We'll just teach you a few throws, for self defence. We can't have you going back to Strathallan looking for fights, can we Gents?"

"Unfortunately, the horizontal rain is preventing the helicopters from taking off, and the visibility on the moors is nil, so the guns can't fire. We are extremely sorry, because this could have been a very exciting exercise".

"The film will teach you how to cook in the field, on leaves and twigs . . ."

"We will be out on the moors for 24 hours, Gents. The first part of the exercise is cordon and search. Now, Bombardier Bird will show you how to make a two-man basher. You work in pairs, and you clip your two ponchos together . . . You'd better make them right, Gents, because you sleep in them. No litter, every piece will be picked up . . . You are under attack . . . stand to!

What is the most important thing to remember, Gents?"

"Food, Sir!"

"Your rifle, lad. Anyone further than an arm's length from his rifle at any time and . . . Okay, you will be on guard all night, and stand to at first light. Sergeant Ferguson, make out the roster".

"I said you would be ready to move at 07.30 Gents, and you are now eight minutes late. Who's lost his rifle?"

"In arrow-head formation . . . extended line . . . get down . . . into the four-tonners".

"Now Gents, those other cadets we saw were a shower. Much worse than you, yeah. I'm quite pleased with you, okay. Once or twice I've been annoyed with you, but on the whole you've done very well, Gents. You've done in a week what we do with the Commandos in eight weeks, okay. When you get back to Strathallan, you can just stand an inch taller, and you tell the others that you are proud of your cap-badge. I am. Well, Gents, have a good holiday and come back next year. End of story".

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ORIENTEERING RESULTS :

(Times in minutes and seconds)

Cumming and Shaw 42.38; Shearer and Templeton 45.18; Manson and Hill 47.56; Ferguson and Powrie 49.17; Wither and Brewster 52.42; Cochran and Young 54.38; Gillanders and Malcolm 55.38; Yates and Peddie 56.42; Prosser and Ross 57.20; Russell and McGregor 62.05; Macmillan and Marshall 64.22; Barratt and Fairbairn 65.28 (there was some reluctance by a kilted member of this group to run uphill); Fletcher and Prynne 74.52; Footitt and Finlayson 76.38; Lyburn and Gray 85.00 (this result was hotly disputed); the remainder did not find all the points. Colquhoun and Pearson undertook the longer course.

SLR SHOOTING RESULTS :

(Maximum 35)

Ross 33; Yates 32; Shearer, Templeton 31; Hill 30; Cleland, Colquhoun, Malcolm 29; Macmillan, Finlayson, Manson 28; Russell 27; McGregor, Duff 26; Cumming, Fairbairn 24; Prynne 23; Ferguson, Shaw, Barratt 22; Young 21; Gray 20; the remainder were under 20.

PISTOL SHOOTING RESULTS :

(Maximum 50)

Yates 39; Hunter 32; Powrie 30; Prosser, Genasi, Macmillan 29; Cleland 26; Cumming, Gray 25; Fletcher, Ferguson 24; Shaw 23; Russell 22; Hill, Prynne, Ross, Fairbairn 21; Gillanders, Graham, McGregor, Pearson 20; the remainder were under 20.

R.N. SECTION

Under Officer : I. A. D. Low.

Coxswain : C. M. Drysdale.

Petty Officers : D. F. Ferguson, P. D. Hunter,
M. G. Evans, N. I. Schneeberger.

This year a varied and practical programme was carried out. Although of necessity a considerable amount of class-work instruction occupied the Winter Term, C.P.O. Heaton introduced the more senior Cadets to a course of practical rigging. The group constructed various hoists, using different blocks and tackles, and this exercise was to prove the basis for one of the R.N. items on General Inspection.

Field Day was held at H.M.S. Cochrane, Rosyth, and H.M.S. Claverhouse, Granton. At H.M.S. Cochrane one group went on board H.F.F.T. Dornoch for practical navigation and helmsmanship in the Firth of Forth while the Junior Cadets visited H.M.S. Leopard at Rosyth Dockyard and took part in life raft training in the swimming pool at H.M.S. Caledonia.

Undoubtedly the most exciting item on the Field Day programme was the day spent at sea by the Senior Cadets on board H.M.S.

Killiecrankie. A full and varied programme was carried out and all Cadets gained much experience in chart work and working ship. To the Staff Officer of H.M.S. Claverhouse, Lieut. Commander Clayton, grateful thanks. At the end of Field Day the R.N. Section were entertained in the ward room to supper and, in the absence of the Captain, addressed by Commander Evans.

At the end of the Winter Term the rather painful transition to the new uniform was completed and with considerable regret the square rig was abandoned. We were lucky in obtaining sufficient supplies of the new rig to equip the entire Section.

In the A.B. Examination during the Easter Term all Cadets save one were rated and ten Cadets passed the Leading Seaman Proficiency Test. We are shortly going over to an amended syllabus which will make both A.B. and Proficiency Tests more practical. Lieut. MacLeod represented the Scottish Schools, in London, at the conference which formulated the new syllabus.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of several Senior Cadets, and with the help of Mr Goody and Sub. Lieut. Clayton, both sailing boats were rendered serviceable and initial sailing practice was carried out on the School pond. This was to stand the Section in good stead when, during the Summer Term, a large number of Cadets were able to make use of the School Sailing Club boats on the Tay.

We are most grateful to Mr Goody who has made possible the close co-operation between the R.N. Section and the School Sailing Club. After considerable effort to get the motor boat serviceable, it is disappointing to have to report that the engine was sabotaged just before being taken to the Tay and the lengthy repairs meant that we were denied the use of it.

R.N. Camps—Two C.C.F. Cadets, A. B. Fairlie of the R.N. and Pte. Hinshaw of the Army, gained Instructors' Certificates at a canoeing course during Easter at R.M. Poole. Both Cadets were invaluable with canoe training on the pond during the Summer Term. Last September twelve Cadets, with Lieut. MacLeod and Sub. Lieut. Clayton, went for a week's course on the Firth of Clyde on board M.F.V. 1048. The highlight of this cruise was when the record for man overboard drill was beaten by P.O.

McKelvie and C. S. Ferguson as dinghy crew, for the first time in ten years. To Mr John Coull and his crew, who by their training and "chivvying" made this possible, our thanks. Skipper Coull was so surprised, he was heard to say: "They're no' bad lads after a'!" At Easter, twelve Cadets plus the two Section Officers sailed from Plymouth on board H.M.F.T. Alnmouth — Skipper Percy. Unfortunately the stormy weather made it impossible to visit the Channel Islands as planned and most of the time was spent at Salcombe, just along the coast. L.S. Blaxter successfully completed a Diving Course at H.M.S. Vernon and L.S. Widdowson and Cadet Park a Seamanship Course at H.M.S. Raleigh.

This summer eight Junior Cadets are attending an Adventure Training Camp at Loch Ewe.

During the Summer Term a lot of effort went into preparing exercises and exhibitions for General Inspection — Inspecting Officer Col. T. M. R. Stewart-Richardson. Various exercises in the pond area during the morning included sailing, canoeing, pulling and a complex pulley system using an R.A.F. inflatable dinghy to convey an Army group across the pond as part of a Combined Forces operation. In the afternoon the Inspecting Officer and the Headmaster embarked on the Perth Harbour launch and saw the more proficient Cadets putting on a display of sailing and spectacular capsizing techniques on the River Tay. The Retreat Parade later was up to standard.

On Speech Day the Section had a small scale Open Day with the huts and equipment on display and several boats sailing on the pond.

In September this year Cox. Drysdale and P.O. Gillanders enter the R.N. College at Dartmouth and Under-Officer Low has entered the R.N. University Cadetship Competition — perhaps in a year there may well be a glut of Ruthven House "Middies" instead of N.C.O.s.

Thanks particularly this year to C.P.O. Heaton who has done much to maintain a high standard of training this year, C.P.O. Gent and C.A.C.T.O. of H.M.S. Cochrane, and G.P.O. Jeffries of H.M.S. Camperdown, Dundee.

It is with considerable regret that we hear of the retirement of the Naval Member

J.C.E. — Commander John Groom. For all his help and encouragement over the last seven years we have been most grateful, and the Strathallan Officers and Cadets wish him a long and happy retirement, and hope that he will visit us any time he is in the area.

In September, for the first time, Strathallan is to compete in the C.C.F. Annual Regatta at Chatham and we hope to do well in that event.

Promotions announced at the end of the Summer Term:

P. O. Ferguson to Coxswain.

L. S. McArthur, Widdowson, Lowden and Blaxter to Petty Officer.

I.A.D.L.

SAILING COURSE — OR WAS IT ?

By the end of the Easter Term, it was finally settled that we were to be the two lucky Cadets to be given places on an R.N. Sailing Course at H.M.S. Raleigh, in Plymouth. We were both looking forward to something a little different and more enjoyable than the normal proficiency course which did not have much scope for people who wanted to enjoy their period in the C.C.F. Both of us had passed our proficiency, one in the R.N., and one in the R.A.F., earlier that term.

The long journey passed without much incident, except that we had to persuade the B.R. Authorities that the travel warrants we had were indeed genuine, and not the work of "some amateur", as the somewhat obtuse official seemed to think.

When we arrived at Raleigh, one of the first things that we noticed was that although most of the other Cadets, who were younger, had no real interest in sailing, having come only to get a good basic training for the Proficiency Exams, there was one boy, about six feet four, who was very keen on sailing. He, however, was an Army Cadet and wore his uniform for the entire week to the disgust of the Naval Officers organizing the camp. As regards the Cadets not interested in sailing, we thought some mistake must have been made . . . This fear was confirmed when, about half-an-hour later, a notice was posted about what we would be doing for the next week. This list had absolutely nothing about sailing on it.

We despaired before the course even started — it was a proficiency course.

We woke up on the first morning with little difficulty when a Leading Seaman came into the dorm with his big heavy boots on. He kicked the metal cabinet in the middle of the room as hard as he could, as he yelled out "Stop sleeping!", an order which we instantly obeyed. The whole camp was run on this note and we both seem to be none the better off for it . . .

Surely, when one gives up a week of precious holidays to go to a C.C.F. camp, one should be told exactly, without any doubt, what form the camp would be taking and what its purpose was? As it was, we travelled about 1000 miles only to be rewarded with knowledge we had already acquired before.

A.D.G.W., D.R.M.P.

RAF SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

W.O. A. M. Grant

F/Sgt. W. D. McIntosh	F/Sgt. R. S. F. Leishman
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Cpl. R. H. Philips	

During the Autumn and Spring terms we concentrated on Proficiency Examination work. At Christmas, eight cadets sat the Proficiency Part Two, and seven passed. 28 cadets sat the Proficiency Part Three, and 21 passed. All the cadets who failed resat the exams in March, and I'm pleased to say that not only did they all pass, but they all gained distinctions into the bargain. Full credit must go to the team of NCO instructors who really worked extremely hard to achieve this success.

The Recruits spent most of their time during the Autumn term working with the Army Section to cover their basic training for Proficiency Part One. They joined us in the Spring Term to start training for Part Two. As usual, the weather during the Spring term was poor, and so we had a full programme of films and general interest lectures to relieve some of the monotony of classroom work. Occasionally we joined the Navy Section when there was a lecture of general interest and the Army also helped by arranging an orienteering exercise.

Easter Camp was held at RAF Church Fenton, near York. 16 cadets and three NCO's attended and we were also joined by

Trinity College, Glenalmond. Morale was very good throughout the period of the Camp, the programme was interesting and enjoyable, and we were also lucky with the weather. A number of cadets flew in Chipmunks, most of them gained their swimming proficiency certificate, and a few obtained their RAF Marksman with the .303 rifle. Also during the Easter holidays, three boys attended Gliding School at Arbroath. I was very pleased to be present when Sgt. Cameron, Cpl. Philips and Cadet GLF Inglis were formally presented with their gliding wings.

During the Summer Term we concentrated on outside activities, mainly as a preparation for General Inspection Day. The section was divided into groups; one group was concerned with leadership exercises and dinghy training on the pond, another group did basic training on the primary glider, and a few boys experimented with a home-made paraglider — which unfortunately came to a sticky end. We have also started a vehicle maintenance group for those boys who are mechanically minded. Also, during the Summer Term, volunteers from the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association have been coming out to the school each Friday to give a series of lectures on First Aid to some of the Senior Cadets. This has proved very popular and we are most grateful to these people who gave up their spare time so generously to run this course. At the end of term, the eight boys who had attended the course were examined for the Intermediate Certificate, and they all passed. Driving instruction has also been on the programme for the last two terms of the year, and judging by the number of boys who have subsequently passed their driving test, I imagine this activity will also become very popular.

We have not done very much shooting this year, but we did manage to enter a team for the Assegai Trophy, and came 24th out of 69 schools that took part. We have fitted in a little SLR shooting at RAF Leuchars, and two cadets went to RAF Turnhouse for Chipmunk flying. I have deliberately cut down formal parades this year to a minimum and this has given us more time for other activities. The Guard of Honour and Retreat Parades, when the RAF section was represented, were done well, and it was encouraging to see that the cadets were

really making an effort to look and act smartly.

During the year, a number of individuals in the section have been successful in various spheres. F/Sgt. Leishman completed his flying scholarship at Scone, and is now trying to get in the necessary flying hours for his private pilot's licence. Cadet Menzies was recently recommended for a flying scholarship and he is going down to Southampton this Summer to do his training. F/Sgt. Kerr was given an overseas flight last Easter and spent an interesting and pleasant eight days in Malta. Cpl. Wilson and Cadet Watt are going to go gliding during the Summer holidays.

This has been a very successful year for the section, and I would offer my sincere thanks to the NCO's, in particular to W.O. Grant who has run the section so efficiently, for their enthusiasm, hard work and loyalty throughout the year. My very best wishes also go to those who are leaving, and I hope that many will continue to take an active interest in RAF affairs after leaving school.

P.A.B.

R.A.F. EASTER CAMP, CHURCH FENTON, 3rd - 10th APRIL

R.A.F. Church Fenton, 15 miles south of York, is the Royal Air Force's no. 2 Flying Training School; it is one of two bases which officers attend to do their preliminary flying.

Due to the station's role, the 18 cadets and 3 N.C.O.'s had plenty to do and see during our 7 day stay on the base. Thankfully the cadet flying restrictions (put on due to the fuel situation) were lifted two days before our arrival and most cadets had very enjoyable half-hour flights in Chipmunks (museum pieces) which streaked up runway 06. Our one problem was in the airmen's mess where we were looked upon as "young louts"; however when the inmates discovered that we were C.C.F. and NOT A.T.C., who are renowned to be very rowdy, we got on very well and were excellently fed up.

On venturing out of the camp into Church Fenton village we were surprised to see how many establishments John Smith owned — it really magnetised us. Visits to York caused its Export market to

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rise and a visit to Leeds led us to have a most enjoyable day which will not be forgotten (if remembered). Two official off-station visits took us to York swimming pool at 8.00 a.m., which our vodka man found to be unadvantageous, and to Fennybridge power station which was most interesting and educational.

A day exercise, in groups, took us on a wide and enjoyable walk round the local countryside: some of us were fast and some of us were slow, but Sergeant — just didn't know where to go (and arrived 1 hour after everyone else had finished tea; perhaps he had his map upside down). This was followed by a night exercise which involved the N.C.O.'s and Officers searching out the cadets who were "blowing up" import station installations. Being dark, apprehension was difficult for, while a mini searched the runways, at the same time there were some raw activities going on, on the runways (so I'm told reliably).

The camp had a very social atmosphere and the boys from Strathallan and Glenalmond mixed very well and managed to keep harmony in fairly close conditions — with Flight Sergeant Leishman's room looking like an empty can at times when it was crowded up for a social. May I end by thanking Flight Lieutenant Barker and Squadron Leader Craig (of Glenalmond) for organising and running the camp so well as for keeping us in "high spirits", if not Dopey at times.

STRATHALLAN C.C.F. — CONSCRIPTS OR VOLUNTEERS

For any boy attending Strathallan, his C.C.F. career starts in his second year in the Senior School, when he scrawls his signature under the section of his choice; Army, R.N. or R.A.F. Full stop. There being so few volunteers for the Army, some Navy and Air Force hopefuls have to be "demoted". But why does the Army get less than half a dozen volunteers, while the other two services get at least twenty each? The fact is that the Army can offer: lots of healthy

exercise running about with Boer War vintage Lee Enfields, firing off blanks at odd intervals, lots of healthy exercise on Field Day orienteering at the infamous Cultybraggan Army Camp, and lots of healthy exercise walking up and down hills just to see the view at Army Camp, liberally interspersed with "bull" from visiting sergeants. Compare that to the glossy recruiting blurb about "The Professionals".

If Corps suddenly became voluntary, I agree, Army numbers would dwindle down to a handful of people. However, it would accurately represent just how popular the Army à la Strath. really is. With such a reduction in numbers, the remainder could be given more individual attention, so teaching them something useful about the Army and, perhaps, encouraging another one or two boys to try for Sandhurst. With such small numbers, visits could be arranged, close liaison worked out with our regiment of affiliation, the "Black Watch", and more modern equipment procured.

In fact, the whole C.C.F. could be restructured so that Social Services, at present in its infancy, could become an equal alternative to military service. Other alternatives, too could be tried out for trial periods. Possibly the C.C.F. itself could be reconstructed so that all cadets receive basic instruction in all three disciplines for at least one term, before choosing which section they want to join — if they want to join at all.

One positive effect this reorganisation would have in the C.C.F. itself would be to do away with the "Shurrap-'cos-I'm-bigger-and-stronger-than-you-are" discipline exerted by N.C.O.s over ordinary cadets at the present time. That kind of discipline simply does not work. What would be much more effective would be the discipline generated by mutual professional respect, as operated by the Regular Army. With smaller sections, cadets can get the chance to make really worthwhile cadet careers for themselves, so giving the cadets the kind of professional self-respect needed to generate the discipline mentioned above. Obviously, many good, potential officers must be "turned off" by outmoded uniforms, poor facilities and a watery version of Prussian discipline.

I apologise to offended R.N. and R.A.F. souls for continually harping on the Army, but it is the branch of the Armed Forces I know best and interests me most. Also, I am neither a pacifist nor a "conscientious objector", neither of which exist where I come from. Hopefully, by the time you read

this article, I will be studying at the Army's College of science and a raw recruit in the T.A.V.R. However, I think that my personal experiences of the quiet courage of our troops at work in my home-town of Belfast have had much more bearing on my outlook than my C.C.F. career at Strathallan.

