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EDITORIAL

All in all it has been a busy year for School and one in which the School has furthered its good name. Some people complain that there is nothing to do, but there are many clubs and societies operating throughout the week. So it is hoped in this magazine that all these activities are suitably covered showing what a wide variety there really is.

The Magazine is essentially the same as last year's. Many say the trouble with it is that it is always the same as the year before's. Yet of all the moaners not one has come forward with any sane ideas, so the magazine stays the same—or nearly so. Obviously these people are fooled by the conservative cover, the small print and the lack of photographs (though there are more this year). If they just bothered to do a little reading they would see that the magazine is full of interesting and entertaining articles. Of course there are the same articles which have been in the magazine for the last fifty years but in this age of change perhaps a little conservatism is a good thing.



STRATHALLAN ABROAD

As usual there was the annual ski-ing trip abroad. This year the party went to Switzerland just before Christmas. This holiday is now becoming very popular with all age-groups within the School. This summer, however, the 1st XV attempted something new in the form of a rugby tour to Narbonne in the heart of French rugby country. The last two tours, which were to have taken place in Britain had had to be cancelled due to illness and bad weather. Luckily, however, this time there was no chance of bad weather. The standard of play of the French was high and a good deal harder than our own.

Closer to home, two members of the School, Mr N. T. H. Du Boulay and Mike Yellowlees paid separate visits to the Gordon Highlanders in Belfast on what proved to be very interesting and entertaining trips.



LEYSIN '76

Before Christmas a party of 20 boys and Mr Clayton and his family set out for Leysin at the eastern end of Lake Geneva, in the Vaud. For perhaps the first time in Strath's many ski trips abroad we actually managed to travel from Perth to our destination without incident. A car did run into our bus, but that's just by the way.

The conditions in Leysin were exceptional. Every day was sunny except for one and even that was better than most days at Glenshee. There was plenty of snow and good runs for intermediate skiers. For the better skiers the runs were perhaps a little restricted, but the majority of piste-bashers seemed well satisfied.

The hotel itself was average but the village had plenty to offer. There were good clubs and discos if you were prepared to climb 800 steps and there was also a very fine sports complex with an ice rink and a swimming pool.

M.J.Y.

Acknowledgments

We thank our contemporaries for copies of their rival publications. We thank too R. J. Benzie, Esq., Managing Director of Wm. Culross & Son, our printers, for permission to use his photograph of the Editorial Board, and those other photographers whose work is not acknowledged elsewhere, especially D. S. Muir, D. S. Gall, G. T. Boyd and K. R. Hosking, Esq.



Narbonne



The sight of forty French ballerinas upon our arrival at Narbonne Hostel provided an excellent limbering-up session for our stiff and exhausted bodies. Muscle and minds seemed to burst into a flurry of activity and indeed dinner was a five-minute affair before we proceeded to establish diplomatic relations with our Common Market neighbours. However, there was one problem, and many of us regretted having given up French 'O' Level—but not Ian Gerrard. As usual he came to the rescue by developing a new, easy-to-learn French dialect, which even if it was a crude mixture of Frécosais and some common sign language seemed to get the message across. (Throughout the tour the response to the message would be 'Non' or some appropriate sign).

But, surprisingly, this was a rugby tour and our first match against Narbonne Juniors 'B' provided a close contest which we lost 15-7—I had better mention for my future safety that Willie Potts scored a 'brilliant, opportunist' try for the visitors. The rest of Sunday and indeed a great deal of the week was spent sitting at cafes scouting for local 'talent.' It was then that we discovered that Alec Brewster's taste in women was closely associated with his taste in 'good breeding stock' at one of the local cattle auctions. But even Alec was left speechless when we found out that at French discos one was expected to dance with members of one's own sex—well to young healthy Scotsmen this proved to be a bitter blow and the evening might have been soured if it had not been for Iain Ogilvie's brilliant interpretation of the Foxtrot (à la Beach Boys).

In fact the beach provided the most popular entertainment although those who expected the Mediterranean to be warm soon had all their hopes frozen. Andy Baird and Mr Du B. seemed to prefer wallowing in sand pits to

swimming in the sea and Mr Du B's attention seemed to be continuously focused on a certain rock where a young escapee from St. Tropez had taken refuge—later search parties discovered that she was merely part of a large 'breakout.' However I think I should add that the French found equal fascination in Iain Ogilvie's kilt and more especially in the answer to an age-old question.

Our defeat by 46-0 in the second match of the tour may seem less of a disgrace when one takes into account that the Narbonne team are the Junior Champions of France. But our enthusiasm was not dampened and Thursday provided the long-awaited and greatly publicised journey to Carcassonne, which now seems to be pronounced with a distinct Durham accent. Although the Chateau at Carcassonne is of great historical interest, at six francs it was a history lesson few of us could afford. Meanwhile 'the two lains' (as they had become known) had discovered an ancient cafe c.1968 and returned brandishing some ancient French fireworks. However, no-one had told Ian Gerrard that one was supposed to let them go after lighting—one learns by one's mistakes. The visit to the vinyard and especially the free samples seemed to create more interest and Colin Cunningham soon established that wine should be sampled in pint measures and not in those silly little glasses.

The ballerina's last night signalled the last assault by Potts and Co., but their rising expectations were soon deflated by a faulty door-handle. Mike Yellowlees retired mournfully to bed after discovering that there were indeed 13-year-old ballerinas in France. The two lains spent the night fishing from the bedroom window and caught the only towelfish I have ever seen. Dawn on Friday broke rather painfully for many of us and breakfast proved even more painful for Dave Sim who faced with a bill for 85 francs—thanks for breakfast Dave!

The last match of the tour resulted in an excellent victory and the side seemed spurred on by the loss of our 'Pinball expert' Robert Brewster after some vicious use of the boot by the home side. The 13-7 scoreline was a just reward and Al Ferguson, Mike Yellowlees and Iain Ogilvie demonstrated what useful players they will be in the coming season.

It only remains for me to thank R.C. Narbonne for providing us with such stiff opposition; M. Faure for such excellent accommodation and the Mayor of Narbonne for such an excellent reception. The value of the tour was clearly shown when a lot of what was learned in France demonstrated itself in the Old Boys' match at the beginning of the season.

K.A.D.P.

christmas in hollywood

Before anyone has the idea that a Strathallan salary enables one to nip across the Atlantic and cavort on the sands with Susan George, Britt Ekland and Bianca Jagger, they must realise that Hollywood is a suburb of Belfast as well as Los Angeles. Unfortunately none of the aforementioned saw fit to cross the Atlantic to the Emerald Isle. Some of you may wonder why anyone should want to go to Belfast at any time, let alone Christmas, and they could be right. However all schoolmasters are at least eccentric and that should be sufficient explanation.

I had two motives for going, my brother being posted there, and a genuine curiosity to see what all the fuss was about from first hand.

The Irish have many reputations which have passed into folklore. Apart from a love of talking, religion, fighting and alcohol they have acquired a new God—television. One of the few times the security forces were able to relax at all was during the course of 'Starsky and Hutch,' a favourite with 'Provos' and 'UDA' alike. I realised that although still within the British Isles things were slightly different across the water when, on arriving at Larne in the ferry, it was discovered that the hydraulic gear had stuck. This meant that all the cars and lorries had to reverse off the ship. As the ramps appeared to have inclines of about 1 in 3, this was a somewhat hazardous process. Relieved at having got over this first hurdle, I drove down to Belfast, where I caught my first glimpse of this pitiable city. Apart from the quantity of military personnel and vehicles in the streets and the inevitable bomb sites and blocked-up windows, life seemed to go on very much as normal.

Hollywood barracks is situated to the North of the city in a wealthy Protestant area, close to Campbell College,

Ulster's leading Public School and Alma Mater of the British Lion Mike Gibson. The Camp itself looked very much like any other army establishment, except that it was very much more heavily guarded and there were large moguls on the roads to stop anyone trying to ram the gates in a lorry at speed. Also one's car and credentials were carefully searched. My immediate reaction was pity for those who lived there. They were well protected but they were also protected from the pleasures of normal, everyday life. The Government has done its best to provide every possible facility to ease the boredom: cinemas, bars, squash courts pitches, gymnasia but one thing that is missing is real freedom of movement.

Perhaps the most interesting experience I had during my visit was a day spent as a 'Jock' patrolling in Belfast. Perhaps it would be of interest to describe what a 'Jock' is. A Jock is a non-commissioned Scottish infantryman. He tends to be small, toothless, tough and aggressive. His entire vocabulary begins with the letter 'f.' Yet at the same time he has a rugged charm which makes him a popular visitor and possibly explains the large number of half-Scots children dotted from Singapore to Aberdeen.

The Gordons are on a regular 18-month tour of Belfast. This means that they are used to supplement the regiments on four-month short tours if they should need any help.

The day I went out, I was issued with standard equipment including a SLR. The Jocks were amazed to find a 'civvy' in their midst and convinced of my insanity when I refused to take a loaded magazine. I was not as foolhardy as they thought because I realised that the imminent danger to my foot was far greater than any stray sniper's bullet. At 8.30 in the morning we climbed aboard the 'pigs,' which were extremely unattractive armoured transports. Our destination was the city Gas Works, the temporary home of a Gunner regiment. It was at this point that I was introduced to Jock humour. The Gordons had spent some time themselves guarding this very obvious target. A few weeks before they arrived an Irish bomb party had tried to blow up the site but merely succeeded in turning themselves into assorted oddments. These morsels were to be found all over the site to the delight of crows and stray dogs. It was thought that there were only two bombers until a mongrel returned wagging its tail and carrying a third backbone in its mouth. This was a story, I was told on several occasions with varying degrees of embellishment. Perhaps surprisingly the greatest problem faced by the soldiers was boredom. At the gas works, there was very little to do except drink tea and play a fruit machine which was

ungenerous by any standards. However entertainment of a very simple nature was found. When one of the transports entered the gates it was greeted by a hail of bricks, stones or any other rubble which came to the hands of the waiting troops. These vehicles were known as pigs, which was a very fair description. Not only were they extremely ugly but also slow, temperamental and unwieldy. The same feeling of boredom was apparent in the city centre, where the army had taken over an old hotel as a barracks. The troops relaxing there did have the advantage of a colour television which was watched avidly at all times of the day. On duty, the soldier's job was to patrol the city centre which is an enclosed area in which no private vehicle is allowed. Every single person who enters or leaves the zone is searched by the Royal Ulster Constabulary for anything that might be used to construct a bomb. Consequently enormous queues build up. Once inside, the civilian's life is no easier. He or she is liable to be searched by army foot patrols as often as three times in five minutes. A mother with small children is particularly vulnerable because not only does she have to keep a careful eye on all her brood but an unattended pram is an obvious target for a bomber, and therefore all prams have been banned. For the shopper, searching appears to be endless because they are always frisked on entering any store. With so much security the city centre is a particularly tempting target because an exploded bomb is immediately newsworthy not only in Britain but in the outside world as well. The bombers' life is considerably eased by the need for large vans to supply the shops. A few unsubtle threats to a driver or his family could end as the cause of a massive explosion. However I was most impressed by the tact shown by the Jocks when searching and by the cheerful patience of the civilians. Inevitably there were hot-tempered incidents and people were removed for more thorough searching and questioning, but morale on both sides was remarkably high. I felt great sympathy for all parties: the civilian population constantly being harassed; and the army going through a tedious and irksome routine, any slight relaxation of which could bring about the death of hundreds of innocent victims.

It is difficult not to be fatalistic about Northern Ireland. The vast majority of the population is caught in a terrifying and extremely complex power struggle over which they have no control and to which there is no sign of an end. Guerrilla warfare has been continuous for ten years and therefore half a generation of Ulstermen have known nothing but constant fear, distrust and bloodshed.

N.T.H.D.B.

half term

WITH THE
1st BATTALION GORDON HIGHLANDERS

in northern Ireland

Before boarding the boat at Stranraer our baggage was checked, however at Larne when they found out we were army cadets they didn't bother to search us. We were met at Larne by Andrew Pearson (2/Lt—Old Strathallian) and Alaister Stewart (Lt). The first thing that struck one was how quiet everything was, however as Lt.-Col. Graham told us it was the quietest weekend for six months. It wasn't until you reached Belfast that it became obvious that there was a civil war in progress. There was a lot of bomb damage in the city and burnt-out buildings.

During our visit we stayed in the Officers' Mess at the Palace Barracks just outside Belfast. There was very tight security at the barracks and each car was searched before entering the camp. About six weeks before our visit a bomb had been planted in a car. The guard on duty found out about the bomb and forced the driver at gun-point to drive the car away. The officers' mess was very comfortable and the food was excellent. The bar was also very well stocked. On our first night the operations officer, Captain Stenhouse, gave us a brief talk on the situation in Ireland. He also explained the organisation of the two factions. On the Catholic side there are the PIRA (Provisional IRA) and the OIRA (Official IRA), Sinn Fein, the Cumma na Bann (women's section) and the Fianna and on the Protestant side there are the UDA (Ulster Defence Association), the UVF (Ulster Volunteer Force), the UFF (Ulster Freedom Fighters) and the Red Hand Commandos. However, for all their grandiose titles these groups are nothing but thugs. Not content with fighting each other and the army there are also continuous struggles within these groups especially between the Provos and the Officials. In Belfast the Catholics are a minority and are fiercely against any loyalist attempts at a peaceful union with Britain or any attempts to break away from Britain.

The next day we visited Abbotscroft in the North of Belfast. Here there is a platoon of Gordons under Lt. Ewan Chalmers. They are attached to the 10th Ulster Defence Regiment. The platoon is living in caravans and social life is restricted. In the morning we visited the ops room for the 10th UDR. It is situated behind a police station which is

surrounded by 15-foot fences. Here they keep tabs on all patrols and record all bombings and shootings in their area. There is a telephone network connecting the room with Brigade HQ, Company HQ and all the patrols. They have files on all trouble-makers and on all cars in the district. In a fraction of a second they can trace a car using a computer. All the time on patrol the troops are on the lookout for strange cars. In the afternoon we went out on a mobile patrol. Abbotscroft is a mixed area but main trouble spots are the Catholic Bawnmore and the Protestant Rathcoole, which is the second largest building estate in Europe. However most of the locals, the young especially, are very friendly and quite prepared to talk to the soldiers. The platoon at Abbotscroft is stationed there for four months and as a result the soldiers get to know the locals very well.

Both sides have illegal bars but the army allows them so that they can keep tabs on the 'bad lads.' The soldiers quite often enter these bars to check on people. A few days before we arrived the army had turned up at the Wolfstone bar, the Provos' bar, in the middle of a fight. They let it continue as it was none of their business. Davy Nocher, an IRA officer shouted at the soldiers to stop the fight but they refused. He then started pushing one of the soldiers around and for his troubles he had his nose smashed with the butt of an SLR. This delighted the locals who hate the thugs as much as the army. They tend to stick in groups but individually they are relatively harmless. They threaten and intimidate the locals and one woman whose son had been 'done over' by Gilmour, another IRA officer, decided she had had enough and smashed a beer mug in his face. Without these few trouble-makers the area would be considerably quieter.

Our last day was a day off for the whole battalion. There was an inter-company six-a-side football competition in which the officers' mess failed miserably. Private Kessock was a pillar of strength for 'B' Company which isn't surprising because he must have weighed at least sixteen stones. In the evening there was a Jubilee party. It was just as well everything was quiet in Belfast as a few of the officers weren't exactly fighting fit.

M.J.Y.



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Accident**

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NOTES

SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Head of School	K. A. D. Peddie D. M. N. Gillanders (Summer Term)
Head of Freeland	M. F. Eastwood
Head of Leburn	F. G. Macadam
Head of Nicol	A. M. Jamieson
Head of Ruthven	D. M. N. Gillanders
Head of Simpson	K. A. D. Peddie H. M. Pearson (Summer Term)
School Prefects	D. T. Hay M. T. Manson

STAFF NOTES

D. N. F. Pennie came for a term, enjoyed life so much as a Master here—he is a Strathallian—that he took little persuading to stay for a further three terms during which time he made a significant contribution to life in Riley and became a welcome lieutenant to Douglas Henderson. He leaves with our thanks and best wishes for every success at Lomond School.

S. Dharsi is taking over some of Nigel Pennie's teaching. Mr Dharsi is a graduate of Bombay and has recently completed a Certificate of Education at Durham University. He is particularly interested in squash and cricket, having played representative cricket for India and Pakistan against Australia, West Indies and the M.C.C. He formerly held a coaching post at Rossall School.

W. N. Monteith came to the ministry and Strathallan a long way round: a degree at Oxford, Fighter Pilot, Prisoner of War in Italy (escaped), and Her Majesty's Foreign Service with tours of duty in the Sudan, Yemen, Oman and Finland. As a first step into retirement after leaving the Service, he took a degree in Divinity and the Chaplaincy at Strathallan—some retirement! Teaching, coaching tennis, film making,

endless ferrying boys backwards and forwards seemed to go with the more formal duties of a School Chaplain and Bill will be remembered by many boys and staff for his endless capacity to listen and his helpful but unobtrusive advice. We are all grateful for the simple and relevant way in which he guided the School worship and he went to endless trouble to prepare his prayers and his sermons. Some may think he did not preach often enough, but when he did everyone listened.

As we say good-bye and thank you to Mr Monteith, we welcome Mr & Mrs Alan Reid. Mr Reid has experience both as a Minister and a Schoolmaster with degrees from Edinburgh and Yale. As well as assuming the role of Chaplain, he will be doing some teaching and helping with games. He has some 200 descents as a parachutist and so who knows what the boys will be doing next!

J. A. Mitchell comes to his first teaching post directly from St. Andrews where he gained a degree in Mathematics and Physics. He has been a member of the University Air Squadron and is interested in rugby and Scottish dancing.

Lt.-Colonel J. D. Aldridge, O.B.E., or as he is more often known to those under his charge 'the Colonel,' came to Strathallan some 13 years ago to help Wilf Hoare, the then Headmaster, 'to tidy the place up a bit.' As Factor, Colonel Aldridge was responsible for the maintenance and development of the buildings and grounds. New buildings make an obvious impact and well kept grounds we all appreciate, but the routine work necessary in everyday maintenance and the careful attention needed to produce nice green grass are all too often taken for granted, particularly by boys still at school. Those who were at Strathallan during Derek Aldridge's time as Factor will unconsciously have taken away with them an experience which they will come to remember with gratitude, and thus his devotion to the School will reap its own memorial.

SILVER JUBILEES

We would like to offer our congratulations to Mr C. P. Hewson who will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee as a Master at Strathallan during the currency of this edition (September 1978).

At the same time we feel we must offer our apologies to those gentlemen of even greater fortitude—if that is possible—whose Silver Jubilees we have recently overlooked, namely Messrs. G. West and D. E. Young (both January 1976) and Mr R. A. L. Burnet (September 1976).

R. A. LAMB

Dick Lamb has been killed in Ulster in a motor accident. He was a Captain in the Gordon Highlanders, married and with a baby daughter. He was at Strathallan from 1959 to 1965, in Riley and Simpson.

If one word can describe him it is cheerfulness; I cannot remember ever seeing him angry or even seriously upset. He led an active outdoor life and was on good terms with absolutely everybody. He was serious about what needed taking seriously, which included his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and any strenuous activity that called for individual effort. He fenced for the School and was always first to put his name down when there was the chance of a climb in the hills or a night out in a tent.

When he left us he joined the Army and from there badgered his way into Sandhurst. As an officer he was doing well and was studying for a place at the Staff College before he died.

We send our deepest sympathy to all his family. He was a Strathallian we were privileged to know.

D.E.Y.

From Major A. C. Millar, R.A.E.C.

'I did get to know Dick quite well in the year or so I knew him and I should like to record in *The Strathallian* something of his splendid bubbling character.

'I was lecturing and tutoring in Lisburn on a course which Dick was attending on the day of his accident and his death was a blow and a great shock. He was one of a small group of Strathallians, all in the Scottish Division, I helped to prepare for their Staff/Promotion examination and I was privileged to have him as a friend and a student. By no reckoning was Dick studious yet he worked consistently and with determination.

'Of course he will be terribly missed by his family and in the Gordons but he will be remembered by all who ever met him as one of the happiest, most vital and charming of persons: it was a pleasure to have known him and a tragedy he had to die so needlessly.'

CHAPEL NOTES

On February 27 we had our first Joint Confirmation Service. As Presbyterians and Episcopalians worship together and join in one another's Communion, it seemed in some ways a pity that they should be confirmed separately. Some doubts were expressed before, and some (though fewer) afterwards, but on the whole the joint service was judged a successful innovation.

The following were confirmed as members of the Church of Scotland:

A. C. B. Baird, G. G. Baird, K. C. Brown, K. C. Burton, J. B. Callander, C. B. Campbell, A. E. Fairley, J. T. Gow, E. M. Grant, G. C. W. Grant, J. M. Grant, J. C. Herd, G. L. H. Kinder, W. G. McFarlane, F. A. Macmillan, G. R. Millar, A. A. Muir, J. G. Pollock, C. N. Raeside, I. R. Robertson, M. S. Ross, D. A. M. Smith, J. P. Stewart and D. J. Usherwood.

The following were confirmed as members of the Episcopal Church by the Bishop of St. Andrews:

D. J. Bain, J. H. Bradshaw, A. L. Mackay, M. A. McNeill, N. J. C. Parker, N. W. J. Scott, B. W. Steele, N. A. Stone-Wigg and G. Dobbie.

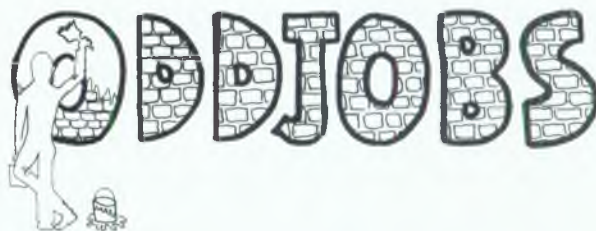
The following preached in the Chapel during the year:

The Right Rev. Michael Hare-Duke (Bishop of St. Andrews), the Very Rev. Dr. John A. Fraser, the Very Rev. Thurstan Irvine (St. John's Episcopal, Perth), the Rev. G. Stewart Sharp (Forgandenny), the Rev. Uist Macdonald (Aberdalgie), the Rev. Ian Miller (Madderty), the Rev. J. Stein (Dundee), the Rev. Dan O'Connor and the Rev. Brian McKean (Anglican and Roman Catholic Chaplains to St. Andrews University), the Rev. George Hall, the Rev. Professor W. McKane, Mr Brant Copland and Mr Keith Hall (all of St. Mary's College), Professor Douglas Gifford (University of St. Andrews), the Rev. George Buchanan-Smith, the Rev. David Weekes and Mr Michael Lester-Cribb (all of Fettes), the Rev. Philip David (Loretto), the Rev. Ladd Fagerson (Rannoch), the Rev. Alan Reid (chaplain elect), the Rev. Stewart Lamont (B.B.C. Edinburgh), General Sir Derek Lang, Brother Donald (Society of St. Francis), the Headmaster and the Chaplain.

Another school magazine recently commented on 'the decline in congregational singing which is so dismal a feature of most School Chapels these days.' If that is correct, Strathallan is most admirably out of step. With minor ups and downs the congregational singing here remains a vigorous delight.

Once again our thanks go to Dean Irvine for preparing Episcopal candidates for Confirmation and for conducting Communion Services; also to Mrs Burnet and her helpers for providing the flowers in Chapel every week.

W.N.M.



January 1977

Lower Sixth—Gardner, R. A. (L); MacDonald, I. D. (S).

IV—Gallacher, J. C. (R); Murchie, S. W. (L).

III—Barcroft, J. T. (L); Barlas, A. D. (N); Dobbie, R. K. (L); Drysdale, A. T. (R); Lascelles, J. (N); Mackenzie, G. F. G. (N); Muir, P. L. (R); Potts, A. M. (R).

Riley—Martin, R. L. (I).

April 1977

III—Dagg, M. G. M. (L); Dunbar, A. J. (L); Staley, M. H. (L).

Riley—Anderson, A. S. (I); Burnie, C. N. (I).

September 1977

Lower Sixth—McConchie, D. R. (S); Self, A. E. R. (S).

V—Hooper, A. J. P. (N).

IV—Beano, H. S. (L); Bisset, S. (F); McClung, T. F. (F); Niedermair, P. E. (F); Subhi Saydeh, M. (L).

III—Baxter, R. T. (S); Brabbs, S. J. (S); Chalmers, G. D. (S); Downie, W. Mcl. (R); Edwards, G. D. (S); Eglington, R. D. (L); Fleming, A. (N); Gordon, L. W. (N); Hamilton, W. R. (R); Hedges, G. B. (L); Hyne, C. (F); Kingan, J. J. (N); Levick, F. S. (N); Lewis, J. S. (N); Logan, J. W. J. (S); McDougall, J. (L); McKee, P. J. (N); Macmillan, F. S. (F); McNab, I. R. (S); Patidar, V. (R); Phillips, S. K. (R); Reed, K. (L); Reynolds, D. J. M. (F); Rose, W. A. B. (S); Smellie, K. S. (N); Sime, K. J. (N); Stone-Wigg, M. C. (F); Taylor, A. J. (S); Wallace, G. K. A. (F); Wilshaw, P. J. (R); Wordie, W. E. (S).

Riley—II—Drysdale, A.; Hamilton, M. J.; Smith, R. M.; Taylor, A. N.

I—Allardyce, C. A.; Baillie, G-D. E.; Bell, D. C.; Biggart, D. A.; Brown, D. W.; Brown, G. M.; Chapman, J. H.; Cumming, J. G.; Hamilton, R. S.; Henke, C. A.; Johnston, K. M.; Johnston, T. W.; Knight, D. I.; Knox, R. K.; Lawson, G. J.; Logan, R. M. R.; MacLeod, J.; McMurray, D. A. G.; Martin, D. J.; Mitchell, S.; Moore, M. K.; Patidar, S.; Reid, A. G.; Reid, R. G.; Russell, P. J.; Sinclair, G. C.; Terrett, G. R. G.; Uprichard, D. E.; Watson, I. D. S.

1977 has been a year of considerable change in the bursarial staff, the principal change being the combination of the previously separate Bursar and Factor posts. The Bursar now controls these functions through the new appointment of Clerk of Works. The post has been filled since 1st June 1977 by Mr Campbell Hamilton. He and his wife and family are now established in Upper Jesmond.

Mr Hamilton arrived in at the deep end, in more ways than one. Work was beginning on the improvement of comfort standards in the dormitories (carpets, individual lockers, curtains and wall pictures); on the upgrading of the old study block (Freeland and Simpson) to bring its standard of furnishing up to that of the other study blocks (revamped study rooms and prep. rooms; refurbished brewing rooms; floor tiling; carpeting, curtains and new furniture in the common rooms and general redecoration); and the creation of three new music practice rooms from the old 'boot' rooms. To add to his problems, considerable repairs were found to be necessary to the ceiling of the swimming pool. The dormitory improvements will be a continuing programme over the next year or two but the work on the study block, music practice rooms and swimming pool had to be done during the summer holidays. This left very little time for the work necessary but 99% was completed on time—due to the enthusiasm and hard work of Mr Hamilton and his staff. We welcome him to Strathallan and hope that the remainder of his stay will be a little less hectic than his first three months. Welcome also to his wife, son and daughter.

Mrs Isla Logue, our accountant, left us on August 31st. We were sorry to see her go but she left behind her immaculately maintained accounts. She leaves us with our best wishes for the future. She was replaced on October 31st 1977 by Mrs J. B. Forbes who is a resident of Perth and was formerly with Tayside Regional Council. We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Forbes.

ONE FOR THE RECORD

1976—the 'year of the drought' became the wettest on our record;

—from the end of September 1976 to mid-March 1977 was our most prolonged wet period;

—October 1976 was the wettest month we have had (177.8 mm or 7 inches);

—except for March, every month from January to October was warmer than average;

—the midsummer period, June, July and August, was the warmest in our experience . . . even warmer than the 1975 heat-wave;

—December was the coldest month in the last 9 years (0.3°C).

Now for this year's blessings!

So far it has been a more average year, although the detail shows variations. Beginning cold in January and February, it turned very mild in March, but cool again in May and June. July saw a good recovery being well above average for the third successive year.

This year will see the end of our first decade in recording climatic readings for the Meteorological Office. In terms of British Isles' climate, ten years is not long enough to calculate meaningful averages, but perhaps a trend can be detected: we shall see.