D.J.M.

Sport

RUGBY

For the 1st XV this has been a season of highlights and disappointment which in the final analysis should be described as average. To beat Fettes and lose to Keil for the first time both in the same season has an ironic touch and indicates the sort of season that it has been.

After an opening match against B. RAINE'S XV in which the opposition proved too strong in some departments the match against PERTH ACADEMY showed that there were weaknesses to be overcome but also gave some grounds for optimism. Five tries were scored from a variety of situations and on balance it was a satisfactory performance so early in the season. The team for this first school match was:

D. S. Lowden; T. S. Ling, D. S. McIntosh, A. D. G. Widdowson, K. S. S. Magee; J. S. P. McDonlad, A. E. Lockhart; A. D. G. Mackenzie, A. G. Watt, D. L. Young; J. E. McIntosh, F. G. R. Gillanders; J. I. McIntyre, W. D. McIntosh (Capt.), W. D. R. Wallace.

For the OLD BOYS match R. I. Whitaker replaced Lockhart at scrum-half. The school started well and showed that the pack were quite capable of holding their own against more mature opposition. After some enterprising play by both sides it was disappointing that there was no score at half-time. On the part of the school this was largely due to poor finishing and this was to

prove the major weakness in many games to come. In the second half Wallace scored a good try by following a kick ahead but the Old Boys eventually settled to score two tries to win a very close game. A. G. MacFarlane, who had been injured, returned to the team in place of Widdowson for the PANMURE match and L. A. Stewart was brought into the second row in an attempt to secure more line out possession. In many respects this was a very pleasing game. The forwards again looked most promising in tight play and there was some excellent defence. The school led for part of the time through MacFarlane penalties but strong running brought Panmure two tries to add to their penalty goal. The unfortunate aspect of this game was that McDonald had to leave the field and D. S. McIntosh played most of the game with a damaged shoulder and this played a decisive part in the final result.

For the visit to FETTES Ling moved into the centre to add more penetration to the backs and was replaced in the wing by A. A. Wighton, Gillanders and Widdowson also returned to the team. It became immediately apparent that the school would be capable of gaining a good supply of ball and the forwards showed that they were capable of pushing Fettes in the tight. On the other hand the backs lacked fluency and were not given the chance to develop any really constructive situations. Fettes established a lead of six points from two penalty goals in the first ten minutes. The school

then began to settle and overcome a certain amount of nervousness but neither side was gaining any real initiative. The school opened their scoring when Wallace gathered a high kick fifteen yards from the school line and made a powerful run before passing to Ling still well within the school half. Ling made a splendid run outpacing the cover defence before swerving past the full back and scored between the posts. MacFarlane kicked the goal to make the scores level at half-time. Fettes now playing downhill pressed strongly from the kick off and some excellent defence was necessary on the part of the school. It was the school who gained the next score when they realised that it was necessary to kick for position. With play just short of the Fettes line a series of scrums kept Fettes under considerable pressure until W. D. McIntosh crossed the line from a tight scrum. Fettes obtained a further three points from one of the many penalties that they were awarded but mainly failed to make use of. The school secured their win with a well-taken penalty by MacFarlane. This was a splendid victory if not a great game of rugger, but it was also apparent that the threequarters would need a lot of improvement before they would capitalise on the good possession obtained by the forwards.

The EDINBURGH ACADEMY match was approached with keen anticipation and from the early play it did not appear that the Academy would create any real threat, whilst the school were doing everything but score in the first quarter of an hour. The backs were certainly moving the ball better than at Fettes but still the timing of the pass and handling of the ball in general left much to be desired. In the event although not having really threatened the school line the Academy were leading at half-time by one penalty goal. The school continued in much the same way in the second half and eventually with the back row coming into the line Wighton was given an overlap to score in the corner. To the spectators it appeared that the school felt that this was the decisive score and there followed a fatal lapse in concentration which allowed the Academy to score a try which was converted. Despite renewed determination by the school time ran out and one was left wondering how, with so much possession, the school had failed to win.

G. W. Linton came into the back row for the GLENALMOND match and Stewart returned to the team. The school made an excellent start and took the lead within three minutes when Ling gathered a kick to score wide out. Again the lapse in concentration, which had been apparent in the previous game following a score, was apparent. From two penalties Glenalmond first kicked a goal and then scored a converted try to take the lead at half-time. Glenalmond were playing with much greater assurance than in the early stages and the school were unable to regain the initiative in the second half and Glenalmond consolidated their victory with a further goal.

LORETTO were known to be having a good season and the conditions were such that the school with their strength at forward should have had an advantage. Very heavy rain during the game made a handling game extremely risky and Loretto obviously relied on their halves and three quarters for their main attacking moves. It was only in the later stages that the school really exploited the conditions to their advantage. By the end of the first half Loretto had taken the lead with a penalty goal and a fine try on the left wing which was converted. As it became wetter there were numerous stoppages and it was at this stage that the school began to kick high balls deep into the Loretto half. Almost immediately the school began to look far more impressive as the forwards, for whom Baxter had returned at hooker, powerfully followed these high kicks. Loretto began to make mistakes and on several occasions a more fortunate bounce would have brought the school a try. But with the final whistle there had been no further scoring by either side. So ended the hard run of games up to half-term. With no disrespect to the opposition one could justifiably have hoped for better results from some of the last four games.

It was a great disappointment that illness at MERCHISTON caused the postponement of the Merchiston game which was rearranged for a date later in the term, unfortunately owing to frost the game could not be played on that occasion either. A gale at Dumbarton produced the conditions which make any game something of a lottery. The school should have been in a secure position when the teams changed

ends. Although Young had left the field injured the school were only one goal down and with the wind behind them should have been able to better this score. W. D. McIntosh scored a try from the tail of the line out but this was the only score that the school could produce. K. J. Shannon took Young's place for the Morrison's game. This match produced some of the most frustrating conditions of the whole season. The tight forwards were again stronger than the opposition and to a large extent controlled play in the set pieces, but Morrison's had their strength in the back row who covered and tackled well. Although the school had most of the territorial advantage in the first half the school front row was being continually penalised as a result of which Morrison's were leading by two penalty goals at half-time. The school spent most of the second half in their opponent's half and for long periods were within five or ten yards of Morrison's line as the result of a series of scrums. The school confined their scoring attempts to moves close to the scrum, mainly from the back row. Eventually Wallace picked up the ball to dive over and McDonald's conversion levelled the score. Yet again one sensed that the team felt that

after this prolonged effort that was needed to score that the job had been done, and after dominating so much of the second half they allowed Morrison's to come back into the game which ended with a draw.

Young was fit again for the visit to GORDONSTOUN. There was frost overnight but the match was started on time on a fine morning with the ground perfect for open rugger. The school made a purposeful start and dominated the tight play yet again. The backs threatened the Gordonstoun line on several occasions and some very good running was seen. The vital finish was still lacking however and the schools score at half-time was confined to three penalty goals by McDonald. In the second half the school continued to keep their territorial advantage and tries were scored by Magee on the left wing and by Whitaker breaking from the base of the scrum fifteen yards out. The school had looked much more enterprising on this occasion and it was hoped that their confidence in scoring tries would be raised for the DOLLAR game. Indeed yet another good start was made by the school and a plentiful supply of good ball was forthcoming. The Dollar backs proved that they



had more flair and with their limited possession were able to make much better use of the ball. They were neater and more positive. Again the scrum spent long periods close to the Dollar line and adopted the same tactics that had been used against Morrison's. Although Wallace scored a try in the second half from one of these set scrums Dollar scored two goals to win.

In an attempt to get the threequarters moving more quickly L. H. A. Carmichael came into the side for the last game of the Christmas term at stand off. Macfarlane moved to his more familiar position at full back. An away game at GLASGOW ACADEMY is never an easy proposition and the outcome helped to salvage part at least of what had been a disappointing term. The school adopted a positive and determined approach to the game and were rewarded with a well-deserved victory brought about by a Carmichael penalty in the first half and a try by Wallace in the closing stages. This match brought the Christmas term fixtures to an end. It had been a gratifying start and finish to the term and one looked back on a trail of missed opportunities. It is difficult to pinpoint the difference between a successful and an average season but perhaps in this case it was due to a lack of imagination, a lack of pace and above all the ability to finish well which resulted mainly from shortcomings in ball-handling ability. W. D. McIntosh was a dedicated captain and the amount of work put in deserved greater success and at least some consolation can be gained from the fact that any defeats were always close ones.

The traditional bad weather of the Easter term now appears to visit us in the hockey season and all three club matches were played. It was gratifying to beat WEST OF SCOTLAND COLTS and the School put in an excellent performance against the WAYFARERS many of whose players confidently predicted that the school would beat WANDERERS COLTS. The last 1st XV match of the season was against ST. ALBANS college from the Argentine. It was a memorable experience to have an overseas team visit the school and one speculates wistfully on the prospects of being able to accept their kind offer of a return fixture — to be played away of course!

If the remainder of this report deals

more briefly with the other school teams and the rugger in general it is in no way intended to detract from its importance. Some highly successful seasons have been recorded as a glance at the results will indicate. The 2nd XV had a splendid season only to lose their unbeaten record in the last game of the season. Not only did they have success in terms of results but also played some very attractive and competent rugger. However they were deprived of victory at Glasgow Academy and even if this denied them their unbeaten season they certainly have the knowledge that they were the most successful "seconds" for many years. The 3rd XV enjoyed equal if not greater success. A deficit of three points at Glenalmond also denied them their unbeaten season but as with the 2nd XV they had an excellent season and are to be congratulated also on one of the most successful seasons ever.

The senior colts had a most satisfactory season. There were several players of considerable promise, but above all they produced a sound workmanlike approach to the game which brought them some most creditable victories. The junior colts promised rather more than they achieved. There is obviously some good potential in this age group but a certain amount of zest was lacking at times and there was a tendency for the team to rely too much on individual players. The minor colts now have a very strong fixture list and not a great many players to choose from. They recorded some notable victories and their match experience should prove valuable in the future.

And in addition to all this there has of course been all the other rugger going on throughout the school. The senior and junior leagues continue to thrive and provide competitive rugger for those boys not in major school teams. The inter-House knock-out competition was satisfactorily completed — at least in the eyes of most, if not those of your correspondent! There has been one new development this year — sevens. The school has not entered any competitions but there has been a fair amount taking place in the far corner of mud flats. It has been a voluntary activity encouraged by Mr. Raine and apart from all the other attributes it is something which can take place when hockey pitches are waterlogged. There was

a very successful and unofficial inter-House competition and it does appear that there is a good interest in sevens.

It is not merely a matter of routine in recording thanks to all those who have helped with the rugger this season. The season has been a healthy and enjoyable one — there has been a lot of good competition and much enthusiasm for the game and this would not be possible without the help provided by those masters coaching games and the various domestic staff who so willingly provide for the players.

F.S.McN.

Rugger Results

1st XV (SCHOOL MATCHES)

Perth Academy	Won	22	4
Fettes	Won	13	9
Edinburgh Academy	Lost	4	9
Glenalmond	Lost	4	15
Loretto	Lost	4	8
Merchiston	Cancelled		
Keil School	Lost	4	6
Morrison's Academy	Drawn	6	6
Gordonstoun	Won	19	0
Dollar Academy	Lost	6	12
Kelvinside Academy	Cancelled		
Glasgow Academy	Won	9	0
Downside	Cancelled		
St. Alban's (Argentine)	Won	18	3

1st XV (CLUB MATCHES)

B. Raines XV	Lost	4	50
Strathallians	Lost	4	8
Panmure	Lost	6	14
West of Scotland Colts	Won	9	7
Scottish Wayfarers	Lost	6	12
Edinburgh Wanderers Colts	Lost	4	13

SCHOOLS: Played 11 Won 5 Lost 5 Drawn 1
For 109 Against 70

2nd XV

Fettes	Drawn	13	13
Glenalmond	Won	4	3
Edinburgh Academy	Won	39	0
Loretto	Won	17	13
Merchiston	Cancelled		
Rannoch 1st XV	Won	25	4
Morrison's Academy	Won	58	0
Dundee High School	Cancelled		
Kelvinside Academy	Cancelled		
Glasgow Academy	Lost	10	16
Perth High School 1st XV	Won	48	0
Played 8 Won 6 Lost 1	Drawn	1	
For 214 Against 51			

3rd XV

Perth Academy 2nd XV	Won	36	0
Queen Victoria School	Won	19	0
Fettes	Won	21	6
Glenalmond	Lost	10	13
Edinburgh Academy	Won	14	6

Loretto	Won	18	4
Merchiston	Won	6	0
Rannoch 2nd XV	Won	31	3
Dollar Academy	Won	16	0
Glasgow Academy	Won	27	3
Played 10 Won 9 Lost 1	Drawn	0	
For 198 Against 35			

4th XV

Fettes	Lost	0	24
Glenalmond	Lost	4	14
Dollar	Won	17	3
Played 3 Won 1 Lost 2	Drawn	0	
For 21 Against 41			

5th and 6th XV

Matches v. Glenalmond were cancelled.

SENIOR COLTS

Rannoch	Won	24	4
Fettes	Lost	4	8
Morrison's	Won	20	4
Loretto	Won	26	0
Merchiston	Won	12	0
Keil	Lost	0	14
Gordonstoun	Won	7	0
Dollar Academy	Won	13	4
Glenalmond	Lost	4	10
Edinburgh Academy	Cancelled		
Played 9 Won 6 Lost 3	Drawn	0	
For 110 Against 44			

JUNIOR COLTS

Perth Academy	Won	16	3
Queen Victoria School	Won	20	4
Fettes	Won	9	6
Loretto	Drawn	6	6
Merchiston	Won	12	0
Dundee High School	Cancelled		
Dollar Academy	Lost	6	10
Glenalmond	Lost	0	18
Glasgow Academy	Lost	3	33
Edinburgh Academy	Cancelled		
Played 8 Won 4 Lost 3	Drawn	1	
For 72 Against 80			

MINOR COLTS

Perth Academy	Lost	4	16
Fettes	Won	14	6
Loretto	Won	14	0
Merchiston	Lost	0	6
Dollar Academy	Lost	6	14
Lathallan	Cancelled		
Edinburgh Academy	Cancelled		
Morrison's Academy	Lost	6	12
Played 6 Won 2 Lost 4	Drawn	0	
For 44 Against 54			

RILEY HOUSE

Craigflower	Lost	0	16
Hurst Grange	Lost	12	14
Belmont House	Won	16	12
Larchfield	Lost	3	38
Ardvreck	Lost	11	14
New Park	Lost	0	8
Rannoch	Drawn	20	20
Played 7 Won 1 Lost 5	Drawn	1	
For 62 Against 122			

HOUSE MATCHES:

JUNIOR:

FIRST ROUND : NICOL 14, FREELAND 8
SECOND ROUND : LEBURN 0, RUTHVEN 16
NICOL 0, SIMPSON 9

FINAL : RUTHVEN 4, SIMPSON 12

SENIOR:

FIRST ROUND : LEBURN 14, FREELAND 0
SECOND ROUND : RUTHVEN 48, SIMPSON 3
FINAL : LEBURN 0, RUTHVEN 3
(after extra time)

HOUSE LEAGUES:

JUNIOR WINNERS : LEBURN

SENIOR WINNERS : RUTHVEN.

HOCKEY

It rained most of January and February and, although half-term found the grounds-men marking pitches in spring sunshine, it then rained for most of March. The pitches became quagmires and the master-in-charge spent more time on the telephone arranging alternative grounds or cancelling fixtures than on the hockey field.

The only part of Strathallan hockey to come through unscathed was the House competition. Each round chanced to fall on a dry day and Ruthven with a powerful side of experienced players were convincing winners over Leburn in the final.

The House leagues were conducted in an experimental form. The second league was dropped and boys allowed to opt for other sports. This was generally hailed as successful, with a pleasing improvement in standard, both of play and, perhaps more important, of umpiring. Leagues became mud-, rather than blood-, baths and after a small number of rounds Freeland were victorious.

The 1st XI managed only three fixtures. The first, against a scratch PERTH H. C. XI, provided an interesting contrast of methods. The opposition played the modern game of short and back passing and, with the help of early season mistakes by the home defence, quickly scored three. Strathallan using the more traditional "public-school" style of hard-hitting and through passes gradually gained confidence and were able

to dominate the second half sufficiently to score twice.

LORETTO provided us with our only dry pitch of the season and, once we had adjusted to the faster conditions, a close struggle developed. An early goal by McDonald put us in control but Loretto equalised before half time. Strathallan began the second half well and a superb volley by Renwick regained the lead. Loretto were stung into playing more forcefully and, although our forwards looked the more dangerous on the break, we lost midfield dominance and came under increasing pressure. Justice was done when Ferguson conceded a penalty flick by lying on the ball.

The final game against FETTES was something of a farce. Thorny Shades had just dried sufficiently to make play possible when the heavens opened again so that by full time the pitch resembled the Somme. Despite the atrocious conditions the standard of hockey was good. Strathallan never lost control and two good goals coupled with disastrous mistakes by both goal-keepers gave them a comfortable victory over a bedraggled and dispirited opposition.

With so few fixtures it is difficult to make an accurate assessment of performance. It was an inexperienced side with only three old colours, but once the slow-turning defence had learnt not to commit itself in the tackle it began to blend into a constructive unit. In goal Ferguson made some outstanding saves, particularly from short corners, but often created unnecessary difficulties for his defence by lying down. The backs, Heard and McIntosh, were sound in the tackle and cleared strongly; only when required to turn quickly did they look vulnerable. Pate had some very good games at left half, making up with honest endeavour what he lacked in stickwork. On the other flank Hay, although showing good control and attacking flair, tended to allow the opposing winger too much freedom. At centre half McArthur was a strong, determined player whose experience in the Scottish Schoolboys squad will be of great value next season. With the sun on his back and on fast surfaces Robertson, on the left wing, would have given better value with his neat stickwork, but in a season like this he could never hit powerfully enough to be effective. Ling, on

the other wing, lacked finesse but his speed was enough to put opposing defences under pressure. The inside forwards, Whitaker and McDonald, ran tirelessly, the latter, with his greater experience and speed, always seemed to be in the right place. The disadvantage of having McDonald at inside rather than at centre forward, where he had scored so often for previous XI's, was offset by Renwick's ability, despite his clumsy appearance, to score from the half chance.

Four players, McArthur, McDonald, Hay and Whitaker, were chosen to play in the Public Schools trial for the Loretto/Fettes/Strathallan XI against an Abbey/Gordonstoun XI. This game was played on the North Inch and was won comfortably by the home XI who scored three before the opposition got into the game. McDonald looked the outstanding forward on the field and would have almost certainly have gone forward to the final trial had he been available. McArthur, with an unspectacular hard-working display, was selected and eventually represented Scotland in the International Tournament at Colwyn Bay. He deserves special praise for achieving so much in such a limited season.

Among the other XI's, the 2nd XI, a solid combination, won both its games comparatively easily, and the Junior Colts XI was never able to find opposition strong enough to test its skill, but there is much talent at this level at the moment. The Colts, after a good start, were stunned by a nasty injury to their captain and outstanding player, Brewster, and never recovered to fulfil their potential.

Special thanks are due to masters who ran teams and leagues tolerating the dismal conditions and constant re-arrangements. At the end of term, when the last drop of rain had squeezed its way out of laden skies, the master i/c, new to the job, breathed a sigh and naively remarked, "It can never be as wet again". A senior, and much revered, Housemaster soon put him right, cheerfully saying, "Oh, it's like this two years in three".

Teams and Results

1st XI

J. S. P. McDonald (Capt.), A. J. Hay, E. A. Ferguson, D. J. M. Heard, J. E. McIntosh, D. H. Pate, A. C. McArthur, T. S. Ling, R. F. Renwick, R. I. Whitaker, K. A. Robertson. Also played: I. McFarlane.

v. A Perth H.C. XI	Lost	2-3
v. Loretto	Drawn	2-2
v. Fettes	Won	3-1

2nd XI

W. D. McIntosh (Capt.), D. S. McIntosh, A. A. Bird, I. McFarlane, R. I. McIntyre, R. L. Kirkland, A. G. McFarlane, D. F. Ferguson, D. S. Lowden, M. J. MacDonald, H. K. Currie.		
v. Rubislaw Academy	Won	1-0
v. Lendrick Muir	Won	1-0

Colts XI

From: A. T. D. Brewster (Capt.), G. S. Fidler, G. T. Wordie, D. R. M. Gillanders, K. A. D. Peddie, I. C. McGregor, G. J. F. Crowe, D. T. Hay, G. L. F. Inglis, W. D. Gibson, H. J. P. Gray, H. M. Pearson, R. D. G. Powrie, A. W. B. Magill.		
v. Rubislaw Academy	Won	5-3
v. Rannoch	Won	4-1
v. Loretto	Lost	0-4
v. Fettes	Lost	1-4

J. Colts XI

D. T. Ross, S. B. Knox, M. J. Yellowlees, N. C. St. J. Yates, A. W. Ferguson, A. O. Inglis, G. B. McDonald, R. A. Stone-Wigg, K. D. Evans, B. J. D. Lyburn, I. F. Gerrard.		
v. Rannoch	Won	15-0
v. Fettes	Won	8-1
v. Lathallan	Won	1-0

Minor Colts XI

v. Loretto	Lost	0-3
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Overall Record

Played 13, Won 8, Lost 4, Drawn 1, Goals for 46, Goals against 23.

Summer Hockey

Hockey players are never satisfied with the conditions! The latter part of the Easter term season having been disrupted by rain, the Summer season was afflicted by drought, producing pitches which while fast did not always play true. Nevertheless a large number of boys availed themselves of the opportunity to play hockey under dry and reasonably warm conditions, with three games needed twice a week and two games on the other two days.

The XI, captained by McArthur, acquitted itself creditably, victorious against other school sides (Fettes, The Edinburgh Academy and Glenalmond), drawing with Grange, and losing to the Old Boys and Barbarians. The last-named produced a very strong side, beating us 6-1, at the same time giving us a lesson in some of the finer arts of the game which I hope was duly absorbed.

The following played for the Summer Hockey XI:

D. A. R. Munro, D. S. McIntosh, W. D. McIntosh, J. E. McIntosh, D. J. M. Heard, A. C. McArthur, D. H. Pate, J. A. E. Fingland, A. F. B. Magill, A. G. MacFarlane, M. J. MacDonald, R. F. Renwick, P. J. Holland, E. G. Meade, K. A. Robertson.

CRICKET

The First Eleven played fifteen matches, won three of them, lost four, and drew the remainder. Of the draws, three — those against The Edinburgh Academy, Perth Academy and Dundee University Staff — could have gone in the 1st XI's favour if a wicket had been captured with the final ball of the day in the first two instances, or if a boundary had been struck off the final ball of the day in the third instance. The season, then, was not a series of tedious draws as the figures alone might suggest.

The averages were as follows:

BATTING.

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Av.
D. T. Cochrane	15	0	97	357	23.80
J. S. P. McDonald	15	3	50	231	19.25
N. E. Cope	15	1	66	251	17.92
R. I. Whitaker	15	3	30	205	17.33
N. D. Fraser	13	0	50	176	13.53
D. R. M. Park	13	2	30	107	9.72
G. L. F. Inglis	15	0	31	131	8.73
A. J. Hay	7	2	12	22	4.50
R. A. MacPherson	6	3	3*	9	3.00
A. J. Tares	11	2	4	11	1.22

(All the above were awarded Full Colours)

BOWLING.

	O	M	R	W	Av.
A. J. Hay	179.2	49	402	33	12.18
J. S. P. McDonald	149.5	39	391	32	12.21
A. J. Tares	102.5	8	320	22	14.54
R. A. MacPherson	68	18	205	13	15.76

CATCHES.

D. R. M. Park 9; N. E. Cope 8 (1 st.), D. T. Cochrane 8; A. J. Tares 5.

The following also played for the 1st XI: K. A. Robertson, L. A. Stewart, A. K. Shaw, R. N. MacLeod, A. D. G. Widdowson, I. MacFarlane, S. N. Vivian, D. G. Inglis.

So much for the figures. This was a better side than last year's, and J. S. P. McDonald, the captain, was able to keep the interest and enthusiasm going, particularly through his own example. His idiosyncratic style of batting got him more runs than last year, and he only took one wicket fewer.

Two problems faced the side at the beginning of the season — consistent run-getting, and a balance of bowlers. The early season disaster against CRIEFF served to accentuate the former whilst disguising the latter. However, in the next game, which was against THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY, Cochrane hit form with a nicely taken 97, many of the runs at the expense of Gregson, a leg-spinner who found the proportions of The Paddock not ideal for that type of bowling. (Curiously The Paddock, on which we had to play all but two of our home games this season, did not make for high scores despite the excellent batting wickets available. As a ground, though, it forces bowlers to be more on line and length, and it soon showed up inexperience. Tares, for example, never bowled really well on it.) Cochrane was a shade unfortunate not to get a hundred, since the small scoreboard was not registering individual totals and no-one saw fit to put his score on the "last man" part of the board. However, he reached 50 only once more in the season — against C. B. E. Somerville's XI — and was frequently out in the 20's.

After the excitements of the match against The Edinburgh Academy, a match which they had the winning of at 6 p.m. and nearly the losing of at 7 p.m. through a failure of nerve against steady bowling, morale bucked up noticeably in the side. The PERTH ACADEMY game, which was again a matter of trying to fit a half day game into a quarter day, was a little dour, mainly because the Academy used medium pace all the evening with a ball that swung about a foot throughout the innings. Perth Academy were not interested in going for the runs and, indeed, seemed to be reluctant to appear from the position at all. Next there was a match against a PERTH FARMERS' XI, kindly brought along by Peter Hamilton and containing such notable Perthshire farmers as K. Mackenzie. In this match J. S. P. McDonald made his first half-century for the First Eleven at a time when it was needed, and A. J. Hay bowled accurately and well to contain the first part of the Farmers' innings. A few swishes against Tares did the rest. Tares also had a good match against the DUNDEE UNIVERSITY STAFF who were slow to learn that it is difficult to hit him straight. Six were out alternately "c Park b Tares" or "c Cochrane b Tares" at long on or

long off ("c Park b Tares" was a common dismissal this season, and anything that went too hard stuck). But we got off to a bad start in that game, Fraser hitting a rank long hop straight at mid-on. Thereafter Cochrane and Inglis pulled the innings round and McDonald and Whitaker very nearly won the match.

The next major game, against LORETTO, was a remarkable match. The reports were that Hutchinson was the man to watch. A glance at the scorecard will tell that so busy were the School batsmen watching Hutchinson (who was bowling fairly well but without consistent direction), that they all got out to Sampson. "Got out" is, I am afraid, the word. Cochrane hit a long hop straight up into the air after being dropped at long-leg the previous ball trying to hook. It was all very obvious. Fraser was caught driving at cover, and Cope similarly at mid-wicket. The innings was over by one o'clock. But rare drama was to come. Hay trapped Allan with the first ball of the Loretto innings, Hutchinson edged a ball into his wicket, Winton and Webster got outside edges, and Wotherspoon, trying to hit McDonald out of the ground erred in height

at the expense of length. Park made no mistake. So five Loretto wickets were down at lunch, and had lunch not come when it did, the school could just conceivably have won. After lunch normality was restored, but two more wickets were captured. The lack of steadiness and patience in the batting had again been revealed.

C. B. E. SOMERVILLE'S XI provided entertainment as ever. Let me say here, for I shall not otherwise be forgiven, that in the first over G. McLellan hit a ball through extra cover off the middle of the bat. The visitor's innings faltered slightly when Tares came on. He took three quite splendid catches off his own bowling. Nevertheless 177 was reached. While Cochrane was at the wicket the School reply looked convincing, but confronted by a genuine Aussie leg-spinner the middle order collapsed creasebound. Fortunately some lusty blows by Park over the wall and some sensible and disciplined batting by Cope saw us through to a draw.

In the FETTES' game the batting was again patchy. Cope and Whitaker took the score into three figures from 28-4. Up to the fall of the fifth wicket Cope again batted

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beautifully scoring on both sides of the wicket, and at one time two extra covers were set for him. But Cope's calling between the wickets is reminiscent of the cat i' th' adage who let I dare not wait upon I will. Whitaker was the unfortunate victim and thereafter Cope batted less confidently and the innings subsided gently. Not quite enough runs were scored, and although Fettes lost some early wickets some blows over extra cover by Young and umpteen playings and missings by the rest saw Fettes through. A. J. Hay bowled well without any luck.

The STRATHALLIANS were next, or at least I should say nine Strathallians were next, since we had to lend them two players. Ordinarily, this would not have mattered, but Hay removed both Melville and Trusdale in the first two overs — a bitter blow, but history will confirm that Melville and Trusdale have never made runs together at the wicket. I for one had looked forward to seeing Trusdale sort out loose bowling on a small ground. D. Duncan and D. Turner conducted a salvage operation, though it would be fairer to say that Donald was allowed to because he was missed twice. Duncan, however, batted confidently and took every run that was going. Eventually D. Turner was run out and Duncan got under a ball that was not quite short enough to pull. Alan Sloan contributed a nice 20 before being bowled by a ball of full length. Thereafter the main entertainment of the afternoon was the refusal of Messrs. Lambie and Ferguson to get out. In reply the School lost two quick wickets, and there was a period when they allowed themselves to be mesmerised by some flighty Melville off-spin. However, McDonald and Whitaker used their feet, and a fine six over square leg struck by Whitaker got the school's reply going again. Whitaker was finally out to the indefatigable Stuart Mackenzie, who bowled at the Riley end unchanged, but some good drives by Inglis saw us to within easy distance of the total. A drive by McDonald through extra cover brought victory — a fitting climax for the captain.

The MERCHISTON match was a stalemate. We had to field first on one of those miserable, cold Edinburgh days, and although the bowling was steady it was uninspired. Wickets fell with some regularity, and there was a flurry of departures in mid-afternoon,

totally because of unconsidered strokes. But it was difficult to get out on the wicket if one was trying to stay in and the Merchiston innings was declared leaving Strathallan two hours and five minutes batting. The first few batsmen seemed intent on giving Merchiston a chance and it was left to Whitaker and Tares to play out the last forty minutes sensibly. Whitaker was out in the last over playing a rash shot to a bad ball, but by then it was too late for Merchiston to force a win. Indeed, off the last but one ball of the day Tares even broke his duck!

The GLENALMOND game also contained a lot of sketchy batting. Except for Hindmarsh and Robson, Glenalmond batted badly. Hindmarsh scored fifty of the first 52 runs and was far superior to any other batsman Glenalmond, or, to be fair, Strathallan, had to offer. When Strathallan batted they had some difficulty in keeping Robson at bay. Cochrane kept going for a long while, and received good support from Whitaker. Once Cochrane was out Whitaker kept the score going until he mis-hit a short one to mid-off. McDonald and Widdowson didn't remain long, and it was left to Park to keep out Robson, which he did mainly with pads, feet and leg. He also hit 10 invaluable runs, thus preventing the innings from becoming totally bogged down. Cope began to be less circumspect and started to parade a few of his strokes. Then Park, and Tares, were removed. Cope followed shortly after, playing rather casually over a half volley. So it was left to MacPherson and Hay to make a name for themselves. MacPherson edged a single and Hay played a ball wide of cover for a scampered short single. This resulted in two overthrows at the bowler's end and that was that.

The feature that arises from the foregoing is the lack of concentration in batting. Admittedly four scored over 200 runs, and that hasn't happened since 1963, but too many times experienced batsmen were getting out in the teens and twenties when they should have been thinking of thirties and onwards. Whitaker, of the younger batsmen, improved throughout the season and consistently scored into the twenties, that, with more application, the more experienced should have at least been reaching. Fraser never struck the same form as last year and injury prevented his playing in the last two games. Cope played some good

innings but was prone to get out to a casual shot. Inglis became more circumspect as the season progressed. Park on occasion batted well, and if he can develop more strokes and some patience should make the runs that always come to left-handers in schools' cricket.

The bowling was very steady. Neither Hay nor McDonald always bowled the right line, and at various times Cope, Whitaker and others were tried as support bowlers. Eventually MacPherson took over the new ball role from McDonald. He usually bowled at the stumps, but his length was a little too wayward. With experience he should improve. Tares bowled steadily and usually better against club sides who were more inclined to try to hit him. He got nearly half his wickets against Grange and Dundee University staff. The fielding was more alert this season, but we lacked close-in brilliance. In the outfield Park and Cochrane were notably safe. Cope was pressed into service as a wicket-keeper when Robertson was injured, and the necessity to include an extra batsman meant that the unfortunate Robertson didn't get his place back.

We have eight of the eleven coming back, including the captain, J. S. P. McDonald. Next year could be a good season — as long as the players believe in their potential.

What of the other sides? The Second Eleven never achieved the cohesion that could have been expected from a side which had a great deal of experience available. Indeed, although the tenth and eleventh places in the First Eleven were not finally settled until late in the season, no-one established a claim to them. The season opened auspiciously enough. The games against The Edinburgh Academy and Loretto were drawn, and the game against a weak Perth Academy side was convincingly won. However, during this period the 3rd XI beat the 2nd XI in a match which the former took more seriously than the latter. The game against Fettes produced an exciting run chase, the Seconds just failing by 5 runs. D. G. Inglis scored 72, but he failed to reproduce the same form in any of the other games. After this game the spirit seemed to go out of the side and no resistance was put up against either Merchiston or Glenalmond. One feels that a little more resolution would have produced more enjoy-

able cricket, and produced more reserve strength for the First Eleven.

The Third Eleven had a spirited season, and despite the apparent lack of batting talent probably did better than usual. Where opponents had reserve strength in depth, the going was very hard, but it is always difficult to dampen 3rd XI enthusiasm. The fielding and catching were both good, and Graham and Chalmers proved useful bowlers — as did Garvie before he was injured doing Athletics. The highlight of the Third Eleven season was undoubtedly the final match against Glenalmond where Graham bowled effectively enough to get six wickets, and then Hinshaw and Watt gave them a very good start, Watt making 37 and Hinshaw batting through the innings for 45 not out. The side was ably captained by S. J. Newing. One can see some of this side getting into the First Eleven in the next two years.

The Senior Colts, too, had a good season, D. T. Hap proving to be a determined leader. The bowling was better than the batting, I think it is fair to say, but Goodfellow has the style to develop into a sound left-hand bat, and Yates has the application to develop into a reasonable right-hand one. Hay's bowling and batting were both rather erratic; Cleland was the best of the medium pacers, and Shaw could develop into a creditable off-spinner if he became more upright in his delivery stride. Shaw incidentally played three games for the First Eleven. Senior Colts cricket is a turning point for many. Only the exceptionally talented find the going easy on First Game, and too many succumb to the blandishments of Summer Hockey or Tennis, or think that they will do better at Athletics. One hopes that the enthusiasm generated this year will continue through the winter, and that several Colts will work at their game to make full use of their potential.

Making full use of potential is something the Junior Colts didn't manage successfully. The ones expected to get runs didn't do so with any consistency and the bowlers seldom got on top of the opposition. The season was a tale of lack of determination compounded with lack of concentration.

On the other hand Riley had a "golden" year winning every match. There is obviously a large amount of potential here, and at least two or three players have been capable of playing a big innings. Allied to

this there was strength in bowling and fielding.