Meanwhile the following figures show that 'record' year of 1976 compared with long-term Perth averages:

Temperatures (°C)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apl	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Range
Perth	2.8	3.1	4.4	6.9	9.9	13.2	14.6	14.1	11.8	8.0	5.0	3.0	11.8
Forgardenny	4.1	4.5	4.1	8.3	10.5	14.7	16.6	16.0	12.1	8.9	4.5	0.3	19.6
Rainfall (mm.)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apl	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Perth	63.5	58.4	63.5	45.7	55.9	48.4	73.7	86.4	55.9	73.7	73.7	81.3	780.0
Forgardenny	54.8	36.9	69.4	31.7	112.8	25.2	38.5	8.7	102.0	177.8	77.8	93.8	829.4

N.F.P.

SECOND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

In September 1973 an Appeal was launched for £80,000 to help fund the provision of two purpose-built Senior Houses, improvements to Riley House accommodation and some conversion within the main buildings. To date 512 Old Strathallians, parents and friends of the School have subscribed a gross sum of £93,513.

The two Houses were completed in September 1976 and are occupied by Nicol and Ruthven and, in addition, the old Study Block has been modernised. The first phase of the improvements to Riley House has also been completed and music practice rooms within the main building will be ready shortly.

It has been decided to terminate the Appeal Campaign at the end of September 1977. This does not mean, however,

that the Appeal Fund is closed; a large sum has still to be provided from the School resources and donations will always be welcome.

On the termination of the previous Appeal Campaign a Final Report and List of Subscribers were published and 2,300 copies were posted. In view of what this would cost today, it is considered that the money would be better spent on the purpose for which it was donated and no Report will therefore be issued. On behalf of the Appeals Committee and ourselves, we wish to thank most sincerely all the helpers who worked so hard at the outset of the Campaign and all those who contributed to the Fund for their support and generosity.

Lord Kincaig,
Chairman of the Appeal Committee.



The year that's awa has had much to commend it, not least our new found space upstairs and downstairs, and with next year bringing a complete facelift of common room, prep. room, studies and whatever else belongs to the House, it will be a very different Freeland that greets old and new in September.

All this has been much appreciated and so too has the success on the games field. The boxing cup remains on the sideboard for another year. Boxing has its detractors as a House activity, but it is one of the few where the contribution of the less talented counts for as much, or almost as much as that of the skilled, and with over a third of the House involved (tactfully manipulated by A. H. Cumming!), it is a particularly pleasing trophy to win. A. J. Cuthill won a medal, whilst A. N. W. Hyne, N. J. McCarroll, F. A. Macmillan and T. J. Morton all reached the final.

Skill with a racquet, be it tennis or squash, is very much in evidence at the moment. In addition to retaining the tennis and junior squash cups, the House also won the senior squash with R. A. Stone-Wigg winning the individual. K. W. Macmillan, besides being captain of the School team, was yet again runner-up in the senior tennis whilst N. A. Stone-Wigg won the junior and gained his School colours along with C. R. M. Smith.

D. Sim and E. W. Hamilton played some stylish cricket for the 1st XI, the athletes, notably J. Cuthill and R. A. Smith, had a good season (with the House achieving over 150 standards), and so did our skiers, ably led by C. A. J. Baillie, suddenly

appearing from nowhere to come second in a Competition that has for so long seemed the prerogative of others. The shooting team conscientiously prepared by C. R. M. Smith achieved a score good enough to win in four out of the last seven seasons, yet this year had to be content with third place.

But it was in the major winter sports where some of the most telling contributions were made. The hockey team bristling with first and second eleven players, inspired by W. D. Gibson and A. W. Ferguson, deservedly won the cup; they also won the indoor six-a-side in the winter term and our rugby XV after some years in the wilderness, came so near this time. Despite missing five key players in the final, urged on by an emotional and vociferous support, they held Ruthven at bay for long periods of the game, only for lack of forward possession to tell in the end. Nevertheless M. F. Eastwood and J. Cuthill deserve the greatest credit for bringing us so close. They along with Ferguson more than earned their 1st XV colours. Finally our league teams retained their remarkably consistent record: being cheerfully led by M. T. Manson in both cases they again finished runners-up in rugby and hockey.

So much for the winners; there were of course a few losers as well—our sailors fifth again, if only those other boats had not pinched our wind, or our junior cricketers who started modestly with totals of 3 and 14, progressing in time to almost professional respectability of 72 and 85! There wasn't a lot of talent there, but they were not short on enthusiasm and anyway didn't somebody once say something about taking part being the thing that mattered most!

Our musicians enjoyed themselves; the orchestra in particular under B. W. Steele (in between his notable efforts in the Young Scientists of the Year programme) produced a sound that was almost musical. G. A. M. Gerrard deservedly won three major prizes and along with K. J. Crawford and R. A. Smith, played an important part in 'The Italian Straw Hat.'

All in all it has been a full year: at other times the House has done some fishing (with considerable success judging by the regular flavours from the fridge!), watched a fair amount of television, broken a few windows and even occasionally done some work. In fact, most of the exam candidates have worked very hard; I only hope the examiners agree.

I end with my customary but nonetheless sincere thanks to the prefects, in particular to Martin Eastwood and Mark Manson, for all their hard work and support over the year. May they and all the other leavers have every success and happiness in the future.

M.B.

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LEBURN



HEAD OF HOUSE:

F. G. Macadam.

PREFECTS:

D. A. M. Smith, P. A. Hill,
A. B. Caithness, R. G. Galloway.

CAPTAINS OF SPORT AND ACTIVITIES:

Rugby	F. G. Macadam
Hockey	J. D. McIntosh
Squash and Golf	P. A. Hill
Ski-ing	G. J. McEwan
Shooting	A. T. Henderson
Boxing	D. A. M. Smith
Athletics and	

Cross-country	R. G. Galloway
Cricket	E. F. Jackson
Music	A. B. Caithness

and A. T. Henderson
Sailing R. J. W. Morton

Tennis A. B. Caithness

Swimming T. R. Waterbury

HOUSE COLOURS:

A. B. Caithness, R. G. Galloway,
P. A. Hill, D. A. M. Smith.



A thin top, a big middle and an average bottom is not, I hope, a realistic description of my ailing self but certainly it is an apt description of the distribution within the House over the year. In spite of the obvious disadvantages of having a very small Upper Sixth group—four in all—the House has flourished and more than held its own on the games and cultural sides of School life.

A swift resume of some of the individual and team achievements is in order and, chronologically(?), the teleprinter review of the year goes as follows: 'N. L. Gardner named Dux of the School . . . swimming team beaten in a challenge match against Cairnies House (Glenalmond) . . . juniors win league rugby . . . F. G. Macadam awarded 1st XV Colours . . . G. Dobbie and D. J. Watson win boxing medals . . . juniors lose to Ruthven in Junior House match final . . . we win House Music Cup again . . . D. J. Watson wins Junior Cross-Country and Leburn second overall in House competition . . . we win House Shooting Cup . . . A. T. Henderson wins individual shooting cup . . . juniors lose 3-2 to Freeland in Junior House squash final—G. Strommen wins individual junior squash cup . . . 'J.D.' awarded 1st XI Hockey Colours . . . P. A. Hill awarded Physics and Chemistry Prizes on Speech Day and F. G. Macadam the Houston Prize . . . we win House Golf Cup . . . P. A. Hill wins Club Championship . . . we share Sailing Cup with Nicol . . . we win Athletics Cup for the first time ever on Sports Day . . . A. F. R. Galashan and G. R. Millar win the junior and middle Victores Ludorum respectively . . . T. N. Hamilton awarded IVC form prize . . . lots of third formers win lots of subject prizes . . . A. B. Caithness wins individual tennis cup for second year running.'

I feel that we have in the main made the most of our resources and this of course must always be the aim. The music continues to be as strong as ever and this is most encouraging. Athletics and Cross-Country is another area in which we have excelled this year and our success was due not only to the excellent efforts of the stars but also to the determined efforts of the supporting cast—truly a team effort and certainly one of the highlights of the year.

I wish all the leavers success and happiness in the future and my thanks to them all for their contributions to House life, and in particular to the departing prefects.

Quentin Davidson's death in a road accident just before Christmas, a few months after leaving School, came as a great shock to all of us, and as I write this my thoughts once again turn to his parents who have had to bear the burden of the tragedy. We will remember Quentin and the good times he enjoyed during his Leburn days.

H.C.A.

HOUSE CAPTAINS OF SPORT:

Rugger	Knox
Hockey, Cricket and Squash	Yellowlees
Athletics	Parker
Boxing	Cleland
Cross-Country	Jamieson
Ski-ing	Benzies
Swimming	Shaw and Evans
Tennis	Evans
Sailing	McLaren
Golf	Smellie
Shooting	Shaw
Music	Mitchell and Parker



The resident Masters have lost the view from their dining-room and now have the pleasure of looking onto a row of study windows fitted with binoculars and ear trumpets, eager to catch the latest School gossip. The occupants of study number 6 can tell who had a second helping of what, and who told the loudest story of the week. Conversely the patient Masters, Matrons and Staff are getting used to eating to the noise of Punk Rock.

The Housemaster has stolen the view, and, by careful planning on the architect's behalf, has the windows facing away from the noise as well.

We are learning to turn right-angles down the path from the dining-hall and skate down the steps in winter; we are learning to carry the dustbins away every night—or most nights; Mr Glimm is learning to correct to the happy hum of conversation and cooking in the brewing-room; the Housemaster is learning which door to go to when the bell or buzzer rings. All round, the House settled very happily indeed into the new block and we feel very much at home there. There is the lovely feel of carpet beneath the feet—even in one dormitory, though the cry 'Why haven't you got your slippers on?' is still to be heard. More care has been taken generally, but there is still a long way to go in respect of property. Plugs continue to disappear down the plug-hole when the water swills away, and chairs break themselves.

The House teams tried well in almost every sport, and enjoyed the games circus organised in the poor weather of the Spring term. For the first time in years there was skating on the pond. We did best in ski-ing, sailing and junior cricket, where we came first, and did well in boxing, middle cross-country and some individual athletic performances. Otherwise we fell victim to Ruthven in most matches, except that with a strong effort at the end of the Summer term we managed to beat them in the window-breaking stakes. Of the 65 boys in the House 35 represented the School in a XV from 1st to minor Colts.

We were shocked that J. Shearer was knocked down by a car in December coming back from an interview (not from Kilgraston this time), and wish him a full and speedy recovery. It was a new experience for many masters to act as a scribe for exams. N. Parker was a TV star in the Young Scientists of the Year, and R. Cunningham, his parents and brother will feature in the School film. A. Jamieson as well as running the House became the organiser of official activities with the Convent, and J. Cleland did particularly well with the boxing team. G. Mitchell gave a real lead in hard work and A. Shaw will have pictures in the Foyle's Art Show, as will Seriniyom, Turnbull, J. M., Bigham and Yellowlees. K. Evans actually spoke to Prince Charles and Bain, MacKay, A. L. and Hastings with other members of the Pipes and Drums were looked at by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh on their Silver Jubilee visit to Perth.

S. Knox and Robb left during the year and 17 others are leaving, or probably will. I thank them all for the various ways in which each has contributed to the life of the House in authority, games, work, in the social sphere and in the Choir, Band, Orchestra and other clubs and societies, all of which add up to a full School life.

We feel very lucky to be in the new accommodation, and generally it has been a happy year in the House. We look forward to next year when we will have a more balanced senior end of the House again, with confidence.

RUTHVEN

HEAD OF HOUSE

D. M. N. Gillanders

PREFECTS

D. T. Hay, C. B. Biggart,
D. P. A. Graham, K. C. Marshall,
B. W. Parker, D. T. Ross,
A. O. Inglis, D. S. Muir.

HOUSE COLOURS

D. T. Hay, D. M. N. Gillanders,
D. P. A. Graham, B. W. Parker,
C. B. Biggart, A. O. Inglis,
W. M. Potts.

CAPTAINS, etc.

Rugby	D. T. Hay
Hockey	D. T. Hay
Cricket	D. T. Hay
Athletics	D. M. N. Gillanders
Boxing	D. T. Hay
Swimming	B. W. Parker
Cross-country	B. W. Parker
Ski-ing	D. J. MacIver
Shooting	I. D. Cameron
Sailing	D. S. Muir
Tennis	K. C. Marshall
Golf	D. T. Hay
Squash	W. M. Potts
Music	D. M. N. Gillanders



It seems a long time ago now, but there was considerable excitement that September evening when the School returned and the new Ruthven block came to life. Within hours those cell-like studies had taken on a new existence, as fitted carpets, colour matched curtains and cushions, and reasonably decorous decorations of all kinds were installed. The transformation was rapid, the lights went on—and all the fuses blew! Ah well—teething troubles. Over the following weeks we gradually established new routines, and with good co-operation at all levels things went pretty smoothly. Life was made more comfortable and enjoyable by all manner of gifts; and to those who gave us refrigerator, billiard table and accessories, cupboards and curtains we express our sincere thanks.

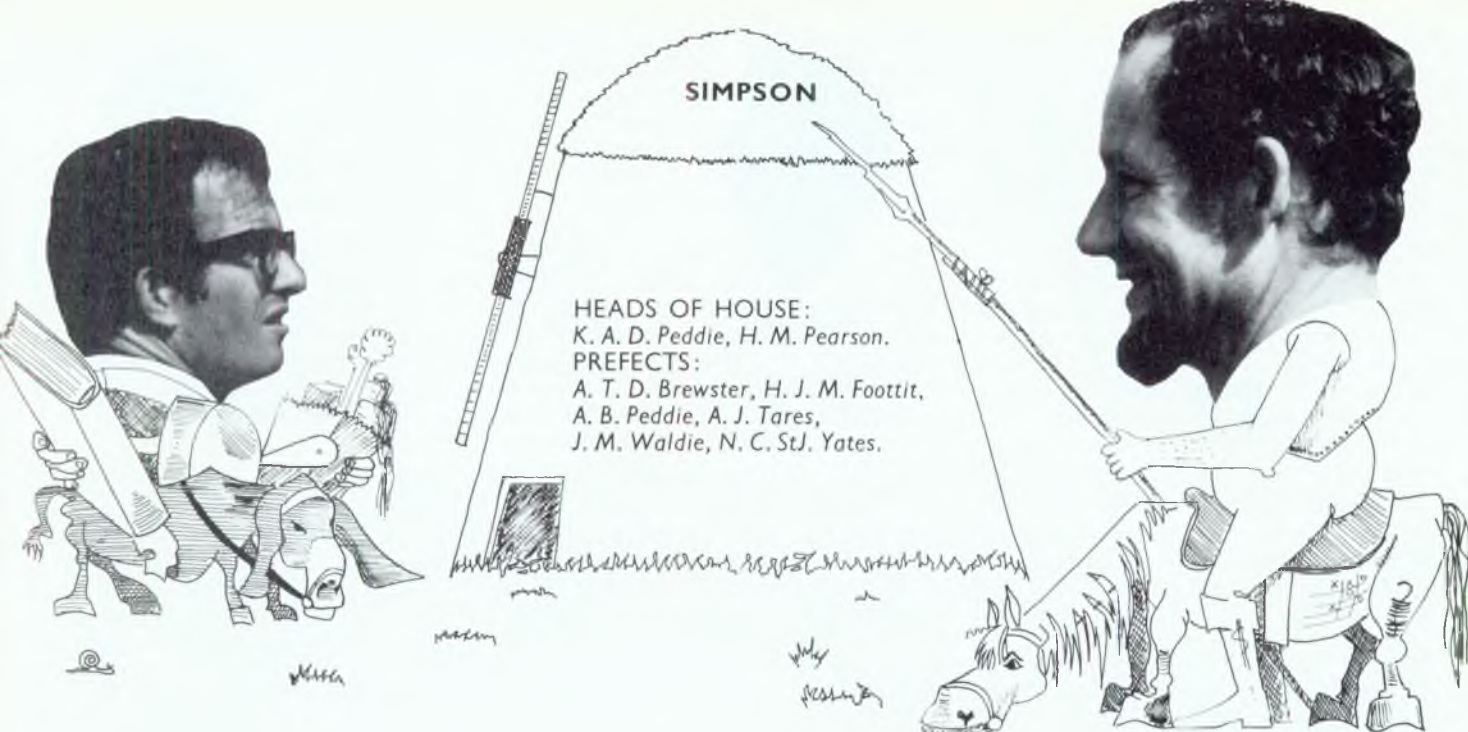
So we began the year on a high note, and this has been well sustained. Scholastically we haven't had too many 'firsts'—although Bruce Biggart did collect three prizes on Speech Day—but I am certain that far more work was done in the House this year, particularly in the Upper Sixth, than was the case in the last year across the way. Musically we are still in the doldrums, despite all the fine efforts of Donald Gillanders; but our pipers and drummers had a vintage year, winning all the solos. In sport we have had a marvellous time. We won the Senior Rugger, beating Freeland on the field and Leburn, Nicol and Simpson on the touchline, the Junior Rugger, the Senior League and the Hockey League; and we were narrowly beaten in the Hockey Final by a fine Freeland side, despite Donald Hay's non-stop flow. Congratulations to Donald Hay on his second year in the International Hockey squad, and on winning the Campbell Award. But what gave me most pleasure in the sporting scene was our 'double' of the Cross-Country Cup and the Rowan Cup for Standards. These two cups more than any other are won by the House as a whole, with a majority of the boys in the House playing an active part.

I could not have asked for a better bunch of prefects than we have had. Duties have increased substantially over the year, particularly with the extra load imposed by the cafeteria system, but they haven't grumbled—much—and they have been invaluable in making the new set-up work. Donald Gillanders has been an outstanding Head of House, when released by by Metro-Galloway-Monteith, and it is sad that this year we say goodbye to the third and last Gillanders and Hay simultaneously.

Broken windows: latest score: Nicol 4, Ruthven 3.

At £6 a time that's an expensive game. Far better value is the Ruthven Tie, at only £2, available from me—post free—to any former member of the House. It's really quite smart, and you will do House Funds a bit of good at the same time.

D.A.R.W.



It's a pity there isn't a cup for the House with the largest number of juniors, for we could have had few challengers. Equally we fancied our chances of the Scandinavian Salver, but sadly that too is non-existent. As it was, we spent the year watching trophies disappear one by one and having nightmares at the thought that the senior cricket competition might be resurrected and Hugh Foottit might get injured before Sports Day. Fortunately neither of these eventualities occurred, so some silver polish is still needed. Despite the lack of competitive success though, the House remained in good spirits.

However, if collectively we have little to show for our efforts, a number of individuals have distinguished themselves in the School and wider fields. Kyle Peddie, apart from being Head of School, captained the XV and was a member of the Scottish Schoolboys pool; Alex Brewster captained the hockey XI and was awarded a schoolboy 'cap' at Easter; Hugh Foottit was captain of both cross-country and athletics and duly won the senior Victor Ludorum on Sports Day, and Hugh Pearson was captain of swimming and also managed to display unusual sartorial elegance when doing 'lights out.' Lower down Angus MacLeod achieved the rare distinction of captaining the Junior Colts in all three major sports. Away from the games field, David MacLachlan collected the Biology and Music prizes on Speech Day, Hugh Pearson the Geography fieldwork prize, and Douglas Megson and Guy Kinder took the two Art prizes. Art seems to flourish in the House—we are particularly well represented in the exhibition at Foyles.

The rebirth of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme has kept the younger members of the House well occupied with activities and expeditions. It does appear that part of the training for the latter involves advice on location of camp sites—if your Housemaster is coming out to visit you in the dark, make sure that he has to cross a bridgeless river at least twice to find you!

Last year I looked forward to the greater space available in the study block, and certainly the extra room, particularly the additional studies, has been very welcome. Parkinson's Law is beginning to apply though, as for the second year running we have more new arrivals than leavers, although we haven't yet reached the stage of needing elastic walls. By the time these notes appear, the newcomers will already have been welcomed to the House, and those departed will, I hope have found their feet in new surroundings—to the former, may I add my formal note of welcome, and to the latter, may I say farewell and, I hope, au revoir!

A.M.P.



This has been a second year of transition and change in Riley. After last year's change of Housemaster, in itself a major upheaval, we have this year had a change of matron, which is possibly even more important, as well as two changes in the House tutorial staff. To take the latter first, we are absolutely delighted that Mr Dutton consented to leave Nicol and return to Riley for a second stint as House Tutor. His experience and enthusiasm have proved invaluable, and he was very largely responsible for the success of the cricket XI, of which more anon. In passing, I would like to record everybody's delight at the arrival of little Susannah Dutton, whose cheery smile has often been seen around the House. We welcome, too, the arrival of Mr Hosking, from Australia, as House Tutor for two years. He is living in Mr Hewson's old rooms, and, apart from responsibilities for Big Dorm and practice balls, he has taken a keen interest in squash, chess and many other activities. He is a distinct asset. Mr Pennie's stay has, alas, been all too brief, but he has done wonders with the Rugby and Athletics, as well as taking much interest in all House affairs. We wish him all the best at Lomond School. We have also welcomed as Matron Mrs Rankine, who has quickly overcome her lack of experience in schools like Strathallan and has settled in most capably and efficiently.

Turning to the most important part of the House, the boys, I feel I have to record some slight disappointment. We still have more than our fair share of happy and delightful boys, and on the whole there has been a pleasant and helpful feel about the House. They have been no more untidy, ill-mannered or mischievous than any other group of boys of the same age—indeed rather less so. And yet I am saddened by the fact that there is prevalent an immaturity, a reluctance to accept responsibilities. This is, I fear, a feature which has grown more evident throughout the years I have been here. A house cannot function at its best without good prefects, or Dorm Heads as we call them in Riley, and they are becoming increasingly hard to find. We live in an age where the tendency of the young is more and more to be entertained, especially by T.V., than to entertain themselves; to expect help rather than to give it, and to take from life more than they put in. It is a malaise not at all restricted to here, I am sure, but this past year has provided plenty of evidence of it.

Not that there are too many shortcomings among the boys in achievements and results. A great deal of very hard work was done in the classroom by most boys in most subjects, and I have certainly no complaints there. More positively, the outstanding achievements of the House this year were a performance of Robert Bolt's 'The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew' in the Gymnasium, and the unbeaten run of success enjoyed by an exceptional cricket team. Nobody would claim that the play was a perfect production or in the first league of prep. school-age performances, but Riley, so far as I know, have never done a play before and it was really a marvellous effort on the boys' part to make such a good attempt at it as they did in such a short time. The producer had rather overestimated the time available and underestimated the amount to be done, but what eventually appeared on stage was a very creditable performance. Some of the acting was understandably tentative and showed lack of experience, but there were many good performances from individuals, for example John Lindsay as a peasant and Douglas Kane as a most lifelike magpie. Supreme over them all, however, was Greg Powrie in the title role, who produced a very robust, enthusiastic and dynamic performance and was the dominant personality on stage. The play and the cast were very well supported by Mr Dutton's fireworks, and invaluable assistance was given behind the scenes by three Seniors, Messrs. Galloway, McLaren and Elkins, as well as all those responsible for costumes, make-up, props, etc., to whom I here record insufficient thanks.

The cricket team's performances really were outstanding and well up to the high standards of recent years, during which Riley has lost twice since 1972. We were fortunate indeed in having inherited from other schools some very fine talent, and they, in turn

encouraged and inspired the 'home-grown' members of the team. They won all their matches, and were really only hard pressed by Lathallan, in a marvellous Prep. School match. Lathallan made 103, and, when Riley were 6 for 3, things looked ominous, but there was a splendid recovery, led by John Coleman and Graham Roger, and a thrilling 5-wicket victory ensued. Throughout the season the batting was solid, the bowling penetrative, and the fielding quite outstanding. Andrew McKenzie-Smith was captain, and although often failing with the bat, was still a very useful bowler. John Coleman made many useful runs, including 61 not out in that match against Lathallan, and was easily the most penetrative of the bowlers, proving too fast for most of his opponents. David Robson made one or two good scores, and bowled really well at times. Other promising cricketers were Russell Kilpatrick, Graham Roger and Graham Archer.

It would be pleasant to be able to record a better Rugby season but, despite some very promising play at times, the XV were unlucky to lose one or two matches they might well have won, and finished up by winning only 2 and losing 5. This was rather less than they deserved, for Mr Pennie had infused great spirit into the team, and they were probably one of the better Riley sides of recent years. After a deceptively easy win against a very small and inexperienced Beaconsgrange XV, they were disappointing against Fettes, who were undoubtedly the better team on the day. This was followed by two surprising results, for we then lost to Belmont House and defeated Larchfield, the second time the former has happened, and the first time the latter. We looked ahead to the second half of the season with some confidence after the Larchfield result, but this was misplaced, as we lost in succession to New Park, Craigflower and Clifton Hall. The strength of the side lay in the loose play, for the forwards were very quick around the field and capitalised well on opposition errors. They were backed up splendidly by Peter Niven at scrum half, who proved himself to be the most consistent member of the side. The biggest weakness was the inability to take chances, which was particularly evident against Belmont House, when we had 75% of the play, but could not score.

The hockey season was rather a mixed affair. After a very creditable draw against Clifton Hall, who had scored 11 goals against us in the previous season, the side lost most disappointingly to Fettes—again, the inability to take chances cost us dearly. There followed a triumphant success against a very young Craigflower team and a well-fought-out draw with New Park. The team was particularly well served by the defence, in which the backs, Moray Hulme and Graham Archer, proved a strong and reliable pair.

Away from the games field, building improvements have continued, slowly but surely. The strip-room received a much-needed lick of paint, and generally was spruced up, and there seems a good chance of it being tiled before long. Drumfinn dormitory was the first to receive the luxurious treatment of being given a carpet and curtains and a completely new look. It is hoped that all the dormitories will have followed suit by next year. Not only did Drumfinn have greater comfort than the others but, not surprisingly, was selected as the dormitory to be filmed at the end of term conducting themselves in pursuits both legal and illegal. The bill for torn sheets will be sent to the film director! The library remains well-used, though the advent of the second-hand bookshop has curtailed its activities, at least until the novelty wears off. Shooting, squash, the art and pottery rooms and particularly the carpentry have all been very well patronised throughout the year, and we are especially pleased that some of our offerings will be on show at Foyle's this year.

It merely remains for me to wish all leavers, in the Senior School and elsewhere, all the best in the future.

M.J.E.W.

RESULTS

Rugby

October 2	v. Beaconsgrange Grange (H)	Won	28 - 0
October 9	v. Fettes (A)	Lost	0 - 11
October 16	v. Belmont House (H)	Lost	0 - 8
October 19	v. Larchfield (H)	Won	18 - 6
October 26	v. New Park (A)	Lost	3 - 14
November 13	v. Craigflower (H)	Lost	6 - 16
November 27	v. Clifton Hall (H)	Lost	0 - 26

Hockey

February 26	v. Clifton Hall (H)	Drew	1 - 1
March	v. Fettes (H)	Lost	1 - 2
March 10	v. Craigflower (A)	Won	10 - 0
March 15	v. New Park (A)	Drew	0 - 0

Cricket

May 14 (H)	Larchfield 47 (D. A. Robson 6 for 15) Riley 48 for 3	Won by 7 wickets
May 17 (H)	Riley 155 for 5 dec. (D. A. Robson 61) New Park 81 (D. A. Robson 5 for 30)	Won by 74 runs
May 21 (A)	Lathallan 103 (J. A. R. Coleman 5 for 33) Riley 104 for 5 (J. A. R. Coleman 61 n.o.)	Won by 5 wickets
May 31 (A)	Riley 147 for 7 dec. Belmont House 41	Won by 106 runs

June 18 (H)	Riley 118 for 7 dec. Craigflower 40 (J. A. R. Coleman 6 for 11)	Won by 78 runs
June 28 (A)	Croftinloan 42 (J. A. R. Coleman 5 for 4) Riley 45 for 2	Won by 8 wickets
July 5 (H)	Riley 134 (J. A. R. Coleman 62) Ardreck 36	Won by 98 runs

2nd XI

May 17 (A)	Riley 114 for 3 dec. New Park 34	Won by 80 runs
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Athletics

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Time/Distance
100m	Roger	Lightbody	K. L. Biggart	14.1
200m	Lightbody	Roger	Coleman	29.1
400m	Roger	Coleman	MacLellan	63.5 (record)
800m	Roger	Coleman	MacLellan	2'36.0"
1500m	Roger	MacLellan	K. L. Biggart	5'15.7"
				(new event)
High Jump	Roger	Fairbairn & Roger	MacLellan	1m30
Long Jump	Lightbody	Roger	Coleman	4m30
4x100m	Islay	Drumfinn	Big Dorm	57.6"
Relay				
Victor Ludorum: G. Roger.				