The domestic competitions were not so successful. The Senior House Match competition was revived, but too many senior cricketers showed themselves to be totally unaware of the techniques required by limited overs cricket. Too frequently, therefore, there were some very poor scores. Only three innings went into double figures. One had hoped that some players would avail themselves of this opportunity to get used to the idea of getting runs, particularly against some of the bowling which was moderate. This was not the case, however. Of course, this kind of cricket demands some skill in captaincy and some knowledge of cricket. Only two of the captains had any semblance of an idea. There was, too, a view prevalent that this was an inter-house slog. The fact is that four runs an hour, far from a slogging rate, would get 120 runs in the over available, and one side alone reached that target. The competition was won by Simpson who beat Nicol, the favourites, in the last round. Nicol, however, had some consolation for they won the Junior House Match League comfortably. The strictures about poor batting apply to this competition as well. In a competition of this nature there should be some heavy scoring, particularly by Senior Colts batsmen. It was sad to see that this was far from being the case. The final league positions were as follows:

	P	W	L	ND	Pts.	Runs per over
Nicol	8	6	0	2	26	4.27
Freeland	8	4	3	1	17	3.93
Ruthven	8	3	3	2	14	3.48
Simpson	8	3	4	1	13	2.88
Leburn	8	0	0	2	2	2.01

2nd XI RESULTS

- 11th May v. **The Edinburgh Academy** (Away).
The Edinburgh Academy 106-8 (dec.); Strathallan 87-8. Drawn.
- 14th May v. **Perth Academy** (Home).
Strathallan 116-5 (dec.); Perth Academy 47. Won by 69 runs.
- 30th May v. **3rd XI**.
3rd XI 110; 2nd XI 56. Lost by 54 runs.
- 1st June v. **Loretto** (Away).
Loretto 146-7 (dec.); Strathallan 48-3. Drawn.
- 13th June v. **Fettes** (Away).
Fettes 141-8 (dec.); Strathallan 136 (D. G. Inglis 72). Lost by 5 runs.

- 22nd June v. **Merchiston** (Home).
Strathallan 34; Merchiston 38-0. Lost by 10 wkts.
- 8th July v. **Glenalmond** (Home).
Glenalmond 148; Strathallan 81. Lost by 67 wkts.

3rd XI RESULTS

- 11th May v. **The Edinburgh Academy** (Home).
Strath 79; Academy 71 (D. P. A. Graham 3 for 11, I. S. Chalmers 3 for 18). Won by 8 runs.
- 30th May v. **2nd XI** (Away).
3rd XI 110 (R. D. G. Powrie 24); 2nd XI 56 (W. G. S. Garvie 6 for 20). Won by 54 runs.
- 1st June v. **Loretto School** (Away).
Loretto 115; Strath 73. Lost by 42 runs.
- 8th June v. **Fettes** (Away).
Fettes 228 for 6 dec.; Strath 74. Lost by 154 runs.
- 22nd June v. **Merchiston Castle School** (Home).
Strath 61; Merchiston 62 for 2. Lost by 8 wkts.
- 8th July v. **Trinity College, Glenalmond** (Away).
TCG 137 (D. P. A. Graham 6 for 54); Strath 141 for 4 (D. L. Hinshaw 45 n.o., A. G. Watt 37, P. J. Arkless 26).

SENIOR COLTS' RESULTS

- 11th May v. **Edinburgh Academy** (Away).
Strathallan 64 (Evans 29); Academy 65-9 (Hay 4-21). Lost by 1 wkt.
- 21st May v. **Perth Academy** (Away).
Perth 12 (Cleland 3-6, Hay 7-4); Strathallan 13-1. Won by 9 wkts.
- 25th May v. **Edinburgh Academy** (Home).
Academy 61 (Hay 6-35, Cleland 4-25); Strathallan 62-5 (Hay 22*). Won by 5 wkts.
- 1st June v. **Loretto** (Home).
Strathallan 132 (Hay 67); Loretto 27-1. Match abandoned.
- 13th June v. **Fettes** (Home).
Strathallan 74; Fettes 78-4. Lost by 6 wkts.
- 22nd June v. **Merchiston** (Away).
Strathallan 146 (Goodfellow 57, Yates 24, Hay 22); Merchiston 91. Won by 55 runs.
- 8th July v. **Glenalmond** (Away).
Strathallan 117 (Gardiner 24); Glenalmond 114 (McDonald 4-34). Won by 3 runs.
- Played 7 Won 4 Lost 2 Abandoned 1.
- Team (from):
D. T. Hay (Capt.), A. K. Shaw, K. J. Heard, A. T. D. Brewster, N. C. St. J. Yates, K. D. Evans, S. B. Knox, J. L. Turner, H. M. Pearson, R. D. Goodfellow, J. R. A. Cleland, J. M. Waldie, R. H. Gardiner, G. B. McDonald.

JUNIOR/SENIOR COLTS XI

- 30th May v. **Dollar Academy** (Away).
Strathallan 116 (Yates 37, Ferguson 27); Dollar 119-6. Lost by 4 wkts.

JUNIOR COLTS' RESULTS

- 11th May v. **The Edinburgh Academy** (Away).
Strathallan 39; The Edinburgh Academy 42-2. Lost by 8 wkts.

- 21st May v. **Perth Academy** (Away).
Perth Academy 35 (Benzie 5-2); Strathallan 36-2. Won by 8 wkts.
- 25th May v. **The Edinburgh Academy** (Home).
Strathallan 94; The Edinburgh Academy 96-3. Lost by 7 wkts.
- 1st June v. **Loretto** (Home).
Loretto 50 (Sim 4-24); Strathallan 61-3. Won by 7 wkts.
- 13th June v. **Fettes** (Home).
Fettes 168 (Patterson 5-31); Strathallan 95 (Potts 34*). Lost by 73 runs.
- 22nd June v. **Merchiston** (Away).
Merchiston 206; Strathallan 109. Lost by 97 runs.
- 8th July v. **Glenalmond** (Home).
Glenalmond 106; Strathallan 56. Lost by 50 runs.

THE RILEY XI

- 21st May v. **New Park** (Away).
Strathallan 72; New Park 20. Won by 52 runs.
- 25th May v. **Lathallan** (Home).
Strathallan 122; Lathallan 38. Won by 84 runs.
- 4th June v. **Belmont House** (Home).
Strathallan 209 for 7 dec.; Belmont House 26. Won by 183 runs.
- 15th June v. **Clifton Hall** (Away).
Strathallan 97; Clifton Hall 76. Won by 21 runs.
- 22nd June v. **Craigflower** (Away).
Strathallan 91; Craigflower 39. Won by 52 runs.
- 27th June v. **Ardvreck** (Home).
Strathallan 134 for 4 dec.; Ardvreck 68. Won by 66 runs.
- 29th June v. **Croftinloan** (Home).
Strathallan 143 for 1 dec.; Croftinloan 46. Won by 97 runs.

Runs for: 868 for the loss of 52 wkts. @ 16.69 runs per wicket.
Runs against: 317 for the loss of 70 wickets @ 4.53 runs per wicket.

Played 7 Won 7 Drawn 0 Lost 0.

RILEY 2nd XI

- 27th May v. **New Park** (Home).
Strathallan 176 for 7 dec.; New Park 70 for 7. Drawn.
- 22nd June v. **Craigflower** (Home).
Strathallan 109 for 4 dec.; Craigflower 35. Won by 74 runs.
- 27th June v. **Ardvreck** (Away).
Strathallan 107; Ardvreck 73. Won by 34 runs.
- Played 3 Won 2 Drawn 1 Lost 0.

1st XI MATCH RESULTS

- Saturday, 4th May v. Crieff C.C. (Home)**
Strathallan 34, Crieff C.C. 38-0.
Lost by 10 wickets.

Saturday, 11th May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Home)

Strathallan

D. T. Cochrane, c. Elgood, b. Gregson	97
N. D. Fraser, b. Paton	5
G. L. F. Inglis, c. Bryce, b. Elgood	10
N. E. Cope, c. Loudon, b. Paton	10
J. S. P. McDonald, b. Paton	1
R. I. Whitaker, c. Tait, b. Gregson	3
S. N. Vivian, st. Ferguson, b. Gregson	0
D. R. M. Park, c. Elgood, b. Loudon	13
A. J. Tares, l.b.w., b. Bryce	2
K. A. Robertson, not out	2
A. J. Hay, c. Graham, b. Bryce	2
Extras	11
Total	166

Paton 18-5-39-3; Loudon 14-10-9-1; Gregson 18-7-64-3; Elgood 5-2-12-1; Bryce 6-3-2-26-1; Tait 4-1-5-0.

The Edinburgh Academy

R. G. Paterson, b. McDonald	27
A. S. M. Graham, run out	29
J. H. Bryce, c. Whitaker, b. McDonald	31
W. G. R. Aait, l.b.w., b. Hay	27
E. J. Elgood, c. Cochrane, b. Tares	1
D. J. Gregson, l.b.w., b. Hay	20
R. D. Loudon, b. McDonald	11
I. R. Graham, c. Park, b. McDonald	8
D. MacCrae, run out	3
E. Paton, not out	0
G. Ferguson, not out	0
Extras	4
Total (for 9 wkts.)	163

A. J. Hay 15-1-54-2; J. S. P. McDonald 13-3-42-4; N. E. Cope 4-0-12-0; A. J. Tares 13-0-49-1.
Match drawn.

Tuesday, 14th May v. Perth Academy (Home)

Strathallan

D. T. Cochrane, c. Keay, b. Scotland	28
N. D. Fraser, c. Keay, b. Scotland	13
G. L. F. Inglis, c. Laing, b. Scotland	5
N. E. Cope, c. McNab, b. Hamilton	0
J. S. P. McDonald, b. Hamilton	0
R. I. Whitaker, b. Scotland	5
S. N. Vivian, c. McNab, b. Hamilton	4
D. R. M. Park, not out	16
A. J. Tares, c. Hamilton, b. Scotland	3
K. A. Robertson and A. J. Hay did not bat	
Extras	3
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	77

A. Scotland 16-4-6-40-5; L. Hamilton 14-6-33-3; A. Neave 2-9-4-0.

Perth Academy

D. McFarlane, c. Fraser, b. Hay	0
J. Anton, b. McDonald	2
I. Salisbury, c. Robertson, b. Hay	2
A. Scotland, b. Hay	1
D. Keay, b. McDonald	0
L. Hamilton, b. McDonald	2

S. Pedgrift, l.b.w., b. McDonald	1
N. Menzies, c. Tares, b. McDonald	0
A. Neave, b. Tares	0
B. Laing, not out	0
P. McNab, not out	0
Extras	4

Total (for 8 wks.) 12

A. Hay 7-5-2-3; J. S. P. McDonald 9-5-5-5; A. J. Tares 2-1-1-1.

Match drawn.

Thursday, 16th May v. Perth Farmers (Home)

Strathallan 139 (J. S. P. McDonald 50), Perth Farmers 82 (A. J. Hay 4-19, A. J. Tares 4-31). Won by 57 runs.

Thursday, 23rd May v. Dundee University Staff (Away)

Dundee University Staff 128-9 (dec.) (A. J. Tares 6-37), Strathallan 125-4 (D. T. Cochrane 27, G. L. F. Inglis 24, J. S. P. McDonald 40*, R. I. Whitaker 26*).

Match drawn.

Tuesday, 28th May v. R. N. Johnson's XI (Home)

Strathallan 162-5 (dec.) (D. T. Cochrane 41, N. D. Fraser 50, N. E. Cope 33), R. N. Johnson's XI 127-5.

Match drawn.

Thursday, 30th May v. Dollar Academy (Away)

Strathallan 139-6 (dec.) (N. D. Fraser 31, G. L. F. Inglis 20, J. S. P. McDonald 31, R. I. Whitaker 28*), Dollar 43-3.

Match drawn.

Saturday, 1st June v. Loretto (Home)

Strathallan

D. T. Cochrane, c. Hutchinson, b. Sampson	11
N. D. Fraser, c. McEwan, b. Sampson	8
G. L. F. Inglis, b. Hutchinson	2
N. E. Cope, c. Winton, b. Sampson	2
J. S. P. McDonald, l.b.w., b. Sampson	4
R. I. Whitaker, c. Cullen, b. Sampson	2
I. McFarlane, not out	3
D. R. M. Park, c. Allan, b. Hutchinson	0
R. A. MacPherson, b. Hutchinson	0
A. J. Tares, b. Hutchinson	0
A. J. Hay, b. Hutchinson	4
Extras	2

Total 38

Hutchinson 13-3-5-15-5; Sampson 13-4-21-5.

Loretto

E. B. Allan, l.b.w., b. Hay	0
J. N. Wotherspoon, c. Park, b. McDonald	7
D. J. Hutchinson, b. McDonald	4
D. N. Winton, c. Cope, b. Hay	1
R. B. Crawford, c. McFarlane, b. Hay	6
S. A. Webster, c. Cope, b. McDonald	0
N. J. Cullen, l.b.w., b. Hay	11
J. C. Russell, not out	8
D. Harkess, not out	3
Extras	0

Total (for 7 wks.) 40

A. J. Hay 8-3-19-4; J. S. P. McDonald 7-5-4-21-3.

Lost by 3 wickets.

Thursday, 6th June v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI (Home)

C. B. E. Somerville's XI 177 (G. K. McLellan 32, H. Webster 37), Strathallan 147-8 (D. T. Cochrane 50, N. E. Cope 35*, D. R. M. Park 30). Match drawn.

Thursday, 13th June v. Fettes (Home)

Strathallan

D. T. Cochrane, b. Woll	0
N. D. Fraser, c. Cameron, b. Wragge	19
G. L. F. Inglis, c. Young, b. Clogg	5
N. E. Cope, c. Cameron, b. Black	66
J. S. P. McDonald, c. Breakey, b. Black	9
R. I. Whitaker, run out	23
I. McFarlane, l.b.w., b. Black	2
D. R. M. Park, b. Black	0
A. J. Tares, b. Clogg	1
R. A. MacPherson, c. Black, b. Clogg	0
A. J. Hay, not out	0
Extras	16

Total 141

Woll 13-4-43-1; Darling 15-7-15-0; Clogg 11-5-3-30-3; Wragge 5-2-14-1; Black 11-1-23-4.

Fettes

E. Cameron, c. Cope, b. Hay	7
M. A. Woll, b. McDonald	7
W. D. Hay, c. Cope, b. Hay	10
R. W. Breakey, b. Tares	31
M. J. Young, l.b.w., b. McPherson	51
D. Wilson, not out	25
A. W. D. Darling, not out	8
Extras	8

Total (for 5 wks.) 145

A. J. Hay 17-10-21-2; J. S. P. McDonald 15-4-34-1; A. J. Tares 12-1-58-1; R. A. MacPherson 3-4-0-25-1.

Lost by 5 wks.

Saturday, 15th June v. Strathallan Club

Strathallan Club

W. B. Melville, c. McFarlane, b. Hay	1
T. N. W. Trusdale, b. Hay	0
D. C. Duncan, c. Inglis, b. McDonald	26
D. I. Turner, run out	28
A. J. Sloan, b. Hay	20
W. A. M. Lambie, b. McDonald	12
S. L. Mackenzie, b. McDonald	13
A. B. Walker, b. McDonald	11
J. Ferguson, st. Cope, b. McPherson	2
D. Inglis, c. Park, b. Tares	10
E. Ferguson, not out	1
Extras	1

Total 124

A. J. Hay 12-2-27-3; R. A. MacPherson 9-2-24-1; J. S. P. McDonald 13-2-38-4; A. J. Tares 11-5-1-34-1.

Strathallan

D. T. Cochrane, b. Melville	22
N. D. Fraser, l.b.w., b. Walker	8

I. McFarlane, b. Mackenzie	1
N. E. Cope, c. and b. Melville	9
J. S. P. McDonald, not out	38
R. I. Whitaker, c. Turner, b. Mackenzie	20
G. L. F. Inglis, c. Inglis, b. Walker	18
D. R. M. Park, b. Walker	5
A. J. Tares, not out	0
Extras	5
Total (for 7 wks.)	126

A. B. Walker 12-1-31-3; S. L. Mackenzie 18-2-60-2;
W. B. Melville 7-1-22-2.

Won by 3 wickets.

Saturday, 22nd June v. Merchiston (Away)

Merchiston

Robertson, l.b.w., b. Tares	16
Swan, c. Tares, b. MacPherson	2
Lobban, b. McDonald	9
Walker, b. MacPherson	38
Milne, l.b.w., b. MacPherson	27
Smith, b. Hay	6
Coates, c. and b. MacPherson	0
Steven, not out	17
Robertson, c. McDonald, b. Hay	0
McCorquodale, c. Hay, b. Tares	17
Crabbe, not out	12
Extras	2
Total (for 9 wks. dec.)	146

A. J. Hay 29-8-55-2; R. A. MacPherson 23-9-42-4;
J. S. P. McDonald 15-7-23-1; A. J. Tares 12-1-
24-2; N. D. Fraser 3-3-0-0.

Strathallan

D. T. Cochrane, c. Coates, b. Crabbe	1
N. D. Fraser, c. Steven, b. Crabbe	0
A. D. G. Widdowson, c. Swan, b. McCorquodale	6
N. E. Cope, c. Lobban, b. Swan	9
J. S. P. McDonald, c. Robertson, b. Swan	17
R. I. Whitaker, c. Milne, b. Robertson	30
G. L. F. Inglis, c. Crabbe, b. Swan	0
D. R. M. Park, c. Steven, b. Swan	3
A. J. Tares, not out	1
R. A. MacPherson, not out	1
Extras	3
Total (for 8 wks.)	81

Crabbe 10-3-23-2; McCorquodale 7-2-19-1; Swan
16-12-10-4; Robertson 10-5-16-1.

Match drawn.

Saturday, 29th June v. Grange C.C. (Home)

Grange 130 (A. J. Tares 5-26), Strathallan 66.
Lost by 64 runs.

Saturday, 6th July v. Q.N.C.C.

Strathallan 125-7 (dec.) (G. L. F. Inglis 31, D. T.
Cochrane 27, N. E. Cope 22), Q.N.C.C. 105-4.
Match drawn.

Monday, 8th July v. Trinity College, Glenalmond (Away)

Trinity College, Glenalmond

I. J. Hindmarsh, not out	71
M. P. D. Gilmour, l.b.w., b. McPherson	1
D. J. G. Macintosh, b. McPherson	0
N. S. K. Booker, c. Tares, b. Hay	0
F. D. Small, b. McPherson	0
R. D. Lyon, b. McPherson	0
R. B. Macaulay, l.b.w., b. Hay	0
A. J. Robson, c. Cope, b. McDonald	13
E. C. E. Scott, b. Hay	1
B. I. Montgomery, b. McDonald	0
R. R. Braithwaite, c. McDonald, b. Hay	4
Extras	1
Total	91

A. J. Hay 13-5-2-21-4; R. A. MacPherson 7-3-20-4;
J. S. P. McDonald 11-2-29-2; A. J. Tares 5-1-20-0.

Strathallan

D. T. Cochrane, c. Hindmarsh, b. Robson	23
S. N. Vivian, b. Robson	0
G. L. F. Inglis, l.b.w., b. Robson	0
R. I. Whitaker, c. Hindmarsh, b. MacIntosh	27
N. E. Cope, b. Braithwaite	22
J. S. P. McDonald, c. Booker, b. MacIntosh	0
A. D. G. Widdowson, b. Robson	4
D. R. M. Park, b. Robson	10
A. J. Tares, c. Gilmour, b. Robson	0
R. A. MacPherson, not out	2
A. J. Tares, not out	3
Extras	1
Total (for 9 wks.)	92

Robson 23-3-6-42-6; Braithwaite 8-4-10-1; Hind-
marsh 3-0-14-0; D. MacIntosh 12-4-25-2.

Won by 1 wkt.

ATHLETICS

It was a rather bittersweet year for the Athletics team this year. The senior team had an excellent season but the juniors were not very strong at all. One can only feel a little despondent about the prospects of the team for the next few years.

The seniors had a great team spirit and this made them all train hard and really work at their events. The middles on the other hand seemed to take a rather lackadaisical approach to athletics. Everyone reaps reward equal to the effort put in. The juniors results are perhaps just reward for the effort they put in. There is not a little potential amongst them though and if more effort is put into training and racing next year things might not be as bad as they seem.

We welcomed Mr. Brown to the track this year. His help has been invaluable.

The senior team has been unbeaten this year. We drew with the Edinburgh



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Academy, who are very strong, only because we were disqualified in the relay. Glenalmond and Fettes were both badly beaten by us. Against Rannoch we narrowly missed obtaining the maximum number of points possible.

The juniors only obtained one victory — over Fettes with a narrow winning margin of only four points, and were beaten by Glenalmond, Rannoch and the Edinburgh Academy.

We had a new fixture this year against the Young Offenders Institution in Perth. We entered a team of juniors and seniors. We won this meeting comfortably.

Athletics colours were awarded to T. S. Ling, A. D. G. Mackenzie, W. D. R. Wallace, A. A. Wighton and A. M. Grant.

Detailed results of fixtures:

v. Edinburgh Academy

(† Personal best, * New school record)

Senior Events

100 m. — 1 Swan (E.A.) 11.25 secs.; 2 Ling 11.4 secs.; 3 Morris (E.A.) 11.6 secs.; 4 Wighton 11.7 secs.

200 m. — 1 Ling 23.3 secs.; 2 Swan (E.A.) 23.3 secs.; 3 Wighton 24.3 secs.; 4 Grant (E.A.) 25.4 secs.

400 m. — 1 Powrie 53.65 secs.; 2 Ling 54.4 secs.; 3 Summerfield (E.A.) 57.0 secs.; 4 Thornton (E.A.) 58.75 secs.

800 m. — 1 Powrie 2 mins. 05.6 secs.; 2 Pringle (E.A.) 2 mins. 9.0 secs.; 3 Crawford (E.A.) 2 mins. 10.8 secs.; 4 Ferguson 2 mins. 15.0 secs.

1500 m. — 1 Crawford (E.A.) 4 mins. 30.3 secs.; 2 Grant 4 mins. 35.2 secs.†; 3 Baxter 4 mins. 38.7 secs.†; 4 Pringle (E.A.) 4 mins. 40.4 secs.

4 × 100 m. Relay — 1 Edinburgh Academy 46.25 secs.; 2 Strathallan (Disqualified).

High Jump — 1 Owen (E.A.) 5' 5"; 2 Ling 5' 4"; 3 MacDonald (E.A.) 5' 3"; 4 Wallace 5' 0".

Long Jump — 1 Swan (E.A.) 5.71 m.; 2 Linton 5.61 m.†; 3 Owen (E.A.) 5.44 m.; 4 Schneeberger 4.86 m.

Shot — 1 MacKenzie 11.80 m.†; 2 Miller (E.A.) 10.50 m.; 3 Wallace 10.30 m.; 4 Wilson (E.A.) 8.63 m.

Discus — 1 MacKenzie 35.08 m.†; 2 Wighton 33.69 m.; 3 Miller (E.A.) 31.05 m.; 4 Wilson 24.80 m.

Javelin — 1 MacKenzie 52.52 m.†; 2 Owen (E.A.) 40.37 m.; 3 Russell (E.A.) 40.33 m.; 4 Magee 39.77 m.

Senior Results: Strathallan 59, Edinburgh Academy 59.

Middle Events

100 m. — 1 Dunlop (E.A.) 11.4 secs.; 2 Kirkland 11.5 secs.†; 3 Gaunt (E.A.) 11.6 secs.; 4 Lowden 12.5 secs.

200 m. — 1 Dunlop (E.A.) 24.5 secs.; 2 Bird 25.7 secs.; 3 Gaunt (E.A.) 25.9 secs.; 4 Voigt 26.5 secs.

400 m. — 1 Lindsay (E.A.) 55.3 secs.; 2 Kirkland 55.4 secs.†; 3 Caird (E.A.) 56.2 secs.; 4 Bird 56.7 secs.

800 m. — 1 Kirkland 2 mins. 15.9 secs.; 2 Kerr (E.A.) 2 mins. 17.5 secs.; 3 Meiklejohn (E.A.) 2 mins. 18.9 secs.; 4 Shannon 2 mins. 25.7 secs.

1500 m. — 1 Footit 4 mins. 48.5 secs.; 2 Meiklejohn (E.A.) 4 mins. 51.6 secs.; 3 Cameron 4 mins. 55.6 secs.; 4 Kerr (E.A.) 5 mins. 01.7 secs.

High Jump — 1 Dunlop (E.A.) 5' 2"; 2 Lindsay (E.A.) 5' 2"; 3 Voigt 5' 1"†; 4 Cameron 4' 6".

Long Jump — 1 Dunlop (E.A.) 5.99 m.; 2 Kirkland 5.14 m.; 3 Bird 4.99 m.; 4 Lindsay (E.A.) 4.84 m.

Shot — 1 Dunlop (E.A.) 12.11 m.; 2 Lutton (E.A.) 1.13 m.; 3 Magee 11.08 m.; 4 Cameron 10.69 m.

Discus — 1 Dunlop (E.A.) 33.51 m.; 2 Magee 28.98 m.; 3 Bird 26.53 m.; 4 White (E.A.) 25.36 m.

Javelin — 1 Lindsay (E.A.) 38.65 m.; 2 Nicholson (E.A.) 37.92 m.; 3 Lowden 35.40 m.†; 4 Shannon 29.98 m.

4 × 100 m. Relay — 1 Edinburgh Academy 47.75 secs.; 2 Strathallan 48.8 secs.

Middle Results: Strathallan 47, Edinburgh Academy 74.

Overall Results: Strathallan 103, Edinburgh Academy 133.

v. Fettes

Senior Results

- 100 m. — 1 Ling 11.1 secs.; 2 Murchie (F.) 11.6 secs.; 3 Wighton 11.8 secs.; 4 MacKinnon (F.) 12.1 secs.
- 200 m. — 1 Ling 24.1 secs.; 2 Murchie (F.) 24.2 secs.; 3 Wighton 25.6 secs.; 4 Arbuthnott (F.) 26.6 secs.
- 400 m. — 1 Ling 23.9 secs.; 2 Winterschladen (F.) 54.0 secs.; 5 Powrie 56.4 secs.; 4 Reid (F.) 58.6 secs.
- 800 m. — 1 Powrie 2 mins. 07.1 secs.; 2 Ferguson 2 mins. 15.5 secs.; 3 Winterschladen (F.) 2 mins. 22.0 secs.; 4 Noble (F.) 2 mins. 28.0 secs.
- 1500 m. — 1 Saito (F.) 4 mins. 31.0 secs.; 2 Baxter 4 mins. 35.7 secs.; 3 Grant 4 mins. 35.8 secs.; 4 Noble (F.) 4 mins. 43.7 secs.
- High Jump — 1 Wallace 5' 5"[†]; 2 Ling 5' 3"; 3 Long Jump — 1 Schneeberger 18' 3¹/₂"[†]; 2 Reid 17' 11¹/₂"[†]; 3 Murchie (F.) 17' 8¹/₂"; 4 Reid, A. (F.) 16' 4".
- Shot — 1 McKenzie 12.23 m.*; 2 de Rochanbean (F.) 11.32 m.; 3 Wallace 10.80 m.; 4 Orlandini (F.) 9.70 m.
- Discus — 1 Dunford (F.) 35.94 m.; 2 McKenzie 34.76 m.; 3 Wighton 32.6 m.; 4 Duffus (F.) 29.66 m.
- Javelin — 1 MacKenzie 51.46 m.; 2 MacKessach Lutch (F.) 37.00 m.; 3 Wild (F.) 28.60 m.; 4 Magee (3 no throws).
- 4 × 100 m. — 1 Strathallan 47.4 secs.; 2 Fettes 48.5 secs.

Seniors Results: Strathallan 75, Fettes 45.

Middle Results

- 100 m. — 1 Kirkland 11.6 secs.; 2 Lowden 12.4 secs.; 3 Johnson (F.) 12.7 secs.; 4 Bidgood (F.) 12.8 secs.
- 200 m. — 1 Bird 25.5 secs.; 2 Leslie (F.) 26.2 secs.; 3 Voigt 26.3 secs.; 4 Johnson (F.) 26.6 secs.
- 400 m. — 1 Kirkland 56.1 secs.; 2 Young (F.) 56.8 secs.; 3 Bird 57.9 secs.; 4 Leslie (F.) 60.3 secs.
- 800 m. — 1 Kirkland 2 mins. 18.0 secs.; 2 Young (F.) 2 mins. 19.0 secs.; 3 McEwan (F.) 2 mins. 19.2 secs.; 4 Shannon 2 mins. 25.0 secs.
- 1500 m. — 1 McEwan (F.) 4 mins. 38.4 secs.; Davidson (F.) 4 mins. 45.5 secs.; 3 Footit mins. 51.5 secs.; 4 Cameron 5 mins. 04.4 secs.
- High Jump — 1 = Cameron and Davidson (F.) 5' 2"; 3 Voigt 5' 1"; 4 Winterschladen 4' 10".
- Long Jump — 1 Johnson (F.) 19' 9"; 2 Kirkland 16' 4"; 3 Bird 15' 5¹/₂"; 4 Bidgood (F.) 14' 5".
- Shot — 1 Magee 11.38 m.; 2 Cameron 11.04 m.; 3 Bidgood (F.) 9.34 m.; 4 Smith (F.) 8.60 m.
- Discus — 1 Magee 29.40 m.; 2 Bidgood (F.) 27.16 m.; 3 Smith (F.) 27.00 m.; 4 Bird 26.06 m.
- Javelin — 1 Smith (F.) 40.82 m.; 2 Shannon 28.46 m.; 3 Watt (F.) 19.44 m.; 4 Lowden.
- 4 × 100 m. Relay — 1 Strathallan 50.0 secs.; 2 Fettes 50.6 secs.

Middle Results: Strathallan 68, Fettes 52.

Overall Results: Strathallan 143, Fettes 97.

v. Trinity College, Glenalmond

Seniors

- 100 m. — 1 Ling 11.0 secs.[†]; 2 Kirkwood (G.) 1.3 secs.; 3 Wighton 11.6 secs.; 4 White (G.) 11.7 secs.
- 200 m. — 1 Ling 22.8 secs.; 2 Kirkwood (G.) 23.6 secs.; 3 Wighton 23.9 secs.[†]; 4 White (G.) 24.2 secs.
- 400 m. — 1 Ling 54.0 secs.; 2 Scott (G.) 55.4 secs.; 3 Powrie 55.5 secs.; 4 White (G.) 55.9 secs.
- 800 m. — 1 Powrie 2 mins. 07.0 secs.; 2 Masson (G.) 2 mins. 08.5 secs.; 3 Scott (G.) 2 mins. 08.6 secs.; 4 Ferguson.
- 1500 m. — 1 Grant 4 mins. 31.5 secs.; 2 Russell (G.) 4 mins. 36.5 secs.; 3 McIntosh (G.) 4 mins. 38.0 secs.; 4 Baxter 4 mins. 38.5 secs.
- High Jump — 1 Cameron (G.) 1.85 m.; 2 Ling 1.65 m.; 3 Wallace 1.57 m.; 4 McKay 1.50 m.
- Long Jump — 1 Schneeberger 17' 1¹/₂"; 2 Reid 16' 10"; 3 Ellingham (G.) 16' 6¹/₂"; 4 Watt (G.) 16' 2".
- Shot — 1 McKenzie 39' 7¹/₄"; 2 Scott (G.) 35' 4¹/₂"; 3 Wallace 34' 5¹/₂"; 4 Greig (G.) 34' 1¹/₂".
- Discus — 1 McKenzie 123' 5"^{*}; 2 Greig (G.) 118' 3"; 3 Wighton 109' 11"; 4 Russell 104' 6".
- Javelin — 1 McKenzie 162' 3"; 2 Greig (G.) 152' 3"; 3 Schneeberger 133' 1"; 4 Stark (G.) 127' 4¹/₂".
- 4 × 100 m. — 1 Strathallan 46.1 secs.[†]; 2 Glenalmond 47.0 secs.

Senior Total: Strathallan 75, Glenalmond 46.

Middles Results

- 100 m. — 1 Kirkland 11.7 secs.; 2 Irvine (G.) 12.0 secs.; 3 Goldon (G.) 12.2 secs.; 4 Lowden 12.3 secs.



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A. D. G. Mackenzie

200 m. — 1 Irvine (G.) 24.45 secs.; 2 Thomson (G.) 24.9 secs.; 3 Voigt 25.0 secs.; 4 Bird 25.4 secs.

400 m. — 1 Masson (G.) 54.5 secs.; 2 Irvine (G.) 54.7 secs.; 3 Bird 55.9 secs.; 4 Kirkland 57.9 secs.

800 m. — 1 Kirkland 2 mins. 14.5 secs.; 2 Pilcher (G.) 2 mins. 16.8 secs.; 3 Harris (G.) 2 mins. 17.0 secs.; 4 Shannon 2 mins. 20.6 secs.

1500 m. — 1 Paterson-Brown (G.) 4 mins. 31.65 secs.; 2 Gorrie (G.) 4 mins. 31.65 secs.; 3 Footit 4 mins. 46.53 secs.; 4 Cameron 5 mins. 14.53 secs.

High Jump — 1 Paterson-Brown (G.) 1.65 m.; 2 McLeod (G.) 1.60 m.; 3 Voigt 1.50 m.; 4 Cameron 1.45 m.

Long Jump — 1 Gordon (G.) 17' 7"; 2 Melville (G.) 17' 2"; 3 Bird 16' 5½"; 4 Kirkland 16' 4½".

Shot — 1 Thomson (G.) 42' 11"; 2 Magee 38' 5¼"; 3 Behnin (G.) 36' 1½"; 4 Cameron 33' 8¼".

Discus — 1 Gordon (G.) 114' 2"; 2 Thomson (G.) 96' 10½"; 3 Bird 90' 4½"; 4 Magee 89' 11½".

Javelin — 1 Paisley (G.) 132' 4"; 2 Cameron 120' 6"; 3 Thomson (G.) 120' 0"; 4 Lowden.

4 × 100 — 1 Glenalmond 48.0 secs.; 2 Strathallan 48.1 secs.

Middles Total: Strathallan 40, Glenalmond 80.

Overall Total: Strathallan 115, Glenalmond 126.

v. Rannoch

Seniors Results

100 m. — 1 Ling 10.8 secs.; 2 Wighton 11.4 secs.†; 3 Cutch (R.) 11.7 secs.; 4 Fotheringham (R.) 12.0 secs.

200 m. — 1 Wighton 24.2 secs.; 2 Ling 24.8 secs.; 3 Carr (R.) 25.1 secs.; 4 Fotheringham (R.) 25.5 secs.

400 m. — 1 Powrie 53.2 secs.; 2 Ling 54.9 secs.; 3 Carr (R.) 55.5 secs.; 4 Fotheringham (R.) 55.8 secs.

800 m. — 1 Powrie 2 mins. 05.8 secs.; 2 Ferguson 2 mins. 09.5 secs.†; 3 Wardrop (R.) 2 mins. 09.5 secs.; 4 Carr (R.) 2 mins. 10.3 secs.

1500 m. — 1 Grant 4 mins. 26.1 secs.†; 2 Baxter 4 mins. 36.7 secs.; 3 Darwood (R.) 4 mins. 37.5 secs.; 4 Reid (R.) 4 mins. 44.4 secs.

High Jump — 1= Ling and Wallace 1.55 m.; 3 Cullen (R.) 1.52½ m.; 4 Patterson (R.) 1.49 m.

Long Jump — 1 Wardrop (R.) 5.54 m.; 2 Reid 5.35 m.; 3 Linton 5.32 m.; 4 Stevenson (R.) 4.59 m.

Shot — 1 McKenzie 11.66 m.; 2 Fotheringham (R.) 11.00 m.; 3 Wallace 10.98 m.; 4 Mathieson (R.) 9.95 m.

Discus — 1 McKenzie 108.05 m.; 2 Wighton 100.09 m.; 3 Fotheringham (R.) 91.01 m.; 4 Mackay (R.).

Javelin — 1 McKenzie 154.09 m.; 2 Schneeberger 132.05 m.; 3 Pickering (R.) 123.09 m.; 4 Lawson (R.) 105.11 m.

4 × 100 m. — 1 Strathallan 45.4 secs.; 2 Rannoch 47.1 secs.

Seniors Total: Strathallan 86, Rannoch 36.

Middles Results

100 m. — 1 Kirkland 11.2 secs.†; 2 Bugge (R.) 11.4 secs.; 3 Bowles (R.) 11.5 secs.; 4 Lowden 11.6 secs.

200 m. — 1 Bird 24.9 secs.; 2= Bowles (R.) and Bugge 25.1 secs.; 4 Voigt 25.6 secs.

400 m. — 1 Bird 54.2 secs.†; 2 Shanks (R.) 57.1 secs.; 3 Kirkland 59.0 secs.; 4 Farrington (R.) 59.3 secs.

800 m. — 1 Kirkland 2 mins. 18.3 secs.; 2 Dawson (R.) 2 mins. 19.2 secs.; 3 Young (R.) 2 mins. 23.4 secs.; 4 Shannon 2 mins. 23.8 secs.

1500 m. — 1 Footit 4 mins. 40.4 secs.; 2 Dawson (R.) 4 mins. 59.2 secs.; 3 Roe (R.) 4 mins. 51.2 secs.; 4 Wilson 5 mins. 01.5 secs.