SPORTS

RUGBY

Kyle Peddie and Stuart Knox were the only colours to remain from the previous season and both proved their worth to the team throughout the season. Unfortunately, this was not quite good enough to gain full recognition by the Scottish selectors—both, however, were selected as travelling reserves for the Scottish Schoolboys matches. It was obvious that the team had some attacking potential but there were serious limitations in defence. Unlike the 1975/76 season the team was not plagued by injuries and so was able to settle down much more easily. The season opened a little earlier than usual and so there were a number of positions and problems to be sorted out in the first match against the Strathallan Club. A beautiful try by Foottit, after a set move in which Ferguson came into the line and created the space for the wing to score, opened the account. This was followed by a try from Knox and a penalty by Cuthill and at 11-4 it looked a strong position for the School. However, in the last quarter of the game the weight and experience of the Old Strathallians turned the tables.

In torrential rain we faced Perth Academy with only two changes—Cleland being promoted and Yellowlees moving into the back row. In the end three penalties by Cuthill was a satisfactory result. The same team appeared against Glenalmond and seemed for the first quarter to have the measure of this young but talented side, and a 3-7 deficit at half-time was poor reward for so much possession. The second half was to be a different story with Glenalmond running rampant against a side which was allowing too much freedom to the opposition and not tackling early enough. This was certainly the 1st XV's worst performance although, in my opinion, it was not the best side we played.

The Rannoch match proved to be very entertaining with six tries scored by Foottit, Eastwood, Yellowlees, Potts and Cuthill (2) with three conversions. Again the side showed it was vulnerable to strong counter-attacks and this was a feature which was to recur throughout the season when concentration and effort were at a low ebb. Macadam had replaced the injured Knox for that game and it was decided to move him into the second row instead of Gillanders with Knox fit against Fettes. A very tense struggle ensued against the Edinburgh side. Poor marking was responsible for giving Fettes an easy score and this roused the School forwards who began to dominate and get tremendous possession. It was from loose play and either second or third phase possession that we scored one of the finest tries of the season, with Ferguson again coming into the line to create the overlap for Foottit. With a penalty each the score stood at 7-7 until late in the second half when, after a determined piece of play, Fettes won a loose ball near the line and scored near the post.

The same side was selected to play against the Edinburgh Academy. The forwards as a unit played extremely well and Knox had a superb game against the Scottish schoolboy line-out jumper and also in the loose. Unfortunately the backs were not as finely tuned and we had to be satisfied with two penalties from Cuthill and a draw. The next match was to be an historic one for the School—the first time the 1st XV had beaten Loretto at Musselburgh. The whole team played well and the margin could and should have been greater had we seized the chances which we created in the first half. A good individual effort by Foottit for his try and conversion by Cuthill was poor recompense for the superiority but it was good enough to gain the long awaited victory.

The final game before Half-Term was against Lancaster Royal Grammar School. In my opinion this was probably the best side we met all season and it was a measure of how much the School XV had improved that had Cuthill (usually very safe) not missed a penalty in front of the posts at 6-12 during a period of sustained pressure, the score-line could well have been different. However, it proved to be invaluable experience in preparation for the Merchiston match. Unfortunately Yates, who had caused all his opposition props considerable discomfort and who was just reaching peak fitness, had his appendix out at Half-Term and had to be replaced for the remainder of the season by McLean. The only other change was to promote Sim. Merchiston were defending an unbeaten record and certainly, in the early stages, they looked a powerful if unimaginative and dull unit. Once the School forwards began to get into the game after the first quarter Hay, who had one of his best controlled games, kept

driving Merchison back. A penalty by Cuthill was followed by a tremendous rally before half-time and it seemed that Yellowlees had crossed the line—unfortunately a scrum five was awarded and in the dying minutes of the game Merchiston were able to do a Houdini act and escape 3-4. Again the whole side had played magnificently and none more so than Ferguson who, having been promoted from the Junior Colts at the beginning of the season, was beginning to show great coolness and ability.

It was decided to promote Ogilvie for the Keil match; the only other change was enforced by illness with Sim moving to full back and Foottit returning on the wing. in fact it was Ogilvie's ability to break from the scrum which led to one superb try by Cuthill who, after an uncharacteristically quiet start to the season, was now playing as a winger of his calibre should. He got another try, two conversions and one penalty and Sim, Foottit and Smellie got one try each. Unfortunately from an impregnable position of 27-3 everyone relaxed and Keil were allowed to score 16 points in as many minutes before the final whistle.

Despite this lapse the mood was right for the Morrison's Academy match. The first half produced some good attacking rugby and again had we taken all the chances created the second half would have been a formality. From a comfortable School lead at half-time, Morrison's took advantage of our slack play and scored 16 points to go ahead; finally it took a penalty by Cuthill to draw the game. After this disappointment it was pleasing to see the School take advantage of some good possession and score five tries (Cuthill, Brewster, Sim, Ferguson and Ogilvie) against Gordonstoun. Cuthill's kicking again added useful points—4 conversions and 1 penalty. Ogilvie proved in this and in the following games just how much he was learning about the scrum half's role.

The Dollar Academy match was a much tighter game but probably a more satisfying victory because for most of the first half we were under considerable pressure. However, two penalties by Cuthill and a try by Yellowlees converted by Cuthill gave us a narrow but, in the end well-earned, victory. The final game before Christmas, due to bad weather, was against King's School, Parramatta (Sydney). This very big Australian side managed to snatch victory in the dying seconds—Cuthill having scored our only points, four penalties.

This year the rugby season did not end at Half-Term because the Seven-a-Side was revived and with the great effort and co-operation of James Cuthill we had one or two outings per week. With the incentive of a competition just after the end of term there was an added keenness and without the rugby/hockey players to rely on it was a credit to the skill and determination

of the players and reserves that we won our first ever Seven-a-Side competition at Perth Academy. The team was as follows: Cumming, Peddie, Smellie, Ogilvie, Sim, Eastwood, Cuthill (Captain); reserves were Tares who replaced the injured Smellie for the final, and Millar. Smellie and Eastwood, who had played throughout the season for the 1st XV, showed in this competition how much they had matured as rugby footballers and Sim, with three tries in the final, also showed that he is going to be a very useful player next season.

Once again the 2nd XV lost only one game and proved this year to be the most successful side; the very good spirit and determination of the side was no doubt fostered by their coach, Mr Du Boulay, and their captain, Bruce Biggart. As mentioned last year, the 3rd and 4th XV's are finding competition very stiff with the new age groups but the 5th XV returned from Glenalmond in high spirits with their first victory for some years. The Senior Colts with a very strong pack did not quite have the support behind to capitalise on their tremendous possession; nevertheless they only lost twice. The Junior and Minor Colts had reasonably successful seasons but neither were as good or as successful as last year.

Overall the impression is a good one and my thanks must go to those coaches who give their time, enthusiasm and ability to make this possible. Also in such a busy season with three visiting teams, I would like to thank all those behind the scenes and especially Mrs Plizka, who cope with all the usual chores as well as accommodating visitors.

B.R.



RESULTS

1st XV (School matches)

v. Perth Academy	won	9 - 0
v. Trinity College, Glenalmond	lost	3 - 26
v. Rannoch School	won	30 - 12
v. Fettes College	lost	7 - 13
v. The Edinburgh Academy	drawn	6 - 6
v. Loretto School	won	10 - 3
v. Lancaster Royal Grammar School	lost	6 - 16
v. Merchiston Castle School	lost	3 - 4
v. Keil School	won	29 - 19
v. Morrison's Academy	drawn	19 - 19
v. Gordonstoun School	won	31 - 14
v. Dollar Academy	won	12 - 8
v. King's School, Parramatta	lost	12 - 13

(Club matches)

v. Edinburgh Wanderers Colts	won	19 - 14
v. Strathallian Club	lost	11 - 20

Schools: Played 13, Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 5

Points for 177, points against 153

All matches: Played 15, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 6

Points for 207, points against 187

2nd XV

v. The Edinburgh Academy	won	4 - 0
v. Rannoch School	won	54 - 0
v. Fettes College	won	3 - 0
v. Trinity College, Glenalmond	lost	3 - 21
v. Loretto School	won	16 - 0
v. Merchiston Castle School	won	14 - 6
v. Keil School	won	66 - 4
v. Morrison's Academy	won	12 - 10

Played 8, Won 7, Lost 1

Points for 172, points against 41

3rd XV

v. The Edinburgh Academy 4th XV	won	42 - 0
v. Queen Victoria School 1st XV	lost	4 - 46
v. Fettes College	lost	0 - 34
v. Trinity College, Glenalmond	lost	3 - 18
v. Loretto School	won	9 - 3
v. Merchiston Castle School	lost	6 - 17
v. Dollar Academy	lost	13 - 16

Played 7, Won 2, Lost 5

Points for 77, points against 134

4th XV

v. The Edinburgh Academy 5th XV	won	16 - 14
v. Fettes College	lost	10 - 54
v. Trinity College, Glenalmond	lost	3 - 22
v. Loretto School	lost	4 - 13

v. Dollar Academy

won 22 - 6

Played 5, Won 2, Lost 3

Points for 55, points against 109

5th XV

v. Loretto School	lost	0 - 20
v. Trinity College, Glenalmond	won	6 - 4

6th XV

v. Trinity College, Glenalmond	lost	0 - 32
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Senior Colts XV

v. Perth Academy	won	21 - 0
v. The Edinburgh Academy	lost	3 - 12
v. Rannoch School	won	12 - 0
v. Fettes College	won	6 - 0
v. Trinity College, Glenalmond	drawn	0 - 0
v. Loretto School	won	14 - 0
v. Merchiston Castle School	lost	0 - 7
v. Keil School	won	62 - 0
v. Gordonstoun School	won	18 - 3
v. Dollar Academy	won	7 - 0

Played 10, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 2

Points for 143, points against 22

Junior Colts XV

v. Perth Academy	won	54 - 0
v. The Edinburgh Academy	won	13 - 12
v. Rannoch School	won	28 - 3
v. Queen Victoria School	won	6 - 3
v. Morrison's Academy	won	28 - 0
v. Fettes College	lost	0 - 10
v. Loretto School	lost	8 - 12
v. Merchiston Castle School	lost	8 - 10
v. Glasgow Academy	won	18 - 4
v. Dollar Academy	lost	4 - 6

Played 10, Won 6, Lost 4

Points for 167, points against 60

Minor Colts XV

v. Perth Academy	won	14 - 0
v. The Edinburgh Academy	lost	6 - 46
v. Rannoch School	won	54 - 4
v. Queen Victoria School	won	38 - 0
v. Morrison's Academy	won	58 - 0
v. Fettes College	lost	0 - 7
v. Loretto School	won	34 - 4
v. Merchiston Castle School	won	6 - 0
v. Glasgow Academy	lost	0 - 8
v. Dollar Academy	won	20 - 10
v. Lathallan School 'A' XV	won	14 - 6

Played 11, Won 8, Lost 3

Points for 244, points against 85

CROSS-COUNTRY

The season was opened with a match against our local rivals Perth High School and Perth Academy at home. We were overall winners with Foottit, Roger and MacIver coming first in their respective age groups. Our only overall home defeat of the season was against Rannoch in our second match which was held in drizzly conditions. The Under 13 and Junior age groups were both beaten. However, due to the special efforts of MacIver, Morris, Foottit and Galloway the Senior and Middles won. Glenalmond entered a Senior team.

Our next match was against Merchiston at home. We won by the convincing margin of 22 points in a near gale. Our fourth match was away at Dollar Academy on their tough, demanding course. Both the Senior and Middle teams won with Parker, Galloway and MacIver running well. Despite this, Dollar narrowly won due to good wins by their Junior teams. The penultimate match on our cross-country

calendar was at Kirkcaldy against Kirkcaldy High School and Balwearie High School which we narrowly won on completing their very flat course. However, this match was marred by an acute shortage of markers. The last inter-school match of our season was against Craigmount, Portobello, Fettes and George Heriot's in Edinburgh. The Juniors shared first place and Parker ran exceptionally well to come fourth in a tough race.

A new cross-country trophy was introduced this season which Foottit won by half a breath from Galloway after a demanding 8-mile course with Parker coming third. This ended a very good season in which the Seniors remained unbeaten; what a pity we did not compete in the Scottish Schoolboy Championships.

Inter-house Cross-Country results:

	Senior	Middle	Junior	Overall
1.	Leburn	Nicol	Ruthven	Ruthven
2.	Ruthven	Ruthven	Leburn	Leburn
3.	Simpson	Leburn	Simpson	Nicol

Cross-Country colours were awarded to: B. W. Parker, R. G. Galloway, H. J. M. Foottit.

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HOCKEY

1977 was one of the most successful seasons of recent years. Throughout the School only five games were lost, three times as many goals were scored as conceded and three teams had 100% records. There was a marked improvement in basic skills as a result of enthusiastic practice in the sports hall in the earlier part of the year, particularly through the use of the Rose Award scheme. There is now such interest in indoor hockey that an official House competition will be held next winter term for a trophy generously presented by W. D. Gibson.

The 2nd and Senior Colts XI's had the best results. The seconds dealt capably with all opposition and it was a pity that more of their talented players could not be given 1st XI experience. The Colts were a well-knit, physically strong side and conceded only one goal (except when faced by an amazingly skillful and slow masters' side). The Junior Colts were skillful but less successful, lacking aggression in attack.

The 1st XI was the best for several years. With A. T. D. Brewster and D. T. Hay, both of whom gained Scottish Schoolboy caps, leading the way the side developed into an efficient free-scoring combination. The backs were sounder than last year, Yellowlees playing forcefully and R. J. Brewster providing an air of unflappability. The youthful goalkeeper, McIntosh, improved as his confidence grew and he has still to reach his peak. The strength of the side was founded on the midfield play of A. T. D. Brewster and Ferguson. The latter has exceptional natural talent and Brewster's experience and astute distribution were the ideal complements. As outer halves Inglis, Cunningham and, at Oxford, Baird, made up for lack of speed with intelligent positioning. The forwards depended a little too much on the stickwork and mobility of Hay but Stone-Wigg showed some fine touches and Gerrard and Gibson were always looking for openings.

After a warm-up fixture with Morgan Academy F.P., which produced a glut of goals in the pouring rain, and the cancellation of a new fixture with George Watson's College, the 1st XI easily overcame Rubislaw Academy on a slippery Thorny Shades. In Perth the Academy, much weaker than in recent years, were also soundly beaten by fast, direct hockey suited to yet another

wet pitch. Gordonstoun provided a better surface but a strong cross-wind and slope forced play to one side of the field. Through defensive errors and occasional good stickwork Strathallan were 4-0 up ten minutes into the second half, but the halves began to tire and, although another goal was added the game finished much more evenly. Excellent hockey was played in the first half against Loretto but simple chances were missed through undisciplined shooting and the lead was only 1-0 at half-time. Hay added another but Strathallan relaxed and a goal from a quickly taken free-hit put Loretto back in the match. The last minutes were tense but Strathallan gradually reasserted themselves. Despite a poor performance against a Perthshire H.C. XI, when a comfortable lead was allowed to slip, the 1st XI played well in the opening minutes at Fettes. Their superior stick play dominated midfield but when goals did not come the attack became more and more frantic. Fettes crowded their circle, the post was hit twice, there were a couple of scares in the Strathallan goal mouth but the game finished as a frustrating goalless draw.

Before going to the Public Schools Hockey Festival the party played in the Perth Academy Six-a-Side Tournament. The 'B' team just failed to qualify for the semi-finals, but the 'A' six outclassed and outran all opposition to win the trophy.

With short corners on target and Hay in dashing form the Oxford Festival began well with resounding victories over Trent and Dulwich Colleges. The fluent play continued on the second day against a large, experienced Coventry side but the single goal lead held at half-time was not enough. Coventry dominated the second half as Strathallan had the first and despite missing a penalty stroke they were on target when a second was awarded. The afternoon's opposition, Spalding G.S., were strong defensively but not especially constructive and on a good day should have been beaten, but Strathallan, disheartened by Coventry's last minute goal, looked tired and disorganised and slid to their only defeat by a school. The final day saw a much more lively performance on an unfamiliar 'blaze' surface against a speedy Sherbourne XI. Again a last minute goal prevented a win but a draw was a fair result to an excellent game in true Festival spirit. This was a very successful visit to Oxford where the standard of hockey (and beer) is so high.

It was a particularly happy and enthusiastic 1st XI, excellently led by Brewster and documented by secretary Yellowlees. I hope other masters who gave so willingly of their time to take other sides and games enjoyed the season as much as I did.

J.N.F.



Teams

1st XI

A. T. D. Brewster* (Captain), M. J. Yellowlees* (Secretary),
D. T. Hay*, A. W. Ferguson*, J. D. McIntosh* (G-K),
R. A. Stone-Wigg*, W. D. Gibson*, R. A. Cunningham*,
A. O. Inglis†, I. F. Gerrard†, R. J. Brewster†, A. C. B. Baird†,
K. A. D. Peddie.

*Full Colours.

†Half Colours.



Senior Colts

I. A. Niven (Captain), G. R. Brown (G-K), A. C. Fairbairn,
J. B. McDougall, A. S. E. Henderson, A. C. Inglis, K. C. Burton,
D. L. Ogilvie, D. I. Bain, A. C. S. Macphie, H. R. Laing.

Junior Colts

C. A. Macleod (Captain), A. A. Thomson (G-K), G. F. G. Mackenzie,
K. I. MacLachlan, R. J. Duncan, C. J. E. Houston, M. Agnew,
D. J. Rourke, D. J. Watson, D. N. M. Craik, B. D. Montgomery,
J. D. Brown, K. W. A. Wood.

RESULTS

1st XI

v. Morgan Academy F.P.	Home	Lost	5 - 6
v. Rubislaw Academy	Home	Won	7 - 0
v. Perth Academy	Away	Won	8 - 2
v. Gordonstoun	Away	Won	5 - 1
v. Loretto	Home	Won	2 - 1
v. Perthshire H.C.	Away	Drew	2 - 2
v. Fettes College	Away	Drew	0 - 0

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v. Trent College	Won	3 - 1
v. Dulwich College	Won	4 - 1
v. Coventry	Drew	1 - 1
v. Spalding G.S.	Lost	0 - 2
v. Sherbourne	Drew	2 - 2

2nd XI

v. Rubislaw Academy	Home	Won	8 - 1
v. Loretto	Home	Won	3 - 0
v. Perthshire H.C.	Away	Won	2 - 1
v. Fettes College	Away	Won	1 - 0

3rd XI

v. Loretto	Home	Won	5 - 3
v. Fettes College	Away	Won	4 - 1

4th XI

v. Loretto	Home	Drew	1 - 1
v. Fettes College	Away	Lost	2 - 3

Senior Colts XI

v. Rubislaw Academy	Home	Won	14 - 0
v. Perth Academy	Away	Won	9 - 0
v. Gordonstoun	Away	Won	3 - 1
v. Loretto	Away	Won	4 - 0
v. Fettes College	Home	Won	2 - 0

Junior Colts XI

v. Perth Academy	Away	Won	5 - 0
v. Loretto	Away	Lost	3 - 6
v. Fettes College	Home	Lost	1 - 2
v. Fettes College (B XI's)	Home	Won	5 - 0
v. Lathallan (A XI)	Home	Won	4 - 0

Record

Played 30	Won 20	Drew 5	Lost 5
Goals for 115	Goals against 38		

House Matches

Leburn 0	}	Ruthven 5	}	Ruthven 1	}	Winners
Ruthven 2		Nicol 3				
				Freeland 1	}	Freeland
				Simpson 0		

House Leagues

Winners:	Ruthven
Runners-up:	Freeland



Ski-ing

I would have liked to have opened this report by saying that it was still possible to ski in Scotland even at this late date. However, it is now the middle of August and later than anticipated. So, armed with golf clubs and cricket bat, I will endeavour to remember the happenings of the past ski-ing season.

The Strath. season started in December with the School trip to Leysin, Switzerland. It was well attended and has been reported earlier.

Back home the snow came early and decided to stay for a change. As a result at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ busloads travelled to Gleshee each week except once when the road was blocked. The weather, as usual, did not fare well. Three of our more adventurous fourth formers, who will remain anonymous, decided to try a run over the back of Carn Aosda which I had once done four years before. Luckily it was sunny then. Visibility reduced to their ski-tips, surrounded by silence, they concluded they were lost. However they kept their heads and were no worse off for their journey.

On the racing front, Ronald Duncan performed extremely well on the Junior Circuit. In the British Junior Championships in Sauze d'Oulx he was 15th in the slalom, 16th in the giant slalom ending up 12th in the combined. He performed consistently throughout the rest of the season. Ken Biggart will be promising if he ever turns up on time.

The qualifying round for the Schools' race was held in Cairngorm and as well as the 'B' team, six others went for some additional training. We were there for the weekend so there was ample opportunity. Our four racers all performed to their capabilities but this was not fast enough and they finished in 9th place. Even those ladies from down the road managed to come 4th. F.S.B. and R.J.D. willingly vorlaufed the 14-gate course.

And so to the Schools' Race on a very soft and bumpy Tiger. Starting at number 7 your correspondent performed nothing short of disastrously, about which I will make no further comment. Ronald Duncan skied well to take 20th place, 7 seconds behind the winner. Mike Yellowlees was unlucky when his binding ripped off completely. He said he was going well at the time but . . . Tony Baillie skied sensibly enabling the team to finish in 13th place—the only consolation being that we don't have to qualify for next year.

The House race was held in conjunction with the North-East (of England) Ski Club Championships and after a delay over communication was run reasonably efficiently. In all there were about 80 racers and with the soft snow some of the smaller racers were so low down in the ruts that they had difficulty seeing where they were going. Nicol were favourites on paper and they proved to be so on snow also. First place went to R. J. Duncan (Nicol) with M. J. Yellowlees of Nicol 2nd. W. A. Kleeman (Leburn) and C. A. J. Baillie (Freeland) were 3rd and 4th respectively.

The Perthshire Schools' Race was held two days later but by then the snow had frozen and conditions were very hard.

The Senior's challenge to retain their title started well with M.J.Y. and F.S.B. taking 2nd and 6th places respectively. However Iain Ogilvie fell and G. J. McEwan could not produce a fast enough time so we were relegated to 3rd place.

The Intermediates appeared a safe bet with R.J.D. taking first place as expected. However the rest faded and the team finished in 2nd place.

The Juniors skied well but were not fast enough, so for the 2nd time, apart from one individual trophy, we left empty handed.

Thanks to the generosity of father and sons Butchart we have a new trophy, aptly named the Butchart Tankard, which will be awarded annually to the Strathallan racer putting up the best performance in the Scottish National Schools' Race. The first name to be inscribed upon it is that of R. J. Duncan.

The following represented the School in various teams at various levels and in various events: F. S. Benzies, M. J. Yellowlees, R. J. Duncan, C. A. J. Baillie, W. A. Kleeman, G. J. McEwan, K. L. Biggart, C. J. E. Houston, I. G. Ogilvie, S. R. Turnbull, W. J. C. Turnbull, A. J. McKenzie-Smith, M. W. Lightbody and D. C. McLellan.

F.S.B.



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SQUASH

Unfortunately, once again, the number of school matches played was very limited and although the club matches generated interest they did not produce the motivation one hoped for in senior squash circles. With a shortage of talent and with few players prepared to work hard to improve their game the standard generally has been disappointing. Our juniors anyway know what they have to aim for after competing against a very keen, fit and competitive Durham School V who played the basic shots well and, all important, made few unforced errors.

It is pleasing to report that squash is now getting much better organised at junior level in the Tayside Region, and the standard in this area will undoubtedly improve rapidly from now on. We are entering the Dundee and District Junior League next year and this should stimulate real interest and provide keen match competition. I hope we will be able to play our part in promoting the growth of the game in these parts and, by doing well in the League, become established as a force to be reckoned with.

This year's Captain, P. A. Hill and R. A. Stone-Wigg, perhaps appropriately the winner of the double-barrelled Vivian-Fairlie Cup, represented Perth and District in a match against Dundee and District in January, and both won their games.

It is good to hear that D. A. Rutherford, J. H. R. Parker and P. J. M. Fairlie are all playing in the top squash league in Scotland. We hope to send out a few more Strathallians to join them soon!

Results

Senior V: Played 8 Won 3 Lost 5

v. Glenalmond	Away	Won	3 - 2
v. Perth Schools	Home	Won	4 - 1
v. Firhill	Home	Lost	4 - 1
v. Perth Ice Rink	Home	Lost	4 - 1
v. Bloodsuckers	Home	Lost	3 - 2
v. Beavers	Home	Lost	5 - 0
v. Perth Ice Rink	Away	Won	3 - 2
v. Strathallian Club	Home	Lost	5 - 0

Junior V: Played 3 Won 1 Lost 2

v. Glenalmond	Away	Won	4 - 1
v. Durham School	Home	Lost	5 - 0
v. Firhill	Home	Lost	5 - 0

COMBINED CADET FORCE

We are now in the era of the jersey Corps. All members of the R.A.F. Section, the last to issue the new dress, have opted to buy their own. All sections look smart in jerseys, though it is not always a very practical dress for the Army Section. Still, camouflaged trousers are on the way.

During the year welcome visits have been paid by Commander Hardie, R.N.R., Captain Turner, Major David du Boulay, and Brigadier Findlay, who as well as being the Highlands Commander has taken over as Schools' Liaison Officer from Brigadier Snowball, to whom our best wishes and thanks go on his retirement. We are also very grateful for the continued help and assistance given by the Tay Division R.N.R., the Cadet Training Team, and HQ Air Cadets Scotland. The Army Air Corps and Royal Signals brought their demonstration teams to the School.

The primary glider has been launched by boy-power and elastic on the Mudflats more than ever before, and the pond has been used extensively for sailing.

Yates N. and Yellowlees spent a half-term on attachment to the Gordons in Northern Ireland and experienced patrolling, and Graham W. W. attended the tough UKLF Leadership Course, and all three survived.

The Pipes and Drums have been in particular demand this year to play at local events in addition to their heavy School programme. They also played before H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh at the Bell's Sports Stadium on the occasion of their Jubilee Visit to Perth, on the 19th May.

Some cadets have taken exams in First Aid and we hope to have an increasing participation with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Places are becoming even harder to get on R.N. camps and courses, but lucky cadets have attended courses and some sea-training week-ends. Sub-Lieut. Clayton is still on the directing staff of the summer R.N. sailing course. Lieut. Dutton took a party of cadets on what is sadly likely to be the last C.C.F. camp in Malta. The R.A.F. Section camped at R.A.F. Benson at Easter, and the Army Section at Proteus Camp, where they took part in rock-climbing, canoeing, watersmanship, shooting, assault course, a night exercise and section training under the excellent assistance of Regular soldiers. In spite of pre-camp gloom those who attended really enjoyed themselves. Others camped in the Lake District eating à la Henderson, and at Loch Earn à la Barratt.

The R.A.F. Section took over the Young Scientist of the Year competition, and no-one could understand why they did not wear uniform on telly.

T.C.G.F.

The following played for the Senior team: P. A. Hill, R. A. Stone-Wigg, I. F. Gerrard, K. W. Macmillan, W. M. Potts, A. W. Ferguson, C. B. Campbell, A. C. B. Baird, J. B. Callendar.

Colours were awarded to: P. A. Hill, R. A. Stone-Wigg, K. W. Macmillan and I. F. Gerrard.

The following played for the Junior team: N. A. Stone-Wigg, A. C. B. Baird, J. D. McIntosh, C. M. McGillivray, R. C. Inglis, G. C. McLean, S. W. Murchie, D. B. Walker.

Senior Champion—R. A. Stone-Wigg.

Junior Champion—G. M. Strommen.

Winners of the Senior and Junior House Competitions: Freeland.
H.C.A.

INTER-HOUSE BOXING COMPETITION

The boxing was entered into with a good deal of enthusiasm this year. The Winter Term saw all the participants being given the basic skills and training. In the Spring Term the real event began. There were some good bouts in the first few rounds but on the whole the best contests came later. Some notable contests were, in the light-welter weight, Spens versus Steedman; in the welter-weight, Wrightson versus Hamilton and, in the light-heavyweight, Fairlie versus Henderson. In the finals there were also some very close contests. Two such bouts were Walker versus Dobbie and Duncan versus Cracknell. Throughout the competition there was a high degree of competitiveness and good sportsmanship was shown by losers as well as winners.

Individual Winners:

Fly	Turnbull	Nicol
Bantam	Cuthill	Freeland
Feather	McGillivray	Ruthven
Light	Duncan	Nicol
Light-Welter	Ogilvie	Nicol
Welter	Houston	Ruthven
Light-Middle	Dobbie	Leburn
Middle	Watson	Leburn
Light-Heavy	Fairlie	Ruthven
Heavy A.	Gallacher	Ruthven
Heavy B.	McLeod, R. R.	Nicol

Winners of the Inter-House Boxing Cup: Freeland.