High Jump — 1 Bugge (R.) 1.52½ m.; 2= Voigt, Cameron and Garrod (R.) 1.50 m.

Long Jump — 1 Bugge (R.) 5.66 m.; 2 Farrington (R.) 5.53 m.; 3 Bird 5.00 m.; 4 Kirkland 4.87 m.

Shot — 1 Backwell (R.) 12.90 m.; 2 Gibson (R.) 12.20 m.; 3 Cameron 11.24 m.; 4 Magee 10.90 m.

Discus — 1 Backwell (R.) 111' 0"; 2 Jack (R.) 103' 3"; 3 Magee 97' 1½"; 4 Bird 91' 0".

Javelin — 1 Stewart (R.) 130' 10"; 2 Gibson (R.) 120' 3"; 3 Cameron 114' 1"; 4 Lowden 2' 0".

4 × 100 m. — 1 Strathallan 47.5 secs.†; 2 Rannoch 47.7 secs.

Middles Total: Strathallan 56, Rannoch 65.

Overall Total: Strathallan 140, Rannoch 101.

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

100 m. — Riley. 1 Smith; 2 Voigt; 3 Kelly. Time: 14.2 secs. (record).

100 m. — Junior. 1 Knox (N.); 2 Galloway (L.); 3 Smellie (N.). Time: 12.7 secs. (record).

100 m. — Middle. 1 Kirkland (L.); 2 Renwick (R.); 3 Leishman (L.). Time: 11.8 secs.

100 m. — Senior. 1 Ling (R.); 2 Wighton (S.); 3 Young (F.). Time: 11.5 secs.

200 m. — Riley. 1 Kelly; 2 Smith; 3 Ogilvie. Time: 28.9 secs.

200 m. — Junior. 1 Galloway (L.); 2 Knox (N.); 3 Smellie (N.). Time: 25.6 secs.

200 m. — Middle. 1 Kirkland (L.); 2 Renwick (R.); 3 Footit (S.). Time: 23.7 secs.

200 m. — Senior. 1 Ling (R.); 2 Wighton (S.); 3 Young (F.). Time: 23.4 secs.

400 m. — Riley. 1 Laing; 2 Voigt; 3 Ogilvie. Time: 1 min. 5.4 secs.

400 m. — Junior. 1 Galloway (L.); 2 Caithness (L.); 3 Smellie (N.). Time: 1 min. 3.0 secs.

400 m. — Middle. 1 Kirkland (L.); 2 Voigt (R.); 3 Bird (S.). Time: 53.7 secs.

400 m. — Senior. 1 Ling (R.); 2 Powrie (S.); 3 Wighton (S.). Time: 52.2 secs. (record).

800 m. — Junior. 1 Parker (R.); 2 Knox (N.); 3 Barr (N.). Time 2 mins. 22.5 secs.

800 m. — Middle. 1 Bird (S.); 2 Magib (R.); 3 Cameron (F.). Time: 2 mins. 13.6 secs.

800 m. — Senior. 1 Powrie (S.); 2 McDonald (S.); 3 Grant (R.). Time: 2 mins. 8.2 secs.

1500 m. — Junior. 1 Parker (R.); 2 Barr (N.); 3 Cunningham (F.). Time: 4 mins. 51.2 secs.

1500 m. — Middle. 1 = Hay (R.) and Footit (S.); 3 Paton (S.).

1500 m. — Senior. 1 Grant (R.); 2 McDonald (S.); 3 Baxter (S.). Time: 4 mins. 25.2 secs.

High Jump: Riley. 1 Baird; 2 Julier; 3 Foulds. Height: 4 ft.

High Jump: Junior. 1 Walker (R.); 2 Cameron (R.); 3 Patterson (N.). Height: 4 ft. 8 in.

High Jump: Middle. 1 Kirkland (L.); 2 Voigt (R.); 3 Cameron (F.). Height: 5 ft. 3 in.

High Jump: Senior. 1 Ling (R.); 2 Wallace (L.); 3 Adam (F.). Height: 1.60 m.

Long Jump: Riley. 1 Goodburn; 2 Mitchell; 3 Baird. Length: 13 ft. 3½ in.

Long Jump: Junior. 1 Galloway (L.); 2 Smellie (N.); 3 Caithness (L.). Length: 17 ft. 2 in.

Long Jump: Middle. 1 Bird (S.); 2 Kirkland (L.); 3 Renwick (R.). Length: 18 ft. 5 in.

Long Jump: Senior. 1 Ling (R.); 2 McFarlane (R.); 3 Linton (L.). Length: 18 ft. 9 in.

Discus: Junior. 1 Knox (N.); 2 Smellie (N.); 3 Brewster (S.). Length: 119 ft. (record).

Discus: Middle. 1 Magee (S.); 2 Gillanders (R.); 3 Park (R.). Length: 107 ft. 6¼ in.

Discus: Senior. 1 Mackenzie (R.); 2 McIntyre (R.); Wighton (S.). Length: 131 ft. 9 in. (record).

Javelin: Junior. 1 Knox (N.); 2 Yates (S.); 3 Galloway (L.). Length: 126 ft. 8 in.

Javelin: Middle. 1 Cameron (F.); 2 Park (R.); 3 Powrie (S.). Length: 131 ft. 1 in.

Javelin: Senior. 1 Mackenzie (R.); 2 Ferguson (R.); 3 Magee (S.). Length 159 ft. 7 in.

Shot: Junior. 1 Knox (N.); 2 Yates (S.); 3 Clelland (N.). Length 37 ft. 6 in. (record).

Shot: Middle. 1 Renwick (R.); 2 Magee (S.); 3 Cameron (F.). Length: 40 ft. 2½ in.

Shot: Senior. 1 Mackenzie (R.); 2 Wallace (L.); 3 Heard (N.). Length: 39 ft. 7 in.



*Mr. Rowan
presents
the Rowan cup*

Relay (4 × 100 m.): Riley. 1 Big Dorm; 2 Islay; 3 Drumfinn.

Relay (4 × 100 m.): Junior. 1 Nicol; 2 Leburn; 3 Ruthven. Time: 52.9 secs.

Relay (4 × 100 m.): Middle. 1 Leburn; 2 Ruthven; 3 Simpson. Time: 48.1 secs.

Relay (4 × 100 m.): Senior. 1 Simpson; 2 Ruthven; 3 Leburn. Time: 46.5 secs.

Inter-House Competition

1	Ruthven	278	pts.
2	Simpson	192	pts.
3	Leburn	148½	pts.
4	Nicol	101½	pts.
5	Freeland	60	pts.

Victores Ludorum

Senior — T. S. Ling (R.).

Middle — R. L. Kirkland (L.).

Junior — S. B. Knox (N.).

The Rowan Cup for Standards

Ruthven.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual championships were held at Pitreavie Playing Fields, Dunfermline, on Saturday, 15th June.

We entered fewer events than usual this year. Normally our 4 × 100 m. relay team enters but as three of this year's relay team were competing in other events it was decided to save them from having to run in heats and possibly in the final as well, to conserve their energy. As things turned out this was a wise decision. Not one of the four athletes who went to Pitreavie came back empty handed.

In the field events A. D. G. MacKenzie made a very good showing. He was placed second in the shot putt with a throw of 12.27 metres which is a new school record. Later in the afternoon he went on to win a gold medal throwing the javelin. His winning throw was 49.50 metres.

A. A. Wighton obtained his badge standard throwing the discus with 108 ft. but this was not good enough to put him in amongst the medals.

We were equally successful with the track events. T. S. Ling won a silver medal in the 200 metres in 22.8 secs., a new Strathallan record. Ling was beaten into second place by Malcolm of Perth Academy in a time of 22.2 secs.

R. A. D. Powrie won a bronze medal in the 800 m. in a time which was only just outside his target time of 2 mins. for this season. However, his time of 2 mins. 00.2 sec. is a new school record. The winning time was 1 min. 58.5 secs.

R.A.D.P.

BOXING

Not one of the more popular "voluntary" sports, but it is well supported by onlookers.

Throughout the winter term training sessions arranged by Mr. Henderson were well supported by the newer members, and certainly made one or two aware of the fact that inside the ring it is not a straightforward slog.

Mr. Henderson, who organised the sequence of bouts and refereed all, must be thanked by all who watched and competed for his persistent attention! Of course, there was always one or two who would slow things down a bit, by inconveniently (conveniently!) getting sick or hurting a finger the night of his bout.

On the final evening there were a lot of very close bouts and thanks must be given to Mr. McNamara, Mr. Dutton and the Headmaster for judging.

The result of the finals on Monday, 18th February:—

1. Mosquito — P. A. Hill (L.) beat A. Norval (L.).
2. Fly — R. E. Belcher (R.) beat J. M. Grant (F.).
3. Bantam — C. T. Caithness (L.) beat R. M. Lester (S.).
4. Feather — J. M. Templeton (L.) beat M. Proser (R.).
5. Light — N. G. McDonald (F.) beat J. M. Hunter (F.).
6. Light Welter — H. M. Pearson (S.) beat D. Sim (F.).
7. Welter — C. J. Schneeberger (L.) beat J. P. Genasi (R.).
8. Light Middle — A. M. Cumming (F.) beat D. N. Hunter (F.).
9. Middle — A. McLean (R.) beat M. J. Yellowlees (N.).
10. Light Heavy — K. A. D. Peddie (S.) beat J. Cuthill (F.).
11. Heavy "A" — Finlayson (S.) beat S. B. Knox (N.).

12. Heavy "B" — N. C. Yates (S.) beat D. M. N. Gillanders (R.).

The final points:—

Freeland	...	...	...	52
Ruthven	...	...	...	51
Leburn	...	...	...	50
Simpson	...	...	...	49
Nicol	...	...	...	20

A.D.G.M.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: A. M. Grant.

Vice-Captain: N. I. Schneeberger.

Cross-country became an option sport in the second half of the spring term, with thirty boys training daily. From these boys, the teams were selected to play against the other schools.

26/2/74 — Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy (H.)

The first match of the season was against Morrison's. The courses used were those in the school inter-house competition; revised last year. The weather was dry and cold. Strathallan won both races although Morrison's supplied some good individual runners.

	Middle	Senior	Total
Strathallan	30	31	61
Morrison's	53	54	107

This match was to have been a triangular but Glensalmond were unable to supply a team.

7/3/74 — Strathallan v. Perth Academy v. Perth High School v. Waid Academy (H.)

On an extremely wet course, a quadrangular match was run against the other three schools above. Strathallan won both the Senior and Junior races and Perth Academy the Middle race. Strathallan were the overall winners.

1. Strathallan.
2. Perth Academy.
3. Perth High School.
4. Waid Academy.

19/3/74 — Strathallan v. Fettes (H.)

Fettes supplied a senior team only, and won by ten points (Strathallan 46, Fettes 56). The Fettes team gave Strathallan a good race on an extremely wet course.

21/3/74 — Strathallan v. Dollar Academy (H.)

	Junior	Middle	Senior	Total
Strathallan	19	18	14	51
Dollar	17	18	24	59

As the results show Strathallan ran well against some exceptionally good runners from Dollar. Easton (Dollar) broke the senior school record by 8 secs. Galloway (Strathallan) also broke the school record in the Junior race.

9/3/74 — Scottish Schoolboys' Cross-Country

The Scottish Championships took place on an arduous course on lands adjacent to St. Columba's School in Clydebank. Mud, very steep inclines and a biting wind added to the enjoyment. The senior team came in 8th out of 30 school teams and 42 Scottish schools in all. Grant (21) and Schneeberger (51) ran well in the senior race. Galloway came in 46 out of a field of 354 runners in the Junior race.

19-20/3/74 — School Inter-House Cross-Country

The courses revised in 1973 were used this year again. The Junior and Middle Races were held on Tuesday, 19th March, and the Senior Race on 20th March. Weather was favourable on both days.

Results:	Senior	Middle	Junior
1.	LEBURN	SIMPSON	SIMPSON
2.	RUTHVEN	FREELAND	NICOL
3.	SIMPSON	LEBURN	RUTHVEN
4.	FREELAND	RUTHVEN	LEBURN
5.	NICOL	NICOL	FREELAND

Total Points:

1.	SIMPSON	...	...	20
2.	LEBURN	...	...	16
3.	RUTHVEN	...	...	12
4.	FREELAND	...	...	10
5.	NICOL	...	...	7

Individual medals were presented by the Headmaster to the winners in each of the three races.

Senior GRANT, A. M. (24 mins. 1.2 secs.)

Middle HAY, D. T. (20 mins. 37.1 secs.)

Junior BREWSTER, A. T. D. (17 mins. 37.5 secs.)

Thanks go to the team captain who led his teams well and gave valuable assistance in the general organisation of the matches, and also to the masters who so willingly officiated at the matches.

We look forward to an equally successful 1975 season of cross-country at Strathallan School.

J.B.B.

CURLING

The coaching operated along the same lines as in previous years — eight sessions at Perth Ice Rink spread over the Autumn and Spring terms — and again it was not possible to accommodate everybody who wanted to try their hand.

The highlight of the year was the inaugural match against the Old Boys which was played in the afternoon prior to the Strathallian Dinner. We are very grateful to Mr. Archie Barr, an Old Boy, for presenting a cup for this contest, which will be played annually from now on. The match was decided over ten ends, and after three

the school rink was leading 7-2. However, experience told in the end, and the old boys won 15-10, although this score was perhaps a little flattering to them, I think it is true to say that they were all both surprised and impressed with the standard of play of the school rink (J. I. MacIntyre (skip), J. S. Milne, A. J. Hay, D. G. Inglis). Our thanks to Messrs. Archie Barr, Guthrie Reid, Eric Fraser and Ian Turner for a most enjoyable match, and for the hospitality afterwards, but watch out next year.

FENCING

Unfortunately the fencing club has not been overactive this year, mainly due to the curious distribution of members throughout the school. All the experienced fencers were, despite widespread rumour, working for their A's and were consequently hard pressed for time to practise. The 3rd form made up most of the remainder, with only a scattering being drawn from the rest of the school. So what was, so we claim anyway, probably the strongest school side outside Edinburgh, were unable to demonstrate their prowess with dozens of resounding victories. In addition, the major competition dates of the Winter term clashed with incredible accuracy with School rugby fixtures, so regretfully, no entries were made this year. The Headmaster could have done with a fresh result to liven up his "thriving minor sports" speech at half term the last one ran for three years

Serious fencing somehow found its way into the club again during the Easter term when the school foil competition was held. N. I. Schneeberger proved to have retained the most technique from the pre-stage fighting rage which consumed our energies for a while and dutifully collected the trophy at the appropriate time. The first of the stage-fighting efforts came to grief when the fuel crisis deprived us of the fencers involved. Our thanks go to Peter Hunter who "mugged up" a hastily-written commentary to an altered fencing display at very short notice.

Next year we can only hope to encourage enough of the unsuspecting 3rd form along to the gym twice a week to keep a reasonable membership up. One or two fencers might enter one or two of the competitions in Edinburgh, and, with luck

one or two junior matches might be arranged. With a little more luck we might even win one (not two, that's too much to ask!).

E.A.F.

GOLF

The Club was again well supported throughout the school and, although the general standard has not been very high, there is obviously lots of enthusiasm for the game.

For the first time we entered a team for the Aer Lingus Schools Golf Championship, which, for those not in the know, is a highly organised competition open to schools in the four Home Countries. As far as Scotland is concerned, the country is divided into three regions, and the winning school in each region progresses to the Scottish final. Our four man team of K. C. Grant, R. M. S. Strachan, S. L. Hill and D. C. Cochran duly reported to Ladybank in the first week of the Easter holidays, along with 17 other teams for the Midland region contest. Being very inexperienced it was not surprising that they found the occasion somewhat nervewracking and finished well down the field. However, the venture was most enjoyable and worthwhile.

Another innovation this year was our entry into the Perthshire Schools League. The League was split into two sections, five schools in each, but as luck would have it we only played two matches because of the withdrawal of two teams from our section. In the only other match played in the summer term we lost comprehensively 7-1 to Glenalmond, the honorary secretary preventing a Whitewash!

The domestic scene was a fairly quiet one as far as competitions were concerned, although a lot of friendly games were played. The Knock-Out Competition was won by that redoubtable golfer Mr. R. A. L. Burnet, who beat K. C. Grant 2 and 1 in the final. However, Grant was not to be outdone for he succeeded in winning the Club Championship by one shot.

The Perthshire Inter-Schools Competition was held at Glenalmond as usual in September, but we could only manage fifth place out of six. The Stocks Cup was won by Perth Academy, with the lowest best 3 round aggregate score ever, 230.

Results of School matches:—

v. Glenalmond — Lost 7-1 (Cairnies).

Perthshire Schools League

v. Auchterarder Secondary School — Halved 2-2 (Auchterarder).

v. Morrison's Academy — Lost 2½-1½ (Crieff).

Competition Winners:—

Club Championship: K. C. Grant.

School Knock-Out: Mr. R. A. L. Burnet.

House Competition: Ruthven.

Team: K. C. Grant, S. L. Hill (Capt.), P. A. Hill, W. D. Gibson, R. M. S. Strachan, D. Cochrane, R. F. Renwick, A. W. B. Magill (Secy.), D. S. Lowden, S. J. Newing.

A.W.B.M.

SAILING

At last enough funds were made available for the purchase of a sixth Enterprise, which turned out to be the fastest of our select fleet. Six dinghies make the school eligible to hold team racing competitions



W. D. G. Cameron and T. J. Blaxter

against other schools on home territory, or shall we say "water"?!

Matches were not as numerous as was hoped: rumour has it that other schools had heard about our dominance in the racing scene, but this theory was disproved quite early in the season when Loretto beat us on the Tay. However, there is the excuse that our captain was not available to represent the team on the afternoon due to an exam!

Results:—

1st Race

		Pts.
1st	Loretto	4½
2nd	Loretto	2
3rd	Loretto	3
4th	Strathallan II (Fingland, J., Blaxter)	4
5th	Strathallan III	
	(Steele, G. R., Newton)	5
6th	Strathallan I	
	(Cameron, W. D., Ferguson, W. R.)	6

2nd Race

(only 4 boats in working order)

		Pts.
1st	Strathallan I	4½
2nd	Loretto	2
3rd	Loretto	3
4th	Strathallan II	4

Total:

Loretto	10½ pts.
Strathallan	19¾ pts.

Result:

Loretto win.

The wind on the day of Loretto caused several capsize and postponings and was in complete contrast to the match against Glenalmond: again it was the wind which caused postponement, but this time lack of This match was on the Tay as well.

Results:—

1st Race

		Pts.
1st	Strathallan III (Fingland, J., Blaxter)	4½
2nd	Strathallan II	
	(Cameron, W. D., Ferguson, W. R.)	2
3rd	Glenalmond	3
4th	Strathallan I	
	(Grant, A. M., Newton)	4
5th	Glenalmond	5
6th	Glenalmond	6

2nd Race

		Pts.
1st	Strathallan I	4½
2nd	Strathallan II	2
3rd	Glenalmond	3
4th	Strathallan III	4

5th	Glenalmond	5
6th	Glenalmond	6

Total:

Strathallan ...	13½ pts.
Glenalmond ...	28 pts.

Result:

Strathallan win.

The other major events of the season were: "The Scottish Schools Championships" and the house competition.

This was the first year of the Scottish Schools and was sailed in Enterprises on Loch Earn, in place of the usual Perthshire Schools. Only one boat was allowed per school, Cameron, W. D., Grant, A. M., and Jacoranda represented Strathallan. The weather was fierce, wind force 5 gusting to 6. This made problems, resulting with very wet, tired sailors at the end of the day. Three races were planned, but only two sailed, both in which the "shorter course" flag was hoisted as conditions worsened. Nine schools took part, Strathallan came 5th in the first race, with a fine 2nd in the second race (even after 2 capsizes) to give us third place overall.

The inter-house competition was at the end of the Summer term, and for a pleasant change the wind was in moderation. To make it as fair as possible lots were drawn for the boats. Two races were sailed, one for the first crews in each house, the other for their second crews.

Result:—

House	1st Race		2nd Race		Total Pts.
	Position	Pts.	Position	Pts.	
Freeland	2nd	2	2nd	2	4
Ruthven	1st	3	4th	2	4½
Leburn	5th	5	1st	3	5½
Nicol	3rd	3	3rd	3	6
Simpson	4th	4	5th	5	9

Result:

Freeland win.

There was a demonstration of sailing on the school pond on speech day which proved entertaining both for those involved and spectators.

Sailing throughout the season was particularly affected by low tides and poor winds, but these experiences can be put down as beneficial in producing the "Every-weather sailor!".

Cameron, W. D., was awarded his colours and has been appointed captain for '74-'75.

Every chance of having a "Goody-nuff" season in '75.

A.M.G.

SHOOTING

Unlike other school sports, the shooting season at Strathallan starts in May with the selection of a captain who is coming back for another year. This season's captain was A. M. Grant.

In the Summer term "A" level candidates are excused team shooting if they so wish, consequently the summer teams have usually got "new faces" in them. Among the recruits to the "A" team was a third former, A. T. Henderson, a promising young upstart! Meanwhile most of his mates were trying their luck in the annual beginners shooting course held during games in the Summer term; may I add that good luck was extremely rare!

The Winter term saw the arrival of two new rifles: a Russian competition model, which has proved very popular; and a third B.S.A. Century. A new match against Rannoch was shot at the beginning of term on a friendly basis, unfortunately they beat us. We were also beaten in the Staniforth Challenge Cup by Cheltenham College and had to hand back the "Cheltenham Cup" which we were so lucky to win the previous year. During the course of this term A. M. Grant shot for the Scottish Schools' "B" Team in the Home Internationals.

The Spring term is a very busy term as regards house competition. Consequently it takes a great deal of effort shooting a 5-round B.S.S.R.A. competition plus the necessary practice required for the inter-house competition and the competition itself. This term a "C" Team was formed to ensure a flow of experienced shots to the "A" and "B" teams — forward planning!

The house competition was very much a battle between Ruthven and Leburn. The result was the cup going to Leburn.

A. M. Grant managed to retain one cup — the Individual shooting cup.

Looking back, I must say that the highlight of the year was obviously the very close competition against a very strong old boys team, whom we just managed to beat.

Shooting colours were awarded to: Fyfe, J. F.; Henderson, A. T.; Low, I. A. D.; Robertson, C. B.

During the course of the year the following shot for the "A" team: Grant, A. M.; Fyfe, J. F.; McIntosh, W. D.; Henderson, A. T.; Steele, B.; Evans, M.; Low, I. A. D.; Robertson, C. B.

"B" team: Steele, B.; Robertson, C. B.; McIntosh, J. E.; Headrick; McIntosh, W. D.; Low, I. A. D.; Evans.

"C" team: Magill; Macadam, F. G.; Cameron, I. D.; Harrold, M. J.; Smith, C.

The captain for next year is C. B. Robertson.
A.M.G.

SKI-ING

After the loss of the two Butchart brothers, David and Alan, the standard and results of this year's ski-ing can only be said to be very pleasing.

The season in Scotland, although by no means excellent, was sufficiently reasonable to allow a bus to go up to Glenshee practically every Sunday, and the producers of the Mikado were kind enough this year to consider the plight of musical skiers and allow them to go ski-ing before having rehearsals.

Ski-ing started in earnest with the School's excursion abroad, this time to Sauze d'Oulx in the Italian Alps. This resort was chosen in preference to Andermatt, where we have gone in previous years, for its lower costs and supposedly reliable snow conditions — also for the very valid reasons that our hotel in Andermatt had been demolished and our trainer moved to the soft life in Canada. Unfortunately the mountains were in a state more suited to steel shod mountain goats than plastic soled skiers, and one merely has to look at Rod's skis to see what I mean! However, despite having disrupted the entire transport system of Western Europe on the way out and despite having been re-routed via Geneva as a result of the fuel crisis on the homeward journey, the trip was both useful and enjoyable. It is hoped that next year snow conditions will be much better.

It was decided that since most of the school team would be abroad at the time, no team would be entered for the British Schools Ski Championships, held on the artificial slope at Hillend, Edinburgh. This competition has, in fact, been somewhat of a non-event as far as the school is concerned and it may well be permanently omitted from the school's race calendar.

The school was represented in the Scottish Schools Championships by a weakened team, having had acute appendicitis (he didn't think so) at the wrong time. However, the four who did race, I. A. D. Low, D. P. Benzies, I. M. McFarlane and R. A. D. Powrie, did very well in giving the school fifth place in this competition. Conditions were very good for this race, and the racers did well on a fairly difficult course set down the Tiger. Meanwhile our Minors team, without covering themselves in glory, showed some valuable potential and had some equally valuable race experience in what was for many of them their first competitive outing.

The most lucrative race was without doubt the Perthshire Schools event which was held on the first day of the Easter holidays. Once again the Senior team was weakened. Ferguson still being unfit and the Benzies brothers enjoying the experience of iron-curtain ski-ing in Poland. However, middle and junior teams who each had a separate race were well represented. In the senior section's race, Rod Powrie, by no means "amature", had some problems with his bindings (wasn't the sky a lovely shade of blue?) and Ewan Ferguson seemed to find right hand turns difficult. The team effort was therefore rather lamentable — this is the first time that a name other than Strathallan appears on the trophy. Meanwhile the middle and junior teams kept the



D. P. Benzies

flag flying by winning their respective sections and individual titles went to I. A. D. Low (open), R. D. G. Powrie (middle) and R. J. Duncan (junior). Thus ski-ing trophies keep the library mantelpiece nicely decorated.

The house races were held towards the end of term on a glorious day. The course was set on the left of Sunnyside tow by Mr. Clayton with help (?) from I. A. D. Low. After a fairly exciting competition (for there were no really obvious supreme houses) Ruthven again came out on top with Nicol second. It is pleasing to note that every house entered a team with a particularly dangerous contribution from Leburn (who told Neil that Theresa was at the bottom of the course?). Thanks to Messrs. Clayton and Colquhoun for timing, starting and adjudicating.

In national and club championships the school was represented mainly by I. A. D. Low and D. P. Benzie. No particularly good results were obtained, but I. A. D. Low managed 3rd in the Dundee Ski Club Championships.

Our Strathallians continue to shine on the ski-ing scene. Clan Donnachaidh (Robertson and Lows) doing well alongside the Butchart family. D. K. R. Low was Dundee Ski Club Champion. D. R. D. Low won all the individual events in the inter-varsity competition at Tignes, France, which Cambridge under C. J. Robertson's captaincy won. C. J. Robertson was third native Scot in the Scottish Championships Giant Slalom and at Easter, Cambridge University, whose team is half Strathallian, won the British Universities Ski Championships. The Butchart brothers also continue to ski neater and better than a lot of folk at the moment.

Looking to the future, and considering the amount of talent there is coming to the fore, as an answer to the question "Will Strath's ski-ing carry on as well as in the past?" we can say "Well conceivably, conceivably".

I.A.D.L.

SQUASH

The results of both the senior and junior teams this year have been satisfactory. In matches against other schools the seniors suffered defeat twice — both times to Edinburgh Academy. The Edinburgh

Academy had a very strong senior five but I feel that we should have put up a better fight than we did particularly in the return match. Gordonstoun's squash team was not of a very high standard. Strathallan won comfortably by four games to one. Vivian should not have lost his game but he lost his concentration when he needed it most. In the match against Glenalmond we made a clean sweep winning 5-0. The Old Boys' club provided a very weak team to play us this year. Only one of their team had ever played in the school team and so it was hardly surprising that they were defeated without winning a single match.

The team did well in the Crieff & District League this year. We were. *(Ask H.C.A.)*. Six matches were lost and six were won. Powrie, the number one in the Strathallan team, found his opponents to be too experienced for him and throughout the year he scored only one win. However, he only played badly on a few occasions — his opponents were just too good. Vivian, the number two, lost seven and won five. Vivian's game has undergone continuous improvement throughout the year and if he remains as keen as he is at the moment he could become a very useful player. An indication of his improving form is that four of his five victories were gained in his last six matches. The rankings of the other regulars in the team varied over the season. Adam lost only four matches. His style lacks the finesse of Barrington but his unorthodox game lends itself to giving the spectators very entertaining matches to watch. His main weapon is the boost off the side wall which he plays at the most unexpected times, frequently wrong-footing his opponent completely. Fairlie and Ferguson both seemed at times not to realise that in squash you have to battle all the time to win a match or else before you know it defeat is at hand. Too often they were not prepared to go all out right through a match and it was because of this that they lost a number of their matches. Walker can play some very useful squash but if things aren't going his own way he tends to lose his concentration to the detriment of his game. If he can keep his concentration in these situations next year he should be successful.

The juniors had two matches, both of which they won. As far as can be judged

it appears that we shan't be short of useful players in a few years' time.

Squash remains very popular in the school. Unfortunately the squash players were severely affected by the energy crisis as heavy restrictions were put on the use of the squash courts. Those who enjoyed a friendly game after prep in the evenings were prevented from playing then and as this category of people tended to have heavy games commitments they got in very little squash during the winter.

I think the squash team can look forward to having a good season next year. Four of this year's senior team are returning and it should be possible to climb higher in the league and to give The Edinburgh Academy a better match. Finally, the team would like to thank Mr. Addison for giving up so much of his spare time to their squash.

The following played for the senior team: R. A. D. Powrie (capt.), S. N. Vivian, A. W. Adam, M. C. Walker, P. J. M. Fairlie, D. F. Ferguson, R. M. Strachan.

The following played for the junior team: M. C. Walker, G. J. F. Crowe, A. B. Magill, P. A. Cameron, P. Hill, A. Fergusson, R. Stonewigg, D. Simon, R. Belcher, C. Cunningham, I. Gerrard, I. Walker, J. Hunter, I. Ogilvie.

R.A.D.P.

Results:—

Senior V — Played 17, Won 9, Lost 8

School Matches

Edinburgh Academy	Away	Lost 0-5
Gordonstoun	Away	Won 4-1
Edinburgh Academy	Home	Lost 0-5
Glenalmond	Home	Won 5-0
Old Boys	Home	Won 5-0

League Matches

Stirling University	Home	Lost 1-4
Bloodsuckers	Home	Lost 1-4
Glenalmond	Away	Won 3-2
Crieff	Home	Won 3-2
Scone	Home	Lost 2-3
Beavers	Home	Won 3-2
Glenalmond	Home	Won 3-2
Beavers	Home	Lost 1-4
Bloodsuckers	Home	Lost 0-5
Crieff	Away	Won 3-2
Scone	Home	Won 3-2
Stirling University	Away	Lost 2-3

Junior V — Played 2, Won 2.

Edinburgh Academy	Away	Won 3-2
Firhill	Home	Won 5-4

SWIMMING

Away	Glenalmond	May 28th	Lost (Seniors)
Home	Loretto	June 4th	Lost (Juniors and Seniors)

Glenalmond

Despite conscientious training and abundant enthusiasm the Strathallan team failed to match the Glenalmond resilience and good coaching. Even so, it was by no means an ignominious defeat, as Bennet easily won the Crawl, and Pearson was only narrowly forced into second place in the Breaststroke, with a time close to the school record. Strathallan won the Freestyle relay, but Glenalmond showed their depth by putting forward a fresh number of swimmers in the Medley Relay, and the now exhausted Strathallians were defeated by point one of a second!

Loretto

On Tuesday, 4th of June, a sadly diminished Strathallan team came up against Loretto. The fight was hard fought, but with half the team either playing cricket, attending an "A" Level Physics practical, or in the San, the outcome was inevitable. However, it was encouraging to notice that the weakened Juniors managed to hold their rivals.

Old Boys

In this traditional two relay event the present members of the school amply demonstrated their superiority. The team easily won the Medley Relay, and the Old Boys were disqualified in the Freestyle event, after one of their members did a ten yard false start.

House Matches

As could be expected Simpson easily retained this cup, although not quite so convincingly as last year. In general the standard of swimming was good, and Pearson, A. P., again came remarkably close to breaking the Breaststroke record. The swimming Victor Ludorums went to:

Senior	— Bennet, G. I. (Simpson).
Middle	— Powrie, R. D. G. (Simpson).
Junior	— Cuthill (Freeland).

G.I.B.

TENNIS

Although match results did not show startling results, this was in many ways due to bad luck. The junior talent in the school was very apparent, and two players played in the team in fourth form (C. R. M. Smith and K. W. MacMillan), whilst A. B. Caithness played first pair throughout the season in his first year in the school.

In too many ways tennis is looked down upon as a sport in the school. A. B. Caithness, despite his many failures on the cricket field, was not allowed to give up cricket other than for matches, and so missed valuable practice time. Likewise D. F. Ferguson did full time athletics and

missed several matches. Along with this R. D. Buchanan took appendicitis and missed four matches. This made it very difficult to arrange a stable team.

Match Results:—

- 11th May — v. Edinburgh Academy (A). Lost 1-8.
 14th May — Scottish Midlands Schools Competition at Perth Academy. v. Morrison's Academy. Won 7-0.
 17th May — v. Gordonstoun (cancelled due to rain).
 20th May — S.M.S.C. v. Perth Academy (A). Lost 3-5.
 30th May — v. Dollar Ac. (A). Losing 1-2 when match was cut short by a girls' competition.
 1st June — v. Loretto (A). Won 3-2 (four senior matches and one junior).
 13th June — v. Fettes (H). Lost 4-5.
 v. Old Boys (H). Won 5-4.
 6th July — v. Merchiston (A). Lost 2-6.
 8th July — v. Glenalmond (A). Won 6-1.

The house matches dragged on towards the end of term. Matches were played after prep till 10.30 p.m.

In the preliminary round Freeland narrowly beat Simpson with the vital set won by Freeland 8-6, 10-12, 9-7. Freeland went on to beat Ruthven, and Leburn beat Nicol.

In the final Freeland beat Leburn.

In the singles four team members got to the semi-finals — Crowe, Caithness, Smith and Ferguson.

Crowe beat Caithness and Smith was given a walk over.

The final was won by G. J. F. Crowe.

Thanks go to Mr. Woodcroft, the coach, and to Mr. Montieth, the master in charge.

The team consisted of: G. J. F. Crowe, A. B. Caithness, R. D. Buchanan (capt.), D. F. Ferguson, C. R. M. Smith, A. W. Adam, K. W. McMillain, R. F. Wilson.

As six of these players are returning next year, prospects are looking bright.

Thanks go to Mr. Woodcroft for his most helpful coaching on Tuesday afternoons, and to Mr. Monteith for his help and encouragement.

R.D.B.

Strathallian Club

1974

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D. A. Biggart

The President 1973-74



THE PRESIDENT — 1973/74

William, perhaps better known to Strathallians as Willie, Nairn, was at Strathallan between 1944 and 1947. He insists that while at School he had no particular achievements as he had to spend most of his time working.

Willie is now a senior partner of Chalmers Impey & Co., Scotland, one of the largest firms of Chartered Accountants in the Country.

On the domestic front, too, Willie has not been idle. He is married with two daughters and one son, Robin, who is at present a pupil at Strathallan.

The angling world has benefited from Willie's presence as an administrator. He is secretary of the Glasgow and District Angling Club's Association, which organisation has gone from strength to strength under his care. National Angling matters

are not neglected either and as the West of Scotland representative on the Scottish National Angling Clubs Committee, he is destined to be Captain of Scotland's International Fly Fishing Team and thus add to the two International "caps" he has already won.

As a member of Council and as Club Auditor, Willie Nairn has already served the Club well, and we are indeed fortunate to have him as our current President.

A.G.M. AND ANNUAL DINNER

The 40th A.G.M. of the Club took place on Saturday, 24th November, 1973, in the Station Hotel, Perth.

R. A. Bird, the President, was in the Chair and 41 members attended.

The Council's Report and the Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1973, were approved and 53 new Life Members were elected.

Dr. D. J. Bogie and J. B. M. Cowan were elected Honorary Presidents of the Club in recognition of their contribution to the Club for many years.

William M. Nairn was elected President of the Club for the ensuing year and James H. Smith was elected Vice-President.

The Annual Dinner was also held on the same evening and was attended by 93 members and guests. Douglas Mans, the former Headmaster of Duncan House School, proposed the Toast to the Club and the School in witty fashion.

The President asked J. B. M. Cowan to present the Angling and Golf Trophies and then replied to the Toast in his normal humorous manner and gave an account of the Club's activities over the year. He thanked the Club for his year of office and said that he had been most honoured and delighted to accept his year as President.