D. T. Hay.

CURLING

The curling season was rather short this year—it lasted three weeks and consisted of two practice sessions organised by D. T. Hay in conjunction with his uncle, 'Chuck' Hay. So you see we are still in business! The expected challenge from the Old Boys never came so we achieved our first ever undefeated season.

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R.N. SECTION

Coxswain: C. R. M. Smith

P.O. R. A. Cunningham, P.O. D. T. Hay, P.O. H. M. Pearson

This has been a fairly eventful year for the R.N. Section. A particularly keen group of new cadets added vitality to the Section and this, coupled with the enthusiasm of Fleet Chief Curle, gave a much needed boost to morale.

Although we had no general inspection this year we were not in fact let off lightly as the R.N. Section was inspected by Captain and Staff Officer of our parent establishment H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN and the retiring Naval Member, Commander Walton. A closer liaison with H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN was also marked by a considerable amount of sea time being made available and all cadets who sailed on several weekends thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Commander Walton proved in his time as Naval Member that he was a most able administrator and he contributed not a little to ensure the future of the Naval Sections of the C.C.F.

Field Day this year was unusual in that it marked a variation from routine. Three groups of cadets visited H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN, H.M.S. COCHRANE and R.A.F. Leuchars. By linking up with the R.A.F. a more varied programme is possible and it also means that a cadet can visit three establishments during field days.

Once again Strathallan took part in the C.C.F. Regatta at Chatham. Neither A.S.C. nor Bosun crews managed to finish in the top ten. However our young and relatively inexperienced crews gave a good account of themselves in testing conditions of light winds and heavy tides.

The Viking motor-boat was moved to the pond area but sadly, despite the installation of a new engine, not even the CAMPERDOWN expertise could get the starter motor going. An untraceable leak also complicated matters—so with no regret we shall shortly say goodbye to the said boat.

Sailing news is much brighter and the acquisition of a second A.S.C. plus the splendid re-fit of both boats by Rosyth Dockyard has meant much improved facilities. Sailing, in the expert hands of Sub-Lieutenant Clayton and Mr Goody goes from strength to strength. It was unfortunate however that time was not available on Friday afternoons as this year the Summer C.C.F. time-table could not be adhered to. This of course cut down considerably sailing time and made it impossible to go to the Tay. The upkeep of the boats has been excellent and the re-furbishing of the Boat-Hut has helped maintenance.

Although we were unlucky not to be allocated a Fleet Tender, cadets attended camps and courses at H.M.S. SULTAN, R.N.A.S. Lee-on-Solent, H.M.S. COLLINGWOOD, H.M.S. HERON, R.N. Portsmouth, H.M.S. COCHRANE and H.M.S. EXCELLENT.

Sixteen cadets passed R.N. Proficiency and eighteen cadets were rated A.B. A First Aid class was held in the Summer Term as part of the Advanced Proficiency Syllabus. This was much appreciated by senior L.S. cadets concerned and our thanks go to the Red Cross and the R.A.F. Section who also kindly gave instruction on the primary glider.

It was with much regret that we said good-bye in October to C.P.O. Jeffreys from H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN. For some twenty years he has regularly been both a first class instructor and a firm friend to the many boys he has gently coaxed into some semblance of Naval drill. If on any occasion Strathallan Naval Section was congratulated on its turnout this was due in no small measure to his expertise. To both 'Jeff' and his wife we warmly wish a very happy retirement and hope that they will come back to visit us.

The new Naval Member, Commander Duxbury, is to visit the School shortly and we look forward to welcoming him.

Our new N.C.O's for this session are: Coxswain: R. G. Galloway; P.O's: R. G. Walker, I. R. Robertson, M. A. Russell and J. M. Grant.

C.R.M.S. & T.J.M.

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**ROYAL NAVY
OFFICER**

Had the *Strathallian* of Autumn 1959 published its 'Valete' as we now do, one of the entries would have read: 'Campbell, A. D. K. (S). Came 55'; School Prefect; Captain of Shooting 59; Shooting Cup 59; U/O (R.A.F.).'

Alasdair Campbell entered the Royal Air Force as a Flight Cadet of No. 82 Entry R.A.F. College, Cranwell, on January 6th 1960, and was awarded a permanent commission in the General Duties/Navigator branch on December 18th 1962.

After further training at No. 1 ANS, Stradishall, the Bomber Command Bombing School at Lindholme and 232 OCU Gaydon, he joined No. 49 Squadron (Valiants) in February 1964. This tour was cut short by the decision to scrap the Valiant and training courses were completed prior to joining No. 139 (Jamaica) Squadron (Victor Mk 2 Blue Steel) in September 1965.

In December 1968 the last of the Victor Mk 2 Blue Steel force was phased out and Flight Lieutenant Campbell was appointed as ADC to the AOC 1 Group (Air Vice-Marshal R. L. Wade).

In March 1971 he commenced refresher flying training prior to converting on to the Phantom FGR 2 at R.A.F. Coningsby. In January 1972 he joined the reconnaissance flight of No. 54 Squadron prior to the reformation, in April 1972, of No. 41 Squadron in the primary low-level role of tactical reconnaissance.

In July 1974 he was promoted to Squadron Leader and appointed Flight Commander Operations in No. 41 Squadron. In the same year the Headmaster was pleased to accept his nomination as Official R.A.F. Old Boy (OOB) for Strathallan School.

In April 1977 No. 41 Squadron reformed as a Jaguar unit and Sqn.Ldr. Campbell took up his present appointment as Ops 1A at HQ R.A.F. Germany.

He is married to Elizabeth Anne (nee Barrie) and has two sons, aged 13 and 9.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN GERMANY

After the Second World War, the Western Powers hoped for a permanent peace in Europe, but these hopes were frustrated by the activities of the Soviet Union. During the immediate post-war years the U.S.S.R. expanded the Communist sphere of influence in Eastern Europe and the climax of this aggressive policy came in 1948 when Czechoslovakia was seized and Berlin blockaded.

The fear of further Soviet expansion westwards led the Western European countries to seek an alliance with the U.S.A. and Canada to provide a system of collective defence;

thus the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was born, and R.A.F. Germany is part of the United Kingdom's contribution to this very important defensive alliance.

NATO forces in Europe are commanded by the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (SACEUR) who has his Headquarters—SHAPE—at Mons, in Belgium. SACEUR, an American officer, has his command divided into a number of geographical areas, the major area being Central Europe. The Headquarters of the Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT) is presently at Brunssum in Holland. AFCENT has two air elements, the Second Allied Tactical Air Force (2ATAF) and the North and Fourth Allied Tactical Air Force (4ATAF) in the South; R.A.F. Germany is part of 2ATAF, along with Belgian, Dutch and German Squadrons.

The Headquarters of 2ATAF, R.A.F. Germany, the British Army of the Rhine (BOAR) and the Northern Army Group (NORTHAG) are all co-located in the vast headquarters complex at Rheindahlen near Monchengladbach. The Commander-in-Chief of R.A.F.-Germany is also C-in-C of 2ATAF, so he is supported in his R.A.F. Germany role by the Deputy Commander who, in effect, acts as AOC the Command.

In peacetime, R.A.F. Germany is a completely independent Command, but its squadrons train and exercise continuously as part of 2ATAF. The Command is equipped with Harrier, Phantom, Buccaneer and Jaguar aircraft and offers NATO a wide range of roles in which its aircraft can be employed.

R.A.F. GERMANY FRONT-LINE AIRCRAFT



THE JAGUAR

The Jaguar entered service with the Royal Air Force in 1973 and the first aircraft arrived in Germany in April 1975. Two versions are in R.A.F.G. service—the single-seat GR1 and the two-seat T2 which is an operational trainer, but is fully capable of carrying out all the attack missions of the GR1. The Jaguar operates from R.A.F. Bruggen with several squadrons carrying a variety of weapons in the attack role. An additional reconnaissance squadron of Jaguars is based at R.A.F. Laarbruch.



THE PHANTOM

The Phantom is the air defence fighter of R.A.F. Germany and is based at R.A.F. Wildenrath. A two-seater, twin-engined interceptor, the Phantom is armed with four Sidewinder and four Sparrow air-to-air missiles and can also carry a cannon pod. It is capable of speeds of Mach 2 and has a long range capability which can be extended by in-flight refuelling. The Phantom has a very comprehensive radar and navigation/attack systems.



THE HARRIER

The Harrier remains one of the most remarkable combat aircraft in military service anywhere. The R.A.F.G. Harrier squadrons are based at R.A.F. Gutersloh and fly close-support missions for ground forces. Able to operate from forest clearings, roads, fields and any flat open space, the Harrier is able to operate away from fixed bases and is therefore less vulnerable to enemy air attack than conventional aircraft. The Harrier usually takes off with a short forward run to maximise weapons load and after the mission is completed returns with a vertical landing. If required, the Harrier can use a vertical take-off for 'instant' response. It carries a wide range of weapons on five pylons and can also carry two 30mm cannon pods and a camera pod.

THE BUCCANEER

The Buccaneer is a long-range, low-level bomber and equips squadrons at R.A.F. Laarbruch. It has a large internal weapons bay and four under-wing pylons. The Buccaneer is a two-seater aircraft and serves in the overland attack role in Germany and in the anti-shipping role in England. It can carry a very heavy weapons load and fly at tree-top height at high subsonic speeds.

THE RHEINDAHLEN MILITARY COMPLEX

The Rheindahlen Base is one of the largest military establishments in Europe and is estimated to have cost over £15,000,000 to build. It was erected over a period of two years on the 16 acres of the Rheindahlen forest some five miles west of Monchengladbach.

The actual construction commenced in the autumn of 1952 and the first buildings were occupied by the end of 1954. Whilst excavating the foundations it was discovered that the area had been a Roman establishment mentioned by Julius Caesar in 'De Bello Gallico.' There is a 2nd Century cemetery under the officers' mess and the relics that were unearthed at the site showed that the area was occupied in 2000 B.C.

250 years ago the Duke of Marlborough billeted his armies on the site and camp litter found near a pond nearby shows that some Cossacks of the Napoleonic period also camped there.

The fame of the Rheindahlen Military base has spread throughout Europe and during the summer it is quite customary to see coachloads of sightseers passing through as part of their tourist sightseeing itineraries.

Service in Germany is an exciting and rewarding experience. The 'sharp end' is there. The primary task in peacetime is to train for war; we must never forget it.

A.D.K.C.

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R.A.F. SECTION

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Flt.Sgt. K. J. Crawford

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Sgt. F. G. Macadam

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Sgt. D. S. Muir

Sgt. D. A. M. Smith

Cpl. I. D. Cameron

Cpl. R. A. Gardner

Following our usual programme, we devoted most of the Winter Term to proficiency examination work. 23 boys sat Part 2 and 20 passed. 7 obtained Credits and 1 obtained a Distinction. 15 boys sat Part 3 and 12 passed, one obtaining a Credit. These results were not quite as good as usual and this was at least partly due to a change in the form of the examination. For the first time multiple choice papers were used and our results reflected the general trend in the country as a whole. However, all those who failed Part 2 and 3 sat the examination again at the end of the Easter Term and all passed, one with a Credit and one with a Distinction. The N.C.O. Instructors, as usual, assumed responsibility for this work and they certainly put a great deal of effort and enthusiasm into preparing and delivering their lectures. Under the circumstances, I think they did extremely well and showed a commendable sense of responsibility for the task entrusted to them.

During the Easter Term our main task was to fit in some basic training on the primary glider. Mr Ball and Ft.Sgt. Crook from R.A.F. Turnhouse made use of every available opportunity, weather being the limiting factor, for training boys in the assembly and operation of the glider. We also did quite a lot of shooting and most of the Section was put through the Empire Test. We entered a team for the National R.A.F. Shooting event, the Assegai Trophy but, this year, we were well down the list.

Throughout the year, we have taken small groups of boys over to R.A.F. Turnhouse for Chipmunk flying and several senior cadets have successfully completed their gliding proficiency; including Cpl. R. A. Gardner, whose brother completed his Flying Scholarship at the Luton Flying School during the 1976 Summer holidays. Sadly we have not obtained any Flying Scholarships this year although several boys have been down to the Biggin Hill Selection Centre.

Field Day was held last October. It is becoming extremely difficult to organise a worthwhile Field Day for the large number of cadets in the Section. Most R.A.F. Stations are heavily committed and are unable to take the large numbers that we have to cater for. However, this year the R.A.F. and R.N. Sections effected an interchange. Some boys in the R.A.F. Section visited H.M.S. Cochrane at Rosyth and some of the Naval cadets went to R.A.F. Leuchars. I think the arrangement was quite popular. The remainder of the R.A.F. cadets were divided into two groups; one group went to R.A.F. Turnhouse for Chipmunk flying, the other group spent the morning at School using the primary glider and, in the afternoon, visited the aircraft museum at Strathallan Castle. I must admit I breathed a sigh of relief when all the paperwork, telephone calls etc. allowed all this to happen without mishap.

Easter camp was held at R.A.F. Benson, near Oxford. Benson is not a particularly active station but the programme was quite well organised and everybody seemed to enjoy it. The programme included a visit to Oxford and to the R.A.F. Museum at Hendon. There was plenty of shooting, sporting activities, exercises etc., apart from Chipmunk flying and, for some boys, a flight in a VC10. The Queen's Flight is at Benson and this was an interesting visit.

Summer term activities have been rather restricted this year because of a change in the teaching timetable. The primary glider has operated almost every Friday and at other times as well. It looks very much as though we are going to beat the record for the utilisation of this popular training aid. Other activities have included First Aid classes, leadership exercises and some flying at Turnhouse. A few boys spent an interesting afternoon at Leuchars flying the Phantom simulator.

This year we said farewell to Flight Lieutenant M. J. Laundry, the R.A.F. Cadet Liaison Officer. He has now been posted to R.A.F. Cranwell as a flying instructor and I should like to record our grateful thanks to him for all his efforts on our behalf. It is also opportune for me to say how much we have appreciated all the help given to us by Ft.Sgt. Jim Crook. Most Fridays throughout the year he has been at Strathallan and it would be quite impossible to list the numerous ways in which he has helped the Section. Happily Jim Crook continues as our Liaison N.C.O.

Finally it remains for me to thank all our own N.C.O.'s for their hard work, loyalty and enthusiasm during the past year. One of these days I'm bound to make all the wrong people N.C.O.'s!

P.A.B.



Help!

ADVENTUROUS TRAINING LAKE DISTRICT—MARCH 1977

Thirteen intrepid mountaineers (or so we thought!) assembled in the Robertson Lamb Hut at the head of the Langdale valley on a raw March evening. Conversation that night was more concerned with the distance to the nearest town and its accompanying facilities rather than finding a new route up Pavey Ark. And when next morning dawned dull and grey to be followed by a rather cheerless tramp over the Langdale Pikes, many probably wondered just why they had chosen this particular form of torture with which to start their Easter holidays.

But soon things got better: Mr Henderson's inspired cooking—who says prunes aren't good for you!—plus the horror movies and chips in Ambleside helped, so too did the remarkable change in the weather. The wind went into the North, snow fell on the tops, and the hills and valleys found again that marvellous mixture of colours that is Lakeland in the Spring. Two groups led more or less successfully by A.M.P. and M.B., with additional guidance from D.N.F.P., found their way over Helvellyn, Bowfell, Blencathra and Conistoun Old Man, often in high winds, always in sunshine. Added to that we all survived a night under canvas and the map reading eccentricities of Wrightson, Schofield and others.

So in the end a week passed all too quickly for some and even if not quite ready for 'Everest—The Hard Way,' most admitted to having enjoyed themselves, especially when the day's walking was over and one could boast about how tough and difficult it had been!

The undermentioned came, saw and survived: C. H. Dewhurst, F. W. Macmillan, K. W. A. Shepherd, D. Guthrie, J. N. Jones,

N. J. Mackay, R. M. Mitchell, D. Ogilvie, T. A. Wrightson, A. S. E. Henderson, J. M. Goodbourn, W. M. MacGregor and R. H. Schofield.

M.B.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Community service continues to thrive at Strathallan and the boys in the Social Service section have spent much of their time in and around Perth with the old and young. Some of the activities undertaken by the group were:

Swimming instruction given to children from Scone Home.

Joint Carol Service with the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Kilgraston, for the senior citizens of the area.

Building a greenhouse for the Adult Occupational Centre, Blairgowrie.

Decorating the houses of senior citizens in Perth.

Street collections in Perth for the United Nations, Women's Aid, the Earl Haig Fund, the Queen's Jubilee Appeal Fund, Red Cross and the Samaritans.

Visiting senior citizens in Strathtay Home.

Sponsored walk to St. Andrews to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Two Wine and Cheese parties—the proceeds for group funds and local senior citizens.

Gardening and painting at the Haven for Battered Wives. Newspaper collection.

Gardening for senior citizens in Forgandenny.

Visit to King's Theatre, Edinburgh, with Scone Children's Home to see 'Sleeping Beauty.'

Several of these events are described elsewhere in the magazine.

It is gratifying to see the enthusiasm and energy expended in the many projects undertaken. This is a reflection of the concern for others outside our own school community and the personal enjoyment gained by individuals involved.

J.B.B.

The money collected from the sponsored relay race held by the School in 1974 has helped six Swazis through their education. Some are still at school and others have moved on to higher education.

Three of the students being assisted are: JOYCE MKWANAZI has completed her schooling and is in her final year at the Nazerene Nursing School, Manzini.

ERIC MHLANGA has completed his 'O' level course in Swaziland and is now training for O.N.C. in engineering at Derby Technical College in England.

PHINEAS MABASO, now sitting 'O' levels at Mhlatane High School, Piggs Peak.



SPONSORED WALK

Towards the end of the Spring Term Mr Brown announced one mealtime the possibility of a sponsored walk to St. Andrews. The response was very good and names of volunteers flowed in to house representatives of the social services. The date was finally set for Sunday 24th April, the first Sunday of the Summer Term, and sponsor sheets were handed out to the boys to be filled in during the Easter holidays.

We came back to school on the Tuesday morning and were soon looking forward to our outing the next Sunday. The walk was only for Sixth Form boys and the original number of volunteers, forty, was considerably reduced to twenty-nine by another Sixth Form privilege—Higher exams! As a result, the remaining boys, except for four, were all from the Lower Sixth.

Sunday morning came and after an early breakfast we all assembled opposite the chapel. Groups of six boys were to set out at ten minute intervals in order to cause least inconvenience to traffic. However, it was a beautiful, sunny, still morning and enthusiasm was abundant, so organisation was largely spurned by the boys and groups of about six set out over roughly ten minutes and everybody had left the School by 9.15 a.m. Groups were roughly by houses as six boys participated from Nicol, Freeland and Ruthven houses, seven from Leburn and four from Simpson.

Even though it was a light-hearted event, we were still Strathallan schoolboys so a uniform was worn; striped rugby jerseys to be seen, blue jeans for comfort and either corps boots or training shoes for blisters. Initially our convoy was about a quarter of a mile long with a master's car at the front warning oncoming traffic and the School's Land Rover at the rear, both carrying violently coloured posters and moving slowly with the walkers. For the first part of the walk spirits were high and with the thought of a day out of school the pace was quite fast; we did the first five miles in about an hour. Two boys couldn't afford to miss a day's fitness training and so trotted past the convoy wearing athletics kit, and this stretched us out a bit.

The route avoided the busy straight stretch of the Edinburgh to Perth road and wound round some back roads. This was much safer but proved to have its drawbacks. The people in the middle group could see neither the front car nor the Land Rover at the rear and ended up amongst the spaghetti junction works near Bridge of Earn. Mr Brown dutifully chased after them in the Land Rover and directed

them back to the road; even though there was only one way. We had to join the main road to St. Andrews at Abernethy going through Cupar, Dairsie and Guardbridge to St. Andrews.

Throughout the walk different masters took turns driving at the front and back of the trail of boys which drew out more and more with time. By about eleven o'clock sore feet had taken the place of excitement in a lot of people's minds and the pace began to become more reasonable. Mrs Brown and Mrs Swain helped in a very big way by handing out orange and biscuits in a lay-by to boys as they came by in the morning and in the afternoon. That and lunch kept us going. During the walk Mr Brown in the Land Rover drove from first to last of the groups which covered a few miles, checking that nobody wanted picking up, and also that nobody was taking an extra short walk for a little not so light refreshment.

We were to be met at St. Andrew's Cathedral by the Headmistress of St. Leonard's School and the first two runners arrived at four o'clock. I've never been interested in history, but I must admit that I was quite eager to see that cathedral. The group I was in picked up speed as we approached the last corner; we eagerly turned the corner and there it was—the gates locked and scaffolding lying in heaps on the grass! We followed the road and turned into St. Leonard's a little further on. There we congregated in a room where the smell of freed feet was, er, noticeable. Tea was served here but the weather had been, and still was, so hot that it was not quite appreciated to its full value. The last group arrived at about 6.15 p.m. and everybody walked the full thirty-two miles except for two who were picked up about seven miles from St. Andrews. At 6.30 we were taken back to School by bus and on arrival the sanatorium filled up quite quickly with tired and aching bodies.

All the money was collected in after the half-term holiday and the total was £494, nearly £200 more than speculated in a local newspaper that published an article. Although everybody made the same effort, the amounts collected by boys varied enormously, the most collected by one boy being £70 by K. D. Evans who was therefore selected as the School representative to be presented to H.R.H. Prince Charles on his visit to Perth on June 10th. Money for two deep-freezers at the Cathkin Houses was given to the National Children's Homes and the rest, £250, was given to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund.

Our feet are still recovering, but all for a good cause.

CAROL SERVICE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, KILGRASTON

This year two alterations were made to the conventional service of nine lessons. The first was that three of the readings were supplemented by the equivalent passage taken from a modern translation and the second was that a bidding prayer was said in the service.

On the day the air of festivity was increased by the lying, but by that time melting, snow. Some of the sixty guests arrived by car but most by coach. The service was unannounced and the singing led by a joint choir of Strathallan's tenors and basses and Kilgraston's sopranos and altos. The lessons were read by a mixture of people, both young and old; the three modern passages were read by two Riley boys and a Kilgraston junior.

After the service tea and biscuits were served to the guests, after which they departed, again by coach.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Sixty boys have been working towards their Bronze Award and two commenced their Gold Award work.

Service courses were provided by the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association, the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Tayside Police Force and lifesaving instruction was given in the School swimming pool.

As most boys follow a full sporting programme at School, they had little difficulty in satisfying the requirements of the Physical Activity section.

During the Summer Term practice expeditions preceded qualifying ones. With examinations at the end of term many boys have not yet submitted their reports, but in general the groups all arrived at the right place on schedule with just a few unscheduled blisters. There is cause for satisfaction in that no complaints were received from landowners. This is most important, as good relations with landowners are essential if we are to cross their land again.

Most boys had the opportunity to follow some hobby or interest. Those who wished to canoe were unable to do so but hopefully can start next year. It was in this section of the Award that progress was not as expected. A shortage of supervisors and a lack of effort on the part of some boys meant unsatisfactory results.

We look forward to seeing some boys work towards their Silver Award while they are in Form IV and then progress to the Gold Award.

K.R.H.

THEATRE VISITS

'The Birthday Party'—Harold Pinter.

Our first visit this year took us to the MacRobert Centre in Stirling University.

The cast consisting of no more than six persons managed to keep the audience enthralled throughout all three acts of a previously much criticised play, although it was revived in 1964 and its merit has since been recognised. The performance of the actors was of such worth as to produce all the suspense, tension and humour portrayed by Pinter in this play. The inevitable questions of 'what was the play about?' and 'who were the two strangers?' did not emerge until the play had ended, the audience being too involved in the action presented on stage before them.

Uncertainty and threatened security are the themes of the play and by way of a sharp dialogue of non-sequiturs Pinter illustrates reactions of not only his characters to certain situations, but also his audience. In this way it would appear that the audience's involvement in the play was maintained, although this particular performance received something of a mixed reception.

H.M.P.

'The Importance of Being Earnest'—Oscar Wilde.

A party of 37 boys travelled to the Dundee Repertory Theatre on November 26th to see Oscar Wilde's comedy. For the majority of the party it was to be their first experience of Wilde's highly sophisticated humour. The play took rather a long time to get off the ground; this was because neither of the actors playing Algernon Moncrieff and Jack Worthing were particularly suited to their parts which required much more polish and style than they were able to give them. They tended to gabble their lines with the result that the audience was given very little chance to show their approval. However with the arrival of some fresh characters, the situation was saved and the play became more enjoyable. The star attraction of the evening's entertainment was the arrival of the Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D., played by John Dullimore who with his curious laugh and whole style of deportment was an extremely comic figure from the moment he appeared. The culminating effect that was experienced by all was that the play was well worth watching and that it had scored high in respect of entertainment value.

G.A.M.G.



After a light involvement in school and amateur productions David Rymer embarked on a teaching career and began to put his fanatical but purely consumer orientated interest in national theatre to more practical use as a producer of school plays. His interest never stemmed from a literary expertise but purely an interest in the techniques of drama. After some 15 school productions in 12 years as a schoolmaster ranging from Whiting, Goldsmith and Shakespeare to Denis Cannon, Gilbert & Sullivan, and bedroom farce in which he explored thrust stages, theatre-in-the-round and open air work (much of it at Strathallan between 1960 and 1966) he began to make links with professional theatre in Perth and Dundee. On moving South this led to involvement in the financial management of Arts Festivals and then was appointed to the Board of York Theatre Royal in 1967. He became its Chairman in 1972 after leaving teaching and entering University administration. In 1973 he joined the Boards of Harrogate Theatre and Billingham Forum Theatre and was appointed to the Drama Panel of the Arts Council of Great Britain in December 1974. In this capacity he has served in working parties looking at many companies and claims to have visited every regional theatre in England as well as a host of small companies. At times he feels his University work is almost part-time but still, despite an average of 3 theatre visits a week, claims to be a lay consumer or 'just a theatre fanatic!'

Subsidy

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Theatre

British theatre in the last decade has been passing through an exciting phase of experiment and change comparable to the periods in Germany in the late 20's and early 30's. Much of this has possibly been relatively unnoticed by the man in the street but we have seen a complete change in the pattern of regional theatre, the emergence of small scale touring theatre from its label as the experimental and fringe theatre to a highly respected place in the profession and the development of the major national companies and a greater consciousness of the role of 'political' theatre.

After the inevitable period of confusion, over-provision and the need to attempt some sort of perspective in assessing standards for these developments, the measure of subsidy in theatre has been redeployed and expanded and a more settled pattern has emerged from the metamorphosis. The current economic restrictions have created problems for commercial and subsidised theatre alike but have resulted in a period of stability and consolidation, despite the ever present threat of closure of theatres due to economic pressures. There seems now to be a happy marriage between the 'building based' theatres and the companies which tour their product and a healthy respect for each others work.

The commercial theatre has begun to exploit the potential of working more closely with the subsidised theatre and it is now common for subsidised houses to mount jointly with the commercial companies high quality touring product. Triumph Theatre Productions' touring 'The Taming of the Shrew' with Arts Council subsidy, or the Albery Management in London taking successful productions from the National (Equus) or the Royal Shakespeare Company (Wild Oats) into their houses for commercial sums which benefit both managements are examples. This pattern has enabled the commercial theatre to survive without total recourse to the ever popular light comedy or farce and to present a more balanced choice to London theatregoers.

In the regions the emergence of major new regional

buildings which embrace small auditoria in addition to the main house (e.g. Leicester, Birmingham, Sheffield, Leatherhead, Colchester or Salisbury) have assisted the regions to offer a more varied programme and house the major touring companies for drama, opera and ballet at regular intervals. Much of the valid criticisms levelled at our major national drama companies who take such a large sector of public Arts Subsidy is now being dissipated by underlining their responsibilities to the regions. The recent experiment of taking the entire two theatre repertoire of the RSC from Stratford to Newcastle for five weeks points the way to giving the regions a chance to see the major national companies without the touring costs of weeks here and there which are now so punitive. The opportunities for regional companies to be seen at the National Theatre further exemplifies this awareness.

The emergence of the small companies pioneered by groups like 7:84 in Scotland and the Joint Stock Company, Hull Truck Company and the many others in England has enabled far more new work to be attempted which encourages new writing for the theatre and offers increased opportunities for the theatrical profession as well as enabling theatre to successfully attack its solid middle class support and break through the resistance barrier of many of the working class communities of our conurbations. This has been much assisted by the heavily subsidised Theatre in Education companies working in schools and with young people. It is still very difficult to encourage many people in a city like York (which surprisingly is a predominantly working class community) to cross the threshold of a building seen as a middle class fortress where one had to 'dress up' to feel at home. At last new locations in pubs, clubs and arts centres are being explored successfully and new audiences built up. For this invaluable development the smaller touring companies can rightly take most of the credit and have done so at great personal sacrifice to the dedicated participants. This is the emergence of the fashionably termed 'community' theatre.

Theatre historically has survived through the sacrifice and dedication of its very poorly paid actors and staff and this still largely remains true although Unionisation and lack of management perception (many theatres are run by totally lay or regrettably often disinterested Boards of Management) are gradually bringing about better recognition and greater efficiency.

Theatre now is a profession with much broader opportunities but still very hard to break into. A three-year

training still gives no guarantee of employment in the profession as 'Equity cards' are carefully restricted and difficult to acquire. Regional companies for example can issue only 2 or 3 new 'Equity cards' (essential before you can work) per year. Alas, directors are still able, though perhaps increasingly less prone, to abuse this and award a card for promise on the casting couch!

Political theatre has always been with us, but with the increase of subsidy it is more controversial now and there is the danger of local authorities of one hue withholding grant from companies of another hue. On the whole those advising the Arts Council take the view that any vital theatre is partly political and has an important role to 'protest' and so be relevant in the current age. Whilst political affiliation or content is acceptable always providing the quality of the work is maintained, it is less acceptable to subsidise companies who have as their sole motivation a political objective, but that political motives are not in themselves reasons for withholding subsidy. In the end many highly politically motivated companies are their own worst enemies, playing only to audiences already convinced and so the ability to draw an audience who must be increasingly encouraged to pay something, will ultimately determine their success.

This is, then, an exciting time to be involved in the theatre, one in which there is greater scope for new writers, new techniques and wider choices are opening up. However, one of the perpetual aspects of involvement in drama is its precariousness and the inability to take some of the gambles or risks are part of its excitement. A totally safe and secure theatre would be dull in the extreme. The need for paring back costs has had some remarkable side effects not least the exploration of collaboration, highly effective stark (and cheap) settings for productions and a proliferation of high quality small cast productions, the development of more democratically run ensemble companies and a determination to draw additional money from the supplanters of the old personal patron, by an intense interest by industry, local authorities and the like whose views must be respected but never allowed to totally subjugate artistic freedom by crying, 'He who pays the piper . . .'. The justification for subsidy must be to preserve a wide range of provision, preserve high standards and quality, open up theatre in new venues and all this at a cost the man in the street (the ratepayer and taxpayer) can afford. However, the theatre-goer once won, must recognise a need to pay for his stimulation!

'THE ITALIAN STRAW HAT'

During the second half of last winter term three performances of Eugene Labiche's French farce 'The Italian Straw Hat' were given by boys in the School in conjunction with girls from Kilgraston. At times, during rehearsals, it seemed as if the play would be a farce but not in the way Labiche intended. However, thanks to the hard work of the producers Mr Johnson and Mrs Burnet and the efforts of the cast, the end result was generally satisfying. For those of the School who didn't appreciate the playwright's talents some 'additional material' went down well. Thanks should go to Messrs. MacLeod and Goody and the stagehands under D. S. Muir for their work on the set and to Mrs MacLeod and her helpers for the make-up and to the front of house manager, Mr Raine, and his assistants. Leading parts were played (in order of appearance) by D. Prosser, June Butchart, G. A. M. Gerrard, D. J. MacIver, K. J. Crawford, Jane Wilson, G. A. Watt, D. N. M. Craik, Jane Frere, C. B. Campbell and R. A. Smith.

R.A.S.

MUSIC NOTES

This year has heard the first public appearance of the Concert Band under Mr Ball's direction. It was started last year during rehearsals for 'Orpheus in the Underworld' to give those wind players not involved in the orchestra an opportunity of playing together. This year, since the accompaniment to 'Messiah' only involved the strings of the orchestra, the band has absorbed all the wind players allowing them a more continuous 'blow' than the orchestra would have and giving the brass players less counting of bars rest. Its performances have been well enjoyed.

The strings, although small in number, have been a good group of players and as well as providing the foundations of the accompaniment to 'Messiah' have been heard on their own in most concerts making quite a pleasing sound. A wood-wind group has been fairly active. They have had various problems over intonation but as all except one member are returning next year it is hoped that the added experience will enable them to overcome these problems.

Various groups of instruments had the opportunity of playing at a concert at Craigflower School with the aim of encouraging more of the boys there to take up instruments. The concert went well but the highlight of the evening was the buffet supper so lavishly provided by Mr and Mrs Reynolds.

The second orchestra has made great progress under Mr Ball's guidance over the past year and many of the members will be promoted to the School Orchestra in the coming year.

The choir has not been an outstanding one but the altos and tenors have been very strong and reliable. The tenors and basses have been noteworthy for their command of falsetto and their version of 'Every time I lay an egg I think of you' from 'The Rooster Rag' will long be remembered.

Although in the early stages of 'Messiah' rehearsals some doubts were expressed as to whether the difficulties would be overcome; in the end the two performances, and more particularly the first, went with great enthusiasm and very successfully.

There have been two main external recitals of music this year, one in the North Church, Perth, and the other at St. Giles', Edinburgh. The latter took place on the Sunday before the Queen's visit to St. Giles' and the evening service and music were really only an interlude in the B.B.C.'s setting-up scaffolding, lights and T.V. cameras for the service to be held the next morning. Nevertheless, after a rather disturbed rehearsal in the afternoon the choir sang very well, especially in 'Plaudite Tympana.'

G.W.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Prior to this year all concerts given by the Music Society were free and, by and large, audiences were on the small side. This year we had membership cards printed and boys wishing to join were charged an entry fee. As a result we had a total membership of 150. In addition, non-members were admitted to any of the concerts on payment of the required fee. Thus few concerts had small audiences and some had capacity crowds.

Seven concerts were given during the year and of these four were presented in the Autumn Term. The first concert was a recital of piano music given by Michael Lester-Cribb and included a Prelude and Fugue by Shostakovich and the very difficult Fantasia by Schumann. The programme was very well received and, apart from some excellent piano playing, Mr West proved that he could catch a rugby ball and 'Proctor' turned pages with panache!

The Music Staff Concert was a great chance for pupils to sit back and watch their teachers' attempts at playing. The concert should have perhaps been titled 'Mr Ball & Friends' since, when he wasn't playing by himself, he was either accompanying brass or wind soloists, or playing two-piano works with Mr West. The

programme was naturally very varied and ranged from a Haydn Trio to the first performance of a Clarinet Sonatina that had been written for Mr Morrison by—guess who—Mr Ball!

The New Zealand pianist Peter Cooper came up from London at the beginning of November to present a Celebrity Concert to the Society. He was very well received the last time he was here and such was again the case this time. It was a most enjoyable evening due to his deep feeling for the music that he played which included the Nocturne in D Flat Major by Chopin and Reflections in Water by Debussy. We look forward to the return of this pianist for his third recital.

The last concert of the term was the Members' Concert when the principal members of the First Orchestra came into the limelight by performing pieces of considerable variety to a good standard. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all with credit going to Nick Parker (cello), Sarah Fairbairn (clarinet), and Mr Morrison who gave the second performance of his new Sonatina.

The Spring Term got off to a very good start when, in the second week of the term, members of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra came to give a recital of chamber works. The standard of their playing was very high indeed and their programme included a Trio for Piano, Violin and Cello, and Poulenc's marvellous Sonata for Oboe and Piano.

The Edinburgh Wind Quartet came to the School in February to give a concert of music which concerned itself mainly with the 20th Century. Some of the music was rather hard to understand but pieces like Prokofiev's 'Fleeting Moments,' and the Wind Quartet by Jean Francaix went down very well indeed.

The last concert of the year was a composite one given by Norman Beedie (piano) and his wife Diana Stuart (soprano). Mr Beedie is a very fine pianist indeed and has played at both the Wigmore Hall and the Purcell Room in London. His solos showed us the mastery he has over the piano and particular mention should be made of his performances of the Bach (French Suite in E Major), and the Ballade by Brahms. We haven't had singers performing for the Society before but the new experience gave much pleasure to the members while 'Proctor' was kept busy turning pages. In the first half of the recital Miss Stuart sang Lieder by Brahms and then, after the interval, 20th Century songs by such people as Barber and Armstrong Gibbs.

Overall, the year has been a big success with concerts of a wide variety. It is hoped that the Society has an even bigger membership in the future and maintains, or better still, increases, the variety of concerts. On behalf of both Finlay Macadam and myself, I should like to thank Mr Ball for having arranged these concerts for us.

N.J.C.P.

Messiah

It has to be admitted that the performances of the 'Messiah' in the Chapel were awaited by many members of the School with some trepidation and scepticism. At best, anything but a severely curtailed version is a very difficult task for schools, or indeed any amateur choral society, to attempt; there was a general feeling that the school choir was going through what is kindly called a transitional period—and, frankly, the excerpts to which we had all been treated in the school chapel throughout the term were not exactly calculated to inspire confidence in the success of the venture. This critic has to admit, too, that Handel has never been one of his favourite composers, and the 'Messiah,' due, perhaps, to his having heard a surfeit of inadequate performances, a work he has recently regarded as one to be avoided.

It was, therefore, extremely creditable to all concerned that almost all these fears and prejudices proved groundless. The choir sang with better tone, unanimity and drive than for many a day. There were one or two blemishes in the tenor section, but otherwise this was a well-controlled, well-directed performance with plenty of breadth and impetus. It was all most impressive. The orchestra sounded rather thin in the Overture, but gained in confidence and thus in tonal quality as the evening wore on, and proved excellent accompanists to the choir. Naturally, the finest performances of the evening were reserved for the trio of professional soloists, in which the tone and delivery of Barbara Cunningham were particularly outstanding. A word should also be put in for the treble soloist from Riley, Andrew Mackenzie-Smith, who coped manfully with his tricky recitative passages.

A very successful evening, then, was enjoyed by all, and much appreciated by all parents and members of staff to whom one spoke afterwards. It even made this cynical critic revise slightly his opinion of Handel, and wish he could have heard the 'Messiah' more frequently in the past!

M.J.E.W.

Anthems sung by the choir this year have been:

Non nobis Domine (Quilter); Laudate Nomen Domine (Tye); Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer (Mozart); Lord God be Praised (Gabrieli); Greater love hath no man (Ireland); Lead me Lord (Wesley); Te Deum (Williamson); Sleepers Awake (Bach); O Lord our God, Sing unto the Lord, By the waters of Babylon and Make a joyful noise (Herbert Chappell); This Joyful Eastertide (arr. C. Wood); Plaudite Tympana (Benevoli); Credo (Gounod); Zadok the Priest (Handel); Song of the Shepherd Boy and O Praise God (Barry Ball).

The following boys have passed Associated Board Examinations:

Johnson, I. L.	Piano	Grade 6	
Rankine, H. A.	Piano	Grade 5	
Harrison, C. R.	Theory	Grade 5	Viola—Grade 4 (Merit)
McPherson, N. W.	Piano	Grade 4	
Kingan, D. S.	Euphonium	Grade 4	(Merit)
Steele, B. W.	Clarinet	Grade 4	
Smith, R. A.	Clarinet	Grade 4	
Peddie, P. R.	Trumpet	Grade 4	
Scott, N. W. J.	Tuba	Grade 3	(Merit)
Steedman, C. M.	Violin	Grade 3	
Kane, D. S.	Guitar	Grade 3	
Reid, P. K.	Theory	Grade 2	
Turnbull, W. J. C.	Theory	Grade 2	
Smith, A. M.	Piano	Grade 1	

'Can't you play some music?'

This was the plea of desperation from D.B.H. as the new Strathallian band practised for their debut in front of the School.

A date was set for the concert on Thursday 4th March, and until then fruitless days were spent searching for a suitable name for the band. As the concert drew near, and the practising became more intense, the 'patronising' name of 'Seedy Pea' was suggested and adopted.

'Seedy Pea' consisted of four musicians, all from the Sixth Form but of varying standards of musical talent. They were Adam Henderson on lead guitar and lead vocals, Nigel Scott on bass guitar and vocals, Al Tares on rhythm guitar and Don Gillanders on drums.

Don only joined the band a few weeks prior to the concert and gave a very competent performance on the night. His completely unrehearsed and surprise drum solo won the crowd's appreciation. Al Tares used his talent well on a very expensive acoustic/electric guitar. Nigel gave a good performance on the bass, even though he had only started playing it the term before. Adam showed what a mixture of years of practice and musical talent can produce. He gave an excellent performance, but Oh! what happened to 'Samba Pa Ti'?

The 'professional' (quote T.C.G.F.) lighting was by Ted McLaren and the costumes were by Rentajans.

Special thanks go to Joe Lozowi, who lent most of the equipment on stage; to the band; to the School and to the Masters and their families who attended the performance and at least looked as though they were enjoying it!

Ted McLaren.

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... other concerts given during the year were: ...

Speech Day Concert Programme

Orchestra	-	-	Gavotte from Symphony No. 4	-	-	Boyce
(Strings and Woodwind)						
Concert Band	-	-	Swing Bolero	-	-	Yoder
Second Orchestra	-	-	St. Anthony Chorale	-	-	Haydn
			Occasional March	-	-	Handel
Tenors and Basses	-	-	Rooster Rag	-	-	Michael Hurd
Orchestra	-	-	Thunder and Lightning Polka	-	-	Johann Strauss

Music at the North Church, Perth

Choir and Brass Group	Lord God be Praised	- - -	G. Gabrieli
Brass Group	Pavan	- - - -	- W. Byrd
Cantata Choir	Greater Love hath no man	-	John Ireland
Violin, viola, 'cello and harpsichord	Trio Sonata Cantabile—Vivace	-	Telemann
Choir and Strings	Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer	- -	Mozart
Strings	Gavotte—Minuet I & II—Passepied from Sonata No. 1 in C	- -	Bach
Wind Group	Minuet and Trios from Serenade in B flat K.361	- - -	Mozart
Orchestra	Maestoso and Canzona	- - -	Purcell

Informal Concert

Orchestra	Slavonic Dance No. 6	- - -	Dvorak
Clarinet Solo (Sarah Fairbairn)	Allegro	- - - -	Grovez
Second Orchestra	Carol	- - - -	G. Finzi
	The Metronome, Tyrolienne, El Tanguillo	- arr. E. B. Jurey	
Trio for Euphonium and two Tubas (D. S. Kingan, N. W. J. Scott, Mr J. Thomson)	Song of the Volga Boatmen		
Wind Band	March	- - - -	Weber
	Bolero	- - - -	Paul Yoder
Orchestra	Waltz: Roses from the South	- -	J. Strauss
Tenors and Basses	Rooster Rag	- - -	Michael Hurd
Orchestra	Toy Symphony	- - -	Michael Haydn or Leopold Mozart

Music at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh

Choir and Organ	Plaudite Tympana	- - -	Benevoli
Clarinet and Piano	Concertino (Adagio—allegro risoluto)	- - -	Tartini-Jacob
Orchestra	Symphony No. 4 in F	- -	William Boyce
Choir and Organ	Festival Te Deum	- -	Vaughan Williams

'SAAB SAGA, SAHIB'

Many times I am spying during my humble peregrinations the passing of the Greens Sahib on his way to tend his course. I am also noticing by contrast that Music Sahib is red. It is coming to me in a flash that their problem is that neither of them is quite being successful in getting what the French are calling: 'la même Saab.' Isn't it?

I.G. (P.M. Retd.).

Saturday Night at the Movies

This year saw another very full list of members of the Subscribers' Film Guild.

Popular films such as 'The Day of the Jackal,' based on Frederick Forsyth's book, showed us just how easy it is to assassinate the President of France.

Jacques Tati's film 'Traffic' had a mixed reception but most managed to appreciate the more obvious humour.

'The Italian Job' showed a very relaxed way of running off with about £4m worth of gold, ending in what must be the classic cliff-hanger!

Charlotte Rampling seemed to raise a few eyebrows in Alastair MacLean's 'Caravan to Vaccares' in which a scientist is kidnapped during the very colourful gypsy festival held in Vaccares.

School films included 'Papillon' starring Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman; 'The Looking Glass War' a spy story with a numerous cast but which we found rather tame; 'Casino Royale,' a comedy with Peter Sellers; and Roger Moore and Susannah York in 'Gold.'

In addition, the Sixth Form had a chance to see the great acting pair Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor in 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf.'

R.A.C.

The Dundee Courier and Advertiser has kindly given us permission to reprint the article which appeared in their edition of September 14th.

SCHOOLBOY ART ON SHOW IN LONDON

This week an art exhibition-with-a-difference opens at one of London's galleries of the elite.

The difference is that while many an artist may strive half a lifetime for the recognition of an exhibition at Fayles Gallery, all the paintings in this particular show are the work of schoolboys.

The mini Leonardos, whose ages range from 12 to 18, are pupils of Strathallan, Forgandenny.

Last week when I dropped in at the 'Strath,' eerily quiet without its schoolboy complement, I talked to director of art and well-known artist himself, Torquil Macleod who told me how the exhibition came about.



The Golden Eagle

by G. L. H. Kinder



The Plough by R. H. Lester

Strathallan

CHARING CROSS ROAD, LONDON IN AID

Cairngorm Snow by M. J. Yellowlees



'I was exhibiting there myself in 1967,' he said.

And when Miss Christina Foyle saw his paintings and heard about his work at Strathallan, she offered him the gallery for the School.

That year the 'Strath' school of artists held their first exhibition, the proceeds of which went, fittingly enough, towards the restoration of flood-damaged Florence.

This year's Silver Jubilee exhibition boasts 65 oil paintings from 35 boys.

An interesting point is that most of the paintings are not the result of curriculum art classes but were done in the pupils' leisure hours.

And only a few of the exhibitors are actually taking art as a main subject.

Yet when I had my 'preview' of the show, displayed all round the walls of Strathallan's dining hall, I was quite awed by the talent.



Street Conversation by A. K. Shaw

at Foyles

The Skaters (after Meyer)
by D. J. H. Megson

OF THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL

African Village by E. R. Bargon



Highly imaginative styles and use of oils had flanked the walls with a fascinating fresco of colours—everything from meticulous copies of old masters, still and wild life, land-and-seascapes to modern pop and cartoon portraiture, all of them alive with character and atmosphere.

Not surprisingly, many of the boys had chosen scenes from their homes as a subject.

'Since we have so many boys from overseas, this has resulted in some very exciting paintings,' said Torquil.

And he pointed out scenes from the banks of the Nile, from Peruvian mountains, from Thailand, India and many parts of Africa.

Though Torquil is always on hand to give his pupils guidance, he makes sure individual styles are never cramped.

'There wouldn't be any point in teaching in such a way that



they all turned out paintings the same,' he said.

It was 'operation picture-packing' for Torquil and his boys at the week-end, carefully transferring the paintings, which they've also framed themselves, into a trailer which Torquil towed south on Monday.

'I'm taking three of the senior boys with me and they'll be there at the exhibition in their kilts acting as ushers,' he told me.

'They're quite excited by the whole venture.'

And I expect London's art show goers will be equally excited by the sight of the three young artistic 'Highlanders!'

The exhibition is to be opened tomorrow by Admiral Sir Charles Madden, whom Torquil first got to know when he was a guest speaker at a Strathallan speech day.

The Admiral himself is a talented and celebrated artist.

So much so that between art and his distinguished naval career, no-one has ever known whether to describe him as a painting sailor or a sailing painter!

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HIGH TEAS DAILY	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
DINNERS	7.00 - 9.30 p.m.

Resident Proprietors: IAN and JENNIFER FRASER

SPEECH DAY—3rd JUNE 1977

The Chairman of Governors, Mr Gillanders opened the proceedings. In his speech he praised the high standard of the new study blocks, but he stressed that it wouldn't all be 'milk and honey' and that there were hard times ahead. He said that he was confident, however, that the School would take up the challenge. Both he and the Headmaster paid tribute to 'Jim'll Fix It' Derek, Colonel Aldridge who was retiring after thirteen years at Strathallan.

The Headmaster gave a short resume of the year, commenting on the success of 'Strathbooks'; Sunday Half-hour—the radio recording of the School singing in the chapel; the Young Scientists; the 1st XI Hockey Team; the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; the 'O' Level results and the cafeteria service in the dining hall and the not so successful 1st XV and 'A' Level results.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Conservative M.P. for Angus and Mearns presented the prizes and gave his speech. He spoke of the decline of moral and social standards in Scotland and he said that there should be less talk and more action to cure a society permeated by mediocrity. He talked about the decline in the standard of education and the need for more responsibility and discipline. His final words were to the leavers and they were: 'be imaginative and stick by your principles.'

M.J.Y.

PRIZE-WINNERS

Smith Cup for Captain of School	-	D. M. N. Gillanders
Houston Prize for All-round Merit		F. G. Macadam
Dux	- - - -	N. L. Gardner
William Tattersall Art Prize	-	D. J. H. Megson
Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings		N. J. C. Parker
Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music	- - - -	D. A. C. Maclachlan
Geography, History and History Essay Prizes	- -	G. A. M. Gerrard
English, Economics and Economics Essay Prizes	- -	C. B. Biggart
Mathematics	- - -	G. W. Mitchell
Chemistry and Physics Prizes	-	P. A. Hill
Chemistry Research	- -	B. W. Steele and N. J. C. Parker
Biology	- - - -	D. A. C. Maclachlan
Geography Fieldwork	- -	H. M. Pearson
Art	- - - -	G. L. H. Kinder

FETE—AN OPEN DAY

The Governors have agreed to the holding of a School Fete on SATURDAY, 3rd JUNE 1978 in place of the usual Speech Day. It is planned to incorporate Founder's Day so that Old Boys, as well as current parents, can be fully represented. The objective of the Fete is to provide an enjoyable social occasion and at the same time raise money for the new School Workshops and Activities Centre.

Will you please help to make the day a success by:

1. Making a note of the date in your diary now and being sure to turn up on the day;
2. Responding to any specific appeals for help;
3. Contacting Mr or Mrs Burnet, or the Headmaster's Secretary, if you would like to help and no one has been in touch with you.

Full details will be announced nearer the time from the School office and/or the Strathallian Club.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Chairman: G. W. Mitchell

Secretary: B. W. Steele

Treasurer: J. G. Wither

The Society's membership of 146 was the highest for many years. However, the attendance for meetings was disappointing due to competition from T.V. As a result, meetings were held on Monday evenings instead of Saturday. The programme of films was educational and interesting. The two B.B.C. documentaries 'Gale is dead' and 'The City that waits to die' were especially popular. Visits were made to ICI—Grangemouth; Carron Company—Falkirk; the Fisheries Laboratories—Faskally and Bell's Distillery—Pitlochry. All but the distillery were most interesting and informative.

B.W.S.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The YFC membership this year rose to new heights with 155 members.

We had several good lectures on chemical spraying, co-operation in Scottish Agriculture, farming and life in Australia and on fish farming.

In October we staged a 'Stump the Yokel' competition which proved to be an amusing evening. A representative from each house was on a panel trying to answer questions compiled by three senior boys and asked by Mr Ford. Robert Galloway won, with Lindsay Hume coming second.

At the end of the Spring Term we had another very successful Farmers' Forum with four local farmers on the panel being quizzed and debated with by the audience.

In the summer the club was more active than usual with a visit to the fish farm at Auchterarder; a stock judging competition at the farms of the Lord Forteviot and Mr J. H. Dewhurst (it is planned to make the competition, which was won this year by Lindsay Hume, an annual event) and, as usual, a visit to the Royal Highland Show.

The club entered a team for the first time in the East Area YFC Soil Assessment Competition. Lindsay Hume, Mark Turnbull and Robert Galloway managed to get a 4th position out of the six teams competing in the Royal Highland Show grounds.

R.G.G.

SIXTH FORM LECTURES 1976-77

Once again, we express our sincere thanks to the lady and gentlemen named below for so generously giving up an evening to come here to talk to the Sixth Form about aspects of public affairs in which they are closely involved.

Douglas Crawford, Esq., M.P.

C. H. K. Corsar, Esq., T.D., J.P.

Brigadier R. S. Doyle, C.B.E., M.B.I.M.

I. C. Massie, Esq., M.A.

I. H. Stuart Black, Esq.

Dr Margaret Stewart

R. Ingram, Esq.

J. D. Mushin, Esq.

Chief Superintendent Bowman

Dr P. B. James

An Analysis of Devolution
Voluntary Service

Developing New Towns

Industrial Relations Today

The Role of Insurance

The Perth Civic Trust

Recent Industrial Develop-
ments in the Scottish

Highlands

The Control of the Money

Supply

The Work of the Police

Occupational Medicine

S.C.P.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Again this year the Country Dancing Society saw the usual large numbers of willing participants. Lessons were held at both Strathallan and Kilgraston. The away fixtures proved very popular with all the boys avidly watching the legs of their female partners in an effort to grasp the basics of the Pas-de-Basque, or at least that's what they said.

St. Andrews night was celebrated in the usual manner on consecutive nights at both Kilgraston and Strathallan. The venue for the Strathallan celebrations was changed from the cramped Gym to the Dining-hall. Live music was provided by Mrs Blue and her Band which was appreciated by all, including those who were not allowed to go.

We would like to thank both Mr Barratt (or Uncle Mike as he is affectionately called by the convent girls) and Miss Sayers (or Cor! as she is known by Strathallan boys), for their encouragement, instruction and organisation. Thanks should also be given to all those people who helped and arranged St. Andrews night.

We would also like to thank ourselves without whose efforts country dancing and this article would never have taken place!

J.F.J.S. & R.A.C.

CRICKET

The season 1977 was marked by a policy change regarding 1st XI fixtures. It has been felt for some time that there were, perhaps, too many for the 1st XI and not enough for the 2nd XI and that with 'A' Levels, 'O' Levels and Higher there were now sufficient excuses for pressures of work. (It so happened that a significant proportion of first game was not involved in many examinations and so there were some mutters—next year will tell). The 1st XI list was reduced to ten games and the matches against Perth, Morrison's and Dollar Academies became 'A' XI games; only boys not heavily committed to examinations played in those games.

The list of results is as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	9	2	1	6
2nd XI	4	0	2	2
'A' XI	2	0	1	1
3rd XI	6	2	3	1
Senior Colts	6	0	2	4
Junior Colts	7	2	4	1

Nicol won the Junior House League beating off the challenges of Leburn and Ruthven convincingly; and Riley had another of those years in which they beat all their opponents.

One detects a continuing level of enthusiasm for the game in the School. Two fine summers have helped, although the techniques of batting become difficult to acquire on New Field and in the nets once the ground firms up.

The 1st XI was ably led by Donald Hay who had the inestimable gift of being a lucky captain, which was to show early in the season when what appeared to be the imminence of a resounding loss against Edinburgh Academy turned, in the last hour, into a near win and ended as a highly satisfactory draw. On the whole, though, there was never sufficient bowling to get a superior advantage in matches.

Graham bowled left arm spin often, but not always, effectively, being too fond of bowling the quicker one. Tares bowled worse than he has ever done, and his off-spinners turned into something more akin to slow off cutters bowled to keep the runs down. If D. Sim's bat was as straight as his bowling then he would get a lot of runs. Hay bowled well but did not put himself on that often. The third seamer's position was occupied at different times by S. A. Ferguson (who was seldom accurate). D. J. Bain (who didn't get enough bowling) and W. M. Potts (who didn't get enough bowling either but more than made up for that with his appealing).

The batting was interesting: every match brought its new hero. M. J. Yellowlees never failed to get into double figures, but throughout the season hit the ball at fielders—a model of consistency. He usually held the early order together and scored a virtually chanceless century against Loretto. It is, incidentally, the only score over 50 that he has made, but there must be more. A. C. B. Baird was slow to get any runs, but persevered and stayed in, as opening bats should. He was eventually rewarded with a well taken 50 against Glenalmond in the last match of the season. His batting through the pre-lunch period against Edinburgh Academy was a model of patience and that innings proved to be a match saver. A. O. Inglis, the other opener, played well but is happier on slower wickets. His tendency to get too square on was usually his downfall. E. W. Hamilton spent most of the season trying to conquer his tendency to play a rash and irretrievable shot early in his innings. If he got beyond 10 he began to look good and contributed a good 60 against Merchiston. Sim, too, wafted far too often without effect. He got two fifties early on in the season; his persistence in playing across the line, though, was a triumph of hope over experience. Our captain, too, had his moments. His shots serve as an exasperation to any opposing bowler, the two most exasperating being the extra cover drive on the up off a ball pitched outside leg stump, and the top edge nudge through mid-wicket. R. J. Brewster played several invaluable defensive innings, but was kept out of the way when runs were required quickly. D. A. Smellie never had much opportunity to shine with the bat. His best innings was against the Michelin Men when his remaining at the wicket enabled Hay to proceed to a fifty. He was outstanding in the covers, briskly retrieving everything and terrorising the umpire at the bowler's end and mid-on who had to back up the bombardment. We hope that next year he will develop his spin bowling.