The Headmaster replied on behalf of the School and reported on the progress of the School over the year.

The new Vice-President proposed the Toast to the Guests to which Mr. Sandy Sinclair, Chairman of the Walker Cup Selectors, replied in lively manner.

The President passed over the Chain of Office to the new President, William M. Nairn, who then conducted a very successful evening.

LONDON BRANCH

The President, Headmaster and Mr. T. C. G. Fairbairn, Housemaster of Nicol, attended the London Branch Dinner in the Caledonian Club on 29th March, 1974. Once again the Dinner was most successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The London Branch Secretary and Treasurer are most anxious that London based Strathallians should contact them. They have made a great deal of effort in recent years to stimulate interest in that area, and it is hoped that Strathallians going to London will take the opportunity of contacting the Secretary, who will be most interested to hear from them.

Secretary: David Anderson, 194/200 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (Tel. 01-283 6767).

Treasurer: James Linn, 19 Hertford Road, Albert Drive, London SW19 (Tel. 01-789 0268).

DINNER DANCE

For the second year in succession the Dinner Dance was held in the Excelsior Hotel, Abbotsinch, Glasgow. 232 Strathallians attended — an even larger success than last year. Jimmy Dinsmore has convened the function for two years now and is being succeeded by Alan Fitzpatrick in 1975. The Club's thanks go to Jimmy who has brought the function to such a successful peak, and it is hoped that the Dance provisionally arranged for 31st January, 1975, in the Excelsior Hotel will be as enthusiastically attended. All Strathallians are welcome.

ANGLING CLUB REPORT 1973/74

The 1973 Season ended at the Lake of Menteith in September when eight members caught 17 trout weighing 14 lbs. 13 ozs. David Biggart won the competition, and with a total weight of 13 lbs. 2 ozs. for the season, just managed to beat Sandy McIntosh by 1 lb. 2 ozs. for the Club Championship.

In the Scottish Daily Express Competition, the Club reached the semi-final stage and being confident of victory, only entered a team of two instead of a team of three. Despite this unfortunate handicap, we just failed to reach the final.

In November David and Margaret Biggart were hosts to the Annual Party which was well attended and all present appeared to enjoy themselves.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, immediately prior to the Club A.G.M. Ian Henderson was elected Captain and Sandy McIntosh Secretary.

The 1974 season got off to a bad start. Two members are reputed to have attended Loch Tay and nobody went to Loch Awe. Our first competition was thus the annual battle with the Phoenix Angling Club at the Lake of Menteith in May. There was a record attendance for the match and despite the fact that we were strengthened by some Phoenix members in our ranks, we managed to achieve victory by a 3 lbs. 10 ozs. margin and thus tie the series 7½ matches each.

Sandy McIntosh found that pressure of work prevented him from carrying out his Secretarial duties and resigned. At an emergency meeting of members, David Biggart agreed to accept office as Secretary.

Loch Fitty and Loch Leven produced one 13 ounce trout for a very poor total attendance of seven anglers. Jimmy Grosset caught the fish on Loch Leven.

The Competition in June on the Lake of Menteith against the boys produced a full turnout of 12 anglers for each side. The boys had a clear cut victory catching 34 trout weighing 20 lbs. 2 ozs. against our total of 25 trout weighing 15 lbs. 1 oz. This catch is the best for this particular competition and the most fish ever caught in a Club Competition.

A Reel was presented to Stuart Biggart for the best boy's catch, nine trout, 5 lbs. 14 ozs., beating his brother, Bruce, by 8 ozs., despite the fact that the latter had 10 fish. David Biggart won the John Hall Salver for the best Old Boy's catch of 16 trout, 9 lbs. 6 ozs.

The final competition of the season will be in September on the Lake of Menteith and will be the 100th Competition held since the Club was formed in 1959.

GOLF CLUB

Previous reports for the Magazine have contained superlatives implying activity of a vigorous nature. This year has been the exception. Whether this is attributed to the idleness of the Secretary; apathy of the members; or slight indigestion, is a matter for the members to decide. It is however

sufficient to say that after a short period of five years as Secretary the writer felt obliged to hand in his resignation to the Board of Directors, which last met before the war.

This year has not been entirely without incident although the actual incident seems to have eluded the writer. I recall a curious amalgam of members competed surprisingly successfully in the Queen Elizabeth Trophy at Barnton. A walk-over was awarded in the first round when one of the better English Schools, on receipt of the draw sheet, immediately scratched from the Tournament. Glasgow High School were despatched with suitable drama in the first actual game, but Messrs. Lowden, Lowden, Moffat, Howie, Williamson and Brash failed to find the required gamesmanship to defeat Kelvinside on Sunday afternoon. If memory serves correctly, a dinner outing to Gleneagles was held, but the result is shrouded in mystery — or rather the S.M.T. bus ticket on which the result was recorded has been mislaid during the Secretary's recent removal. No doubt his executors may find it under about ten square yards of vinyl. The actual winner is accorded full apologies, and a notice to that effect will appear in the next edition of this publication, provided that the aggrieved party applies in writing to the new Secretary — who is that bastion of Club activities; no mean golfer; that prodigious hooker of a short ball over the pavilion roof — Allan Cook: protests and competing candidates are asked to write their complaints on a plain sheet of paper and send it to Donald Turner, who will destroy the originals and report the subscribers to Stubbs Directory.

It is therefore with mixed feelings of relief and release from bondage that the present Secretary realises that this will be the last time the Golf Club Report holds up such a mighty publication, as this Magazine, and Donald Turner's telephone bill will be considerably reduced.

Good Luck, Allan, and may the witch of apathy be replaced by the thaumaturgism of ardour.

A.G.J.

The Secretary would like to express the sincere thanks of the Golf Club members to Graham for his excellent work as Secretary, and wish him success both in retirement and with his new-found literary talents.

D.I.T.

NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

- BAILEY, G. E. (1965/67) B.Sc. Hons. Agriculture (Edinburgh). Was appointed technical adviser for Scottish Agricultural Industries in North of Scotland as from 1.1.74.
- BARNETT, P. (1963/67) is Editorial Director of F. Muller Limited. He has been travelling to U.S.A., Canada, Belgium, France, Germany and is to be married on 6th July, 1974.
- BAXTER, R. F. (1956/59) has returned to U.K. after 7 years in Africa. He is now Sales Manager Needle Industries based in Studley, Warwickshire.
- BENNET, A. (1968/73) is taking a course in Biochemistry at Stirling University.
- BENSON, B. (1954/59) is Managing Director of Benscot (Sports) Limited and Executive Director Europasports (U.K.) Limited. Recently returned from Japan where he was selling artificial ski slopes.
- BOGIE, D. M. (1962/69) has been appointed Managing Director James Bogie Limited, 232 High Street, Kirkcaldy.
- BRUNTON, W. A. T. (1962/65) B.Sc. (Hons. Bact.), M.B., Ch.B. Has been appointed lecturer in Clinical Chemistry at Edinburgh University.
- BURNETT, J. M. (1965/70) S.H.N.C. Business Studies. Is taking B.A. Business Studies at Ealing. He is President of the College Rugby Club and Treasurer of the Student's Union.
- CALDWELL, G. S. (1957/60) is now Resident Partner in Lusaka, Zambia of Price, Waterhouse & Co.
- CHALMERS, A. (1964/69) B.A. Hons. Economics Strathclyde University. Is now with the Royal Bank of Scotland on a 3 years training scheme.
- CLARK, B. G. (1956/64) B.D.S. University of St. Andrews. Is now with private dental practice in Lincoln.
- COUSINS, E. (1958/60) is now managing director of the family business whose activities cover a Hire Purchase and Finance Company, a Property Company, Petrol Stations and clothing manufacturing. He is married and has a son who was born in October 1971. Eric is now living in Westcliff on Sea, Essex.
- CULLEN, D. (1948/52) now owns the Red Lion at Lacock, Wilts.
- DUNCAN, A. D. G. (1963/70) is studying Medicine at Edinburgh University and is now in his 4th year. He tells us that E. G. M. Targowski hopes to qualify as an Advocate in December 1975.
- DUNLEY, P. G. (1945/49) is now Sales Director of Flexible Ducting Ltd., Milngavie, Glasgow, and is a regular supporter of West of Scotland Rugby Club.
- EASTWOOD, I. (1952/56) B.Sc., M.Sc., C.Eng., Mech.E. Has recently returned to U.K. to take up an appointment with Ralph M. Parsons, Brentford, Middlesex.
- FERGUSON, D. (1960/64) is now Administration Manager for the Bank of Montreal, in Surrey, British Columbia.
- FERGUSON, J. C. (1958/63) M.B., F.R.C.S. (Ed. & Glas.) is now a Surgical Registrar at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.
- GORDON, G. G. H. (1955/60) is now an Executive with United Dominions Trust banking division in Scotland.
- GRAHAM, D. C. P. (1958/64) C.A. Is now with Guinness Overseas, Douala, Cameroon, West Africa, and promoted to Commercial Manager in April 1974.
- GRAY, I. S. (1954/61) B.Comm., C.A. is now a Fund Manager with a new Slater Walker Trust, based in London. He tells us that he spent 5 days in Johannesburg with Alistair Pate and his wife and also reports that Tommy Taylor and his wife, who are in Johannesburg, are in great form.
- GUILD, W. (1937/38) is with Weir Pumps Limited, Alloa, in the Estimating Department.
- DE LA HAYE, B. G. (1968/73) is an Officer cadet at Sandhurst R.M.A.
- HOLMES, D. M. (1965/70). Studying for Honours Degree in Chemical Engineering, at University of Edinburgh. On graduation he hopes to study medicine at Kings College Hospital with a view to Biomedical Engineering.
- INGRAM, J. D. D. (1966/70) has graduated LL.B. from the University of Leicester.
- LAMONT, I. K. (1960/64) M.A. Hons. Economics (Edinburgh). Is now a Member of Johannesburg R.S.A. Stock Exchange.
- LANGFORD, M. W. (1968/73) is working for Lloyds Bank, London.
- LEE, J. R. (1966/71) is studying Microbiology at Strathclyde University and is in his 3rd year.
- LEWIS, I. D. (1966/70) has graduated from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge with a B.A.Hons. in Materials Science.
- LOW, D. K. R. (1964/68) B.A.Hons., is studying at Glasgow University for a Ph.D. He represented British Universities against Swiss Academic Ski Club at St. Moritz. He now has a Glasgow Blue to add to his Cambridge Blue.
- MOFFAT, J. T. (1964/69) B.Sc. Biochemistry — Diploma in Management Studies. Is now Company Secretary A. T. Mays Limited.
- MOFFAT, L. (1969/72) is attending an Agriculture Course at Duns and is a member of East Lothian Young Farmers' Club.
- MORRISON, D. R. (1960/65). Following his return from V.S.O. in Nigeria started an Export/Import business in Huntly and a small design and publishing business. He tells us that E. P. Mackay is now in Hong Kong working for a legal firm; that W. Samples is supporting the arts in Toronto; that I. A. Morrison is the Area Manager for an Industrial Catering Company in Central Scotland; and that G. McAlpine is in the legal profession in Aberdeen.
- McBRIDE, I. A. (1929/34) recently retired as Chairman and Managing Director of the Huggins Group of Companies in Trinidad. He tells us that his son, D. J. McBride, is in his final year at Jacksonville University in Florida.

PARKER, J. L. W. (1956/61) has written to tell us that Hugh Morton is working as a Senior Registrar in Child Psychiatry in London; that Gavin Watson is a G.P. in Paisley; and that Kenneth Hunter is Senior Registrar in Medicine in Bristol.

PATERSON, M. B. N. (1960/65) is Asst. General Manager of Watt & Grant, House of Fraser (Northern Management) Limited, Union Street, Aberdeen.

PETERS, A. D. (1959/63) is now Director in the family business of motor engineers.

QUARRY, W. W. (1959/64) B.Sc., A.R.I.C.S., is now a deputy Property Investment Manager with Save & Prosper Group of Units Trusts in London.

PRINGLE, J. L. (1963/69) B.A. Economics, Strathclyde University, is an Apprentice C.A. with Peat, Marwick Mitchell & Co., C.A., Glasgow.

ROBERTSON, C. (1967/71) is following an Engineering Course at Magdalene College, Cambridge. Captain of the University Ski Team. He tells me that Douglas Low, who is also at Magdalene, is Secretary of the University Ski Club.

ROSS, J. B. (1924/30). He tells us that Flight Lieut. I. C. Ross has been posted to R.A.F. Honington, Bury St Edmunds.

ROWE, A. W. C. (1965/69) B.A., is now a Partner in the Strathgarry Hotel.

SCOTT, D. A. (1960/65) has graduated B.Ed. in Physical Education from Exeter University and has been appointed to the staff of Dulwich College.

SPROAT, R. W. (1963/70) is in his final year of Mechanical Engineering at Dundee University. He tells us that J. M. Scott is working with John Mowlen Ltd., Civil Engineers and that J. B. Sproat has now graduated in Veterinary Medicine at Glasgow.

SUTHERLAND, J. R. (1963/67) is a member of the Associate Chartered Insurance Institute. He is an Inspector with the Commercial Union and has played rugby for Jersey and the Channel Isles. He tells us that Ian Moodie is a trainee Accountant with Cooper and Lybrand, St. Helier, Jersey.

TAYLOR, I. W. G. (1950/53) A.C.I.I., A.C.I.L.A., has been appointed a Director of McLaren Dick & Co., Chartered Loss Adjusters.

TAYLOR, M. C. (1969/73) has joined the Royal Engineers and is training at Farnborough.

TAYLOR, I. (1960/64) is Senior Traffic Officer, British Airways at Campbeltown Airport.

THOMSON, D. K. (1925/27) C.B.E., O.St.J., is Chairman of the Tayside Health Board and is Director of Scottish Opera.

THOMSON, J. T. (1969/71) is studying for B.Sc.Hons. in Production Engineering at Aston University, Birmingham.

WHITTON, D. J. (1937/41) M.B.E., B.A.Hons., D.S.L.A. (Paris), Dip.Ed. is acting Senior Inspector of Secondary Schools; is Head of English at National Curriculum Development Centre; and Australian Education Adviser in Zambia.

WILLIAMSON, B. (1966/71) is at Strathclyde University studying Business Administration. He is President-Elect of the University Athletic Club.

WILSON, D. J. M. (1963/68) is studying H.N.D. in Catering and Hotel-keeping at the College of Food Technology in Glasgow.

WILSON, N. W. F. (1962/68) is lecturing in restorative dentistry in Edinburgh.

ENGAGEMENTS

Bogie, D. M. (1962/69) to Miss Alison J. Streat.

Morris, D. J. H. (1963/69) to Miss Anne Peebles.

McGill, S. R. (1961/66) to Miss Marilla A. Cowall.

Wilson, D. J. M. (1963/68) to Miss Janet E. Read.

MARRIAGES

Bailey, G. E. (1965/67) to Miss Elizabeth Irving on 19th July, 1974.

Caldwell, G. S. (1957/60) to Miss Penny Osmond on 8th June, 1974.

Chalmers, A. (1964/69) to Miss Morven Millar on 7th September, 1974.

Ferguson, J. C. (1958/63) to Miss Margaret McNeill on 1st December, 1973.

Fleming, T. (1965/70) to Miss Clare Sproule on 29th June, 1974.

Grant, P. M. (1955/62) to Miss Marjory Renz on 12th January, 1974.

Rowe, A. W. C. (1965/69) to Miss Sandra Wood on 2nd November, 1974.

Stocker, R. W. T. (1953/58) to Miss Shelagh McMahon on 26th July, 1973.

BIRTHS

Baxter, R. F. (1956/59) to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Baxter, a son, Mark Christopher, on 15th February, 1974.

Graham, D. C. P. (1958/64) to Mr. and Mrs. David Graham, a son, David Andrew, on 28th November, 1973.

McLachlan, W. E. (1956/63) to Mr. and Mrs. William McLachlan, a son, William Alexander, on 28th January, 1974.

Taylor, I. (1960/64) to Mr. and Mrs. Iain Taylor, a daughter, Anna Marie, on 7th September, 1973.

Wilson, N. W. F. (1962/68) to Mr. and Mrs. Nairn Wilson, a daughter, Kirsty, on 3rd September, 1972.

DEATHS

Fraser, H. H. (1925/27) of Hailhal, Lower Largo, Fife, on 17th June, 1974.

Grant, H. S. (1937/39) of 41 Manse Road, Bearsden, Glasgow, in March, 1973.

Johnston, J. T. (1926/31) of 60 St. Bride's Road, Glasgow G43, on 28th February, 1974.

Lyburn, W. A. (1936/41) of Burnmouth, Newtyle, Angus, on 15th November, 1973.

McAllister, T. S. (1928/31) of Wrightfield, Conon Bridge, Ross-shire, on 25th June, 1974.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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

TELEVISION

As the person responsible for the introduction of House Television sets, I feel that the views expressed in the Editorial, which from my privileged position I read at 'Proof' stage, call for some comment since I think that the Editors are here grinding a personal axe, and making general statements not necessarily supported by facts, and in any event more suited to the correspondence columns of the Magazine rather than the Editorial.

Television "viewing times" are, of course, strictly controlled and no viewing is permitted on week days during the periods set aside for 'Activities'. In fact these imposed restrictions may well account for the large audiences at the times when viewing is allowed.

I would further query whether participation in School activities has fallen off markedly since, and due to, the introduction of television in houses. Virtually no statistics are produced to support this statement, and the accounts of the various activities and societies in this issue of the Strathallian alone — some of them written by the Editors themselves — indicate the contrary. For example the numbers of those actively interested in Music and Art have probably never been higher, while the introduction of new and the revival of dormant activities have been a pleasing feature of the past year. The Music and Photographic Societies are but two cases in point.

No one can accuse me of being on the side of the passive 'goofer' rather than the enthusiastic 'doer', and I would be the last to maintain that the state of affairs at Strathallan is beyond criticism, but from my experience at other Schools, I can say that this is in no way abnormal — in fact in my view Strathallan comes out on the 'plus' side in this respect, and I think that the Editors have got to go deeper into the matter before laying all the blame for such disinterest as may exist in some quarters on that admittedly seductive siren the 'goggle box'.

A. D. D. McCallum.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of many of our contemporary school magazines.

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