The following played for the 1st XI: D. T. Hay (Capt.), M. J. Yellowlees, D. Sim, A. O. Inglis, D. A. Smellie, A. J. Tares, D. P. A. Graham, E. W. Hamilton, A. C. B. Baird, R. J. Brewster (all Colours), W. M. Potts (Half Colours), S. A. Ferguson, D. J. Bain, A. H. Cumming, I. G. Ogilvie, R. A. Stone-Wigg.

AVERAGES

Batting	Innings	Not Out	Total	Highest Score	Average
M. J. Yellowlees	9	2	290	100*	41.42
D. Sim	9	1	171	60	21.37
E. W. Hamilton	6	0	113	66	18.83
D. T. Hay	7	0	128	55	18.28
A. C. B. Baird	9	0	154	51	17.11
A. J. Tares	7	3	63	27*	15.75
A. O. Inglis	8	1	95	44*	13.57
R. J. Brewster	7	1	63	18*	10.50
D. A. Smellie	6	2	36	22*	9.00

Also batted: D. P. A. Graham, W. M. Potts, S. A. Ferguson, D. J. Bain, I. G. Ogilvie.

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. P. A. Graham	79	22	250	22	11.36
A. J. Tares	106	30	239	17	14.05
D. T. Hay	64	10	203	10	20.30

Also bowled: D. Sim 24-3-65-4; S. A. Ferguson 30-8-91-4; W. M. Potts 18-4-37-2; D. J. Bain 10-2-29-2; D. A. Smellie 5-1-26-2; A. H. Cumming 9-0-51-0.

30th April v. Crieff C.C. (Home)

CRIEFF C.C. 171-6 (dec.) (D. P. A. Graham 3-44)

SCHOOL 125-6 (D. Sim 56, A. O. Inglis 20)

A cautious declaration left the School two hours' batting on a slow wicket.

5th May v. Strathallan Occasionals

SCHOOL 131 (M. J. Yellowlees 47, A. J. Tares 25)

OCCASIONALS 85-8 (S. A. Ferguson 3-30)

7th May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Away)

SCHOOL 123 (A. C. B. Baird 38, D. T. Hay 29,

M. J. Yellowlees 28)

THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY 120-9 (D. T. Hay 4-32, A. J. Tares 3-24)

After a poor start and a recovery the School never established an advantage. Clube (3-9) did the damage in the middle order. We were fortunate to get rid of Hill early on and then Carrie got himself out after a ferociously taken 60. Thereafter no-one quite had the courage to go for the result.

17th May v. Loretto (Away)

SCHOOL 175-6 (dec.) (M. J. Yellowlees 100*)

LORETTO 150-4

The main feature was Yellowlees' virtually chanceless 100. The School's fielding was less than perfect and they gave themselves no chance of a win.

21st May v. Fettes (Away)

SCHOOL 123 (D. Sim 60)

FETTES 126-5 (D. T. Hay 3-20)

By and large the batting was poor and too many gaps between bats and pads allowed Allison to get 5-35. The bowling was moderate, and that was that!

11th June v. Strathallian Club (Home)

STRATHALLIAN CLUB 84 (D. P. A. Graham 4-5,

A. J. Tares 4-19)

SCHOOL 86-2 (A. O. Inglis 44*)

After a start delayed by rain the match was reduced to 35 overs a side. The Club XI was not strong enough to amass runs quickly, and despite the presence of S. D. Lowden and A. J. Hay the School's victory came easily.

18th June v. Merchiston (Home)

SCHOOL 232-8 (dec.) (E. W. Hamilton 66,

D. T. Hay 37, D. Sim 26, A. J. Tares 27*,

A. C. B. Baird 26)

MERCHISTON 82 (D. P. A. Graham 3-6,

A. J. Tares 2-3, D. Sim 3-23)

Batting first on a hot day the School started slowly and at one point were 115-5 and 145-6. However an early assault by Sim, followed by one from Hamilton left the way open for Hay and Tares to take runs as they pleased off a tiring attack. The score was the highest in about 15 years. Merchiston lost both Nisbit and Turnbull when they were looking settled and thereafter had the difficult task of playing for a draw for two hours. No one had quite enough patience.

25th June v. Michelin Men (Home)

SCHOOL 131-6 (dec.) (D. T. Hay 55, D. A. Smellie 22*)

MICHELIN MEN 122-7 (D. P. A. Graham 3-42)

Even prolonged muttering from the fielding side was unable to induce an earlier declaration and the match petered out in a draw.

5th July v. Glenalmond (Home)

GLENALMOND 186-9 (dec.) (D. P. A. Graham 5-65)
SCHOOL 105-4 (A. C. B. Baird 51, M. J. Yellowlees 32*)
Slowish batting by Glenalmond meant that the School
was left 1 hour and 50 minutes to get the runs in. No
real interest was shown. Baird got a nice 50 and two
of the four wickets fell in the last over of the day to
careless strokes.

'A' XI

5th May v. Perth Academy (Away)

PERTH ACADEMY 57 (D. Sim 5-3)

SCHOOL 46

Lost by 11 runs.

24th May v. Morrison's Academy (Away)

SCHOOL 125-9 (dec.) (D. A. Smellie 39, A. O. Inglis 33,
A. C. B. Baird 23)

MORRISON'S ACADEMY 64-5

Match drawn.

2nd XI

7th May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Away)

THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY 127 (A. K. Shaw 5-27,
W. M. Potts 3-32)

SCHOOL 117-7 (A. K. Shaw 41*, R. A. Stone-Wigg 24)
Match drawn.

21st May v. Fettes (Home)

FETTES 110 (A. H. Cumming 3-26, W. M. Potts 5-28)

SCHOOL 49 (A. W. Ferguson 25*)

Lost by 61 runs.

18th June v. Merchiston (Away)

SCHOOL 120-8 (dec.) (A. W. Ferguson 44)

MERCHISTON 104-4

Match drawn.

5th July v. Glenalmond (Away)

GLENALMOND 136-9 (dec.) (A. H. Cumming 6-66,

S. A. Ferguson 3-41)

SCHOOL 104 (K. D. Evans 44*)

Lost by 32 runs.

Cricket

(as explained to a foreign visitor)

You have two sides - one out and one in.

Each man that's in the side that's in goes
out and when he's out he comes in
and the next man goes in till he's out.

When they are all out the side that's out
comes in and the side that's been in
goes out and tries to get those coming
in out.

Sometimes you get men still in and
not out.

When both sides have been in and out
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3rd XI

- 7th May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Away)
THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY 146-7 (dec.)
SCHOOL 95-6
Match drawn.
- 19th May v. Loretto (Home)
SCHOOL 90
LORETTO 61
Won by 29 runs.
- 21st May v. Fettes
SCHOOL 50
FETTES 51-6
Lost by 4 wickets.
- 24th May v. Morrison's Academy 2nd XI (Away)
SCHOOL 41
MORRISON'S ACADEMY 2nd XI 42-7
Lost by 3 wickets.
- 18th June v. Merchiston (Away)
SCHOOL 93
MERCHISTON 44
Won by 49 runs.
- 5th July v. Glenalmond (Away)
SCHOOL 87
GLENALMOND 92-5
Lost by 5 wickets.

SENIOR COLTS XI

- 7th May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Home)
THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY 115 (J. C. Foster 4-17)
SCHOOL 63 (D. L. Ogilvie 20)
Lost by 52 runs.
- 19th May v. Loretto (Home)
SCHOOL 140 (D. J. Watson 33, R. C. Inglis 24)
LORETTO 73-9 (W. A. G. Baxter 6-16)
Match drawn.
- 21st May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Away)
SCHOOL 110-9 (dec.) (D. J. Watson 48)
THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY 114-7
Lost by 3 wickets.
- 9th June v. Fettes (Away)
SCHOOL 95 (J. D. Brown 31)
FETTES 98-4
Lost by 6 wickets.

- 18th June v. Merchiston (Home)
SCHOOL 202-7 (dec.) (R. C. Inglis 43,
P. W. Fellowes-Prynne 37, A. C. Fairbairn 27,
D. J. Watson 26)
MERCHISTON 104-7 (D. J. Watson 4-52)
Match drawn.
- 5th July v. Glenalmond (Home)
SCHOOL 71
GLENALMOND 75-4
Lost by 6 wickets.

JUNIOR COLTS XI

- 7th May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Home)
THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY 86 (S. R. Watt 3-9)
SCHOOL 50-3 (C. A. MacLeod 21*)
Match drawn.
- 19th May v. Loretto (Home)
LORETTO 81
SCHOOL 73
Lost by 8 runs.
- 21st May v. The Edinburgh Academy (Away)
THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY 153-7 (dec.)
SCHOOL 155-5 (C. A. MacLeod 56, R. A. Ferguson 50)
Won by 5 wickets.
- 24th May v. Morrison's Academy (Away)
SCHOOL 83
MORRISON'S ACADEMY 24 (R. J. Duncan 7-5,
R. A. Ferguson 3-4)
Won by 59 runs.
- 9th June v. Fettes (Away)
SCHOOL 51
FETTES 54-2
Lost by 8 wickets.
- 18th June v. Merchiston (Home)
SCHOOL 81
MERCHISTON 82-9 (C. A. MacLeod 5-25)
Lost by 1 wicket.
- 5th July v. Glenalmond (Home)
SCHOOL 134 (C. A. MacLeod 34)
GLENALMOND 135-9 (R. A. Ferguson 6-34)
Lost by 1 wicket.

R.N.J.

Strathallan

Occasionals CC

For the Occasionals a successful season. We were beaten soundly by the Grannies, despite Colin Addison's maiden century, but otherwise had three wins including one against Denstone Wanderers. The home sides were never quite star-studded enough, although we had excellent bowling performances against the strong Michelin Men from Stuart Lowden and David Williams—the latter having shortened his run in order to double productivity.

The response for the tour was good, if late, and a sign that it was a good tour was the feeling that it hadn't been long enough. The boys we took fielded magnificently and the side put out against a strong Old Cliftonians' side created an interesting record since its average age must have been about 24, quite the youngest Occasionals' side ever to take the field. This was also the first tour on which the Tour Manager had not had to go to the wicket.

This year we have welcomed one or two old faces back, if only for one game. It has been good to see David Currie, now back again in this country, and Stuart Lowden striking the form he used to have at School. On tour we were glad to welcome Graham Searle and Richard Mole. The consistent performances of Ross Settles have resulted in his being elected unpaid club professional. We were most grateful to Kay Williams and Helen Clayton for providing quite magnificent teas for the home games.

Past and present members wishing to play should contact R. N. Johnson (Bridge of Earn 2232) as soon as possible—despite many threats about resigning he hasn't actually got round to doing so.

Home Games

v. School

SCHOOL 131 (M. S. Ross 4–34)

OCCASIONALS 85–8 (H. C. Addison 31*)

Match drawn

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- v. Dundee University Staff
DUNDEE UNIVERSITY STAFF 129
(A. L. K. Dutton 5-38)
OCCASIONALS 132-1 (N. T. H. Du Boulay 94*)
Won by 9 wickets
- v. Michelin Men
MICHELIN MEN 126 (S. D. Lowden 6-32,
D. A. R. Williams 4-53)
OCCASIONALS 99-7 (J. H. R. Parker 28)
Match drawn
- v. The Grannies
OCCASIONALS 171-4 (dec.) (H. C. Addison 101*)
GRANNIES 173-3
Lost by 7 wickets

Southern Tour

- v. Old Cliftonians
OLD CLIFTONIANS 201 (D. T. Hay 5-44)
OCCASIONALS 186-9 (R. L. Settles 47,
N. T. H. Du Boulay 56*)
Match drawn
- v. Blagdon
OCCASIONALS 122 (G. W. Searle 46)
BLAGDON 52 (P. L. N. Walker 4-13, R. L. Settles 4-7)
Won by 70 runs
- v. Mid-Somerset Minor Clubs
MID-SOMERSET 199 (R. L. Settles 5-26)
OCCASIONALS 168-7 (N. T. H. Du Boulay 57,
P. M. Hamilton 47)
Match drawn
- v. Dorset Rangers
OCCASIONALS 210-4 (dec.) (P. L. N. Walker 118,
R. L. Settles 61*)
DORSET RANGERS 145-6 (R. L. Settles 3-26)
Match drawn
- v. Denstone Wanderers
OCCASIONALS 238-8 (dec.) (P. L. N. Walker 95,
R. L. Settles 95)
DENSTONE WANDERERS 162 (D. Sim 2-0,
D. T. Hay 2-16, R. L. Settles 2-35, R. C. B. Mole 3-29)

SUMMER HOCKEY

Certain problems were apparent at the beginning of term. One which was not unwelcome was the embarrassment caused by having an excess of sound defence players—unfortunately this was balanced by the difficulty of raising a quorum of forwards and also the apparent lack of a goal-keeper. The latter problem was resolved when Carl Crone volunteered to wear the pads, a duty he fulfilled with courage and increasing skill; the former by having only four forwards, and even that was only achieved by turning Alex Brewster into one. Not surprisingly, we were much stronger in defence than attack, and even the strong club sides on the fixture list found it difficult to find a way through, but as our forwards experienced even greater difficulty in piercing club defences, results were rather disappointing. However, we were much more successful against other schools, registering convincing victories against Edinburgh Academy, Rannoch, and Glenalmond.

Team: C. A. Crone: I. A. Niven, G. T. Wordie: A. W. Ferguson, R. A. Cunningham, A. J. E. Turner, A. S. E. Henderson: K. C. Burton, M. F. Eastwood, I. F. Gerrard, A. T. D. Brewster (captain).

A.M.P.

BASKETBALL

Basketball this year has suffered through a lack of seniors and so the majority of the team were Vth Form.

The lack of experience and height showed when we played Glenalmond in the Easter Term. After a bad start the team settled down to a reasonable performance but were beaten. The juniors were also playing. Despite a good effort by the whole team they were out-jumped and out-classed.

In the Summer Term Mr Henderson took away his athletes, with the result that our match against Glenalmond was cancelled.

Straight after half-term we took on Rannoch. It turned out a very even match, and after extra time we emerged victors.

Near the end of term we were able to get another match against Glenalmond, this time away. We had to combat a small court and a few short tempers, but we came out on top by one point.

The juniors were not as fortunate and were well beaten by a good side.

To round off the term we had a match against the masters. Despite a good effort by the masters they were beaten by a more organised and skillful team.

A.A.M.

ATHLETICS

The first match of the season was against Edinburgh Academy at home. This match was very close in the early stages but towards the end the Academy started to draw ahead. The Seniors lost but the Middle won. In the Seniors only one event was won, Foottit winning the 400m in 54·2". A number of personal bests were obtained: B. W. Parker was 2nd in the 800m in 2' 8·5" and Locke jumped 1m62 in the high jump. In the Middles we had 1st and 2nd in the 100m, 200m and the high jump and 1st and 3rd in the long jump and javelin. Headrick had a good day winning the 100m in 11·9"; the 200m in 24·5" and the high jump with 1m67. MacIver had two personal bests/ 2' 14·5" in the 800m and 4' 45·6" in the 1500m. A. A. Muir won the javelin with a throw of 39m31 and the relay team had a best performance of 48·5". The match was lost overall by 20 points.

Our next match of the season was against Loretto away. The weather was appalling. Only two events were lost and the match was won quite easily by 31 points. Cuthill won the 100m in 11·9"; Foottit the 200m and 400m in 24·7" and 55·0" respectively; Parker the 800m in 2' 9·8" and the 1500m in 4' 32·5". Callendar won the high jump at 1m77 and D. M. N. Gillanders the discus with a throw of 29m61. The relay team also won easily.

Our third match was against Fettes College at home. The weather conditions were ideal for running. This match provided us with our first School record of the term and again a number of personal bests were recorded. The Seniors scraped home by 3 points but the Middles won more easily by 21 points. In the Seniors Parker came 2nd in the 800m with a personal best of 2' 5·2" and won the 1500m in 4' 26·8", also a personal best. Foottit won the 100m in 11·5"; the 200m in 24·0"; the 400m in 51·8" (a new School record which he broke again in the Scottish Schoolboys' Championships) and also the long jump with a personal best of 5m90. The relay team also won quite easily in a team best 46·2". In the Middles we had 1st and 2nd in the 100m—Headrick and Millar respectively. MacIver won the 800m with a personal best of 2' 10·6" and was second in the 1500m in 4' 39·4". The relay team also won with a team best of 47·6". In the field events Millar won the high jump with a personal best of 1m67; D. Yates the shot putt with 10m35 and D. M. S. Stewart the discus with 28m47. The match was won.

Our next match was against Glenalmond away. This match was lost by 32 points but without disputes and absentees I think the margin would have been less. In the Seniors we

only won three events. Foottit won the 200m in 24·3" and was 2nd equal in the 400m in 53·4". N. C. St.J. Yates won the javelin with 37m60. B. W. Parker was 2nd in the 800m in 2' 10·4" and 2nd in the 1500m with a personal best of 4' 23·5". In the Middles R. A. Smith won the 100m in 11·6" and the long jump with 5m29—both personal best performances. Millar won the 200m in 25·8" and MacIver the 800m in 2' 13·0" and the 1500m with a personal best of 4' 37·9". A. A. Muir won the javelin with a throw of 37m10.

Because of bad weather our last match of the season against Rannoch was cancelled.

The Scottish Schools Athletics Championships at Scotstoun this year supplied us with two new School records and five medals, also a standards badge. B. W. Parker ran well in a tough race to finish 6th in the Senior 1500m setting up a new School record of 4' 19·5". Foottit also established a new School record finishing 2nd in the Senior 400m in a time of 51·3" and being awarded the standard badge. R. A. Smith reached the final of the Middle 100m whilst the Middle relay team won the bronze medal, the team, in running order being: R. A. Smith, G. R. Millar, J. H. Bradshaw and D. J. Headrick.

Colours were awarded to R. A. Smith, D. J. Headrick, J. Cuthill, G. R. Millar and D. J. MacIver and re-awarded to B. W. Parker.

H. J. M. Foottit.

CROQUET

Croquet, that most fiendish and unchristian of contests at which the clergy so paradoxically excel has arrived at Strathallan. Introduced so aptly to the Chapel Lawn by the Chaplain in the Summer of 1976 for the amusement and social edification of the prefectorial body, the game—if so noble a warlike craft may be thus demeaned—has spawned a number of enthusiastic and even fanatical adherents.

The 1977 season undoubtedly reached an unexpected height with a match, the fixture being played at home against a team captained by Lord Forteviot of Dupplin and also including Lady Forteviot, The Lord Rollo—who proved to be 'man-of-the-match'—and Lady Rollo. Our team consisted of F. G. Macadam and M. T. Manson as first pair and J. Cuthill and A. T. D. Brewster as second pair. To the possible distress of Lord Forteviot we must, I fear, report that both our pairs won. It is to be hoped that in future years this absorbing fixture may be continued.

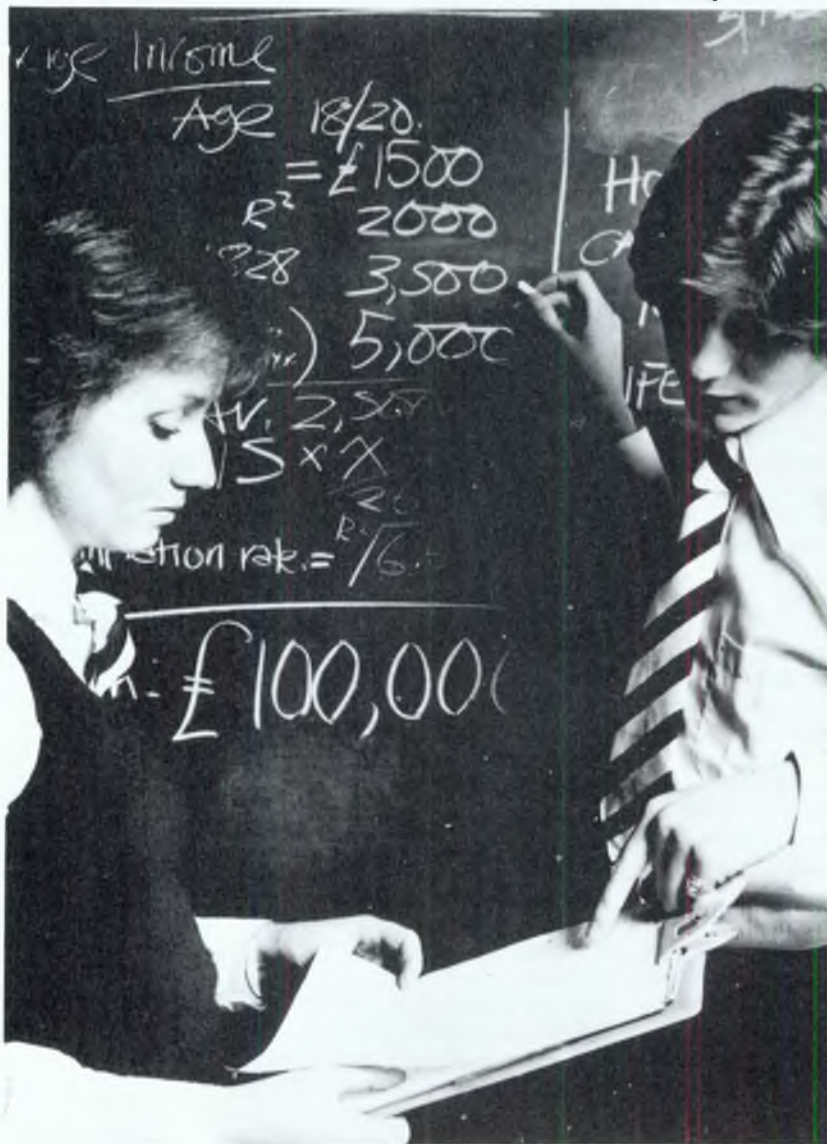
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SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Event	Class	1	2	3	Time/Distance
100m	Junior	Dajani	Taylor	Muir	13.2"
100m	Middle	Smith, R. A.	Millar	Headrick	11.8"
100m	Senior	Smellie	Foottit	Macadam	11.6"
200m	Junior	Cuthbertson	Muir	Walker	27.5"
200m	Middle	Millar	Headrick	Smith	23.8"
200m	Senior	Foottit	Galloway	Smellie	23.4"
400m	Junior	Galashan	MacLeod	Taylor	61.5"
400m	Middle	Millar	Headrick	MacIver	52.5" (record)
400m	Senior	Foottit	Smellie	Macadam	53.5"
800m	Junior	Galashan	Forbes	MacLeod	2' 17.3"
800m	Middle	Ferguson	MacIver	Voigt	2' 08.0"
800m	Senior	Parker, B. W.	Hay	Caithness, A. B.	2' 01.6"
1500m	Junior	Galashan	MacLeod	Forbes	4' 56.8"
1500m	Middle	MacIver	Ferguson	Brewster	4' 32.9"
1500m	Senior	Parker, B. W.	Hay	Locke	4' 16.0"
High Jump	Junior	Cracknell	Dunbar	Gillanders	1 m46
High Jump	Middle	Headrick	Millar	Baird	1 m625
High Jump	Senior	Callendar	Locke	Galloway	1 m65
Long Jump	Junior	Cuthbertson	Galashan	Walker	4m70
Long Jump	Middle	Voigt	Smith	Millar	5m43
Long Jump	Senior	Gardiner	Smellie	Foottit	6m22
Discus	Junior	Graham, R. C.	Raeside	Turnbull	32m45
Discus	Middle	Stewart, J. P.	Stewart, D. M. S.	Brewster	31m88
Discus	Senior	Cuthill	Gillanders	Parker, N. J. C.	31m57
Shot	Junior	Graham, R. C.	Muir	Walker	9m98
Shot	Middle	Stewart, J. P.	Ferguson	Yates, D.	10m58
Shot	Senior	Yellowlees	Cuthill	Yates, N. C. StJ.	10m86
Javelin	Junior	Thomson (L)	Watt	Muir	29m00
Javelin	Middle	Hamilton	Muir	McIntosh	30m09.2
Javelin	Senior	Yates	Tares	Gardner	43m79
Relay 4x100m	Junior	Leburn	Ruthven	Simpson	54.2"
Relay 4x100m	Middle	Leburn	Ruthven	Freeland	47.0"
Relay 4x100m	Senior	Nicol	Freeland	Ruthven	47.9"

Inter-House Competition	Winners	: Leburn
The Rowan Cup for Standards	Winners	: Ruthven
Victores Ludorum	Junior	: A. F. R. Galashan (L)
	Middle	: G. R. Millar (L)
	Senior	: H. J. M. Foottit (S)

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GOLF

We did not quite mount the challenge in the Perthshire Schools' League which we had hoped for but winning two out of four games in our section was not bad and there was no disgrace in losing to either Perth Academy at Craigie Hill or the fairly talented Auchterarder side. In the friendlies too we broke even, repeating last year's win over Merchiston but once again—although only just—coming second to Glenalmond over the Cairnies. It was alas another disappointing year as far as the Stocks Cup was concerned—fifth out of six—but the Aer Lingus team of P. A. Hill, W. D. Gibson and D. T. Hay took on Carnoustie in the area qualifying round and although not good enough to win—5th out of 17—nevertheless acquitted themselves well over this testing course.

Work continues on the new course—a double green near the pond has been dug and sown, and a 'tiger' tee built nearby, but clearly it is going to be another year or two before the course will be operational. Mark Manson, under the Headmaster's direction, did a very good job in organising the work force, and we are grateful to him for cutting the 'old' greens during the Summer Term.

Graham Smith, the Secretary, did an efficient job in looking after the administrative side of things and was a crucial 'counting' member of the successful Leburn side which retained the House Cup. P. A. Hill played a big part in this win and a few days later continued his good form when winning the Club Championship.

We are losing a number of experienced golfers this year and next year it will be up to the younger brigade to do their stuff—there is talent around and this we hope will mature and blossom.

Results:

Perthshire Schools' League

v. Perth Academy	Lost $3\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ (Craigie Hill)
v. Auchterarder	Lost 3 - 1 (Auchterarder)
v. Breadalbane Academy	Won 3 - 1 (Auchterarder)
v. Pitlochry High School	Won 4 - 0 (Pitlochry)

Other matches:

v. Merchiston	Won $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ (Ladybank)
v. Glenalmond	Lost $4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ (Cairnies)

Team: P. A. Hill, W. D. Gibson, J. S. Richardson, N. R. Hastings, J. P. Stewart, (B. W. Parker, G. R. Smith, A. M. Bisset, N. Strachan).

Winner of the knock-out handicap competition:

I. R. Robertson.

H.C.A.



TENNIS

We still don't seem able to make a clean sweep. As last year we lost one match—this time 4-5 to Fettes.

The results of the other matches were:

beat The Edinburgh Academy	5 - 2
beat Loretto	5 - 3
beat Merchiston	6 - 1
beat Gordonstoun	3 - 0
beat Rannoch	3 - 0
beat The Old Strathallians	3 - 0
beat Dollar	5 - 1
beat Glenalmond	8 - 1

A. B. Caithness, C. G. Caithness and N. A. Stone-Wigg played in all matches; so, between them, did the brothers D. J. and S. M. Megson; K. W. Macmillan and C. R. M. Smith played in all but two when the demands of 'A' Levels were pressing; P. A. Hill, R. A. Gardner and D. H. Prosser also played in matches. K. W. Macmillan made a good hard-working captain.

All but two of the regular players are due back next year, and there is rather more depth of talent than usual (for once we were not longing to grab cricketers or athletes), so the immediate prospects remain good.

Internally A. B. Caithness won the Senior, N. A. Stone-Wigg the Junior, and Freeland the House Competition, all after long, close matches.

W.N.M.

SHOOTING

The 'A' team remained almost unchanged for this year. Early on in the Winter Term the 'A' team lost to Rannoch. 'A' and 'B' teams were entered for the B.S.S.R.A. postal competition and the 'A' team did well to tie for 2nd place in the Spring Term.

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

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

The following shot for the 'A' team:

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

The following shot for the 'B' team:

C. H. Dewhurst, C. B. Campbell, J. M. C. Livingston, I. R. Robertson, D. T. Ross.

I. R. Robertson was awarded his shooting colours and appointed Captain for the 1977/78 season.

Colours were re-awarded to D. G. F. Griffiths, A. T. Henderson, F. G. Macadam and C. R. M. Smith.

I.R.R.

Sailing

This has been a mixed season for the club. The club membership has risen to its maximum number—30 in all—due to great demand from IVth form.

On the good side we can say that every person in the club is now able to helm as well as crew, including those who were complete novices at the beginning of the season. This was largely due to the continued use of the School pond and the patience, at times stretched, of both Messrs. Goody and Clayton. Also on the good side we now have two extra boats due to the buying of *Vivo*, a previous Scottish Champion Enterprise and the building (by the Captain and Secretary of the club) of a Mirror Miracle, called *Black Shadow*.

However, the team this year has been noticeably unsuccessful, losing to Loretto, Rannoch (twice) and our old friends at Glenalmond; the Loretto and Rannoch defeats we are blaming on poor wind and the Glenalmond one on unfamiliar boats.

This summer we hope to revive our hopes for next season by doing well in the Mudhook races on the Clyde.

D.S.M.

INTER-HOUSE SAILING COMPETITION

Held in predominantly light airs at Lairwell the competition was again nail-bitingly contested. As so often happens, the comparative lack of wind put competitors' techniques to the test if anything more severely than would an excess of wind. In the first race (for second helms) Dun (Freeland), only in his second season of sailing and inexperienced on tidal waters too, hit every one of the first four marks on the course. Despite having to re-round each of them, it was to the credit of his perseverance but perhaps more significantly to the embarrassment of his more experienced competitors that it was not until the later stages of the race that his last place was undisputed! Meanwhile Stewart (Leburn) and McLaren (Nicol) battled for the lead, the former putting comparatively few feet wrong in winning.

There was rather more wind for the second race but even so not all the first helms made the best possible start. Once again the struggle was between Leburn (Morton and Ritchie) and Nicol (McFarlane and Elkins) but was likely in the closing stages to be complicated by the intrusion of Simpson in the shape of Ramsay and White. Both ashore and afloat spectators roared their encouragement both for their own crews and for those whose advantageous finish would also be advantageous to them.

Results:

Race I	1 Leburn	$\frac{3}{4}$	Race II	1 Nicol	$\frac{3}{4}$
(2nd Helms)	2 Nicol	2	(1st Helms)	2 Leburn	2
	3 Ruthven	3		3 Simpson	3
	4 Simpson	4		4 Ruthven	4
	5 Freeland	5		5 Freeland	5

1—Leburn, Nicol ($2\frac{3}{4}$ pts); 3—Ruthven, Simpson (7 pts); 5 Freeland (10 pts).

Black Shadow- a Miracle



The launching ceremony for 'Black Shadow' at which the Headmaster did the needful, T.S.G. was justly rewarded, J.F.C. helped with the drinks, D.S.M. and R.G.W. were justly proud and others were present to see whether or not it would float . . . it did!



The project started through idle talk when we should have been working but never really got off the ground until the last fortnight of the winter term. After waiting for the initial O.K. from our fathers, we were both involved in the school play and then there was the wait for the kit to arrive.

After checking that all the pieces were present, and with only one piece broken, we dug in with the sub-assembly which mainly involved nailing and glueing small pieces together in preparation for the main assembly. By the end of the winter term this was finished.

Within a week of returning our work was beginning to look like a boat with the floor boards and sides in position. At this moment all was held together basically with 4-inch pieces of copper wire. On measuring at this point the boat was found to be out of shape and it was only through twisting and a few anxious moments that it was put back into shape. Then came the fibreglassing which lasted for a week, much to the annoyance of Freeland.

After fitting an amazing number of fiddly little parts we had to fit the decks. The job took quite a time as it involved shaping the supports in preparation for the decks and then hammering about 200 brass pins to hold it in position.

The boat was then turned over and the seams on the outside were first fibreglassed then sanded down to shape. This being finished the outside was then painted and the inside varnished. We then ran out of time and had to wait until the summer term to complete the job.

This was done within the first week of returning. On Thursday 28th April *Black Shadow* was launched on the pond by the Headmaster with an audience of about 50 looking on.

Finally we would like to thank Mr Goody for all the help he gave us in building the boat, for his expert advice and for the loan of many tools. We would also like to thank the Headmaster for launching the boat and all those who regularly looked in to see what progress was being made.

R.G.G. & D.S.M.

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Valete

The leavers' form fulfills two functions. The first, through assembling standard data in such areas as positions of responsibility, school teams, etc., is to produce a potted biography for this magazine. Sadly, this is the only place, other than in the private files of housemasters, in which this information is collated. Equally sadly, neither space nor, more significantly, the consistent availability of information allow us to give greater depth to each individual's biography. This is particularly unfortunate for those who have done many things, who have contributed significantly to the quality of life at the School but who, not having reached the dizzy heights of academic or sporting distinction, can often be reduced in their biographies to little more than their dates of arrival and departure and their rank in the C.C.F. It was for this reason that the leavers' form was extended to include in its second part what was 'enjoyed most'; what will be 'missed least' and a parting message, bequests, etc. Answers to this section do not have to be serious. Ideally we would like to publish all of them; more realistically parts of all of them. Alternatively we can, as below, publish the remarks statistically citing some of the more esoteric or outrageous. Ultimately, as with the rest of the magazine, what we print depends less on the demands of space than it does on the material we receive. It's up to you.

This year we received fifty replies to the second part of our leavers' form. We summarise them with little attempt to analyse or comment. We leave you to your own conclusions.

Top in the popularity stakes in that it was listed as 'enjoyed most' by 30 of our respondents was (or were) games and the wide range of activities. Perhaps not surprisingly Saturday nights, dances and Kilgraston, etc. received 15 mentions. There were 13 references to friends and/or the friendly atmosphere whilst, predictably, 6 plumped for free time and 'spares' and 3 for leaving, going home or end of term. More esoteric items included 'anything illegal'; 'eccentric masters'; 'being in the House that wins'; 'double Economics'; 'listening to Seedy Pea' and 'everything.' There were two mentions of fisticuffs with neighbouring institutions!

Of these aspects which our leavers will not miss, food, it appears, will be missed least having received 35 mentions including two specific (but separate!) references to soya and to banana custard. 18 were irked by routine, petty rules or various aspects of discipline (e.g. going to bed early and beatings). Masters and staff were let down lightly only figuring individually

or severally, and not always seriously (e.g. sneaky housemasters!) in ten replies. Perhaps predictably eight objected to Cross-country, Standards or both. Other beefs ranged from the predictable 'Congregational Practice/Chapel' and 'lack of the opposite sex' to the more mysterious 'Mondays,' 'Nicol showers' and 'hard lavatory paper.'

Parting messages ranged from the frequent and relatively uninspired 'good luck' through equally tedious adjurations to 'work hard and play hard'; 'make the most of it' (including one which went on to say '... after all you're not paying for it') and 'savour the good moments' to rare and regrettably unsuccessful attempts at humour.

Should we believe that the Strathallian product is an active, friendly gourmet without much sense of humour who likes to enjoy himself and objects to regimentation?

DECEMBER 1976

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Waldie, J. M. (S), Callange, Cupar, Fife. Came 72¹; III; House Prefect, Librarian, Editor 'Strathallian'; Swimming 75-76; French and German Prizes 76. L.S.(R.N.).

LOWER SIXTH

Belcher, R. E. (R), 20 Steele Avenue, Carmathen, Dyfed. Came 73¹; III; 4th XV 76; Pipe Band.

V

Knox, S. B. (N), Laigh Kyleston, Dunure Road, Ayr. Came 73¹; III; XV 75-76; Hockey XI 76; Athletics 75-76; Scottish Schools Athletics; Scottish Schools XV (reserve) 76. L.S.(R.N.).

Robb, G. D. (N), Hilleraye Farm, Crail, Fife. Came 71³, I; Summer Hockey XI; Golf; Ski-ing; 3rd XV. Pipe Band—Cpl. Social Services.

IV

Angel, A. B. H. (R), 34 Hadgate Road, London, E11. Came 76¹; III; Choir; Cdt.(Army).

JULY 1977

SCHOLARSHIP SIXTH

Peddie, K. A. D. (S), 13 Corsie Drive, Perth. Came 71³; III; Head of School, Head of Simpson; XV 75-76, Capt. 76; XI 75-76; Hockey XI 77; Flt.Sgt.(R.A.F.).

UPPER SIXTH

Brewster, A. T. D. (S), Pitteuchar Farm, Glenrothes, Fife. Came 72¹; III; House Prefect; XV 75-76; Hockey XI 75-76; Choir; L/Cpl.(Army).

- Cameron, I. D. (R), 7 Jessops Close, Old Marston, Oxford. Came 70¹; I; Scholar; Captain of Shooting 76-77; 'Young Scientist' Team; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- Cleland, J. R. A. (N), *Lorachan, Leny Feus, Callander, Perthshire, FK17 8AS*. Came 73³; III; House Prefect; XV 76-77; Cpl.(Army).
- Crawford, K. J. (F), *P.O. Box F—1066, Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas*. Came 70³; I; Cantata and Chapel Choirs; Drama and opera; Flt.Sgt.(R.A.F.).
- Cumming, A. H. (F), *The Neuk, Fairlie, Ayrshire*. Came 72³; III; House Prefect; XI 76-77, XV 76-77, Basketball; Pte.(Army).
- Cunningham, R. A. (N), *Rosebank, 76 Spylaw Bank Road, Colinton, Edinburgh, EH13 0JD*. Came 75³; LVI; House Prefect; Hockey XI 77, Summer Hockey XI 77; Cantata and Chapel Choirs; Librarian; P.O.(R.N.).
- Cuthill, J. (F), *The Coach House, Dura Den, by Cupar, Fife*. Came 73¹; III; House Prefect; XV 75-77; Athletics 75-77; Croquet IV; Pte.(Army).
- Dove, J. M. (S), *10 Woodvale Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6RQ*. Came 72¹; III; 5th XV 75-76; Carpentry; Sgt.(Army).
- Eastwood, M. F. (F), *19 Llanvair Drive, Ascot, Berkshire*. Came 73³; V; Head of Freeland; XV 76-77; Summer Hockey XI 75-77; Social Services.
- Footitt, H. J. M. (S), *Duirinish Lodge, by Kyle, Ross-shire, IV40 8BE*. Came 72¹; III; House Prefect; Athletics 73-77, Capt. 75-77; Cross-Country 73-77, Capt. 75-77; XV 76-77; Choir; Social Services.
- Gardiner, R. H. (F), *Braehead, Carrutherstown, Dumfries*. Came 72¹; Hockey 2nd XI 77, Cricket 2nd XI 76-77; 2nd XV 77; L.S.(R.N.).
- Genasi, J-P. (R), *P.O. Box 2639, Lima, Peru*. Came 73¹; III; 2nd XV 76; Social Services.
- Gerrard, G. A. M. (F), *16 Salisbury Place, Arbroath, Angus, DD11 2AF*. Came 70³; I; Cross-Country 74-77; History Essay Prize 76, 77, History Prize 77, Geography Prize 77; Choir; Drama; L.S.(R.N.).
- Gibson, W. D. (F), *27 Lawmarnock Crescent, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire*. Came 72¹; III; House Prefect; Hockey XI 76, 77, Golf 74-77, Summer Hockey XI 77; Tennis 77, 2nd XV 77; L/Cpl.(Army) and Social Services.
- Gillanders, D. M. N. (R), *Trinity House, Crow Road, Lennoxtown, Glasgow, G65 7HX*. Came 70³; I; Head of School, Head of Ruthven; XV 75-76, Athletics 74-77; Cantata and Chapel Choirs, Orchestra, Opera, Debating Soc., Photographic Soc., 'Strathallian' Photographic Editor; Pipe Major.
- Graham, D. P. A. (R), *Healmwie, Church End, Blewbury, Oxon*. Came 71¹; III; House Prefect; XI 76, 77; 3rd XV 76-77 (Capt.); Choir; Pte.(Army).
- Hay, D. T. (R), *Panlathy Farm, Carnoustie, Angus*. Came 72³; III; School Prefect; XI 76, 77 (Capt.), XV 76-77. Hockey XI 75-77, Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI; Golf, Squash, Basketball, Cross-Country; P.O.(R.N.).
- Henderson, A. T. (L), *Lynn House, Ganavan, by Oban, Argyll*. Came 72³; III; Shooting 74-77, 2nd XV 76-77; Orchestra, 'Strathallian' Editor, Lead Guitar, 'Seedy Pea'; Social Services.
- Hill, P. A. (L), *27 Thorn Road, Bearsden, Glasgow*. Came 72³; III; House Prefect; Golf 76, 77 (Capt.); Squash 76, 77 (Capt.); Physics and Chemistry Prizes 77, Choir, Orchestra.
- Jamieson, A. M. (N), *1 Dean's Park, Dunkeld, Perthshire*. Came 73³; IV; Head of Nicol; 5th XV 76-77; Cdt.(R.A.F.).
- Macadam, F. G. (L), *P.O. Box 59, Tanjong Aru, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, E. Malaysia*. Came 70³; I; Head of Leburn; XV 76; Shooting 76-77; Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings 76, Houston Prize 77; Orchestra, Choir; Cpl.(R.A.F.).
- McLean, A. (R), *45 Colquhoun Street, Helensburgh, Strathclyde*. Came 72³; III; XV 76-77; Cpl.(Army).
- Macmillan, K. W. (F), *West Ingliston Farm, Forfar, Angus*. Came 72³; III; House Prefect; Tennis 73-77 (Capt.), Basketball, Squash, 3rd XV 76; Cpl.(Army).
- Manson, M. T. (F), *13 Seafield Drive, Ayr, KA7 4BG*. Came 72³; III; School Prefect; 3rd XV 75-76, Croquet IV (Capt.) 77; Secretary Social Services.
- Marshall, K. C. (R), *Millfield, 101 Sinclair Street, Helensburgh, G84 9HX*. Came 72³; III; House Prefect; 4th XV 76; Choir, Opera; Cpl.(Army).
- Mitchell, G. W. (N), *Lisdon, Low Road, Westmuir, Kirriemuir, Angus, DD8 5LN*. Came 72³; III; House Prefect; Mathematics Prize 77; Choir, Orchestra; L.S.(R.N.).
- Parker, B. W. (R), *19 Plantation Road, Hong Kong*. Came 72¹; III; House Prefect; Athletics 75-77; Cross-Country 74-77; Golf 76-77; Basketball 75-76; 2nd XV 76-77; L.S.(R.N.).
- Parker, N. J. C. (N), *Skellater House, Strathdon, Aberdeenshire*. Came 75³; LVI; House Prefect; Athletics 76-77; Cross-Country 76; 4th XV 75; Robert Barr Memorial Prize for Music 76, Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings 77; Chemistry Research Prize 77; Cantata and Chapel Choirs, Orchestra; Flt.Sgt.(F.A.F.).
- Pearson, H. M. (S), *'Lomond,' St. Mary's Drive, Dunblane, Perthshire*. Came 70²; I; Head of House; XV 76; Swimming 73-77 (Capt.), 2nd XI 76, 77; Hockey 2nd XI 77; Geography Field Work Prize; P.O.(R.N.).

Peddie, A. B. (S), *Coal Farm, St. Monans, Fife*. Came 70³; I; House Prefect; Secretary YFC; Cpl.(Army).

Ross, D. T. (R), *15 Frederick Street, Inverallochy, Aberdeenshire, AB4 5XX*. Came 70³; I; House Prefect; 3rd XV 76, Hockey 3rd XI 77; L/Cpl.(Army).

Shaw, A. K. (N), *38 Orchard Court, Dalclaverhouse, Dundee*. Came 70³; I; House Prefect; XI 76; 3rd XV 76-77; Editor 'Strathallian; Art; Social Services.

Shearer, J. F. J. (N), *Hawthorn Cottage, 4 Long Row, Westhaven, Carnoustie, Angus*. Came 72³; III; House Prefect; 5th XV 76; L/Cpl.(Pipe Band).

Sivewright, S. J. (F), *The Conifers, 16 St. Helens Crescent, Sandhurst, Surrey*. Came 73³; III; 3rd XI 77; Hockey 4th XI 77.

Smith, C. R. M. (F), *69 Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong*. Came 70³; I; House Prefect; Tennis 74-77, Shooting 75-77, 3rd XV 76; Choir, Orchestra, Drama, Opera; Cox'n (R.N.).

Smith, D. A. M. (L), *East Mains of Craichie, Letham, Angus*. Came 70²; I; House Prefect; 4th XV 75-77; Sgt.(R.A.F.).

Tares, A. J. (S), *76 Errol Road, Invergowrie, Dundee*. Came 72¹; III; House Prefect; XI 73-77, 2nd XV 76; Flt.Sgt. (R.A.F.).

Wither, J. G. (S), *6 Attow Road, Glasgow, G43 1BZ*. Came 72³; III; Cross-Country 73-77; Senior Librarian; Choir, Orchestra; Cpl.(Army).

Wordie, G. T. (S), *Cairnborrow Lodge, Glass, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, AB5 4XP*. Came 72³; III; 2nd XI Hockey 77, Summer Hockey XI 75-77; Cpl.(Army).

Yates, N. C. St.J. (S), *Easterdale, St. Cyrus, by Montrose, Angus, DD10 0BM*. Came 73¹; III; House Prefect; XV 75, 76, XI 75-76, Athletics 77, Hockey 2nd XI 76-77; Sgt.i.c.(Army).

Young, M. E. (S), *September Cottage, Forgandenny, Perthshire*. Came 71²; I; Social Services.

LOWER SIXTH

Kristiansen, M. (S), *O. K. Skibsservice, Gittervej, Freeport 2100, Copenhagen, Denmark*. Came 76³; LVI; 5th XV 76, Basketball.

Waterbury, T. R. (L), *'Somewhere in Australia.'* Came 71³; I; Swimming 75-77; Choir; Social Services.

V

Bigham, R. S. (N), *'Gardenside,' Dalgarnen, nr. Kilwinning, Ayrshire*. Came 73³; III; 5th XV 76; L/Cpl.(Army).

Gardner, C. D. M. (N), *Culdees, Muthill, Perthshire*. Came 73³; III; 6th XV 76; L/Cpl.(Army).

Gow, J. T. (L), *Leetside, Whitsome, Duns, Berwickshire, TD11 3NE*. Came 72³; I; Choir, Drama; L.S.(R.N.).

Grant, C. W. G. (N), *Woodside House, by Arbroath, Tayside*. Came 75³; IV; L.S.(R.N.).

Hastings, N. R. (N), *Ranfurly, Walnut Paddock, Churton, Chester, Cheshire*. Came 72³; I; 3rd XV 77, Fishing 76-77, Golf 77, Athletics 77; Choir, Orchestra; Pte.(Pipe Band).

Jones, J. N. (N), *Mains of Cairnbrogie, Oldmeldrum, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, AB5 0BR*. Came 73¹; III; Orchestra; L.S. (R.N.).

Julier, G. H. N. (N), *Coulmony, Capon Tree Road, Brompton, Cumbria*. Came 71³; I; Orchestra, Choir; Pte.(Pipe Band).

Locke, A. J. H. (L), *259 High Street, Cowdenbeath, Fife*. Came 71³; I; 3rd XV 76; Basketball 75-77, Athletics 77; Orchestra, Choir; Cadet(R.A.F.).

MacIver, D. J. (R), *Dalarne, Rhu, Dunbartonshire, G84 8LJ*. Came 74³; III; Athletics 76-77; Cross-Country 77; Senior Colts XV 76; Squash 74; Basketball 75-77; Choir, Drama; L.S.(R.N.).

Macmillan, F. A. (F), *West Ingliston Farm, by Forfar, Angus*. Came 72¹; I; Fencing 75-77; Cross-Country 76; Squash 75; Orchestra; Cadet(Army).

Prosser, M. J. (R), *3 Kingsborough Gardens, Hyndland, Glasgow, G12 9QA*. Came 72³; III; 4th XV 76-77; Cpl.(Army).

Schofield, R. H. (S), *102a West King Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire*. Came 74³; III; Minor Colts Hockey XI 75; Wind Band; Cdt.(Army).

Seriniyom, O. S. (N), *26 Ridgeview Road, Whetstone, London, N20 9QN*. Came 74³; III; Distinction Prize; Cdt.(R.A.F.).

Yates, D. (N), *East Logan, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, DG7 1NX*. Came 74³; III; Athletics 76-77; L.S.(R.N.).

IV

Large, R. E. (R), *Chalk Pit Piece, Yew Tree Road, Dorking, Surrey*. Came 76¹; III.

Noble, K. T. (L), *Melvaig, Ranfurly Place, Bridge of Weir, Strathclyde*. Came 76¹; III.

III

Fallows, M. C. G. (L), *67 Bellevue Gardens, Arbroath, Angus*. Came 76³; III.

II

Howie, G. G. Y. (Ri), *Tigh-na-coille, Aldourie, Inverness*. Came 75³; I; Riley XV; Riley Hockey XI; Choir, Drama.

Lindsay, J. W. (Ri), *Lloydmor, Upper Garth Road, Bangor, Gwynnedd*. Came 75³; I; Choir.

Woessner, A. M. (Ri). Came 75³; I; Riley XV 76.

Wood, N. R. (Ri), *6 Beaully Crescent, Kilmacalm, Renfrewshire*. Came 75³; I; Choir.

I

Laurie, A. J. (Ri), *Mansfield, Fairy Knowe Gardens, Bothwell, Lanarkshire*. Came 76³; L.

... and now from those who have just left to those who said their farewells rather longer ago ...

I REMEMBER

As I turned over the pages of the 'Strathallian 1976' a faintly familiar name caught my eye. Sadly I saw it announced the death of one who, as another young lad, had been my room-mate in Ruthven house over fifty years ago.

I sat back, closed my eyes, and let my memory drift back over those many years to that day when I first boarded the Glasgow-Perth express as I said goodbye to my parents on my way to a world quite different to the only one I had ever known.

The short Scottish summer was on the wane as I clutched my bag and left the train at Forgandenny station and joined the stream of blue-capped boys to tramp across the fields towards the great old rambling country house that was to be my home-from-home for the next few years.

I well remember the first few days that followed; the awesome moments when I tried to do so many different things whilst finding my way around those winding corridors and passages without incurring the scorn from those superior creatures called 'pre's,' as they grimly ordered us on our way. Gone were the soft goodnights from loving parents, the old familiar surroundings of childhood toys and books and pictures that I'd known all my life. And worst of all, gone was my own snug bed where I used to lie and imagine all my dreams in the silence and privacy of my very own room.

However, in most species, the young transplant well and soon I knew that I belonged as the weeks sped past. My life as a young 'Strathallian' had begun and I remember it well.

I remember the tea-time when I 'nicked' a tempting scone from the serving table as we filed out past a watchful 'pre' who spotted the flourmarks on my jacket pocket and gave me several hundred lines to atone for my brazen sin. In fact, I could fill every page of the 'Strathallian' with the joys, sorrows, thrills and disappointments which went to make my years at Strath the tender nostalgic memories they are now as they keep tumbling back. The night I was trapped between two fire-escape doors in Ruthven as I was on my way from one room to the next with my dressing-gown laden down with Duncan's 1d Hazelnut Bars which found a ready black-market at 3d each if you could deliver them without being caught; the night Jimmy McIver stood on the mantelpiece in our dormitory as he strove to raise his aerial wire just that little bit more and brought the entire mantle-piece crashing to the floor. The

day of the terrible storm in 1927 when Scotland was struck by a freak hurricane and every giant beech tree in the main drive was uprooted and scattered on its side; and the remarkable recovery operation whereby every tree was topped and replanted with the help of teams of great shire horses, an exercise which was so successful that I doubt whether any evidence of it now exists. But it happened and I remember it well.

I remember those leisure hours we spent in the old chapel which was then our only common-room where we did battle with 'shove-ha'penny' on the wooden forms, or read the 'Motor' as we extracted every detail of the latest motorcars from its pages; where we argued endlessly on the pro's and con's of the straight-eight or the supercharged four and the new, highly unreliable front-wheel drive. There were those of us who dreamt of the day when we would be roaring it up in our M.G.'s, Alfa's or even a Frazer-Nash—maybe even a 'blown' Lea-Francis. But there was the other school, to which I optimistically belonged, who dreamt of the 'giants,' the big 8-litre Bentley, the SSK Mercedes, the magnificent Minerva or even the Bugatti Royale! These were indeed the days of the real motor car and the Malcolm Campbells and Henry Segraves who drove them even faster were indeed our heroes.

Well do I remember our Housemaster 'Luvvy' Amour, always immaculately suited and gowned by our grubby schoolboy standards of creased 'bags' and crumpled jackets, however carefully we tried to fold our jackets and lay our trousers under our mattresses. To add to 'Luvvy's' tall austerity and his likeness to our idea of Sherlock Holmes, he sometimes played Chopin far into the night in his Ruthven study on his piano and to add to the illusion, the fragrant smoke of Turkish cigarettes would waft under his closed door to the strains of 'Marche Militaire.' But 'Luvvy' was another hero and while he drove us remorselessly through French verbs, there wasn't one of his pupils who wouldn't gladly have licked his boots if asked to do so. Woe-betide the slacker who caught his eagle eye, but if in trouble he was indeed our father-confessor to whom we knew we could turn to for justice and understanding.

Then there was 'Wattie' Ward and 'Rabbi' Robertson who between them battled almost night and day (or so it seemed) to drive logs, sines, cosines, heat, light, sound and electricity into our idiotic non-receptive brains. Dear old 'Wattie.' His upper denture was a rotten fit and we used to sit in fascination, as he fought to contain his outraged temper, to see which would go first; his sanity or his teeth!

'Hogs' Norton did his best to teach us English and well do I remember a hot sleepy summer afternoon when, as we staggered and stumbled through Shakespeare's 'Tempest,' we watched the big field rats outside the classroom window as they cavorted through enormous gardens of rhubarb, which finished up in wine-barrels as rhubarb jam, stored in some dark cool kitchen passage and destined to smother our bread in the winter terms ahead. 'Hogs' was a sunny, patient man but surely went too far when he boldly decided to stage A. A. Milne's 'Wurzel Flummery' at the annual school concert. But even worse, he picked on me to play the part of a portly M.P. whose major contribution to the play was a lengthy speech requiring faultless delivery to a spell-bound audience. But when the great moment came, I let poor 'Hogs' down badly. Between the heat of the moment, the grease paints and the heavy false moustache as well as the over-padded mid-riff of my Father's morning coat rushed specially to the school for the occasion, my nerve and memory failed my. I left a good two-thirds of the speech completely out and made the rest of the play almost impossible to follow. But I'd done one good thing; I'd shortened it substantially.

I wonder, too, what happened to P.D.S. (Pure Damned Swank, we said) McTyson-Jones who taught us to make ungainly leaps over the 'horse' in the gym without breaking our necks, or hounded us down to the rugger pitch in a biting freezing wind to teach us how to tackle low instead of round each others necks which seemed much easier. There was another Welshman too, whose name escapes me now, although I still can see his strained and anxious face as he listened to our mutilated Virgil with growing wrath. But we always knew we'd gone too far when, shaking with emotion, he'd walk away to mutter 'Indeet to Gootness' in stifled sorrow. But one well-remembered last night of term, we went much too far. Two boys decided to give him an 'apple-pie' bed but over-stepped the mark a bit and tore his pyjamas limb from limb. Next morning was indeed a dark moment in the history of that school as it was announced that the train would leave Forgandenny that day without its load of schoolboys unless the evil-doers owned up. Dark were the terrible threats piled upon the miscreants before they succumbed to the enormous pressure to confess to their awful crime, but they did, just in time.

In what seems now but a brief moment of my life, the terms rolled on and as we came nearer to the final test of what we had absorbed from those patient devoted men, we found ourselves, with some alarm, becoming more and more the target of our Head. H. ('Harry,' we sometimes dared

to say) Riley was the man who founded the school. Small in stature and a non-smoker, he was possessed of tremendous energy and drive as he fought for the success of his school through what must have been difficult years. Cambridge passes mattered much in those days and the high degree of the school's success attained could not have been attributed to the calibre of pupil. Probably because of the heavy responsibility he bore, 'H.R.' seemed too aloof from most of us to be popular, but he certainly had our respect and it was only some years after I left Strathallan and looked in at the school while passing by, that I realised as I enjoyed a lunch in his study, what a witty, intelligent and pleasant man he really was.

And who could ever forget the rugger-field, the scene of desperate battles where as a very junior boy one screamed and shouted 'Stra-a-a-th' to drive the 1st XV to defeat some deadly rival school and then, greatest day of all, when you yourself, were chosen to wear that blue velvet cap with its golden braid and tassle, to go out and defend the honour of your school for yet another year?

Yes, Strathallan, well do I remember you and all you stood for; a place where fine, devoted men did much to impart character as well as knowledge to the pliable youth entrusted to them; where, in time they all became our 'Mr Chips' in their own ways although none of us foresaw it then. Many of those I knew, both teachers and pupils, are now gone and I shed an inward tear when last year, for the first time, I stood in your hall and saw the names of those I knew who had lost their lives in fighting so that we could carry on.

Even now, without a war, there must be many times when the torch of decency fair-play and honesty flickers low in a turbulent world of political and moral differences with all its meaningless changes, but your torch has survived throughout the ages and it is unthinkable that it will be extinguished now.

It has been said that man's only glimpse of his immortality is the sight of his own child. And so it is with the School. As long as there are men like those I have written about, prepared to continue their priceless contribution to our Youth by lighting the road ahead with the same torch of decency as shown to me, then I'm very very sure that fifty years ahead from now there will again be those who, having long since left Strathallan as I have done, will look back and feel just as I do now; proud and grateful for the splendid start you gave me to deal with those challenging years ahead.

E.R.H.S.

STRATHALLAN PAST

From Dr W. O. G. Taylor, who recently retired from being senior ophthalmic surgeon to the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.

I was at Strathallan from 1926 to 1929 and can add something to the reminiscences of Harry Riley. He was indeed a dynamic figure and most business-like if by that you mean practical and down-to-earth. Together with his two sisters he built up a successful and hospitable school from nothing. (A large number of boys must first have learned how to pack a trunk from one of the Misses Riley at the end of term!) In these early days I believe Harry was virtually his own architect and contractor along with his master of works, Mr Bain.

I seem to remember him telling us at table once that when he passed his lower Cambridge Certificate (with Honours) at the early age of 13, he tore up the certificate when it arrived as being no longer of any interest. However his parents made him retrieve it from the bin!

It is true that he said he was prepared to teach almost any subject—but at any rate up to my time he would not attempt to teach Greek (for which he called on the services of the minister at Forgandenny) nor biology. So far as the spoken languages are concerned he was somewhat less than perfect with his 'bong chance' and 'nong Mongsieur.'

Getting us up for a 7 a.m. class before breakfast (at least during the light summer months) was a common ploy, where a class was falling behind the necessary standard. His approach was pragmatic. In my previous school when doing, for instance, compound interest, we were taught one way to do it—and were marked wrong if any step was omitted (whether or not otherwise correct). Harry gave us four different ways and said, 'Which way do you understand best? . . . Then do that one.' Likewise when teaching Geography, he did not produce beautiful maps with all the fiddly bits shown; he represented Liverpool by two bold sweeps, illustrating the significance of the wide tidal basin of the Mersey, with its narrow channel constantly scoured by the out-going tide! That lesson has stuck with me for fifty years.

You know his study had French windows both at Bridge of Allan and at Forgandenny? He made a point of having two exits from it, so that while apparently disappearing safely into his study, he would immediately emerge by the other exit and turn up unexpectedly somewhere else. Thus he was usually aware of everything going on anywhere—a most valuable asset for a headmaster! (So that's where he got it from!—D.E.Y.).

It is not true there was no library. I was in fact School Librarian 1928-29; so far as I remember there were 300-500 books, kept appropriately in the dormitory marked 'Library' off the old dining room. It certainly was in existence throughout my time and I think for a long time before, but I don't remember Mr Riley taking any particular interest in it.

Mr Riley always took a group of boys to the Continent every summer and showed them that even if his pronunciation left something to be desired he could make himself understood. In my time he had an Italian Fiat (I think an open tourer) with the speedometer marked in the then unfamiliar 'K.p.H.', and I remember when a few of us had for some reason missed the end-of-term Glasgow train at Forgandenny he ran us to Perth (to catch the express) at break-neck speed for those narrow twisting country roads, but our eyes opened wide when we saw the mystic figures '100' appear on the speedometer.

Among other reminiscences are his occasional grammatical lapses such as—to a small group of boys misbehaving 'Come here, both the three of you!'

A born teacher with an ability to present knowledge to the dimmest of us; a capacity to place boys, not academically suited, in commercial situations where the rungs of the ladder to success lay before them; one who established an educational climate which persisted and continues to thrive long after he has gone.

Unbusiness-like-pshaw!

Thank you, Dr Taylor. And may we have more such contributions for future years? 'Strathallan Past' could become a regular item, if many of you make it so. Let it be from Harry Riley's time and be either a broad sweep of the school as a whole or a cameo of one facet of it. Do it now, while you think of it! And send it to Denis Young at Strathallan.

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STRATHALLIAN CLUB



THE PRESIDENT: VICTOR LOWDEN

The Strathallian Club are indeed fortunate to have Victor as their President for 1977/78. He was at Strathallan from 1935/1940 where he started an interesting career. He became head of Nicol and a school prefect.

On the sports field he was in the School XI for three years; fives champion and captain of rugby, and found time to gain entry to Cambridge where he earned an M.A. Second Class Honours in Economics. One might say—a busy start to a busy life.

It is an ironic fact that his father and mother were interned by the Japanese during the Second World War and Victor's war service as a Seafire Pilot saw him in various theatres of war, ending in the British Pacific Fleet. The first his parents heard of

Victor for three years was from the French Ambassador who informed them that he had been in action in the last days of the war over Japan and for which he was awarded an immediate D.S.C.

After the war he joined Low & Bonar Limited in March 1946 and was made a director in January 1968, concerning himself mainly with export sales and overseas subsidiaries.

Inevitably his main outside interests are sports, along with bridge and gardening. He was co-founder and past-president of the Forthill Sports Club; past chairman of Panmure R.F.C. and immediate past captain of Blairgowrie Golf Club.

A wartime bridegroom, Victor married Helen in 1944. They have a son, Graham (Strathallan 1960/64) and a daughter Carole.

He brings to this office a story of success coupled with a tremendous sense of humour, a degree of humility, and above all an interest in people.

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1976 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Forty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Club took place on Saturday, 11th December, 1976, in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow. The President, Mr E. C. Gillanders, was in the Chair and 27 members attended.

The Council's Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1976, were approved and 34 new Life Members were elected.

Mr Victor S. Lowden was elected President of the Club for the ensuing year and Mr J. A. McIntyre was elected Vice-President.

Dinner followed and was attended by 104 Strathallians and their Guests. The speakers on this occasion were Mr John Griffin, M.A., Ph.D., and Mr Alan Hosie.

1977 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Saturday, 26th November, 1977, at 6.30 p.m. in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

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

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

Messrs. R. T. W. Stocker, J. R. Marshall and N. I. Schneeberger retire from the Council by rotation and are not eligible for re-election until after the expiry of one year.

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

In terms of Article II of the Constitution, nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, two Honorary Auditors, two Club Trustees and three members of Council must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary not later than 18th November, 1977. Of the three nominations for the members of Council, one must be a member who left School not less than fifteen years previously, and one must be a member who left School during 1977.

Members who have any motion they desire to be placed on the Agenda (other than a motion under Article 34 or 45 of the Constitution) must notify the Honorary Secretary of the terms of their motion not later than 18th November, 1977.

1977 ANNUAL DINNER

In view of the unqualified success of the 1976 Dinner held in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow, it has been decided to hold the 1977 Dinner in the same venue.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE— SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1977 ALBANY HOTEL, GLASGOW

A circular will be issued in due course inviting ticket applications and it is hoped that members and their guests will turn out in strength. Tickets will be obtainable from J. N. Cochran, 36 Glenorchy Road, North Berwick.

1977 AND 1978 DINNER DANCES

Unfortunately the Dinner Dance planned for 18th March, 1977, had to be cancelled through lack of support.

It appears from discussions with various Strathallians that a large number of people would like this function to continue and Council have therefore reserved the Central Hotel (Kintyre Suite), Glasgow, for **Friday, 20th January, 1978.**

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

A circular will be issued in due course and tickets will be available from R. S. Peters, Westerkerse, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire.

FOUNDER'S DAY/FETE 1978

The Headmaster has asked for an intimation to be given that Founder's Day 1978 will be combined with a Fete and Speech Day (although the speeches will be modified!) on Saturday, 3rd June, 1978.

The usual sports contests will be held and the purpose of the Fete is to raise funds for the new School Workshops and Activities Centre.

It is very important that we have a large turnout of Strathallians on that day both to support the Founder's Day events and the Fete.

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

GOLF SECTION REPORT 1976/77

Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Barnton Trophy
25th September 1976

Strathallian Team: 1. Gordon Lowden, Ian Jones.
2. Allan Cook, Andrew McIntroy.
3. Jamie Moffat, Rich Williamson.

The draw for this year's event allowed us an incredible 8.18 a.m. start. The team, however, were present on time despite the feeling that it was still the middle of the night. We were drawn against Old Fettesians and happily none of our three teams were ever under pressure.

We were not, however, so fortunate with our opposition in the second round and were drawn to play Kelvinside Academicals. This team consisted of:

1. Allan Brodie, 2. Scott Cochran, 3. Andrew Cochran,
Andrew Brodie, Stuart Sloan, Nicol Rennie.

Most students of the amateur game in Scotland will be aware of the threat by Kelvinside in this competition. Our first pair were two up at

a fairly early stage but their opponents strung some birdies together from on and off the greens. Thereafter the game slipped away from them. It is fair to point out that the Brodie brothers have seldom been beaten in this competition. We lost this match 3 and 2.

Cook and McInroy were up against it from the word go. The Kelvin-side pair holed 4 big putts in the first ten holes, and this together with the odd slip from the Strathallians accounted for being 4 down at the eleventh—this was too big a deficit to make up against such strong opposition. We lost this match 5 and 4. Scott Cochran and Stuart Sloan have only been beaten once in seven years in the Queen Elizabeth Trophy!

Our third pair, as usual, delivered the goods beating their opponents comfortably 4 and 3 and apparently at no time being under pressure.

Autumn Meeting at Gullane on 14th November 1976

A very successful outing which was run by Andrew McInroy—the turnout was relatively good at 15 souls with some people travelling from as far away as London or even Glasgow. The day started bitterly cold but clear and by mid-morning conditions for golf were regarded as good.

Ian Jones swept the board, recording 75 shots to win the Bogie Trophy and 35½ stableford points to win the Johnston Trophy. In fact Ian also recorded the worst hole of anyone on the outing—a 9 at the fourth!

Our thanks to Gullane Golf Club for allowing us the use of the course and for a splendid lunch.

Match v. Glasgow Academicals at Gleneagles Sunday, 15th May, 1977

The Strathallians won by 5½ to 2½.

This was a most enjoyable day and is now to become one of our regular fixtures. In 1976 we were beaten by the Glasgow Academicals by a larger margin than we beat them in 1977. So our revenge is not quite complete—roll on next year!

Grafton Morrish Trophy—Scottish Qualifying Round Western Gailes—17th June 1977

This was our first attempt to qualify for this event for which the competition proper is held at Hunstanton in October—we were unsuccessful.

The form of the competition is one round Foursomes Stableford with the point of the three teams grossed up.

Our teams with scores were:

Ian Jones/Russell Thomas	23
Stuart Lowden/Kenneth Grant	27
Allan Brash/Andrew McInroy	30

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Lorettonians and Watsonians qualified with 84 points and 83 points respectively. We were most unfortunate not to qualify. Watsonians were originally scheduled to play in one of the North of England qualifying rounds and a late switch by them to Western Gailes effectively excluded us. Individual performances were good with the exception of our leading couple, who had their problems!

A very successful year and thanks to all participants, but please could we have a better response to circulars?

If there is any Strathallian who is not getting copies of the circulars and is a member of the Club, please would he contact the Secretary and, if there is any Strathallian who is not a member and would like to become one, would he get in touch with Allan Cook, Daldrishaig, East Lennox Drive, Helensburgh (Home Tel. No. (0436) 3717; Office Tel. No. 041-554 6412).

Next Meeting is at Douglaston Golf Course, Milngavie at 9.15 a.m. on 27th November 1977—the morning after the Annual Dinner!

ANGLING SECTION REPORT 1976/77

Before I was interrupted by the publication deadline for last year's magazine, I was reporting the results of the 1976 season.

In August the terrible weather was still with us and Lindsay Young who, as predicted, ended up as Club Champion, was the only member who managed to do anything at all in the frightsome sunshine and captured a 10-ounce trout.

In September the weather was a bit better and Stuart Biggart with six trout weighing 3 lbs 3 oz—half the total catch, won both the competition and the Fingland Trophy.

The other Trophy winners were Iain Headrick who won the Archie Glen Trophy for the best basket on Loch Awe and Lindsay Young who won the John Hall Salver for the heaviest trout of the season—a fish of 2 lbs 3 oz caught at Loch Leven.

Robin MacGregor brought his Captaincy to a close in grand style when he and his wife, Marjory, were our hosts at the Annual Party, the only snag being the difficulty in finding his house!

Way back in 1959 our first Captain was George Turner, and Robin Turner followed in his father's footsteps when he became our Captain in 1977.

In April at Loch Awe the weather was cold and stormy but 18 trout weighing 10 lbs 7 oz were landed, the lucky winner of the competition and the Archie Glen Trophy being David Biggart with 4 trout weighing 2 lbs 4 oz.

At the Lake of Menteith at the beginning of May, we had our Annual Match against the Phoenix Angling Club. Our winning run came to an end when these very fine anglers caught 21 trout weighing 16 lbs 10 oz and as we only caught 15 trout weighing 11 lbs 9 oz we were beaten but not disgraced. Dr George Balfour with 4 trout weighing 2 lbs 11 oz was our top rod.

In recent years not very many Strathallians have gained International 'caps' for sporting activities other than angling. Willie Nairn who captained Scotland in the match against Wales last year achieved the distinction of having the heaviest Scottish basket in the match and thus became the first Club member to win the Phoenix Salver which is presented to the top rod in each International Match.

In June 1977 Scotland beat England at Wembley but of much more importance on the same day the Scottish team, containing two of our members, Willie Nairn and David Biggart, heavily disguised as Phoenix Angling Club representatives, won the Fly Fishing International at Grafham.

Loch Leven in June produced some good baskets and a total catch for the evening of 25 trout weighing 27 lbs 2 oz. Hugh Stewart won the evening and probably the 1977 Club Championship with a fine basket of 4 trout weighing 6 lbs 5 oz.

Our team results continued to be under a cloud when in July our 14 trout weighing 10 lbs 14 oz were not enough to beat the School team, led by Bruce Biggart, as their 14 trout were 14 ounces heavier than ours. It is true that our team produced 10 more trout at the weigh-in but unfortunately the Secretary could not be persuaded that the 10-inch limit should be ignored. The boys had the grace to produce only one under-sized trout. The School have thus recorded their third win in 17 years.

Our competition continues to be well supported by members of all ages from those who have just left school to Jimmy Park who left school as long ago as 1928, which was just about the time that 'The Strathallian' was first published. We are always happy to welcome new members to our ranks and the inexperienced need have no fears about their lack of skill as the foregoing results should have shown.

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NEWS OF OLD STRATHALLIANS

- ADAM, A. W. (1967/73) finishes HND in Agriculture at Aberdeen University June 1977. Captained Aberdeen University Squash Team. Going to work in New Zealand for a year.
- AITKENHEAD, M. G. (F. 1964/71) has graduated M.A.(Hons) at the University of Aberdeen.
- ALLAN, G. R. J. (1955/59) M.Sc., B.D.S., F.D.S., Consultant at Guy's Dental Hospital—would welcome contact with Strathallians of his vintage.
- ALLCOCK, R. E. (1955/61) taking M.Sc. in Transport Studies at Cranfield Institute of Technology.
- ANDERSON, P. J. (1964/68) working with W. B. Anderson (Fruit Merchants) Ltd., which is now part of the West Cumberland Farmers Group of Companies.
- ASHTON, Capt. T. C. (1963/68) has been appointed Adjutant of 100 Medium Regt. Royal Artillery (V), Napier House, Baring Road, Grove Park, London.
- BENSON, B. (1954/59) has started a new company 'Benscot Knitwear Limited' to manufacture knitwear for the outdoor sportsman.
- BENZIES, D. P. (1970/75) is taking a Diploma in Printing Management at London College of Printing. Would like to hear of any Strathallians in the London area.
- BRIND, J. H. (1959/60) Wine Manager and Buyer for Waitrose chain and officer in Royal Corps of Transport T & A.V.R.
- BUTCHART, D. J. (1966/73) studying for B.A. in Business Studies at Dundee Technical College. Selected and raced for the British University Ski Team in Switzerland.
- CAMPBELL, A. D. K. (1955/59) Squadron Leader R.A.F. at H.Q. Germany OPS Staff at R.A.F. Rheindahlen, BFPO with effect from 30th May 1977.
- DUNCAN, A. D. G. (1963/70) M.B., Ch.B., qualified summer 1976 from Edinburgh University and now working in Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.
- FLEMING, J. N. (1952/58) Major commanding L(Nery) Battery Royal Artillery in Portadown, Northern Ireland. Normally stationed in West Germany. Won the Army Golf Championship in 1974 and 1975—regular member of the Wiltshire team.
- GARDNER, N. L. (1975/76) is studying engineering at Cambridge.
- GRANT, A. M. (1967/74) is studying for B.Sc., General Degree, at Heriot Watt University. Appointed President of the University Ski Club.
- GRANT, C. S. (1964/71) has graduated in Farm Management at Aberdeen College of Agriculture and is now in Venezuela.
- HEGGIE, N. M. (S. 1963/70) has graduated M.B., Ch.B.(Commendation) at the University of Aberdeen.
- HILL, S. L. (1971/75) is working as a Trainee Manager with Hardlin Contractors Tools, part of the SGB group of companies.
- HUTTON, B. W. (1955/61) is Finance Manager of The Turkey Region of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation based in Ismir, Turkey.
- IRVINE, J. M. (1952/57) is General Manager, Dairy Produce Packers Limited, King's Lynn, and would be pleased to hear from Strathallians in the area.
- JACKSON, J. M. (1943/48) is now General Manager, Aberglen Glass-fibre. In 1975/76 was Chairman of the Scottish Steelfounders' Association.
- KERR, R. I. M. (1951/58) last year joined Cameron Balloons Limited, Bristol, and not as stated in the previous magazine.
- KING, K. B. (1963/68) B.A.(Open University) has now moved to Jersey to teach in a secondary modern school at St. Helier Boys.
- LAWRENCE, A. B. (1965/72) has completed 4 years at St. Andrews University with B.Sc.Hons. in Zoology and now intends developing interest in agriculture.
- LEE, J. R. (1965/71) B.Sc. Microbiology (Strathclyde University). Presently studying for B.D.S. at Glasgow University.
- LEWIS, I. D. (1966/70) won first prize overall in Part I C.A. examinations in 1976. Has now successfully completed final examinations.
- LEWIS, P. N. (1968/73) qualified as C.A. in June 1977.
- LINDSAY, W. M. (1965/69) obtained Certificate in Agriculture at Cirencester University. Presently running Taymour Farm and Estate.
- LOCKART, G. A. (F. 1967/72) is reading a B.A.(Hons) Degree in Fine Arts at the St. Martin's School of Art.
- LOW, D. K. R. (R. 1964/68) has graduated Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the University of Glasgow and is presently working with a pharmaceutical company in Uppsala.
- MAIN, A. G. R. (1965/70) obtained Diploma in Valuation and Farm Management from Lincoln College. Now working with the Department of Maori affairs in New Zealand.
- MICHIE, J. (1963/68) B.Sc., Ph.D., in Biochemistry from Dundee University in October 1976. Appointed Research Associate in the Geigy Unit for Research in Ageing, Withington Hospital, Manchester. Would be pleased to meet with any Strathallians.
- MILLER, I. T. (F. 1968/72) has been awarded the Polytechnic Diploma in Mechanical Engineering at Manchester Polytechnic.
- MORRISON, D. R. (1960/65) running two companies: Scot Port (Overseas) Limited (import/export), and Don-Mor Productions (Art productions).
- MORTON, H. G. (1957/61) is a Consultant Physicist in Dundee.
- McARTHUR, A. C. (1968/75) at Heriot Watt University studying Business Organisation.
- McARTHUR, D. W. (1964/68) lecturing in Marine Biology, University of New South Wales, completing Ph.D.
- McKEE, D. J. (N. 1969/74) has gained an Honours Degree in Applied Science at The Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham.
- MACLEOD, K. G. (1968/73) studying B.Sc. in Engineering at Aberdeen University.
- NICOL, D. R. (1967/73) will commence training as a C.A. with Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Co., in September 1977.
- PARKER, J. L. W. (1956/61) M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.(UK) working as Senior Registrar in Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow.
- PATERSON, N. A. L. (1955/61) Dip. Hotel Management, MHCMA. Moved to Maidenhead Eurocrest in June 1975—not very far from Twickenham so would be pleased to see any Strathallians on their way there.
- PATTERSON, M. I. (N. 1969/73) has graduated B.A. at the University of Stirling.
- PAUL, A. M. (1962/68) is working with Price Waterhouse & Co. in Hong Kong.
- ROBSON, A. I. (1966/72) studying for B.D.S. in Dentistry at Newcastle University Dental School.
- RODGER, R. A. (1966/71) M.B., Ch.B., qualified in medicine from University of Dundee on 9th July 1976. At present working at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.
- ROGER, T. F. (1941/44) B.Sc. transferred from Manila, Philippines, to Lagos, Nigeria, and now Managing Director of Shawmont Nigeria Limited.

ROSS, R. W. (1967/72) B.Sc.(Hons) in Food Technology from University of Reading. Now working as a Food Technologist for the Littlewoods-Organisation.

SHAW, J. C. (1943/49) from being a Corporal in the then ATC: a 'stalwart floor speaker in debates' and a performer in both dramatic and operatic productions went on to become a partner in Deloitte & Company, Chartered Accountants, and has been appointed to the Johnstone Smith Chair of Accountancy at the University of Glasgow.

SMITH, R. M. (1955/62) promoted to Major in command of Blowpipe Battery in BAOR with 39th Field Regiment. Would be delighted to host any past/present pupils considering the Army as a career, or anyone visiting Germany.

TAIT, M. P. (1958/62) is a Captain in the Gordon Highlanders on the staff of 39 Brigade in Belfast.

TARGOWSKI, E. G. M. (1962/68) is a member of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London.

TAYLOR, J. D. (1961/68) LL.B., C.A., with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. for 1½ years. On the Council of Hong Kong Hockey Association.

TAYLOR, R. A. (1960/65) has recently transferred to Imperial Tobacco International—John Player & Sons since 1970, with past 4 years in Marketing Department.

TAYLOR, W. O. G. (1926/29) has recently retired from the post of Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board and was presented in May with the Mackenzie Memorial Medal at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow for his researches into colour blindness.

TULLOCH, P. J. (1957/62) has been promoted Senior Contracts Manager of C. P. Roberts & Co., Ltd.

WALKER, P. L. N. (N. 1965/69) has been awarded the Diploma in Quantity Surveying by the Dundee College of Technology.

WHITTAKER, R. I. (1971/76) is a Trainee Manager of a Reproduction Furniture Centre. Played rugby for Headingley R.F.C.

WILLIAMSON, B. S. (1966/71) has obtained B.A. in Business Studies.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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

ENGAGEMENTS

FLEMING, J. N. (1952/58) to Miss M. A. Mackenzie on 16th January 1977.

ROBSON, A. I. (1966/72) to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Williams.

MARRIAGES

ANDERSON, P. J. (1964/68) to Miss Jane Grant on 2nd August 1975.

FAWCETT, J. F. (1962/69) to Miss Diane Elizabeth Lynn, of Christchurch, New Zealand in March 1977.

HENDRY, J. G. M. (1967/71) to Miss Eileen Findlay on 8th November 1975.

HUTTON, B. W. (1955/61) to Miss Kismet Erboy on 15th December 1976.

M'CHIE, J. (1963/68) to Miss Jacqueline Kaye Joiner on 14th February 1976.

MORRISON, D. R. (1960/65) to Miss Michele D. Steenbock in Los Angeles in September 1975.

NORVAL, M. M. (1961/70) to Miss M. Louise Cook on 8th October 1977.

RODGER, R. A. (1966/71) to Miss Alyson J. McLachlan on 27th May 1977.

TAYLOR, R. A. (1960/65) to Miss Ruth V. I. Simpson at Nottingham in September 1975.

WRIGHT, A. L. (1960/64) to Miss Margaret Carol McLaren on 19th May 1977.

MacKAY, E. P. (1960/65) to Miss Elizabeth Ward in April 1976.

BIRTHS

ALLCOCK, R. E. (1956/61) to Mr & Mrs R. E. Allcock, a daughter, Victoria Jane, on 12th April 1977.

ASHTON, T. C. (1963/68) to Captain & Mrs T. C. Ashton a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth on 24th March 1977.

EASTWOOD, I. (1954/56) to Mr & Mrs I. Eastwood, a daughter, Julia Claire, on 9th November 1976.

HENDRY, J. G. M. (1967/71) to Mr & Mrs J. G. M. Hendry, a son, James, on 8th December 1976.

LABAND, P. A. K. (1962/66) to Mr & Mrs P. A. K. Laband, a second daughter, Caroline, on 15th February 1977.

LAMB, R. A. (1959/65) to Captain & Mrs R. A. Lamb a daughter, Pauline Helen Margaret, on 29th March 1977.

MELVILLE, W. B. (1958/66) to Mr & Mrs W. B. Melville, a daughter, Kerry Lynn, on 30th January 1977.

MORRISON, D. R. (1960/65) to Mr & Mrs D. R. Morrison, a daughter, Mhairi Catherine, in September 1976.

NAIRN, A. (1957/62) to Mr & Mrs A. Nairn, a daughter, Penelope Margaret, on 4th May 1975.

TAYLOR, R. A. (1960/65) to Mr & Mrs R. A. Taylor, a daughter, Caroline Sally, in August 1976.

DEATHS

LAMB, R. A. (1959/65) 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders, 25 Summerhill Road, Aberdeen, on 17th May 1977 (obituary page 9).

GREENLEES, R. C. (1926/29) suddenly early this year after a successful career as an analytical chemist in the dyeing industry with Courtauld's and latterly on his own as a consultant.

SCOTT, Dr L. S., (1935/38) suddenly at home on October 8th 1977. Ch.M., F.R.C.S.E., F.R.C.S.G. An obituary will appear in our 1978 edition. President of the Strathallian Club 1963-64 and a member of the Board of Governors of the School since 1968.

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Rugby Results

Saturday 17th September			
1st XV	v. Strathallian Club	(H) Won	17 - 12
Tuesday 20th September			
1st XV	v. Perth Academy	(A) Won	31 - 7
Saturday 24th September			
1st XV	v. Rannoch School	(H) Won	60 - 0
2nd XV	v. Edinburgh Academy	(H) Lost	6 - 22
U.16 XV	v. Rannoch School	(H) Won	32 - 0
U.15 XV	v. Edinburgh Academy	(H) Lost	0 - 28
U.14 XV	v. Edinburgh Academy	(H) Lost	10 - 25
Tuesday 27th September			
U.16 XV	v. Perth Academy	(H) Won	31 - 0
U.15 XV	v. Perth Academy	(H) Won	32 - 18
U.14 XV	v. Perth Academy	(H) Won	54 - 3
Thursday 29th September			
2nd XV	v. Queen Victoria School 1st XV	(H) Lost	6 - 12
4th XV	v. Queen Victoria School 2nd XV	(H) Won	38 - 0
Saturday 1st October			
1st XV	v. Keil School	(H) Won	24 - 0
3rd XV	v. Rannoch School	(A) Won	12 - 4
U.15 XV	v. Rannoch School	(A) Lost	12 - 14
U.14 XV	v. Rannoch School	(A) Lost	8 - 12
Tuesday 4th October			
3rd XV	v. Perth High School XV	(H) Won	12 - 4
Thursday 6th October			
U.16 XV	v. Keil School	(H) Won	7 - 0
Saturday 8th October			
1st XV	v. Fettes College	(A) Lost	14 - 22
2nd XV	v. Fettes College	(A) Lost	6 - 45
U.14 XV	v. Lathallan School	(H) Won	26 - 6
Riley XV	v. Fettes Junior School	(H) Lost	0 - 28
Thursday 13th October			
3rd XV	v. Fettes College	(H) Lost	0 - 21
4th XV	v. Fettes College	(H) Lost	4 - 14
U.16 XV	v. Fettes College	(A) Won	13 - 3
U.15 XV	v. Fettes College	(A) Lost	0 - 26
U.14 XV	v. Fettes College	(A) Lost	4 - 34

A FOLLOW-UP FROM THE EXHIBITION AT FOYLE'S

Miss Christina Foyle is to commission G. L. H. Kinder, D. J. H. Megson and M. E. Young to design book covers for Foyle's.

Recent co-options to the Board are R. A. Smith and G. M. Strommen who will provide the continuity link with 1978.